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## BYE BYE BIRDIE A Musical Comedy

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Music by

**CHARLES STROUSE**

Lyrics by

**LEE ADAMS**

Originally Produced by

**EDWARD PADULA**

starring

**Tola Abitogun Martha Allen Abby Allen Emily Alphin Julia Balino  
Annabelle Bartlett Cassandra Castaneda Isla Castaneda Zane Champie  
Devin Cunagin Samuel Eddy Elliana Farrow Olive Hays Robert Hays  
Jenny Hines Anjali Hocker Singh Cooper Holmes Hayden Homolka  
Samuel Homolka Brian Houchin Jonah Kahn Cody Kreutzer  
Holly Lichtenauer Harrison Madigan Chris McCoy Tiffany McIlvain  
Hew McKoy Will Oliver Starr Peterson Katelynn Quick-McCormick  
Alisha Richardson Wyatt Ricker Tess Sollars Charlie Tietjen  
Myel White Linda Marie Williams Taylor**

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Directed by

**Emily Vargo**



# CAST

*in order of appearance*

Rosie Alvarez .....	Alisha Richardson
Albert Peterson .....	Brian Houchin
Kim MacAfee .....	Tess Sollars
Mrs. MacAfee .....	Martha Allen
Mr. MacAfee .....	Chris McCoy
Randolph MacAfee.....	Samuel Eddy
Mrs. Mae Peterson .....	Linda Marie Williams Taylor
Conrad Birdie .....	Zane Champie
Hugo Peabody .....	Tola Abitogun
Ursula Merkle .....	Katelynn Quick-McCormick
Harvey Johnson .....	Charlie Tietjen
Deborah Sue/Teen Ensemble .....	Julia Balino
Alice/Teen Ensemble .....	Myel White
Helen/Teen Ensemble .....	Holly Lichtenauer
Nancy/Teen Ensemble .....	Anjali Hocker Singh
Penelope/Teen Ensemble .....	Elliana Farrow
Margie/Teen Ensemble .....	Abby Allen
Teen Ensemble .....	Devin Cunagin, Cooper Holmes, Samuel Homolka, Jonah Kahn, Hew McKoy, Wyatt Ricker
Quartet .....	Cody Kreutzer, Robert Hays, Cooper Holmes, Will Oliver
Adult Ensemble .....	Emily Alphin, Cassandra Castaneda, Robert Hays, Jenny Hines, Cody Kreutzer, Tiffany McIlvain, Will Oliver, Starr Peterson
Kids Ensemble .....	Annabelle Bartlett, Isla Castaneda, Olive Hays, Hayden Homolka, Harrison Madigan

## ORCHESTRA

Accompanist - Annie Biggs • Trumpet I - Cynthia Szczesny  
Trumpet II - Lee Hake • Trombone - Lee Finch • Horn - Audrey Hartwell  
Guitar & Banjo - Jimmy Bloomquist • Keyboard II - Deana Wagoner  
Bass - Colvin Hooser • Reeds I - Cassidy Toomay  
Reeds II - Holly Hague • Percussion - Roger Caliman

# Musical Numbers

## ACT I

Overture .....	Conrad, Teen & Kids Ensemble
An English Teacher .....	Rosie
The Telephone Hour .....	Kim, Hugo, Ursula, Harvey & Teen Ensemble
How Lovely to Be a Woman .....	Kim
Put On a Happy Face .....	Albert
A Healthy, Normal, American Boy .....	Albert, Rosie & Ensemble
Penn Station to Sweet Apple .....	Ensemble
Sweet Apple Band .....	Teen Ensemble
One Boy .....	Kim, Ursula, Deborah Sue, Alice, Helen & Rosie
Honestly Sincere .....	Conrad & Ensemble
Wounded .....	Margie, Deborah Sue & Ursula
Hymn for a Sunday Evening (Ed Sullivan) .....	The MacAfees & Ensemble
One Last Kiss .....	Conrad & Teen Ensemble

There will be one 15 minute intermission.

