



## Director's Notes

*"Once upon a time..."*

*...In a nearby community, a high school with an exciting theatre program got*

*zapped. Not by a witch's spell or a curse, but like the rest of the world, by a global pandemic. (This is not news). While in the time of distance learning, we pivoted to online presentations, and plays without spoken dialogue performed in an empty theatre.*

*The chapter of the story we opened this year shined the light of hope back on to stage. We could perform in person and have in person audiences. Sure, masks are still part of our Covid-affected lives, but we are surely much closer to happily ever after now than we were.*

*I am proud of our cast, crew, and parent volunteers for their patience, their talents, and their tenacity for coming back to this school year with a new determination, renewed vision, and the excitement of live theatre once again. Not "the end," but a new beginning.*

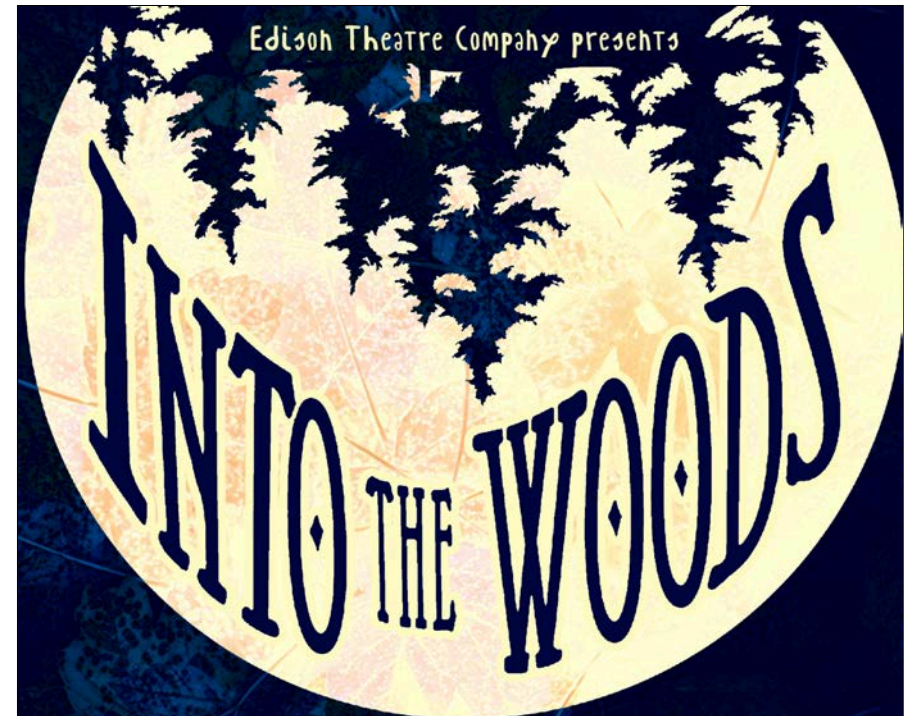
~ J. Walker, Director



- December: One-Act Auditions
- January: ETC Scholarship Application window opens
- Jan 15: VHSL One Act Competition
- Jan 21-22: One Act Festival
- April (T) New York City Trip
- May 4-7: ETC Spring Production
- May 26: ITS Induction Ceremony
- June 6: Cappies Gala, Kennedy Center

