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THE SECRET GARDEN

The Musical

Book and Lyrics by Marsha Norman

Music by Lucy Simon

Based on the Novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett

WITH

Reese Richard
Will Benson
Sam Paris
Megan Schwartz

Luke Benson
Micah Stiver
Shiloh Stoller
Tanner Foust

Faye Wieland
Kiera Kinney
Cooper Herrmann
Bre Halliburton

Music Direction
Darren McKown

Vocal Coach
Emily Kars

Dialect Coach
Christopher Murphy

Choreography
Naomi Kujak

Costumes
Danielle Tomell

Scenic Design
Jessie Smith

Technical Direction
David Kars

Lighting Design
Brock Eastom

Sound Design
Allen Mathis

Assistant Director and Prop Designer
Steph Young

Directed by
Mary Beth Frank

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DIRECTOR'S NOTES

I am so excited to finish my third year, as director of theatre, with this beloved musical, *The Secret Garden*! It has been a favorite of mine since I was in high school, when I was part of the dreamer chorus myself.

The haunting and enchanting score is probably one of the most difficult scores, in musical theatre, for vocalists. These kids have blown me away with their dedication to working hard at this music. From the student orchestra members who met in class and after school for many days, to the singers who studied the intricate harmonies for over a month in music rehearsals, we are very excited to share with you this project of love. Many thanks to Emily Kars and Darren McKown, who joined me on this crazy idea of having a student orchestra and hours upon hours of breaking down vocals for the singers.

One thing you will notice in this version of *The Secret Garden*, is the influence of Mary being brought up in India. Please read the Dramaturgy for more information about that, but I did want to note in here that we spent a lot of time talking, as a cast, about the song, *Come*

Spirit, Come Charm. While we legally cannot cut anything out of a show, we decided to take a bit of different approach to this song. Mary remembers a song she heard from India that translates to: *It's Winter Season, Come Summer Months, help him get well*. We took this translation and decided that we were going to approach this song not from a standpoint of magical spells, but that the magic and charm is in the healing nature that the garden brings.

"Sweep away the storms rumbling 'cross the sky, See the rising sun, bid the breeze to blow, bid the robins sing, bid the roses grow."

I firmly believe that God, in his creative splendor, put all the healing elements we need into the plants that grow around us. In fact, I was just reading an article about a 16-year-old native American, who through her school science project, found that choke cherry seeds, when crushed up, kill ovarian cancer cells within 24 hours. And most medications are derived from plants around us. Therefore, we are taking this approach that the magic is in the healing of sun and fresh air, and the charm in the

garden is the healing of the plants around them. That is truly a marvel.

We also spoke in depth about the healing of the Holy Spirit and how it is the only spirit that heals. If you know my story, you know that I have been miraculously healed many times. I am a walking testimony that the Holy Spirit is still powerful and alive; proof that he still does miracles on our behalf. If you don't know my story, just ask me about it.

From an incurable, leprosy like disease when I was four, to a drive by shooting that should have killed me, to open heart surgery, and more.....I have been healed and protected from so much that it can only be the testimony work of the same spirit who raised Christ from the dead.

I hope you enjoy this story as much as I do. We have so much to be thankful for here at BCT. And I wanted to close this season out with a beloved story that end with the healing hope that comes when we choose to open our lives to others.

Mary Beth Frank

Reese,

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!

Congratulations to you and all of the cast and crew for your hours and hours of hard work during the past few months.

We can't wait to see you shine.

We love you.

*Mom, Dad,
Riely, Quinton and Sullivan.*



SONGS

ACT I

Prologue/Opening Dream	Lily, Fakir, Ayah, Dreamer Children, Dreamers
There's A Girl I	Lieutenant Wright, Lieutenant Shaw, Major Holmes, Claire Holmes, Alice
The House Upon The Hill	Dreamers, Ayah, Fakir
There's A Girl II	Holmes, Claire, Alice, Wright, Shaw, Albert
I Heard Someone Crying	Lily, Mary, Archibald, Dreamers, Ayah, Fakir, House Staff
Martha's Ditty	Martha
If I Had A Fine White Horse	Martha
A Girl In The Valley	Lily, Archibald
It's A Maze	Mary, Martha, Ben, Dickon
Winter's on the Wing	Dickon
Mary's Maze	Mary
Show Me The Key	Mary, Dickon
Skip, Skipped-Transition	Ayah, Fakir
A Bit of Earth	Archibald
Storm I	Holmes, Albert, Fakir, Lieutenant Shaw, Lieutenant Wright, Dreamers, Ayah, Fakir, House Staff
Lily's Eyes	Archibald, Dr Craven
Storm II	Mary, Ayah, Dreamers, Lily, Martha
Round Shoulder Man	Colin, Mary, Ayah
Final Storm	Dreamers, Rose, Ayah, Major Holmes, Lieutenant Shaw, Alice, Claire, Fakir, Lieutenant Wright, Albert, Dreamer Children

SONGS

ACT II

The Girl I Mean To Be	Mary
House on the Hill-Transition	Wright and Shaw
Quartet	Archibald, Dr. Craven, Lily, Rose
There's A Man	Transition: Albert, Major Holmes, Alice, Claire
Race You To The Top of the Morning	Archibald
Maze Transition	Albert, Rose
Wick	Dickon, Mary
Race You Transition	Alice
Come To My Garden	Lily, Colin
Come Spirit, Come Charm	Mary, Fakir, Dickon, Martha, Ben, Ayah, Dreamers, Dreamer Children, House Staff
A Bit of Earth Reprise	Lily, Rose, Albert
Disappear-Transition	Dr. Craven
Hold On	Martha
Letter Song	Mary, Martha, Archibald
Where in the World	Archibald
How Could I Ever Know	Lily, Archibald
To The Day Garden	Mary, Colin, Dickon
Finale	Dreamers, House Staff, Ben, Dreamer Children, Lily, Albert



Ellia, we are so incredibly proud of you. You have worked hard at not just one but two roles! God has given you a gift and it is a joy to watch you flourish in it. Break a leg this weekend!

