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Overture.....	<b>ACT I</b>	Teen Girls
<b>Scene I: The Office of Almaelou Music Corporation</b>		
An English Teacher.....		Rose
<b>Scene II:</b>		
The Telephone Hour.....		Teens
<b>Scene III: The MacAfee House</b>		
How Lovely To Be A Woman.....		Kim
<b>Scene IV: Penn Station</b>		
Put On A Happy Face.....	Albert, Sad Girls, Happy Girls	
A Healthy, Normal American Boy.....		Company
<b>Scene V: Sweet Apple Ohio</b>		
One Boy.....		Kim, Friends
One Boy (Reprise).....		Rose
Honestly Sincere.....	Conrad, Company	
<b>Scene VI: The MacAfee House</b>		
Hymn for a Sunday Evening.....	MacAfee Family, Company	
<b>Scene VII: Backstage of Central Movie Theater</b>		
<b>Scene VIII: On Stage, Central Movie Theater</b>		
One Last Kiss.....	Conrad, Company	
15 Minute Intermission		
<b>ACT II</b>		
<b>Scene I: The MacAfee House</b>		
What Did I Ever See in Him?.....		Kim, Rose
<b>Scene II: The Streets of Sweet Apple</b>		
A Lot of Livin' To Do.....	Conrad, Kim, Teens	
Kids.....	Mr. and Mrs. MacAfee	
<b>Scene III: Back Door of Maude's Roadside Retreat</b>		
<b>Scene IV: Private Dining Room or Maude's Roadside Retreat</b>		
Shriner Ballet.....	Rose, Shriners	
<b>Scene V: Back Door of Maude's Roadside Retreat</b>		
Kids (Reprise).....	Mr. and Mrs. MacAfee, Randolph, Adults	
<b>Scene VI: Ice House</b>		
Livin' Reprise.....	Ursula, Teens, Conrad, Kim	
<b>Scene VII: Sweet Apple Train Station</b>		
Rosie.....	Rose, Albert	
<b>Finale</b>		

## A Note from the Director:

Bye Bye Birdie is a show I've been glad to re-visit. It's a fun, vibrant musical with humor and heart. We can all feel the excitement of the 'fan club' at any stage of life. If you're 15, 32, or even somewhere near "Mama" age, there is always something out there to encourage you to "put on a happy face."

Community theater has been that joy for most of my life! I love being able to direct and collaborate with the creativity of the amazing Sweet Appletonians you see on stage and those you don't see, who are working tirelessly behind the scenes.

I've met my second family over the years of doing theater in Central Florida and luckily that unique family continues to grow! I hope you enjoy the show and maybe.... just maybe, you will join in to be part of the next one!?

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**Andrew Hill (Albert Peterson)** is thrilled to be returning to the Horizon West Theater Company for his second show! In between shows he can be found performing with the Spotlight Players, working for Disney and going on adventures with his wife and four rambunctious kids. This show is particularly special for Andrew as it's his first time performing alongside his son Luke. Some of his favorite past shows include Singin' in the Rain, The Scarlet Pimpernel, A Christmas Carol, Brigadoon, Little Shop of Horrors and Seven Brides for Seven Brothers. He wants to thank his wife Kristi for her enthusiastic support and hopes tonight's show helps you put on a happy face!

**Sarah Louise Harrison (Rosie Alvarez)** is beyond honored, thankful and thrilled to be on stage with Horizon West Theater Company as Rosie in Bye Bye Birdie! Normally used to being behind the curtain, Sarah Lou is grateful for her family, both blood and chosen, for continuing to push her to try new things and encouraging her to bloom in ways she never knew she could. Thank you!

**Alex Riehl (Mrs. Doris MacAfee)** is excited to be making her Main Stage Horizon West Theater Company debut (you may recognize half her face from the 2020 Halloween Cabaret.) She is a Human Resources Specialist by trade, but a musician and performer at heart! Musical theatre and the performing arts have always been a huge part of her life, from her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of South Carolina, Aiken, to Stage Crew Chief for 5 seasons at the Utah Shakespeare Festival and at least a couple decades of community productions under her belt. Some of her favourite past musical theatre roles include June Sanders in "Smoke on the Mountain," Trix the Aviatrix in "The Drowsy Chaperone," The Baker, wife AND brother in "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat" (two separate productions) and the Ghost of Christmas Past in "Scrooge the Musical." She has recently delved back into the Barbershop music community, currently as the Bass in her quartets, (In A Chord and Spark) and chorus Sisters of Sound. In the few remaining spare moments, she takes care of her beloved terrier mix Charli, travels the world and visits a theme park or 2 like the true Floridian she has become!

