

valley youth theatre

Producing Artistic Director

Bobb Cooper

presents



SHREK

The MUSICAL

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David Lindsay-Abaire

Music by
Jeanine Tesori

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Cast of Characters

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| SHREK | <i>Brad Cashman</i> |
| PRINCESS FIONA | <i>Lacey Bookspan</i> |
| DONKEY | <i>John Batchan</i> |
| LORD FARQUAAD | <i>Philip Amerine</i> |
| DRAGON | <i>Carly Makani Copp</i> |
| DRAGON PUPPETEERS | <i>Maxx Carlisle-King, Rebecca Caswell, Camille Gribbons, Conner Morley, Mason Reeves, Benji Wagner</i> |
| DRAGON SINGERS | <i>Ally Lansdowne, Tara Mulligan, Alyssa Shea, Ali Whitwell</i> |
| GINGY/SUGAR PLUM FAIRY | <i>Ali Whitwell</i> |
| PINOCCHIO | <i>Austin McMains</i> |
| BIG BAD WOLF | <i>Connor Baker</i> |
| LITTLE PIGS | <i>Conner Morley, Mason Reeves, Maxx Carlisle-King</i> |
| WHITE RABBIT | <i>Tim Oakes</i> |
| FAIRY GODMOTHER | <i>Ally Lansdowne</i> |
| PETER PAN | <i>Donovan Fiore</i> |
| WICKED WITCH | <i>Camille Gribbons</i> |
| UGLY DUCKLING/BLUEBIRD | <i>Jennie Rhiner</i> |
| PAPA BEAR/PAPA OGRE | <i>Aaron Ford</i> |
| MAMA BEAR | <i>Martina Hercel</i> |
| BABY BEAR | <i>Jacob Patch</i> |
| MAD HATTER | <i>Adam Hays</i> |
| HUMPTY DUMPTY | <i>Rebecca Caswell</i> |
| ELF | <i>Alyssa Shea</i> |
| DWARF | <i>Jake Bonar</i> |
| LITTLE SHREK | <i>Ryan Breuer</i> |
| MAMA OGRE | <i>Macy Wood</i> |
| KING HAROLD | <i>Marshall Scott</i> |
| QUEEN LILLIAN | <i>Tara Mulligan</i> |
| YOUNG FIONA | <i>Riley Glick</i> |
| TEEN FIONA | <i>Eliza Parker</i> |
| CAPTAIN | <i>Raphael Brown</i> |
| GUARDS | <i>Wil Arends, TJ L'Heureux, Marshall Scott, Benji Wagner, Erik Wilson</i> |
| KNIGHTS | <i>Donovan Fiore, Marshall Scott, Raphael Brown, TJ L'Heureux</i> |
| PIED PIPER | <i>Benji Wagner</i> |
| DANCING RATS | <i>Elyssa Blonder, Carly Makani Copp, Ali Whitwell, Ally Lansdowne, Conner Morley, TJ L'Heureux, Brielle Amrein, Jessica Sinodis</i> |
| THREE BLIND MICE | <i>Carly Makani Copp, Ally Lansdowne, Alyssa Shea</i> |
| BISHOP | <i>Wil Arends</i> |
| THEOLONIUS | <i>Billy Deihl</i> |

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DULOC PERFORMERS.....*Brielle Amrein, Elyssa Blonder, Maxx Carlisle-King, Haley Cohn, Carly Makani Copp, Sophia Deyden, Donovan Fiore, TJ L'Heureux, Conner Morley, Tara Mulligan, Alex Partida, Jessie Jo Pauley, Mason Reeves, Jessica Sinodis, Caroline Wells, Erik Wilson*

HAPPY PEOPLE.....*Brielle Amrein, Wil Arends, Elyssa Blonder, Jake Bonar, Haley Cohn, Sophia Deyden, TJ L'Heureux, Eliza Parker, Alex Partida, Jessie Jo Pauley,*

Acts

ACT ONE

Big Bright Beautiful World.....*Mama Ogre, Papa Ogre, Little Shrek, Shrek, King Harold, Queen Lillian, Young Fiona, Fiona, Happy People*

