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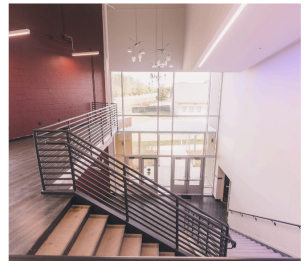


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Director/Props Designer: Robert A. Stuart

Choreographer/Costume Co-Designer: Anna Norris

Assistant Musical Director: Maggie Smith

Stage Manager: Janelle Dixon

Costume Co-Designer: Laurinda Norris

Lighting Designer: Lindsay Kramer

Scenic Designer and Master Carpenter: Jack Jammer

Sound Designer: Tim Peck

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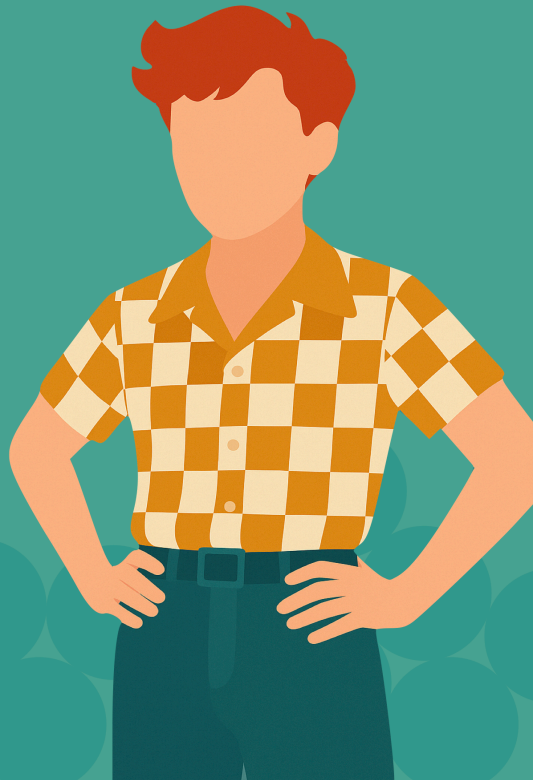
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## DIRECTOR'S NOTES

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When we set out to stage *Hairspray*, we knew we weren't just telling a fun, high energy story – we were taking on a show with a powerful message about acceptance, equity and the fight for inclusion. At its heart, *Hairspray* is about challenging unjust systems, lifting marginalized voices and celebrating the beauty of diversity. Inclusivity is not a subplot of the musical – it is the plot.

Every character – from Tracy and Edna to Seaweed and Motormouth – challenges societal norms and broadens the idea of who gets to be seen, heard and celebrated.

In our production we've worked intentionally to honor the show's roots in the civil rights movement, acknowledging its historical significance without flattening it into a past-tense issue. The questions *Hairspray* raises remain just as urgent today.

We have cast inclusively and authentically, reflecting both the script's requirements and the diverse world we live in. Representation matters – onstage and off.

We have highlighted themes of joy, resilience and collective action, especially through music and dance, which in *Hairspray* are acts of resistance as much as entertainment. The Dance styles chosen to reflect the characters of Tracy's Baltimore shift and grow throughout the show, reflecting the changed mindsets of our characters as they work to better understand the shifting world in which they live.

We have purposely worked to have the props and costumes reflect Baltimore in the early 60s. Magazine covers, electronics, and products that are seen onstage are true to the time. Costumes are designed to reflect the changing styles of the early 1960s: pastel colors, crinolines and flared skirts, while still popular, are giving way to the iconic shift dresses, floral patterns, and vivid colors that became the visual anchor of the 1960s. We use this shift in color to demonstrate the integration of Baltimore in 1962, with the pastel palette of the Council Kids darkening to reflect the more vivid palette of the Black cast as they learn and take on the dance styles of an integrated Corny Collins Show.

While *Hairspray* may be set in 1962, its spirit is timeless. It reminds us that real change happens when ordinary people – young people – refuse to accept exclusion and instead choose love, courage and solidarity.

Thank you for joining us in celebrating a show that dares to believe that everyone – regardless of race, size, gender, or background – deserves a place in the spotlight.

Let's dance together toward a more inclusive future.

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# SONGS

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## ACT I

The action takes place in Baltimore, June 1962.

### Prologue

Good Morning Baltimore ..... Tracy, Company

### Scene 1: TV Station WZZT and the Turnblad home

The Nicest Kids in Town ..... Corny Collins, Council Members, Corny  
Collins Singers

### Scene 2: The Pingleton, Von Tussle and Turnblad homes; that evening

Mama, I'm a Big Girl Now ..... Edna, Tracy, Penny, Velma, Amber,  
Prudy, & Female Ensemble

### Scene 3: The Audition at WZZT; the next day

I Can Hear the Bells ..... Tracy, Council Members, & Corny  
Collins Singers

Miss Baltimore Crabs ..... Velma and the Boy Council Members

### Scene 4: Detention at Patterson Park High School; a few days later

### Scene 5: Patterson Park High School Gymnasium; evening

### Scene 6: The Corny Collins Show and the Turnblad home

The Nicest Kids in Town (Reprise) ..... Ensemble

It Takes Two ..... Link, Tracy, & Men

Velma's Revenge ..... Velma

### Scene 7: The Turnblad Home and the streets of Baltimore; later that evening

Welcome to the 60's ..... Tracy, Edna, Dynamites, & Company

### Scene 8: Patterson Park High School Playground; several days later

I Can Hear The Bells Reprise ..... Link

### Scene 9: Motormouth Maybelle's Record Shop; later that same day

Run and Tell That ..... Seaweed, Little Inez, & Company

Big, Blonde and Beautiful ..... Motormouth, Little Inez, Tracy, Edna,  
Seaweed, Penny, Wilbur, & Company



# SONGS

## ACT II

### Scene 1: Women's House of Detention; the same night

The Big Dollhouse ..... Female Company

Good Morning Baltimore (Reprise) ..... Tracy

### Scene 2: The Turnblad Home; the next day

Timeless to Me ..... Edna, Wilbur

### Scene 3: Tracy's Jail Cell and Penny's Bedroom; late that same night

Without Love ..... Tracy, Link, Penny, Seaweed , &  
Company

### Scene 4: Motormouth Maybelle's Record Shop; a short time later

I Know Where I've Been ..... Motormouth, Company

### Scene 5: The Miss Teenage Hairspray Contest; Baltimore Eventorium; the next evening

It's Hairspray ..... Corny Collins, Female Council Members,  
& Female Corny Collins Singers

Cooties ..... Amber, Council Members, & Corny  
Collins Singers

You Can't Stop the Beat - Parts 1 & 2 ..... Entire Company

Bows ..... Entire Company

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Jenna, you make our hearts burst with  
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Tracy Turnblad	Zola Geyer, Isla Welge
Corny Collins	Hilton Williamson
Edna Turnblad	Owen Darden
Penny Pingleton	Isabella Hanselman
Velma Von Tussle	McKenna Noel
Amber Von Tussle	Brooke Baum
Link Larkin	Emmett Elliott, Colson Reinholt
Harriman F. Spritzer	Dominic Angello
Seaweed J. Stubbs	Omega Forbes
Little Inez	Sydney Brown
Motormouth Maybelle	Sion Brown
Prudy Pingleton	Victoria Wetherington
Wilbur Turnblad	Zack Ruis
Mr. Pinky	Zyan Ramos
Gym Teacher	Victoria Wetherington
Principal	Dominic Angello
Matron	Zola Geyer, Isla Welge
Matron (understudy)	Chloe Cotton
Gilbert	Tallist Jean
Stoogie	Nathaniel Williams
Cindy Watkins	Zoey Jones
Duane	Nolan Howard
Thad	Jaliah Houston
Tammy	Ashley Farris
Brad	Nolan Johnson
Fender	Emmett Elliott, Colson Reinholt
Brenda	Kinsley Revell
Sketch	Campbell Ruff
Shelley	Jenna Sokolow

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# CAST

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## (continued)

IQ .....	Kaden Revell
Lou Ann .....	Parker Kinch
Dynamites .....	Sion Brown, Clairise Byrdsong, Zoey Jones
Cameraman .....	Ishayu Gupta
TV Newscaster Voiceover .....	Ty Wold
The Corny Collins Singers .....	Naomi Asher, Jude Carson, Chloe Cotton, Amanda Johnson, Dean Lacy, Zyan Ramos, Wyatt Ritter, Regina Garcia Soto, Eden Wright
Baltimoreans .....	Naomi Asher, Kamara Burney, Clairise Byrdsong, Jude Carson, Chloe Cotton, Ishayu Gupta, Amanda Johnson, Zoey Jones, Dean Lacy, Paige Martin, Julia Oliver, Zyan Ramos, Kinsley Revell, Wyatt Ritter, Knight Sissle, Regina Garcia Soto, Eden Wright
Dance Captains .....	Sion Brown, Chloe Cotton, Parker Kinch, Jenna Sokolow, Kaden Revell

