



# THE WITCHES

Based on the book  
*The Witches* by Roald Dahl  
and Adapted by David Wood

Directed by Jason Johnson-Spinos

**OCTOBER 15-24**  
**Addison Theatre Centre**  
Studio Theatre

There will be one fifteen-minute intermission

*The Witches* (Wood/Dahl) is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals  
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# CAST

## BOY

Emma Stever  
Morgan Clark

## GRANDMOTHER

MacKenzie McLane  
Riley Ingram

## GRAND HIGH WITCH

Madeline Knoff  
Vidisha Anand

## BRUNO

Liam Paynter  
Nate Oldham

## SAILOR/MR. JENKINS/SECOND CHEF

Johnny Beutel  
Wyatt Cantrell

## TREE-HOUSE WITCH/LADY/WITCH ONE/MAID

Jordyn Lee

## LAWYER/HOTEL DOORMAN/HEAD WAITER

Saahas Sreejit

## DISPLAY WITCH/MRS. JENKINS/WITCH TWO

Annie Stever

## DOCTOR/WITCH/FROG/HEAD CHEF

Skylar Stringer

# BIOGRAPHIES



**Vidisha Anand (Grand High Witch)** is a 14-year-old high schooler with a strong interest in the arts and a desire to entertain others. She began acting three years ago, but she has always performed. Her major objective is to improve as an actress, and she enjoys collaborating with other actors to learn and improve her skill. She anticipates each new show and is always up for a new challenge, which she eagerly anticipates.



**Johnny Beutel (Sailor/Mr. Jenkins/Second Chef)** is in 9th grade at Vines High School. Johnny has been performing in shows at Outcry Youth Theatre for two years. Some of his favorite roles have been Hukee in *The Time Machine*, Barrymore in *The Madness of Edgar Allan Poe*, and Right Claw in *Moana JR.* He enjoys playing video games, watching TV, singing, and playing with his dog, Buddy. Johnny thanks Mr. Jason and this awesome cast! This is a FUN show!



**Wyatt Cantrell (Sailor/Mr. Jenkins/Second Chef)** is in the 7th grade at Walker Middle School in Little Elm. This is Wyatt's 9th Outcry show. When not on stage they play percussion in their school band. They would like to thank Mr. J for the opportunity to be in this scarily fun show!



**Morgan Clark (Boy)** is in the 7th grade at Killian Middle School. This is her fourth production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her favorite past roles are Queen Iduna (*Frozen JR.*), Spider/Wren (*The Night Fairy*), Sina (*Moana JR.*), and Jaq (*Space Pirates*). When not on stage with Outcry, she enjoys theatre and choir at school. Morgan would like to thank Emma Stever and Annie Stever for helping her with lines and being great friends.



**Riley Ingram (Grandmother)** is 10 years old and a 5th grader at Couch Elementary School. This is her first production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Past favorite roles include Annie (*Annie JR.*), Hortensia (*Matilda JR.*), and Tiger Lily (*Peter Pan JR.*). Her dream role is Lydia Deetz in *Beetlejuice*. She would like to thank her family and friends for their love and support, Ms. Cibby for her advice, and Mr. Jason for letting her play this awesome old lady!

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**Madeline Knoff (Grand High Witch)** is 11 years old and in the 6th grade at Maus Middle School. She plays piano and violin in her spare time, and the bassoon in the school band. She also enjoys performing in piano and vocal recitals, playing sports, and spending time with family and friends. This is her second production with Outcry - she would like to thank Mr. Jason for this amazing opportunity. She also thanks her mom, dad, Grandma & Grandpa Knoff, and all her family for their love, encouragement and support.



**Jordyn Lee (Tree-House Witch/Lady/Witch One/Maid)** is a 6th grade student in Plano ISD. She discovered a passion for theater while in Shakespeare Club at Elm Grove Elementary. While in 2nd grade, Jordyn was Angelo in *A Comedy of Errors*, and has had multiple roles in *The Time Machine*, *The Little Mermaid JR.*, *The Madness of Edgar Allan Poe*, and *Moana JR.* with Outcry. Jordyn is a proud member of J-Squad. While not on stage Jordyn enjoys TikTok, Roblox, anime and getting together with family.