We love you,
Mom, Dad, and Cydean

CAST

CAST MEMBERS

Mary Lennox.....	Reese Richard
Archibald Craven.....	Will Benson
Neville Craven.....	Sam Paris
Lily Craven.....	Megan Schwartz
Colin Craven.....	Luke Benson
Dickon.....	Micah Stiver
Martha.....	Shiloh Stoller
Ben Weatherstaff.....	Tanner Foust
Mrs Medlock.....	Faye Wieland
Rose Lennox.....	Kiera Kinney
Albert Lennox.....	Cooper Herrmann
Ayah.....	Bre Halliburton
Mrs Winthrop/Act 1 Ensemble.....	Madelyn Jones
Jane/Head Housekeeper.....	Charis Hooley
Fakir.....	Noah Johnson
Alice.....	Mattie Smeltzer
Lieutenant Shaw.....	Konnor Steffey
Lieutenant Wright.....	Jackson Smith
Mrs. Wright.....	Sophia Paris
Child Wright/Mary Understudy.....	Ellia Smith
Major Shelley.....	Riely Sheldon
Mrs. Shelley.....	Elaina Wahli
Child Shelley.....	Brielle Thompson
Major Holmes.....	Brennan Connelly
Mrs. Holmes.....	Brielle Saldivar
Child Holmes/Colin Understudy.....	Judah Hooley
Ensemble.....	Emme Herrmann, Olivia Dubach, Aubrey Moore, Brandi Halliburton, Selah Johnson

CREW
CREW MEMBERS

PRODUCTION

Director/Set Designer/Marketing/Producer	Mary Beth Frank
Assistant Director/Props Designer/Crew Coordinator	Steph Young
Music Director	Darren McKown
Vocal Coach	Emily Kars
Dialect Coach	Christopher J. Murphy
Choreographer	Naomi Kujak
Costume Director and Designer	Danielle Tomell
Assistant Costumer	Shannon Steffey
Assistant Costumer	Joy Henderson
Technical Director	David Kars
Light Design	Brock Eastom
Sound Designer and Music Operator	Allen Mathis
Sound Board Operator	Jeff Frank
Set Design/Lead Builder	Eliyahu Wahli
Build Team	Mike Paris
Build Team	Dan Herrmann
Scenic Design/Art Club Leader	Jessie Smith
Marketing/Graphic Design	Cory Benson
Show Photographer	Bekah Guntle
Rehearsal Photographer	Pam Thompson
Parent Liaison	Courtney Smeltzer
Rehearsal Assistant	Deanna Foust
Front of House Manager	April Herrmann

TECH

Technical Assistant / Light Board Operator	Luke Schwartz
Tech Crew	Maiec Duncan
Tech Crew	Gabe Moore
Tech Crew	Cameron Ross

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BACKSTAGE

Stage Manager	Lilli Arnold
Stage Manager	Jasa Miller
Stage Manager	Maya Yoder
Assistant Stage Manager/ Mic Assistant.....	Corbin Jones
Mic Assistant.....	Collin Smeltzer
Tower Operator.....	Zak Thompson
Tower Operator.....	Issac Tilma
Backstage Crew.....	Nathaniel Hagen
Backstage Crew.....	Dylan Faurote
Backstage Crew.....	Jedidiah Sian
Backstage Crew.....	Willis Wiegand
Backstage Crew.....	Kumbo Wiegan
Backstage Crew.....	Austin Adair
Backstage Crew.....	Kaitlyn VanNatta

DUNGEON

Dungeon Crew	Lucy Duncan
Dungeon Crew	Haddie Amstutz
Dungeon Crew	Joslynn Strong
Dungeon Crew	Joy Cochran
Dungeon Crew	Anna Wurst
Dungeon Crew	Addison Study
Dungeon Crew	Cordelia Tomell



CREW

CREW MEMBERS

ART CLUB

- Artist Emily Wever
- Artist Deborah Mikobi
- Artist Anika Klopfenstein
- Artist Haley Wurst
- Artist Aiva Lehew
- Artist Margo Fabini
- Artist Levi Scheumann
- Artist Lucas Sherbahn
- Artist Ethan Risch

Bekah Joy
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ORCHESTRA

Violin	Susan Ensley
Violin	Grant Hart
Violin	Sophia Slates
Keyboard	Ethan Singer
Keyboard	Abby Pebble
Bass	Jordan Burgar
Bass	Noah Henschen
Bass Clarinet	Matthew Sundahl
Pianist	Stephanie Beer
Cellist	Stan Moore
Cellist	Cordelia Tomell
Clarinet.....	Audrey Corbrey
Clarinet.....	Cathryn Grile
Clarinet.....	Hailey Zurcher
Clarinet.....	Rebecca Sian
Clarinet.....	Anna Jehl
Clarinet.....	Mariah Marquez
Saxophone.....	Tristan Tomell
Flute	Hannah Suvar
Flute	Delanie Bainter
French Horn	Melody Masloob
French Horn	Owen Suvar
French Horn	Evan Weisheit
Percussion.....	Jackson Wiegand
Percussion.....	Kaden Keolasy
Trombone.....	Mason Goeglein
Trombone.....	Lucas Sherbahn
Trombone.....	Luke Hall
Trumpet	Gavin Beer
Trumpet	Camden Cloud

CREW

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ORCHESTRA

Trumpet	Alathea Garrett
Trumpet	Elijah Godfrey
Trumpet	William Jehl
Trumpet	Melana Miller
Trumpet	Weslee Sheldon
Oboe	Lillian Asselin



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DRAMATURGY

The Secret Garden has been a beloved book in children's libraries for decades and can even be found in our own library at Blackhawk. Written by Francis Hodgson Burnett in 1911, this book was actual set just a few years past when it was written.

Originally Burnett was going to title the book "Mistress Mary" and deemed it an "Innocent thriller of a story." However, not much is given about the writing or her inspiration, other than she wrote it in her own rose garden, where she befriended a robin who kept her company while finishing the manuscript. Burnett, struggling with her own health at the time, found solace with the robin and energy by being in her garden.

The Secret Garden starts in India, where the sixth major cholera outbreak across Europe, which by this point most countries have found advancing

technology and medical prevention to avoid the outbreak claiming many lives. However, India was still behind in these measures, and many of the people living there, in the early 1900's, lost their lives to the pandemic.

Many adaptations of the Secret Garden have been created for film, television, theatre, and radio. This Broadway version, written in 1991 by Lucy Simon and Marsha Norman, was nominated for seven Tony awards, and went on to win two of them: Best Book for a Musical and Best Featured Actress for Daisy Eagen, who originated the role of Mary Lennox, when she was eleven years old.

In this adaptation, we see a lot of haunting memories from Archibold Craven, owner of Misselthwaite Manor and uncle to Mary Lennox. Mary is sent to live with him, after her father, Captain Albert Lennox, and mother, Rose, both



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die from the cholera outbreak. Mary is a child who lived a lonely and isolated life in India, and she starts the show with a lot of hurt, anger, and confusion. She asks people she just meets deep questions about faith and life, because she has no one else to talk to and no one who will help her navigate these truths.

Archibold, dealing with his own grief from the loss of his wife, struggles to receive another family member lost in her grief. Memories float around throughout the show, in the dreamer chorus, of people who were involved in Archibold and Mary's life. We see snippets of conversations that happened in the past, but also the lingering memories of loved ones who have left too soon.

We also see the traces of being brought up in a foreign country, with foreign traditions, and Mary trying to reconcile

those with her new surroundings in England. We see the Fakir, who frequented her home in India, singing in his native tongue throughout the show. This motif translates to: It's a winter season, Come Summer Months, help him get well.

The Lennox's Ayah is also represented, an Ayah is a term used for a woman who was hired by a family to clean, cook, and help take care of the children.

