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# Seussical JR.

Music by **Stephen Flaherty**

Lyrics by **Lynn Ahrens**

Book by **Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty**

Co-Conceived by **Lynn Ahrens, Stephen Flaherty and Eric Idle**

Based on the works of **Dr. Seuss**

Music Supervised, Adapted and Produced by **Bryan Louiselle**

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## Synopsis & Musical Numbers

The Cat in the Hat narrates the story of Horton the Elephant who discovers a speck of dust containing tiny people called the Whos. Horton must protect the Whos from a world of naysayers and dangers, and he must also guard an abandoned egg that’s been left in his care by the irresponsible Mayzie La Bird. Although Horton faces ridicule, danger and a trial, the intrepid Gertrude McFuzz never loses faith in him. Ultimately, the powers of friendship, loyalty, family, and community are challenged and emerge triumphant!

“Oh, The Thinks You Can Think!” .....	The Cat in the Hat, Jojo, Company
“Horton Hears a Who” .....	The Cat in the Hat, Jojo, Horton, Bird Girls, Jungle Citizens
“Biggest Blame Fool” .....	Sour Kangaroo, Young Kangaroo, Horton, Wickershams, Jungle Citizens, Gertrude
“Biggest Blame Playoff/Gertrude McFuzz” .....	Sour Kangaroo, Wickershams, Jungle Citizens, Gertrude
“Here on Who” .....	Horton, Mr. and Mrs. Mayor, Jojo, The Grinch, Whos
“How to Raise a Child” .....	Mr. and Mrs. Mayor
“Oh, The Thinks You Can Think! (Reprise)” .....	The Cat in the Hat, Jojo
“It’s Possible (Part 1)” .....	Jojo, Company
“It’s Possible (Part 2)” .....	Jojo, Company
“Alone in the Universe” .....	Horton, Jojo
“The One Feather Tail of Miss Gertrude McFuzz/Amazing Mayzie” .....	Gertrude, Mayzie, Bird Girls
“Amazing Gertrude (Part 1)” .....	Gertrude
“Amazing Gertrude (Part 2)” .....	Gertrude, Bird Girls
“Monkey Around/Chasing the Whos” .....	Wickershams, Horton, Sour Kangaroo, Bird Girls, The Cat in the Hat, Vlad Vladikoff, Whos
“Notice Me, Horton” .....	Gertrude, Horton
“How Lucky You Are” .....	Mayzie, The Cat in the Hat
“Mayzie’s Exit/Horton Sits on the Egg/ Dilemma/Hunters” .....	Horton, Bird Girls, Gertrude
“Egg, Nest and Tree” .....	Sour Kangaroo, Horton, Jungle Citizens, Hunters, Bird Girls
“Sold/Mayzie in Palm Beach” ....	Horton, Mayzie, The Cat in the Hat, Company
“Mayzie at the Circus” .....	Mayzie
“Amazing Horton” .....	Horton, Mayzie
“Alone in the Universe (Reprise)” .....	Horton
“Solla Sollew” .....	Horton, Jojo, Mr. and Mrs. Mayor, Circus Animals
“Gertrude/Espionage (Part 1)” .....	Gertrude
“Gertrude/Espionage (Part 2)” .....	Gertrude
“All for You” .....	Gertrude, Dr. Dake (The Cat in the Hat), Bird Girls, Horton
“The Whos Return/The People Versus Horton the Elephant (Part 1)” .....	Company
“The People Versus Horton the Elephant (Part 2)” .....	Company
“Yopp!” .....	Company
“Alone in the Universe (Reprise)” .....	Horton, Gertrude
“Oh, The Thinks You Can Think! (Finale)” .....	Company
“Green Eggs and Ham (Bows)” .....	Company



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## Cast

The Cat in the Hat ..... JULIANNA STEPHENS  
Horton ..... ZACHARY GRAHAM  
Jojo ..... SAM WATTS  
Mr. Mayor ..... SYDNEY REYNOLDS  
Mrs. Mayor ..... LYDIA WHITE  
Sour Kangaroo ..... DAISY LAWRENCE  
Young Kangaroo ..... OLIVIA WILSON  
Mayzie ..... TRU HILL  
Gertrude McFuzz ..... EDIE TIDD  
Bird Girls ..... ELLIE YEATER, GRACE WILSON, KITEARA SINNETT,  
CHARIS MACE, EMILY SWANEY, ABBY MULLINS  
Wickershams ..... OWEN TIDD, JARED REAM, NIKOLAS CAMERON,  
CLAY BURROWS, LIAM TIDD  
Yertle the Turtle/Jungle Citizen ..... Philip Wilson  
The Grinch/Who ..... Landen Stengel  
Vlad Vladikoff/Jungle Citizen ..... Blaine Tuttle  
Jungle Citizens ..... HARPER GRACE LAWRENCE, DAYNE WIGAL,  
FREELYN WIGAL, BASTET ZYLA, NIKKI HART, EVIE SCHAEFFER  
Citizens of Whoville ..... KATELYN THOMAS, CLARE WALKER, ZOE DAUGHERTY,  
LAUREN SEXTON, GRETCHEN DOWLER, JOSIE SWANEY,  
KATHERINE MICHAEL, MAEGHAN O'NEILL, ATHENA ROOT,  
EMMA HARRIS, OCEANNA SEEBAUGH, AVERY MCCLUNG, ELIJAH CLARK

## Staff & Crew

Director ..... ROBIN WHITE  
Assistant Director ..... DREW WILLIAMS  
Music Director ..... SHERRY BRAID  
Rehearsal Pianist ..... ABIGAIL WILSON  
Choreographer ..... HELEN REILLY  
Assistant Choreographer/Dance Captain ..... MICHAEL REAM  
Technical Director ..... ROD ODEN  
Costume Coordinator ..... LYNDA HANNUS  
Makeup Coordinator ..... CONNIE KNOTTS  
Hair Coordinator ..... CARRIE TIDD  
Stage Manager ..... HANNAH WHITE  
Assistant Stage Managers ..... MCKENZIE CAMERON, SARAH MICHAEL  
Lighting Operator ..... AARON HARDY  
Sound Operators ..... CARTER CURRY, CONNOR WALKER  
Spot Light Operators ..... ABIGAIL DAVIS  
Stage Crew ..... MORGAN BARCHETT, ECHO FULL,  
ALETHEA KOSKEY, ELIAS MACE, ADDISON THOMAS  
Hair/Makeup Crew ..... WENDI CALTRIDER, CONNIE DOWLER KNOTTS,  
ALICE LAWRENCE, BECKY SINNETT, TRISHA SWANEY,  
SHANNON TUTTLE, RUTHIE WHITE, ABBIE WILSON, MISTY WILSON  
Costume Crew ..... CAROLINE AFFOLTER, EMILY DUCKWORTH, RYAN HANNUS,  
BARBARA REAM, HALEY THOMAS, HEATHER THOMAS, MISTY WILSON  
Playbill Layout and Design ..... BRETT MEADE

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## A Letter from the President



IT WAS THE SUMMER OF 2005, and director Robin White asked me to join the cast of *Seussical*. I have to admit that I had a lot of fun playing the part of a Wickersham brother. Truly, it is a joy to see Robin White take up his role as director once again, and it is a joy to know that the children who are able to participate in Guild Builders have a chance to have the same fun I had all those years ago.

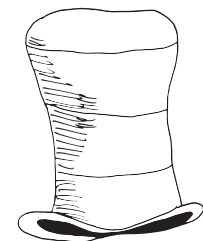
My participation this time has been limited to helping build the set, but considering the fact that these children are talented enough to sing, and dance, and act, and run lights, and build, and paint, and work as the stage crew, I think they deserve all the applause you can give them. Theater is a demanding conglomeration of arts and talents, and I think, because of these performers and techies, I can honestly say that we will have generations of theater for many decades here in the Mid-Ohio Valley.

