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MILE HIGH YOUTH THEATRE, FALL 2024

## SOMETHING ROTTEN Jr

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## A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

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A note from  
*Christina & Bussy*

And just like that, a year has passed. As much as it feels like MHYT has been home for some time, so many things feel brand new.

As we reflect on our inaugural year, we want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for the incredible support we've received from our community. To the families who have been with us since our opening in August 2023, we thank you for showing up and showing out when it comes to spreading the word about MHYT. We have seen such growth in your kiddos both on and off the stage. We do not take lightly the trust you have put in us. To the families who are joining us for the first time, we welcome you! We look forward to building long lasting relationships with you and your student.

Training young people to be exceptional performers is a beautiful by-product of what we do, but it was never our main goal. Theatre skills are life skills. Theatre has the ability to teach kids communication, how to ask clearly for what they need, how to name and tame their emotions and express them in healthy ways. Theatre teaches us empathy and encourages us to ask "why?". Curiosity is the foundation of understanding. Through theatre, we build the capacity to care for others. In this first year, it has been a true joy for both of us to witness our students' growth as artists and individuals.

While crafting our 2024/2025 season, we wanted choose shows that were new and exciting for our students and for us. It is important that we are all being challenged in the rehearsal room. We loved the idea of a Shakespeare Fall. **A Midsummer Night's Dream** has been on Bussy's director bucket list for some time, and with the recent rights release of **Something Rotten Jr.** - it just seemed like the perfect fall duo. With the language, harmonies, & large amounts of choreography- both dance and fight, the bar is rising and the kids are following suit which is a really fun thing to see. We both love **Aristocats, Kids**. It's such a sweet show and really lends itself to a focus in character development which is so great for our 7-9 year olds as they continue build those foundational acting skills.

We are so excited to continue building a program with scripts, productions, and classes that we believe will have a positive impact on student development. Thank you and enjoy the shows!

# Mile High Youth Theatre's

Production of



## CAST LIST

In order of appearance

Minstrel .....	Edith Eilbacher ^++
Brother Jeremiah .....	Ajax Freedman
Portia .....	Madeline Boulware
William Shakespeare .....	Wesley Carrigan
Nick Bottom .....	Dantzig Shannon
Nigel Bottom .....	Ian Amaro
Peter Quince .....	Noah Florence
Robin .....	Mason Merz-Hutchinson
Tom Snout/Horatio .....	Rory McCune
Snug .....	Avy Schwab
Francis Flute .....	Foster Kroll
Lord Clapham (Nick/Nigel US) .....	Michael DiPaulo
Shylock .....	Alice Hicks
Bea .....	Davianna Carney
Nostradamus .....	Quinn Coakley
Master of the Justice (Portia/Bea US) .....	Margot Clendenen*

## Ensemble

Olive Ascani, Ellie DiPaulo, Harper Douthat, Ceci Encinias, Calliope Gamet<sup>++</sup>, Elyse Harlen-Paffe<sup>++</sup>, Penny Jurgemeyer, Mattie Kellogg, Elle Khadem, Maia Knudtson, Georgia Lacy, Amelie Le Coq, Lucy Leonard<sup>++</sup>, Clare Lynch, Meghan Mangel, Abigail Mento, Lyla Moody, Reese Morgan, Lucy Murray, Audrey O'Neal, Micah Owen-Ritter, Sage Schock, Nova Schnakenberg, Elliott Skodol, Harper Wheeler<sup>++</sup>

<sup>^</sup>Denotes dance captain

<sup>++</sup>Denotes featured dancers



Mile High Youth Theatre's  
Production of



Book by  
Karey Kirkpatrick and  
John O'Farrell

Music & Lyrics by  
Kaley Kirkpatrick and  
Wayne Kirkpatrick

Conceived by Karey Kirkpatrick and Wayne Kirkpatrick

Arrangements  
Glen Kelly

Orchestrations  
Larry Hochman

*Something Rotten!* produced on Broadway by Kevin McCollum

Broadway Global Ventures CMC Mastro/Goodman Jerry & Ronald Frankel Morris Berchard  
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Developed in association with the 5th Avenue Theatre, Seattle, WA, David Armstrong, Executive  
Producer and Artistic Director, Bernadine Griffin, Managing Director and Bill Berry, Producing  
Artistic Director

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Mile High Youth Theatre  
**FALL 2024**