## ACT II

Entr'acte .....	Conrad, Teen & Kids Ensemble
What Did I Ever See in Him? .....	Rosie & Kim
What Did I Ever See in Him? - Reprise .....	Rosie
A Lot of Livin' to Do .....	Conrad, Kim & Teen Ensemble
Kids .....	Mr. & Mrs. MacAfee
Baby, Talk to Me .....	Albert & Quartet
Shriner Ballet .....	Orchestra
Kids - Reprise .....	Mr. & Mrs. MacAfee, Randolph, Adult & Kids Ensemble
Ice House Livin' .....	Teen Ensemble
An English Teacher - Reprise .....	Rosie
Spanish Rose .....	Rosie
Hand Car .....	Teen Ensemble
Rosie .....	Albert & Rosie

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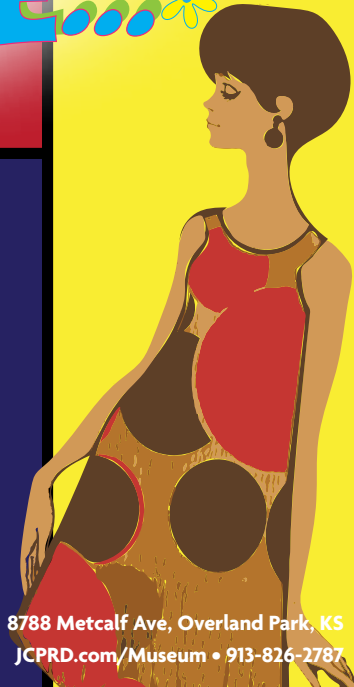


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## Who's Who in the Cast

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**Tola Abitogun (Hugo Peabody)** is 18 years old and is excited to be back at TIP for another summer! He was recently in *Freaky Friday* (TIP) as Parker, *Footloose* (TIP) as Bickle; *Mean Girls* (SMS) as Damian; *Let It Be* (MTKC) as Jacob. He'd like to thank his friends and family for their love and support. IG: @tolaabitogun

**Abby Allen (Margie/Teen Ensemble)** is so excited to be making her TIP debut! She can't wait to show her students a true passion of hers! Shoutout to her family, especially her nieces, Georgia and Greta! Enjoy the show! Go rockets!!

**Martha Allen (Mrs. MacAfee)** is excited to be joining the TIP family! Martha's favorite credits include *Into the Woods* (Grandmother/Tree/Giant) and *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* (Chairwoman/Mayor Sapsea) with the Brooklyn Heights Players. Martha is a music educator and loves teaching her kiddos at Ravenwood Elementary in North Kansas City!

**Emily Alphin (Adult Ensemble)** is thrilled to be part of the ensemble in *Bye Bye Birdie*. She's been doing theatre since she was eleven, and some of her favorite roles are Ronette in *Little Shop of Horrors* and Liz in *Chicago*.

**Julia Balino (Deborah Sue/Ensemble)** is thrilled to appear in her second TIP show! She is a college sophomore and is pursuing a degree in Biology in hopes of becoming an orthodontist! Much love to the cast, crew, friends, and family. Enjoy the show!

**Annabelle Bartlett (Kids Ensemble)** is seven and VERY excited to be in

her first TIP show! She dances at Miller Marley, performs with their TiniTainers and tumbles at Miss Maria's. She would like to thank her big sister, Louisa, for her inspiration!

**Cassandra Castaneda (Adult Ensemble)** is a photographer & artist. She is thrilled for her Theatre in the Park debut alongside her daughter, Isla! Her favorite roles are mom & wife; Last seen as a Bird Girl, *Seussical* (Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts).

**Isla Castaneda (Kids Ensemble)** is 11 years old and in 6th grade. She is a singer, actor, dancer and cellist. Credits: *Tiny Tim*, *A Christmas Carol* (KCRep); *Amanda*, *Matilda the Musical* (Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts); *Amaryllis*, *The Music Man* (The Bell Center).

**Zane Champie (Conrad Birdie)** is so excited to be returning to TIP with this amazing show! Previous credits include *Kinky Boots* (Charlie Price, The White Theatre at the J) and *HSM 1 & 2* (Troy Bolton, TIP). He would like to thank his friends and family for their support! IG: @the\_champ13

**Devin Cunagin (Teen Ensemble)** is so elated to be in his first TIP show! He does theatre around the area mainly at Olathe East! He wants to thank his Mom for always supporting him!

