



Big Fish

A NEW BROADWAY MUSICAL

Book by John August
Music and Lyrics by Andrew Lippa

Based on the novel by Daniel Wallace and the
Columbia Motion Picture written by John August

Directed by Becca Johnson-Spinos

JUNE 10-13
MCL Grand Theater
Black Box

There will be one fifteen-minute intermission

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CAST

EDWARD BLOOM

Brayden Soffa
Peyton Nicholson

WILL BLOOM

Brendan Behm
Nathan Rubens

SANDRA BLOOM

Ashlyn Koford
Madeline Carter

AMOS CALLOWAY

Aidan Forbes
Brayden Lawrence

THE WITCH

Marcy Bogner
Sydney Lefkof

JENNY HILL

Claire Brandon
Savannah Stringer

DON PRICE/GENERAL

PATTERSON
Heath Rawls

JOSEPHINE BLOOM

Ellis Smith
Ruby Allen

KARL

Calin Eastes
Luke Guiou

ZACKY PRICE/RED FANG

Ethan Jones

YOUNG WILL/WILL'S SON/

SCOUT

Isaac Aranda
Wyatt Cantrell

ALABAMA LAMBS

Estee Kiel
Maddie Araman
Maggie Smith
Taryn Schmidt

DR. BENNETT/MAYOR

Blane Sherman
Trey Balentine

GIRL IN THE WATER/

DANCING FIRE

Taryn Schmidt

ENSEMBLE

Adrianna Kellaway
Sage White

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Ruby Allen (Josephine Bloom) is a junior at McKinney High School and is so excited to be in her first show with Outcry. Her favorite past roles include Hope Cladwell (*Urinetown*) and Little Red (*Into the Woods*). When Ruby is not on stage, she enjoys listening to music in her car, Timmy, and buying overpriced coffee. She would like to thank Joseph Jones and David Gaschen for their training and encouragement, and Ms. Becca for giving her an opportunity to be in such an amazing and powerful production.



Madeline Araman (Alabama Lamb) is in 11th grade at Prestonwood Christian Academy. This is her first play with Outcry Youth Theatre. She has enjoyed being in various musicals with other theatres in the area and with The Dallas Conservatory. When not on stage, Madeline loves to travel, read, and spend time with her friends. Madeline would like to thank Ms. Becca for this opportunity. She has really enjoyed this experience and looks forward to future productions with OYT.



Isaac Aranda (Young Will/Will's Son/Scout) is entering 6th grade at Creek Valley Elementary School. This will be his 11th production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Some of his favorite prior roles include Little Prince in *The Little Prince* and Les in *Newsies*. When not on stage he loves to tap dance, sing, play on his Nintendo Switch and wrestle with his three dogs. He would like to thank his family for their support and Ms. Becca for this opportunity.



Trey Balentine (Dr. Bennett/Mayor) is in 9th grade at Braswell High School. This is his first production with Outcry Youth Theatre. His favorite past roles include Young Will in Music Theatre of Denton's production of *Big Fish* and Little Boy in MTD's production of *Ragtime*. When not on stage, he likes to play video games and hang out with his friends. He would like to thank his Mom and Dad for always supporting him and driving him all over the place so he can do what he loves.



Brendan Behm (Will Bloom) is very excited for his first Outcry show and couldn't be happier with the opportunity he was given. Past roles include Charlie Brown (YAGM, *Charlie Brown*), Chip Tolentino (*25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*), Crutchie (*Newsies*), Orpheus (*Eurydice*), and Christopher (*Curious Incident*). Brendan is very thrilled to take the stage and share it with his cast mates, and would like to thank Ms. Becca, Mr. Gaschen, and his wonderful parents for their help through this process.

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Marcy Bogner (*The Witch*) is 18 and a fresh high school graduate. This is her 13th show with Outcry. She loves working with this company and is immensely grateful for the family she's made with these people. Some of her favorite previous roles include: Llewellyn in *The Old Man and The Old Moon*, Martha in *The Secret Garden*, Lady Macbeth in *Macbeth*, Antigone in *Antigone*, and Sara Jane Moore in *Assassins*.



