

# FANTASTIC M. FOX

Adapted for the stage by **David Wood**From the book by **Roald Dahl** 

Music by John Kirkpatrick and Peter Pontzen

Directed by Jason Johnson-Spinos

OCTOBER 7-16
Addison Theatre Centre
Studio Theatre

There will be one fifteen-minute intermission

Fantastic Mr. Fox (Wood) is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc.

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#### CAST

MR. FOX
Liam Paynter
Maddie McInnis

BADGER Allison Wright Everett Johnson

MRS. FOX Beatrix Wezwick Sophia Spanik

BOGGIS Nate Oldham Wyatt Cantrell

BUNCE Eli Gibson MacKenzie McLane

> BEAN Layla Tacazon Madeline Knoff

MABEL/MRS. RABBIT Anna Lyle Brooklynn Wilkerson

> FOX CHILD 1 Kensley James Raya Michaels

FOX CHILD 2 Deirdre Bain Holden James

FOX CHILD 3 Jessie Brae Sta Maria Nate Brown

> FOX CHILD 4 Elyza Ordono Juan Erives

RAT/MOLE Hannah Butti

SMALL BADGER Lukas Newham

MRS. WEASEL/VILLAGER Penelope Coronado

**Off-Night Roles** 

MRS. BADGER Beatrix Wezwick Sophia Spanik

MR. WEASEL/RAT FRIEND Eli Gibson MacKenzie McLane

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> MR. RABBIT Kensley James Raya Michaels

RABBIT CHILD Deirdre Bain Holden James

VILLAGERS
Allison Wright, Everett Johnson,
Layla Tacazon, Liam Paynter,
Maddie McInnis, Madeline Knoff,
Nate Oldham, Wyatt Cantrell



**Deidre Bain (Fox Child 2/Rabbit Child)** is in 7th grade at Carpenter Middle School. This is her 1st production with Outcry Youth Theatre. She was previously in a school production of *The Addams Family Musical*. When not on stage, she likes to play the saxophone, paint, and crochet. She would like to thank her family.



Nathaniel (Nate) Brown (Fox Child 3/Mole Child) is in 2nd grade and is homeschooled. This is his very first theatre experience and first role with Outcry Youth Theatre. Nate plays keyboard in a band with School of Rock Dallas, and he plays basketball with the YMCA. Nate would like to thank all of his family and friends that support him in all his endeavors.



**Hannah Butti (Rat/Mole)** is in 9th grade and is homeschooled. This is her first show with Outcry Youth Theatre. When not on stage she likes to knit, skate, and read. She would like to thank her friends and family for encouraging her to pursue theater.



Wyatt Cantrell (Boggis) is in the 8th grade at Walker Middle School in Little Elm. This is Wyatt's 12th Outcry Youth Theatre show and 8th show with Mr. J. Wyatt's favorite roles have been Boots in Newsies, Pluto the cat in The Madness of Edgar Allan Poe, and the Raccoon in The Night Fairy. When not on stage he plays percussion in his school band. Wyatt would like to thank Mr. J for the opportunity to be onstage with this amazing cast.



Penelope Coronado (Mrs. Weasel/Villager) is in 6th grade. This is her debut performance with Outcry Youth Theatre. When not on stage she likes to get her science on by making all kinds of slime. She loves listening to rock and roll. Her favorite bands are Fall Out Boy and Alice in Chains. She would like to thank Mom, Dad, Grandparents, and all her family for being there for her.



Juan Erives (Fox Child 4) Watch out theatre lovers, Juan is back! Fresh from his NYC Broadway tour Juan Erives is happy to be back in the bright lights and big city of Plano, TX performing at the one and only Outcry Youth Theatre. His Foxy moves will leave the audience cheering and celebrating. Juan thanks Mr. Jason for this opportunity and his family for their love, support, and encouragement.



Eli Gibson (Bunce/Mr. Weasel/Rat Friend) is in 5th grade at Chandler in Allen. This is his 2nd production with Outcry Youth Theatre and his 3rd play. His past roles have been Drake in *Annie Jr.* and Peter in *Peter Pan.* Offstage Eli likes to play Minecraft, Pokemon, swim, and perform Improv. He would like to thank Mr. Jason and Outcry Youth Theatre for this opportunity and his family and friends for supporting his love of performing.



Holden James (Fox Child 2/Rabbit Child) is 10 years old and attends Marion Elementary. This is his first ever theatre performance and first production at Outcry Youth Theatre. Besides acting he loves playing football and spending time with his family. He wants to say a huge thank you to Mr. J for being a great director and all those who have helped create this show.