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# INTO THE WOODS

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Book by JAMES LAPINE

Orchestrations by JONATHAN TUNICK

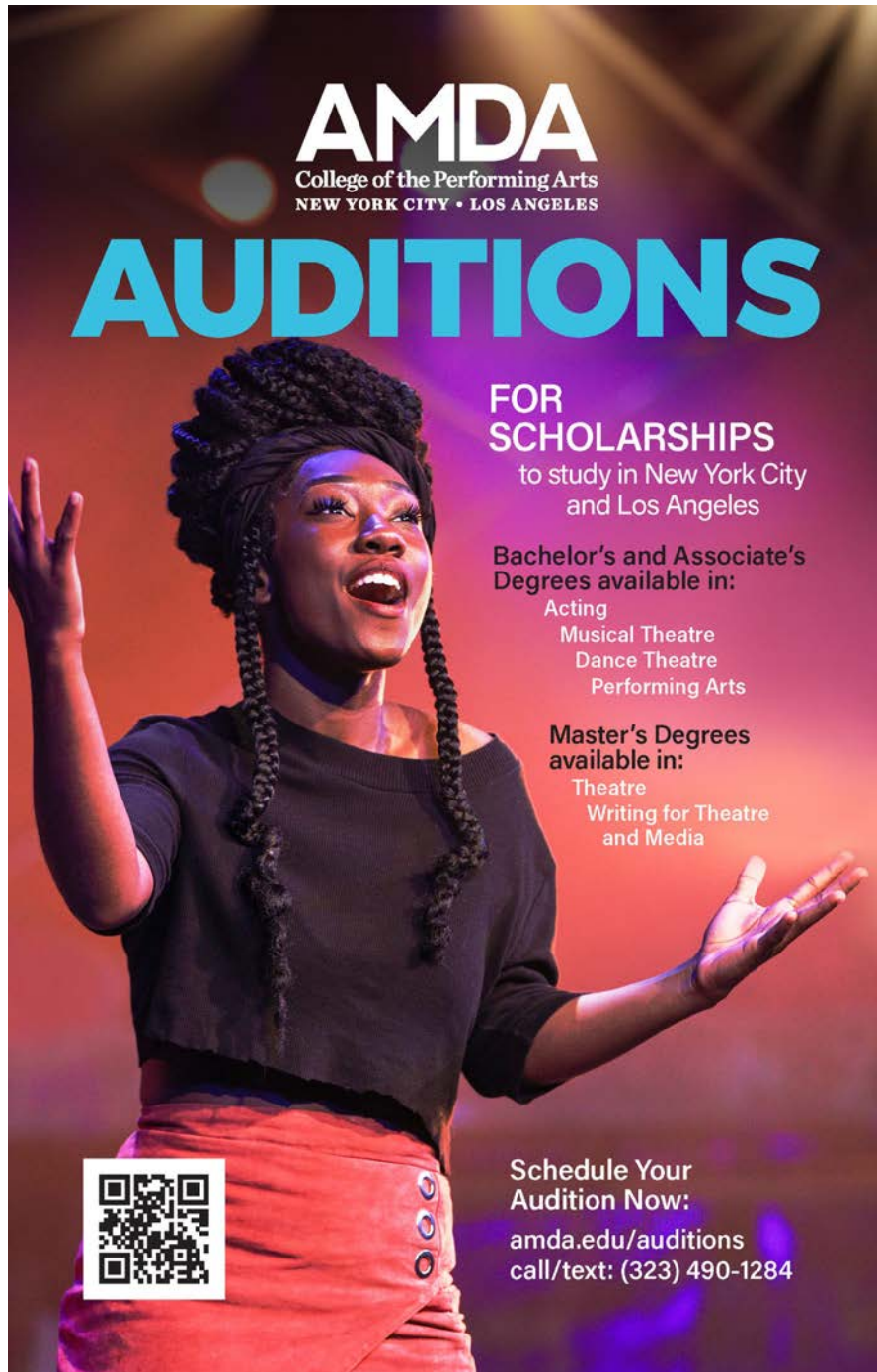
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Musical Direction by EMI EITING

Directed by JEFF WALKER

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To the entire **CAST & CREW...**  
Congrats on another great performance!



**Way to Go Dara Pershing!**

We are so very proud of you for going after your heart's desire. You have loved music theater since you could walk and talk. Now you get to perform in one of your favorite musicals. We hope you enjoy every moment of each performance. You and the entire crew have worked so hard to prepare for the show.