Claire Brandon (*Jenny Hill*) is a rising senior at Frisco High School. Her favorite roles include Jane (*Tarzan*), Katherine (*Newsies*), Janet (*The Drowsy Chaperone*), Alice (*The Addams Family*), Tzeitel (*Fiddler on the Roof*), Meg (*Little Women*), and Lina Lamont (*Singin' in the Rain*). This is her third show with Ms. Becca and her 25th overall. Claire would like to thank Ms. Becca; Ms. Danielle; her double, Savannah; David Gaschen, Joseph Jones and Marcelle Hamilton; and all the volunteers who made this show possible.



Wyatt Cantrell (*Young Will/Will's Son/Scout*) is a sixth grader at Walker Middle School. They play percussion in the school band. This is Wyatt's eighth Outcry show and third Ms. Becca show. Their favorite roles at Outcry have been The Raccoon in *The Night Fairy*, Pluto in *The Madness of Edgar Allan Poe*, The Geographer in *The Little Prince*, and Boots in *Newsies*. They would like to thank Ms. Becca for believing in them giving them this opportunity.



Madeline Carter (*Sandra Bloom*) is a rising senior at Frisco High School. She is thrilled to be portraying the role of Sandra Bloom. This is her 13th production with Ms. Becca. Some of her previous roles include Alice Murphy in *Bright Star*, Mary Poppins in *Mary Poppins*, Mae Tuck in *Tuck Everlasting*, Katherine in *Newsies*, and The Chaperone in *The Drowsy Chaperone*. She would like to thank Becca for another amazing opportunity, David Gaschen for the vocal training, and Joseph Jones for the dance training.



Calin Eastes (*Karl*) is an 11th grade homeschool student. This is his 28th show with Ms. Becca. Calin is a proud member of Becca's Army and the J-Squad. His favorite roles include Cripple Billy in *The Cripple of Inishmaan*, Nawee in *The Time Machine*, Young Arthur in *The Legend of Arthur*, and Race in *Newsies*. Calin thanks his mom, his family and friends in the audience, his outstanding double Luke, Mr. Jason, and the magical Ms. Becca who is his fave!

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Aidan Forbes (Amos) recently completed his sophomore year at Allen High School where he plays football and is active in theater. He is thrilled to be performing in his fourth Outcry Youth Theatre show. His past favorite roles have been Proprietor (*Assassins*), Trunchbull (*Matilda*), Constable Joe (*Tuck Everlasting*), Caldwell Cladwell (*Urinetown*), and Shrek (*Shrek*). Thanks to Ms. Becca and the amazing cast for this opportunity!



Luke Guiou (Karl) will be a senior at Plano West Senior High in the fall. This is his 14th production with Outcry Youth Theatre and his 9th show with Ms. Becca. When he isn't at rehearsal you can find him playing video games with friends or just hanging out. He would like to thank Ms. Becca for casting him in this incredible show. He would also like to thank his double Calin and his family for their encouragement.



Ethan Jones (Zacky) is a rising senior at Lovejoy High School. This is his 6th production with Ms. Becca. His favorite past roles include Sir Dinadan in *The Legend of Arthur*. In addition to Outcry Youth Theatre, he is very involved with his school theatre program. He enjoys spending time with friends and family. He would like to thank Becca for all the hard work she put in! He also wants to thank his family for always being there to support him.



Adrianna Kellaway (Ensemble) is going into her senior year of high school. This is her fifth production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her favorite past roles include Sara Jane More from *Assassins*, Nana from *Tuck Everlasting*, and Mommy from *The Cripple of Inishmaan*. When she is not on stage, she loves to express herself through painting and makeup. She can't wait for you all to see her fishing skills.



Estee Kiel (Alabama Lamb) is a rising junior at Allen High School. This is her 7th production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her favorite past roles include Miss Minchin in *The Little Princess* and Remy in *The Madness of Edgar Allan Poe*. When not on stage, she likes to sing and write music and draw. She would like to thank her director Ms. Becca for all the work she puts in.

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Ashlyn Koford (Sandra Bloom) can say, “it ends with you, it ends with me...” after 9 years of shows with Ms. Becca. From Mrs. Bucket in 2013 to Sandra Bloom in 2021, she is beyond grateful for this journey that has also included Sally (*YAGM*, *Charlie Brown*), Jane (*Mary Poppins*), Benvolio (*R&J*), Esmeralda (*Hunchback*), Katherine (*Newsies*), Lily (*Secret Garden*), and Winnie (*Tuck Everlasting*). So “what’s next?” for this senior? Some bittersweet goodbyes, then on to Missouri State University as a BFA Musical Theatre major!