## Run Crew

Assistant Stage Manager .....	Aiden Kagy
2nd Assistant Stage Manager .....	Courtney Stokes
Light Board Operator .....	Gabriel Brown
Sound Board Operator .....	Tim Peck
Spotlight Operators .....	Madi Luther, Ava Zupofska
Mics Supervisor .....	Kaia Schnippert
Sound/Mic Technicians .....	Gabriel Brown, Eden Hatfield, Ava Rodriguez, Sam Hardy, Courtney Stokes
Props Construction .....	Robert A. Stuart
Props Manager .....	Kyla Peck
Props Assistant .....	Dylan Miller
Wardrobe Assistants .....	Reagan Jones, Penelope Pasqualone

## Tech Production Assistants

Set Volunteers .....	Tommy Applegate, Dominic Angello, Grant Geyer, Jack Jammer, Madi Luther, Campbell Ruff, Hilton Williamson, Emory Womack, Mike Mock and students
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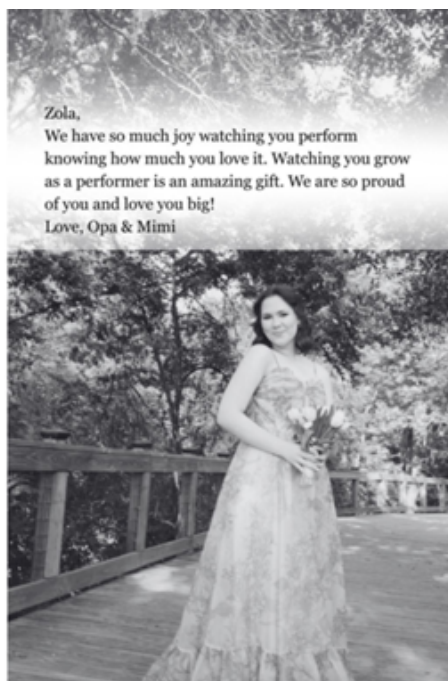
## Tech Production Assistants (continued)

Master Electrician .....	Lindsay Kramer
Costume Construction/Sewers .....	Susan Clark, Cassie Giddens, Kathryn Gray, Kiera Hanselman, Syd Hockett, Amanda Johnson, Anna Norris, Laurinda Norris, Penelope Pasqualone, Lea Reeves, Dena Sokolow, Wanda Tillman
Electricians .....	Ethan Bigelow, Gabriel Brown, James (JC) Guffey, Courtney Stokes
Wardrobe Mistress .....	Anna Norris
Scenic Painters .....	Beth Asher, Naomi Asher, Cullen Ashton, Daniel Ashton, Melissa Ashton, Dianna Baxter, Crew Carlisle, Gabriella Dattoli, Emmett Elliott, Casie Giddens, Ishayu Gupta, Ravindran Gupta, Ani Hatfield, Eden Hatfield, Jack Jammer, Madi Luther, Don Miller, Dylan Miller, Anna Norris, Zyan Ramos, Campbell Ruff, Dena Sokolow, Jenna Sokolow, Robert A. Stuart, Hilton Williamson, Bryson Willis, Parker Willoughby
Hairspray Can Design & Construction .....	Dale Holcomb
Hairspray Can Decor .....	John Cross
Lobby Decor and Concessions Crew .....	Beth Asher, Crew Carlile, Collins Dickson, Gabby Dattoli, Taylor Hounshell, Jacob Patty, Bryson Willis

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Dad, IveyGrace,  
Deedee, Papa, and the  
Dunns





# ORCHESTRA

Keys 1	Adam Ravain
Keys 2	Jana Hanselman, Nic Petryk
Keys 3	Shawn McCauley
Guitarists	Cory Marsh, Addy Hunter
Bass Guitar	Jason Brookins
Flute	Taylor Ard
Clarinet	Brandon Mullane
Alto Sax	Lucian Alday
Tenor Sax	Isaiah Bennett
Tenor/Bari Sax	Miles Taylor
Bassoon	Jerrod Williams
Trumpet	Perry Nelson, David Percinek
Trombone	Tai Baldrige
Drumset	Evan Butler
Percussion	Colton Campbell, Joey Carter, Katelyn Sears

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**Love, Ms. Dena & Jenna**

# WHO'S WHO

## Cast and Crew



**Dominic  
Angello**



**Naomi  
Asher**



**Brooke  
Baum**



**Gabriel  
Brown**



**Sion  
Brown**



**Sydney  
Brown**



**Kamara  
Burney**



**Clairise  
Byrdsong**



**Jude  
Carson**



**Chloe  
Cotton**



**Owen  
Darden**



**Emmett  
Elliott**



**Ashley  
Farris**



**Omega  
Forbes**



**Regina  
Garcia Soto**



**Zola  
Geyer**



**Ishayu  
Gupta**



**Isabella  
Hanselman**



**Sam  
Hardy**



**Eden  
Hatfield**



**Jaliah  
Houston**



**Nolan  
Howard**



**Tallist  
Jean**



**Amanda  
Johnson**



**Nolan  
Johnson**

# WHO'S WHO

## Cast and Crew



**Reagan  
Jones**



**Zoey  
Jones**



**Parker  
Kinch**



**Dean  
Lacy**



**Madi  
Luther**



**Paige  
Martin**



**Harper  
McWilliams**



**Dylan  
Miller**



**McKenna  
Noel**



**Julia  
Oliver**



**Penelope  
Pasqualone**



**Kyla  
Peck**



**Zyan  
Ramos**



**Colson  
Reinholdt**



**Kaden  
Revell**



**Kinsley  
Revell**



**Wyatt  
Ritter**



**Ava  
Rodriguez**



**Campbell  
Ruff**



**Zack  
Ruis**



**Kaia  
Schnippert**



**Knight  
Sissle**



**Jenna  
Sokolow**



**Courtney  
Stokes**



**Isla  
Welge**

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# WHO'S WHO

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## Cast and Crew

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Victoria  
Wetherington



Nate  
Williams



Hilton  
Williamson



Amyria  
Wright



Eden  
Wright



Ava  
Zupofski

## Production Team

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Lee  
Commander



Janelle  
Dixon



Jack  
Jammer



Aidan  
Kagy



Lindsay  
Kramer



Anna  
Norris



Laurinda  
Norris



Tabitha  
Peck



Tim  
Peck



Maggie  
Smith



Robert  
Stuart



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# BIOGRAPHIES

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**Dominic Angello** (Harriman F. Spritzer, Principal), the son of Harmony Lugo and Joshua Angello, is a senior at Leon High School where he is a member of Capital Singers, Mane Event, Mu Alpha Theta and National Honor Society. He has appeared in the Leon High School productions of *The Music Man* (Mayor George Shinn), *The 39 Steps* (Foley Sound) and *Tartuffe* (Valerie). In his spare time, he enjoys reading, biking and crafting. Dominic would like to thank the Production Team, his parents, his friends and his drama teacher, Mrs. Marshall.

**Naomi Asher** (Corny Collins Singer, Baltimorean/Esther), the daughter of Beth and Ephraim Asher, is a senior at Leon High School where she is active in Capital Singers, Madrigals and Thespians. She has been seen in *Firebringer* (Zazzali) and *Ride the Cyclone* (Constance) with Making Light Productions; *The Cunning Little Vixen* (Young Vixen) with FSU Opera and *The Music Man* (Ethel Toffelmeier) and *Disney's Beauty and the Beast* (Chip) with the Leon Choral Department. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling, hiking and reading. Naomi would like to thank her parents, friends and mentors for the support and encouragement through this amazing process.

