

# ACTING UP

YOUNG PERFORMERS COMMUNITY THEATER

*Presents...*



**February 17-19, 2022**

Lakeview United Church

## Act I

**When I Grow Up** (from *Matilda*)—Lila Sager, Elise Hartmann, Nic Churchill, Ella Jo Wright, Gwen Cullen, Gabby Denight, Sarah Goecke, Ava Hartmann, Maggie McKenna with Ensemble

**The Girl I Mean to Be** (from *The Secret Garden*)—Lila Sager

**Good Girl Winnie Foster** (from *Tuck Everlasting*)—Sam Martel

**Hard Knock Life** (from *Annie*)- Mitalee Godbole, Anna Farwig, Gabby Denight, Elise Hartmann, C.C. Cohen, Audrey Smith, Maggie McKenna Annabelle Costello, Gwen Cullen, Hannah Huisman, Ella Jo Wright

**What If?** (from *The Addams Family*)—Sarah Goecke, Benny Farbstein

**I Just Can't Wait to be King** (from *The Lion King*)—Natalia Ibarra-Palacios, Chase Plats, Gwen Cullen, Nic Churchill, Abby Rojas Cermeno, Benny Farbstein, Ava Goulle, Ava Hartmann, Grace Hoffman, Grace Major, Ryan Planas, Liv Scalfaro, Josiah Taylor

**I'm Not That Smart** (from *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*)— Ella Jo Wright

**I Know Things Now** (from *Into the Woods*)—Anna Farwig

**I Won't Grow Up** (from *Peter Pan*)—Emily Yeung, C.C. Cohen, Tamryn Collins, Shana Collins, Annabelle Costella, Gabby Denight, Sarah Goecke, Elise Hartmann, Lucas Maritato, Maggie McKenna

**What It Means to be a Friend** (from *13*)—Audrey Smith

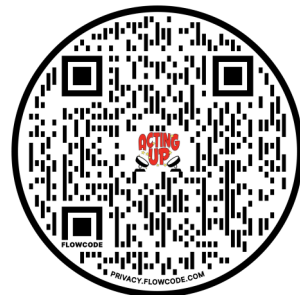
**Waiting for Life** (from *Once On This Island*)—Grace Major

**Happiness** (from *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*)—Lucas Maritato, Benny Farbstein, Josiah Taylor, Ryan Planas, Nic Churchill, Hannah Huisman

**I Know It's Today** (from *Shrek*)—Maggie McKenna, Annie Hagan, Audra McCullough

**Mama, I'm a Big Girl Now** (from *Hairspray*)—Sam Martel with female ensemble

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## Act II

**This Is Me** (from *The Greatest Showman*)—Liv Scalfaro with Ensemble

**One Perfect Moment** (from *Bring It On*)—Audra McCullough

**The Telephone Hour** (from *Bye, Bye Birdie*)—Emily Yeung, Lila Sager, Maggie McKenna, Sarah Goecke, Benny Farbstein, Hannah Huisman, Annabelle Costello, Annie Hagan, Grace Hoffman, Natalia Ibarra-Palacios, Sam Martel, Abby Rojas Cermeno, Liv Scalfaro, Audrey Smith, Shana Collins, Tamryn Collins, Lucas Maritato, Ryan Planas, Chase Plats

**Proud of Your Boy** (from *Aladdin*)- Josiah Taylor

**Just Around the Riverbend** (from *Pocahontas*)—Ava Hartmann

**Gee, Officer Krupke** (from *West Side Story*)— Anna Farwig, Elise Hartmann, Ella Jo Wright, Nic Churchill, Ava Goulle, Chase Plats, Tamryn Collins, Gabby Denight, Grace Major

**I Feel Pretty** (from *West Side Story*)- Grace Hoffman, Natalia Ibarra-Palacios, Hannah Huisman, Mitalee Godbole

**It Won't Be Long Now** (from *In the Heights*)—Liv Scalfaro

**Fearless** (from *Mean Girls*)- Audrey Smith, Ava Goulle, Annie Hagan, C.C. Cohen, Abby Rojas Cermeno, Shana Collins, Gwen Cullen, Benny Farbstein, Mitalee Godbole, Lucas Maritato, Sam Martel, Lila Sager, Josiah Taylor, Emily Yeung