Brayden Lawrence (Amos Callaway) is 16 and an incoming junior at McKinney High School. This is Brayden’s 13th show at Outcry Youth Theatre, and his 10th show with Ms. Becca. His favorite previous roles include Nick in *The Great Gatsby*, The Aviator in *The Little Prince*, and Guiteau in *Assassins*. He would like to thank Mr. Jason and Ms. Becca for the incredible opportunities they’ve given to him, and his family for their endless support.



Sydney Lefkof (The Witch) just recently graduated from ISVA Lewisville. This is her third production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her favorite past roles include Mae Tuck in *Tuck Everlasting* and Oona O’Neill in *Chaplin the Musical*. When not on stage, you’ll find her at her second favorite place in the world (only second to the stage!) making coffee and crepes at Frogg Coffee. She would like to thank her parents for the constant support and Ms. Becca for all the hard work put into making this show possible!



Peyton Nicholson (Edward Bloom) is 17 and a rising senior at Lovejoy High School. This is his 51st production in the DFW area. Some of his favorite roles have been Dickon in *The Secret Garden*, Bartley in *The Cripple of Inishmaan*, and Creon in *Antigone*. When not on stage, Peyton enjoys writing his own plays and songs. He would like to thank God for giving him the talent to perform and Ms. Becca and Mr. Jason for giving him opportunities to play such wonderful characters.



Heath Rawls (Don Price/General Patterson) is 18 and just graduated from McKinney Boyd High School. This is his third Outcry Youth Theatre production. Some favorite past roles include John Hinckley (*Assassins*), Monty Navarro (*Gentleman’s Guide*), and Bobby Strong (*Urinetown*).

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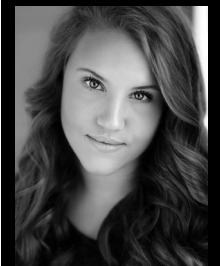
Nathan Rubens (Will Bloom) is a senior at Texas Tech K-12 online. Nathan has been acting since 2nd grade and *Big Fish* is Nathan's 12th production with Ms. Becca. Nathan would like to thank Ms. Becca, Ms. Cindy, and his family for their guidance and support.



Taryn Schmidt (Alabama Lamb/Girl in the Water/Fire Dancer) just finished her sophomore year at the Texas Virtual Academy at Hallsville. This is her fourth show with Outcry. Her favorite past roles include Teen Winnie in *Tuck Everlasting*, Roxie Hart in *Chicago*, and The Proprietor in *Assassins*. She would like to thank Ms. Becca for always pushing her to be her best and giving her the opportunity to dance her heart out in such a fun role, as well as her mom and siblings for their constant love and support.



Blane Sherman (Dr. Bennett/Mayor) is in 8th grade at Gene Pike Middle School. This is his first production with Outcry Youth Theatre. His favorite past roles include Orcus in *She Kills Monsters* and Lord Aster in *Peter and the Starcatcher*. When not on stage, he likes to bake pastries, write, and do photography. He would like to thank his Mom and Dad for their dedication and Ms. Becca for giving him this opportunity.



Ellis Smith (Josephine Bloom) 16, is so excited for her debut performance at Outcry. A rising junior at Lovejoy High School, Ellis has been active in school, community & youth theatre since the age of 8. Favorite roles include Mary Poppins (*Mary Poppins*), Chaperone (*The Drowsy Chaperone*), and Carrie Pipperidge (*Carousel*). She would like to thank Peyton, Madeline & Claire for encouraging her to audition at Outcry, Ms. Becca for this great opportunity, and Ruby for being an amazing, supportive double.



Maggie Smith (Alabama Lamb) is going to be a junior in the fall at Wylie High School. *Big Fish* is Maggie's 42nd show. Some of her favorite roles have been Specs/Bowery Beauty in *Newsies*, Liza in *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*, and The Witch in *Into the Woods*. Maggie would like to thank her family and friends for supporting her, and for the wonderful cast of *Big Fish* for making this show an amazing experience.