**Brooke Baum** (Amber Von Tussle), the daughter of Ashley Baum and Carl Baum, is a senior at Florida State University School where she is an active Student Council Representative, the Secretary of FASC District 1 and a member of the National Honor Society. A vacation and travel enthusiast, Brooke attends Young Actors Theatre and City Church. At Young Actors Theatre she appeared in the productions of *Chicago: Teen Edition*, (Mona/Lipschitz) *Romeo and Juliet* (Juliet), *Pride and Prejudice* (Mary Bennett) and *Disney's Beauty and the Beast* (Silly Girl, Dance Captain). She was also seen as Roxie Hart in *Chicago: Teen Musical* at Making Light Productions. Brooke would like to thank her family for their unwavering support; her friends for bringing her such joy and for giving her so much encouragement and Jessica Cavanagh and Isabel Christoni for igniting her passion for performing arts.

**Gabriel Brown** (Light Board Operator), the son of Letitia and Jon Brown, is a 2025 graduate of Leon High School where he was active in Capital Singers (Bass Section Leader), Madrigals (Bass Section Leader) and Mane Event (3-year member). Gabriel participated in the Leon High Technical Theatre program for three years and was awarded the ROTY his sophomore year and the MVP both his junior and senior years. Gabriel was the Light Board Operator for TSC's production of *Alice by Heart*, and he was on the Fly Crew for Leon High School's production of *Disney's Beauty and the Beast* and *The Music Man*. A member of the Tallahassee Chapter of Jack and Jill of America (2024-2025 Teen President), he participates in the Sight and Sound Media Ministry (Multimedia) at Bethel AME. He would like to thank his parents and Mrs. Peck for supporting him on his journey of finding his passion. This fall, Gabriel will be attending the University of West Florida to major in Design and Technology.

**Sion Brown** (Motormouth Maybelle, Dynamite, Dance Captain), the daughter of Shayla Lightfoot-Brown and Shane Brown, is a 2025 graduate of Leon High School where she was active in Capital Singers (Choreographer), Melodears (Section Leader and Choreographer), Tri-M Honor Society, Thespians, Track and Leon Marching Redcoats/Leonettes Dance Team (Co-Captain and Section Leader). She has appeared in *Disney's Beauty and the Beast* (Belle), *Footloose* (Ensemble), *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (Featured Dancer) and *The Music Man* (Featured Dancer). Sion is active in her church youth choir, The Bridge; her church's youth praise dance team; Sigma Gamma Rhoer club and Apalachee Elementary School where she is a volunteer choreographer and stage manager. She thanks her family and friends for all their support. This fall Sion will be attending Florida A & M University to pursue a B.A. in Theatre.

**Sydney Brown** (Little Inez), the daughter of Shayla Lightfoot-Brown and Shane Brown, is an eleventh grader at Leon High School where she participates in Track, Leon Chorus (Opus), Cheer and Lion Steel. She enjoys running track, singing and working out. Sydney sends a special thanks to everyone who has supported her.

**Kamara Burney** (Baltimorean/Hazel), the daughter of Gerron Burney and Kendra Burney, is an eleventh grader at Leon High School where she is active in Cheerleading, the Capstone Program and Leon Chorus. Kamara is passionate about community service, is active in Zeta Youth Auxiliaries and enjoys watching true crime. She would like to thank her parents for believing in her and encouraging her to work her hardest to meet her full potential.

**Clairise Byrdsong** (Dynamite), the daughter of Jacque Williams, is a senior at Leon High School where she is a member of Capital Singers, Symphonic Band, National English Honor Society and Melodears. She is excited to be performing in *Hairspray*, her first show! In her spare time, she enjoys playing the clarinet and reading. Clairise would like to say thanks to her mom and sister for encouraging her to get out of her comfort zone from her time in the orchestra pit to time on stage. She also wants to give thanks to God for His endless blessings and opportunities.

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**Jude Carson** (Corny Collins Singer, Baltimorean/James), the son of Katie Snyder and Matt Carson, is a ninth grader at Leon High School. He attended Montford Middle School where he was active in Brain Bowl, Student Government Association and Beta Club and he appeared as Marlin in *Disney's Finding Nemo JR.* A member of Young Actors Theatre, he has appeared in their productions of *Disney's Finding Nemo JR.* (Nemo), *Elf The Musical* (Michael), *Mean Girls JR.* (Damien) and *The Addams Family Musical: Young@Part* (Pugsley). Jude would like to thank his parents for their support and for all the rides to rehearsal, his YAT teachers for helping him to become a better performer, and Mr. Robert and Mrs. Peck for this opportunity.

**Chloe Cotton** (Corny Collins Singer, Baltimorean/Helen, Matron Understudy, Dance Captain), the daughter of Sarah Cotton and Andrew Cotton, is a homeschooled ninth grader. She is an active member of Young Actors Theatre where she appeared in their productions of *Annie* (Mrs. Greer/Ensemble) and *Disney's Beauty and the Beast* (Sausage Curl Lady). An avid reader who loves to garden and play the guitar, she performed in *The Addams Family Musical: School Edition* (Alice) at Making Light Productions and in *The Music Man* (Ensemble) at Leon High School. Chloe would like to send a special thanks to her parents for always supporting her and driving her places; to her sister, Sophia, for tolerating her; and to Ms. Anna for always believing in her.

**Owen Darden** (Edna Turnblad), the son of Sonja Darden and Kevin Darden, is a 2025 graduate of Leon High School, where he participated in Leon Thespians and Amitié (French Club). A member of Young Actors Theatre, he has performed with Studio Singers and appeared in the theatre's productions of *Disney's Beauty and the Beast* (Lumiere), *Mean Girls High School Version* (Damien Hubbard), *Pride and Prejudice* (Lady Catherine de Bourgh), *Pippin* (Theo) and *Chicago: Teen Edition* (Master of Ceremonies). Owen would like to thank his parents for their unwavering support and YAT for his theatre education. This fall Owen plans to pursue Cosmetology at Lively Technical College with a long-term goal of specializing in wig design.

**Emmett Elliott** (Link Larkin, Fender), the son of Kelly Elliott and Justin Elliott, is an eleventh grader at Leon High School where he is a member of Capital Singers and Thespians. He is an active member of Young Actors Theatre, having appeared in their productions of *Chicago: Teen Edition* (Billy Flynn), *Disney's Beauty and the Beast* (Lumiere), *Sweeney Todd* (Tobias) and *13* (Archie). He also performed in the Leon High Drama Department production of *Tartuffe*, playing the role of Damis. Emmett would like to thank Mrs. Peck, Robert and Anna for giving him this opportunity; his YAT teachers; and his mother, Jessica Cavanagh, Isabel Rina and Andre Peele for all the lessons they have given him. All of them are the reason he performs.

**Ashley Faris** (Tammy), the daughter of Alison and Eric Faris, is a 2025 graduate of Lawton Chiles High School where she was active in Chiles Dance Marathon (Executive Board Morale Chair) and Timberwolves United. She participates in Young Actors Theatre where she was seen in *Chicago: Teen Edition* (Roxie Hart), *Disney's Beauty and the Beast* (Belle), *Romeo and Juliet* (Lady Capulet), *Mean Girls High School Version* (Gretchen) and *Little Women* (Amy). Ashley is the Co-Founder of Together Tallahassee, and she serves as the organization's Social Media Manager and Outreach Coordinator. She also completed an internship at Goodwood Museum and Gardens. Ashley would like to extend a big thank you to her family for supporting and encouraging her love of performing. This fall Ashley plans to attend Florida State University and major in Communication Sciences and Disorders.

**Omega Forbes** (Seaweed J. Stubbs), the son of Taneka and Omega Forbes, is a senior at Amos P. Godby High School where he is active in Black History Brain Bowl, Student Government Association, Key Club and Thespians. With the Godby Players he has performed in *Shrek The Musical* (Shrek), *Disney's Descendants The Musical*, *Monty Python's Spamlot: School Edition* and *Rumpelstiltskin*. A member of Distinguished Young Gentlemen of America, Inc., Omega enjoys photography. He would like to express his gratitude to Godby High School's Mrs. Lundgren for introducing him to so many wonderful opportunities like *Hairspray*. He also sends a heartfelt thank you to his mother for always supporting him through every endeavor. And he also sends a final thanks to The Jeffersons, who are just like family, for their unwavering support.

**Regina Garcia Soto** (Corny Collins Singer, Baltimorean/Evelyn), the daughter of Fernando Garcia and Mayte Garcia, is a 2025 graduate of Lawton Chiles High School where she was active in Theatre, Chorus (Belle Chantique) and Thespians. A member of Young Actors Theatre, she appeared in the theatre's productions of *Chicago: Teen Edition* (Mary Sunshine), *Disney's Beauty and the Beast* (Belle), *Carousel* (Julie Jordan) and *Sweeney Todd* (Johanna). She would like to thank her parents, Renata, Skai and McKenna for always giving her their endless love and support. This fall Regina plans to attend TSC before transferring to FSU to continue her love of performing arts.