You are going to make a great Granny and Scary Giant. We cannot wait for the curtain to go up!

*With all our love, Mom, Dad and James*

## BREAK-A-LEG

**Mr. Walker...**

Thanks for bringing the joy  
of theatre back into our kids lives!



**Henry (Jack),**  
We never knew  
theatre  
would take you  
to such heights!

*Mom, Dad,  
& Amelia*

Way to go, **MacKenzie!** e are so proud of you!  
*Love, Mom, Dad, Jackson, & T*

Congratulations on the great work to  
**Rachel Jacobson and the costume crew!**

*Love,  
Grandpa & Grandma Bloom*



Thomas A. Edison High School  
Edison Theatre Company

PRESENTS

# INTO THE WOODS

*Music and Lyrics by*  
STEPHEN SONDHEIM

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JAMES LAPINE

Originally Directed on Broadway by JAMES LAPINE  
Orchestrations by JONATHAN TUNICK

Choreography by  
JESSI SHULL

Music Director, Vocal Coach and Conductor  
EMI EITING

Consulting Vocal Director  
ANNA COOPER

Directed by  
JEFFREY LEE WALKER

Assistant Director  
Anneli Sample

Stage Manager  
Melanie Landis

Costume Design  
Sophia Tompkins  
Cathy Walt

Design & Construction for  
Cinderella's Dress  
Ainsley McClure

Set Design & Props,  
Set Crew Lead  
Melanie Landis  
Master Electrician,  
Lighting Designer  
Aiden Yancy  
Melanie Landis

Make-Up & Hair Design,  
Crew Lead  
Sam French  
Sound Designer,  
Lead Sound Board Operator  
Cesar Canales

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All materials authorized through MTI*

## CAST & CREW

### Cast Members in Order of Appearance

Narrator	Ava Regehr
Cinderella	Joanna Madamba
Jack	Henry Mason
Jack's Mother	Siona Shishak
Milky White	Beck Kerlin
Milky White	Alex Flick
The Baker	Campbell Wood
The Baker's Wife	Anastasia Tuffin
Cinderella's Stepmother	Kailee St John
Florinda (stepsister)	Tiffany Thomas
Lucinda (stepsister)	Charlotte Chozick
Cinderella's Father	Jackson Bertman
Red Ridinghood	Natalie Laclede
The Witch	Jada Paul
Cinderella's Mother	Maya Pattison
Mysterious Man	Jordan Ignacio
Wolf #1 (Little Red)	Dylan Tootle
Wolf #2 (Pigs)	Sean Smith
Pig #2	Christopher Lastrape
Pig #3	Harper McClure
Granny	Dara Pershing
Rapunzel	Maya Pattison
Rapunzel's Prince	Max Heltzer
Cinderella's Prince	Jackson Whalen
Giant (Voice)	Dara Pershing
Steward	Porter Bertman
Snow White	Sheena Ball
Sleeping Beauty	Corina Briscoe

## BREAK-A-LEG





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**Kailee,**  
From then until now,  
Still love your smile!  
So proud of you,  
*Love, Mom & Dad*



**Break a Leg, Tiffany Thomas**  
See you on Opening Night!!

Love,  
Mom & Dad

**To the entire cast and crew...  
BREAK A LEG!**

**Rachel –**  
Best of luck  
So proud of you!  
*Pop Pop Jacobson*



**Campbell, Whalen & Bertman:**  
It's been a joy to watch you shine  
❤️ The Bertman's

## CAST & CREW

### Cast Members in Order of Appearance (continued)

Ensemble ..... QuJayce Lambright, Sheena Ball, Corina Briscoe, Lars Irving, Harper McClure, Sean Smith, MacKenzie Waddell, Cathy Walt

### Understudies

Narrator (Nov 12) ..... QuJayce Lambright  
Red Ridinghood (Nov 12) ..... Ava Regehr