While the arts are constantly under attack by being cut from the educational system and government cutbacks, we at the Guild offer what we can to help fill the gaps. However, no matter how self-sufficient we strive to be, every volunteer, every patron, every member of our community helps keep the Guild Builders at the Actors Guild of Parkersburg alive.

I don't know if you had the chance to see the Actors Guild production of *Seussical* ten and a half years ago, but it was something special and unique to our theater. I think Dr. Seuss would have given us a thumbs up, and I know you will love this production from our Guild Builders. Who better to showcase the works of Dr. Seuss than the children whose hearts and minds are touched by such wonderful advice and made-up words?

Perhaps one day we will meet in the city of Solla Sollew, "where they never have troubles / at least very few." Perhaps, together, even in this theater as we watch Horton make his way through a world of troubles, we may find it.

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## Director's Note

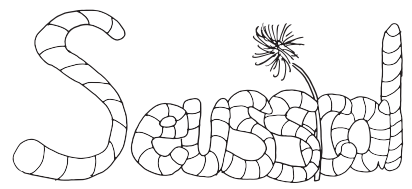
**M**ANY YEARS AGO I DIRECTED my first show at the Actors Guild which just happened to be *Seussical*. I was blessed with an incredible cast and crew to help me get through my first production as director and together we went on to win the Khalil Award that year for the best production at the Guild. To have a chance to come back and revisit the show again with the Guild Builder kids is a privilege and a challenge. The challenge comes in not just recreating what we did before - but to give the show a fresh spin. As we planned the aspects of the production, we talked a lot about this, and I'm excited about what we are bringing to the stage.



The Guild Builders kids always amaze me. Their enthusiasm to create a show is so motivating to me as a director. It allows me to treat them just like I would an adult cast and to challenge them in every aspect of the production. The production team has done the same thing. When you set high expectations for these kids, they definitely rise to them. There are many examples of this in this production. The technical team has done an excellent job researching and thinking through many creative elements of the production design. I was so impressed when I met them and they presented the set concept and the elements that they incorporated, and it has been exciting to see their plan come to life. Musically, this show is what I like to call a beast! It is music from start to finish filled with harmonies, key changes, intricate rhythms, etc. From auditions forward, I have been beyond impressed with their commitment to learning this music beyond their abilities.

A program like Guild Builders cannot be successful without a group of adults to keep things in line. As a director, this is a blessing...and sometimes a curse because I have to be on my toes! *Seussical JR.* is only alive on stage because of Sherry, Helen, Drew, Barbara, Rod, Lynda, Connie, Carrie, Alice, Becky, Hannah, Emma, and so many more that have made it possible. I enjoy working with this group so much because of their belief in the kids and how much we can challenge them. They totally embrace the Dr. Seuss quote, "And will you succeed? Yes you will indeed! (98 and 3/4percent guaranteed).".

**ROBIN WHITE**  
Director, *Seussical JR.*



# Who's Who in the Cast & Crew

**MORGAN BARCHETT** (Technical Crew - Backstage Crew) likes archery and is in the eighth grade at Jackson Middle School. She participates in the Robotics group at Ohio Valley University, and she is looking forward to going to Parkersburg High School next school year. This is Morgan's second season with Guild Builders, and she enjoys being part of the program.

**CLAY BURROWS** (Wickersham Brother) is a second year Guild Builders student. He is in the ninth grade at Parkersburg South High School where he is part of the freshmen choir and Madrigal Ensemble. Clay also plays varsity soccer and is a member of Student Council. During his time in the Guild Builders, Clay has been a part of *My Son Pinocchio JR.* He also has taken part in the Actors Guild Production of *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* as well as many school and church productions.

**MCKENZIE CAMERON** (Technical Crew - Assistant Stage Manager), daughter of Michael and Monique Cameron and sister of Nikolas Cameron, is a ninth grader at Warren Local High School, where she is an Honor Roll student and participates in Science Olympiad, sings in Warren Local High School's choir and excels at art. This is her final year of Guild Builders having performed in *My Son Pinocchio JR* in 2015 [Pesca], *Annie JR.* in 2014 [Boleyn Sister, Hobo, Nun], *The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley JR.* in 2013 [Go-Go Dancer], and *Kilroy Was Here!* in 2012 [Service Personnel, Western Union Messenger]. McKenzie's previous acting experience includes *The Hobbit* as the First Elf Guard at the Mid-Ohio Valley Play-

ers Theatre in 2014 as well as the Missoula Childrens Theatre's production *The Wiz of the West* in 2012 [Munchkin]. She also performed in Barlow-Vincent Elementary's operettas: *Robin Hood, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Cinderella, and Alice in Wonderland.* McKenzie assists with teaching shooting sessions in Bull's Eye Shooting Club [4-H] where she has held a club office and won many blue ribbons over the years. McKenzie thanks her mom and dad for their help with her extra busy schedule and taking her to weekly rehearsals.

**NIKOLAS CAMERON** (Wickersham Brother), son of Michael and Monique Cameron and brother of McKenzie Cameron, is a sixth grader at Warren Middle School, where he is a straight A student and participates in the Talented & Gifted program and Science Olympiad, plays drums in the school's band, and competed in the spelling bee. Nikolas performed in the Guild Builders production of *My Son Pinocchio JR* in 2015 as Junior and *Annie JR.* in 2014 as the apple seller, servant, and part of the ensemble. Nikolas has been in Boy Scouts for the past six years. He is a patrol leader for his troop and earned his Arrow of Light and the Supernova award in 2014. He has played soccer with Ohio Valley Soccer League for the past seven years, and he enjoys swimming and hockey. He also loves shooting in Bull's Eye Shooting Club [4-H] where he has won many blue ribbons. This is Nikolas's third year participating in Guild Builders and thanks his parents for all of their love and support!

**ELIJAH CLARK** (Who) is in his second year with Guild Builders. He is

11 years old and in the sixth grade at Hamilton Middle School. He plays the trumpet in the school band and is learning to play the guitar and fiddle from his dad. Elijah was in last year's Guild Builders production of *My Son Pinocchio JR.* where he portrayed a Town Child and a Boy in Idyllia. He also was a sailor in the Missoula Children's Theatre production of *Aladdin.*

**CARTER CURRY** (Technical Crew - Sound Operator) is a seventh grader at Hamilton Middle School. He enjoys playing video games - particularly Minecraft. Last year Carter was also the sound operator for *My Son Pinocchio JR.* Carter is a huge fan of school buses.

**ZOE DAUGHERTY** (Who) is in her second year with Guild Builders. She is a sixth grader at Waverly Elementary School. Zoe has been in the Missoula productions of *Wiz of the West, Blackbeard, Pinocchio,* and in last year's Guild Builders production *My Son Pinocchio JR.* She takes ballet, tap, and hip hop dance classes; plays the violin and the clarinet; is a member of the Smoot Theatre Children's Choir; and loves to read in her free time.

**ABIGAIL DAVIS** (Technical Crew - Spot Light Operator) is a very active 12-year old who swears she never has a day to sleep in. She is currently in the seventh grade at Jackson Middle School. Abigail is part of the Smoot Theatre Children's Chorus where she is a member of the newly formed Girls Ensemble as well as the Awana's Club and Girl Scouts. She has a second degree brown belt in karate, and she loves dancing at Tina's Dance Studio. Abigail loves her cat Charlie, dog Reese, two fish So-Hon and Mitskuni, and her two hermit crabs, Michelangelo and Leonardo. Her favorite ani-

mals are gorillas, and her favorite color is purple. This is her second year in the Guild Builders program as part of the technical crew.