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# BIOGRAPHIES

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**Zola Geyer** (Tracy Turnblad, Matron), the daughter of Emily and Grant Geyer, is a homeschooled senior and is appearing in her fourth Leon High School Choral Department musical. She has been seen in *The Music Man* (Marian Paroo) and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (Narrator) and *Disney's Beauty and the Beast* (Ensemble) with Leon Chorus; *Firebringer* (Jemilla) and *Ride the Cyclone* with Making Light Productions; and *A Christmas Carol* (Fan Scrooge) with NRM Productions. Zola, the President of Thespian Troupe 11452, volunteers at the Grove at Canopy where she plays music for the residents. She loves to write songs, and she plays the guitar, violin, piano and ukulele. In her spare time, she loves to make jewelry. Zola would like to thank her sister, Niva, and her parents for being her biggest fans; Dr. Carla Conners, Christian Collins and Brady Foley for helping her prep for this role and all her teachers at Making Light for supporting her through her theatre journey. @zolaallengeyer

**Ishayu Gupta** (Cameraman, Baltimorean/Aravind), the son of Ravindra Gupta and Sudeshna Aich, is a tenth grader at Rickards High School, where he is active in Model United Nations, Science Olympiad, Tennis and Chess Club. He was most recently seen in *Something Rotten Jr.* (Nick Bottom), *Firebringer* (Snarl), *Chicago: Teen Edition* (Sgt. Fogarty) and *Shrek* (Donkey) all with Making Light Productions. Ishayu enjoys reading, playing pickleball and baking. He would like to extend a special thanks to his parents.

**Isabella Hanselman** (Penny Pingleton), the daughter of Kiera Hanselman and Michael Hanselman, is a senior at Leon High School where she is involved in Thespians (Vice President), Capital Singers and Madrigals. At Leon High she appeared in *Disney's Beauty and the Beast* and *The Curious Savage* (Lily Belle Savage). A lover of anything creative, Isabella is a member of Young Actors Theatre, performed in *Chicago: Teen Edition* (Mary Sunshine), *Carrie* (Sue Snell) and *Disney's Beauty and the Beast* (Silly Girl). Isabella would like to thank her family and friends for always encouraging her to be herself and chase her dreams!

**Sam Hardy** (Fly Captain), the daughter of Samuel Hardy, is a senior at Leon High School where she participates in Technical Theatre, Chorus and Thespians. She has enjoyed being a Teacher Assistant to Mrs. Peck. Sam has worked on Leon's summer musical productions of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and *The Music Man* (Fly Crew). In her spare time, she enjoys learning to play the piano and she enjoys painting. Sam would like to thank her friends for all their support.

**Eden Hatfield** (Sound Board Assistant), the daughter of Julie and William Hatfield, is a senior at Leon High School where she is active in Art Club and Theatre Tech. Last year she served as the Light Board Operator for Leon's production of *The Music Man* and she participated in the 2023 summer production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. In her spare time, she enjoys drawing, writing and reading. Eden extends a special thanks to her family and all of her lovely theatre tech friends!

**Jaliah Houston** (Thad), the son of Tiffany and Elijah Houston, is a 2025 graduate of Leon High School where he was active in Leon Thespians, performing in *The 39 Steps* (Chief Inspector Albright), *Merry & Bright* (Grandpa), *Cheaters* (Cal) and *Love's and Labour's Lost* (Katherine). Active in YPD (Youth and Children People Division) at AME Church, he is employed at FSU College of Music. Jaliah would like to extend a special thanks to his parents, family and friends. This fall Jaliah will attend Florida State University and major in Communications.

**Nolan Howard** (Duane), the grandson of Hyacinth Archibold, is an eleventh grader at Leon High School where he is a member of Capital Singers, Mane Event, Thespians and the Tennis Team. He enjoys editing, thrifting and listening to music. Nolan appeared in the Leon High Choral Department's productions of *The Music Man* (Ensemble) and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (Ensemble). He has also been seen as Young Simba in Apalachee Elementary School's production of *Disney The Lion Kids*, the Narrator in Wanderlust's production of *Into the Woods* and as Charlie in North Florida Christian School's *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. Nolan would like to thank his grandmother and sister for their utmost support; the *Hairspray* cast and production team; and his mother who has loved him unconditionally and given him the reason to go on.

**Tallist Jean** (Gilbert), the son of Saprecia Jefferson and William Jefferson, is a senior at Godby High School where he participates in Thespian, National Honor Society (Vice President), Key Club and Student Government Association. With the Godby Players he has been seen in *The Void* (Mike). In his spare time, he enjoys stepping, cutting hair and acting. Tallist would like to thank his family and the village around him for pushing him to the best of his ability.

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**Amanda Johnson** (Corny Collins Singer/Baltimorean/Jacqueline), the daughter of Annie and JD Johnson, is a 2025 graduate of Lawton Chiles High School where she participated in National Honor Society, International Thespian Society and Chiles Drama Club (Social Media Manager). At Chiles, she performed in *Mary Poppins* (Mrs. Brill), *Antigone* (Eurydice/Costume Designer), *Anastasia: The Musical* (Paulina/Ensemble), *Radium Girls* (Diane Roeder) and *All Shook Up* (Ensemble). Amanda enjoys sewing and fiber crafts, graphic design and designing costumes. She would like to send a special thanks to her teachers and directors for teaching her so much and to her family and friends for always believing in her. This fall Amanda will attend Troy University to pursue a degree in Graphic Design. She will continue to perform.

**Nolan Johnson** (Brad), the son of Darcie Johnson and Ryan Johnson, is a senior at Leon High School where he is active in Capital Singers, Madrigals and Leon Thespians. A member of Young Actors Theatre, he has appeared in the theatre's productions of *Chicago: Teen Edition* (Billy Flynn), *Disney's Beauty and the Beast* (Gaston), *Finding Nemo Jr.* (Bruce) and *Mean Girls High School Version* (Aaron). The Co-Creator and Co-Host of *The Late Knight and Nolan Show*, an internet show on Instagram, Nolan has also appeared in the Leon Theatre production of *The 39 Steps* (Various Roles). Nolan sends special thanks to all his family and friends for supporting his theatre journey.

**Reagan Jones** (Wardrobe Assistant), the daughter of Katie Scherдин, is a 2025 graduate of Leon High School where she was active in Capital Singers, Mane Event, Madrigal Singers and Prelude. She appeared as a wife in Leon's 2023 summer production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. In her spare time, Reagan enjoys thrifting, singing and working at Other Side Vintage. She would like to thank Ms. Peck for always believing in her and all the students. With her kindness, generosity and amazing knowledge, Ms. Peck always made Reagan feel loved and appreciated. This fall Reagan will attend TSC before transferring to FSU to major in Business.

**Zoey Jones** (Dynamite/Baltimorean/Cindy Watkins), the daughter of Renae Rollins, is a junior at Leon High School where she is active in Thespians (Production Team), Leon Chorus, Mane Event and Leon Theatre. She has performed in the Leon Choral Department's production of *The Music Man* (Ensemble) and in Leon Theatre's *The 39 Steps* (Pilot #1). In her spare time, Zoey enjoys reading and making music. She would like to thank her wonderful family and friends for always being so supportive!

**Parker Kinch** (Lou Ann, Dance Captain), the daughter of Abby Kinch and Chris Osmar, is an eleventh grader at Leon High School where she is active in Leon Chorus (Opus) and Leonettes. A competitive dancer who enjoys reading and participating in local community theatre, she has appeared in several annual productions of *A Christmas Caro* (Want/Party Guest/Laundress/Spirit Summoner), a production of NRM Productions, at Faith Presbyterian Church. She has also appeared in the Leon High School Choral Department's productions of *The Music Man* (Featured Dancer) and *Disney's Beauty and the Beast* (Napkin/Featured Dancer). Parker would like to thank her teachers at Sharon Davis School of Dance; her best friend, Nora; her parents and her sister, Paige.

**Dean Lacy** (Corny Collins Singer, Baltimorean/Harold), the son of Jay and Lonnie Lacy, is a senior at Lincoln High School where he is active in Thespians, French Club, Jazz Fest and Continental Singers. He has performed in Lincoln's productions of *Hadestown: Teen Edition* (Worker) and *Black Comedy* (Harold), and he was seen in last year's Leon High production of *The Music Man* (Ensemble). Dean would like to extend a special thank you to Mrs. Wesolowski and Mr. Leaman.