**MacKenzie McLane (Grandmother)** is in 4th grade at Providence Christian School. This is her first production with Outcry Youth Theatre. When not on stage, she likes to play and hang out with friends and family. She loves having fun! She would like to thank her Mom and Dad and family for all they do for her and Mr. Jason for all his help during this production!



**Nate Oldham (Bruno)** is in 7th grade at Roach Middle School. This is his 2nd production with Outcry Youth Theatre. His favorite past role was Butler in *Frozen JR.* When not on stage he enjoys being outside, whether it's hiking, gardening, or bike riding. He is involved in band, swim team and volleyball. 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 (Bruno)** is 14 years old and in 8th grade at Schimelpfenig Middle School in Plano. Liam loves performing, and this is his 5th production with Outcry Youth Theatre. His favorite past role was Skuggle in *The Night Fairy*. When not on stage, Liam enjoys reading and playing video games.

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**Saahas Sreejit (Lawyer/Hotel Doorman/Head Waiter)** is a 5th grader in Borchardt Elementary. This is his fourth show with Outcry Youth Theatre. He has enjoyed playing Somee in *The Time Machine* and Young Poe in *The Madness of Edgar Allan Poe*. He could not perform in *The Little Prince* but is now very excited to be back at Outcry. Saahas plays chess and loves his trampoline as much as playing video games. He thanks Mr. J, Ms. Elizabeth Cantrell, and the amazing cast.



**Annie Stever (Display Witch/Mrs. Jenkins/Witch Two)** is in 5th grade. This is her fourth show with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her favorite past roles include Pua in *Moana JR.* and Young Anna in *Frozen Jr.* She would like to thank her friends and family for their hard work on the show especially her sister Emma.



**Emma Stever (Boy)** is in 9th grade. This is her sixth show with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her favorite past roles include Beth in *Oz*, Flory in *The Night Fairy*, and Olaf in *Frozen JR.* She would like to thank her friends and family for their support, her double Morgan, Mr. J, her sister Annie, and everyone else who worked hard on this show.



**Skylar Stringer (Doctor/Witch/Frog/Head Chef)** is in 6th grade at Spring Creek Elementary School. This is her first production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her favorite acting camp was Outcry Youth Theatre's Alice in Wonderland where she played the White Rabbit. When not on stage, she likes to be with her friends. She would like to thank Savannah because she inspired me to start acting.

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**Jason Johnson-Spinos (Director)** is Outcry's Marketing Director, a teacher, director, and the resident projection, lighting, and sound designer. Jason is a graduate of Elon University with degrees in Theatre Studies and Cinema Communications. 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 advanced to the 2017 State Championship. This is his 13th show directing at Outcry.



**Kennedy Soffa (Assistant Director)** is in 10th grade at Allen High School. This is their 22nd production with Outcry Youth Theatre and their first time as assistant director. Favorite past roles include Helen Hastings in *The Madness of Edgar Allan Poe*, Scuttle in *The Little Mermaid JR.*, and Snake in *The Little Prince*. When not on stage, they like being with their friends and watching Netflix. She would like to thank Mr. J and Ms. Elizabeth for being the backbone of this process and making the show what it is today.



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Marcy Bogner, Kristen Barnes,  
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## CAST PARTY COORDINATOR

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Emma Stever, Annie Stever, Steve McMurray, VIP Crew,  
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# UPCOMING PRODUCTION



by **Jim Leonard Jr.**

Performs **November 5-14, 2021**  
Addison Theatre Centre, Studio Theatre  
directed by Becca Johnson-Spinos

*Buddy Layman, an unusual boy scarred by losing his mother in an incident where he nearly drowned, has the strange power of divining – finding water with just a forked stick. When a disenchanted preacher, C.C., passes through his town looking for work and food, he takes an immediate liking to Buddy. While C.C. wants to move away from preaching, the townspeople want him to help rebuild and restart the town church. Meanwhile, C.C. tries to coax Buddy past his debilitating fear of water, leading to a series of shocking events.*



UPCOMING PRODUCTION



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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