#### THE PREMIERE PLAYHOUSE

## PRESENTS



June 17 - 18, 2022 at The Orpheum Theatre

A Musical based on the stories of P.L. Travers and the Walt Disney Film

Original Music and Lyrics by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman

New Songs and Additional Music and Lyrics by George Stiles and Anthony Drewe

Co-Created by Cameron Mackintosh

Adapted by iTheatrics under the supervision of Timothy Allen McDonald

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## Director's Note

WOW! Two weeks ago I walked into a room of 40 kids I didn't know and now I am leaving Sioux Falls with some memories I will hold with me forever! These amazing kids and this stellar production team were able to put together an entire musical in two weeks.

It has been so rewarding working with these kiddos on such an exciting musical! From singing and dancing statues to magical carpet bags, the fun never stopped in this camp as we all worked together to create the magic of *Mary Poppins Jr.* 

I wanted to say thank you to the parents of the kids for spending endless nights running lines with them, listening to the songs play over and over as they practice choreography, and most of all bringing them to this camp everyday to share their love of theatre with us. I cannot wait for you to spot your favorite characters in the wild and magical show *Mary Poppins Jr.* Enjoy the show!

## **Kylie Groves** *Director, Mary Poppins Jr.*



## Creative Team

**Director** Kylie Groves

Production Manager, Education Coordinator Alex Newcomb Weiland

Stage Manager Sadie Mickelson

Music Director Beth Feltes

Choreographer Madison Rimmer

Scenic Design, Carpentry, Lighting Design Madi Lawrence

**Costume Designer** Brittney Lewis

Paint Charge, Prop Artisan Alexondrea Thong Vanh

Sound Designer/Engineer Malia Lukomski

**Education Assistant** Madison Lukomski

Camp Counselers Hope Dunkle
Gabby Basche

## Upcoming Theatre Camps



#### Winter 2022

#### **Winnie The Pooh**

Summer 2023

#### Shrek Jr.

Registration opens this fall. Keep an eye on our website for more information!





#### Alexandra Gravning / Sweep 4, Ensemble

Alexandra Gravning is in Mary Poppins the play. She has also been in 101 Dalmations. She plays the character sweep 4, which is a parkstroller, passerby and a kite flier. She is excited to be here.



#### Alice Cross I Ensemble

Alice is excited to play in *Mary Poppins Jr.* Her roles are honeybee, customer, chimney sweep. This is her first year and she has been working hard to be happy with her performance. Her favorite character to play is chimney sweep.



#### Amelia Sanders / Northbrook, Ensemble

Amelia Sanders is very excited for her first show with The Premiere Playhouse. Shows that she has been in with DAPA are *Sally Sells Seashells (and you can too!)*, *Go Fish*, and other non-theatre camp productions. The thing she enjoys most about this camp is the bonds she has made. She has had so much fun and hopes to come to/be in the next performance.



#### Ana Martinez / Miss Andrews, Ensemble

Ana is very excited to be in the show *Mary Poppins Jr.* This will be her 2nd show with The Premiere Playhouse and she enjoys working with her fellow actors. Though the hours of choreo and practice may be grueling, she loves acting. Ana was happy to be cast as Miss Andrews, George's old nanny from childhood and finds it very interesting to try to become her character. She also received Ensemble roles in addition to Miss Andrews including a park stroller, where her character is walking with her daughter, a chimney sweep and a vagrant.



#### Avianna Steen I Mary Poppins

Avianna is happy to continue doing productions here and extremely honored to be playing the role of Mary Poppins in *Mary Poppins Jr.* She has always loved theater, it's what she has a passion for. Without the help of her family, teacher, friends and her directors she would never be who she is today. Their encouragement and help has kept her doing theater for almost 9 years! Even though she has been in many musicals and plays, some of her favorite roles have been Mary Poppins (*Mary Poppins Jr.*), Jody (*How I met your Mummy*), and Nicolette Miller (*Jane of the Jungle*). A special thanks to her amazing mom for always helping her memorize her lines perfectly, and making her look stunning for all of her shows.

#### Clara Bertelson / Mrs. Corry, Ensemble

Clara Bertelson is excited to be back with The Premiere Playhouse for the second time and is excited to be playing Mrs. Corry, a honey bee and a chimney sweep. She enjoys playing piano, reading, writing and drawing.



#### Collin Tebben / Chairmen, Ensemble

Collin is thrilled to be in the show *Mary Poppins Jr.* as a chimney sweep, customer and chairman. He's previously been in Singing in the Rain Jr. and A Christmas Carol. He loves to act, animate and make youtube videos!



#### Danica Bertsch / Ensemble

Danica is so happy to be part of *Mary Poppins Jr*. She is thrilled to be dancing in the roles of honey bee, customer, and sweep. She also likes art.



