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Disney
THE LITTLE
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Production of

DISNEY

THE LITTLE MERMAID JR.

Music by
Alan Menken

Lyrics by
Howard Ashman and
Glenn Slater

Book by
Doug Wright

Based on the Hans Christian Andersen story and the Disney film
produced by Howard Ashman & John Musker
and written & directed by John Musker and Ron Clements.

Directed by
Mark Wilson and Olivia Grant

Choreographed by
JJ Van Voorst and Emily Wilson

Vocals Directed By
Phil Johnson and Alex Oseland

Technically Directed by
Andrew Wilson

Artistically Directed by
Jeff VonBuskirk

Produced By
Julie Mallia

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A Note From the Directors

Thank you for joining us for Scranton Musical's production of "The Little Mermaid Jr." We are thrilled to have you join us for this magical journey filled with captivating performances, enchanting music, and heartwarming storytelling. What makes this production truly extraordinary is the incredible cast and crew who bring the story to life. They have poured their hearts into this show, embracing the characters and roles, both onstage and off, with a depth of emotion and authenticity that will captivate and inspire you.

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to all those who have supported our production and made it possible. First and foremost, we would like to extend a special thank you to our sponsors. Their generous support has played a vital role in bringing this production to life! Thanks to the mature-beyond-their-years students from Scranton Middle School who have impressed us with their joy, willingness to learn, and consistent hard work. Thanks to the parent volunteers, who have spent countless hours promoting the show, providing meals and snacks, building and painting sets, managing the house during productions, and numerous other jobs behind the scenes allowing the creative team to create. Thanks to the staff of the Brighton Center for the Performing Arts for sharing their space, technology, and knowledge with us for three weeks. We would like to personally recognize the support of the Scranton Administration - Bill Renner and Cody Rudolph, and their Administrative Assistants, Jill Langenderfer and Lisa Nelson, for all they do to support the Scranton Musical. Thanks to Sean Carney and Penney Aiken for their work on our promotional materials, posters, and playbill.

Finally, our producer, Julie Mallia, for taking so much off our plates and being a fabulous collaborator in this process. Please know how much we value and appreciate all you do to make this show possible. Thank you!

The Little Mermaid is a play about transformation. Scranton Musical Theatre is about transformation as well. Six weeks ago we started with a blank stage and a cast of fabulous young people, who brought a wide variety of theater experience. A group of collaborative theater artists and educators, and a vision of how we could bring this story to life. Together, we have experienced the wonder of transformation as we worked to bring this production to the stage. We hope that you, too, are transformed by what you see!

Special Thanks!

A huge thank you goes out to our all adult "fly team" who is keeping our kids safe as they fly around the stage. None of these adults have children in the show but have volunteered their time and talents: Jesse Godsey, Markus Vogt, Jim Young and Cathy Young.

A special thank you also goes out to Dr. Glenn Breed and Wardrobe Witchery for lending us an Ursula costume!

Special thanks to Brighton School Board Trustee, Ken Stahl, for countless hours of volunteerism in the making of our ship!

SONGS

Fathoms Below	Sailors, Pilot, Prince Eric, Grimsby
Daughters of Triton	Mersisters
Human Stuff	Scuttle, Gulls
Part of Your World	Ariel
Under the Sea	Sebastian, Flounder, Sea Creatures
Part Of Your World (Reprise 1)	Ariel
Part Of Your World (Reprise 2)	Ariel
She's In Love	Mersisters, Flounder
Poor Unfortunate Souls	Ursula, Tentacles, Flotsam, Jetsam
Les Poissons	Chef Louis
One Step Closer	Prince Eric
Kiss the Girl	Sebastian, Animals
The Contest	Grimsby, Princesses
Poor Unfortunate Souls (Reprise)	Ursula
Part Of Your World (Finale)	Ariel, Eric, Company
Under The Sea (bows)	Company