### Crew

Assistant Director ..... Anneli Sample  
Stage Manager, Set Design, Lights & Crew Lead ..... Melanie Landis  
Set Construction, Painting ..... Nameerah Ali, Jurnie Brayboy, Mia Cruz, Nicole Fontaine, Alex Hanks, Rory Hansen, Jordan Ignacio, QuJayce Lambright, Jack Larmoyeux, Elroe Madekessa, Henry Mason, Poe Mathieu, Molly Morimoto, Isabella Nazari, Angeline Ngo, Eva Owen, Rue Tewodros, Dylan Tootle, Lea-Saphira Youman  
Costume Design & Coordination ..... Sophia Tompkins  
Costume Design & Coordination ..... Cathy Walt  
Design/Construction of Cinderella's Dress ..... Ainsley McClure  
Costume Crew ..... Corvus Arnold, Nora Dib, Jack Gallagher, Rain Hasty, Rachel Jacobson, Ainsely McClure, Mary Murphy, Isabella Nazari, Dara Pershing, Ace Rawad, Paris Robinson  
Sound Technician ..... Landon Boli  
Spotlight ..... Jurnie Brayboy  
Sound Assistant ..... Mia Cruz  
Lighting Technician ..... Kiara Frey  
Make-Up, Hair ..... Jaleah Brownlee, Rain Hasty, Joseph Sandoe  
Make-Up, Hair Design, Crew Lead ..... Sam French

SETTING: A writer's apartment (and in their imagination)

TIME: Now

## CAST & CREW BIOS



### Nameerah Ali

Nameerah Ali is currently a junior. She has previously worked on The Laramie Project as a member of set with the Edison Theatre Company. She also enjoys drawing, studying, and talking with her friends. She would like to shout out her friends and family.



### Corvus Arnold

Corvus Arnold is in 11th grade. Their favorite production was the One-Acts from their freshman year, since that was the first time they really worked on costumes a lot. They also play cello, are in 4H, and want to study Entomology!



### Sheena Ball

Sheena Ball is a senior. She was previously in Mamma Mia in the Ensemble at Edison and was excited for Legally Blonde at Edison before COVID cancelled the show. She is also a part of the gymnastics team and interact club.



### Jackson Bertman

Jackson Bertman is a senior this year. He has participated in Mamma Mia and The Laramie Project. Outside of theatre, he is a part of the Edison Choir and is on the Edison Dive Team.



### Porter Bertman

Porter Bertman is currently in 10th grade. He has previously been in Peter Pan as Mr. Darling at MVCCT, Peter Pan as Smee at Twain, Shrek the Musical as Captain of the Guard at MVCCT, Little mermaid in the Ensemble at MVCCT, and The Wizard of OZ in the Ensemble at MVCCT.

## BREAK-A-LEG

Keep singing and reaching for your dreams, Little Red!  
We're so proud of you, **Natalie!**  
Love,  
*Andrew, Mom & Dad*



### Break a Leg, Mr. Baker



So proud of you!

We love you!  
Mom & Branson

**Rachel,**  
You're rocking high school and we are so glad you've enjoyed costume crew.

*Love, Mom, Dad, Becca & Hazel*



Congratulations to everyone on the **crew** for making the magic happen behind the stage

Joanna



We are very excited to see you on stage again. Break a leg, Joanna; we're so proud of you!

*Love,  
Mom, Dad & Nick*



Jurnie Brayboy

Jurnie Brayboy is currently a senior. This is her first production at Edison and is very excited to be a part of the show. She also enjoys reading, watching anime, and analyzing literature.



Corina Briscoe

Corina Briscoe is a senior. She was previously a part of The Laramie Project and the 2020 One-Acts. She would like to say thank you to all of her friends and family for the support, she loves you all! Special thanks to TODC, Cinnamon, and Frank.



Charlotte Chozick

Charlotte Chozick is currently in 11th grade. She has previously played Tsarina in Anastasia at Hayfield HS and Alice in Alice in Wonderland at Edison HS. She is also a part of choir, the Edison swim team, and SGA, and loves arts and crafts.