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**Jeffrey Otto (Mr. Harry MacAfee)** is thrilled to be joining the Horizon West Theater Company on the Horizon High School Stage once again, this time as Mr. Harry MacAfee! Jeffrey was last seen on this very same stage just last year as Rod, the one man Publicity Department, in Singin' in the Rain! However, don't think that Jeff has merely been sitting idle in between these two shows. Not only has Jeff been busy as an inaugural member of the Horizon West Theater Company's very own Spotlight Players performance troupe, BUT, Jeff has also been seen over the past year in other Central Florida Theatres performing such roles as Professor Plum in Clue: On Stage (Arts Unlimited, LLC), Leo Clark/'Maxine' in Leading Ladies (Arts Unlimited, LLC), Clue: On Stage (Again!) as Professor Plum (Osceola Arts), and, most recently, performing in his absolute favorite play in the entire world - Noises Off as Tim Allgood (Athens Theatre). In the past, he has also had the opportunity to Direct one of his other favorite plays, True West by Sam Shepard (STAGE Cast Productions). Jeff Graduated in 2010 with a Theatre Degree from Grand Valley State University in Michigan. By day, Jeff can be seen on the Trails Team at Disney's Animal Kingdom teaching Guests about animals and conservation. He would like to thank his friends, family, and beautiful wife, Heather, for their continued love and support and Mary Beth for this wonderful opportunity!

**Marieka Wieringa (Kim MacAfee)** would like to thank Mary Beth Finley for the amazing opportunity to debut in the cast of Bye Bye Birdie at HWTC. Marieka returns to the Horizon HS stage after her last performance in The Grinning Man. Her favorite credits include Dorothy (Wizard of Oz) and Bird Girl (Seussical the Musical). She loves the world of musical theatre, but also enjoys choir, swimming, and a large stack of books to read! Marieka would also like to thank her brother and sister for their wonderful support and help in singing every other voice part in her songs.

**Flynn Horne (Randolph MacAfee)** is 9 years old and in the 4th grade. He is honored to play the role of Randolph and to be working with the talented teens and adults. Flynn was recently in When I Grow Up (St. Luke's), Singin' in the Rain (Horizon West Theater Co), and The Creative Spark (True North Academy). In addition to singing and acting, Flynn enjoys playing the drums, anything Lego, and loves the thrill of roller coasters.

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**Jami Montegny (Mrs. Mae Peterson)** is thrilled to be playing Mae Peterson and performing in her duel Horizon West production! She wants to thank Mary Beth for this opportunity, the amazing cast, and her friends and family. Most of all she wants to thank her Mother who is in NO WAY her inspiration for Mae.

**Zachary Walker (Conrad Birdie)** is grateful to Horizon West Theater Company for giving him the chance to get on stage with such a passionate and talented team! Outside of rocking out in a golden jacket, Zach's personal favorite credits include; Singing In The Rain (Cosmo), Sweeny Todd (Tobias) and Love's Labour's Lost (Berowne). He would like to thank his friends and family for their support. You can follow his endeavors at UCF studying theater @stack.of.zach, please enjoy the show!

**Eric Dahlgren (Hugo Peabody)** was previously a Scare Actor at Halloween Horror Nights. Eric is now playing the role as Hugo Peabody in his first stage appearance.

**Raja Jalernpan (Mayor)** While Raja is no stranger to Horizon West Theater Company, he is incredibly honored to join the cast onstage for his first mainstage production. As a Software Engineer by day, he is thrilled for the opportunity to step away from his computer, and spend some time in the beautiful town of Sweet Apple. Previous production credits include over 15 productions with the University of North Carolina Wilmington, as well as several internships and a conservatory with Flat Rock Playhouse, the State Theatre of North Carolina. Raja sends his sincere love and gratitude to the entire board of Horizon West Theater company, Mom, Dad, Miles, and his beautiful fiancée Mia, whom he will make his wife this November.