**GRETCHEN DOWLER** (Who) is 14 years old and in the eighth grade at Parkersburg Catholic High School where she is co-president of her class. This is her fifth year in Guild Builders, as she played Gina and Talia in last year's production of *My Son Pinocchio JR.*, Tessie in *Annie JR.*, Bluebird in *The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley JR.*, and part of the backstage crew in *Kilroy Was Here!* She enjoys playing video games, watching YouTube video, singing, and dancing in her free time. She also likes spending time with her family and friends. Gretchen thanks her parents, family, PCHS friends, Guild Builders friends, and her Uncle Bill for their encouragement.

**EMILY DUCKWORTH** (Technical Crew - Costumes) attends Parkersburg High School as a ninth grader. This is her third year in Guild Builders after playing Orphan Rose in *Annie JR.* and Fairy Celeste in *My Son Pinocchio JR.* This year Emily decided to do something different in the Guild Builders. She has always loved to sew so she asked to join the costume crew to help make all of this year's costumes. Emily's other interests include crafting, sewing, and knitting. She thanks the Guild Builders for making it possible for her to become a costumer.

**ECHO FULL** (Technical Crew - Backstage Crew) is in her third year of Guild Builders having been Sandy's Wrangler in *Annie JR.* and part of the Backstage Crew for *My Son Pinocchio JR.* She is an eleven year old sixth grader at Jackson Middle School. She loves Manga and Anime!

**ZACK GRAHAM** (Horton), age 13, is an eighth grader at Ravenswood Middle School. Zack is in his fifth year as a Guild Builders student. He has been a spotlight operator for *Kilroy Was Here!*, Napoleon in *The Musical Adventure of Flat Stanley JR.*, FDR and part of the ensemble in *Annie JR.*, and Signore Alcamo and a Pig in last year's Guild Builders production of *My Son Pinocchio JR.* Zack also portrayed Peachfuzz in the Missoula Children's Theatre's production of *Blackbeard the Pirate*, Candlewick in their production of *Pinocchio*, and Sinbad in their production of *Aladdin*. Additionally, he was the leader of Darth Vader's troops in Camp Curtain Call's production of *Star Wars: A Whole New Hope Parody*. Zack really enjoys Guild Builders.

**AARON HARDY** (Technical Crew - Light Board Operator) is an eighth grader at Jackson Middle School and is in his fifth year of Guild Builders; previously he was the assistant stage manager for *Annie JR.* and *My Son Pinocchio JR.* and light board operator for *The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley JR.* Other theatre credits include *King Arthur's Quest*, *Hansel and Gretel*, and *Oliver*. Aaron plays the alto saxophone in his school band and is a Boy Scout with Troop 20.

**EMMA LEIGH HARRIS** (Who) is excited to return to Guild Builders after being a Town Child and Delinquent in last year's production of *My Son Pinocchio JR.*, a part of the Ensemble in *Annie JR.*, and a Cool Kid in *The Musical Adventure of Flat Stanley JR.* For the Actors Guild's production of *The Secret Garden*, she portrayed Jaz, a ghost child. She is 13 years old and is a homeschooled seventh grader. She has eleven years of dance experience in which she dances ballet, jazz, tap, and

modern. Emma also has IMDB credits for being an extra in *Pro Wrestlers vs Zombies*, blond girl in *The Axman of Henderson County*, and an actress and camera person in *Virus of the Dead*.

**NIKKI HART** (Jungle Citizen) is in her second year of Guild Builders this year after being a Town Child and Delinquent in last year's production of *My Son Pinocchio JR.* She has a special love of dancing and has been dancing since she was four years old. Nikki was a part of the Missoula Children's Theatre production of *Pinocchio*. She is an eighth grader at Belpre Junior High and also a student at Tina's Dance Studio. She wants to thank her Mom for waking up early on her day off and bringing her to Guild Builders. Nikki also thanks her family and friends for all of their support.

**TRU HILL** (Amazing Mayzie) is excited about performing in her fifth Guild Builders production. Previously Tru portrayed the Blue Fairy in *My Son Pinocchio JR.*, Orphan Pepper in *Annie JR.*, a bird in *The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley JR.*, and a hostess in *Kilroy Was Here!* She is in the ninth grade at Ritchie County High School where she was scheduled to play the Wicked Witch of the West in last year's school production of *The Wizard of Oz*, *The Great and Powerful* until the performance was canceled by the school. Tru loves dancing and singing, and she hopes to be on Broadway someday. She loves learning how to play new instruments and plays the clarinet in the concert and marching bands at school. Tru is excited to be a part of another "amazing" Guild Builders performance.

**ALETHEA KOSKEY** (Technical Crew-Backstage Crew) joins Guild Builders this year. She is excited to be able to

work on the Tech Crew and learn how to build the set for this year's production. She loves participating in the Guild Builders program. Welcome Theat

**DAISY LAWRENCE** (Sour Kangaroo) is a freshman at Parkersburg High School. In her years in Guild Builders, she has played Miss Hannigan in *Annie JR.* (her favorite role so far); Agent June Forrest in *Kilroy Was Here!*; Dr. Anne in *The Musical Adventure of Flat Stanley JR.*; and a Roustabout, Signora Giovanni, and Maria in *My Son Pinocchio JR.* She has been in multiple shows through Missoula Children's Theatre and is an alumnus of the original Smoot Theatre Children's Chorus. This summer Daisy enjoyed being in the Actors Guild's production of *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer the Musical*. Daisy was one of three freshmen chosen to sing with the PHS A Cappella Choir this year. Currently Daisy dances with the Mid-Ohio Valley Ballet Academy as a company apprentice. Although this is Daisy's last year in the Guild Builders program as a student, she wants everyone to know that she won't easily go. She will be back next year as a student assistant. Daisy wants to thank her Mom for always being supportive and giving her rides to her various commitments.

**HARPER GRACE LAWRENCE** (Jungle Citizen) is a third year Guild Builder; two years ago she played Orphan Molly in *Annie JR.* and last year she portrayed Francesca and an Idyllia child in *My Son Pinocchio JR.* In the past, Harper Grace enjoyed playing Young Fiona in the Guild's production of *Shrek the Musical*. A sixth grader at Hamilton Middle School, Harper sings with her school choir and plays first chair flute in her school band. She has participated in several Missoula Children's Theater

and Mid-Ohio Valley Ballet Academy productions. Harper is an alumnus of the Smoot Theatre Children's Chorus. She LOVES Guild Builders and wants to thank her favorite role model, her sister Daisy, for always being there for her. She wants to tell the ninth graders of the program that she will miss them when they are gone next year.

**CHARIS MACE** (Bird Girl) is a seventh grade homeschooler. Last year Charis portrayed Esmeralda, the Green Fairy, in *My Son Pinocchio JR.* In prior years in the Guild Builders, she has portrayed Orphan Hazel in *Annie JR.* after being a spot light operator for *The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley JR.* Charis enjoys writing, blogging, and dancing at the Mid-Ohio Valley Ballet Company. She also enjoys making stop motions with her American Girl dolls. Charis especially wants to thank her parents and grandparents for their support, as well as the Guild Builders staff, directors, and tech crew and everyone coming to see the show!

**ELIAS MACE** (Technical Crew - Backstage Crew) is in his second year of the Guild Builders program. Last year Elias worked backstage in *My Son Pinocchio JR.* where he especially loved making Pinocchio's nose grow while he was inside the whale. Elias is a homeschooled fifth grader who is obsessed with Legos. He attends Shaolin Martial Arts studio where he is a first-degree brown belt in the Junior Black Belt class. Elias enjoys fishing, skateboarding and football.