**Who I'd Be** (from *Shrek*)— Ryan Planas, Audra McCullough, Ava Hartmann

**Song of Purple Summer** (from *Spring Awakening*)- Grace Major, Ava Hartmann, Grace Hoffman, Audra McCullough, Liv Scalfaro, Ryan Planas, Josiah Taylor

**When I Grow Up (Reprise)** (from *Matilda*)—Ensemble

*Our Spring Production...*

Auditions: March 7th & 8th

Performances: June 10-12

Mason Middle School Theater





## Production Team

**Directors** Brent Peebles, Erin Speno, James Major

**Music Directors:** Jeanne Bilyeu, Dane Morey

**Choreographers:** Erin Speno, Leah Major



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## Who's Who in our "Growing Up" Cast



**Churchill**



**Cohen**



**S. Collins**

**Nicxinn Churchill:** Nic is an eighth grader and their favorite numbers in *Growing Up* are "This is Me," "Gee Officer Krupke" and "I Just Can't Wait to Be King." Their favorite past productions include: *Aristocats*, *Seussical* and *Trouble in Paradise Junction*. When not on stage, Nic enjoys drawing/painting, singing, gaming and digital art.

**C.C. Cohen:** C.C. is a sixth grader and her favorite numbers in the musical revue are "This is Me" from *The Greatest Showman* and "Hard Knock Life" from *Annie*. Her favorite past credits include Cruella De Vil in *101 Dalmatians*, Duchess in *Aristocats* and Zeke in *High School Musical*! When not on stage, C.C. enjoys going to the mall and hanging out with her friends!

**Shana Collins:** Shana is a high school senior. Her favorite song in *Growing Up* is "This is Me." Her favorite past roles include Stage Crew for *Aida* and *Into the Woods*; ensemble in *Matilda* and *Seussical Jr.* Shana loves to write, and is an aspiring poet. Shana also loves spending time with her twin sister and cats.





**T. Collins**



**Costello**



**Cullen**

**Tamryn Collins:** Tamryn is a high school senior. Her favorite songs in *Growing Up* are “Gee, Officer Krupke” and “Mama, I’m a Big Girl Now.” Her past favorite roles include a jungle citizen in *Seussical* and Big Bad Wolf in *Shrek Jr.* at Lebanon Junior High School. Tamryn is also a member of Lebanon High School Cantare-a mixed audition choir. She also likes being a part of stage crew for Lebanon’s musical productions, being a light manager or helping with costume changes backstage. Tamryn also loves spending time with her twin sister and her family, including her cats.

**Annabelle Costello:** Annabelle is in sixth grade. Her favorite songs from this show are “I Won’t Grow Up” and “When I Grow Up.” Her past favorite roles are Snail in *A Year with Frog and Toad*, Rafiki in *The Lion King Kids*, and Mouse in *Cinderella*. When not on the stage, Annabelle’s hobbies include drawing, singing, and listening to music.

**Gwen Cullen:** Gwen is a sixth grader and her favorite numbers in the musical revue are “I Just Can’t Wait to be King” from *The Lion King* and “When I Grow Up” from *Matilda*! Her favorite past credits include playing the roles Elf/New Yorker in *Elf*, Mayzie La Bird in *Seussical*, and Ann in *Groovy*! When not on stage, Gwen enjoys golf, piano, basketball and reading.



**Denight**



**Farbstein**



**Farwig**

**Gabby Denight:** Gabby is in sixth grade. Her favorite song from this show is “Mama, I’m A Big Girl Now” from *Hairspray*. Her favorite performance was in *Seussical Jr.*, the musical. Gabby’s favorite hobbies are singing and arts and crafts. She wants to someday be in a Broadway production.

**Benny Farbstein:** Benny is a high school junior and his favorite number in the show is “The Telephone Hour” from *Bye Bye Birdie*. Some favorite past credits include Mr. Mayor in *Seussical Jr.*, Laurie Lawrence in *Little Women* and the long standing favorite of Cousin Itt in *Addams Family*! When not on stage, Benny enjoys being behind the scenes with filmmaking, editing, graphic design and hanging with his friends.

**Anna Farwig:** Anna is a sixth grader whose favorite number in this musical revue is “Mama, I’m A Big Girl Now” from *Hairspray*. Her favorite past roles include Matilda in *Matilda*, Young Anna in *Frozen Jr*, and a Wickersham in *Seussical Jr*. When not on stage, Anna enjoys listening to music, singing and writing.