Trinity Fleming

Trinity Fleming is a senior this year. She has previously been a part of Grease at her old school. This is her first production at Edison and she is very excited to be a part of the show!



Alex Flick

Alex Flick is a junior. She has been part of The Laramie Project, Alice's Greatest Adventures and Peter Pan. She enjoys STEM, programming, DnD, and reading. She dedicates this performance to everyone who supported her on her journey. Thank you! A special shout out to her mom, for being awesome, her friends, for being the best. She loves you all!



## CAST & CREW BIOS



### Nicole Fontaine

Nicole Fontaine is in the 10th grade. This is her first production at Edison and is very excited to be a part of the show! She also enjoys photography in her free time.



### Sam French

Sam French is a senior this year. She has previously worked on Dracula and The Laramie Project at Edison. She would like to give a special shoutout to her friends: "Y'all are the best, I love you guys."



### Jack Gallagher

Jack Gallagher is currently a freshman. He was previously a part of Epic Adventures in a Rinky-Dink Art Museum. He would like to give a special shout out to his family!



### Alex Hanks

Alex Hanks is a sophomore at Edison this year. This is his first production with Edison but he is very excited to be a part of the show. He also enjoys baking in his free time.



### Rain Hasty

Rain Hasty is currently a freshman. This is her first production with Edison and she is very excited to be working with the cast and crew to make this show great.

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**Max Heltzer**

Max Heltzer is a senior this year. He has been a part of many productions here at Edison and would like to say "Life is crazy, take the cookie."



**Jordan Ignacio**

Jordan Ignacio is a senior this year. He has previously been a part of Mamma Mia at Edison as a member of the Ensemble. He is also involved in basketball and choir and is Co-President of Edison Choir. He would like to give a special shout out to his friends and family for just being amazing people! Love y'all!!



**Lars Irvin**

Lars Irvin is a senior. He has previously been a part of The Laramie Project and The Other Room at Edison high school. He also enjoys drawing, painting, and watching horror movies/shows.



**Rachel Jacobson**

Rachel Jacobson is a freshman this year. This is her first production at Edison and she is excited to be a part of the crew this year. She also enjoys sewing, cooking, and reading. She would like to mention the quote: "Wanting to be someone else is a waste of the person you are" - Marilyn Monroe



**Beck Kerlin**

Beck Kerlin is a senior this year. He was previously a part of Beauty and the Beast at Twain MS as a member of the sound crew. They are also a member of the Student Equity Ambassador Leaders and the Edison Equity Team.

## CAST & CREW BIOS



### Natalie Laclede

Natalie Laclede is in 10th grade. She has been in Shrek the Musical at Holy Spirit School, Emotional Baggage and Well Rounded at Edison, and Mary Poppins the Musical at The Little Theater of Alexandria. She enjoys writing poetry, short stories, and short plays. She would like to thank her besties Paige and Larissa, who kept pestering her to watch Into the Woods.



### QuJayce Lambright

QuJayce Lambright is a senior this year. He was previously a part of High School Musical as a Basketball player at Central High School. He also enjoys working as a member of set design for productions. He would like to send a special message: "Look mom, I made it!"



### Melanie Landis

Melanie Landis is a senior. She worked on Mamma Mia, Dracula, and The Laramie Project as Stage Manager, Props Head, and set crew. She is the President of Edison's ITS troupe and is the Historian for the Student Government Association. She would like to say a special thank you to her friends and family who provided her with the sticks used in the show.



### Christopher LaStrape

Christopher Lastrape is a 9th grader. This is his first production at Edison, and he also enjoys sports, arts and crafts, and dancing. He would like to share the quote: "Winners don't quit, so don't you give up" - Kali Uchis



### Joanna Madamba

Joanna Madamba is a senior. She was previously a part of Mamma Mia as Sophie at Edison and Beauty and the Beast as Belle at Mark Twain MS. She is also a part of Edison Choir and the Edison Writing Center and enjoys songwriting in her free time. She would like to give a special thanks to all her friends and family.

