



THE DIVINERS

by Jim Leonard Jr.

Directed by Becca Johnson-Spinos

Contains some adult language.

NOVEMBER 5-14
Addison Theatre Centre
Studio Theatre

There will be one fifteen-minute intermission

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CAST

BUDDY LAYMAN
Brayden Lawrence
Calin Eastes

C.C. SHOWERS
Matthew Gay
Peyton Nicholson

JENNIE MAE LAYMAN
Alexa Stratton
Isabella Hamilton

FERRIS LAYMAN
Luke Guiou

BASIL BENNETT
Liam Paynter

NORMA HENSHAW
Isabella Wilson
Savannah Stringer

DARLENE HENSHAW
Jaque Spradley
Megan McMurray

DEWEY MAPLES
Ethan Jones
Ryan Moore

LUELLA BENNETT
Giulia Garbani
Jane Landrum

MELVIN WILDER
Alex Gray

GOLDIE SHORT
Aleena Azhar
Emma Stever

TOWNSPERSON
Madeline Olivieri

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Aleena Azhar (Goldie Short) is a senior at Plano West Senior High School. This is her fourth production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Some of her favorite past roles include Owl Eyes/Mrs. Michaelis in *The Great Gatsby* as well as Helga in *Cabaret*. This show was such a fun process and she loved working with everyone on this amazing show!



Calin Eastes (Buddy Layman) is a high school senior attending Collin College. This is his 30th 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 awesome double BT, Mr. Jason, and the magical Ms. Becca who is his fave!



Giulia Garbani (Luella Bennett) is a 16-year-old junior at Allen High School. This is her seventh show at Outcry Youth Theatre, and she is so excited to be a part of *The Diviners* cast. Giulia has been in theatre since she was 9 years old, and she loves to bring stories to life on the stage with her cast mates. She would like to thank her parents for all their support and love, as well as Ms. Becca, Ms. Chauncey, and all the volunteers who made this show possible.



Matthew Gay (C.C. Showers) is a senior at Legacy Christian Academy. His previous roles include Tom Wingfield in *The Glass Menagerie*, Haimon in *Antigone*, Mordred in *The Legend of Arthur*, and Jonas in *The Giver*. When not onstage, he enjoys listening to music and watching movies. Thanks for being a great double Peyton! He hopes you enjoy the show.

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Alex Gray (Melvin Wilder) is in 11th grade at Reedy High School. This is her 16th production with Outcry Youth Theatre and her 10th with Ms. Becca. Past roles include Antigone in *Antigone* and Squeaky in *Assassins*. When not onstage, she enjoys singing, listening to music, and reading vampire novels. She would like to thank Ms. Becca for always pushing her to be her best, and her Nana and Papa for making this possible.



Luke Guiou (Ferris Layman) is a senior at Plano West Senior High. This is his 16th production with Outcry Youth Theatre and his 11th 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 Aiden and his family for their encouragement.



Isabella Hamilton (Jennie Mae Layman) is 17 years old and a senior at JJ Pearce High School. Favorite roles include Daisy in *The Great Gatsby*, Laura in *The Glass Menagerie*, Oracle/Medusa in *The Lightning Thief Musical*, and Judy in *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*. Isabella is thrilled to be in another production with Outcry and would like to thank Alexa for being the best double there is, Ms. Chauncey for all of her help, and Ms. Becca for all of her trust, support, and dedication to this show.



Ethan Jones (Dewey Maples) is a senior at Lovejoy High School. This is his 8th production with Outcry Youth Theatre. In addition to Outcry, 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 her hard work and dedication to creating meaningful theatre. He also wants to thank his family for always being there to support him.



Jane Landrum (Luella Bennett) is 18 years old and in 12th grade at Frisco High School. Some of her favorite roles have been Kate in *The Cripple of Inishmaan*, Emma Goldman in *Assassins*, and Judy in *The Great Gatsby*. In her free time, she likes to play video games, spend time with her friends and family, crochet, and draw. She would like to thank her family and friends for their support, and Ms. Becca for making this show such an amazing experience!

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Brayden Lawrence (Buddy Layman) is 16 and a junior at McKinney High School. This is Brayden's 16th show at Outcry Youth Theatre, and his 13th show with Ms. Becca. His favorite previous roles include Nick in *The Great Gatsby*, Emcee in *Cabaret*, and Tom Wingfield in *The Glass Menagerie*. He would like to thank Mr. Jason and Ms. Becca for the incredible opportunities they've given to them, and his family for their endless support.



Megan McMurray (Darlene Henshaw) is thrilled to be doing her 17th show with Ms. Becca! Her favorite past roles include LuLu (*Cabaret*), Jordan Baker (*The Great Gatsby*), and Becky 2 Shoes (*Urinetown*). Megan hopes to pursue theatre after high school, so keep your fingers crossed! Lastly, Megan would like to thank her on and off-stage best friend, Alexa, for all of her love and support through this, and Ms. Becca for the chance to bring this hilarious character to life and showing her what her purpose in life is.



Ryan Moore (Dewey Maples) is 16 years old, and he is a junior at Richardson High School where he is a part of the Theatre Collective. Some of his favorite previous roles include Cléante in *The Imaginary Invalid* (RHS), Jack in *Chatroom* (Teen Voices DFW), Hazard in *Treasure Island* (OYT), and Leon in *Fools* (NTPA). When not performing, Ryan enjoys playing the piano and hanging out with friends. Ryan would like to thank Ms. Becca for this opportunity and his friends and family for coming to the show!