**Godbole**



**Goecke**



**Goulle**

**Mitalee Godbole:** Mitalee is a seventh grader and her favorite numbers in the musical revue are “Fearless” from *Mean Girls* and “This is Me” from *The Greatest Showman*. Her favorite past shows have been *Matilda*, *Tuck Everlasting*, *Annie*, *Willy Wonka*, *The Lion King* and *Peter Pan*! When not on stage, Mitalee enjoys cross country, softball, reading, and singing.

**Sarah Goecke:** Sarah is a high school junior and her favorite numbers from *Growing Up* are her solo, “What If” from *Addams Family*, as well as “The Telephone Hour” and “Mama, I’m a Big Girl Now.” Her favorite past roles include Beth Bradley in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, Dorothy in *The Wizard of Oz*, and Scary Big Kid in *Matilda*. When not on stage, Sarah enjoys cats, hanging out with friends, and shopping.

**Ava Goulle:** Ava is a 10th grader. Her favorite songs from this musical revue are “Fearless” from *Mean Girls*, “When I Grow Up” and “Gee, Officer Krupke.” Her favorite past roles include Gertrude McFuzz from *Seussical Jr*. in 2020 and a Wickersham Brother in *Seussical Jr* in 2021. When not on stage, you will find Ava singing, acting and spending quality time with friends and family.



**Hagan**



**A. Hartmann**



**E. Hartmann**

**Annie Hagan:** Annie is a high school senior. Her favorite songs in *Growing Up* are “I Know It’s Today” and “Fearless.” Her favorite past role is Emily in the *Orphan Train*. When not on stage, Annie enjoys her hobbies including saxophone and jazz.

**Ava Hartmann:** Ava is a high school junior and her favorite number in the musical revue is “Song of Purple Summer” from *Spring Awakening*. Her favorite past credits include Gertrude McFuzz in *Seussical Jr*, and Meg March in *Little Women*. When not on stage, Ava enjoys playing and teaching piano and guitar.

**Elise Hartmann:** Elise is in seventh grade and her favorite number in the musical revue is “Gee Officer Krupke” from *West Side Story*. Her favorite past credits include playing the roles of Mouse in *A Year with Frog and Toad* and Amanda Thripp in *Matilda*! When not on stage, Elise enjoys writing, drawing, traveling and spending time with friends.



**Hoffman**



**Huisman**



**Ibarra-Palacios**

**Grace Hoffman:** Grace is a high school junior. Her favorite songs in this musical revue are “I Feel Pretty,” “Song of Purple Summer” and “This is Me.” Her favorite past roles include Nala in *The Lion King*, the Bird Woman in *Mary Poppins*, and the Queen of Hearts in *Alice in Wonderland*. Some of Grace’s hobbies are singing, reading, hanging with friends, and collecting vinyls for her record player!

**Hannah Huisman:** Hannah is in 10th grade and her favorite song in *Growing Up* is “I Feel Pretty” from *West Side Story*. Her favorite past role is The Genie in *Aladdin Jr.* When not on stage, Hannah enjoys acting, singing, sewing, thrifting, jewelry-making, student directing, and French.

**Natalia Ibarra-Palacios:** Natalia is in seventh grade and her favorite songs in the musical revue are “I’m Not That Smart,” “I Just Can’t Wait to Be King,” and “Hard Knock Life.” Her favorite past role is playing an ancestor in *Moana Jr.* When not on stage, Natalia enjoys guitar, voice, acting, and editing photos.



**Major**



**Maritato**



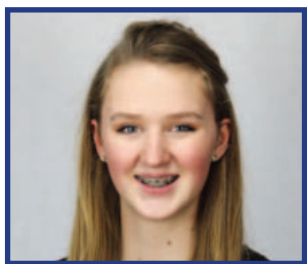
**Martel**

**Grace Major:** Grace is a high school junior. Her favorite song in *Growing Up* is “Song of Purple Summer.” Her favorite past role is a Bird Girl in Acting Up’s *Suessical Jr.* When not on stage, Grace enjoys going to brunch with her friends.

**Lucas Maritato:** Lucas is a seventh grader and his favorite number in the musical revue is “Happiness” from *You’re A Good Man Charlie Brown*. His favorite past credits include playing the roles of Maui in *Moana*, and Nigel in *Matilda*. When not on stage, Lucas enjoys playing basketball, volleyball and football, running cross-country, as well as computer programming/coding and gaming with friends and family.