**Samuel Eddy (Randolph MacAfee)** has spent the past seven years taking many classes in hopes of performing on stage someday. And now, he has a lead part as Randolph in *Bye Bye Birdie*! Thank you TIP for this awesome opportunity!

**Elliana Farrow (Penelope/Teen Ensemble)** is thrilled to be in her second show at TIP! She'd like to

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thank Lauren Braton, the Miller Marley staff, the Pacesetters, and of course her friends and family for always supporting her!

**Olive Hays (Kids Ensemble)** enjoys aerial acrobatics and movie making with friends. She performed in KCCS's productions of *Seussical* (Thing 2) and *Annie* (Annie). Olive would like to thank coach Kaylee Studna for encouragement, and the *Birdie* staff for seeing her spark.

**Robert Hays (Adult Ensemble)** is thrilled to be sharing the stage with his daughter, Olive, in *Bye Bye Birdie*. This will be his first theatrical performance in over thirty years. When not selling dental technology, he enjoys improv and playing the ukulele and guitar.

**Jenny Hines (Adult Ensemble)** is thrilled to be in her 5th show at TIP, and is excited to be part of such an amazing cast. She has performed at the White Theater and and at OCTA. Some of her favorite roles have included Dottie, in *Halftime: Gotta Dance*; Lily, in *A Man of No Importance*; and Jack's Mom, in *Into the Woods*. She would like to thank her family for all the love and encouragement, and being her biggest cheerleaders!

**Anjali Hocker Singh (Nancy/Teen Ensemble)** This is Anjali's first Theatre in the Park show and she is very excited! She runs track and cross country at Olathe North and will be majoring in biology at the University of Michigan next year.

**Cooper Holmes (Teen Ensemble/ Quartet)** is a Theatre Performance student at KU and is thrilled to be back for his third season at TIP!

Credits: *Footloose*, *Zombie Prom* (TIP), *Sweeney Todd* (KU). He wants to thank his family for all their support!

**Hayden Homolka (Kids Ensemble)** is a 10 year old soon to be fifth grader from Shawnee. This is not only her Theatre in the Park debut, but her theatrical debut! She has been a tumbler her whole life, but wants to take over the dance world now!

**Samuel Homolka (Teen Ensemble)** This is Sammy's second year doing theatre and second TIP show. He is going to be a sophomore at KU and is a member of Alpha Tau Omega. He is beyond excited to be sharing the stage with his sister, Hayden, as well. IG : @sammy\_joseph22

**Brian Houchin (Albert Peterson)** is returning to the park stage for the 14th time this summer, and for the second time in *Bye Bye Birdie* ('06). He would like to personally thank Robert Hingula and Victor Gossage for not auditioning this year, giving some of us other guys a chance. Brian is dedicating his performance to the memory of Director Greg Shaw.

**Jonah Kahn (Teen Ensemble)** is thrilled to be returning to TIP for his fourth season. Jonah is a rising senior majoring in journalism at the University of Kansas and interning at KCTV5. Previous Credits: *The Prom*, *Meet Me in St. Louis*, *Zombie Prom*, *Cinderella*. Love to friends and family. IG: @jonah\_kahn

**Cody Kreutzer (Adult Ensemble)** is thrilled to return to TIP! Recent credits include: Mr. Mayor (*Seussical*), Reuben (*Joseph. . .Dreamcoat*) and Angel (*Kinky Boots*). He recently graduated with a Master's in Arts

