

by Jason and Becca Johnson-Spinos Based on the Novel by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Directed by Becca Johnson-Spinos

APRIL 16-25 Addison Theatre Centre Studio Theatre

There will be one fifteen-minute intermission

CAST

NICK CARRAWAY Brayden Lawrence Calin Eastes

JAY GATSBY Brayden Soffa Peyton Nicholson

DAISY BUCHANAN Alexa Stratton Isabella Hamilton

TOM BUCHANAN Matthew Gay

JORDAN BAKER Ella Warner Megan McMurray

MYRTLE WILSON/OPERATOR Brennan Barnes Marcy Bogner

GEORGE WILSON/CECIL/ MR. GATZ Luke Guiou CHESTER MCKEE/MEYER WOLFSHEIM/POLICEMAN Aidan Forbes

> KLIPSPRINGER Isabella Wilson Laini Pulliam

OWL EYES/MRS. MICHAELIS Aleena Azhar

LUCILLE MCKEE/SANDERS Crisana Speer

> JUDY/GLORIA/MAID Jane Landrum

> > JUNE Brennan Barnes Marcy Bogner

CATHERINE Kennedy Soffa

MISS BAEDECKER/STREET PEDDLER Haley Newton



Aleena Azhar (Owl Eyes/Mrs.Michaelis) is a junior at Plano West Senior High School. This is her 2nd production with Outcry Youth Theatre, and she is so excited to be back! Some of her favorite past roles include Ayah in The Secret Garden and various parts in Too Much Light Makes The Baby Go Blind. She would like to thank Ms. Becca and the whole cast for making this show such an amazing experience!

Brennan Barnes (Myrtle Wilson), a junior at McKinney High School, is excited to be a part of this incredible Outcry production and her first non-musical with Ms. Becca! She is involved with musical theatre in the community and at the high school. Favorite productions include Assassins (Squeaky), Secret Garden (Rose), Hunchback of Notre Dame (Gargoyle), Lion King (Scar), and Mulan (Mulan). She thanks Ms. Becca for always creating something so special to be a part of, and her family for all their love and support.

Marcy Bogner (Myrtle Wilson) is 18 and a senior in high school. This is her 12th show with Outcry Youth Theatre. As always, 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*. Her next role with Outcry will be The Witch in *Big Fish*!

Calin Eastes (Nick Carraway) is an 11th grade homeschool student. This is his 27th 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 incomparable Ms. Becca who is his fave!

Aidan Forbes (Chester McKee/Meyer Wolfsheim/ Policeman) is a sophomore at Allen High School and enjoying his third show at Outcry Youth Theatre. He enjoys playing football, collecting unusual instruments, and his pup Freya. His favorite past roles have been Proprietor in Assassins, Trunchbull in Matilda, Shrek in Shrek, and Constable Joe in Tuck Everlasting. Many thanks to Ms. Becca and the amazing cast for a great experience!



Matthew Gay (Tom Buchanan) is a junior at Legacy Christian Academy. His previous roles include 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. He would like to thank F. Scott Fitzgerald for writing such an incredibly timeless story, and Ms. Becca for giving him this role.

Luke Guiou (George Wilson/Cecil/Mr. Gatz) is a junior at Plano West Senior High. This is his 13th production with Outcry Youth Theatre and his 8th 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 family for their encouragement.

Isabella Hamilton (Daisy Buchanan) is 17 years old and a junior at JJ Pearce High School. Some of her favorite past roles have been Judy in *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, Eileen in *The Cripple of Inishmaan*, and Ismene in *Antigone*. Isabella is so excited to be in another production with Outcry Youth Theatre! She would like to thank Ms. Becca for this amazing opportunity and for all of her hard work, and her double Alexa for making this process so much fun.

Jane Landrum (Judy) is 17 years old and in 11th grade at Frisco High School. Some of her favorite roles have been Kate in *The Cripple of Inishmaan*, Sebastian in *The Little Mermaid Jr.*, and Emma Goldman in *Assassins*. In her free time, she likes to spend time with her friends and family, play video games, and play basketball. She would like to thank her family and friends for their support, and Ms. Becca for this extremely fun and magical experience!

Brayden Lawrence (Nick Carraway) is 15 and a sophomore at McKinney High School. This is Brayden's 12th show at Outcry Youth Theatre, and his 9th show with Ms. Becca. Their favorite previous roles include Hugo in *Tuck Everlasting*, 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 them, their awesome double Calin, and their family for their endless support.