#### Dirk Eekhoff / Ensemble

Dirk is excited to be in the Premiere Playhouse show and act as a kite flier, bird, statue and clerk. He hopes you enjoy it.



#### Eleanor Baumgarten / Jane Banks

Eleanor Baumgarten is proud of being Jane Banks but always supports her fellow actors. She loves to act, dance and sing, she also loves to do gymnastics because she is very flexible. Her best friend, Eleni Reynoza, has always supported her just like Eleanor supported Eleni! Eleanor worked hard to do this show and now is very excited for people to see all the hard work that the cast has done. She hopes that you will enjoy this amazing show!





#### Elena Eich / Ensemble

Elena is excited to have yet another play to be in. She is even more excited that this show is in her favorite place, the extravagant Orpheum. She has been in *Wizard of Oz* and *White Christmas* with DAPA. She's enjoyed choreo with Madison and has been dancing since the age of 3. At the Orpheum she shared Larry (the orpheum ghost) stories with fellow campers who are now friends. She has and will continue to love acting, singing and dancing.



#### Eleni Reynoza / Ensemble

Eleni Reynoza is very excited to perform at the Premiere Playhouse. She is in *Mary Poppins Jr.* and she plays ensemble characters. A park stroller, kite flier, busker and main chimney sweep. She is going into the 4th grade and goes to the school Sonia Sotomayor Elementary. She has been in one play, DAPA's The Noble Gnarble. Also she is planning to expand her acting career as she gets older. This is her first time at The Premiere Playhouse and thinks it's really fun.



#### Elliana (Elli) Bill / Mrs. Brill

Elli Bill, who plays Mrs. Brill, is a twelve year old going into 7th grade. She has done several performances overall, but this is only her second Premiere Playhouse Experience. Elli has been in HNMS choir for one year and has done 2 school plays.



#### **Emerson Newcomb Weiland / Neleus, Ensemble**

Emerson Newcomb Weiland is happy to be back for a third time. And she is playing Neleus, bird and kite flier. She has done three plays now. *Christmas Carol, Snow White,* and now *Mary Poppins Jr.* She goes to SBA and she is in 4th grade. She hopes that the play will be a success.



#### Erika Steen / Ensemble

Erika is very excited to be in *Mary Poppins Jr*. Erika feels very happy to be in *Mary Poppins Jr*.! Erika is in 3rd grade and going into 4th grade. Erika is in the ensemble playing a chimney sweeper, kite flier, and park stroller. This is Erika's first time in the Orpheum Theater and she is so excited to perform!

#### Gretchen Fair / Von Hussler, Ensemble

Gretchen Fair is playing Von Hussler, sweep, customer and a honey bee. She has acted before in The Grunch as an actress in the school drama club. She enjoys being a part of a team and is excited to be a part of this play. She hopes you enjoy it.



#### Gwendolyn Feltes I Bird Woman, Ensemble

Gwen is so excited to be in *Mary Poppins Jr.* playing Bird Woman, kite flier and chimney sweep. This is Gwen's first time being in a production with the Premiere Playhouse. Gwen has been in more than one school play before. Gwen is so excited.



#### Italy Washington / Sweep 2, Ensemble

Italy is going into 4th grade and is very excited because her teacher has a tortoise. She has been in plays with DAPA, *We Are Monsters* and *The Journey of the Noble Gnarble*. She will miss this camp and will remember the memories and friends she made.



#### Josie Christensen / Sweep 3, Ensemble

Josie is so happy to be in *Mary Poppins Jr.* playing the role of honey bee, chimney sweep and a customer. It is her first time at The Premiere Playhouse and her first time doing a play. She goes to Sonia Sotomayor Elementary. She has 6 pets, 3 fish, 1 dog, 1 cat and a bearded dragon.



#### Lainey Libengood / Ensemble

Lainey Libengood is nervous and excited for this play. It's her first time with The Premiere Playhouse. She has four roles, a statue, kite flier, clerk and a bird. Her interests are special effect makeup and art. She is going into 6th grade at Edison Middle School. She is 11 years old. Lainey hopes you enjoy the show.





#### Lily Westergaard / Winifred Banks

Lily Westergaard is so excited to be Winifred Banks in *Mary Poppins Jr.* She has been in plays at her daycare as young as two years old. She has been singing for a long time and plays two instruments, the clarinet and piano. She hopes you enjoy *Mary Poppins Jr.* everyone here is so talented!



#### Lluvia Landry / Ensemble

LLuvia Landry is very excited and thrilled to be participating in *Mary Poppins Jr.* camp. Lluvia has been in one play prior to this, *The Wizard of Oz*, and is planning to expand her acting career the older she gets. Lluvia is currently going to school at Sonia Sotomayor Elementary and is going into fourth grade this year. Lluvia has always wanted to act and is happy that she has that opportunity.