Peyton Nicholson (C.C. Showers) is 17 and a senior at Lovejoy High School. This is his 54th production in the DFW area. Some of his favorite roles have been Bartley in *The Cripple of Inishmaan*, Creon in *Antigone*, and Edward in *Big Fish*. 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.



Madeline Olivieri (Townsperson) is a freshman at Vines High School. She has done several small productions at the Heights but is new to Outcry. When not on stage, Madeline likes to read, cook, and spend time with loved ones. She wants to thank her friends and family for their support, especially her mom; Ms. Wehman for her continuous encouragement; and everyone at Outcry.

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Liam Paynter (Basil Bennett) is 14 years old and in 8th grade at Schimelpfenig Middle School in Plano. This is his 6th production with Outcry Youth Theatre, but it's his first time working with Ms. Becca! His favorite past roles include Skuggle in *The Night Fairy* and Bruno in *The Witches*. Liam is so grateful to Ms. Becca for the opportunity to be a part of the cast of *The Diviners* and has really enjoyed working with her and all the talented actors and actresses.



Jaque Spradley (Darlene Henshaw) is in 12th grade at Reedy High School. This is her 2nd production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her favorite past roles include Kate in *The Cripple of Inishmaan*, Marci and Gayle in *Almost, Maine*, and Charlotte in *Pride and Prejudice*. When not on stage, she likes to make art and thrift. She would like to thank Ms. Becca for the opportunity to be in this show. :)



Emma Stever (Goldie Short) is in ninth grade. This is her seventh production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Some of her favorite roles include Beth in *Oz*, Flory in *The Night Fairy*, and Olaf in *Frozen JR*. She would like to thank everyone who has supported her, her amazing double Aleena, and Ms. Becca for giving her this opportunity.



Alexa Stratton (Jennie Mae Layman) is 17 years old and a senior at Plano Senior High School. This is her 26th production with Ms. Becca. Favorite roles include Amanda Wingfield in *The Glass Menagerie*, Daisy Buchanan in *The Great Gatsby*, and Winnie Foster in *Tuck Everlasting*. Alexa thanks her family for their unconditional love, Isabella for being the best double and friend, and Ms. Becca for always believing in her and providing the greatest opportunities.



Savannah Stringer (Norma Henshaw) is a senior at Richardson High School. This is her fourth production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Some of her favorite past roles include Laura Wingfield (*The Glass Menagerie*) and Jenny Hill (*Big Fish*). Savannah would like to thank her double, Izzy, for being super awesome! She would also like to thank her parents for being supportive and willing to read lines with her all the time.

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Isabella Wilson (Norma Henshaw/Music Director) is a junior at THEO. This is her 21st Outcry Show! Some past roles are Amanda Wingfield (*The Glass Menagerie*), Fräulein Schneider (*Cabaret*), The Balladeer (*Assassins*), and Ursula (*The Little Mermaid JR.*). Isabella has been playing/performing music since age 7 and composed/performed music for Outcry's *The Great Gatsby* last spring! She wants to thank Ms. Becca for giving her another opportunity to do both things she loves in this show!



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*.



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Becca Johnson-Spinos

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Chauncey Eastes

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Isabella Wilson

MUSICIANS

Isabella Wilson (Piano/Dulcimer)

Logan Beutel (Guitar/Banjo/Mandolin)

Adam Koch (Drums/Percussion)

SET

Steve McMurray

COSTUMES

Katie Guiou

PROPS

Jessica Forbes

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Book by **Roger O. Hirson**
Music & Lyrics by **Stephen Schwartz**

Originally produced on the Broadway stage by Stuart Ostrow
Originally directed on the Broadway stage by Bob Fosse
2013 Broadway revival directed by Diane Paulus
Theo Ending Originally Conceived In 1998 by Mitch Sebastian

Performs **January 13-16, 2022**
Addison Theatre Centre, Main Stage
directed by Becca Johnson-Spinos

The story of one young man's journey to be extraordinary. A mysterious performance troupe, led by the Leading Player, tells the story of Pippin - a young prince in search of the secret to true happiness and fulfillment. He seeks it in the glories of the battlefield, the temptations of the flesh, and the intrigues of political power, but nothing seems to satisfy him. After unsuccessfully trying to find happiness in the unextraordinary moments that happen every day, the Leading Player proposes a finale to Pippin's story the likes of which the world has never seen before!

UPCOMING AUDITIONS



adapted from the book by **E. B. White**
by **Joseph Robinette**

Auditions January 5 & 7, 2022
Ages 7-14

Performs **March 18-27, 2022**
Addison Theatre Centre, Studio Theatre
directed by Jason Johnson-Spinos

Saved as a runt by a young girl named Fern, Wilbur, an irresistible young pig, faces trial after trial, but always makes it through thanks to the kindness of others. When Wilbur again faces the butcher block, an extraordinary spider, Charlotte, comes to his aid, using her web as a message board to communicate with the farmers. Charlotte writes, "Some pig," and Wilbur becomes famous. He's taken to the fair to be shown off. With the help of Templeton, a gluttonous rat, a weakening Charlotte must attempt one final word to help Wilbur win first prize. Will it be enough to save Wilbur? And what will happen to Charlotte?

ABOUT OUTCRY THEATRE

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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