## Production Team



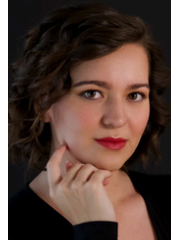
**Adam Phoenix White**  
AMND Composer



**Aniya Turner**  
Aristocats Kids  
Stage Manager



**Andrew Vagher**  
SRJr. & AMSN  
Lighting Designer



**Ashley Troester**  
SRJr. Music Director



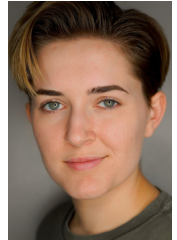
**Bussy Gower**  
AMND Director



**Christina Roberts**  
SRJr. Director



**Megan Holzer**  
AMND Stage Manager



**O.L. de Haan**  
Aristocats Kids  
Set Designer



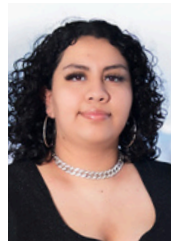
**Paige Farlow-Wiltgen**  
SRJr. Choreographer



**Phi Johnson-Grimes**  
Aristocats Kids  
Director & Choreographer



**Justin Gardner**  
AMND Fight Choreographer



**Jess Vazquez Azpeitia**  
SRJr. Stage Manager

\*SRJr. - *Something Rotten Jr.*

\*AMND - *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

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# A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

By William Shakespeare  
Script editing by Jeffrey Parker & Bussy Gower

## Cast List

(In order of appearance)

Theseus	Lyla Samuelson
Hippolyta/Fairy	Gracie Anderson
Philostrate/Fairy	Mason Merz-Hutchinson
Egeus/Fairy	Niladri Sato
Hermia	Molly Patton
Demetrius	Jude Sutter
Lysander	Joey Drinkwine
Helena	Leona Shannon
Peaseblossom	Kate Olson
Mustardseed	Vera Florence
Cobweb	Jillian Freedman
Moth	Osiris Suarez
Puck	Eva Sanders
Oberon	Rose Lindstrom
Titania	Reese Akin
Peter Quince	Macy Brown
Bottom/Pyramus	Raelyn Denver
Francis Flute/Thisbe	Ajax Freedman
Robin Starveling/Moonshine	Carter Tulk
Snout/Wall	Aubrey Ringgenberg
Snug/Lion	Halle Harden





**Lyla Samuelson**



**Gracie Anderson**



**Mason Merz-Hutchinson**



**Niladri Sato**



**Molly Patton**



**Jude Sutter**



**Joey Drinkwine**



**Leona Shannon**



**Kate Olson**



**Vera Florence**



**Jillian Freedman**



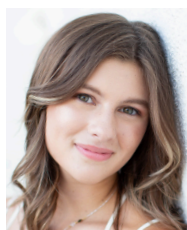
**Osiris Suarez**



**Eva Sanders**



**Rose Lindstrom**



**Reese Akin**



**Macy Brown**



**Raelyn Denver**



**Ajax Freedman**



**Carter Tulk**



**Aubrey Ringenberg**

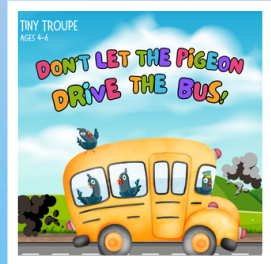


**Halle Harden**

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Mile High Youth Theatre's  
Production of



CAST LIST

Madame ..... Ava Steele  
Edgar ..... Emilia Willett  
Roquefort ..... Elliott Skodol  
Duchess ..... Violet Sinclair  
Toulouse ..... Alice Walton  
Marie ..... Emma Olenberger  
Berlioz ..... Isla Girazian  
Thomas O'Malley ..... Fi Robson  
Hep Cat ..... Nora Seal  
Slick Cat ..... Harper Zweig  
Sassy Cat ..... Poppy Tunick  
Scat Cat ..... Jojo Gragg  
Mad Cat ..... Akemi Angstadt  
Wacky Cat ..... Susie Schiffer  
Napoleon ..... Cameron Allen  
Lafayette ..... Lulu Ascani  
François ..... Juliet Fellows  
Ssoise ..... Blair Garnett  
Vichy ..... Willamina Nartker  
Amelia Gabble ..... Alyse Brown  
Abigail Gabble ..... Lucy Foster

Music and Lyrics by **Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman,**  
**Al Rinker and Floyd Huddleston, Terry Giklyson**

Music Adapted and Arranged and  
Additional Music by **Bryan Louiselle**

Book Adapted and Additional Lyrics by **Michael Bernard**

Based on the 1970 Disney film "The Aristocats"



A tropical night scene illustration. A palm tree stands on the left, its fronds reaching across the top. A large, bright yellow moon is in the upper right. The background is dark blue with scattered yellow and white stars. In the foreground, there are several large, light-colored flowers, including hibiscus and lilies, with detailed petals and centers. The overall style is reminiscent of vintage tropical posters.

CONGRATULATIONS  
\* Cast & Crew! \*

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