## PHOTOS





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## CAST & CREW BIOS



### Elroe Madekessa

Elroe Madekessa is a sophomore. She has previously been a part of The Quiz that Almost Killed Me/Hoddie as a member of the sound crew and stage manager, as well as the Spring Talent Show as a sound crew member.



### Henry Mason

Henry Mason is a junior. He has been a part of Mary Poppins at Olney Theatre Centre, Seussical at Encore Stage and Studio, and The Laramie Project at Edison HS. He is also a part of Latin Club and the Edison Entertainers. He would like to share the quote: "The difference between a cow and a bean is that a bean can begin an adventure."



### Ainsley McClure

Ainsley McClure is a senior this year. They were previously a part of Dracula and The Laramie Project as a member of the pit and Mamma Mia as a member of the Ensemble. They are the captain of Edison's quiz bowl team, participates in Orchestra, plays many instruments, and writes comic books and screenplays.



### Harper McClure

Harper McClure is a sophomore. She has previously been a part of The Lion King as Shenzi and Peter Pan as Twin 2. She is also a part of the Academic Team and the Latin Club. She would like to give a special shout out to Ms. Procaccino, the swaggiest teacher she has. She's so cool and quirky.



### Mary Murphy

Mary Murphy is a junior. This is her first production with Edison and he is very excited to work with the cast and crew to make this show great!



## CAST & CREW BIOS



### Isabella Nazari

Isabella Nazari is a freshman this year. They have previously been a part of Charlie Chaplin Goes to School as a Quarterback in the Edison Homecoming Follies. They also enjoy painting/art, cooking, and skateboarding.



### Angeline Ngo

Angeline Ngo is currently in 11th grade. She has previously been a part of World Class as a Student at Arena Stage. She also enjoys eating sweets, cloud watching, and playing softball.



### Maya Pattison

Maya Pattison is in 11th grade. She has been in The Other Room at Edison HS, Beauty and the Beast at Twain MS, and Matilda at Mount Vernon Community Children's Theatre. She enjoys singing in the school choir, playing tennis, and is part of Edison's Academic Team! She would like to give a special shoutout to her voice teacher, Nicole Lamm!



### Jada Paul

Jada Paul is a senior. She has been in Mamma Mia, Off Road, and Assistant Directed for Alice Through the Looking Glass. She is the VP for ITS, Class President of Innovation Choir, and is a member of the Student Ambassadors. She enjoys makeup, listening to music, hanging out with friends, and increasing her faith. She'd like to thank God, her family, and her friends.



### Dara Pershing

Dara Pershing is currently a junior. She was previously a part of The Wizard of Oz as a member of the Ensemble at CMS. She also enjoys video games, watching movies and shows, and the Harry Potter series. She would like to dedicate this performance to Grandma P.

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The Nazari Family  
The Shishak Family  
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## CAST & CREW BIOS



### Campbell Wood

Campbell Wood is a senior. He has previously been a part of Mamma Mia as Featured Ensemble, The Laramie Project as Rulon Stacey, and Mind Games as Dr. Harriman. He is Senior Class President and enjoys record collecting and choir. He would like to tell everyone to "Enjoy right now, today."



### Aiden Yancy

Campbell Wood is a senior. He has previously been a part of Mamma Mia as Featured Ensemble, The Laramie Project as Rulon Stacey, and Mind Games as Dr. Harriman. He is Senior Class President and enjoys record collecting and choir. He would like to tell everyone to "Enjoy right now, today."

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### Ace Rawad

Ace Rawad is in the 9th grade. This is her first production with Edison but is very excited to be a part of this show. She also enjoys watching anime, doing cosplay, and playing mmorpg games.