The British Raj, the name for the time when British rule was present in India, left a lot of lasting influence on the British citizens who lived there. Having the reminders throughout the musical, helps us remember that Mary was not raised in a traditional British home. And helps us see the strangeness of this new world she must navigate at Misselthwaite Manor.

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The BCS High School Art Club has been a vital part of the school and community since its formation in 2014, contributing its talents to theater productions, local businesses, churches, and special events. The club plays a key role in bringing stage performances to life by assisting with scenic art for every play and musical at BCT. Beyond honing artistic skills, students in the Art Club gain valuable experience in teamwork, problem-solving, and creative expression. By using their God-given talents to serve others, they develop confidence, a strong work ethic, and a deeper appreciation for the power of art in bringing people together.

*Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.
Colossians 3:22*



ART CLUB (L-R)

Emily Wever, Deborah Mikobi, Anika Klopfenstein, Haley Wurst, Aiva Lehew,
Margo Fabini, Jessie Smith, Levi Scheumann, Lucas Sherbahn, Ethan Risch



THE BCS HIGH SCHOOL

Orchestra

For the first time ever, Blackhawk Christian Theatre proudly features a **live student orchestra**, bringing an exciting new level of energy and authenticity to the stage. Comprising 20 talented high school students alongside nine skilled community musicians, this orchestra enhances every moment of the performance with the rich, dynamic sound that only live music can provide. The beauty of live music is that it breathes life into the show, allowing the audience to respond organically to the actors and creating a deeper emotional connection. The collaboration between students and experienced musicians not only elevates the production but also provides a unique learning opportunity, fostering growth, teamwork, and a shared passion for the arts.



BACK ROW (L-R)

Owen Suvar, Tristan Tomell, Lucas Sherbahn,
Camden Cloud, Will Jehl, Jack Wiegand, Mason Goeglein

MIDDLE ROW

Gavin Beer, Elijah Godfrey, Evan Weisheit, Matthew Sundahl, Kaden Keolasy, Luke Hall

FRONT ROW

Audrey Corbrey, Melody Masloob, Mariah Marquez,
Lillian Asselin, Alethea Garrett, Melana Miller



The Arts at BCS

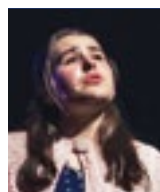
Blackhawk Christian School has a history of providing a diverse and robust experience in all of fine and performing arts. Beginning in the early childhood education and primary grades students are given opportunities to explore music and art with arts professionals on a weekly basis. These opportunities continue through the intermediate grades along with the addition of a beginning band in 6th grade. The secondary school offers three instrumental classes (7th Grade, Middle School and High School). The high school band students also perform as a Pep Band at most of our home games through the basketball season. Vocally we offer three choir classes: a Middle School Choir, and Concert (high school) Choir and an Honors (auditioned) Choir. Music students perform in four public concerts per year, one during each quarter grading period. Music students also have the opportunity to compete in the ISSMA solo and ensemble competition held each winter.

In the realm of the visual arts BCS offers instruction in 2D and 3D art at both the middle school and secondary level. We also combine an art and history course: Art and Architecture, which is co-taught from our history and art departments. A non-performing, non-hands on course in the humanities is available as part of our dual credit offerings: Creative Arts & Culture, under the umbrella of Grace College.

The dramatic arts and public presentation instruction are represented through Theatre Arts classes, beginning and advanced, and Public Speaking in Society, another of our dual credit offerings. Blackhawk Christian Theatre presents two full-scale productions each year, a straight play in the fall and a musical in the spring. We also host an active troupe of the International Thespian Society (ITS) with inductions held each April.

The legacy of the arts at BCS is a rich heritage that continues to grow through the years. We boast a number of alumni who have gone on to enjoy successful careers in the arts and entertainment fields following their time with us here.

Soli Deo Gloria. (To the glory of God alone.)





WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU AND YOUR THEATRICAL ABILITIES.

You are a shining star on stage!
Don't ever let your light go out!

*From Mom, Grammy,
and Uncle Steve*

To the Cast and Crew of the Blackhawk Christian Theatre,

Amazing job!!! Your hard work and dedication was apparent in your recent performances. The passion and commitment each of you brought to the stage was evident in every scene, every line, and every note! Thank you for the countless hours spent rehearsing, the teamwork, and the sheer talent that made the show such a resounding success. Your efforts have not only entertained but also inspired and uplifted everyone who saw the play. Bravo to each and every one of you!!

Zak & Brielle - We love watching you both continue to grow and be a part of the Blackhawk Christian Theatre. You both put in hours of work to be a part of this production and that hard has paid off. We are proud of both of you! Always fight for what you want and never give up on your dreams/goals. Trust in God, His plan for you, and always find time to listen for His voice. We love you both! -Mom & Dad



It doesn't matter if I'm watching a show with you or watching you in a show - I'm so thankful for the love of theater we share! You are a blessing to me and the theater, so thankful you went kicking and screaming into your first audition your Freshman year. Thankful to Mr. L who saw something in you that you hadn't yet seen in yourself and MaryBeth who continued to teach you and cheer you on. You are a blessing to that stage and everyone who knows you Tanner David Foust, I love you and I'm so blessed to be your Mom!

WHO'S WHO

THE CAST



REESE RICHARD as *Mary Lennox*

Reese is a Sixth Grader and has been attending BCS since Preschool. Reese has performed in two shows with BCT as an Orphan/Pickpocket/School Girl in the Musical Oliver! and as a Napkin/Villager/Flower Seller in "Beauty and the Beast". In her free time she loves singing, drawing and drinking tea under a cozy blanket.



WILL BENSON as *Archibald Craven*

Hey, it's Will. I'm not gonna do the whole talking playbook thing this time. I'm instead gonna tell you a haiku.

There, I sat and wrote. I realized something awful. I'm all out of jokes.

Well, that's the bio. I'm excited to play Archibald, by the way. Well... See ya. Go ahead and move onto the next bio. This is starting to get stale.



SAM PARIS as *Neville Craven*

Sam is a senior here at Blackhawk, and he is excited to be in his fifth show here at Blackhawk. He has played John Reed in Jane Eyre, Count Ipolitov in Anastasia, Fagin in Oliver, and Gaston in Beauty and the Beast. He enjoys bowling, playing ukulele and cajon, and spending time with friends and family.

"Yogurt. Gurt: Yo wassup?"



MEGAN SCHWARTZ as *Lily Craven*

Megan Schwartz is 15 years old and a sophomore here at Blackhawk. This is her seventh show at BCT and around eighteenth show overall. She began doing theatre in fourth grade and has never looked back. Her most recent credits include Anastasia at FWYT (Dowager Empress), Beauty and the Beast (Madame), and Oliver! at BCT (Nancy). She loves performing and dreams of perhaps doing it professionally someday. In her free time she loves to read, paint, embroider and, in all honesty, doom scroll on her phone. She also loves to collect gnomes and has a gnome family of 18. She is grateful for the support from her friends and family and to the cast and crew for all their hard work. *"We know what we are, but know not what we may be."* - William Shakespeare



LUKE BENSON as *Colin Craven*

From the corner of my eye, there it was, the "thing" watching me. It muttered things every single day. Only on December 12, though, was it audible. I heard it say, "Do the audition." for some reason I listened. And here I am now. Playing the role of Colin in The Secret Garden Musical at Blackhawk Christian. Anyways, I've also been in Shrek the Musical at the Civic Theatre, Oliver! the Musical, at Blackhawk Christian, Beauty and the Beast at Blackhawk Christian, and now this. Well, that's about it for me. Goodbye, but welcome to the Garden.