CAST

Cast Members - Alphabetical Order By Role

Adella (Mersister)/Princess (1)	Rose Mogle
Allana (Mersister)/Princess (6)	Laney Jude
Andrina (Mersister)/Princess (3)	Amelia Carrol
Aquata (Mersister)/Princess (5)	Helen Kennedy
Ariel	Avery Kanaar
Arista (Mersister)/Princess (2)	Gracie Williams
Atina (Mersister)/Princess (4)	Lauren Archey
Bass/Sea Chorus	Allie Johnson
Bass/Sea Chorus/Princess/Sea Gulls	Kylie Gordon
Carlotta/Merfolk 1	Emma Bihlmeyer
Carp/Sea Chorus/Princess/Sea Gull	Emma Fields
Clown Fish/Sea Chorus	Anita Eduardo
Flotsam	Elbie Piskorowski
Flounder	Andrew Kafkakis
Grimsby	Carmen Ness
Harp/Sea Chorus	Sully Walker
Jellyfish 1/Sea Chorus	Margot Boone
Jetsam	Ilsie Martin
King Triton	Jayden Garcia
Merfolk 2	Liz Nuss
Newt/Sea Chorus/Princess/Sea Gull	Lillian Wolf
Pilot/Chef 8/Sailor/Chef 6	Eva Kemner
Plaice/Sea Chorus/Princess/Sea Gull	Audrey Sisson
Prince Eric	Ben Smith
Sailor/Chef 1	Pia Cal
Sailor/Chef 2	Connor Fields
Sailor/Chef 3	Marynn Barsaleau
Sailor/Chef 4	Tessa Timko
Sailor/Chef 5	Allie Hegle

CAST

Cast Members - Alphabetical Order By Role (continued)

Sailor/Chef 7	Em Stephen
Sailor/Chef Louis	Jack Neely
Sax/Sea Chorus	Paisley Stroud
Scuttle	Grayson Wilcox
Seahorse/Sea Chorus	Raya Kaferle
Sebastian	Leah Thelander
Ursula	Mattie Barber

Creative Team

Director	Mark Wilson
Director	Olivia Grant
Vocal Director	Phillip Johnson
Vocal Director	Alex Oseland
Artistic Director	Jeff VonBuskirk
Choreographer	JJ Van Voorst
Choreographer	Emily Wilson
Technical Director	Andrew Wilson
Producer	Julie Mallia

CREW

Crew Members

Audio Playback and Mic Assistant	Veronica Fear
Mic Assistant	Maddie Kofahl
LX Op	Sadie White
Tech Crew	Lucy Prior
Spot Operator	George Lumsden
Spot Operator	Shelby Walters
Set Mover	Evie Burroughs
Set Mover	Lian Nepa
Set Mover	Allison Lee
Set Mover	Lucy Garcia
Set Mover	Zero Calvin
Set Mover	Henry Strapich
Hair and Makeup	Taylor Mikolajczyk
Hair and Makeup	Elle Snedden
Hair and Makeup	Natalie Kerr
Hair and Makeup	Ella Borst
Hair and Makeup	Lena Ness

PRODUCTION TEAM

Props Team

Team Lead: Michele Barber

Team Members: Marina Oliveira, Gelani Cal, Kailey Finn, Emily Martina, Josh Barber, Chris Mogle

Hair and Makeup Team

Team Lead: Ashton Taylor

Team Members: Kailey Hegle, Hannah Wilson, Laura Zizka-Wright, Joyce Wu, Leona Williams

Costume Team

Team Lead: Danielle Neely

Team Members: Michele Barber, Kristin Kanaar, Susan Stults, Ashton Taylor, Marina Oliveira, Kayla Marton, Rebecca Smith, Kristin Wilson, Nicole Jude, Jessica Sisson, Joyce Wu, Mariah Timko, Laura Zizka-Wright, Kayla Martin, Vicki Mogle, Julie Mallia

Set Build Team

Team Lead: Steve Thelander

Team Members: Kaile Finn, Anna Boone, Joe Gordon, Nick Nuss, Ken Stahl

Set Dress Team

Team Lead: Vicki Mogle

Team Members: Chris Mogle, Kaile Finn, Nora Carroll, Ryan Wilcox, Sarah Kemner

Marketing and Playbill Team

Team Lead: Penney Aiken

Team Members: Marina Oliveira, Bob Ventura

Hospitality Team

Team Lead: Lisa Archey

Team Members: Marina Oliveira, Mindy Wolf Glowacki and Ed Glowacki, Cristin & Andrew Piskorowski, Amber Nuss, Michelle Stroud, Becca Smith, Jessica Garcia, Jeff Archey

Front of House Team

Team Lead: Nicole Jude

Team Members: Amber Nuss

Ticket Sales, Ushers, Green Room Monitors Team

Team Lead: Sarah Hamilton

Team Members: Madelynn Coppola, Kim Kingshott, Penney Aiken, Jeff Archey, Lisa Archey, Julie Bihlmeyer, Nora Carroll, Kaile Finn, Jessica Garcia, Dianne Johnson, Kristin Kanaar, Danielle Neely, Becca Smith, Ray Smith, Michelle Stroud, Mariah Timko, Nikolai Dunn, Hannah Heckel, Ethan Johnson, Christopher Kafkakis, Jack Oelslager

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WHO'S WHO



Mark Wilson

Director

Mark Wilson, Creative Director, has been directing Musical Theater for more than a decade. Mark's directing credits include Shrek Jr., Aladdin Jr., Into the Woods Jr, The Lion King Jr and Beauty and the Beast Jr. In addition to directing, Mark has been on stage at the Community Theatre of Howell in the production of Shrek (Papa Ogre & The Big Bad Wolf) and Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (Brother Asher & The Baker). In addition to his work in theater, Mark is a retired Principal at Scranton Middle School in Brighton. Mark would like to thank his family for their support throughout the production, the creative team for bringing all of the elements together, and the many parents chipping in to support our kids.