Story Of My Life.....*Fairytale Creatures, Guards*

The Goodbye Song.....*Fairytale Creatures*

Don't Let Me Go.....*Donkey*

Regiment #1 & 2.....*Guards*

What's Up Duloc?.....*Farquaad, Duloc Performers*

What's Up Duloc? (Reprise).....*Farquaad, Duloc Performers*

I Know It's Today.....*Young Fiona, Teen Fiona, Fiona*

Travel Song.....*Donkey, Shrek*

Forever.....*Dragon, Dragon Singers, Donkey, Four Knights*

This Is How a Dream Comes True.....*Fiona, Dragon, Shrek, Donkey*

Who I'd Be.....*Shrek, Fiona, Donkey*

INTERMISSION

ACT TWO

Morning Person.....*Fiona, Bluebird, Pied Piper, Dancing Rats*

I Think I Got You Beat.....*Fiona, Shrek*

Ballad Of Farquaad.....*Farquaad, Captain, Theolonius, Duloc Performers*

Make A Move.....*Donkey, Three Blind Mice*

When Words Fail.....*Shrek*

Morning Person (Reprise).....*Fiona*

Build A Wall.....*Shrek*

Freak Flag.....*Fairytale Creatures*

Wedding Procession.....*Duloc Performers, Bishop*

Big Bright Beautiful World (Reprise).....*Shrek*

Beautiful Ain't Always Pretty/Finale.....*Shrek, Fiona, Donkey, Fairytale Creatures*

I'm A Believer.....*ALL*

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| Conductor/Keyboard 1 | Mark Fearey |
| Keyboard 2..... | Phillip Rapa |
| Bass..... | Amit Sen, Josh Zimpfer |
| Cello | Holly Brasen, Paula Li, Alexander Nunn, Hayden Stone, Cameron Whyte |
| Drums | Van Cummerford |
| Flute..... | Jordan Mann |
| Guitar | Jacob Browning |
| Horn | Devyn Ozolnieks, Alexandra Pallad |
| Reeds | Cassi Bussma, Mark Lyons |
| Percussion | Grant Thompson |
| Trombone..... | Nathan Benitez |
| Trumpet | Jim Benitez |
| Violin..... | Josephine Fisher, Rebecca Joslin, Patrick Kraemer-Green, Robert Kraemer-Green, Flavia Pajaro-van de Stadt, Amanda Romani, Zach Troxel, Harrison Whyte, Eileen Wright |

Production Staff

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| Producing Artistic Director/Director | Bobb Cooper |
| Musical Director | Mark Fearey |
| Choreographer..... | Molly Lajoie |
| Asst. Choreographer | Cooper Hallstrom |
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| Technical Assistant/Asst. Flyman | Will Snider |
| Dragon Design & Maker..... | Jason Washburn, Shirley Sneddon/Talon Strikes Studio |
| Gingy & Bluebird Puppets by..... | Cari Smith |
| Set Construction | Kara Dehart, John Emery, Keith Hall, Brett Laskey, Brett Reese |
| Production Stage Manager..... | Sarah Overturf |
| Asst. Stage Manager..... | Kelsey Hillman |
| Master Electrician | Chris Toney |

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| Instructor | <i>Rebecca Joslin</i> |
| Instructor | <i>Layne Racowsky</i> |

Cast of Characters



Philip Amerine (Lord Farquaad) is a freshman at Arizona State University. Shrek is his first VYT show, but he played Don Lockwood in *Singing in the Rain* (Xpressions DTM), Daddy Warbucks in *Annie Jr.*, Tin Man in *Wizard of Oz*, Horton in *Seussical Jr.*, and received an ariZoni nomination as the Beast in *Beauty and the Beast* (all at SYT).



Brielle Amrein (Dancing Rat, Duloc Performer, Happy Person) is a junior at Sandra Day O'Connor High School where she participates in the drama club, choir and Society of Female Scholars. Although this is her first VYT performance, she was Rusty in *Footloose* at high school, Eponie in *Les Miserables* (Xpressions DTM), Grizabella in *CATS* (SYT) and Miss Dorothy in *Thoroughly Modern Millie* (MTA).