WHO'S WHO

THE CAST



MICAH STIVER *as Dickon*

Micah is a freshman this year at Blackhawk and has been doing theater since he was 11! This is his 10th production to be in, and absolutely loves the stage. Some of his favorite characters to portray include Dimitry, (Anastasia), Lefou (Beauty and the Beast), Dodger (Oliver!), and Pig-Pen (Charlie Brown Christmas). Micah has done shows for Summit City Music Theater, Fort Wayne Youth Theater, and BCT. He serves at his church and enjoys being around and helping people! He wants to dedicate his performance to his wonderful, supportive parents: Lance and Megan Stiver :)



SHILOH STOLLER *as Martha*

Hi! I'm Shiloh Stoller. I'm currently 16 and a junior at Blackhawk Christian. I recently played Belle in Beauty and the Beast here at our theater. I love acting so much and I have made lots of friends through this theater program. I hope you sit back, relax, and enjoy the show!



TANNER FOUST *as Ben Weatherstaff*

Tanner Foust is excited to perform his final show at BCS as a Senior. Although he is going to participate in theatre at Huntington University, he is sad to go. Nevertheless, he knows that the theatre family will strive with all the amazing underclassmen and Juniors! He can't wait to see you all perform in the future. For anyone considering joining, he would have loved to meet you, but he hopes to see you on stage. In the end, he just hopes everyone enjoys the show!



FAYE WIELAND *as Mrs Medlock*

Faye Wieland is a Junior here at BCS. She was part of BCT for Anne Frank, Anastasia, and the Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe. When Faye is not at school or theater she enjoys reading, doing arts and crafts, and taking walks in nature. She would like to say thank you for coming and enjoy the show!



KIERA KINNEY *as Rose Lennox*

Kiera (7th grade) is excited to return to the BCT stage as Rose! Kiera began her performing journey while dancing in the ballet productions of Snow White, Alice in Wonderland, The Wizard of Oz, Beauty and the Beast, Alora, The Snow Queen and the Nutcracker. This is her third show with BCT with previous roles being the Governess and Ensemble in Oliver, and a Silly Girl and Napkin in Beauty and the Beast. Kiera also loves spending time with her family, reading, playing volleyball and leading youth worship at Redemption Bible Church.

WHO'S WHO

THE CAST



COOPER HERRMANN as *Albert Lennox*

Cooper Herrmann is 16 years old and a sophomore at BCS. His past shows include Anastasia (Tsar, Gorlinsky, and Ensemble), The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe (Peter), Oliver! (Mr. Sowerberry and Ensemble), and Beauty and the Beast (Lumiere). Some of his hobbies include reading, listening to music, playing instruments, and hanging out with friends. "This has been such a fun show to do! I am so glad and grateful that I got to create something beautiful with this cast! I hope you all enjoy the show!"



BRE HALLIBURTON as *Ayah*

Bre is a senior in high school and she plans to go to college for commercial music in the fall. This is her 10th and final show at Blackhawk along with her second and last year of tennis.

"This show has been legen...wait for it...DARY"



MADELYN JONES as *Mrs. Winthrop / Act 1 Ensemble*

Madelyn is a Sophomore and is excited to be part of her 6th show this year! With a passion for performing on stage, Madelyn loves to try out for all she can. She loves new adventures, looking for new experiences, and capturing those she finds in photography! When she's not at theater, you can find Madelyn surrounded by loving friends who support her throughout anything! She would like to thank her parents for their unwavering support and belief in her theater life. She's forever grateful for them pushing her not to give up when she fails and their encouragement to push forward! "If they stare, let them stare. You can't blend if you were born to stand out." –



CHARIS HOOLEY as *Jane / Head Housekeeper*

Charis Hooley is an 8th grader at BCS. She enjoys reading, writing, playing with her siblings, and embroidering. She is very excited to be a part of The Secret Garden. This is her second year of doing BCT. Previous shows she has been a part of include Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe, Oliver! and Beauty and the Beast. Thank you to my family for their support!



NOAH JOHNSON as *Tahir*

Noah is excited to return for his third show with BCT. He has made two appearances onstage including Oliver! and Beauty and the Beast. When he is not onstage, he likes to read, play board games, and practice his saxophone. Enjoy the show!

WHO'S WHO

THE CAST



MATTIE SMELTZER as *Alice*

Mattie is a sophomore this year, and this is her 7th show with BCT. She has previously played Ash in *The Post Office*, *Babette in Beauty and the Beast*, *Charlotte in Oliver*, and more! She plays tennis in the spring, manages the cheer team, and does theatre the rest of the year. She is involved in the chapel team at school, and is on the worship team at her youth group. She would like to thank her sister Kenna for being awesome. *"If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours."*
Dolly Parton



KONNOR STEFFEY as *Lieutenant Shaw*

Konnor Steffey is a sophomore and is happy to be here for this show! This is Konnor's 6th show with BCT. Recently he was Maurice in *Beauty and the Beast* and Mr. Tumnus in *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe*. Konnor would like to thank his mother for being awesome and all the other people who have come to support him. He feels truly blessed to have such a great family and cast along for the ride with him. *"Family is worth fighting for, no matter the cost."*
-Cato, one Konnor's story characters



JACKSON SMITH as *Lieutenant Wright*

Jackson Smith is a freshman in high school, he is playing *Lieutenant Wright*. This is Jackson's 5th show at Blackhawk which is absolutely crazy to think, he is so happy to perform with this cast and this loving family at Blackhawk. Jackson loves theater, it makes him feel like he's at home, apart of a family.



SOPHIA PARIS as *Mrs. Wright*

Sophia is a 17 year old senior here at Blackhawk Christian school. She has been involved with several of Blackhawk's productions before, such as being part of the ensemble in *Anastasia*, *Mr. Unicorn in The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, part of the ensemble in *Oliver!*, and *Mrs. Potts in Beauty and the Beast*. Sophia looks forward to performing one last show with this amazing cast, and she would like to say thank you to everyone who has supported her along her theatrical journey. Enjoy the show!



ELLIA SMITH as *Child Wright/Mary Understudy*

Ellia is in the sixth grade at BCS and has attended since preschool. She is thrilled to continue with BCS theatre in *The Secret Garden* as (role)! Ellia's first show was *Beauty and the Beast (Ensemble)* in fall of 2024. Outside of theatre, Ellia loves reading, singing, and anything related to the arts. She is thankful for the theatre community at BCS.