Olivia Grant

Director

Olivia is thrilled to be co-directing her third musical through Scranton Middle School. After Mark asked her to join two years ago, Olivia realized this was a true passion of hers. She has been in several professional, community, and high school productions- so she is honored to share her experience and knowledge with such incredible individuals! Additionally, she loves building connections and encouraging people as she is a certified professional life coach during the day. Olivia would like to thank everyone who made this performance possible, as well as her husband for being such great support. Olivia hopes you sit back, as we travel Under the Sea, and witness all the hard work that has gone into making this marvelous show come to life.

WHO'S WHO

Phillip Johnson

Vocal Director



Phil Johnson is the Brighton High School and Scranton Middle School Choir Teacher. He conducts the orchestra, and prepares the chorus for the Brighton Musical Theater Program each year, which in 2017 won the Sutton Foster Award for "Best Musical" for their production of "Honeymoon in Vegas", as well as an award for "Outstanding Music Direction" for their production of "Guys and Dolls" in 2023. He is enjoying his 3rd year as co-music director for the Scranton Musical Program. He conducted the 2011 SATB, 2015 TTB, and 2022 SSAA Michigan State Honors Choirs. Phil sings baritone, and is a music director for the award-winning "TBD a Cappella". He and his wife, Dianne, have three children, Ethan, Maxwell and Adeline.

Alex Oseland

Vocal Director



Alex Oseland is delighted to be part of the creative team for *The Little Mermaid Jr.* and to make her debut as a director for this production. This marks her second show with Scranton Musical and her first as co-music director, alongside Phil Johnson. Alex currently works as a Music Specialist at SMS and accompanies all three hours of choir. Although this is her first time working as a music director, she is eager to combine her passion for music and theater in this new role and is thrilled to collaborate with such a talented group of young artists. Alex hopes you enjoy the magic of *The Little Mermaid Jr.* and the incredible work of the cast and crew!

WHO'S WHO



JJ Van Voorst

Choreographer

Jessica Van Voorst (JJ) started dancing at age 3 & competitive dancing at age 8. Jessica knew from a young age that she wanted to teach dance, assisting her first dance class at age 13. She competed in both dance & Varsity Poms until graduating from Pinckney HS in 2006. She graduated from Hope College with a degree in Dance Education & PE with a teaching certificate for K-12. In college, Jessica was featured in People Magazine for being a member of the All For One dance group, helping children get off the streets after school & dance. After college, she toured the country with Veggie Tales Live as a professional dancer & Puppeteer, as Bob the Tomado. She started teaching at the Academy of Dance in Brighton in 2010 & is still teaching full-time. She started Choreographing for the BHS Dance Company in 2011. In her free time, JJ loves to draw, paint, & spend time with her two year old. JJ is very excited to choreograph one of her favorite musicals of all time!



Emily Wilson

Choreographer

Emily is very excited for the opportunity to be a part of The Little Mermaid Jr. You may have seen her in Brighton High School's Guys and Dolls, Wizard of Oz, or Cinderella. She is currently a sophomore Musical Theater major at Wright State University. She would like to thank her family, her friends, and her dog, Jo, for their endless support.



Jeff VonBuskirk

Artistic Director

Jeff is an accomplished artist known for illustration, application, and environmental design. His work spans comics, games, and books, and adorns spaces like GM, Sotheby's, and Marriott. Notable projects include the 911 memorial flag in Northville. Jeff has contributed extensively to the Brighton Schools theater program, designing and painting sets for productions such as Lion King, Aladdin, Into the Woods and Beauty and the Beast Jr. He has also provided specialty scenic painting for productions like Newsies, Cinderella, and Wizard of Oz, and was lead set painter for Guys and Dolls, Peter and the Starcatcher, Radium Girls, and High School Musical. Jeff is thrilled to support the SMS Drama Club with their production of The Little Mermaid Jr.