**AVERY MCCLUNG** (Who) enjoys reading, writing, listening to music and drawing. In the sixth grade, this is her fourth year in Guild Builders having played a town child and a delinquent in last year's production of *My Son Pinocchio JR.*, Orphan Lucy in



*Annie JR.*, and part of the backstage crew for *The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley JR.* Recently Avery was a zombie in the Mid-Ohio Valley Players production of *Night of the Living Dead*. Avery wants to thank her best friend Venia who lives in Finland.

**KATIE MICHAEL** (Who) wants to be an actress and is thankful to be a part of Guild Builders again this year. She is twelve years old and in the sixth grade. Katie's favorite color is violet, her favorite food is French fries, her favorite holiday is Thanksgiving, and her favorite season is fall. She enjoys acting, reading, writing, and singing.

**SARAH MICHAEL** (Technical Crew – Assistant Stage Manager) joins her sister Katie in Guild Builders again this year (her other sister's name is Crissy). She was the Light Board Operator in *My Son Pinocchio JR.* last year and held the position of Sound Board Operator for *Annie JR.* Sarah is 13 years old. She has four hamsters and three fish. Sarah enjoys being a programmer for her school's robotics team.

**ABBY MULLINS** (Bird Girl) is in her second year of Guild Builders after being in *My Son Pinocchio JR.* where she was Signora Rosati, an Idyllia Citizen, and a Delinquent. She is a seventh grader at Blennerhassett Middle School where she is involved in the school band and appeared in the school's production of *Charlotte's Web*. Abby also was involved with the Missoula Children's Theatre and performed in their production of *Blackbeard the Pirate*. She was previously a member of the Smoot Theatre Children's Chorus.

**MAEGHAN O'NEILL** (Who) is a fifth grader at Phillips Elementary in Marietta. This is her second year in Guild Builders after performing in *My Son*

*Pinocchio JR.* last year. She has also appeared in *Shrek the Musical* at the Actors Guild and *The Music Man JR.* and *Beauty and the Beast* at the Mid-Ohio Valley Players as well as *Aladdin* with Missoula Children's Theatre. Maeghan is a member of Phillips Elementary School choir and Marietta Children's Choir, studies dance with Jill Ruff, and studies voice with Jessica Baldwin. Maeghan scored the highest in the state of Ohio in the Royal Conservatory of Music Exams this year for Preparatory Voice.

**JARED REAM** (Wickersham Brother) returns for a fifth year after portraying Pinocchio in last year's production of *My Son Pinocchio JR.* Prior roles include five parts in the ensemble cast of *Annie JR.*, Arthur in *The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley JR.*, and government agent Horace in *Kilroy Was Here!* Other theatrical experiences include Missoula Children's Theatre productions, Camp Vaudeville, and the Actors Guild production of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* as an Oompa-Loompa. Jared is a brown belt in karate, takes piano lessons, and holds the rank of Airman First Class in the Civil Air Patrol (CAP). Jared is an eighth grade homeschooler. In addition to acting, he enjoys pottery and Legos.

**SYDNEY REYNOLDS** (Mr. Mayor) is returning for his third year at Guild Builders and is looking forward to playing Mr. Mayor in this year's production. He is a seventh grade honor student at Blennerhassett Middle School where he is involved in the theatre program and student council. Syd played Sid Sawyer in last summer's production of *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer the Musical* at the Actors Guild, and he enjoyed every minute of it. He is looking forward to being involved in many more produc-

tions with the Actors Guild. He asks you to sit back and enjoy the show because it is a wonderful one!

**ATHENA ROOT** (Who) is 13 years old. This is her third year in Guild Builders after portraying Fairy Arancia in *My Son Pinocchio JR.* and part of the ensemble of *Annie JR.* Prior theatrical performances include *The Wiz of the West* and *Home for the Holidays*. Athena has been in Honors Choir and has won a talent show or two, but says that none of those compare to the things she has been able to do in Guild Builders. She is very happy to be a Who!

**EVANGELINE "EVIE" SCHAFFER** (Jungle Creature) returns for her second year with Guild Builders after portraying a Town Child and Idyllia Child last year in *My Son Pinocchio JR.* She is a student at Mineral Wells Elementary School.

**OCEANNA SEEBAUGH** (Who) is a second year Guild Builders student. She is an eighth grader at Edison Middle School where she performs in the choir, is a Matmaid, and is a shot/disk thrower on the track team. Oceanna also actively takes part in the Builders Club and Raze Team at her school, and last year she was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society. She was a past cast member of *Flight 666: Dead on Arrival* and currently plays volleyball at Broadway Nazarene Church. She loves volunteering at the Stone Soup Kitchen.

**LAUREN SEXTON** (Who) is a seventh grade homeschooler participating in her third year of Guild Builders. Last year Lauren was a marionette in the cast of *My Son Pinocchio JR.*, and she was Stage Crew/Costume Assistant in the technical crew of *Annie JR.* In Lauren's free time, she likes playing the guitar and violin. Addition-

ally, she finds a lot of joy in dancing, crocheting, and playing with her cat Muffy. She is thankful for the support of her sister, Liz. Lauren is thrilled to be back for another season!

**KITEARA SINNETT** (Bird Girl) is an eighth grader at Williamstown High School where she plays the bass drum in the marching band and the snare drum, xylophone, and bass drum as percussionist in the concert band. She also is a member of the high school's percussion ensemble and the middle school and high school choirs. She is a 4.0 student and a member of the National Junior Honor Society at the high school. This 14-year-old is in her third year of Guild Builders. She portrayed Fox Mother, Delinquent, and Town Parent in last year's production of *My Son Pinocchio JR.* and Orphan Helen in *Annie JR.* She also was a part of the Smoot Theatre Children's Chorus, as well as being one of 293 students selected for the 2014 West Virginia All-State Choir. For multiple years, she was a member of the Wood County Schools Honor Choir. In her free time, Kiteara loves to write poetry and adventure fiction as well as play video games and listen to music. Her poem entitled "Fall's Colors" was published in the poetry book *Accolades*. She also had two poems published in last year's *Wood Whispers*. She loves to camp, kayak, and drive her four-wheeler (especially in the mud). She has a particular love of the mountains of West Virginia. Kiteara loves everything about theatre and is excited about this year's Guild Builders production!

**LANDEN STENGEL** (The Grinch) was born February 2002 in Portsmouth, Virginia. He is the son of Ed and Stephanie Stengel of Parkersburg, and he has a sister and two brothers. An eighth grader at Jackson Middle

School, this is Landen's fourth year in Guild Builders, having played Fiollo and Giuseppe in last year's production of *My Son Pinocchio JR.*, Mr. Bundles in *Annie JR.*, and sleepover guest Caleb in *The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley JR.* His favorite sport is soccer, and he loves to cheer on the Pittsburgh Steelers. Landen enjoys playing with his two dogs, playing video games and collecting movies. Over Thanksgiving break, Landen traveled to Arizona and California. While in California he walked the Hollywood Walk of Fame and stood on the red carpet at The Dolby Theater where the Oscars are held.

**JULES STEPHENS** (The Cat in the Hat) is in her third and final year of Guild Builders. Last year she portrayed the Fairy Gialla in *My Son Pinocchio JR.* She also played Cecille in *Annie JR.* She has been in *A Christmas Carol*, *Beauty and the Beast JR.*, and *Wizard of Oz* with the Mid-Ohio Valley Players. She is in her freshman year at Williamstown High School where she portrayed Princess Peppermint in *Haphazardly Ever After* with her theatre class. She would like to thank her family and her two best friends, Emily and Josie, for always supporting her big dreams of being on Broadway. Her performance is dedicated to her cat, Jimmy, who passed away on December 3, 2015.