Wil Arends (Bishop, Guard, Happy Person) is a sophomore at Arizona School for the Arts and recently played Dragon in VYT's production of *Rapunzel* earlier this season. He was Daddy Warbucks in *Annie, Jr.* in junior high and Sir Harry in *Once Upon A Mattress* (Art & Sol). When not studying, rehearsing or sleeping, Wil runs what he calls an "unpopular blog".



Connor Baker (Big Bad Wolf) is a 9th grader at Arizona School for the Arts and active in musical theatre and concert choir. No stranger to VYT, he played Mike Teavee in *Willy Wonka* and a soldier in *Alice in Wonderland*. He was Grimsby in

Little Mermaid, in the ensemble in *13*, and a soloist in *Schoolhouse Rock* (GYT).



John Batchan (Donkey) is a freshman at Phoenix Community College and has a half dozen VYT stage credits including Eeyore in *A Winnie-the-Pooh Christmas Tail*, White Rabbit in *Alice in Wonderland*, and ensemble roles in *Annie*, *Hairspray*, *Charlotte's Web* and *The Wiz*. His long-term goals include acting in films and on stage or become a professional dancer.



Elyssa Blonder (Dancing Rat, Duloc Performer, Happy Person) is a senior at Desert Vista High School where she is a company dancer. Although new to the VYT stage, Elyssa was Elle Woods' understudy in *Legally Blonde*, Ariel in *Little Mermaid* and Sour Kangaroo in *Seussical* (DST). A competitive figure skater, she has narrowed her career choices to Broadway or the operating room.



Jake Bonar (Dwarf, Happy Person) attends Ryan Elementary and is a 2013 world finalist in Odyssey of the Mind creative problem-solving competition. He played in a Munchkin in VYT's 2012 production of *The Wiz*, but has been seen on stages across the Valley in *Les Misérables* (Copperstar), *A Christmas Carol* (Hale), as well as *Gypsy* and *A Christmas Story* (Phoenix Theatre).



Lacey Bookspan (Princess Fiona) is a senior at Veritas Preparatory Academy and active in honors choir and mentoring. You may have seen her play *Freckleface Strawberry* (VYT), Wendy in *Peter Pan* (DSYT), Penny

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in *Hairspray* (Theatre Works), or any one of several roles at SYT including Buffy in *Fright Night*, Mayzie in *Seussical* and Charlotte in *13*.



Ryan Breuer (Little Shrek)

is a 5th grader at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School where he's involved in soccer, gymnastics and theater. Although *Shrek* is his first VYT production, Ryan played JoJo in *Seussical* (OLPH), Baker in *Beauty & The Beast, Jr.* (DSYT) and was in the ensemble for *Annie* (FHYCT) and *Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (OLPH).



Raphael Brown (Captain)

is a senior at Dysart High School and active in the National Honor Society and student council. He is new to the VYT stage, but played Daniel in *Once On This Island* and was a featured dancer in *The Music Man* (Theatre Works) and in *A Celebration of Christmas* at the Phoenix First Assembly of God.



Maxx Carlisle-King (Little Pig #3, Dragon Puppeteer, Duloc Performer)

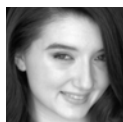
is a junior at Arizona School for the Arts. His VYT credits include Carlos in *Legally Blonde The Musical* and Gatekeeper in *The Wiz*. Maxx also played Judge Turpin in *Sweeney Todd* (GYT), Charles in *Sons of the Prophet* (Straycat) and starred in his own one-act show called *The Emerald Lounge's Rihanna* (Soul Invictus).



Brad Cashman (Shrek)

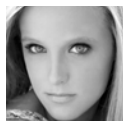
just graduated from Notre Dame Preparatory High School and will be attending Wagner College in NYC this fall. His last VYT roles were Lion in

The Wiz and Warner in *Legally Blonde The Musical*. Brad was Jean Valjean in *Les Misérables*, Judge Danforth in *The Crucible* and The Man in the Chair in *The Drowsy Chaperone* (NDPHS).