**Evette Canino (Mayor's Wife)** Evette is so excited to be performing in her first show with Horizon West Theater Company. Previously she has had been a part of Central Florida Community Arts as a featured soloist (Gloria Estefan) and their outreach choir, Legacy. Other accomplishments include Mountain/Fire Singer in Modern Theatricals "Lost Boy" and the ensemble in CFCArts production of "Man of La Mancha". When not performing, she is a math teacher at Digital Academy of Florida and host at Momprehension the Podcast. She wants to thank her family for all of their love and support.

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**Allyson Ryan (Gloria Rasputin)** looks forward to sharing the story, morning glory, of Bye Bye Birdie alongside her Horizon West Theater Company family. She doesn't just type over 92 words per minute, she also has tap danced in Singin' in the Rain (Olga Mara, featured dancer), Elf: the Musical (Dance Captain), and Godspell (Peggy). Because there is lots of music to play, places to go, people to see, she is also a member of HWTC's Spotlight Players. When not near HWTC, she's a blueberry, enjoying her time as a Character Captain at Walt Disney World. John 1:5.

**Eva Hickey (Ursula Merkle)** is a junior at West Orange High School. She has performed with Horizon West Theater Company as Lucy in You're a Good Man Charlie Brown and Ensemble in The Music Man. She has also worked in tech as the assistant stage manager of Horizon West's Wizard of Oz. She would like to thank her parents for helping her achieve all of her goals in theatre and her amazing cast and crew for making this show such an amazing experience!

**Robyn Gleason (Mrs. Merkle)** is a native Californian who's first show in Florida was two years ago in Horizon West's "Love, Loss, and What I Wore." She was also Miss Dinsmore in Singin in the Rain at Horizon West last spring. Her favorite roles include Sister Mary Hubert in Nunsense, Enid Hoops in Legally Blonde, and Doatsy Mae in The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas. Robyn holds a BA in Theater from Cal State Fullerton and has sung in the Candlelight Processional in both Disneyland and Walt Disney World. Robyn's first show ever was Bye Bye at age 15 (Alice) and this is her second time playing Mrs. Merkle. Birdie is the only show she's done 3 times.

**Keith Newhouse (Charles Maude)** With a background in musical theatre & education (B.A. Wagner College, M.Ed. University of Florida), Keith is thrilled to make his Horizon West debut! By day Keith designs online graduate courses for colleges across the country, is CEO of his own publishing company, & author of My Tio's Pulse, a community project to help kids (& adults) learn what happened at Pulse & how to feel safe after tragedy (NewhouseCreativeGroup.com). Keith can be seen performing as well as behind the scenes all over Central Florida, including taking part in the Orlando Fringe (most recently as the Innkeeper in Les MiserABBA & writing & producing the award-winning Selling Out: The Musical) or just enjoying a quiet evening at home with Bella, his super sweet "supermodel" dachshund.

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**Jonathan Hickey (Maude's Quartet)** is a writer and director with over 20 years of experience working in theatrical and church productions. Jonathan started in children's theater and at the Holy Land Experience, where he co-wrote many of the productions. For 7 years, he was the director of the Singing Christmas Trees at First Baptist Orlando, where he currently serves as Creative Director. Jonathan lives in Winter Garden, with his wife Joye and their five children. He is pleased to be making his debut with Horizon West Theater in Bye Bye Birdie.

**E. Scott Arnold (Maude's Quartet)** is making his HWTC Debut! Scott was most recently seen as Horton the Elephant in Moonlight Players' production of Seussical. Credits: Scrooge (Osceola Arts); Tuck Everlasting (BWW Nomination), The Secret Garden (BWW Nomination), The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, Disney's Tarzan, Buddy - The Buddy Holly Story, Fiddler on the Roof (Artisan Center Theatre); Big River, Big the Musical, Of Mice and Men, Miracle on 34th Street (Stoney Award), Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Clue the Musical, Oliver!, Angry Housewives (Theatre Arlington); Death! - Take One!, The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, Big River, Urinetown (Mainstage Irving); The Fantasticks (Onstage in Bedford); Jesus Christ Superstar (Fort Worth Theater); Jekyll and Hyde, Catch Me If You Can (Theatre Coppel); Seussical, Children of Eden, Once Upon A Mattress, Footloose (C.A.T.S.). Fiddler on the Roof (Nellie Award) (Studio B). Scott has also performed for numerous seasons in the Candlelight Processional Cast Choir at EPCOT.