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RIELY SHELDON as *Major Shelley*

Riely is a 9th grader who loves listening to music and singing, games, and drawing/doodling random things. Riely is just so grateful for the friends who recommended theater to him, because he has had such a great time with each show he participates in! This will be his 3rd show in BCT, and he can't wait to be on stage again!

"When life's hard, you just gotta push through... or just have some pizza, that always cheers me up."



ELAINA WAHLI as *Mrs. Shelley*

Elaina Wahli is a sophomore at BCS. This is her sixth show at BCT, and she's so grateful to be a part of this theatre community. When she's not at school or on stage, you can find Elaina with friends, family, or writing songs in her room. She would like to thank her friends and family for supporting her and encouraging her; she appreciates each and every one of you! *Psalm 46:1 "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."*



BRIELLE THOMPSON as *Child Shelley*

This is Brielle's 3rd BCT production. She has loved being an orphan, pickpocket and school girl in "Oliver" and Chip in "Beauty and the Beast"! Some of her favorite things are singing, doing art and reading. She loves Jesus, spending time with friends and family and her bulldog, Oliver!. She loves reading and Jesus.



BRENNAN CONNELLY as *Major Holmes*

Brennan is a senior at Blackhawk Christian School. He loves playing the piano and drippy golfing with his friends. This is his second show on stage, having just finished his stage debut in Beauty and the Beast, and he is incredibly excited to perform for his last semester at Blackhawk.



BRIELLE SALDIVAR as *Mrs. Holmes*

Brielle is a sophomore this year at BCS. She has had two prior shows, one being Dana in the bully at youth theatre, and ensemble in beauty and the beast here at Blackhawk. She loves to read and spend time with loved ones in her free time. Brielle would like to thank her family for being so encouraging while she found her love of acting.

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JUDAH HOOLEY as *Child Holmes/Colin Understudy*

Judah, "JHoo", Hooley is a 6th grader at BCS and an honorary member of the International Thespian Society. On Broadway; None. Off Broadway; The King and I (2017), Oliver! (2024), Beauty and the Beast (2024). Judah loves being the understudy for his good friend Luke and hanging out with all of the cast members. Praise to God for all perseverance and hope He gives. Welcome to the Garden!



EMME HERRMANN – *Train Station Ensemble/House Maid*

Emme is an 8th grader at BCS. She has been in previous shows such as Narnia, Oliver!, and Beauty and the Beast. Some of her interests are hanging out with friends playing the trumpet cheerleading art and being on the worship team at youth group. "Thank you so much to everyone who has supported me! I love you all and can't wait for you to see it! Enjoy the show!"



OLIVIA DUBACH – *Train Station Ensemble/House Maid*

Olivia is an eighth grader here at Blackhawk. This is her fourth production with BCT. She was Lucy in The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, A pickpocket, orphan, and street performer in Oliver, and a Silly Girl and a napkin in Beauty and the Beast. Olivia's hobbies are reading, acting, and hanging out with friends. She thanks the Lord for the gifts and talents He has given her in theatre.

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AUBREY MOORE – *Train Station Ensemble / House Maid*

I am an 8th grader here at Blackhawk. Some of my hobbies include cross country, track, flute, piano, and art. I love the color **purple** and fluffy cows.



BRANDI HALLIBURTON – *Train Station Ensemble / House Maid*

This is Brandi's second show with BCT and she is so happy to be here with all these lovely people! She would like to dedicate this show to her grandparents, and would love to give a shout-out to my sister Bre for always giving amazing advice and pushing her to be the best shes can be!



SELAH JOHNSON – *Train Station Ensemble / House Maid*

Selah Johnson is a freshman at BCS. She has been in four shows with BCT previous to this, which includes The King and I (King's kid) and The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe (Squirrel) Oliver! (Pickpocket) and most recently Beauty and the Beast (Silly Girl). In her spare time, Selah enjoys reading, singing, listening to music, and playing the clarinet. She is so happy to get to be a part of this amazing cast! "Enjoy the show!"

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Elaina Wahli

*You continue to surprise us
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We are so very proud of you.*

*Love,
Mom, Dad & Owen*



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DUNGEON CREW



LUCY DUNCAN - *Dungeon Crew*

Hi, I'm Lucy Duncan. I have two brothers, Finley and Maeic. I love spending time with them and my two dogs. I love to draw and my favorite bible verse is I John 4:1-21. I have done backstage helping in Oliver, Beauty & the Beast, and now Secret Garden. I love theatre because it is so welcoming and it's where I can be myself no matter what! I have made lots of friends during these plays and am hoping to make more!



HADDIE AMSTUTZ - *Dungeon Crew*

Haddie is a sixth grader and this is the second show she had participated in. She has really enjoyed being part of the dungeon crew for this production. She also loves to crochet and watch movies. She wants to thank her friends and family for their support .



JOSLYNN STRONG - *Dungeon Crew*

My name is Joslynn Strong and I'm a senior. I enjoy serving the Lord through my talents and helping others when I can. I enjoy drawing, writing and crafts. I hope to use my gifts to please God as I go g through life. BCS has held a special place in my heart, and I thank the staff, students and God for showing me love and acceptance.



JOY COCHRAN - *Dungeon Crew*

Joy Cochran lives with her the siblings and a silly dog. She enjoys drawing and can usually find her hanging out with friends.



CORDELIA TOMELL - *Dungeon Crew*

Cordelia debuted as a wood nymph in The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe. This is her third show with Dungeon Crew; and you can find her playing cello in the pit! She likes to spend her time free crocheting, playing the cello, piccolo, flute, and playing with her brother and sister at home. She would like to thank Anna, and Lilli for helping her navigate backstage. Danke Vati, Oma, und Opa für alles, das ihr gemacht habt.

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ANNA WURST - *Dungeon Crew*

This is Anna's fourth show. She enjoys drawing cartoons, reading good books, and watching movies with her family. She looks forward to doing many more shows in the future!



ADDISON STUDY - *Dungeon Crew*

Addie is thrilled to be contributing to The Secret Garden as a member of the dungeon crew. She previously had the pleasure of playing "The Laundry Lady" in the fall musical Beauty and the Beast. After taking a brief break from theater to explore cheerleading this winter, Addie is excited to return to the stage in a behind-the-scenes role. She looks forward to continuing her involvement in future theater productions in the years to come.

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BACKSTAGE CREW



LILLI ARNOLD - *Stage Manager*

Lilli Arnold is a senior at Blackhawk Christian. She began her career in Jane Eyre as a props crew member, then during Anastasia she participated in stage crew. In 2023, she began her career as a stage manager alongside Jasa Miller in The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, and continued in that role during Oliver! and Beauty and the Beast. In Lilli's free time (when she has it), she enjoys creating art and playing video games. Lilli wishes to pursue her artistic endeavors in college as an Illustration major with a minor in Technical Theatre.



JASA MILLER - *Stage Manager*

Jasa Miller is a 18-year old Senior at BCS. She is one of the two stage managers for this show. She has been involved in three other productions at BCS where she was a stage manager for The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, Oliver!, and Beauty and the Beast. She enjoys reading and writing in her free time.