**Madi Luther** (Spot Operator 1), the daughter of Lynn Muldoon, is an eleventh grader at Leon High School where she is active in Leon Theatre and Theatre Tech. Past performances include *Tartuffe* and *The 39 Steps* (Stage Manager). In her spare time, she enjoys playing video games, reading and making music. Madi would like to send a special thanks to her best friend, her mother, Lynn!

**Harper McWilliams** (Fly Crew), the daughter of Courtney Benedix, is a sophomore at Leon High School where she is active in the Technical Theatre program. She has performed in Raa Middle School's productions of *Legally Blonde The Musical JR.*, *The Addams Family Musical: Young@Part* (Tech/Stage Crew) and *Shrek The Musical JR.* (Stage/Tech Crew). She enjoys many activities, most notably fiber arts. Harper would like to thank her mom and the friends she has made in Leon's Technical Theatre program.

**Paige Martin** (Baltimorean/Camilla), the daughter of Antoinette Farmer, is a sophomore at North Florida Christian School where she is active in Varsity Sideline Cheer, Varsity Competition Cheer, National Junior Honors Society, Praise Band and Drama. She has been seen in *Disney's The Little Mermaid* (Ursula), *Willy Wonka* (Violet), *Frozen* (Queen Iduna) and *Madagascar* (Gloria the Hippo). Paige enjoys acting, traveling and watching movies. She would like to thank her mom for supporting her and Mrs. Scott and Ms. Lilley for helping her prepare for her audition.

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**Dylan Miller** (Props Assistant), the daughter of Betsy Miller and Don Miller is a ninth grader at Leon High School. A graduate of Cornerstone Learning Community, she enjoys playing the guitar, rock climbing and reading. Dylan wants to thank her cat Squish for the emotional support.

**McKenna Noel** (Velma Von Tussle), the daughter of Farra Noel and Tom Noel, is a 2025 graduate of Leon High School where she was active in Capital Singers (President), Student Government Association (Committee Head) and TRI-M Musica Honor Society. She was seen in Young Actors Theatre's productions of *Chicago: Teen Edition* (Velma), *Pride and Prejudice* (Kitty), *Mean Girls High School Version* (Cady), *Little Women* (Meg) and *Carrie* (Chris). A member of YAT, McKenna enjoys swimming and hanging out with her friends. She sends a special thanks to her parents and to her best friend, Ashley. In the fall McKenna plans to attend FSU and major in Business.

**Julia Oliver** (Baltimorean/Ida), the daughter of Andrea Oliver and Eddie Oliver, is a junior at Leon High School where she participates in the Leon Band, Thespian, Science National Honor Society and National Honor Society. She enjoys baking, reading and drawing, and was seen in Leon Theatre's production of *Tartuffe* (Acolyte). Julia would like to thank her family for supporting her creative and academic endeavors.

**Penelope Pasqualone** (Wardrobe Assistant), the daughter of Laruen Pasqualone, is a tenth grader at Leon High School where she is active in Thespians, Model UN and Anchor. A member of Young Actors Theatre, she appeared in their productions of *Annie* (Ensemble) and *Mean Girls High School Version*. Penelope would like to thank Mrs. Marshall for always inspiring!

**Kyla Peck** (Props Manager), the daughter of Tabitha and Tim Peck, is an eighth grader at Cobb Middle School where she is an active member of Junior Beta Club, Percussion, FCA and SWAT (Students Working Against Tobacco). Kyla has appeared as Amaryllis in Leon's Summer Musical production of *The Music Man* and as Young Fiona in Fairview Middle School's production of *Shrek The Musical JR*. She enjoys playing the piano as well as participating in her church's youth group and youth band. Kyla would like to thank her parents; her sister, Adelyn and all her friends for helping and encouraging her.

**Zyan Ramos** (Mr. Pinky, Baltimorean/Peter, Corny Collins Singer, Prison Guard), the son of Egda Claudio, is an eleventh grader at Florida High where he is active in Thespians, Art Gala and Spanish Honor Society. He has appeared in his school's productions of *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* (Schroeder), *Guys and Dolls* (Benny Southstreet) and *Legally Blonde The Musical* (Grandmaster Chad). Zyan was also seen as Hans in *Frozen Jr.* and Ryan Evan Disney's *High School Musical* both with Stage 11. Zyan enjoys sculpture, painting and cooking. He would like to thank his family for always supporting him and his friends, for coming to all his shows.

**Colson Reinholt** (Link Larkin, Fender), the son of Casie and Rob Giddens and Kristi and Josh Reinholt, Colson is an eleventh grader at Lawton Chiles High School where he participates with Thespians and has appeared in the school's productions of *Mary Poppins* (Neleus/Valentine), *Antigone* (Chorus, Hoplon) and *Anastasia: The Musical* (Featured Dancer). An avid reader, he was seen in *Mean Girls High School Version* (Kevin G) at Young Actors Theatre. Colson would like to thank his family and all his friends for always being supportive and loving. An extra thanks to his mom for helping him audition for this show while he had a fever of 104!

**Kaden Revell** (IQ, Dance Captain), the son of Kimberly and Lawrence Revell, is a 2025 graduate of Lawton Chiles High School where he was active in Drama Club (Board), National Honor Society, Thespians and Musical Theatre 4 class. He has performed in several Chiles High productions including *Mary Poppins* (Bert), *The Lighting Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical* (Grover) and *Anastasia: The Musical* (Romanov). Kaden, who he enjoys taking dance classes and swimming, was in the ensemble of Leon High's *The Music Man* last summer. He would like to send a special thanks to his family and friends for their support. In the fall, Kaden will attend FIU and will pursue a B.F.A in Musical Theatre.

**Kinsley Revell** (Brenda, Corny Collins Singer), the daughter of Kimberly and Lawrence Revell, is a 2025 graduate of Lawton Chiles High School where she was active in Drama Club (Senior Officer), National Honor Society, Thespians and Culinary Class (1-3). She has performed in several Chiles High productions including *Mary Poppins* (Teddy Bear/Ensemble), *Antigone* (Chorus Antigone), *Radium Girls* (Grace Fryer) and *The Lighting Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical* (Auntie Em/Medusa). She was also seen in *Cinderella Youth Edition* (Fairly Godmother) at Quincy Music Theatre and in the Leon High School Choral Department's production of *The Music Man* (Ensemble). When not on stage, Kinsley enjoys roller skating and baking. She would like to thank her family for always encouraging her to be better than she believes she is, and she would like to thank her lovely friends and castmates. In the fall, Kinsley will attend TSC to achieve her AA while deciding where her next step will take her.

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**Wyatt Ritter** (Corny Collins Singer, Baltimorean/Albert), the son of Rachel Ritter, is an eleventh grader at Community Leadership Academy where he is a Class Representative, a member of the Track Team and active in the National Honor Society. Active in his Church Youth Group and community theatre, Wyatt has appeared in *Damn Yankees* (Henry/Eddie) and *Disney's Descendants The Musical* (Carlos) with Quincy Music Theatre and *Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical* (Mr. Wormwood) and *The SpongeBob Musical* (Squidward) with Stage 11. Wyatt would like to send thanks to his family, his best friend and to God.

**Ava Rodriguez** (Backstage Mic Tech), the daughter of Joanna Rodriguez and David Rodriguez, is an eleventh grader at Lawton Chiles High School where she is a member of Chorus, Thespians and National Honor Society. Actively involved in technical theatre Ava has participated in *The Lighting Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical* (Sound Board Operator), *Anastasia: The Musical* (Sound Crew Head/Sound Board Operator), *Antigone* (Assistant Stage Manager/Sound Crew Head/Projections) and *Mary Poppins* (Sound Crew Head/Sound Board Operator) all at Chiles High. In her free time, she loves to read and participate in her church's youth group. Ava would like to thank her family and friend, especially Jack, Camille, Parker, Gabby and Adalynn for everything they have helped her accomplish. Love you all!

**Campbell Ruff** (Council Member Sketch), the son of Allison Ruff and Michael Ruff, is an eleventh grader at Maclay School where he is active in Together Tallahassee, International Thespian Society (Best in Show and Critic's Choice), Multicultural Appreciation Club and Dance Technique class. Campbell has appeared in Maclay's productions of *No, No, Nanette* (Billy Early), *Blue Stockings* and *Into the Woods*. He was also seen in the Young Actors Theatre production of *The Wizard of Oz*. Campbell takes ballet and hip-hop classes at Sharon Davis School of Dance, is active at his church (Youth Group, Choir, Praise Band) and enjoys weightlifting. Campbell would like to thank his parents who support him in his training and on his journey to becoming an actor.