#### Lucy Smith / Ensemble

Lucy is so happy to be in Mary Poppins Jr. She is going in to third grade at St. Mary School. She is going to be a busker, kite flier, park stroller and chimney sweep.



#### Lydia Boehrns / Sweep 1, Ensemble

Lydia Boehrns is from the play *Mary Poppins Jr.* at The Premiere Playhouse! She is excited to be part of the ensemble. She is sweep 1, busker, park stroller and kite flier. This is her first time here. In her freetime she likes to draw, dress up and play with clay.



#### Mari Chlebeck VanLeur / Katie Nanna. Ensemble

Mari Chlebeck VanLeur is a part of *Mary Poppins Jr.* She has a really good friend. Her name is Josie. She is the best. Her characters are Katie Nanna and Honey Bee.

#### Perrin Boraas Getman / Robertson Ay

Perrin is excited to perform in *Mary Poppins Jr.* as Robertson Ay. He has performed with The Premiere Playhouse two other times. As Big Mike (*The Tale of Snow White*) and Youngest Scrooge (*A Christmas Carol*). And before it was the Playhouse he performed in *101 Dalmations Jr.* at the Sioux Empire Community Theater. He would like to thank his parents for getting into theatre. Without them he wouldn't be here performing.



#### Quinn Friedman / Ensemble

Quinn is very excited to be back for the second time. He has been at this camp two times but this will be his first play here. Quinn will be playing the roles of a park stroller, vagrant, chimney sweep, and a kite flier. He was very sad that he couldn't participate in last year's play due to appendicitis. This year he is ready to give it his all and have fun in his very first Premiere Playhouse show.



#### Rachel Bergan / Miss Smythe, Ensemble

Rachel Bergan is Miss Smythe, a chimney sweep and a customer in *Mary Poppins Jr.* Rachel was in a school play for christmas. She was an angel who had a bad singing voice but at the end her voice was beautiful. Rachel is excited for the play *Mary Poppins Jr.* Rachel is going into 3rd grade. This is Rachels first time going to camp here and she hopes she can come back soon.



#### Simeon Mosley / George Banks

He's in the play. He is George Banks. He likes him because he has a short temper too. This is his first time here.



#### Simon Cole / Bert

Simon Cole is thrilled to be back with The Premiere Playhouse for the third time. Simon is excited and amused to be playing the part of Bert in Mary Poppins Jr. Previously Simon has been in Beauty and The Beast (ensemble), The Tale of Snow White (Mirror), Go Fish (The Octopus with Seven Legs) as well as multiple ballet productions including Peter and the Wolf, Sleeping Beauty and The Nutcracker. When Simon has free time he loves spending time with family, friends, practicing piano and taking voice lessons with his amazing voice teacher. Madison.





#### Sydney Hartmann / Ensemble

This is Sydney's second time at camp. She is going into 8th grade. She is into animation and wants to learn how to scenic design a show. She's plays the roles of a statue, a bird, a bank clerk and a kite flier. She hopes you enjoy the show!



#### Tierney Finch / Ensemble

Tierney is a kite flier, park stroller and a bird. Tierney is so excited to be in the play, every morning she runs around a lot. She doesn't care what role she gets, she just wants to be in the play.



#### Wyatt Cooper / Michael Banks

Wyatt Cooper is playing Michael Banks. Wyatt is very excited to be here. He has been in Oliver Twist (Charline Bats), Beauty and The Beast (Grey Stuff) and A Christmas Carol (Tiny Tim). He is supported by his mom and dad along with his sister. He likes to draw, play with friends, cook and hang out with his family. He plays soccer and golf.



## Creative Team

#### Alexondrea ThongVanh / Scenic Charge, Props Artisan

Alexondrea is thrilled to join the magic of this show! Alex graduated from American Musical Dramatic Academy New York and University of South Dakota (Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre/Acting). Her recent production work includes Blood Brothers, A Christmas Carol, Lombardi, and Cabaret with Premiere Playhouse, and Into the Woods with Good Night Theatre Collective. Her recent onstage work includes Into The Woods (Baker's Wife) and Suspect! (Delia) with Good Night Theatre Collective, Cabaret (Fraulein Kost), Blood Brothers (Mrs. Johnstone) and The Odd Couple Female Version (Olive Madison) with The Premiere Playhouse. Offstage, Alex has booked local commercials with Sioux Falls Regional Airport, Midco, and Ness Tax Bookkeeping. In any free time, she enjoys painting, planting, and laughing with her husband and son. http://www.alexondreadi.com @alexondreadi