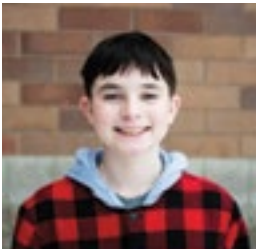
MAYA YODER - *Stage Manager*

Maya Yoder is a freshman at BCS. This is her fourth show with BCT, second show as a stage manager and she has loved it! In her free time she loves to read, listen to music and spend time with family and friends. She is so grateful to be apart of this show and spend time with such an amazing cast and crew! She hopes you enjoy the show!



CORBIN JONES - *Assistant Stage Manager/ Mic Assistant*

Corbin Jones is excited to be back with his 4th show with BCT. He has been backstage crew in "The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe" and "Oliver." He has also been a tower operator for "Beauty and the Beast." Corbin is excited to expand in the future with BCT.



COLLIN SMELTZER - *Mic Assistant*

Collin Smeltzer is an eighth grader at Blackhawk Christian School. He is excited for his 3rd show with Blackhawk Christian Theater. When he isn't doing treacherous schoolwork he is most likely playing with Rubik's cubes of all shapes and sizes!

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ZAK THOMPSON - *Tower Operator*

Zak Thompson is an 8th grader at Blackhawk Christian School and he has been a tower turner for one other play beauty and the beast, and is excited to be in another one. I really enjoy band in school! Over the weekends when I am not working on school work I am playing video games or hanging out with friends and family.



ISAAC TILMA - *Tower Operator*

Isaac is in his second year at Blackhawk and is in 8th grade. This is his second production on crew and enjoys serving behind the scenes. Outside of theater he plays soccer and hangs out with friends.



NATHANIEL HAGEN - *Backstage Crew*

Nathaniel Hagen is an eighth grader at Blackhawk Christian School. He is extremely excited for his first show with Blackhawk Christian's Theater. He really enjoys school, especially all the musical opportunities he has there. When he's not furiously working on schoolwork, he is playing one of the few instruments he has learned, such as piano or trumpet, or is learning some new things about a whole host of different topics.



DYLAN FAUROTE - *Backstage Crew*

Dylan Faurote is an eighth grader at Blackhawk Christian School. This is his fourth show with Blackhawk's theatre. In his spare time he enjoy listening to music, playing board games, and reading books. "If you are allergic to a thing, it is best not to put that thing in your mouth, particularly if the thing is cats."



JEDIDIAH SIAN - *Backstage Crew*

Jedidiah is a senior at Blackhawk Christian School. This is his second show as backstage crew. In his free time he likes to hang out with friends, listen to music, and watch shows. He hopes you enjoy the show!

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WILLIS WIEGAND - *Backstage Crew*

Willis is a Sophomore at BCS. He helped in Anastasia, played the Dwarf in The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, and was backstage crew/props in Oliver! Willis likes to hang out with his friends, play games with his family, watch YouTube, listen to audio-books and music, and loves to play with his family pets. Willis is excited to bring his energy and enthusiasm to the cast/crew for The Secret Garden.



KUMBO WIEGAND - *Backstage Crew*

Kumbo Wiegand is a eighth grader at Blackhawk Christian. He enjoys playing sports in his free time, and this is his first show for BCT.



AUSTIN ADAIR - *Backstage Crew*

Austin Adair is in his third production this show, and he has loved doing every single one so far. He is an eighth grader at Blackhawk Christian School.



KAITLYN VANNATTA - *Backstage Crew*

I am a senior. I've been in Connecticut Yankee, Jane Eyre, Anastasia, The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe, Oliver!, and Beauty and The Beast. I have loved being in theater and get meet and laugh with so many different people that I wouldn't have otherwise met. It was such a joy to me and I'm sure I will carry these memories well after I graduate.

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ORCHESTRA



SUSAN ENSLEY - *Violin*

Susan Ensley has been playing violin with the PFW Community Orchestra since 2003 where she is the principal second. She also plays at various local churches. She is the assistant orchestra conductor at St. Charles School in Fort Wayne and gives private lessons. Although violin is her favorite instrument, she also enjoys cello, viola, and flute. In her spare time she enjoys gardening and spending time with her four grandchildren.



GRANT HART - *Violin*

Grant is a 24-year old musician living in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He began playing violin when he was seven years old and has enjoyed participating in youth orchestras and shows as a violinist. Having graduated from Grace College with a Worship Arts degree, he serves as a volunteer worship leader at Redemption Bible Church. He works as a Back of House Director at Chick-Fil-A. He is currently pursuing songwriting and becoming an independent artist.



SOPHIA SLATES - *Violin*

Sophia Slates is a worship associate, music teacher, and songwriter. She graduated with a degree in Commercial Music with emphases in Music Technology and Music Business in the spring of 2022 from Belmont University in Nashville, TN. Sophia is excited to play in the pit of The Secret Garden as one of her favorite orchestral experiences was playing in the pit for a high school production of Beauty and the Beast.



ETHAN SINGER - *Keyboard*

Ethan Singer first made his musical interests known in utero while listening to Blackhawk elementary students practice their musical songs by waking up and kicking to the beat of the music nine times in a row! From a toddler until now at 16 years of age he loves music. He currently plays piano and has a small YouTube channel ([youtube.com/@TheSilverPiano577](https://www.youtube.com/@TheSilverPiano577)) which he continues to build out. He loves Jesus, soccer, chess and hanging out with friends and family.



ABBY PEBBLE - *Keyboard*

Abby Pebble is a junior in high school, and this is her fourth show with BCT. Her previous roles include costuming for The Diary of Anne Frank, ensemble and Olga Romanov for Anastasia, and the White Witch for The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe.

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JORDAN BURGAR - *Bass*

Jordan Burger is a Fort Wayne based musician, proudly making his debut at Blackhawk Christian! Having spent all his life in theatre as an actor, technician, and musician, Jordan has most recently played bass for the orchestra of Tuck Everlasting (Huntington University), The Lightning Thief (Stages Bloomington), and Footloose (University Players). Jordan also received a Regional Broadway World Award in 2018 for Sound Design of The Hunchback of Notre Dame (Floyd Central High School). You can also see Jordan as the bass player for the Fort Wayne band Olivia & the Garden Dogs.



STEPHANIE BEER - *Pianist*

Our family has been a part of the Blackhawk family for 13 years now. I have five kids that attend Blackhawk currently. Our oldest is a senior and is in the pit Orchestra this year. It has been a fun adventure to play together in the same orchestra. I have had the pleasure of playing piano for 25+ years and have been teaching piano lessons for the last 13 years out of my home. Additionally, I have the opportunity to play the piano regularly at the Parkview Cancer Institute while patients have their appointments. Creating and playing music and sharing it with others has brought such joy over the years; this musical experience has been no exception to that!