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Andrew Wilson

Technical Director

Andrew is thrilled to be the Tech Director for The Little Mermaid, Jr. He has extensive experience in theater including his work on Into the Woods and Beauty and the Beast Jr. Outside the theater, Andrew is currently pursuing a Business Administration and Computer Science degree at University of Michigan. Andrew is super excited to see this show come together and wants to thank the efforts of his backstage crew, lighting team, creative team members, and co-workers at the BCPA for making this production possible.



Julie Mallia

Producer

Julie Mallia is the current producer for the Scranton musical. This is her first foray into the role as producer. She is a staff member at Scranton Middle School, teaching 8th grade science, and a STEAM elective. She is also the science curriculum coordinator for Scranton. She holds a B.S. in Elementary Education and an M.A. in Curriculum and Instruction from Eastern Michigan University. Beyond her teaching duties, Julie is enthusiastic about her role as the producer for the upcoming Scranton musical, "The Little Mermaid." Her commitment to fostering creativity and collaboration extends well beyond the classroom; she passionately believes in the transformative power of the arts to inspire and bring people together. Julie is excited to participate in bringing this beloved story to life on stage.



Rose Mogle *as Adella (Mersister)/Princess (1)*

Rose plays the role of Adela, a mersister. She also plays the role of Princess #1. Rose is in 7th grade at Scranton Middle School and she previously had roles in Snow Biz, Alice in Wonderland and Suessical Jr. and has been singing in Brighton choirs for 4 years. Rose is also a competitive equestrian rider.

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Laney Jude *as Allana (Mersister)/Princess (6)*

Laney Jude, playing Allana, a Mersister, is super happy to be performing in the Scranton Middle School musical. She is lucky to always get roles that she loves and is so grateful that she has gotten to have this super cool experience with all her friends. She is sad to leave but happy to join the high school and have those exciting experiences. She will miss all her 7th grade friends but will meet new ones and have new opportunities. She wants to thank Mr. Johnson, Mark Wilson, and Oliva Grant for the amazing experiences they have given her, she will forever be grateful.



Helen Kennedy *as Aquata (Mersister)/Princess (5)*

Helen Kennedy, who plays the role of Aquata, is a 7th grader at Scranton Middle School. She loves to sing and perform in front of people and she is a very outgoing and fun person to be around. She jump ropes in her free time and she likes to spend time with friends. Helen is very excited to be a part of this production and perform and hopes you enjoy the show!



Avery Kanaar *as Ariel*

Avery is very excited to be performing in her first leading role as Ariel in *The Little Mermaid JR*. She is in the 8th grade and loves being a member of the Scranton Choir. Avery most recently performed in *Goldilocks on Trial*, *Peter Pan Jr.* and *Broadway Revue*. She was a Narrator and in the Dance Ensemble of *Beauty and the Beast Jr.* last year and is thrilled to participate in another Scranton production. She would like to thank the entire cast, crew, and directing team for the opportunities and wonderful experiences during her time with the musical. The friendships and memories she has made with Scranton's theatre program will last a lifetime. She would like to thank her mom, dad, sister and friends for always supporting her. A special thank you to her vocal coach, Addison Paine, for helping to make sure that she is always ready for any opportunity and for always believing in her.

WHO'S WHO



Gracie Williams

as Arista (Mersister)/Princess (2)

Gracie Williams, who plays the role of Arista, is very excited to be a part of Scranton's production of "The Little Mermaid JR". Gracie likes to spend her time playing volleyball and hanging out with her friends. Gracie's favorite subject in school is Forensic Science/CSI and once she is out of school, she is planning to apply to University of Pennsylvania, Penn State, and Yale. Her favorite movies are "Call Me If You Get Lost" and "The Breakfast Club", and her favorite book to read is "If He Had Been With Me" by Laura Nowlin. Gracie is a very energetic and extroverted person who enjoys the company of other people, and she loves making new friends every chance she gets.



Lauren Archey

as Atina (Mersister)/Princess (4)

Lauren Archey plays the role of Atina/Princess 4. This is her 4th musical. She was in Suessical Jr, Beauty and the Beast Jr, and Godspell Jr. She takes private singing lessons with Mrs. Shourds. She looks forward to this production and hopes everyone enjoys the show. Special thanks to her family, Mrs. Shourds, the directors and anyone who helped with the show. Enjoy!



Allie Johnson

as Bass/Sea Chorus

Allie, playing the part of Bass/Sea Chorus/Eel, is so grateful to be part of The Little Mermaid JR cast as a 7th grader. From a young age she started being part of her church's yearly Christmas play. In 6th grade she was the lead in her school's choir musical Snow Biz as StormWatch. Allie would like to thank her family, specifically parents, grandparents, and cousin Kira for supporting her. Allie would also like to thank her friends Veronica Fear, Maddie Kofall, and Lyla Moore for always supporting her in everything that she has done and loving her unconditionally. Lastly Allie would like to thank her big sister Emma for being her biggest supporter and inspiration.