#### Beth Feltes / Music Director

Beth graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College with a Bachelor of Arts in Music. The show "Mary Poppins" holds a special place in her heart ever since she played the lead role in the 2016 Calumet Players production of Mary Poppins. She currently works as a Piano/Voice Teacher, Soprano Soloist and Voice Over Artist in Sioux Falls as well as directing the Children's Choir at Abiding Savior. Beth's Voice Over work has been used by Rapid City Airport, Sanford Health and Alpha Center. When not working, Beth spends time with her husband Michael, daughter Gwen (Bird Woman) and 5-year-old twins Jonathan and Vivian. www.elizabethfeltes.weebly.com

#### Madi Lawrence / Scenic Design, Carpentry, Lighting Design

Madi flew home from New York for a couple weeks to work on this magical show for her home theatre. You may have seen her on stage in Beauty and the Beast (Silly Girl) or Footloose (Bickle/Ensemble); however, since her last bow on the Orpheum stage she's focused more on design. Some of her recent works in New York include Little Women (Scenic Design/Carpentry), The Last Days of Judas Iscariot (Assistant Stage Manager), and Deathtrap (Scenic Design/Carpentry). Once the winds change and the chain breaks, she will be on a plane finding more opportunities for design in Los Angeles, California.

#### Madison Rimmer / Choreographer

Madison recently relocated back to Sioux Falls from NYC in 2021. She received her B.A. degree in Theatre Performance from The University of Sioux Falls. During her college education she received training through the Open Jar Institute in NYC in 2017 where she trained under broadway professionals and directors. She then returned to NYC in 2019 and aided in the opening of Open Jar Studios as a summer intern. Madison has performed with The Black Hills Playhouse in shows such as Oklahoma and The Games Afoot. For the past three seasons, Madison has also been a Guest Artist with The Goodnight Theatre Collective in shows such as (the cancelled) Chicago 2020, A Royal Cabaret 2021, SUSPECT! 2022 and Into The Woods 2022. She also served as an Assistant Choreographer for DAPA in their productions of Annie Jr. and Frozen Jr. and Assistant Director for a production of 'Boxes' for the Plays for Living Program. Madison is also one of the newest members on The Board of Directors for the Premiere Playhouse.

#### Kylie Groves / Director

Kylie is so excited to be making her director debut with Mary Poppins Jr.! This will be Kylie's first show with the Premiere Playhouse. She has recently just graduated from The University of South Dakota with a B.F.A in Musical Theatre and a Minor in Dance. In July she will be moving to Chicago to pursue a professional acting career. Previously she has performed in 8 productions at USD and is so excited for an opportunity to explore more behind the scenes.

#### Sadie Mickelson / Stage Manager

Sadie could not be more excited to be sharing Mary Poppins Jr with you all! This is Sadie's sixth show with The Premiere Playhouse and in August she will be leaving Sioux Falls to attend Ithaca College for Stage Management. She wants to thank her friends and family, as well as everyone involved in The Premiere Playhouse who have supported her.

#### Hope Dunkle / Counselor

Hope is honored to be working with the Premiere Playhouse for Mary Poppins Jr as a camp counselor! This is her first time working with the Premiere Playhouse, and she hopes it won't be the last! Hope started doing theatre in high school, and recently finished her freshman year of college at the University of Sioux Falls, where she is double-majoring in English and Theatre. You might have seen her acting onstage as Pugsley Addams in USF's The Addams Family last fall, or as a granddaughter and Dionysus in Playdate II earlier this year. She also has dabbled in stage managing and lighting design. Hope is happy you're here to see everyone's hard work pay off, and she hopes you enjoy the show!

#### Gabby Basche / Counselor

Gabby is SO excited to be working with premier playhouse for the first time to present Mary Poppins JR! Gabby is going to be a junior at Roosevelt High School, and is ecstatic to be adding another amazing show to her resume. She has acted in many musicals throughout elementary, middle and high school, mainly with the Dakota Academy of Performing Arts. Most recently she did makeup, hair and backstage tech for her school musical, which was Something Rotten. Gabby is happy you could be here to watch and support our amazing cast and crew tonight!

#### **Brittney Lewis** / Costume Designer

Brittney is a recent USD Theatre graduate in Costume Design and Construction and a minor in Art History and she is delighted to be joining the Premiere Playhouse this season. This is her first children's camp and it has been such a blast to work with these kiddos and explore expression through their clothing. She previously designed hair and makeup for Cabaret on the Orpheum stage and her most recent costume designs include The Lion in Winter, Zanna Don't, and Julius Caesar at USD. Enjoy watching some talented little humans!

#### Malia Lukomski / Sound Designer, Engineer

Malia is the Premiere Playhouse's Sound Designer for the 2021 - 2022 season. They made their design debut with Footloose and have worked with the Playhouse ever since. They are a graduate of Augustana University with degrees in Theatre and Media Studies (2020) and a graduate of the SALT Institute for Documentary Studies with a Graduate Certificate in Radio and Podcast Production. Currently, they are working as a field producer for iHeartMedia. For more information on their current and future endeavors, you can go to malialukomski.com.

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