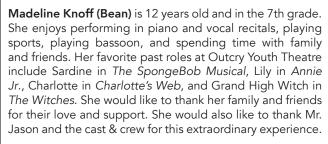


Kensley James (Fox Child 1/Mr. Rabbit) is 10 years old and attends Marion Elementary. This is her first production ever and first time working with Outcry Youth Theatre. Besides acting she loves creating art and spending time with her friends and family. She wants to thank the entire cast and crew of the show for allowing her to have this opportunity.



**Everett Johnson (Badger)** is 14 and a freshman at Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts. He is thrilled to be in his eighth Outcry Youth Theatre show and is a proud member of the J-Squad! His past favorite roles include Hans (*Frozen Jr.*), Evan (13 the Musical), and Templeton (*Charlotte's Web*). He is a chili cook-off champion and enjoys history and board games. Thanks to all of my family and friends!







Anna Lyle (Mabel/Mrs. Rabbit) is excited to be part of this show! She has taken classes at Dallas Children's Theater since she was 3 years old but this is her first full production. She previously starred in *Get Thee to a Nunnery*, a short film that placed 3rd in the Video Association of Dallas' 24 Hour Video Race. Anna wants to be a visual artist when she grows up.



Maddie McInnis (Mr. Fox) is in the 8th grade at Carpenter Middle School. This is her fourth production with Outcry Youth Theatre. She recently enjoyed playing Pepper in Annie Jr. last summer. Maddie likes to draw, play video games, and play the flute. She thanks her parents and the Outcry team for the opportunity to join her friends in this production of Fantastic Mr. Fox.



MacKenzie McLane (Bunce/Mr. Weasel/Rat Friend) is in the 5th grade at Providence. This is her 4th production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her favorite past roles are Grandmama in *The Witches* and Annie in *Annie Kids*. When not on stage she likes to play basketball, read fun books, and draw. She would like to thank her mom and dad for all they do and Mr. Jason for all his help during this production.



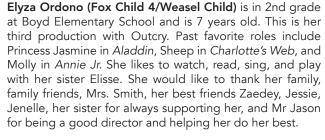
Raya Michaels (Fox Child 1/Mr. Rabbit) has been traveling the country in an RV most of her life. When she was 7 years old she rode her bicycle much of the distance from NYC to Maine with her Dad while camping in random people's backyards. She loves reading warrior cat novels and hanging out with her friends. She has been homeschooling for 8 years but now attends Legacy Preparatory Academy. She enjoys playing piano, canvas painting, fantasy roleplaying online, and baking cookies with her Dad.



**Lukas Newham (Small Badger)** is in the 4th grade. This is his first production with Outcry Youth Theatre. When not on stage, he likes to build Legos and play video games. He would like to thank his parents Toby and Andrea and his big brother Sam.



Nate Oldham (Boggis/Villager) is in 8th grade at Roach Middle School and is 13 years old. This is his fifth production with Outcry. His favorite past roles have been Wilbur in Charlotte's Web and Bruno in The Witches. Offstage he is involved in swim team and volleyball, plays saxophone in his school band, enjoys hiking, and has a side jewelry business. He would like to thank his family and friends for their encouragement and support. He would also like to thank Mr. J for this opportunity and fun experience.



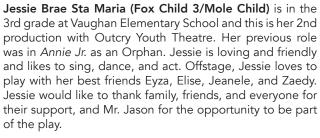


Liam Paynter (Mr. Fox) is 15 years old and in the 9th grade. This is his 9th production with Outcry Youth Theatre. His favorite past roles include Skuggle in *The Night Fairy*, Bruno in *The Witches*, Wilbur in *Charlotte's Web*, and Oliver Warbucks in *Annie Jr*. Outcry is a huge part of his life, and as always, Liam thanks Mr. J for making theatre a fun and rewarding experience.



**Sophia Spanik (Mrs. Fox/Mrs. Badger)** is 14 years old and is a 9th grader at Jasper High School. This is her first production at Outcry Youth Theatre.







Layla Tacazon (Bean/Villager) is 14 years old and is a freshman at Rockwall High School. This is Layla's first production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Prior to Outcry, Layla has played several roles in previous middle school productions such as Star to Be in *Annie Jr.*, Marga in *The Dark Road*, and Bagheera in *The Jungle Book*. Offstage Layla holds a Black Belt in Karate and is a member of the USA National Karate Team and will be competing at the Jr. World Karate Championships in late October.



