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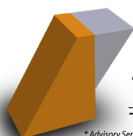
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Welcome to MTA's Lucky 13th Season! With eight full stage productions, a Holiday Show, Minis Program, and Benefit this season is sure to excite our audience members!

It takes so many people to make a production come to life. I give many heartfelt thanks to the hard-working production staff, amazing volunteers, our donors and sponsors, the Board of Directors, and our very talented performers.

Please continue to check our website at www.musicaltheatreofanthem.org, or sign up for our mailing list for detailed audition and performance information.

It is MTA's hope that you will return to future productions, as audience members and performers, so that we may continue to offer "high quality theater to performers and patrons alike."

--Jackie Hammond

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Sherry Henderson and Lyndsie Clymer are thrilled to be co-directing and co-choreographing Moana Jr together. With all the excitement of the movie we were eager to capture the magic on the stage. In the show we watch Moana find her courage and strength to save her loved ones back on the island. Within this two week process we have watched both casts grow into their characters and finding their strengths and courage within themselves.

We couldn't be more proud of our casts. They have embodied the beautiful journey of Moana. From the Island to the Ocean we were able to discover bravery, teamwork and life skills. We hope you enjoy the show!

--Sherry Henderson & Lyndsie Clymer

MTA MESSAGES

Annalyn A. ~ We are so excited to see you in Moana Jr! We love you and are so proud of you! Love Mom, Dad & Family

Haley G ~ Watching you perform brings joy to our hearts. Keep showing the world what you can do! -Dad, Mom, Sissy, Sky, Josh, and Lucas

Noelle H.~ Very proud of you and how hard you work at your craft! Shine bright! XOXO, Mom, Dad, Leia, Chewie, and Wicket

Lennon H. ~ We are so proud of you and love watching you perform! Keep having fun! XOXO, Mom, Dad, Leia, Chewie, and Wicket

Noelle K. ~ We're so proud of you for following your passion for musical theatre, and can't wait to see HOW FAR YOU'LL GO! Break a Legend, Moana! Love, Mom & Dad "

Katelyn O ~ You bring us so much joy, and we love watching you grow your wings! Lot's of love baby girl! Dad, Mom and Isaiah!

Cierra W. ~ We are so proud of you Cierra. Keep singing your heart out. Love Mom, Dad and Devon.

The Lyle Kishbaugh Scholarship Fund

Lyle had a passion for the theatre which started in high school and spanned throughout his life. He was able to pass on this passion to Jessica, his beautiful, giving, and kind daughter. Lyle had the honor of being one of the founding board members of MTA and performed in several MTA productions, two of which he had the thrill to perform with Jessica, *Peter Pan* and *Our Town*. Evon, his caring, hard-working wife, and also a Board Member of MTA as well as the Box Office Manager, started a scholarship fund at MTA in Lyle's name which will enable us to provide scholarships for participants who might otherwise not be able to participate. Our goal is to be able to provide one Lyle Kishbaugh Scholarship per show during our 10 show season. Scholarship applicants who would like to apply will write a brief paragraph about why they would like to be considered for the award and email it to musicaltheatreofanthem@gmail.com prior to auditions for each production.

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J.R. Momeyer: Stage Manager

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Tor Christian Tjorhom: Light Designer

Sam Baldwin: Sound

MUSICAL NUMBERS

In the Beginning...
Tulou Tagaloa
Where You Are (Part 1)
Where You Are (Part 2)
How Far I'll Go
We Know the Way
Where You Are (Reprise)
How Far I'll Go (Reprise)
You're Welcome
Warrior Face (Part 1)
Warrior Face (Part 2)
Warrior Face (Part 3)
Shiny (Part 1)
Shiny (Part 2)
Song of the Ancestors
Warrior Face (Reprise) / Logo Te Pate
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Ocean Cast