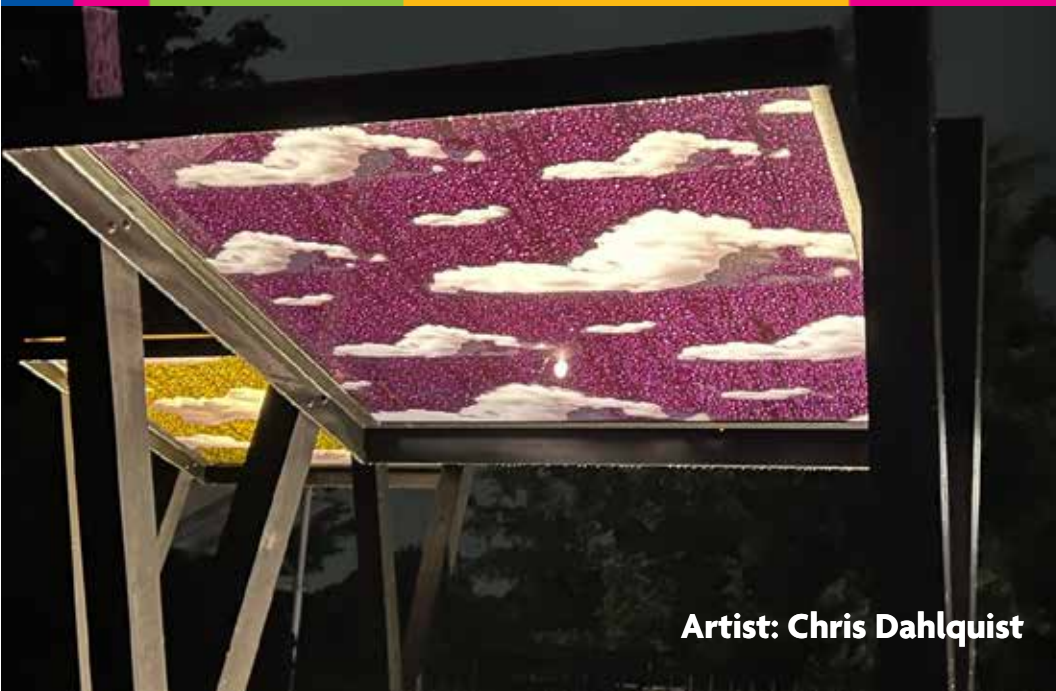


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**Holly Lichtenaur (Helen/Teen Ensemble)** is excited to be returning to the TIP stage! She dances at Miller Marley and loves doing commercials/voiceovers in KC. Key credits: Jadzia in *Surviving Hitler* (White Theatre), Ensemble in *13* (TIP), Annie in *Annie* (TIP).

**Harrison Madigan (Kids Ensemble)** is excited for his first TIP show. He has performed in his middle school's productions of *Username*, *Sister Act*, and *Trap*, and the Olathe district-wide performance of *Frozen*. He won gold for duet acting at the KSJFEST in 2023.

**Chris McCoy (Mr. MacAfee)** has been involved in 14 productions at TIP as either director, choreographer, costumer, or performer. *Bye Bye Birdie* was his very first show over 35 years ago where he played second chorus boy from the left.

**Tiffany McIlvain (Adult Ensemble)** Aside from leading worship and studying classical voice, *Bye Bye Birdie* is Tiffany's first time back on the stage in nearly 20 years. She is grateful for this opportunity and to her husband for his support, even when it means abandoning him with our seven children!

**Hew McKoy (Teen Ensemble)** This is Hew's 12th show at TIP and they are very excited to help tell this FUN story. After getting a BFA from Emporia State, Hew has been doing professional and community theatre around KC. They would like you to

enjoy the show and put on a happy face!

**Starr Peterson (Adult Ensemble)** is thrilled to be performing at TIP this summer! You may have seen her as Grimhilde in TIP *Descendants* in 2022. Starr spends her days teaching the youth of Kansas and her summers on the stage. Romans 12:10

**Katelynn Quick-McCormick (Ursula Merkle)** is screaming at the opportunity to be in her 5th TIP show! She was last seen as Gertrude McFuzz (TIP Indoors) and a teen in *The Prom* (The White Theatre at the J). Gratitude to the BBB team & cast, Ellis, her family & friends, Delano Mendoza, and Dance Fit Flow. Now put on a happy face and enjoy the show!

**Wyatt Ricker (Teen Ensemble)** is very excited to do his first TIP show. He loves dancing and performing with his friends. He would like to thank Miller Marley and Darin Parker for his vocal and dance training.