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**Kylie
Gordon**

*as Bass/Sea Chorus/Princess/Sea
Gulls*

Kylie, who plays the roles of Sea Gull, Fluke and a Princess, in this year's Scranton Middle School production of *The Little Mermaid JR.*, is a 7th grader. She is very excited to be a part of the production and looks forward to a great show!



Emma Bihlmeyer

as Carlotta/Merfolk 1

Emma is an 8th grader at Scranton Middle School and is excited to play Carlotta/Merfolk 1 in this year's production of *The Little Mermaid Jr.* She has also performed in *Aladdin Jr.* and *Seussical Jr.* Emma has been in choir for many years and also plays the guitar, enjoys playing volleyball, tennis, and spending time with friends. She would like to thank her family and friends for their love and support.



**Amelia
Carrol**

*as Andrina (Mersister)/Princess
(3)*

Amelia, who plays the role of Andrina the Mersister and a Princess in this year's Scranton Middle School production of *The Little Mermaid JR.*, is in 7th grade. She is very excited to be a part of the production and looks forward to a great show!



**Emma
Fields**

*as Carp/Sea Chorus/Princess/Sea
Gull*

Emma Fields, playing the roll of Carp and Seagull, is a very passionate and sweet Character and person. She is greatly looking forward to her role in this musical. Emma is from a small town in California and her favorite hobby is reading. This is Emma's first musical but she is has been actively involved in choir for 3 years now. Emma plays a very loud and bubbly character contrasting with her normally quiet and funny personality, she is quite excited to put on the *Little Mermaid Jr* and hopes you enjoy it.

WHO'S WHO



Anita Eduardo

as Clown Fish/Sea Chorus

Anita Eduardo, cast as a clownfish, is thrilled to participate in her first musical. She has been involved with the Brighton Choir program for as long as it has been available to her. She has been onstage since she was 5 and intends to stay onstage for as long as she can. Anita eagerly anticipates being part of future musicals and plays, aiming to make a significant contribution. She is thankful for the guidance of her summer voice teacher. Anita is also very grateful to her mom, dad, and siblings for always being there to support her. She would like to thank everyone for coming and hopes that they enjoy the performance.



Andrew Kafkakis

as Flounder

Andrew Kafkakis is thrilled to perform as Flounder in his first production with Scranton Musical Theatre! Now in 7th grade, he has been in choir since 5th grade and has won awards for piano. In 2024, he attended Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, majoring in SATB Choir, and minoring in Musical Theater. He was the runner-up for the Outstanding Camper award for his unit. He is a two-time attendee of Encore Youth Theater's Broadway Revue Boot Camp, and Brighton Choirs' Acapella Camp. Andrew is an eternal optimist, on and off-stage, and loves to draw, play board & card games, video games, and create unique builds with LEGO®. He loves to spend time with family, friends and his two dogs, Rosie and Toby. He would like to thank them for their support and encouragement, and hopes that you enjoy the show!



Carmen Ness

as Grimsby

Carmen Ness is excited to be playing Grimsby this year. She has been in multiple other theater productions and hopes to perform in the coming years at Brighton High School. In her free time she loves to read, listen to music and hang out with friends. Carmen would like to thank her parents for always supporting her.

WHO'S WHO



Sully Walker

as Harp/Sea Chorus

Sully Walker, who plays the role of a Harp and of Sea Chorus, is very excited to take part in his first onstage musical, *The Little Mermaid JR.* He is a 7th grader, and wishes to thank his family, who supported and encouraged him to take part in this musical. In his spare time, he enjoys reading and drawing. He also enjoys watching musicals, and has seen two in person: *Hamilton* and *Wicked*. He hopes to see more musicals in the future, and to participate in the next one.



Margot Boone

as Jellyfish 1/Sea Chorus

Margot Boone is so excited to be playing the jellyfish in this year's *The Little Mermaid Jr.* Previously, she has had parts in *Gulliver's Travels* and *The Wizard of Oz*. Margot is in the 7th grade at Scranton Middle School and she is on a competitive swim team and plays the bassoon.