Megan McMurray (Jordan) is a junior at Allen High School. She is grateful to be doing her 15th show with Ms. Becca! Some favorite past roles include: Becky 2 Shoes in *Urinetown*, Winnie's Son's Wife in *Tuck Everlasting*, and Solomon in *The Old Man and the Old Moon*. She would like to thank her amazing cast of friends for making this experience so uniquely amazing, and her dad for building yet another amazing set!

Haley Newton (Miss Baedeker/Street Peddler) is a 15-year-old homeschooled sophomore. Some of her favorite past roles include Madeline Usher/Virginia in *The Madness of Edgar Allan Poe* and Vek in *The Time Machine*. In her free time, she enjoys reading and hanging out with her friends. Haley would like to thank her family and friends for all their support.

Peyton Nicholson (Jay Gatsby) is 17 years old and a junior at Lovejoy High School. This is his 50th major production in the DFW area. Some of his favorite roles have been Creon in Antigone, Dickon in The Secret Garden, and Bartley in The Cripple of Inishmaan. 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.

Laini Pulliam (Klipspringer) is a senior at Carroll Senior High School. This is her third production at Outcry Youth Theatre. She has been seen in other previous roles such as Captain in *The Old Man and The Old Moon*, Ginette in *Almost, Maine*, and Gabriella in *High School Musical*. When not on the stage, Laini enjoys reading, singing, and practicing taekwondo.

Brayden Soffa (Jay Gatsby) is a senior at Allen High School and plans to study political science in college this fall. This is his 36th production with Ms. Becca and 21st with Outcry Youth Theatre. He is an emerald plate member of Becca's Army and a member of J-Squad. His past favorite roles include Davey in *Newsies*, Jessie Tuck in *Tuck Everlasting*, Peter Pan in *Peter Pan*, and Mad Hatter in *Alice in Wonderland*. He would like to thank Ms. Becca for always believing in him even when he is being annoying.



Kennedy Soffa (Catherine) is a sophomore at Allen High School. This is her 25th production, and 15th with Ms. Becca. She is excited to be receiving her Becca's Army gold plate. She is also a member of J-Squad. Past favorite roles include Helen Hastings in *The Madness of Edgar Allan Poe*, Scuttle in *The Little Mermaid Jr.*, Fiona in *The Giver*, and Neptune in 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea. She would like to thank Ms. Becca and Mr. J for writing such an amazing show, and Ms. Danielle for all her hard work.

Crisana Speer (Sanders/Lucille) is 18 years old and a senior at McKinney High School. This is their second show with Outcry. Some of their favorite past roles and productions have been Eurydice in *Antigone*, The Nurse in *Shakespeare in Love*, and Emily Webb in *Our Town*. Crisana would like to thank their friends and family for all the support they've given them, and would like to say thank you to each and every person involved in putting on this show for creating a safe space for them to practice what they love.

Alexa Stratton (Daisy Buchanan) is 17 years old and a junior at Plano Senior High School. This is her 24th production with Ms. Becca. Favorite roles include Winnie Foster in *Tuck Everlasting*, Mary Lennox in *The Secret Garden*, Young Guinevere in *The Legend of Arthur*, and Judy in *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*. Alexa thanks her family for their unconditional love, Isabella for being the best double, and Ms. Becca for always believing in her and providing the greatest opportunities.

Ella Warner (Jordan) is 18 and a senior at Independence High School. She will be attending NYU in the fall to pursue a BFA in Acting. This is her 28th show with Ms. Becca. Favorite past roles include Helen in *The Cripple* of *Inishmaan*, Storyteller in *Peter Pan*, and Elizabeth in *Frankenstein*. She enjoys singing, One Direction, and hanging out with friends! Many thanks to her family, her wonderful double, Megan, and of course Ms. Becca, for her guidance, support and overwhelming love!

Isabella Wilson (Klipspringer) is a sophomore at THEO. This is her 18th Outcry show and 17th with Ms. Becca. Some past roles are The Balladeer in *Assassins* and Ursula in *Little Mermaid Jr.* She has played piano since she was 4 and performed at live venues since 8. She also plays bass guitar, accordion, dulcimer, and ukulele. She would like to thank Ms. Becca for the amazing opportunity to do both things she loves most in this show, Laini (her double), and Anthony Nagid for his piano instruction. #beccasarmy #jsquad



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*.