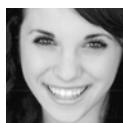
Rebecca Caswell (Humpty Dumpty)

is a fast-track senior at Desert Vista High School where she participates in drama, choir and is a member of the National Honor Society. Rebecca played the Witch in VYT's *Rapunzel* earlier this season and has been in several other local productions including *Sweeney Todd*, *Cinderella* and *Aladdin* (GYT).



Haley Cohn (Duloc Performer, Happy Person)

is a senior at Chaparral High School who enjoys swimming and the cheer team. She was in the ensemble for VYT's production of *13* in 2010. Since then, she's averaged two roles a year including the lead in *Peter Pan*, Fern in *Charlotte's Web*, Cat in the Hat in *Seussical* and Sebastian in *Little Mermaid*. (DST).



Carly Makani Copp (Dragon, Dancing Rat, Blind Mouse, Duloc Performer)

is a 10th grader at Ironwood High School. She played Serena in VYT's production of *Legally Blonde The Musical*, Asaka in *Once On This Island*, Marcy in *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, Ursula in *Little Mermaid* and won an National Youth Award as Rumbleteaser in *CATS* (SYT).



William Deihl (Thelonius)

is in the 9th grade at Sunnyslope High School. He played Seymour in VYT's *How I Became A Pirate* and

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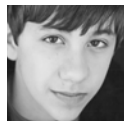
was in the ensemble for *Legally Blonde The Musical* at the Herberger. William also played Sir Harry in *Once Upon A Mattress*, Daddy Warbucks in *Annie Jr.*, and King Triton in *Little Mermaid* (Art and Sol).



Sophia Deyden (Duloc Performer, Happy Person)

is a sophomore at Xavier College Preparatory. At VYT, she received an NYA

nomination for the lead in *Dora The Explorer LIVE* and performed in *Legally Blonde The Musical* and *Hairspray*. Sophia got a ariZoni nomination as Mary Lenox in *The Secret Garden* (AYT) and played Louisa in *The Sound of Music* (XCP).



Donovan Fiore (Peter Pan, Knight, Duloc Performer)

is in the 10th grade at Chandler Preparatory Academy and

an experienced soccer player. His VYT roles include Pinocchio in *Gepetto & Son* and Charlie in *Willy Wonka*; he also performed in *Oliver!*, *Peter Pan*, *Seussical*, *The Wiz* and was in the Broadway Across America production of *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* (Gammage).



Aaron Ford (Papa Ogre, Papa Bear)

recently graduated from McClintock High School. *Shrek* may be his first VYT show, but he's

been on the stage in *Guys & Dolls* (MET), *West Side Story* (AYT), *Sweeney Todd* (GYT) and several school productions including *Korczak's Children*, *Beauty & The Beast Jr.*, *Fiddler On the Roof* and *The Trials of Robin Hood*.



Riley Glick (Young Fiona)

is a 6th grader at Arizona School for the Arts. She played Jane in VYT's *They*

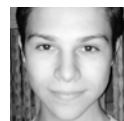
Chose Me! and was a Munchkin in *The Wiz* last season. Riley starred in *Annie Jr.* (DST), played Baby June in *Gypsy* (PT) and was Annie Who in the 2012 national tour of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical!*



Camille Gribbons (Wicked Witch)

recently graduated from Millennium High School where she participated in

jazz ensemble and dance. This is her first VYT production, but she played June in *Musical of Musicals*, Kate in *Avenue Q: School Edition*, Chiffon in *Little Shop of Horrors* and was a featured dancer in *The Music Man* (Theater Works).



Adam Hays (Mad Hatter)

is in the 10th grade at Chaparral High School and active in theatre. He was in VYT's production of *The*

Wiz, played Simon in *13* and a featured soloist in *Greasepaint for Tomorrow* (GYT), and played Louis/Billy in *Sunday in the Park with George* (CHS). Adam studies dance with Katie Casey and voice with Kelli James.



Martina Hercul (Mama Bear)

graduated from Marcos de Niza H.S. as class president, was a member of the National Honor Society

and two choir groups. *Shrek* is her first VYT production, but she performed in *All Shook Up*, *Father of the Bride* and *42nd Street* (MNHS). Martina plans to study international business while indulging her interest in the arts.