**EMILY SWANEY** (Bird Girl), a 14-year-old, eighth-grade homeschooler, is in her third year of Guild Builders after being a Stringed Japanese Marionette as part of *My Son Pinocchio JR.* and a part of the Ensemble in *Annie JR.* She also portrayed Genie in the Missoula Children's Theatre production of *Aladdin*. Emily has a dream to be on Broadway. She loves music and the performing arts. She loves expressing herself on stage and mak-

ing people forget their problems and worries even if it is just for an hour or so. Emily loves that at every performance there is a person in the audience that realizes that they someday want to be on the stage. She wants to thank her Dad for driving her and her sister, Josie, to Guild every Saturday ("Thanks for paying for my McDonald's breakfast burritos!"); thanks to her Grandpa for taking her and Josie to Guild when Dad could not; and the rest of her family for inspiring her. She wants to thank her best friends Jules and Athena for inspiring her, making her laugh, and allowing her to come out of her shell. She also thanks her cousin Sam for joining the program. And lastly she thanks you, the audience, for supporting the cast and crew.

**JOSIE SWANEY** (Who) is in her second year of Guild Builders after portraying a Stringed Russian Marionette in last year's production of *My Son Pinocchio JR.* Josie is 13 years old and is a seventh-grade homeschooler. She wants to thank her sister Emily for everything she has helped her achieve. She also thanks her family for everything they have done.

**ADDISON THOMAS** (Technical Crew - Backstage Crew) joins the Guild Builders this year. Addison loves art, animals, anime, and television, and she is a huge fan of *Dr. Who*. Welcome Addison!

**KATELYN THOMAS** (Who) is a sixth-grade homeschooler and third-year Guild Builders student. Last year she was Leah, a child in Idyllia, in the Guild Builders production of *My Son Pinocchio JR.* She also portrayed Orphan Kate in *Annie JR.* She is excited about next year's Guild Builders production and thanks her sister for recommending the program to her.

**EDIE TIDD** (Gertrude) is a 9th-grade homeschooler participating in her fifth and final year of Guild Builders. She has enjoyed the diverse roles she has performed in her years in the Guild Builders program: Stromboli in *My Son Pinocchio JR.*; Grace Ferrell in *Annie JR.*; Mrs. Cartero in *The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley JR.*, and undercover agent Rona in *Kilroy Was Here!* Other acting opportunities have included Missoula Children's Theatre Productions at the Smoot and the role of Amy Lawrence in *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* at The Actors Guild. She enjoys singing, playing piano, playing cello with the Cello Company of Parkersburg, and dancing at the Mid-Ohio Valley Ballet Academy. She has danced for nine years in many ballets, and this year she performed as Clara in *The Nutcracker*. Edie would like to say that she has loved and grown from each day she has spent in GB, and wants to express to the staff and the fabulous friends she has made in this program (in true Wicked form), "Who can say if I've been changed for the better. But because I knew you, I have been changed for good."

**OWEN TIDD** (Wickersham Brother) is a 7th-grade homeschooler participating in his fourth year of Guild Builders. He has enjoyed every role he has performed at the Actors Guild, including the Guild Builders roles of Professor Buonragazzo in *My Son Pinocchio JR.*; Bert Healy in *Annie JR.*; and Jackson the sleepover kid in *The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley JR.* as well as the Actors Guild's roles of Colin in *The Secret Garden* and Ben Rodgers in *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. Other acting opportunities have included several Missoula Children's Theatre and Camp Vaudeville productions at The Smoot Theatre and his recent role as the

Nutcracker Prince in *The Nutcracker Ballet* with the Mid-Ohio Valley Ballet Academy, where he has danced for seven years. In addition to acting, Owen enjoys playing cello with The Cello Company of Parkersburg, playing piano, singing, and spending time with his family. He would like to say "I love you Mom and Dad!"

**LIAM TIDD** (Wickersham Brother) is a fifth-grade homeschooler participating in his first year of Guild Builders. After watching his siblings enjoy the program for the past few years, he has decided to join them, and he says he's so glad he did! Liam has performed in Camp Vaudeville productions at the Smoot, played in numerous cello concerts with The Cello Company of Parkersburg, and recently enjoyed dancing and acting as the role of Fritz in *The Nutcracker Ballet* with the Mid-Ohio Valley Ballet Academy, where he has danced and performed for five years. Liam loves spending time with his family and wants to thank them for taking him to all of his activities.

**BLAINE TUTTLE** (Vlad Vladikoff) plays the piano and violin. Last year he played the parts of Signore Marino, Bernardo, and a Roustabout in *My Son Pinocchio JR.* He also portrayed Drake in *Annie JR.* He is in the eighth grade at Williamstown High School where he is in the National Junior Honor Society and the strings program.

**CLARE WALKER** (Who) is in her third year of Guild Builders having been a Roustabout and Town Child in *My Son Pinocchio JR.* and a part of the ensemble cast of *Annie JR.* She has appeared in a variety of other local productions: *Music Man JR.* and *School House Rock Live JR.* at MOVV and Theatre de Jeunesse's

*The Pirates of Penzance*. She has also served in many technical roles including MOVP's production of *I Hate Hamlet*, *A Christmas Carol*, and *The Hobbit*. Clare participates in Williamstown Elementary School's cello program and is in the school choir.

**CONNOR WALKER** (Technical Crew - Sound Operator) is a fourth year Guild Builders technical crew member. He has appeared onstage in the Actors Guild production of *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* as well as the MOVP productions of *The Music Man JR.*, *A Christmas Carol*, *The Hobbit*, and *School House Rock Live JR.*; Theatre de Jeunesse's production of *Pirates of Penzance*; and Marietta College's production of *The Music Man*. Other productions for which Connor has performed technical roles include Actors Guild productions of *Shrek*, *9 to 5*, and *Sweeney Todd* and the MOVP productions of *Night of The Living Dead* and *I Hate Hamlet*. He also sings in the choir at Williamstown High School.

**SAMUEL WATTS** (Jojo) is a sixth grader at Wood County Christian School who returns for his second year in Guild Builders after portraying a Town/Idyllia Child in *My Son Pinocchio JR.* last year. He enjoys singing, public speaking, and performing on stage; outside of Guild Builders he has participated in *Pirates of Penzance*, school productions, and church performances. Other past times include tennis, swimming, and basketball.

**LYDIA WHITE** (Mrs. Mayor) is an eighth grader at Belpre Junior High School and is in her fifth year of Guild Builders. This is Lydia's first lead role. Last year Lydia was Lavanda, the fairy, in *My Son Pinocchio JR.* She also was Orphan Ruth in *Annie JR.*, a bird and

a Wannabe in *The Musical Adventure of Flat Stanley JR.*, and a hostess in *Kilroy Was Here!* Her acting career began early, appearing in *Seussical the Musical* at the Actors Guild when she was only three years old! She has also performed in the Actors Guild's productions of *Beauty and the Beast*, *The Wizard of Oz*, and *Godspell* as well as the Missoula Childrens Theatre's productions of *Hansel and Gretel*, *King Arthur's Quest*, and *Snow White*. She currently plays saxophone in the Belpre Pride Marching Band.

**DAYNE WIGAL** (Jungle Citizen) is in his first year in the Guild Builders program. He is nine years old and adores Dragon Ball Z and is a huge fan of Sonic the Hedgehog. He is a member of the Royal Rangers at the First Assembly of God where he has earned over five patches. Welcome Dayne!