**Zack Ruis** (Wilbur Turnblad), the son of Sheree and Glenn Ruis, is an eleventh grader at Leon High School where he is active in Thespians, Capital Singers and Mane Event. He appeared as Tommy Dillas in last year's summer musical, *The Music Man*. Zack has also appeared in *The 39 Steps* (Richard Hannay) and *Tartuffe* (Orgon) as presented by Leon Drama. He enjoys hanging out with his friends, listening to music and eating. Zach sends special thanks to his family and his girlfriend, Maria, for inspiring him.

**Kaia Schnippert** (Mic Tech), the daughter of Jenn and Matt Schnippert, is a 2025 graduate of Leon High School where she was active in Theatre Tech, having worked on Leon's productions of *The Music Man* and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. In her spare time, Kaia enjoys reading and cooking.

**Knight Sissle** (Baltimorean/Cornelius), the son of E. Marie Sissle and Noble Sissle, is an eleventh grader at Leon High School where he participates in Capital Singers, Guitar and Thespians. An active member of Young Actors Theatre, he appeared in the theatre's productions of *Disney's Beauty and the Beast* (LeFou), *Carrie* and *Finding Nemo Jr*. He was also seen in *Alice in Wonderland* at SAST. Knight would like to thank his mom, dad and many friends for their love and continued support.

**Jenna Sokolow** (Council Member Shelley, Dance Captain), the daughter of Dena Sokolow and Jim Williams, is an eleventh grader at Leon High School where she is active in Leon Chorus, Thespians and Dance Marathon. You may have seen her in last summer's production of *The Music Man* (Zaneeta Shinn). Jenna is a member of Young Actors Theatre and was most recently in their production of *Chicago: Teen Edition* (Annie). She has performed in *Parade* (Mary Phagan) and *A Christmas Carol* (Fan) NRM Productions and *Tartuffe* (Marianne) with Leon High Drama. Jenna extends a huge thanks to Ms. Anna, Mr. Robert, Ms. Smith and Mrs. Peck for this amazing experience. She would also like to thank her friends and family for their invaluable support.

**Courtney Stokes** (2nd Assistant Stage Manager), the daughter of Felicia Stokes and Clifford Stokes, Jr., is a 2025 graduate of Leon High School where she was active in Student Government (Senior Class President), National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta and Science Honor Society. At Leon High she was the Lead Sound Engineer for PAWS, the on-call spot operator for last year's musical production of *The Music Man* and the Lead Sound Engineer for *The Curious Savage*. A participant of Youth Leadership Tallahassee, Courtney enjoys gardening and playing the piano. She would like to thank her family for always supporting her in her various endeavors. Their unwavering love is what pushes her to make them proud. This fall Courtney will attend FSU and major in Information Technology with a minor in Business Administration.



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**Isla Welge** (Tracy Turnblad, Matron), the daughter of Niki and Billy Welge, is a senior at Maclay School where she is a Student Ambassador and active in the National Honor Society, International Thespian Society and Key Club. A member of Young Actors Theatre, Isla performs with Studio Singers and has appeared in the theatre's productions of *Disney's Beauty and the Beast* (Mrs. Potts), *Sweeney Todd* (Mrs. Lovett), *Little Women* (Beth) and *The Addams Family Musical* (Wednesday Addams). Isla sends a special thanks to her family for supporting her every step of the way. She also extends a big thanks to the Young Actors Theatre staff, to Dr. Carla Connors and to Jessica Cavanagh for their training, love and support.

**Victoria Wetherington** (Prudy Pingleton), the daughter of Lanisha and Ron Wetherington, is a junior at Leon High School where she is active in Leon Chorus, Mane Event, Thespians and the Capstone Program. She has appeared in many productions including *The 39 Steps* (Mrs. McGariggle) with Leon Drama; *Shrek The Musical JR.* (Dragon) with SCMS; *A Christmas Carol* (Ignorance) with NRM Productions and Leon Choral Department's productions of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (Wife) and *The Music Man* (Maud Dunlop). Tori enjoys volunteering at Lively Technical College Daycare, reading and driving her VW bug. She would like to send special thanks to her friends as well as to the *Hairspray* Production Team.

**Nathaniel Williams** (Stoobie), the son of Carlton Williams and Andrea Williams, is a 2025 graduate of Amos P. Godby High School where he was active in Student Government Association (Student Body President), Thespians and Key Club (Vice President). With the Godby Players he was seen as in *Shrek The Musical* (Lord Farquaad), *Disney's Descendants: The Musical* and *Chicago: Teen Edition*. A cast member of Leon High's 2023 production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, he is also a member of the Tallahassee chapter of Distinguished Young Gentlemen of America. Nathaniel would like to thank his family for being supportive, and his theatre teacher, Mrs. Lundgren, for encouraging him to audition. This fall Nathaniel will study theatre at TSC and then transfer to FAMU.

**Hilton Williamson** (Corny Collins), the son of Amie Williamson and Rob Williamson, is an eleventh grader at Florida State University School where he is active in Thespians (District Chair), Chess Club (Founder and President) and Competition Team for Astronaut Challenge. He is currently enrolled in four Advanced Placement classes, and he still finds time for archery, vocal lessons with Dr. Carla Connor and playing in his band, Thursday Weather (Founding member). Hilton has appeared in *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* (Snoopy) and *Guys and Dolls* (Nathan Detroit) with Florida High; *The Music Man* (Ensemble) at Leon High; *Firebringer* (Grunt) with Making Light Productions and *A Christmas Carol* (Benny) with NRM Productions. He would like to send a special thanks to his parents, his vocal coach and the wonderful production team.

**Aamyria Wright** (Lorraine), the daughter of Anitra Thomas, is an eleventh grader at Leon High School where she is a member of Leon Chorus (Opus, Cantabile) and Thespians. She has appeared in *The 39 Steps* (Pilot #2) with Leon Drama and *Catch Me If You Can* (Betty/Featured Ensemble) with Stage 11. In her spare time, Aamyria enjoys reading, piano and crafting. She would like to thank her mom, for being the best mom and supporter she could ever hope to have. I love you mama! She also wants to thank her friends and family for cheering her on.

**Eden Wright** (Corny Collins Singer, Baltimorean/Marjorie), the daughter of Melissa Wright and Robert Wright, is a 2025 graduate of Leon High School where they participated in Capital Singers (Secretary), Melodears and Thespians. With Leon Thespians they appeared in *The 39 Steps* (Pamela Edwards), *The Curious Savage* (Fairy May) and *Cheaters* (Madison). Eden played Ariel in the Stage 11 production of *Disney's The Little Mermaid* and Mrs. Paroo in the Leon High Choral Department's production of *The Music Man*. Eden enjoys voice acting, singing and painting. They would like to thank their friends, family and boyfriend for all their love and support. Eden plans to major in Musical Theatre at University of West Florida.

**Ava Zupofski** (Spot Operator 2), the daughter of Cherie Pinsky and Chrsis Zupofski, is a junior at Lawton Chiles High School where she is active in Art and Digital Art, Theatre Tech, Thespians and Drama Club. In addition to working tech for various school events, Ava has worked on several productions including *Mary Poppins* (Sound/Set Crew), *Antigone* and *The Lighting Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical* at Chiles High and *Legally Blonde The Musical JR.* at Deerlake Middle School. She loves drawing digitally, staying at home playing video games such as Persona 5 and sleeping as much as possible. Ava would like to thank Ms. O and the amazing Chiles High Theatre Department.



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## Production Team Biographies

**Lee Commander** (Orchestra Coordinator) currently oversees the Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Jazz Bands, Percussion Ensemble and the Marching Redcoats. All the ensembles at Leon High School have maintained Superior ratings at both the district and state levels under his direction, and have earned outstanding accolades, including the prestigious Otto Kraushaar and Jack Crew Awards. Ensembles under his instruction have performed as featured ensembles at The Southeastern United State Band Clinic in Troy, AL and at the Florida Music Education Association (FMEA) Conference in Tampa, FL. During his time as the Director of Bands, he has added Instrumental Lesson's Academy where students can receive one-on-one instruction from professionals in the area and he established a scholarship endowment for students continuing study in post-secondary education. Mr. Commander has been involved with the Leon Summer Musical since 2016 where he worked as a performer, rehearsal coach for the pit and as a conductor. Mr. Commander holds an Honorary Membership to Tau Beta Sigma and Kappa Kappa Psi. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Award from Tau Beta Sigma in 2021 for his work as a Southeast District Counselor, and in 2022 was awarded a Citation of Excellence from the National Band Association. His other professional associations include the National Association for Music Education (NAME), The Florida Music Education Association (FMEA), The National Band Association (NBA) and the Florida Bandmasters Association (FBA).

