

 **OUTCRY** *Youth* **THEATRE**

JULIUS CAESAR

by William Shakespeare

AUGUST 1-10
Addison Performing Arts Center
Studio Theatre

There will be one fifteen-minute intermission

Contains depictions of violence

JULIUS CAESAR

by William Shakespeare

Directed and Choreographed
by Becca Johnson-Spinos

Stage Managed by Marisa Saenz

Fight Choreography by Adam Kullman
Blood Special Effects by Isa Flores

Set by Rich Miller
Costumes by Marisa Saenz
Props by Shayla Holub
Lighting Design by Jason Johnson-Spinos
Sound Design by Becca and Jason Johnson-Spinos

Ticket Coordinator: Shayla Holub
Playbill Assistance: Tiffani Kocsis
Cast Party and Gift Coordinator: Shayla Holub
Promotional Photography by Jason Johnson-Spinos
Production Photography by Marcy Bogner and Jennifer Garcia

Set Assistance: Craig Neleson, Joshua Racca,
Vijay Sachdev, and Alejandro Erives
Costume Assistance: Dan Knoff, Kathy Wright, and Shayla Holub
Zombie Makeup Donations: Alejandro Erives, Tiffani Kocsis,
Kathy Wright, and Krista Witt

Special Thanks: Connor McMurray, Dan Knoff, MrJim and Sue Johnson,
Gabe Coleman, Jack Piland, and the Addison Performing Arts Centre

CAST

BRUTUS

Liam Paynter
Madeline Knoff

CASSIUS

Karsten Schaffhauser
Parker Lindsay

MARK ANTONY

Apache Browne
Olivia Trippeer

JULIUS CAESAR

Amelia Racca
Melody Ma

CASCA

Achilles Witt

OCTAVIUS CAESAR/CINNA/SOOTHSAYER

Allison Wright
Almaz Clawson

DECIUS BRUTUS

Chloe Miller
Renee Neleson

PORTIA/LEPIDUS

Aly Dominguez

LUCIUS/SERVANT

Juan Erives
Niam Sachdev

CALPURNIA/CINNA THE POET

Annie Dominguez

METELLUS CIMBER/PINDARUS

Paige Kocsis
Priya Sachdev

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Apache J Browne (Mark Antony) is a recent Hebron High School graduate. This is his seventh show at Outcry Theatre. He would like to thank the cast and crew for giving him the opportunity to be a part of this adaptation of *Julius Caesar*, the experience, and the support.



Almaz Clawson (Octavius/Cinna/Soothsayer) will be a junior in the theatre conservatory at Booker T Washington High School. This is her third show at Outcry. Favorite past roles include: *Sunday in the Park with George* (Naomi/Celeste 2) at Outcry, *Gypsy* (Youth Ensemble/Young Tulsa) at Mainstage Irving, *Aladdin* (Ensemble), and *Lion King Jr.* (Rafiki) at the Firehouse Theatre, as well as *Retales* (Lady Spry) at Booker T Washington. Almaz would like to thank her cast, and Ms. Becca for this incredible opportunity!



Aly Dominguez (Portia/Lepidus) is fourteen years old. This is her thirteenth production with Outcry Youth Theatre, but her very first play! Her favorite past roles include Jack's Mom (*Into the Woods*), Veruca Salt (*Willy Wonka*), and Nemo (*Finding Nemo Jr.*). When not on stage she enjoys singing, playing instruments, and reading. She thanks her parents for all their love and support, Ms. Becca for all of her hard work, love, and dedication, and the entire cast and crew for making this production happen!



Annie Dominguez (Calpurnia/Cinna the Poet) is thirteen years old. This is her fourteenth show with Outcry, but her very first play! Favorite past roles include Matilda (*Matilda Jr.*), Violet Beauregard (*Willy Wonka*), Sponge (*James and the Giant Peach Jr.*), and Wickersham (*Seussical*). When she is not on stage she enjoys baking and playing the piano. She thanks her parents for all of their love and support, Ms. Becca for being an amazing director and giving her this opportunity, and the entire cast for all of their dedication!



Juan Erives (Lucius/Servant) is 13 years old and a rising 8th grader at Wilson Middle School. This is his 16th production with Outcry Youth Theatre and his fifth with Ms. Becca! Favorite past roles at Outcry include Charles Wallace in *A Wrinkle In Time*, Sanchez/Teacher in *Peter and the Starcatcher*, and James in *James and the Giant Peach Jr.* Juan would like to thank Ms. Becca for the great direction, and everyone else who made this masterpiece of a show possible.