**Jason Zucker (Maude's Quartet)** is overjoyed to return to the stage under the direction of Mary Beth whom he's acted for in productions including Guys and Dolls (Big Julie), Annie (Daddy Warbucks) and Miracle on 34th Street The Musical (Kris Kringle). As a former Disney artist for 20 years, Jason now enjoys a successful freelance career which includes home murals, private animation art lessons and commissioned illustrations for children's books. His newest is "Morgan's Day at Doggie Day Camp". He would like to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication in bringing "Birdie" to life on the stage!



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**Jake Niedojadlo (Maude's Quartet)** is very happy and proud to be in Maude's Quartet and is ecstatic to back on stage after a long hiatus. Past roles include Donald in you can't take it with you, ensemble in Drood and Feldzieg in the Drowsy Chaperone. Also in Universal Studios entertainment division as a seasonal performer.

**Elijah White (Harvey Johnson)** is very enthused to be a part of this excellent cast and production! This is his fourth musical so far, he previously played the roles of Joseph Pulitzer in "Newsies!" Buddy in "Elf" Papa Bear in "Shrek" and now Harvey Johnson for "Bye Bye Birdie"! Elijah is currently moving into his senior year with Classical Conversations Homeschooling Program, and has years of experience in vocals and piano. Lastly, he would like to thank his family and friends for supporting his passion in music and theater every step of the way.

**Audrey Branch (Teen Ensemble)** has been doing theater for the past 2 years and performed in a couple middle school productions. She is excited to perform with a community theatre in-front of a large audience.

**Bailey Wood (Teen Ensemble)** is a 15-year-old rising sophomore in high school. This is her first time doing community theatre. She loves all things including music, and performing! She's really grateful for this opportunity to be in Bye Bye Birdie! She wants to thank her friends, family, teachers, and cast for their amazing support throughout this journey!

**Emma Myerson (Teen Ensemble)** is a 14 year old rising 9th grader at Horizon High School. She has been performing since she was 3 and loves the stage. She would like to thank her family for the support and Horizon West Theater Company for the opportunity to be a part of this wonderful show.

**Gwen Poss (Teen Ensemble)** is ecstatic to be in the Teen Ensemble for this production. Her most recent credits include playing Gabriella in High School Musical 2 at WSMS and in the Ensemble in Spongebob the Musical at Horizon High School. When not doing theater, she can be found cuddling with her puppy, singing or reading. She would like to thank her parents and friends for always being there for her.

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**Juliette Naranjo (Teen Ensemble)** is 13 years old and a rising 8th grader. She is a triple threat. She loves to sing, act and dance. Her favorite thing to do is perform on stage, appear in shows and in Thespian Competitions. She is always giving a 100% commitment and loves working and helping other people. She would like to thank her family, friends and her teachers for always supporting her throughout her journey. Thank you for coming to the show and she hopes that you enjoy it as much as she does.

**Lea Michelle Santiago (Teen Ensemble)** is incredibly excited to perform alongside some amazing talent in Bye Bye Birdie, her second show with Horizon West Theater Company. No stranger to the stage, Lea has performed in theater since age 3 starting out as a "little piggy", and most recently gracing the stage as "Dexter" in "Singing in the Rain". She is also honored to be studying voice under Elizabeth Gerulli and is honored to sing and dance on stage with a cast she has learned so much from.

**Leanna Zoldi (Teen Ensemble)** is excited to be in this production of Bye Bye Birdie. I love dancing and singing! I previously was Glinda in The Wizard of Oz and also played Nelus in Mary Poppins, but I've been in theatre for over 6 years now. I always have a great time! When I'm not in theatre, I collect tiny things and I also love spending time with my family and friends.

**Luke Hill (Teen Ensemble)** is so excited to be part of his very first show and even more excited to share this experience with his favorite person, his Dad. Luke has two great loves, talking to people and learning new things. Luke is an amateur Disney and Jim Henson scholar and loves learning about how movies are made. He also loves talking to and meeting people and getting to be with this amazing cast ever night has been a gift. If you see him after the show he'd love for you to say hi.