Beatrix Wezwick (Mrs. Fox/Mrs. Badger) is in fourth grade at Richardson Heights Elementary. This is her fourth show with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her favorite past roles include the Main Narrator in *Charlotte's Web*, Bert Healy in *Annie Jr.*, and Bulda in *Frozen Jr.* When not performing she likes to draw, write scary stories, and is devoted to her Girl Scout troop. Beatrix would like to thank her friends and family, and beloved cat, Neptune, for all of the love and support.



**Brooklynn Wilkerson (Mabel/Mrs. Rabbit)** lives in Lewisville and is in sixth grade at Hedrick Middle School. Her love of theater started when she was cast as Pepper in *Annie*. Brooklynn will also play Flotsam in her upcoming school production of *The Little Mermaid*. She also enjoys singing soprano in the school choir. Brooklynn thanks her mom, dad, sister, and brother for their love and support. Special thanks to director Jason Johnson-Spinos, staff, and fellow cast members for making this a valuable experience.



Allison Wright (Badger) is in her second production at Outcry Youth Theatre. You may have seen her playing Duffie in Outcry's *Annie Jr.* or as the Ugly Duckling in *Shrek Jr.* at Ovation Theater. She will also be making her debut in the Greater Dallas Children's Chorus later this year. Prior to starting her theater career, Allison entertained family and friends with songs and original monologues. Allison lives in Allen with her Mom, Dad, two older brothers, one younger sister, and two crazy dogs named Pancho and Lefty.



Jason Johnson-Spinos (Director) is Outcry's Marketing Director, a teacher, director, playwright, and designer. Jason is a graduate of Elon University. He has designed Off-Broadway for *Texas in Paris* (sound/projections) and *Lonesome Blues* (sound). He was a theatre teacher at Universal Academy - Coppell, where his UIL One Act Play of *The Chastening* advanced to the 2017 State Championship. This is the sixteenth youth show he's directed for Outcry. Love to Becca and thanks to Stori and Elizabeth.

**Stori James (Assistant Director)** is a senior at Allen High School planning to pursue their BFA in acting. This is their fourth show with Outcry Theatre but their first assistant directing. They would like to thank the cast for working so diligently and their parents for the support. But mostly, they would like to thank Mr. J for allowing them to have this opportunity to work under him and for his endless amount of support, patience, and dedication.

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## **CREW**

DIRECTOR/CHOREOGRAPHER
Jason Johnson-Spinos

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR Stori James

CHOREOGRAPHERS

Jason Johnson-Spinos and Stori James

STAGE MANAGER Elizabeth Cantrell

ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER
Camryn Smith

COSTUMES
Katherine Wright

SET

Aleena Azhar, Elizabeth Cantrell, Wyatt Cantrell, Samantha Garcia, Joshua James, Stori James, Camryn Smyth, and Jason Johnson-Spinos

> LIGHTS Marwa Habibi

PROJECTION ART Giulia Garbani

PROPS Norma Spanik SOUND/PROJECTION DESIGN Jason Johnson-Spinos

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Cade Michaels

PLAYBILL ASSISTANCE Mark Tacason CAST PARTY COORDINATOR
Nadia McInnis

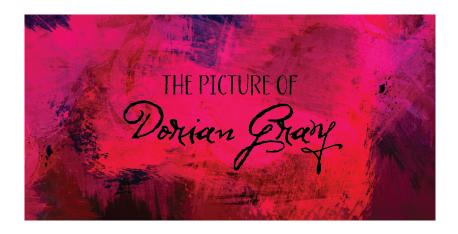
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# **UPCOMING PRODUCTION**



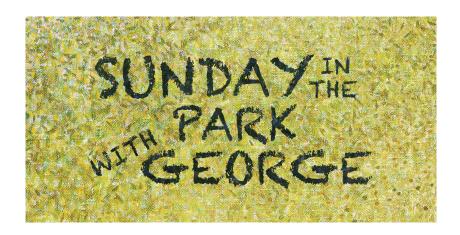
adapted by **Becca and Jason Johnson-Spinos** from the novel by **Oscar Wilde** 

Performs **November 4-13, 2022**Addison Theatre Centre, Studio Theatre directed by Becca Johnson-Spinos

A brand new vision of Oscar Wilde's Faustian tale of a beautiful young man who sells his soul to obtain eternal youth. In Victorian London, the young painter Basil Hallwood has just completed his best work yet - a beautiful portrait of his young and naive friend, Dorian Gray. Their mutual friend Henry Wotton remarks what a singularly brilliant piece of art it is, and how Basil must exhibit it. Dorian then makes a fateful wish - that the painting should grow old instead of him - and strikes an unbreakable bond with the devil. Dorian's pact sends him down a path towards depravity and darkness. However, with each misstep Dorian makes - his vile acts are not etched upon his own face, but rather upon the portrait, which seems to reflect from within every single one of Dorian's sins. The portrait is Dorian's greatest secret, and he will do anything to keep that secret safe.