STAN MOORE - *Cellist*

Stanley Moore, Cellist. Stanley graduated from Bard College with a Bachelors Degree of Fine Arts in Music with the Class of 2016. Stanley has appeared as a soloist, orchestral and chamber musician in various concerts across the U.S. , China, Europe and many other countries of the world. Having studied with well known teachers such as Hans-Jorgen Jensen, Peter Wiley, and Luis-Garcia Renart, Stanley very much enjoys passing down to his students the knowledge and love of music that these wonderful teachers were able to instill in him. Having grown up in a music family, Stanley espouses the importance of having supportive individuals, friends, family members, and teachers alongside ourselves to guide and encourage us in our musical endeavors.



CORDELIA TOMELL - *Cellist*

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PRODUCTION



MARY BETH FRANK - *Director/ Producer/Set Design/Marketing*

Mary Beth Frank has been directing youth theatre since 2008. With over 40 shows under her belt, she continues to find great joy in watching students spread their wings and shine. She teaches at Huntington University, where she is also a guest director, and runs acting classes for students and adults in the off seasons. She trains other high school directors, across the country, on process and methods to help them have a better management of this monumental task that is directing. Mary Beth also runs a summer musical theatre camp at Huntington University and helps some of her college students run a similar camp here at Blackhawk for students 4th-6th grade. She enjoys traveling, DIY projects, and gardening at home. She would like to thank her husband, Jeff, for allowing her the space to work with kids all day, every day. *"We look at the mirror to see our reflections, we watch theatre to see our souls."*



STEPH YOUNG - *Assistant Director/Props Designer/Crew Coordinator*

Steph Young has always loved the book & musical of *The Secret Garden* and is excited to see the Blackhawk community perform it! She has been working in youth theatre for 13 years or so. Her favorite responsibilities include working with students on props, set, backstage and helping select future shows and casting. Steph loves watching all the parts of theatre come together to make a show come to life.



DARREN MCKOWN - *Music Director*

Darren McKown, born and raised in Auburn, Indiana, graduated from DeKalb High School in 1986 before earning a bachelor's degree in Music Education in 1991 and a master's from IPFW. He began his teaching career at Norwell High School, later spending time at East Side High before joining Blackhawk Christian in 2000, where he has been passionately teaching for 24 years. Darren and his wife, Sara, a fifth-grade teacher at Garrett Elementary, have been married for 26 years and have four children, all Blackhawk Christian graduates. He enjoys board games and is deeply grateful to his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, for his family, job, and friends.



EMILY KARS - *Vocal Coach*

Emily Kars recently graduated with a Bachelor of Music from Huntington University where she studied Vocal Music Education and Theatre. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in Contemporary Commercial Music Voice Pedagogy at Shenandoah University. Emily is a substitute teacher for local Fort Wayne school districts. She runs a private voice and piano studio, Emily Kars Music Studio, out of her home in Fort Wayne where she teaches lessons to students of all ages. Emily has always loved performing and is continuing to do so this season as a Part Time Vocal Artist with Heartland Sings. Emily is incredibly excited to be returning to BCT this semester as assistant music director!

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CHRISTOPHER J. MURPHY - *Dialect Coach*

CHRISTOPHER J. MURPHY is the Artistic Director of Fort Wayne Youtheatre, which is currently celebrating its 90th season. He still acts upon occasion when time allows, but dedicates most of his time and energy to directing and theatre education. Favorite credits include productions of Assassins, Company, Matilda, Something Rotten, Frozen, and Anastasia. Murphy is a proud resident of downtown Fort Wayne, where he lives with the finest terrier known to man, Herbert Murphy.



NAOMI KUJAK - *Choreographer*

Naomi Kujak has loved being a part of the fantastic group of staff and students at BCT this season! She trained in dance for thirteen years and has had a hand in creating choreography for over a dozen local productions involving kids of all ages. Some of her favorite productions to work on in the past have been Beauty and the Beast (En Croix Ballet), Oliver! (BCT), and Beauty and the Beast (BCT). Besides getting to do some wonderful shows, Naomi's favorite part of her job is seeing God's joy and creativity reflected through the arts and through every individual. Ephesians 2:10



DANEILLE TOMELL - *Costume Director & Designer*

Danielle's beginning in theatre was The Wizard of Oz as a freshman in high school. She then participated in nearly every production she could, continuing through Grace College (go Lancers!). She helped start the drama program at a small town high school with her husband, Benjamin, where he taught German. Since 2021 she has been BCT Costumer, blessed to be a part of great staff and grateful for the love shared by the students. She wishes to thank Shannon, Joy, and Brian for being great partners this show, Fire and Light and All for One for their generosity, and the wonderful parents and grandparents helping with sewing! Danke Haslenuß für dein unerschütterliche Liebe.



SHANNON STEFFEY - *Assistant Costumer*

Shannon is the Assistant Costumer for the productions. She's also known as the "Shoe Maven" because she's in charge of shoeing the casts and of inventory. She loves what she does, especially because she gets to see her son, Konnor, more. He's in this show. LOL



JOY HENDERSON - *Assistant Costumer*

Joy is excited to be returning to help in the dungeon. During her time as a student of BCT, Joy found that she enjoyed acting on the stage, but later she figured out that her real passion was being off stage supporting the actors in any way that she could. While trying to figure out her calling in life; you might catch a glimpse of her backstage with many different companies. She thanks you for coming and hopes you enjoy the show!

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DAVID KARS - *Technical Director*

David is excited to be involved with Blackhawk Christian Theatre for their production of *The Secret Garden*! He is a multi-faceted musician with experience in technical theatre, the performing arts, and Church Music & Technical Ministries. David was the previous Technical Director at The Soo Theatre in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. His expertise spans lighting design, sound design, and IT systems. David has also designed and installed audio systems for schools and churches. He is currently serving as the IT Audio Visual Engineer for Sweetwater. This is his 2nd production as the Technical Director for BCS.



BROCK EASTOM - *Lighting Designer*

Brock Eastom is thrilled to be light designing for Blackhawk Christian School. Brock light designs for many area theatre companies. He most recently designed lights for *Anything Goes* and *Bat Boy* for Three Rivers Music Theatre, *Purlie and Parade* for Genesis Outreach, *Tomas* and the *Library Lady* for The Literacy Foundation, and *Godspell* for Fire & Light Productions. Coming up, he is designing lights for *Newsies* at Huntington University. Brock runs his own production company, Frosty Pictures, which specializes in video production, photography, and theatrical lighting. www.frostypictures.com



ALLEN MATHIS - *Sound Designer and Music Operator*

Allen Mathis is a 10th grader and Blackhawk Christian. This is his fifth show with BCT, previously running tech for *Anastasia*, *The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe*, *Oliver*, and *Beauty and the Beast*. When he's not busy with rehearsal, Allen enjoys playing video games with friends, watching movies, and watching Motorsport events.



CAMERON ROSS - *Microphone installation and Programming*

I am an 8th grader. I really enjoy theater, soccer, and Christian rap. This is my second theatre production.