### Ava Regehr

Ava Regehr is a senior this year. She has previously been a part of Mamma Mia as Lisa at Edison, and has been a part of the Ensemble in Footloose and Rock of Ages at Hayfield HS. She also enjoys singing, playing ukulele, traveling, and swimming. She would like to give a special shoutout to her parents for always supporting me and just being the best.



### Paris Robinson

Paris Robinson is a freshman. This is her first production with Edison but she is very excited to be a part of the show. She also enjoys singing and drawing in her free time.



### Anneli Sample

Anneli Sample is currently a junior. This is her first production at Edison but has previously been a part of the lighting crew at Twain MS for Peter Pan. They are also a part of Edison's Model UN.



### Siona Shishak

Siona Shishak is a junior. She has been a part of Legally Blonde and The Laramie Project at Edison, and Anastasia at Hayfield. She also likes small cars with big wheels, her favorite spoon, and so-bad-they're-good scary movies. She would like to give a special shoutout to Smokey from the Big Lebowski, "I love u."

## CAST & CREW BIOS



### Sean Smith

Sean Smith is currently in 11th grade. Not only is he involved with the Edison Theatre productions, he is also a part of the Edison Choir and golf team.



### Kailee St John

Kailee St. John is a senior at Edison this year. She has previously been a part of Mamma Mia as a member of the Ensemble, Dracula as a Vampire Bride, and The Laramie Project in multiple roles. She would like to say thank you to her parents for always being so supportive!



### Rue Tewodros

Rue Tewodros is a freshman. This is her first production as Edison but she is very excited to be working with the cast and crew to make the show great. She would like to share the quote: "We're all like glow sticks, we have to break before we shine" - Unknown.



### Tiffany Thomas

Tiffany Thomas is currently in 11th grade. She loved working on Legally Blonde as Serena at Edison before the show was cancelled due to COVID-19. She also loves reading, and singing and is a member of the Student Government Association.



### Sophia Tompkins

Sophia Tompkins is a junior. She has previously worked on The Laramie Project on the costumes crew at Edison and Peter Pan as the head of costumes crew at Twain MS. She also participates in basketball, Girl Scouts, and 4H.

## CAST & CREW BIOS



### Dylan Tootle

Dylan Tootle is a senior. He has previously been a part of Mamma Mia as a member of the Ensemble, The Laramie Project as Matt Michelson and Bill McKinney, and Alice in Wonderland as the Cheshire Cat. He is a part of Boy Scouts and Track and Field and also enjoys writing and video games.



### Anastasia Tuffin

Anastasia Tuffin is a senior. She has previously been a part of Mamma Mia! as Sophie at Edison, Anne of Green Gables as Gertie Pye at The Little Theatre of Alexandria, and The Little Mermaid as Ariel at Springfield Estates. She also enjoys art and is Co-President of Edison Choir. She would like to dedicate this performance to her cat, Aria.



### MacKenzie Waddell

MacKenzie Waddell is a junior. She has previously been a part of Alice's Looking Glass Adventure as Alice, The Laramie Project as the Baptist Minister's Wife and Kerry Drake, both. She is a part of the Student Ambassador Program and the Edison Book Club and also enjoys reading and writing, as well as other extracurriculars outside of school.



### Cathy Walt

Cathy Walt is currently in the 11th grade. She has previously been a part of Alice in Wonderland as a Narrator and Emotional Baggage as the Overbearing Mother. They also play viola and are a member of Student Ambassadors, Spanish Honors Society, Future Business Leaders of America, Girl Scouts, and Speech and Debate.



### Jackson Whalen

Jackson Whalen is a senior. He has previously been in Mamma Mia as Featured Ensemble, Dracula as a member of the lights crew, and The Laramie Project as Jeffery Lockwood, Matt Galloway, and Stephen Mead Johnson. He is a member of the Edison Swim Team and Edison Choir and also enjoys playing League of Legends. He would like to say: #draingang.