**Janelle Dixon** (Stage Manager) is grateful for the opportunity to stage manage the summer musical this year. A proud Leon High School and TSC graduate, Janelle was the Stage Manager for Leon's 2024 musical *The Music Man* and she appeared in the 2022 production of *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*, where she was showcased as a featured dancer. A highlight of her high school years was being an active member of the Leon High Technical Theatre program. When she is not working on productions, she works at Yasou Café- Fresh Mediterranean. She would like to thank Robert, Peck, Anna, and the rest of the production team for trusting her and believing in what we can do.

**Stephan "Jack" Jammer** (Set Designer and Master Carpenter) is a local scenic designer and carpenter who is honored to have his work on the Leon High School stage! A homeschool man himself, funnily enough, this project has the unique distinction of being the most time he has ever spent in a high school before. Jack's other design and carpentry work can be seen around the Big Bend area, including productions of *Firebringer* (Making Light Productions), *Disney's Aladdin JR* (Quincy Music Theatre), *Henry IV Part 1* (Southern Shakespeare) and *Fences* (Theatre Tallahassee). He would like to thank his wife and Captain, Brennan Jammer, for her eternal support and love.

**Aiden Kagy** (1st Assistant Stage Manager) is a local student going into his second year at Tallahassee State College. He has been performing onstage and helping backstage in community theatre since middle school. His most notable appearances come from his ensemble work in *Reefer Madness*, *All Shook Up* and *Anastasia*. He has also been seen as Damis in *Tartuffe*, Gabe and Hades Percy Jackson: *The Lightning Thief Musical* and Constable Locke in *The Music Man*. His technical experience ranges from Spotlight Technician (*Cinderella*) to Director and Stage Manager (*Radium Girls*).

**Lindsay Kramer** (Lighting Designer) is a first-year M.F.A. candidate in Lighting Design at Florida State University, from Charleston, South Carolina. In 2024, she earned her B.F.A. in Theatre Design and Production from Coastal Carolina University. During her time at CCU, Lindsay served as the lighting designer for productions such as *Three Sisters*, *Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella*, *Urinetown*, and their *Beckett and Durang One Acts*. Additional notable credits include Assistant Lighting Designer for *the USITT 2025 Mainstage* in Columbus, Ohio, and for *Les Misérables* at the Charleston Gaillard Center. She would like to thank her family, mentor, and friends for their support and hopes you enjoy the show!

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**Anna Norris** (Choreographer/Costume Co-Designer) is thrilled to return to the Leon Summer musical team for her fifth summer show! As a performer, Anna has been seen onstage as Roxie in *Chicago*, Blanche in *Jane Eyre*, Bebe in *A Chorus Line*, Sarah Brown in *Guys and Dolls*, and Nikki in *Curtains*, along with other featured dance roles. Favorite choreography credits include *Anything Goes* and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. (Brookwood School), *Grease* and *Disney's The Little Mermaid* (QMT), *The Drowsy Chaperone* (Theatre Tallahassee), *The Music Man*, *Anastasia*, and *Disney's Beauty and the Beast* (Leon High School), and *A Christmas Story* (New Stage Theatreworks). She also co-teaches musical theatre at Holy Comforter Episcopal School and choreographed their productions of *Matilda The Musical JR.* and *Disney's Beauty and the Beast JR.* Anna studied dance locally at Sharon Davis School of Dance, The Dance Studio, and Florida State University, and competed in dance competitions across the country. She is a proud Lincoln High School alum and participated in the Leon summer show when she was in high school. By day, Anna consults with school districts and state departments of education on their academic and literacy strategy as a member of the TNTP team. She holds a BA in Music and American Studies and an MPA from FSU with concentrations in Non-Profit Management and Education Policy.

**Laurinda Norris** (Costume Co-Designer) is excited to costume *Hairspray* and to work with this amazing cast and crew. She began costuming to participate in her family's involvement in the theater community. Her lifelong love of sewing and creating led to working on costumes for several shows. Favorites include *Guys and Dolls* at Lincoln HS, *Ragtime*, and *The Music Man* at Leon High School. Laurinda is happily retired. Thanks to Tabitha, Robert, and Anna for this incredible opportunity and to the families of these amazing student performers for sharing them with us this summer. Special thanks to the wonderful group of sewers who made so many beautiful costumes possible.

**Tabitha Peck** (Producer, Musical Director, Orchestra Director) is the Director of Choral Activities at Leon and Fine Arts Department Chair, where she teaches Capital Singers, Madrigals, Melodears, AP Music Theory, keyboarding, and Technical Theatre. She is a proud graduate — and former marching band Drum Major — of James S. Rickards High School and holds a B.M.E. & M.M.E. in Choral Music Education from the FSU College of Music. She studied voice under Janice Harsanyi (undergraduate) and Roy Delp (graduate). Under her direction, ensembles have performed at the Florida ACDA conference, the FLACDA President's Concert, the FMEA President's Concert, and the Southern Region ACDA Conference, and have received "Choir of Distinction" titles at the FVA State Music Performance Assessment. She has presented sessions at the FMEA Conference on the topics of Music Theory and a cappella music. She is active in Leon's Thespians, selecting and assisting with musical numbers that represent Leon. These musical numbers have often been chosen "Critic's Choice" and "Best in Show" at the District and State level. While at Leon, Mrs. Peck has founded the national award-winning pop a cappella group "The Mane Event". She also founded and developed the Theatre Tech program, which develops the skills necessary for facilitating all productions and performances in the Leon Performing Arts Theatre — the home to Leon County's most comprehensive Performing Arts program. She is the LPAT manager, overseeing upwards of 120 events/concerts in "LPAT" each season. Students from Mrs. Peck's choir and tech theatre programs have consistently gone on to place in collegiate voice, music education, music therapy, musical theatre, and technical theatre programs. Former students have performed on Broadway, Broadway National Tours, and in Opera Houses throughout the United States and Europe. Mrs. Peck has been active in leadership with FMEA, FVA, and ACDA throughout her professional career, along with membership in USITT and NAFME. She is currently serving as FVA District 3 Treasurer and is a member of the Executive Board for Florida ACDA. Mrs. Peck enjoys adjudicating choirs, performing as a soloist (her favorite roles to date are the Witch in *Into the Woods* and Mrs. Potts in *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*) and raising her two beautiful daughters with her husband Tim.

# BIOGRAPHIES

**Tim Peck** (Sound Designer) is thrilled to return to mix another Leon Chorus Summer Musical! Tim completed a Master of Divinity Degree from Asbury Theological Seminary in May 2025, and enters his eighth year as Worship Arts Director for Thomasville First Methodist Church (Thomasville, GA). A Tallahassee native and resident, Tim holds a Bachelor of Music Education from FSU (Choral); in his eight-year teaching career, he spent seven years as Chorus/Guitar Director at Fairview Middle School and three years teaching High School Sound Engineering/Technical Theatre. Tim has been at the sound console for Leon Musicals since 2008, most recently for *The Music Man* and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Additional experiences on sound or in the pit include Lincoln HS, Quincy Music Theatre, and Thomasville's Brookwood Academy. Tim is proud to support his wife Tabitha for another stellar production!

**Maggie Smith** (Assistant Music Director), a native of Louisville, KY, is excited to return for her fourth year as the Assistant Music Director for the summer musical! She is currently the Associate Director of Choral Activities at Leon High School, the Director of Choral Activities at Elizabeth Cobb Middle School, and the Director of Music Ministries at First Presbyterian Church in Quincy, FL. She has called Tallahassee home since 2016. She received her B.M. in both Vocal Performance and Music Education from the University of Kentucky and her M.M. in Vocal Performance from Florida State University. Maggie has performed in variety of operatic and musical theatre roles and still loves to be on stage when she has a chance. She has also been a featured soloist with Tallahassee Community Chorus and Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra. Maggie is a self-acclaimed Disney Adult, four-time full marathoner, competitive functional fitness athlete, and she loves spending any free time with her family, friends and her dachshund, Bristol Annie.