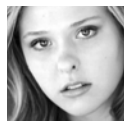


TJ L'Heureux (Guard, Dancing Rat, Duloc Performer, Happy Person)

is a 10th grader at Marcos de Niza High School

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and active in student council, a capella and chamber choir. Although new to VYT, he was in *All Shook Up*, *Father of the Bride* and *42nd Street*, and *The Crucible* (MNHS). TJ enjoys playing guitar and piano, and plans on becoming a doctor.



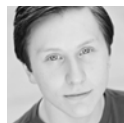
Ally Lansdowne (Fairy Godmother, Dancing Rat, Blind Mouse) is in the 9th grade at Washington High School. She was Ballet Girl in

Freckleface Strawberry, Margot in *Legally Blonde the Musical*, and in the ensemble of *The Wiz* for VYT. Ally played Erzulie in *Once On This Island* and Olive in *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* (SYT).



Austin McMains (Pinocchio) is a senior at Mesquite High School and in the drama club.

No stranger to the VYT stage, he played Christopher Robin in *A Winnie-the-Pooh Christmas Tail* (2012) and Swill in *How I Became a Pirate*. Austin was Hickory in *Wizard of Oz* (MHS) and enjoys playing guitar and piano. He'd like to become a theatre professor.



Conner Morley (Little Pig #1, Dragon Puppeteer, Dancing Rat, Duloc Performer) is a 10th grader at the Arizona

Conservatory for Arts & Academics and had supporting roles in VYT's *The Wiz*. He was Storyteller in *Once On This Island*, Leaf in *Spelling Bee*, Sebastian in *Little Mermaid* (SYT); Emmett in *Legally Blonde The Musical* and in the ensemble for *Spring Awakening* (ACAA).



Tara Mulligan (Queen Lillian, Duloc Performer) recently graduated from Marcos de Niza High School

where she was in the chamber and a capella choirs and drama club. She played District Attorney Joyce Riley in VYT's *Legally Blonde The Musical*; Anytime Annie in *42nd Street*, Kay in *Father Of the Bride* and Abigail in *The Crucible* (MDNHS).



Tim Oakes (White Rabbit) just graduated from Shrek marks his forth

VYT production after an ensemble role in *Legally Blonde The Musical*, Scurvy Dog in *How I Became a Pirate* and Tigger in *A Winnie-the-Pooh Christmas Tail* (2012). Tim also played Zeke in *Wizard of Oz* and Professor Metz in *The Man Who Came to Dinner* (MHS).



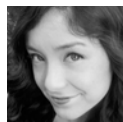
Eliza Parker (Teen Fiona, Happy Person) is in the 7th grade at Cocopah Middle School. She was in VYT productions of *They Chose*

Me! and *The Wiz*, and had supporting roles in *Little Mermaid Jr.* and *13* (GYT), *Annie Jr.* and *Willy Wonka Jr.* (DSYT). Eliza says she's happy to be back at VYT because the people who work here are fantastic.



Alex Partida (Duloc Performer, Happy Person) is a 10th grader at Arizona School for the Arts. He has a half-dozen VYT shows to his

credit including *Carl* in *They Chose Me!*, an ensemble role in *The Wiz*, *Diego* in *Dora the Explorer LIVE*, a *Soldier* in *Alice in Wonderland*, *Christopher Robin* in *A Winnie-the-Pooh Christmas Tail* and a *Lost Boy* in *Peter Pan*.



Jessie Jo Pauley (Duloc Performer, Happy Person) is in the 9th grade at Mountain View High School

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and active in the National Honor Society, VIP Club and orchestra. Her VYT experience includes Laura in *They Chose Me!*, plus three supporting roles in *The Wiz* and Duffy in *Annie*. Jessie Jo also played Baby Louise in *Gypsy* (PT) and Martha in *A Christmas Carol* (Broadway Palm).