Elbie Piskorowski

as Flotsam

Elbie is very excited to play Flotsam in this year's musical *The Little Mermaid JR!* She has appeared in several different musicals such as *Cat in the Hat in Seuss on the Loose* and planets in *The Magic School Bus*, she has also played Tuesday in *Leap Day* and has done 2 talent shows and *Scranton Idol*. Elbie thanks her parents so much for pushing her to keep acting and singing. She also thanks all her friends for supporting her throughout the musical.



Isie Martin

as Jetsam

Isie Martin is excited to have the role of Jetsam in the show *The Little Mermaid JR.* She is a 7th grader at Scranton Middle School and this will be her 5th play she has performed in thus far. Her first play was *The Jungle Book* in 4th grade and she's loved acting, dancing, and singing on stage ever since. She has also performed in *Narnia*, *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, and *The Lion King*.

WHO'S WHO



Jayden Garcia

as King Triton

Jayden, who plays the role of King Triton in this year's Scranton Middle School production of *The Little Mermaid JR.*, is an 8th grader. He is very excited to be a part of the production and looks forward to a great show!



Liz Nuss

as Merfolk 2

Liz, who plays the role of Merfolk 2 in this year's Scranton Middle School production of *The Little Mermaid JR.*, is in 7th grade. She is very excited to be a part of the production and looks forward to a great show!



Lillian Wolf

as Newt/Sea Chorus/Princess/Sea Gull

Lillian has always wanted to be in a musical and is thrilled to be seen as a Newt, Seagull, and Princess in her first production! Lillian has been on a Tech Team for a musical before and plans to again. Lillian is in band and plays the flute (just like the Newt!). Fueled by loads of practice and lots of preparation, Lillian hopes to help make this the best show it can be! Lillian thanks her mom and her sisters for helping Lillian practice for both the musical and the auditions in the first place!



Audrey Sisson

as Plaice/Sea Chorus/Princess/Sea Gull

Audrey is excited to perform in her first musical, debuting with multiple rolls including the Plaice fish, Seagull, Princess and the Sea Chorus. Audrey started her music career playing the piano at age 5 and followed with the clarinet in 5th grade. She is currently a member of the Scranton 7th grade band. Audrey's first passion in life is reading, she can almost always be found with a book in her hands. When not reading and making music she is in the pool as a part of the Brighton Aquatics Swim Team or on the soccer field.

WHO'S WHO

Ben Smith

as Prince Eric

Ben Smith is happy to be returning to the Scranton Musical as an 8th grader playing Prince Eric. He has performed in many musical productions since he was 6 years old including being in last year's production of Beauty and the Beast Jr. In addition to his love for musical theater, Ben also enjoys playing games, playing piano, and is on the Scranton Robotics team. He would like to thank everybody involved in the production and viewers like you, Thank You.



Pia Cal

as Sailor/Chef 1

Pia Cal is delighted to play the roles of Sailor/Chef 1. Pia is a 7th grader at Scranton Middle School and this will be the first time she has ever acted. She likes writing, painting, drawing, playing guitar and all sorts of other artistic expressions. Pia is always grateful for the help of her family who continues to help with her passions



Connor Fields

as Sailor/Chef 2

Connor Fields, who plays the role of a sailor and Chef 2, is excited to be performing in his first musical. Connor is in 7th grade at Scranton Middle School and is currently in competition choir. He has always enjoyed music, dancing, singing, and performing. Connor has been playing the guitar for 5 years and he also enjoys volleyball, boating, wake surfing, traveling and spending time with family. Connor has enjoyed this experience as he learns about theater and music. He appreciates all the time and effort everyone has put into the production. He is looking forward to building on his skills for the future and being able to perform in future productions.



Marynn Barsaleau

as Sailor/Chef 3

Maryann, who plays the role of Sailor/Chef 3 in this year's Scranton Middle School production of The Little Mermaid JR., is a 7th grader. She is very excited to be a part of the production and looks forward to a great show!



WHO'S WHO



Tessa Timko

as Sailor/Chef 4

Tessa Timko is excited to play Sailor/Chef 4 in this production. She loves animals and hanging out with her friends and is very creative and coachable. She has experience with being on stage and has been in multiple plays. She can be a little shy and overwhelmed but she doesn't let that take over her bubbly and energetic personality. She loves to read, and draw in her free time. She is a natural athlete and is on the BHS swim team and loves sports. She has always dreamed of starring in a movie or tv show.



Eva Kemner

as Pilot/Chef 8/Sailor/Chef 6

Eva is playing the roles of Pilot, Chef 6 & 8, and a Sailor, in this year's Scranton Middle School production of The Little Mermaid JR., She is in 8th grade and is very excited to be a part of the production and looks forward to a great show!