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Paige Kocsis (Metellus Cimber/Pindarus) is in 7th grade at St. Patrick Catholic School. This is her 12th production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her favorite past roles have been Rebecca Gibbs (*Our Town*) and Jester (*Once Upon a Mattress: Youth Edition*). In her free time she loves to play sports and hang out with friends. She would like to thank her parents for being her biggest supporters and Ms. Becca for always pushing her to be her very best.



Madeline Knoff (Brutus) is a tenth grader thrilled to perform in her 30th Outcry production. Favorite past roles include Princess Winnifred (*Once Upon a Mattress*), The Witch (*Into the Woods*), Evelyn (*Jekyll + Hyde*), Helena (*A Midsummer Night's Dream*), and Leanne (*Puffs*). She is grateful for her amazing double, Liam, and incredible scene partner, Karsten. She also thanks her supportive family and friends, inspiring director, Ms. Becca, and the entire cast and crew for this unforgettable experience.



Parker Lindsay (Cassius) is in 11th grade at iUniversity Prep. This is his 9th production with Outcry Youth Theatre. His favorite past roles include Mr. Hyde (*Jekyll + Hyde*) and Artful Dodger (*Oliver!*). When not on stage, he likes to figure skate. Parker would like to thank Ms. Becca for this incredible opportunity.



Melody Ma (Julius Caesar) is a 16-year-old international student from China. This is her second show with Outcry and she is so grateful Ms. Becca entrusted her with such an important role! She would like to thank her guardians for putting up with her crazy schedule, her parents for being her biggest supporters, and all her castmates for making this show so wonderful!



Chloe Miller (Decius) is in 9th grade at Richardson High School and is excited to perform in her 8th production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her favorite past roles include Prentiss (*Peter and the Starcatcher*), Mad Hatter (*Alice in Wonderland*), Gollum (*The Hobbit*), and the Ladahlord (*James and the Giant Peach Jr.*). When not on stage she likes to draw, crochet, and make people laugh. She would like to thank Ms. Becca for this incredible opportunity, and her family and friends for their endless support.

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Renee Neleson (Decius) is in 10th grade at Frisco High School. This is her tenth stage production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Some of Renee's favorite past Outcry roles include White Rabbit (*Alice in Wonderland*) and Meg (*A Wrinkle in Time*). When not on stage, Renee enjoys sewing, animation, and baking. Renee would like to thank her parents and the cast for all of their love and support.



Liam Paynter (Brutus) is a rising senior at Plano Senior High School. This is his 24th production with Outcry Youth Theatre. His favorite past roles include Black Stache (*Peter and the Starcatcher*), Nick Bottom (*A Midsummer Night's Dream*), Stage Manager (*Our Town*), and Dr. Henry Jekyll (*Jekyll + Hyde*). Liam would like to thank his friends and family for their continued love and support.



Amelia Racca (Julius Caesar) is thrilled to be back for her 6th show at Outcry and 5th show with Ms. Becca. Amelia has been doing theatre for 9 years and her favorite roles include Judas (*Godspell*), Brooke Wyndham (*Legally Blonde*), Molly (*Peter and the Starcatcher*), Grusha (*The Caucasian Chalk Circle*), and Jackie Cochran (*They Promised Her the Moon*). Amelia would like to thank her friends, family, and directors for all of their hard work and support. Proverbs 3:5



Niam Sachdev (Lucius/Servant) will be a 6th grader at Haggard this fall. This is his 15th show with Outcry! Favorite roles: JoJo (*Seussical*), Oliver (*Oliver!*), Charlie Bucket (*Willy Wonka*), and Nemo (*Finding Nemo Jr.*). He studies tap dance at Tuzer Ballet and film acting with Performer's Edge Dallas. He has acted in several films and commercials and is represented by the Horne Agency. Niam would like to thank Ms. Becca for believing in him, Ms. Marisa for her support, and the cast for being so amazing!



Priya Sachdev (Metellus Cimber/Pindarus) is 13 and will begin 8th grade at Haggard Middle. This is her 12th show with Outcry. Favorite roles Rebecca Gibbs (*Our Town*), Peach (*Finding Nemo Jr.*), Lavender (*Matilda Jr.*), Mrs Who (*A Wrinkle in Time*), and White Mouse (*The Nutcracker*). She is in junior company at Tuzer Ballet. She takes acting and film classes with Performer's Edge and is represented by the Horne Agency. She would like to thank Ms. Becca, Ms. Marisa, and her family for their support.

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Karsten Schaffhauser (Cassius) is endlessly grateful for the community they've found at Outcry, and for the many incredible opportunities Ms. Becca has given them. They're thrilled to join Becca's Army, and simultaneously devastated to say goodbye to the Outcry stage. Thank you to all of the friends they've made. Thank you, Ms. Becca, for trusting them with this intense role, and for all the work you've poured into their betterment as a performer; even in this short time you've made a lasting impact.