**Alisha Richardson (Rosie Alvarez)** is thrilled to be back on the TIP stage after a 9 year hiatus. Favorite roles include Esmeralda (*Hunchback*), Mayzie La Bird (*Seussical*), Jane Eyre (*Jane Eyre*), Lucy (*Charlie Brown*), and Hedy La Rue (*How to Succeed*). Love to Matt, Aubrey and Theo!

**Tess Sollars (Kim MacAfee)** This is Tess's 3rd show at the Park and she is so excited to be back! She will be a senior at Bishop Miege High School this fall. She wants to thank her family, friends, teachers, and of course the incredible cast and crew of *Bye Bye Birdie*!

**Charlie Tietjen (Harvey Johnson)** is thrilled to be back at TIP after playing

Simon in last summer's production of *13*. He has grown up loving music and theatre. Charlie would like to thank his family and everyone who has supported him through this journey.

**Myel White (Alice/Teen Ensemble)**

Life has so many beautiful tales to tell and Myel is stoked to be able to tell this story along with the amazing cast and creative team. This is her first show with TIP and her second show following *Addams Family* at the White Theatre at the J. When she's not in character shoes, you can find her in cleats at Park University where she is pursuing a degree while playing college softball! Choose love, raise your voice, and enjoy the show!

**Lisa Marie Williams Taylor (Mrs. Mae Peterson)**

is overjoyed to make her TIP debut returning to scripted theater after performing, teaching, & directing improv for over 20 years. Appearances include *ComedySportz*, *the Maestros*, *Bird Comedy Theater* and *Hot Mess! The Musical*. (thanks KB for encouragement)

**Who's Who in the Orchestra**

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**Lee Finch (Trombone)** received a music degree from Henderson State and an MS from Florida Tech. Since retirement he has been an actor and vocal/instrumental musician in many KC Metro Musicals. Love to my wife and family for their support.

**Holly Hague (Reeds II)** has played for musicals over 33 years and loves it! Professional shows include *The King and I* (Metropolitan Ensemble Theatre), *Cabaret* (Padgett Productions), *Seussical The Musical* at the Kauffman Center in 2022 (The

Culture House), and *Merrily We Roll Along* in 2024 at the Goppert Theatre at Avila University (First Act Theatre Arts). Community theaters include TIP and Leawood Stage Company.

**Colvin Hooser (Bass)** Colvin's musical journey spans Grammy award winners, to the Andy Williams Band, to American Idol Top Ten Finalists and too many musicals to count. Colvin has a Master of Music Degree and is an instructor for Barton Community College.

**Cynthia Szczesny (Trumpet I)**

A Spanish teacher by school-year and a pit musician by summer, this is Cynthia's eleventh (ish?) show at TIP. Huge thanks to her incredible husband for agreeing to so many solo bedtimes with their preschooler and infant this summer!

**Deana Wagoner (Keyboard II)** is a busy pit musician, performing with

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theatre companies around the metro. An alumni of UMKC Conservatory of Music, she also performs with area orchestras and Canto Chorale sacred music ensemble. She especially enjoys creating special synthesized sounds for theatre.

## Who's Who on the Production Team

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### **Annie Biggs (Accompanist)** is

excited for her first show as the accompanist at TIP! Many thanks to the staff of BBB for being so kind and welcoming. Thanks Denice T. for the recommendation and my family for their love and support!!!

### **Libby Bradley (Wardrobe Supervisor)**

is excited for another busy summer. Last year she costumed Meet Me in St Louis at TIP and the Olathe Schools production of Frozen. She is resident costumer for Olathe East High School and MidAmerica Nazarene University, and has costumed for Leawood Stage Company, The White Theatre, MTKC and many others. You can see her work later this season in Hello Dolly here at the Park. Much love to her hubby, Jim.

### **Mandy Dulny (Co-Choreographer)**

is elated to choreograph another summer with TIP! She previously choreographed *Zombie Prom* and has had a blast working with her best friend Alex on *Bye Bye Birdie!* Mandy has performed in a number of theaters in Kansas City area including The White Theatre, Starlight, MTKC and more. Mandy is a graduate of Millikin University's theater and dance program. She thanks the team,

her parents, her brother Zach, and her fiancé Sam for all their support.