Finn Hardge (Assistant Director) is a student director currently in Plano, TX. He has worked at several local theatres as a Tech Hand, Stage Manager, and Assistant Director, but his favorite experiences so far take place at Outcry. He would love to thank his most excellent partners and his loving family for their support, as well as all of his phenomenal Outcry friends.

CREW

DIRECTOR/CHOREOGRAPHER Becca Johnson-Spinos

> ASSISTANT DIRECTOR Finn Hardge

STAGE MANAGER Danielle Soffa

> COSTUMES Katie Guiou

SET Steve McMurray

LIGHTS/PROJECTIONS/SOUND Jason Johnson-Spinos

PROPS Claudia Warner and Kristen Barnes VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR Leslie Landrum

> PLAYBILL ASSISTANCE Andreea Hamilton

BACKSTAGE COORDINATOR Chauncey Eastes

CAST PARTY COORDINATOR

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UPCOMING AUDITIONS



Written by Mary Zimmerman

Adapted from The Voyage of Jason and the Argonauts Gaius Valerius Flaccus translated by David R. Slavitt Apollonius Rhodius translated by Peter Green World premiere by the Lookingglass Theatre Company, Chicago

Performs August 6-15, 2021

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

Ages 12-18 Auditions: May 3 & 5, 2021

On their quest for the Golden Fleece, Jason and his crew, with the guidance and protection of the goddesses Hera and Athena, encounter an array of daunting challenges: a water nymph, harpies, a monstrous boxer, a dragon, and more.

Bursts of humor and fantastical creatures enrich a story whose characters reveal remarkable complexity. Zimmerman brings to Argonautika her trademark ability to encompass the full range of human experience in a work as entertaining as it is enlightening.

UPCOMING AUDITIONS



Music and Lyrics by Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez Book by Jennifer Lee

Based on the Disney film written by Jennifer Lee and directed by Chris Buck and Jennifer Lee

Performs June 24-27, 2021

Addison Theatre Centre, Studio Theatre directed by Jason Johnson-Spinos music directed by Brenda Christophersen

> Ages 6-15 Auditions: May 8 & 10, 2021

A story of true love and acceptance between the sisters Princess Anna and Elsa. When the newly crowned Queen Elsa accidentally uses her power to turn things into ice to curse the land of Arrendelle with infinite winter, Princess Anna teams up with a mountain man, his playful reindeer, and a snowman to find Elsa and change the weather condition.

By facing and fighting their fears, Anna and Elsa discover their hidden potential and the powerful bond of sisterhood. With a cast of beloved characters and loaded with magic, adventure, and plenty of humor, **Frozen JR.** is sure to thaw even the coldest heart!

UPCOMING AUDITIONS



Book by **Joe Masteroff** Based on the play by **John Van Druten** and Stories by **Christopher Isherwood** 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

In a Berlin nightclub, as the 1920's draw to a close, a garish Master of Ceremonies welcomes the audience and assures them they will forget all their troubles at the Cabaret. With the Emcee's bawdy songs as wry commentary, **Cabaret** explores the dark, heady, and tumultuous life of Berlin's natives and expatriates as Germany slowly yields to the emerging Third Reich.

Cliff, a young American writer newly arrived in Berlin, is immediately taken with English singer Sally Bowles. Meanwhile, Fräulein Schneider, proprietor of Cliff and Sally's boarding house, tentatively begins a romance with Herr Schultz, a mild-mannered fruit seller who happens to be Jewish.

UPCOMING PRODUCTIONS



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

Performs **June 10-13, 2021** MCL Grand Theater, Black Box directed by Becca Johnson-Spinos music directed by Cindy Steckline Johnston

Based on the celebrated novel by Daniel Wallace and the acclaimed film directed by Tim Burton, **Big Fish** tells the story of Edward Bloom, a traveling salesman who lives life to its fullest...and then some! Edward's incredible, larger-than-life stories thrill everyone around him—most of all, his devoted wife Sandra. But their son Will, about to have a child of his own, is determined to find the truth behind his father's epic tales.

Overflowing with heart and humor, **Big Fish** is an extraordinary musical that reminds us why we love going to the theatre—for an experience that's richer, funnier, and bigger than life itself.

SUMMER CAMPS



July 19-23, 9am-5pm Ages 10-18



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



July 5-9, 9am-12pm Ages 5-12 (Virtual)



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



August 2-6, 9am-12pm Ages 5-12



July 5-9, 1pm-5pm Ages 8-15 (Virtual)

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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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