Allie Hegle

as Sailor/Chef 5

Allie Hegle plays the role of a sailor and a chef and she is ecstatic to be in this musical! This is the biggest role she has held, having previously been a backup snow angel for Maltby's musical Snow Biz. Over the past couple weeks Allie has been practicing her vocals and is looking into one on one lessons. Allie is currently taking french lessons and dance lessons and hopes that they will be a helpful tool in the making of the musical. She has a lot on her plate balancing the musical, homework, dance, and running her small business but she knows she'll make it work.



Em Stephen

as Sailor/Chef 7

Emma, who plays the role of Sailor/Chef 7, is extremely excited to be in the musical and has previously held minor roles such as a cow, and a fisherman back in 5th and 6th grade. She enjoys singing, playing outside, reading, hanging out with friends, spending time with her brother and watching tv. When in high school she wants to join the choir to continue singing and acting and hopes to land a major role in a production in the future.

WHO'S WHO



Paisley Stroud

as Sax/Sea Chorus

Paisley Stroud, is excited to perform in the Little Mermaid JR because she just started learning her love for musical theater. She intends to try out for more musicals in the future and is excited to be able to work with amazing cast, crew and directors who will make the show even more fun.



Grayson Wilcox

as Scuttle

Grayson, who plays the role of Scuttle in this year's Scranton Middle School production of The Little Mermaid JR., is an 8th grader. As Scuttle he is excited to tell you what your human stuff is ACTUALLY called... definitely NOT just guessing what your human stuff is called, he has researched all of the human stuff for hours... probably.



Raya Kaferle

as Seahorse/Sea Chorus

Raya Kaferle is super excited to take part in her first Scranton Musical as a Seahorse and as an Eel! She has been performing on stage for many years now, but this is her first legitimate show. She enjoys training in Taekwondo during her free time, along with spending time with friends! She isn't sure how she wants to move forward in her life, but whatever she chooses to do, she wants it to be fun and inspiring for the people who will come after her!



Leah Thelander

as Sebastian

Leah Thelander, who plays the role of Sebastian, is very excited for everyone to see this amazing production! Leah has been acting since she was 10, and it has quickly become her biggest passion. Roles she has played include: Young Bonnie in Bonnie and Clyde, Wicked Witch in Shrek Jr., Jojo in Seussical, Tiger Lily in Peter Pan, and Villager #6 in Scranton's Beauty and the Beast JR. She recently won the 2024 Scranton Idol competition and can't wait to participate in Brighton Idol next year. Leah has attended Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp for the past two years, majoring in musical theatre. Leah would like to thank the entire cast and crew, her amazing parents, her Grammy and Gido for always supporting her, and everyone in the audience right now! Enjoy!

WHO'S WHO



Jack Neely

as Sailor/Chef Louis

Jack Neely is very excited to be performing the role of Chef Louis in this production of *The Little Mermaid JR*. Jack is a 7th grader at Scranton Middle School and has performed with the Community Theater of Howell in *Peter Pan Jr.*, *Musicville*, *Pirates Past Noon*, and *Seussical the Musical*. Jack enjoys playing the French horn in Brighton Bands, camping with his Boy Scout troop, and is an active member of his church youth group. Unlike his character, Jack actually prefers pizza over escargot. Jack can't wait to perform and would like to thank his family for encouraging him in the show, his directors Olivia and Mark, and his vocal instructor Philip Johnson for letting him show his comedic side in theater. Thank you and "Bon appetite!"



Mattie Barber

as Ursula

Mattie Barber is thrilled to play Ursula in *The Little Mermaid JR*! She can't wait to channel her inner sea witch with wicked cackles and fabulous hair (or at least a good wig). Embracing Ursula's fierce and funny personality is a dream come true—who else can steal a voice and still rock the stage? A big thank you to her parents for their endless support. After all, they always said she had a knack for mischief!

CREW WHO'S WHO



Veronica Fear *Audio Playback and Mic Assistant*

Veronica is in 7th grade and is very excited to be part of The Little Mermaid Jr. as part of the backstage crew. She will be helping with audio playback and as a mic assistant.



Maddie Kofahl *Mic Assistant*

Maddie is very excited to be part of The Little Mermaid Jr. as part of the backstage crew. She will be helping as a mic assistant.



Sadie White *LX Op*

Sadie White is excited to be participating and contributing to stage crew. Sadie is an artist, taking classes at UofM Stamps Art College. She is a cellist, and guitarist with a large appreciation and love for music. Sadie has a strong interest in science and math, taking part in Scranton Science Olympiad, and taking 2 year advanced math. She is also a runner, and is a Track/XC athlete. She is an 8th grader that is eager to continue her interest in theater.