**Sam Martel:** Sam is a high school sophomore and her favorite songs in *Growing Up* are “Mama, I’m a Big Girl Now” and “Fearless.” Her favorite past role is Arista in *The Little Mermaid*. When not on stage, you can find Sam playing electric bass, piano or ukulele, drawing, and reading.



**McCullough**



**McKenna**

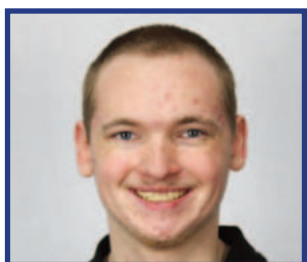


**Planas**

**Audra McCullough:** Audra is a high school senior. Her favorite number in *Growing Up* is “Song of Purple Summer.” Her favorite past roles are Ursula in *The Little Mermaid* and Mayzie in *Seussical Jr.* When not on stage, Audra enjoys reading and crafting.

**Maggie McKenna:** Maggie is a sixth grader and her favorite numbers in the musical revue are “I Know It’s Today” from *Shrek*, “The Telephone Hour” from *Bye-Bye Birdie* and “When I Grow Up” from *Matilda*. Her favorite past credits include playing Pua in *Moana Jr.* and being a part of *Seussical Jr.* When not on stage, Maggie enjoys writing, Tae Kwon Do, and singing.

**Ryan Planas:** Ryan is a high school junior. His favorite songs in this show are “Happiness” and “Who I’d Be.” His past favorite shows and roles include *Newsies* and Lucky in *Orphan Train*. When not on stage, Ryan enjoys choir, skateboarding, audio editing and recording.



**Plats**



**Rojas Cermeno**



**Sager**

**Chase Plats:** Chase is a 10th grader. His favorite song from this show is “Gee, Officer Krupke.” Favorite past roles were Tirolt from *Dragon Song*, Wickersham from *Seussical*, Eeyore from *The House at Pooh Corner* (Arlene's Broadway on Buffalo), and the Grinch from *Seussical Jr.* (Acting Up). He loves playing video games, watching movies, reading books, acting, and traveling.

**Abby Rojas Cermeno:** Abby is in sixth grade. Her favorite songs in *Growing Up* are “Fearless,” “This is Me,” “It’s A Hard Knock Life,” “The Telephone Hour,” “I Won’t Grow Up,” and “When I Grow Up.” This is her first show besides summer camp shows. Abby’s hobbies include singing, acting, writing, gaming, designing, creating and dancing.

**Lila Sager:** Lila is a sixth grader and her favorite number in the musical revue is “When I Grow Up” from *Matilda*. Her favorite past credit includes playing the role of Edwina in *Dear Edwina Jr.* When not on stage, Lila enjoys playing the piano, singing, reading and swimming.



**Scalfaro**



**Smith**



**Taylor**

**Liv Scalfaro:** Liv is a senior in high school. Her favorite songs in *Growing Up* are “This is Me,” and “Song of Purple Summer.” Her favorite past role is the Bird Woman in *Mary Poppins*. When not on stage, you can catch Liv watching Netflix and screaming Taylor Swift.

**Audrey Smith:** Audrey is a junior in high school and her favorite number in the musical revue is “Fearless” from *Mean Girls*. Her favorite past credits include playing the roles of Mrs. Mayor in *Seussical Jr.* and Beth in *Little Women*. When not on stage, Audrey enjoys playing the harp and piano.

**Josiah Taylor:** Josiah is a freshman in college. His favorite songs from this show are “Proud of Your Boy,” and “When I Grow Up.” His favorite past roles are The Trunchbull from *Matilda*, Man in the Yellow Suit from *Tuck Everlasting*, and the Dentist from *Little Shop of Horrors*. Josiah’s hobbies include film making, song writing and playing the piano.



**Wright**



**Yeung**

**Ella Jo Wright:** Ella Jo is a freshman at Lakota East. Her favorite number in the musical review is “Gee, Officer Krupke.” Always delighted to be on the stage, favorite past roles include Amy in *Little Women* and Hannah in *Tuck Everlasting*. Ella Jo also enjoys singing, reading, and playing with her cat, Apricot. She hopes you enjoy the show!

**Emily Yeung:** Emily is a senior in High School. Her favorite song in *Growing Up* is “This is Me.” Her favorite onstage role was in the ensemble in the *The Little Mermaid* at her high school. Off-stage, her hobbies include drawing and having fun with Caleb Dattilo.