Olivia Trippeer (Mark Antony) is a student at DePaul University. This is her seventh production at Outcry Youth Theatre. She is incredibly grateful for Ms. Becca, and the home she has found at Outcry. She is grateful to have been a part of such an amazing collaboration and would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to make this show possible.



Achilles Witt (Casca) is in 10th grade at The Einstein School. This is their 11th performance with Outcry Youth Theatre and 21st theatre production. Some of their favorite past roles have been Mrs Whatsit in *A Wrinkle in Time*, Celeste in Outcry's *Jekyll + Hyde*, Granny in *Into the Woods*, and Smaug in *The Hobbit*. They have fallen in love with Outcry and are so thankful to get to be a part of such a high caliber theater. They want to thank Ms. Becca for the opportunity to be part of such a cool show.



Allison Wright (Cinna/Octavius) is 14 years old and a proud member of Becca's Army and of J-Squad. This is her 16th Outcry Youth Theatre production and her 7th under the direction of Ms. Becca. Favorite past roles include Ted (*Peter and the Starcatcher*) and Winnifred (*Once Upon a Mattress: Youth Edition*). Offstage, Allison enjoys basketball, choir, cuddling her dogs, and laughing with her family. She thanks Ms. Becca for all that she pours into her plays and actors. Esther 4:14



Becca Johnson-Spinos (Director/Choreographer) 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. In North Carolina, Becca worked at Burning Coal Theatre Company as an assistant to the Artistic Director, an assistant director, and an actor. In the Dallas area, 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*.

UPCOMING PRODUCTION

Describe the night by Rajiv Joseph

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Performs **August 23-31, 2025**

Theatre Three, Norma Young Arena Stage, Dallas
directed by Becca Johnson-Spinos

Contains adult language and content.

In 1920, the Russian writer Isaac Babel is a war correspondent with the Red Cavalry. Seventy years later, a mysterious Stasi agent spies on a woman in Dresden and falls in love. In 2010, an aircraft carrying most of the Polish government crashes in the Russian city of Smolensk. Set in Russia and East Germany over the course of ninety years, this thrilling and epic play traces the stories of seven people connected by history, myth, and conspiracy theories. This professional production, by the acclaimed author of *Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo* and *Guards at the Taj*, will be Outcry's first performance at Theatre Three.

UPCOMING AUDITIONS

Off to **TREASURE ISLAND**

by **Jason Johnson-Spinos**

freely adapted from **Robert Louis Stevenson's** *Treasure Island*

Ages 10-15

Auditions **August 5 & 9, 2025**

Performs **October 17-26, 2025**

Cox Playhouse in Plano

directed by Jason Johnson-Spinos

This thrilling new adaptation of the classic Robert Louis Stevenson novel finds new twists and turns, new characters, and new adventure.

When a pirate with a map to buried treasure takes up lodging at the inn Jim Hawkins' runs with his mother, their lives are turned upside down. Soon they are captured by a colorful group of pirates, led by the unforgettable Long John Silver, and set sail for a deserted island. An incredible journey awaits, filled with iconic characters like Blind Pew, Black Dog, and Ben Gunn, as well as fictionalized versions of historic female pirates like Anne Bonny, Mary Read, and Shi Yang.

UPCOMING AUDITIONS

A MONSTER CALLS

based on the novel by **Patrick Ness**
and inspired by an original idea by **Siobhan Dowd**
devised by **Sally Cookson, Adam Peck, and the Company**

Ages 12-18

Auditions **August 25 & 27, 2025**

Performs **November 7-16, 2025**

Addison Performing Arts Center
Studio Theatre

directed by Becca Johnson-Spinos

Conor has the same dream every night, ever since his mother first fell ill. But tonight is different. Tonight, when he wakes, there's a monster at his window. It's elemental, a force of nature, and it wants something from Conor. It wants the truth. Conor is struggling. His mom is very ill – his grandmother bosses him around – his dad has a new family in America – and there are horrible bullies at school. And now, at 12:07, in the middle of the night, a monster comes for him. The monster promises him three stories, and then Conor will tell the fourth – and it will be the truth. A powerful and important story of love, hope, and loss, told with imaginative staging, movement, and plenty of theatre magic.

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MISSION STATEMENT

Outcry Theatre strives to draw youth and young adults from Plano and the surrounding areas to the theatre as both audience and participants, integrating the arts into their lives, and encouraging them to become lifelong artists and arts appreciators.

ABOUT OUTCRY THEATRE

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.

Outcry Theatre serves the Plano community and surrounding DFW area through professional productions; Outcry Reads, presenting works in development by local playwrights; the Outcry Community Theatre program, involving people of all ages; and the Outcry Youth Theatre program, educating students ages 5-18.

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