**Robert A. Stuart** (Director/Prop Designer) A native of a Tallahassee, Robert holds a B.A. in English Literature and an M.S. in Theatre Education, both from The Florida State University. Prior to his retirement in 2020, he taught theatre for thirty years in Tallahassee at Lincoln High School, Lawton Chiles High School (2001 Teacher of the Year), Young Actors Theatre (Artistic Director) and Tallahassee State College. He has performed in over seventy productions, most recently as Mrs. White in *Clue! The Musical* at Quincy Music Theatre. Mr. Stuart has been seen as Barry Glickman in *The Prom* (New Stage Theatreworks); Bernard in *Don't Dress for Dinner* (Favorite Actor Mainstage Play Award Winner) at Theatre Tallahassee; Miss Trunchbull in Quincy Music Theatre's *Matilda The Musical* and as The D'Ysquith Family in Theatre Tallahassee's *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder*. Other theatrical roles include *The Drowsy Chaperone* (The Man in the Chair), *La Cage Aux Folles* (Albin/ZaZa), *The Producers* (Roger DeBris), *To Kill a Mockingbird* (Bob Ewell), *Sordid Lives* (Brother Boy), *Shrek the Musical* (Lord Farquaad), *My Fair Lady* (Henry Higgins), *Hairspray* (Edna Turnblad) and *August: Osage County* (Charlie). In his spare time, he enjoys making props for theatre productions, baking and traveling. His over eighty directing credits include: *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, *Into the Woods*, *Much Ado About Nothing*, *Noises Off!* and *The Pirates of Penzance*. Mr. Stuart directed the Leon High School Choral Department's productions of *The Music Man* and *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*.

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## *Congratulations Amy'ria*

It's been such a joy watching your talents flourish over the years.  
To see you take the stage doing what you love is such a blessing!  
Keep aiming for the stars babygirl, Mommy loves you!

Congratulations little sis, keep shining bright...I love you, Faith!

Congratulations, Grandma is so proud of you! Continue to reach  
your goals. You'll always be my Dancer...Love you always!

**Brooke**  
**BAUM**

as  
**Amber**  
**VON**  
**TUSSELE**

"Mama, I'm a  
big girl now!"





## Zyan Ramos-Claudio

To the little boy with a spark  
that could light the stars...  
DREAM BIG and let your  
shinning light lead the way.  
The stage is yours, always!  
Te amamos y estamos muy  
orgullosos de ti siempre!  
Mami, Dario, Zer, Luna y Abuela.



*"You've got something special, Colson.  
And it's not just that hairdo."*



*Colson,*

WE LOVE WATCHING YOU LIGHT UP THE STAGE. YOUR COURAGE, PASSION, & TALENT ARE INSPIRING.  
WE ARE SO PROUD OF THE INCREDIBLE YOUNG MAN AND PERFORMER YOU ARE BECOMING.

*...Love Always...* MOM, ROBDAD, CALEB & SHIMMER

**TO OUR SWEET  
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HOLY MOLY! WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU.  
YOU ARE PURE SUNSHINE AND BRING JOY  
TO EVERYTHING YOU DO.  
SING YOUR HEART OUT AND NEVER HOLD  
BACK! KEEP BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS,  
DREAMING BIG, AND LOVING BOLDLY.



**MOM, DAD  
& MAXIMUS**





ZOLA,

IT BRINGS US JOY  
TO SEE YOU DOING  
WHAT YOU WERE  
MADE TO DO.  
KEEP PURSUING  
YOUR GOD-GIVEN  
PASSIONS.  
BREAK A LEG!

WITH MUCH  
LOVE,  
GRANDMA  
AND THE  
MATHEWSONS



Break a leg to two of the funniest people we know!  
Nothing but love for you two ♥ your Thurs. fam aka Ron &  
Lanisha





# Jenna!



Your dance moves stuck with us like Ultra Clutch hairspray,  
long-lasting and unforgettable!!



We are so proud of your role as not only dance captain but also as Shelley, keep shining your light!

Love, Aunt Jenny & Nanny & Pop Pop!

Bravo, Amanda!

Your creativity and passion  
continue to amaze us. We  
are so proud of everything  
you've done on and off the  
stage. Keep dreaming big –  
we are always cheering you  
on!

With love,  
Your Family



The world is  
not big  
enough to  
contain  
your  
Sparkle-  
keep shining  
VW!



Love, your ultimate groupies,  
Mom and Dad



We love you to the moon and back!  
Love, Dad and Mom

NAOMI

You light up our lives and make  
our days wonderful. We're so  
proud of you on stage and off!



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# AUTOGRAPHS

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# shoutouts

## CAST



Thank you to my best friend Lili and my sister Lily for always being there for me and a special shoutout to Brooke, Isla, Coleson, Bella, Tori, and the production team for being so welcoming and encouraging. Love, Wyatt

Tori & Nolan, so thankful to do another summer show with you! Love you, J

To all the nicest kids thanks for a great summer!

Ms Peck, Ms Smith, Robert, and Anna - thank you for everything it was great to work with all of you! - Nolan Johnson

Go Kyla Go Go Go!!! <3 Mom and Dad

Katelyn aka "BK" keep killing it in the pit!

To Robert, Tabitha, and Maggie: Thank you for being the greatest partners in creating art. Can't wait for next year!

"GO SPECIAL S SQUAD!!!" -tori,aamyria,zoey,and nolan

Shout out to our super sewers who made multiple items: Syd, Lea, Wanda, Penelope, Laurinda, and Amanda. We could not have done this without you!

You can't stop the beat of Naomi's heart! Break a leg!! - Campbell

In loving memory of Damien Middleton, the dance teacher who taught me how to dance with my whole heart, and that you truly can't stop the beat.

Thank you to our amazing sewers: Lea, Susan, Amanda, Penelope, Kiera, Syd, Wanda, and Katherine. Your work is SO appreciated! Best, Laurinda

We Love You Ms. Anna! Love, your Nicest Kids

Roll Call! Break a leg to all the Nicest Kids in town.

"Our Big Break!" - Campbell







# Leon Chorus



"Tradition in a Song"

## 2025-2026 CONCERT DATES

Parent "Informance"	9/8/25 6pm @LPAT	all choirs
Fall Concert	10/20/25 6pm @LPAT	all choirs
Treble Day	11/5/25 6pm @ FSU	all S/As
Caps Masterwork	11/18/25, 6pm @place TBA	just Caps
PAWS	12/12&13/2025, 7pm @LPAT	all choirs
TB Day	1/27/26 6pm @ CHILES HS	all T/Bs
Pre-MPA	2/17/26 6pm @Faith Pres.	all choirs
MPA	3/3&4/2026, time tba @Faith	all choirs
St. Thomas More	4/14/26 7pm @St. Thomas More	just Caps
POPS	5/1/26 6pm @LPAT	all choirs

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#### Reasons to donate to LFM, Inc.

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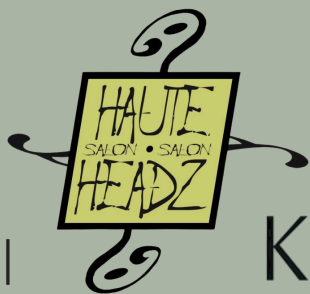


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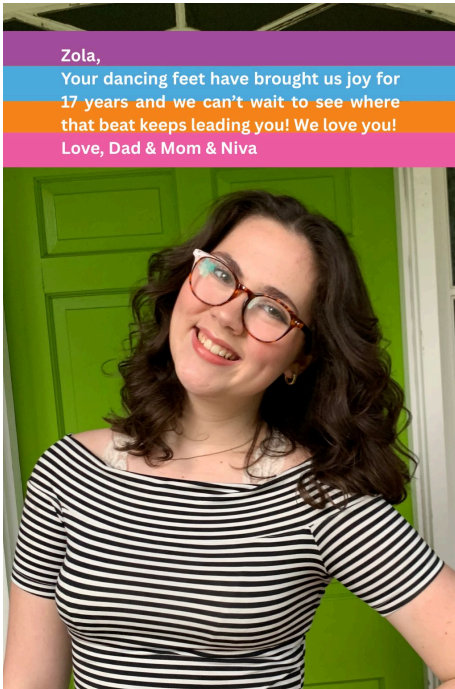
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1990	The Pajama Game	2019	Aida
1991	The Music Man	2021	Anastasia
1992	Brigadoon	2022	Beauty and the Beast
1993	Fiddler on the Roof	2023	Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat
1994	Hello, Dolly!	2024	The Music Man
1995	The Gondoliers	2025	Hairspray

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