**Peyton Shearey (Teen Ensemble)** is happy to be in this production of bye bye birdie. From a very young age, he loved to sing and dance. He has had piano and vocal lessons for 5 years, and he has been in many productions such as Leagally blonde the musical where Peyton played Aaron Shultz and Decendents the musical where he played Maurice.

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**Ruby Levy (Teen Ensemble)** is currently a student at Valencia College and in her third semester. She has been acting since 3rd grade and has always loved being center stage! Her claims to fame are Annie in Annie, Wicked Witch of the West in Wizard of Oz, and Mulan in Mulan. Ruby started as a Performance Intern with Horizon West Theater Company for their youth production of Wizard of Oz. She is also a part of the adult traveling troupe of the Spotlight Players! Ruby would like to thank her family for all of their support and help within her theater career. Special thanks to her Mom for just being her number one fan and bestest friend!

**Cassandra Rodgers (Adult Ensemble)** is a theatre teacher at Horizon West Middle School. Cassandra has directed student productions such as Singin in the Rain Jr and Little Mermaid Jr. This is her first on stage production since college. She would like to thank her husband and family for their support.

**Jillian Cajigas (Adult Ensemble)** is super excited to be making her Horizon West Theater Company debut! She has been seen in Rockford College's Meet Me In St. Louis (Esther U/S, chorus), Guys And Dolls (Hotbox doll, Adelaide U/S), and Peaseblossom in A Midsummer Night's Dream. Thank you to my Spouse and Baby boy for supporting me and helping me find my pink again.

**Joseph Cosgrove (Adult Ensemble)** am entering my third year in the Orlando area. I want to thank Brandon Vaque, Paul Sadler and George Majia who indirectly led me to Entertainment Central directed by ShalisaShalone James. I want to thank Shalisa for letting me perform as a Caroler around the community and Sanduski, Ohio. I joined the company in 2021. If it was not for that I would have never found Horizon West Theater or this play. I grew up mostly in California and went to school there. In high School I did some pop up shows of Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat, Newsies,How to succeed in Business without really trying and Showboat. I majored and received my Bachelor of Arts degree in Music (Liberal Arts) from Cal State Fullerton. I look forward to the upcoming adventures life will have.

**Kali Blankenship (Adult Ensemble)** This is Kali's third show with Horizon West Theater Company, having previously appeared in Love, Loss and What I Wore and Holidays on the Horizon. Other favorite roles include Carol in Laughter on the 23rd Floor, Veta in Harvey, and Maggie in Dancing at Lughnasa.Thanks, Mary Beth! It's been a blast!

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**Kelly Baksh (Adult Ensemble)** is thrilled to be performing in her 3rd production with Horizon West, the others being Love, Loss and What I Wore, and The Great Fright Way - a Halloween cabaret. Other credits include Gymnasia in A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, Mrs. Bedwin in Oliver, Lenya Zubritsky in Neil Simon's Fools, and ensemble roles in many other shows. She wants to thank the wonderful team for giving her the chance to spend her time in the lovely town of Sweet Apple. We love you audience, oh yes we do! Enjoy the show.

**Khaila Trent (Adult Ensemble)** is excited to be a part of the production of Bye Bye Birdie! This is her second year with the Horizon West Theater Company and has been in the past production of Singin' in the Rain as an ensemble member and is a current member of the Spotlight Players. She has also previously been a part of the pit orchestra in the high school productions of the Wedding Singer and Newsies. She thanks the company, the cast, production team, family and friends for the love and support! She hopes you love the show and thanks you for coming.

**Laura Davis (Adult Ensemble)** is very excited to be returning to Horizon West Theater Company after being a featured dancer in Singin in the Rain. Originally from Omaha, Nebraska, Laura graduated from Nebraska Wesleyan University with a BFA in Musical Theatre. She moved down to Orlando for the Disney College Program and has been in the sunshine state ever since. Other credits include James son of Alphaeus in Jesus Christ Superstar, Ghost of Christmas Present/Belle in A Christmas Carol, Evil Tina in She Kills Monsters, Ethel Peas in Thoroughly Modern Millie and Ensemble in Oklahoma! Laura would like to thank her amazing family back in Omaha for their amazing love in support as well as her dog Wrigley. Go cornhuskers!