**FREELYN WIGAL** (Jungle Citizen) is in her second year of Guild Builders. Last year she portrayed Rico and an Idyllia Child in *My Son Pinocchio JR.* She enjoys acting, makeup, math, and watching Connor Franta. She is the child of Chasity and Colby Wigal, two amazing parents. She sings in the church choir. Freelyn and her best friend, Hanna, like to make singing videos together.

**GRACE WILSON** (Bird Girl) is completing her sixth year in Guild Builders. A freshman at Parkersburg South, you'll usually see her on YouTube watching scary stuff or cat videos. Throughout her time in Guild Builders, Grace has appeared in *My Son Pinocchio JR.* as a Town Parent and Ringleader, *Annie JR.* as Orphan Dorothy, *The Musical Adventure of Flat Stanley JR.* as Bikini Wahini, *Kilroy Was Here!* as a hostess, and *Robin Hood the Musical* as a sword fighter

and follower. Additionally, Grace has been a part of the Actors Guild's productions of *Godspell* and *Beauty and the Beast*. She dedicates this performance to Tru, her best friend, and Rhino her hamster.

**OLIVIA WILSON** (Young Kangaroo) has been involved with the Missoula Children's Theatre productions of *Wiz of the West*, *Black Beard*, *Pinocchio*, and *Aladdin*. She has also participated in the 2012 Smoot Camp Vaudeville and in the Smoot Children's Choir in 2014. Her favorite show in which she has been a part is the Marietta College production of *The Music Man* in 2013. Olivia has been taking piano and voice lessons from Ms. Jessica Baldwin for four years. She has also been taking karate lessons and is currently working toward her purple belt. Olivia is proud to be part of this production. She would like to thank Mrs. Barbara Ream and Mr. Robin White for the wonderful experience she has had during her first year in Guild Builders. Welcome Olivia!

**PHILIP WILSON** (Yertle the Turtle) is a 14 year-old homeschooled student. This is his second year with Guild Builders. Previously, he was part of the technical crew for *Kilroy Was Here!* He has performed in several other shows, include The Actors Guild's production of *Tom Sawyer the Musical*; the Missoula Children's Theatre's productions of *Hansel and Gretel*, *Blackbeard the Pirate*, and *Aladdin*; and MOVP's *Little Women*. Philip particularly enjoys singing; he sings baritone with the Treblemakers barber shop group and takes voice and piano lessons with Jessica Baldwin. Apart from music, he is learning karate and works with his father on his grandparents' farm.

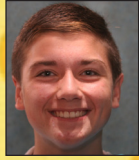
**ELLIE MARIE YEATER** (Bird Girl) is a second year Guild Builder. She attends Williamstown High School where she is a seventh grader and in the middle school choir. She enjoys acting, singing, horseback riding, and reading. She was the 2014 Junior Miss Parkersburg Homecoming Princess. Last year, Ellie portrayed Agata and Sporco in *My Son Pinocchio JR.* She has performed in several plays at the Players Theatre in Marietta: *Fiddler on the Roof JR.* as Shrintze; *Music Man JR.* as Alma Hix; *A Christmas Carol* as Bob Cratchit's daughter; and *Beauty and the Beast JR.* She was one of only seven children selected to act in Marietta College's production of *The Music Man* where she played Gracie Shinn. Ellie also performed in the Ensemble in *Les Misérable* at the Players Theatre in Marietta.

**BASTET ZYLA** (Jungle Citizen) is a first year Guild Builder. She is in the fifth grade at Madison Elementary School. Bastet has spent most of her life onstage, starting with her roles in the PHS productions of *Alice in Wonderland* and *Night of the Living Dead*. She takes dance at MOVV, and has been in its productions of *The Nutcracker* and *The Little Mermaid* and its summer arts camp's production of *Hansel and Gretel* (where she played Gretel). She performed with Missoula Children's Theatre productions of *Snow White*, *The Wiz of the West*, and *Blackbeard*. Bastet took the Smoot's Imagination Factor acting classes and was in their monologue performance (as the Wicked Witch), and she has participated in Camp Vaudeville for many summers. She was a member of the Smoot Theatre Children's Choir last year as well as her school choir. Bastet is an avid writer who enjoys science experiments, books of all kinds, and her cats, Fibonacci and Curie.

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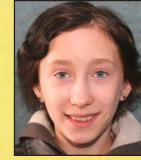
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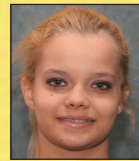
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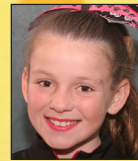
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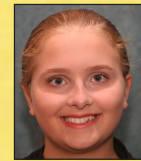
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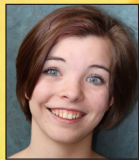
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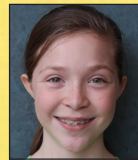
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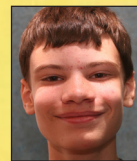
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# Staff & Student Assistants

**CAROLINE AFFOLTER** returns as a Student Assistant after participating in the program for six years. While in Guild Builders, Caroline portrayed Fairy Rosa in *My Son Pinocchio JR.*; the Dogcatcher and part of the ensemble in *Annie JR.*; the parrot and part of the ensemble in *The Musical Adventure of Flat Stanley JR.*; Vita Curtis, the photographer, and a hostess in *Kilroy Was Here!*; a juggler and a follower in *Robin Hood the Musical*; and Fyodor in *Fiddler on the Roof JR.* Caroline loves unicorns and turtles, and her favorite color is rainbow glitter. She sings in the Parkersburg South High School choir and lives on a farm with 10 horses and 8 dogs. She professes to love talking, eating, and sleeping.

**ASHLEY DOYLE** is a 17-year-old junior at Parkersburg High School and is very excited to be involved for her fifth year with Guild Builders! Her productions with the program include *Kilroy Was Here!* (Stage crew/props manager); *The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley JR.* (Cool Kid/Ensemble); *Annie JR.* (Ensemble); and *My Son Pinocchio JR.* (Student Assistant). Outside of Guild Builders, Ashley has worked with Theatre de Juenesse's *Camelot* (Stage Crew) and *Noises Off* (Assistant Stage Manager) along with the PHS Players' *The Wedding Singer* (Nancy Reagan/Ensemble), *Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind* (Various), and *The Haunting of Hill House* (Construction/House Crew). She is also the current treasure of Thespian Troupe #264. Ashley would like to thank her friends and family for their encouragement and support.

**ALYSSA KNIGHT** is a Junior at Parkersburg High School. There she is a part of the A Capella and Chamber Choir as well as the Thespian Troupe. Alyssa has performed in the Actors Guild productions of *The Addams Family*, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer the Musical*, and *Shrek the Musical*. She is very happy she got to come back to Guild Builders as a Student Assistant to help make *Seussical JR.* happen.

**NOAH MORETTO** was part of the Guild Builders program for six years and returns this year as a Student Assistant. He is a sophomore at Marietta High School where he is a part of the Wall of Sound. Prior Guild Builders roles include Gepetto in *My Son Pinocchio JR.*, Oliver Warbucks in *Annie JR.*, sleepover kid Jacob in *The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley JR.*, Jack in *Kilroy Was Here!*, a sword fighter and follower in *Robin Hood the Musical*, and the Rabbi in *Fiddler on the Roof JR.* Interests include attending camps and youth group activities.

**MICHAEL REAM** (Assistant Choreographer/Dance Captain) is a twelfth-grade homeschooler who will be studying engineering at West Virginia University in Morgantown in the fall. Michael takes piano lessons, has earned his black belt in karate, and is part of the media team at his church. He is also currently taking gymnastics classes with the goal of perfecting a back handspring before leaving for college. Prior Guild Builders roles include Mr. Lambchop in *The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley JR.*, Carl in *Kilroy Was Here!*, a soldier in *Robin Hood the Musical*, the lead in *Rikki-Tikki-Tavi*, Noah in *The Hidden Secrets*, and the Professor in *Narnia*.