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Brayden Soffa (Edward Bloom) will be a freshman studying political science at Boston University this fall. This is his 37th and final production with Ms. Becca. His past favorite roles include Davey in *Newsies*, Jessie Tuck in *Tuck Everlasting*, and Jay Gatsby in *The Great Gatsby*. He would like to thank Ms. Becca and Mr. Jason for becoming part of his family and the eight years of memories, Ms. Cindy for supporting him vocally, Ms. Caren for giving him the gift of music, and his friends and family for all their support.



Savannah Stringer (Jenny Hill) is an incoming senior at Richardson High School. This is her second show with Outcry. Favorite past roles include Lucille (*Junie B. Jones*), Louison (*Imaginary Invalid*), and Housewife (*Assassins*). When not performing, she likes to read and take walks. She would like to thank Claire for being the most helpful double in the world and making the rehearsal process less stressful. She would also like to thank her parents for their support and letting her spend so much time doing what she loves.



Sage White (Ensemble) is a 15-year-old homeschooler and will be a sophomore in the fall. This is her 19th production but her first with Outcry Youth Theatre. When not on stage, Sage loves to read, sing, draw, and be with her cat, dogs, and friends. Sage would like to thank her friends and family for their continued love and support, Ms. Becca for giving her guidance and encouragement, and the cast for being so welcoming.

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Becca Johnson-Spinos (Director) is the Artistic Director of Outcry Theatre. Becca has a BFA in Music Theatre from Elon University and an MFA in Directing for Theatre from Baylor University. Becca worked as an assistant to the Artistic Director at Burning Coal Theatre Company in North Carolina, where she also assistant directed and performed. In Dallas, she has directed dozens of shows and was named one of the Best Directors for 2018 by John Garcia for Outcry Theatre's production of *Spring's Awakening*.



Cindy Steckline Johnston (Music Director), a long-time music educator of 27 years, retired from McKinney ISD after 23 years of service. Under her direction, the Evans Varsity Treble Chorus was a 2009 featured Honor Choir at Texas Music Educators Association Convention. Cindy directed many musicals at all 3 MISD campuses as well as summer camps through McKinney Repertory Theatre where she directed and produced 13 summer shows. She is thrilled to be working with these extremely talented actors.



Benjamin McElroy (Assistant Director) hails from Frisco, TX, and is so excited to be behind the scenes again with Outcry Youth Theatre for this production. A proud alum of OYT, Ben has done over a dozen shows with them and can thank Ms. Becca for being an amazing mentor, friend, and guide through his theatrical journey. Ben is currently attending Stephen F. Austin University pursuing a degree in theatre performance. He would like to thank this amazing cast and applaud their hard work.

CREW

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Based on the play by **John Van Druten**
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Music by **John Kander** Lyrics by **Fred Ebb**

Performs **July 15-18, 2021**
Cox Playhouse
directed by Becca Johnson-Spinos
music directed by Cindy Steckline Johnston

Ages 13-18
Auditions: June 15 & 17, 2021

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Performs **June 24-27, 2021**

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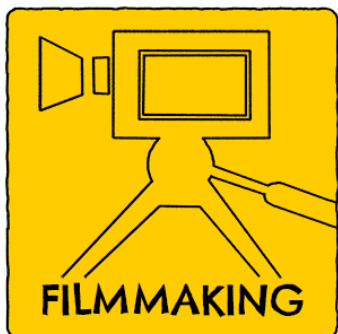


Written by **Tennessee Williams**

Performs **August 6-15, 2021**

Addison Theatre Centre, Studio Theatre
directed by Becca Johnson-Spinos

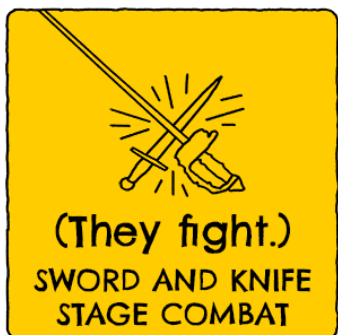
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Ages 10-18



July 26-30, 9am-12pm
Ages 12-22



July 26-30, 1pm-5pm
Ages 12-18



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Ages 5-12



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Ages 5-12 (Virtual)



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Ages 8-15 (Virtual)

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