**Margarita Douglas (Adult Ensemble)** Is ecstatic to make her debut with Horizon West Theater Company. She recently performed at Halloween Horror Nights and Seaworld. She wants to thank all her friends and family for their continued support to pursue her passions.

# WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST

**Matt Jardins (Adult Ensemble)** is a UCF alum with a BFA in Musical Theatre, and has been acting and singing since the age of 4. His favorite acting credits include Billy in the musical 1776, Arnold Epstein in Neil Simon's Biloxi Blues and Jeffrey in Godspell. Matt is joining the Musical Theatre program at The New York Conservatory for Dramatic Arts this fall but will be back in Central Florida for future projects.

**Sierra Emily (Nancy, Adult Ensemble)** - Sierra is excited to make her Horizon West Theater debut in Bye Bye Birdie. Past credits include We Will Rock You (Ensemble), AIDA (Ensemble), Disenchanted (Snow White), and Legally Blonde (Margot), just to name a few. Sierra works at Walt Disney World as a character performer for the adult part of her life. For the youthful part of her life, Sierra loves to visit theme parks, go to concerts, play with her cats, and spend time with her friends. She would like to thank Mary Beth, Rachel, Tori, and Holly for the opportunity to perform with Horizon West Theater Company and the cast for accepting her as a youthful adult. She dedicates her performance to her boyfriend for accepting her crazy schedule and her "BABY RAVE" family for helping take her shifts to do rehearsals. Enjoy the show and remember, "Don't let anybody tell you you are ever past your prime. Never give up." -Michelle Yeoh

**Stephani DuScheid (Adult Ensemble)** is very excited to join her fellow thespians in Bye Bye Birdie! She has been a part of HWTC for a few productions working backstage and in the booth, but this will be her first HWTC show onstage. She will also be joined onstage with her forever theatre buddy - her sister Tiffani. Theatre and Dance have always been a significant part of her life, and she is delighted for this to continue through this musical!

**Tiffani DuScheid (Adult Ensemble)** is thrilled to be a part of Horizon West Theater Company! This round she is very excited to be performing onstage with her favorite co-star her sister Stephani DuScheid in the Adult Ensemble. Tiffani is a lifelong thespian and has enjoyed performing, designing, studying, and helping out backstage in a wide variety of shows. She earned her theatre degree from The Ohio State University. She would like to thank her mom and dad for all their love and support and hope you enjoy the show!

# PRODUCTION TEAM



Mary Beth Finley



Holly Robertson



Tori Lucas



Gillian Finnegan



Adyn Del Cid



Melissa Kratish Depot



Emily Johnson Cohen



Ryan Jalernpan



Steven Beaumont II



Liv Nunziante



Amity Warren

# WHO'S WHO IN THE CREW

**Mary Beth Finley (Director)** is "Honestly Sincere"-ly grateful to be directing Bye Bye Birdie with this amazing cast & crew. She has performed in, or been on production teams for over 50 shows in Central Florida since 2001. She thanks the HWTC board for this 2nd opportunity to direct with them. Special thanks to her Florida Framily for all their support, and especially Holly, Adyn, and the entire production team for donating their gifts of time and talent. Her work on this project has been dedicated to the memory of her parents who instilled and encouraged her passion for theater.

**Holly Robertson (Music Director)** is thrilled to return to a Main Stage production with Horizon West Theater Company, reprising her "role" as Music Director with this incredible cast. She previously music directed HWTC's inaugural production of "Music Man", as well as directed a variety smaller productions including "Holidays on the Horizon" for two years running, "All Together Now", and assistant directed "The Great Fright Way." As a long-standing member of the Executive Board, it has been her immense pleasure to watch this theatre grow and thrive, bringing together such amazing talent from the Central Florida area to entertain and delight audiences in Horizon West. She looks forward to many years of growth and prosperity for this wonderful company that she has the honor of representing! Her sincerest thanks goes to her friend and director, Mary Beth - she can't wait to share backstage with you again! And to Charles - you make all this possible to conquer, together.