He has also appeared in a production of *James and the Giant Peach* at WVU-P, four Missoula Children's Theater productions, five Camp Vaudeville productions, and the Actors Guild's *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* as an Oompa-Loompa.

**HALEY THOMAS** is a tenth grade student at Ritchie County High School. After four years participating in the program, this is her first year as a Student Assistant. Her Guild Builders roles were Mona Lisa, Wannabe, and Go-Go Dancer in *The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley JR.*; a hostess in *Kilroy Was Here!*; a merchant and follower in *Robin Hood the Musical*; and Isaak a bottle dancer in *Fiddler on the Roof JR.*

**HANNAH WHITE** (Stage Manager) is a sophomore at Eastern High School. She participated in Guild Builders for four years and was in the productions of *Kilroy Was Here!*, *The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley JR.*, *Annie JR.*, and *My Son Pinocchio JR.* She has also been a cast member of the Actors Guild productions of *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer the Musical*, *Godspell*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Beauty and the Beast*, and *Seussical the Musical*. She participated in Missoula Children's theatre in their productions of *Hansel and Gretel* and *King Arthur's Quest*. Hannah is very involved with youth group at the Belpre Church of Christ. Her hobbies include writing, singing and making people laugh.

**ABIGAIL WILSON** (Rehearsal Pianist) is an eighteen year-old high school senior. She participated Guild Builders for two years, playing the parts of Annabel in *Robin Hood the Musical* and Ruth Taylor in *Kilroy Was Here!* In addition to Guild Builders, she has performed in MOVP's *Little Wom-*

*en* as Louisa May Alcott and in many Missoula Children's Theater productions, including the characters Blackbeard in *Blackbeard the Pirate* and Blue Fairy in *Pinocchio*. She is looking forward to attending college in the fall to study vocal performance. Abigail was very excited to be invited back this year to assist with the Guild Builders music as the rehearsal pianist. She wants to thank her parents, Darren and Melissa, for all of their support. She would also like to thank her piano and voice teacher, Jessica Baldwin, for all the training, guidance, and encouragement to pursue music as a career.

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**SHERRY WILSON BRAID** (Music Director) was the 1990s ensemble director for *It's the Reel Thing*. She was music director for the Actors Guild's productions of *Pump Boys and Dinettes*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Smokey Joe's Café* and has served as the music director for the past six Guild Builders productions. On stage at the Guild she appeared in *Into the Woods* as Cinderella in 1992 and as the Witch in 2011. She also made Guild appearances in *Always Patsy Cline* as Patsy; *Beauty and the Beast*; *Big, The Musical*; *The Secret Garden*; *Godspell*; *Nun-crackers*; and many others since 1985. Sherry is employed as a school nurse for the Wood County Schools. She is very proud of her "own" Guild Builder, Grace Wilson.

**CONNIE KNOTTS DOWLER** (Hair & Makeup, Sign-In Table) returns to the staff for a third year; she became involved with the program after her daughter, Gretchen, joined Guild Builders five years ago. Connie works for the Wood County Department of Health and Human Resources as an Economic Service Worker. She and

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her family are actively involved in their church, St. Francis Xavier.

**BRENT DOWLER** (Marketing, Sign-In Table) works for On Board Services and the DuPont Washington Works Plant as a packout operator. He began assisting with the program as a result of his daughter Gretchen's participation. One of Brent's tasks this year was to chauffeur our life-sized Cat in the Hat as he traveled around the community. Brent, Connie, and Gretchen are actively involved with church activities at St. Francis Xavier.

**LYNDA HANNUS** (Costumes) is coordinating costumes for the sixth year having done so for the Guild Builders productions of *My Son Pinocchio JR.*, *Annie JR.*, *The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley JR.*, *Kilroy Was Here!*, and *Robin Hood the Musical*. She previously coordinated hair and makeup for the Guild Builders productions of *Kilroy Was Here!*, *Robin Hood the Musical*, *The Stories of Scheherazade*, *Narnia*, *The Music Man JR.*, *Fiddler on the Roof JR.*, and *Rikki-Tikki-Tavi*. This is Lynda's tenth year on the staff.

**ALICE LAWRENCE** (Marketing Designer), proud Guild Builder parent, joined our staff after helping with hair and makeup for the 2012 Guild Builder production of *Kilroy Was Here!* Alice and her family (Darin works at Woodcraft, Daisy is a fifth-year Guild Builder, and Harper Grace is a third-year Guild Builder) moved to Parkersburg from Virginia in 2008. She is in her twenty-sixth year working for the educational travel company World Strides. Reading, crafting, and singing are pastimes she enjoys with her family.

**KEVIN MACE** (Technical Group) joins the Guild Builders staff this year. He is employed by Wood County

Schools and has two children in the Guild Builders program.

**HEATHER MORGAN** (Artwork Design, Media) joined the staff this year as after her daughter Zoe joined the program last year. Heather has worked in marketing and design for 20 years and is currently Creative Director for the Valley Gem Sternwheeler in Marietta, Ohio. She is also a fine art photographer and enjoys reading in her spare time.

**BARBARA REAM** (Program Coordinator) became involved with Guild Builders when her daughter, Bailey, joined the program; Bailey is now in college! This year marks Barbara's ninth year as a Guild Builders staff member and seventh year as Program Coordinator. In past years, Barbara directed *Rikki-Tikki-Tavi*, *Robin Hood the Musical*, *The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley JR.*, and *My Son Pinocchio JR.*; co-directed *The Hidden Secrets*; and was assistant director for *Narnia*. When not busy with Guild Builders, Barbara homeschools her children and is active at her church.

**HELEN REILLY** (Choreographer) first appeared on our stage as the Queen in *Cinderella* and she performed in the chorus in *Oliver!*, *Beauty and the Beast* and *Shrek*. Helen has been working with Guild Builders since 1999. She has choreographed for *Pinocchio*, *Annie*, *The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley JR.*, *Kilroy Was Here!*, *Robin Hood the Musical*, *Fiddler on the Roof JR.*, *The Music Man JR.*, *Narnia*, *The Stories of Scheherazade*, *Voyage Aboard the Charming Sally*, *The Wind in the Willows*, and *The Great Ghost Chase*. She was co-director and co-choreographer for *Peter Pan* and was a dance instructor for *Forty-Second Street*. Helen's first show with Guild Builders was

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our *Li'l Abner* production, where she choreographed several numbers including the wonderful Sadie Hawkins race. Helen has also choreographed several main stage shows including *South Pacific*, *Annie*, and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.

**BECKY SINNETT** (Student Attendance Coordinator/Parent Liaison) joined the Guild Builders staff last year after her daughter, Kiteara, became a part of the program two years ago. She was familiar with the Guild Builders program as her two stepchildren, Brittany and Branden, participated in the program several years ago. Although not active on the stage, Becky enjoys being backstage and seeing the shows come alive; she helped with hair and makeup for the Guild Builders productions of *Annie JR.* and *My Son Pinocchio JR.* Becky also volunteers with the Pride of Williamstown's Band Boosters. She also is an at-large member of Criss Elementary School's Local School Improvement Council. Becky also enjoys ATVing, kayaking, camping with her family, and supporting her husband, Doyle, a bass player/lead singer in a Mid-Ohio Valley country/classic rock band, The Wild Ride.

**CARRIE TIDD** (Teaching Artist Coordinator, Hair) appreciates the opportunity to join the staff of GB and has enjoyed helping with hair, makeup, and costuming in addition to fulfilling her role as TAR coordinator. When she is not homeschooling her three kids or volunteering at their activities, she is working at The Pharmacy Natural and Specialty Foods- the business she and her husband have owned for the past four years—in Athens, OH.