ELIYAHU WAHLI - *Set Design/Lead Builder*

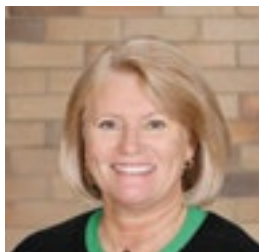
This is Eliyahu's second involvement in theatre set building. This production set build was a 3 dad collaboration with Dan Herrmann and Mike Paris.

Eliyahu has 2 kids that attend BCS - Elaina (10th) & Owen (6th).
Go Colts & Bears!

He thanks Jacquelyn, Elaina & Owen for all of their encouragement.

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JESSIE SMITH - *Scenic Designer*

Mrs. Smith has been the High School Art Instructor at BCS since 2008 and started the High School Art Club in 2014. Art Club has been assisting in props/scenic design for every play and musical since it's inception. Mrs Smith and the art club are honored and humbled to serve (alongside many others) the BCS Theatre department and she love the BCS community.



CORY BENSON - *Marketing & Graphic Design*

Theatre holds a special place in Cory's heart. Over the years he has acted in several plays and has been the director of Untold Ministries drama team for 15 years. He is proud to see both of his sons (Will-Archibald, Luke-Colin) in The Secret Garden. Cory is a professional graphic designer and has really enjoyed being able to help with the all of the marketing and design for BCT. Now sit back and relax. IT'S SHOW TIME!!!



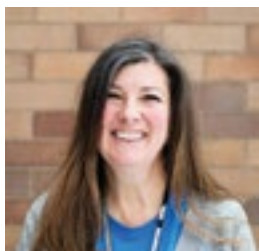
BEKAH GUNTLE - *Show Photographer*

Bekah Guntle has been dabbling in photography for about 7 years now! What started as a hobby grew to be more of a passionate side job, and has been taking clients for the last 2 years. She has experience in individual portraits, family shoots, couple sessions, and theater promos, performances and events. Reach her on Instagram at @bekahjoy.photography for your photo needs!



PAM THOMPSON - *Rehearsal Photographer*

Pam Thompson is a stay at home mom that helps with their family's business. She grew up in PA and was involved in theater both in high school and college. She gets to be at BCS regularly as a sub and is known by many students as the "camera lady". She loves capturing moments and memories and putting them in to the elementary yearbook! It has been so fun and such a joy getting to watch these kids do what they love!



DEANNA FAUST - *Rehearsal Assistant*

Deanna Foust was ushered into the theater life by her youngest child who reluctantly auditioned for his first Musical his freshman year and they've both been hooked ever since! Teaching preschool at BCS by day and doing all things theater in the evening, she is "all in" as it is Tanner's senior year and his final BCT performance. She feels entirely blessed to be a part of this program and is excited to see Tanner on stage as Ben Weatherstaff for this show!

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COURTNEY SMELTZER - *Parent Liaison*

Courtney Smeltzer is a BCT alum and currently lending a hand at rehearsals as a Stage Mom (or whatever you call me). In her time in BCT, she was in Annie, She Loves Me, Annie Get Your Gun, and Oliver!. She also performed in Taylor University's production of Peter Pan. "This is a great group of kids on and off the stage. Enjoy the show!"



APRIL HERMANN - *Front of House Manager*

April Herrmann is a BCS Alumni, and this is her 5th show working Front of House in ticketing. Dan, her husband, and April love being involved and supporting their kids, Cooper and Emme. With Dan helping this year on set construction and both of them working the ticket table, they are all in on being a part of the theater family. Ask April after the show how you can get involved with the BCS Theater program. Enjoy the show!



“We love you Elaina!”

Grma and Gypa Stroh

Mattie, We're so proud of you. We can't wait to see your personality shine through your character. We love you!

Love, Grandma & Papa Smeltzer

Emme and Cooper,
Have an amazing time as you perform on stage this week! I can't wait to watch and enjoy you both in The Secret Garden.

Colossians 3:23

Love you, Grandma Maurizi

Selah & Noah,

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU BOTH

for all of the hard work you have put in to this show! It brings us joy to watch you use your gifts for the Lord.

Break a Leg!

Love, Mom & Dad



MAYA, WE ARE SO VERY PROUD OF

all the hard work and dedication you've put into this show! You've learned and grown a lot! We pray God continues to shine through you in your role as Stage Manager! We love you!!

Dad, Mom, Madison, Myles & Max



We love you, Mattie & Collin!



You two have been making things fun for as long as I can remember. I love that you have theatre in common. We are so proud of you both.

*“I always wanted a brother,
Now we rely on each other
One season after another...”*

*Much Love,
Mom & Dad, Kenna & Rocco*



Dear Lilli,

It has been a privilege to watch you grow into the beautiful young woman that you are today. Chase your dreams fearlessly. This is just the beginning. We cannot wait to see what your future holds.

Love always,
Mom and Dad

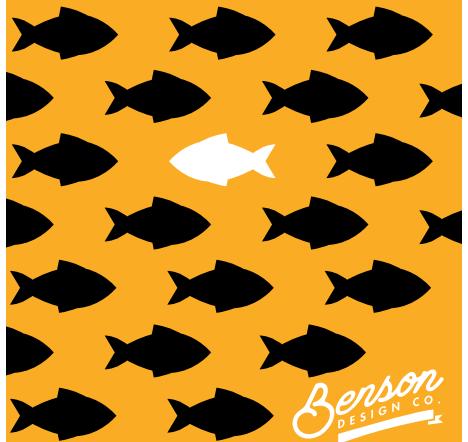


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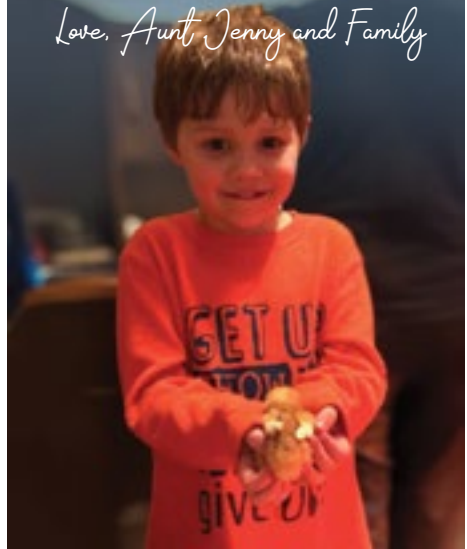
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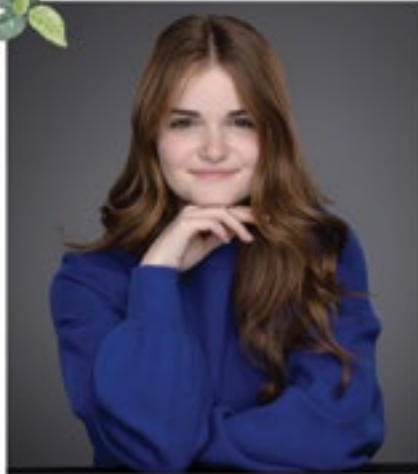
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