**Melissa Kratish Depot (Producer)** co-founded Horizon West Theater Company and is wrapping up her term as current President. Bringing performing arts to the Horizon West community has been a dream of Melissa's since she first moved to the area in 2008, and with the help of the HWTC Board of Directors, that dream became a reality. Many thanks to all of the board members, sponsors, and community leaders for their continued support of accessible arts in Horizon West. Special thanks to her family and friends for their support of all things HWTC and to her employer (Broadway Media) for donating the Scenic Projections seen onstage during this performance.



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**Tori Lucas (Choreographer)** is so excited to return to Horizon West Theater Company for this year's musical! She last choreographed HWTC's Singin in the Rain in May of 2022. She loves to be involved in local theater as much as possible having most recently performed in Sweet Charity at Osceola Arts. She can be seen most days dancing around the Pridelands at the Festival of the Lion King at Disney's Animal Kingdom.

**Adyn Del Cid (Directing Intern)** is new to the Horizon West Theater Company family. He just finished his Freshman year at Freedom High School where he studied Technical Theater and was a member of the crew for their spring production of Beauty and the Beast. He would like to thank Miss Mary Beth for encouraging him to pursue his passion behind the scenes.

**Liv Nunziante (Stage Manager)** is so excited to be stage managing their first production with the Horizon West Theater Company. Previously, they have stage managed productions such as Little Shop of Horrors, Clue, and Peter and the Starcatcher. They are incredibly thankful for all the support from their big brother, little sister, and all of their friends here in Florida who have given nothing but love and support, especially over this past year. They want to give a special shoutout to Marybeth, Holly, Gillian, the HWTC Board of Directors and every other backstage member of this production for being so welcoming during Liv's first production with this company. DFTBA!

**Gillian Finnegan (Assistant Stage Manager)** is so excited to be working on Bye Bye Birdie! After graduating last spring with a major in theatre management and engineering, Gillian is happy to return to stage managing! Previous stage management credits include Northwestern University Senior Showcase, Big Fish, The Trojan Women, Julius Caesar, The 90th Annual Waa Mu Show, Carrie. Thank you to Liv, Mary Beth, Holly, and the cast of Bye Bye Birdie for making this process amazing!

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**Emily Johnson Cohen (Costumer)** is proud to be working on another production with Horizon West Theater Company. She currently works as a Costume Assistant Coordinator for Disney Cruise Line and a dresser for Victory Productions. After graduating from Towson University with a Bachelors Degree in Costume Design, she worked as a costume hostess for Walt Disney World, opening Miceys Royal Friendship Faire and dressing Magic Kingdom parades. She designs shows for a variety of theaters and does custom clothing and costumes in her “spare” time. Her work can be found on Instagram @ShmutzyCostumes.

**Ryan Jalernpan (Scenic Designer/Projections Supervisor)** is excited to be joining the Horizon West Theater Company for his first show! Favorite design credits include; Beauty & The Beast, Mad Forest, The Children's Hour & Dr. Faustus. Special thanks to his fiancé Maris for always being so supportive of late night work sessions and Mary Beth for the opportunity

**Steven Beaumont II (Technical Director/Lighting Designer)** This will be Steven's first production at Horizon West Theat Company. Although not his first production as a Lighting Designer (White Christmas) he also brings his ingenuity as a Technical Director to this production of Bye, Bye, Birdie. With a BFA in Inter/Arts he constantly utilizes his knowledge and skills to bring productions to life. Steven is a currently an Entertainment Technician of NBC Comcast/Universal Orlando but always enjoys returning to the theatre in some capacity. Thank you to Mary Beth for your trust and friendship. Love to my Love, Timothy!

**Amity Warren (Props)** is so excited to be the prop master for this production. They would also like to thank the director for this wonderful opportunity, as it is a big change from their last production, where they were assistant costume designer in Anastasia. Amity has been working in theater since they were 10 and has a strong connection to it. In their free time, they also take pleasure in a variety of hobbies like baking and sewing.



**Performing Sunday, June 11th**

Designed to introduce our youngest performers (ages 4-6) to the magical world of musical theater, our Shining Stars met once a week to partake in a musical theatre class and rehearse an opening act for Bye Bye Birdie.