**ROBIN WHITE** (Director, Directors Excerpt Coordinator) is excited to be

directing this production for Guild Builders. He recently appeared in *The Addams Family* and has directed many shows at the Guild including *Seussical*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *A Year with Frog and Toad*, *The Secret Garden*, *9 to 5*, and recently *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. He also directed past Guild Builder productions of *Kilroy Was Here!* and *Annie JR.* He is one of the co-planners for "A Night of Dancing with the Stars" and teaches music at Belpre Elementary.

**RUTHIE WHITE** (Costumes) helped coordinate costumes for the Guild Builders production of *My Son Pinocchio JR.* and *Annie JR.* and was assistant director for *Kilroy Was Here!* While in college, Ruthie performed with the Pied Pipers, a children's improvisational troupe, and in productions of *You Can't Take it With You* and *The Secret Place*. Ruthie is a fourth grade teacher at Eastern Elementary.

**DREW WILLIAMS** (Assistant Director) reprises his role as Guild Builders' Assistant Director, having formerly held that role for *Annie JR.* He is a West Virginia native who has been volunteering with the Actors Guild of Parkersburg for many years in such which include *The Full Monty*, *Lombardi*, and *The Secret Garden*. He was most recently seen on stage in Marietta as Andrew Rally in *I Hate Hamlet*.

**MELISSA WILSON** (Costumes) became involved with Guild Builders when her oldest child participated in *Robin Hood the Musical* and *Kilroy Was Here!* After a three-year hiatus, she is back because two of her younger children were bitten by the acting bug. She enjoys helping with costumes, hair and makeup.

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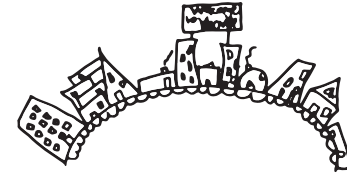
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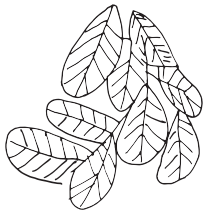


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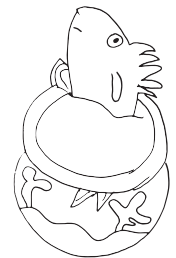
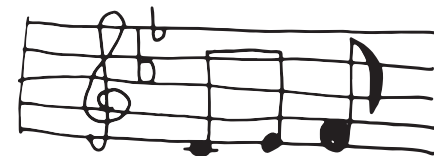
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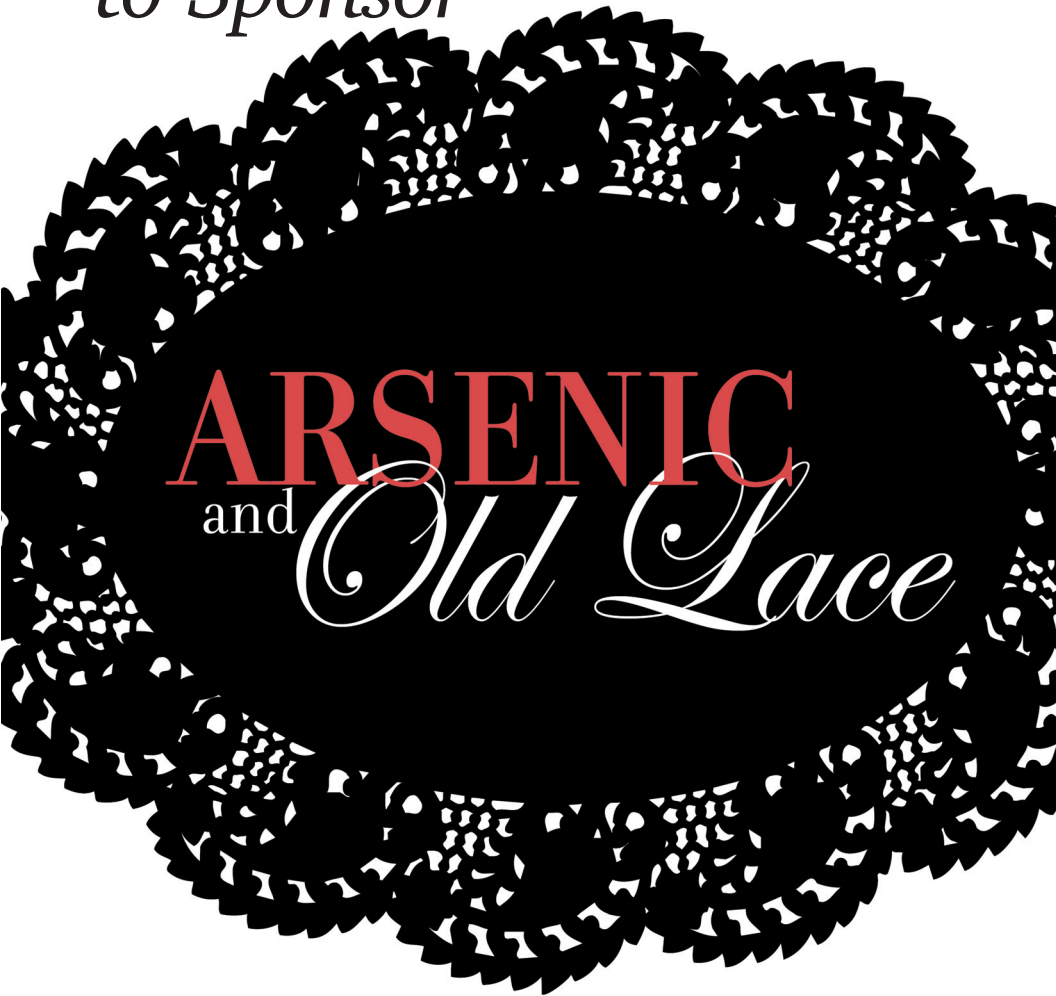
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Our most recent Bayley Award was granted to Jeff Baughan.

## *The Khalil Awards*

For many years Dr. Ghassan Khalil and his family have made an annual contribution to ensure the continuation of live theater in our community and have championed the importance of the arts in our lives. The Khalil Awards were established to honor the Outstanding Production and the Outstanding Performance of each season. An anonymous panel consisting of persons who have seen every show of the previous season selects the recipients of these awards.

The Actors Guild of Parkersburg would like to congratulate Director Charlie Matthews and the entire cast and crew of *Moonlight and Magnolias* as the Best Show for the 2014-2015 season. Receiving the honor for Best Performance was Tara Polan, for her portrayal of Violet Weston in *August: Osage County*.

## *The Grace-Marie Merrill Award*

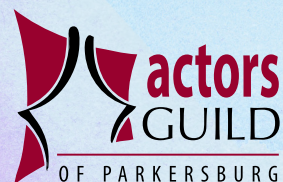
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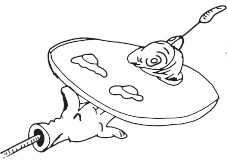
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All the Guild Builders parents for their time and support to help our 19th year to be a success. We have enjoyed working with you and your children.

The Technical Mentors who worked with the students: Emma Pearson, Stage Management; Larry Deem, Construction; Dottie Wyatt, Props; and Kevin Mace, Sound. Thank you for sharing your knowledge, experience, and - most of all - time with our students.



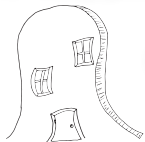
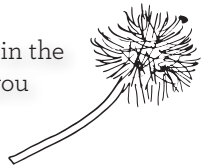
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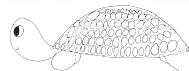
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