### **Christina Foltz (Asst. Stage Manager)**

is excited to work with TIP for the first time. When not stage managing, Christina directs and is a playwright. Outdoor theatre isn't new as she has stage managed for two summer productions with Hoosier Shakes and Great River Shakespeare. Thank you to everyone for their love and support. IG: @christina.foltz.art

### **Alex Gumminger (Co-Choreographer)**

is ecstatic to kick off his summer with the cast and crew of *BYE BYE BIRDIE!* He currently teaches at his home studio, Nallia School of Dance, and serves as Co-Director for the Dance Electric Performing Troupe. Later this summer, you can see Alex as Chef Louis in the J's production of *THE LITTLE MERMAID*. Many thanks to friends and family for their endless support.

### **Ashley Jones Rivers (Music Director & Conductor)**

is so excited to return to the Park! Recent projects include: Music Direction for *Zombie Prom* (2022) and *Newsies* (2021) TIP, *Ride the Cyclone* (2022, 2023) at Spinning Tree Theatre, *Once* (2021) at The Barn Players and more! She has performed with many local theatres, and sings with the Kansas City Symphony Chorus. She currently runs her virtual voice studio, @KCSongbirds. Love to her family and friends for their constant support.

**Catherine Lewis (Stage Manager)** It is always a joy to return to TIP for the summer. Catherine is especially happy to work with a new (to her) production team. They've made this a very enjoyable experience. Previous



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stage management credits at TIP include: *White Christmas*, *Curtains*, *Annie*, and *Ragtime*. Catherine is an “English Teacher” at Olathe North High School.

**Grant Martin (Costume Designer/Coordinator)** is beyond thrilled to be costuming *Bye Bye Birdie* at TIP. This is Grants 8th show with the Park. He recently costumed last years production of *Suessical* and participated in their recent productions of *Little Shop Of Horrors* and *Shout!* He thanks his Friends, family, cast, and Production Team for all their support!

IG: @musicalgrant88

**Amelia O’Berg (Asst. Stage Manager)**

This is Amelia’s fourth show at the Park, and third show assistant stage managing for the Park. She’s had tons of fun working within this community, and is looking forward to stage managing her first show at the park this summer, *Hello Dolly!*

**Lacey Pacheco (Props Designer/Coordinator)** is a Kansas City native and jill-of-all-trades. She graduated from Missouri State University with a BFA in Technical Theater and has since worked predominantly as a production stage manager in the KC area. She shifted gears to props design post-pandemic and this is her third production now with TIP.

She is also the Production Manager for the KC Fringe Festival and will be designing props for the upcoming production of *The Little Mermaid* at The J!

**Emily Vargo (Director)** is so excited to return to TIP this summer! While most of her credits on the TIP stage happen to be performing - most recently in *Freaky Friday* (Torrey) and *Footloose* (Ensemble) last summer - she is so excited for another shot at directing a full stage show after directing *Zombie Prom* in 2022. She would like to thank her AMAZING team, Steven for taking care of their puppies, and Guy Gardner for always having a vote in her corner and taking chances on new creative teams. Emily is a Kindergarten Teacher when not involved in productions, but the worlds align more closely than one would think. She is pumped to get the summer started and can’t wait to watch ALL the shows!

**Lindsay Webster (Scenic Designer)** is thrilled to be back designing for TIP this summer, where she previously designed *Descendants* and *Freaky Friday*. She holds a BA in Theatre Arts and a BS in Mathematics from Marquette University in Milwaukee, WI and an MFA in Scenography from the University of Kansas. Now she is based out of Minnesota, where



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## Staff for **BYE BYE BIRDIE** **Opening Night, MAY 31, 2024**

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Lighting Interns .....Skyler Henry,  
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Asst. Tech Director .....Austin Cecil  
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Scenic Painters .....Kate Cronin,  
Cosmo Crouch, Kristine Johnson,  
Erin McCraney, Aether Schneider - swing  
Master Carpenter .....Griffin Rogers  
Carpenters .....Sara Baird, Katie Bauman,  
Aaron Griffin, Corwin Magee Bower,  
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