# BYE BYE BIRDIE SHINING STARS



Charlotte Kovatch



Mackenzie Holmes



Lucy Lanese



Liam Lanese



Savannah Kovatch



Carter Compton



Camilah Cervantes



Chelsea Lanese

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**Liam Lanese**, a spirited 4-year-old, is thrilled to make his debut with the Horizon West Theater Company! Joining his big sisters on stage has been a literal lifelong dream for this little performer. Liam's love for singing, dancing, penguins (especially tap-dancing ones), his HWTC buddy Raja, tornadoes, space, and spending time with friends fuels his vibrant personality. With a boundless curiosity and a passion for the arts, Liam's star is on the rise. As he takes his first steps into the spotlight, his energy, enthusiasm, and joy will undoubtedly captivate audiences. Watch out, Broadway – Liam is ready to shine!

**Lucy Lanese** is overjoyed to return for her third production with the Horizon West Theater Company, where she eagerly embraces her role as part of the Shining Stars. Notably, this production holds even more excitement for Lucy as she has the incredible opportunity to perform alongside her little brother. Their shared passion for theater has created an unbreakable bond, and their love of the stage is nothing short of magical. Previously stealing hearts as an adorable Honeybee in *Mary Poppins Jr.* and the ballerina in *The Wizard of Oz* as a member of the Lullaby League, Lucy's love for the stage is undeniable. With every performance, Lucy radiates enthusiasm and brings energy that captivates audiences. She hopes you enjoy the show!

**Mackenzie Holmes** is enthusiastic to perform during the pre-performance of "Bye, Bye Birdie!" This is Mackenzie's first time on stage, and she cannot wait to sing and dance in front of a live audience. Mackenzie has always been drawn to musical theater and drama. Her favorite Broadway musicals are, "Frozen," "Wizard of Oz," and "The Little Mermaid." Mackenzie wakes up Saturday mornings rushing out the door to attend her musical theater classes. We want to thank Mrs. Chelsea to have the patience to introduce the magical world of musical theatre to students as young as four. Mackenzie can not wait to be involved in future performances and continue to foster her love of theatre.

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**Camilah Cervantes** is 4 years old and making her stage debut in the opening act for Bye Bye Birdie! With an infectious love for music and theater, Camilah spends her days playing pretend and singing along to her favorite Disney tunes, most recently those from The Little Mermaid. She also loves creating her own songs and singing them to her baby sister, Dani. Beyond her passion for song and theater, Camilah is quite the foodie who rarely turns down the opportunity to explore new flavors. She also loves visiting Disney (mainly for the snacks, of course), playing dress-up with Mom, and cuddling up for weekend movie nights.

**Charlotte Kovatch** is elated to make her return performance in Bye Bye Birdie! This will be her second production as she made her debut in The Wizard of Oz. Previously, she has performed in several dance routines with Shooting Stars School of Performing Arts. Charlotte would like to thank the Horizon West Theater Company and is appreciative of the continued guidance of more experienced cast members! In addition to acting and singing, Charlotte enjoys art, swimming, and dancing.

**Savannah Kovatch** is thrilled to make her debut performance in Bye Bye Birdie! This will be her first time in a musical production and on stage experience! Savannah would like to thank the Horizon West Theater Company and is appreciative of the cast members for taking her under their wings to help her on stage confidence grow! Savannah also enjoys puzzles, swimming, and dancing.

**Carter Compton** is excited for his first time performing on a big stage (although he makes our living room feel like one regularly) When he's not perfecting his stage smile, he can be found immersed in imaginative LEGO builds and watching Duck Tales on repeat. He would like to give a huge thanks to his teacher Ms. Chelsea for inspiring and encouraging his new found love of theater and his friend Lucy for keeping him motivated every step of the way!

# BYE BYE BIRDIE SHINING STARS

**Chelsea Lanese (Director)** is a homeschooling mom to three, and is thrilled to be working with the Shining Stars, where her love for teaching young children and passion for the arts intertwine. With over 20 years of experience teaching dance and theater to children, Chelsea's expertise shines through in every production. As the owner of Let's Play School, she creates a nurturing environment for children to learn through play. Additionally, Chelsea dedicates herself to teaching kindergarten once a week, infusing fun and creativity into the learning process. Having grown up in the arts, Chelsea's journey as a dancer and performer has shaped her understanding of the transformative power of the stage. Now, she brings her infectious enthusiasm and expertise to the Shining Stars, promising unforgettable performances that inspire and entertain. Chelsea invites you to join her in celebrating the magic of theater!





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