Contains mature content. Recommended for ages 12 and up.

# **UPCOMING PRODUCTION**



# music and lyrics by **Stephen Sondheim** book by **James Lapine**

Performs **January 13-22, 2023**Addison Theatre Centre, Studio Theatre directed by Becca Johnson-Spinos

Inspired by the painting, A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte by Georges Seurat, Sunday in the Park with George, Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine's stunning masterpiece, merges past and present into beautiful, poignant truths about life, love and the creation of art. One of the most acclaimed musicals of our time, this moving study of the enigmatic painter, Georges Seurat, won a Pulitzer Prize and was nominated for an astounding ten Tony Awards, including Best Musical.

The days leading up to the completion of his most famous painting, Seurat is struggling to make meaningful art and maintaining a relationship with his lover, Dot. Amid the scorn of the artistic community, Seurat's artistic ability thrives while his love diminishes. A century later, Seurat's descendant – named George and also an artist – finds himself burnt out and in search of what artistic path to follow, but he finds the answer to his future in the past.

# **UPCOMING AUDITIONS**

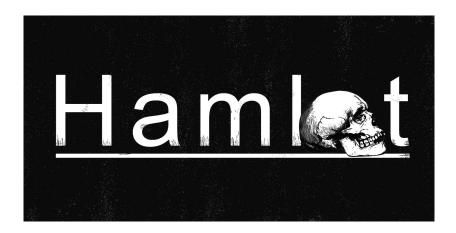


book and lyrics by **Jason Johnson-Spinos** music by **Michael Ramirez** based on the book by **L. M. Montgomery** 

Ages 7-15
Auditions **December 5 & 7, 2022**Performs **March 17-26, 2023**Addison Theatre Centre, Studio Theatre directed by Jason Johnson-Spinos

Anne Shirley, an 11-year-old orphan girl, is sent by mistake to Matthew and Marilla Cuthbert, siblings who had intended to adopt a boy to help them on their farm in Avonlea, Canada. This world-premiere musical of one of the best-selling books of all time follows Anne's adventures as she grows up in a quaint small town filled with memorable characters. With her larger-than-life personality (and vocabulary) Anne learns valuable lessons as she faces challenges both big and small, while also teaching Matthew and Marilla how to become parents and better people.

# **UPCOMING AUDITIONS**



#### by William Shakespeare

Ages 13-18
Auditions **TBA**Performs **April 28-May 7, 2023**Addison Theatre Centre, Studio Theatre directed by Becca Johnson-Spinos

The most powerful, influential, and important play of all time. William Shakespeare's greatest tragedy takes on murder, madness, despair, revenge, and death.

"Something is rotten in the state of Denmark." King Hamlet is dead, and his brother Claudius has taken the throne. Prince Hamlet is haunted by the ghost of his father, begging him to avenge his murder. Hamlet agrees to avenge his father's death, but is paralyzed by the grisly task ahead. Hamlet's family tears itself apart as their country prepares for war. Hamlet rages against the impossibility of his predicament, threatening both his sanity and the security of Denmark.



Outcry Reads is a new series of play readings. Outcry Theatre will produce four readings of new works by local DFW playwrights. Local actors will be cast, and an Outcry staff member will direct the reading. The reading will take place at the Outcry Theatre Rehearsal Location in Plano, Texas. The readings will be free to attend, with limited seating for up to 20 audience members. There will be a talkback following the reading, moderated by the director, where the audience members and actors can discuss the play with the playwright.

#### **Submission Guidelines**

- All submitting playwrights must live in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex and be able to attend the reading and the rehearsal that will take place the previous Friday.
- Playwrights will need to provide a list of what they would like to learn from the talkback, including specific questions they would like answered.
- Submissions are accepted on a rolling basis.
- Playwrights may only submit one play per season.
- Only non-musicals will be considered.

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The mission of Outcry Theatre is to draw youth and young adults to the theatre as both audience and participants.

Outcry Theatre utilizes bold artistic vision, highly physical staging, and an energetic and visceral performance style. With rigorous rehearsals, tenacious attention to detail, and unwavering dedication to excellence, Outcry Theatre focuses on developing stellar performances and exceptional storytelling.

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