Jacob Patch (Baby Bear)

is an industrious 8th grader who enjoys piano, swimming, choir, video games and biking. His attraction to VYT started as a tech for *Charlotte's Web*, followed by an ensemble role in *The Wiz*, a Woodland Friend in *A Winnie-the-Pooh Christmas Tail*, then working backstage on *How I Became a Pirate* and *They Chose Me!*



Mason Reeves (Little Pig #2, Dragon Puppeteer, Duloc Performer)

is a 10th grader at Pinnacle High School and active in choir and soccer. His VYT debut was as Jamal in *They Chose Me!* He was Leading Player in *Pippin*, played Le Fou in *Beauty & The Beast Jr.* and won an NYA Award as Schroeder in *You're A Good Man Charlie Brown* (DFYT).



Jennie Rhiner (Ugly Duckling, Bluebird)

recently graduated from Arizona School for the Arts and will attend Barrett, the Honors College at ASU in the fall to study musical theatre. *Shrek* is her 8th VYT show including *Legally Blonde The Musical*, *The Wiz*, *Dora the Explorer LIVE*, *A Winnie-the-Pooh Christmas Tail*, *Seussical*, *Treasure Island* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.



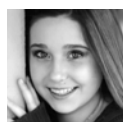
Marshall Scott (King Harold, Knight) is in the 9th grade at Ironwood High School where he

participates in the drama club. Although new to VYT, he played Princeton in *Avenue Q: School Edition* and Mr. Bernstein in *Little Shop of Horrors* (Theatre Works), Horton in *Seussical the Musical* and Ugly in *Honk!* (CSYT).



Alyssa Shea (Elf, Blind Mouse)

is a junior at the Arizona Conservatory for Arts & Academics and a member of the National Honor Society. She was in VYT's *The Wiz* and *Legally Blonde The Musical* at the Herberger. At ACAA, Alyssa has played Electra in *Gypsy*, Andrea in *Once On This Island*, Anna in *Spring Awakening* and Elle in *Legally Blonde*.



Jessica Sinodis (Dancing Rat, Duloc Performer, Happy Person)

is a 9th grader at San Tan Junior High School and active in the choir. She played two supporting roles in *The Wiz* for VYT at the Herberger last year. Jessica was Ursula in *Little Mermaid Jr.* (Studio 3), a featured dancer in 13 (GYT) and participated in The Best Christmas Pageant Ever (EVCT).



Benji Wagner (Pied Piper, Guard, Happy Person)

is a recent graduate of Brophy College Preparatory where he was a member of the National Honors, National Latin Honors and International Thespian societies. He was in VYT's ensemble for *Legally Blonde the Musical* and also took to the stage in *Sound of Music*, *Beauty & The Beast*, *The Matchmaker* and *Cursing Mummies* (XCP).



Caroline Wells (Duloc Performer, Happy Person)

is in the 9th grade at Desert Vista High School and a member of Thunder Buddies service club. Although new

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to the VYT stage, she played Belle in *Beauty & The Beast Jr.*, Dorothy in *Wizard of Oz*, and also performed in *Seussical Jr.*, *Little Mermaid Jr.*, *Grease* and *Sound of Music* (DVHS).



Ali Whitwell (Gingy, Sugar Plum Fairy, Dancing Rat)

is a 10th grader at Arizona School for the Arts. *Shrek* is her 7th VYT show after *Annie*, *Charlotte's Web*, *Willy Wonka*, *The Wiz* and two productions of *A Winnie-the-Pooh Christmas Tail*. She played Andrea in *Once On This Island*, Logainne in *Spelling Bee* (SYT), and won an arizOni as Lucy in *13* (MTA).



Erik Wilson (Guard, Duloc Performer, Happy Person)

is home schooled and familiar with VYT productions having played Avery in *Charlotte's Web* and Bombur in *The Hobbit*. He was Centipede in *James & the Giant Peach*, Huck in *Tom Sawyer*, the puppeteer for Audrey II in *Little Shop of Horrors* (Youth Works) and in the ensemble for *Les Misérables School Edition* (CSYT).



Macy Wood (Mama Ogre)

is in the 8th grade at Summit Academy and sings in concert choir. *Shrek* is her first experience with VYT, but she's played the Genie in *Aladdin Jr.*, Mother Meg in *Robin Hood* and Jukes in *Peter Pan & Wendy* (AYT), as well as Madame Thénardier in *Les Misérables School Edition* and Pepper in *Annie, Jr.* (Copperstar).

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