Lucy Prior *Tech Crew*

Lucy is very excited to be part of The Little Mermaid Jr. as part of the backstage crew. She will be helping as part of the Tech Crew and mic team.



George Lumsden *Spot Operator*

George Lumsden participated in the production of musical Beauty and the Beast Jr as a set mover. This year he will be joining us as a spotlight operator.

CREW WHO'S WHO



Shelby Walters

Spot Operator

Shelby is very excited to be a part of the show this year. She was previously a spotlight operator and this year she's continuing down that path! One fun fact about Shelby is that she's terrified of fish. I'd like to thank my mom for keeping up with my after school programs and that little girl that gave me a flower last year. I love you both!



Evie Burroughs

Set Mover

Evie is excited about being backstage once again where she helps make the magic happen. She is an 8th grader and has participated in multiple productions through BAS, from *Suess Jr. the Musical* to *Beauty and the Beast Jr.* She enjoys reading just about anything, but especially fantasy at the moment. If you make her stop reading for a stupid reason (like math) she will be annoyed. She is in the process of learning how to play D&D. She is playing a chaotic goblin that does not at all reflect her personality. She also really likes frogs.



Lian Nepa

Set Mover

Since Lian already gave up their voice to the *Sea Witch* in exchange for artistic talent, they will be backstage set crew for this performance. Lian is excited to be part of this year's show by moving sets and supporting the cast. They are looking forward to contributing their time and make sure this year's musical is the best can be.



Allison Lee

Set Mover

Allison, who has a role as backstage set mover, is excited to be involved in her first play. She decided to dabble with backstage assistance to familiarize herself with the process. She's curious about the mechanics of putting on a play, but who knows? Maybe a role will be in her future! She's a 7th grader at Scranton Middle School. Besides being a part of the play, Allison spends time hanging out with friends, playing the clarinet, drawing and spending time with her family and pets. Allison thanks her brother and parents for supporting her and encouraging her to try new things.

CREW WHO'S WHO



Lucy Garcia

Set Mover

Lucy Garcia is excited to be in her first Brighton Area Schools musical. At Scranton Middle School, Lucy is in 8th grade and in Yearbook Club. She will be working backstage as a set mover.



Zero Calvin

Set Mover

Zero Calvin is happy to have made it on the tech crew again, despite their slight disliking to fish. Zero was apart of set movement before, in Beauty And The Beast Jr. and they love anything that gets them out of their house and lets them socialize (despite being a semi-introvert.) In order to prep for the show, they have spent hours watching movies that include fish. They will never get used to their tails or scales or their eyes. Their suspicious little eyes. Who knows what a fish knows? Who sees what a fish sees... Anyways, Zero mostly hopes you truly enjoy the show and have a wonderful time!



Henry Strapich

Set Mover

Henry is very excited to be part of The Little Mermaid Jr. as part of the backstage crew. He will be helping as a set mover.



Taylor Mikołajczyk

Hair and Makeup

Taylor is excited to be a part of the backstage crew for Little Mermaid Jr. Taylor would like to thank Leah T for always answering her questions, along with Mr. Johnson for being a great choir teacher and making the class fun. Taylor would also like to thank her neighbors Maddie and Kylie P for always letting her do their hair and makeup. Taylor would lastly thank Ms. Oseland for doing fit checks in choir and it makes the class two times more fun.

CREW WHO'S WHO



Elle Snedden

Hair and Makeup

Elle is very excited to be part of The Little Mermaid Jr. as part of the backstage crew. She will be helping with hair and makeup.



Natalie Kerr

Hair and Makeup

Natalie is very excited to be part of The Little Mermaid Jr. as part of the backstage crew. She will be helping with hair and makeup.



Ella Borst

Hair and Makeup

Ella is excited to be a part of the Scranton's Little Mermaid Jr's hair & makeup team. As a 7th grader at Scranton Middle school, Ella tries to attend many opportunities that would help her socialize with others, meet new people, and learn new things. After graduation, Ella plans on going to an Ivy League school, and becoming very successful. She hopes to continue her passion in arts and possibly pursue a career in fashion or theater production. Additionally Ella is dedicated to her academic studies and enjoys subjects like English. She believes in the importance of balancing her school work with activities to develop good skill-sets. Ella is very grateful from the support from her family and friends and looks forward to continuing in school productions.



Lena Ness

Hair and Makeup

Lena is excited to join the Scranton Musical this year. She has a strong passion for hair and makeup and she loves experimenting with styles. This is her first ever production and she hopes to join many more in the future. She would like to thank her parents for helping her along her hair and makeup journey.

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