Moana	Noelle Krugman
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Gramma Tala	Ashley Bragg
Chief Tui	Jordan Gourley
Sina	Hannah Kring
Pua	Austin Kring
Hei Hei	Payton McCarthy
Chief Ancestor 1	Joslyn Momeyer
Chief Ancestor 2	Libby Ikesaki
Chief Ancestor 3	Jayden Hawley
Tamatoa	Colleen Sasser
Right Claw	Haley Garcia
Left Claw	Christian Besana
Te Fiti	Giada Miel
Te Ka Right Arm	Haley Garcia
Te Ka Left Arm	Christian Besana
Gate Monster/Fisherman:	Quinn McGlaughlin
Ocean Ensemble	Krista Faulk, Jordan Gabbert, Shayla VanLangen, Cierra Witham
Villagers (Where You Are)	Allie Hawley, Katelyn Ofafa, Quinn McGlaughlin, Giada Miel
Ancestors (We Know the Way)	Christian Besana, Haley Garcia, Colleen Sasser
Maui Ensemble	Krista Faulk, Jordan Gabbert, Austin Kring, Payton McCarthy, Shayla VanLangen, Cierra Witham
Monster Ensemble	Allie Hawley, Katelyn Ofafa
Offshore Singers	Ashley Bragg, Jordan Gourley, Jayden Hawley, Libby Ikesaki, Hannah Kring, Joslyn Momeyer, Colleen Sasser

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Shore Cast

Moana	Savannah Foy
Maui	Lennon Hammond
Gramma Tala	Bailey Hall
Chief Tui	Ben Fletcher
Sina	Calista Quint
Pua	Madeline Hauge-Wells
Hei Hei	Vanessa Hughes
Chief Ancestor 1	Raleigh McDonough
Chief Ancestor 2	Hayden Hall
Chief Ancestor 3	Jeremy Wood
Tamatoa	Noelle Hammond
Right Claw	Kennedy Weitekamp
Left Claw	Kellan Fletcher
Te Fiti	Jenna Trautman
Te Ka Right Arm	Kennedy Weitekamp
Te Ka Left Arm	Kellan Fletcher
Gate Monster/Fisherman	Nick Yarema
Ocean Ensemble	Annalyn Abraham, Audrey Kroeger, Kinley Oberbroeckling, Maggie Rosendahl
Villagers (Where You Are)	Meghan Deignan, Charlotte Nordstrom, Jenna Trautman, Nick Yarema
Ancestors (We Know the Way)	Kellan Fletcher, Noelle Hammond, Kennedy Weitekamp
Maui Ensemble	Annalyn Abraham, Madeline Hauge-Wells, Vanessa Hughes, Audrey Kroeger, Kinley Oberbroeckling, Maggie Rosendahl
Monsters	Meghan Deignan, Charlotte Nordstrom
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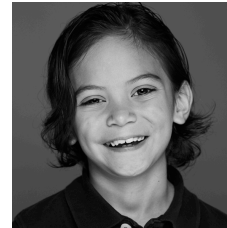


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Christian Besana

(Ancestor, Tamatoa Left Claw, Te ka Left Arm) Christian is a 4th Grade student at Gavilan Peak in the Mandarin program. This is his fourth show with MTA, but Moana has always been a favorite. His parents think he was born to be on stage because he loves to be the center of attention and is never shy! The youngest of three, he loves to sing and dance, play soccer, attend gymnastics, play piano, and climb things he shouldn't. "Enjoy the show!"



Ashley Bragg

(Gramma Tala) Ashley just completed her junior year at Anthem Prep. She loves musical theater, singing, reading, writing and spending time with friends and family. This is Ashley's 8th year and 21st show with MTA. She loved playing Anna in Disney's Frozen Jr. and Ursula in Disney's The Little Mermaid Jr. Enjoy the show!



Krista Faulk

(Ocean Ensemble, Maui Ensemble) Kristais a 4th grade student at Gavilan Peak. This is her first musical at MTA. She performed in a school play: *The Complaints Department*. Krista likes cheerleading, talking with her friends, and playing with her new puppy. She is looking forward to performing in Disney's Moana Jr. and many more musicals to come.



Jordan Gabbert

(Ocean Ensemble, Maui Ensemble) Jordan is a 9th grade student at Pinnacle High School. This is Jordan's 1st production with MTA. She loves musical theatre, singing, and gymnastics. Jordan looks forward to her first performance at MTA in Disney's Moana Jr.!

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Haley Garcia

(Ancestor, Tamatoa Right Claw, Te Ka Right Arm) Haley is a 3rd grade gifted student at Canyon Springs. This is Haley's 4th production with MTA, having performed in *James & the Giant Peach Jr.*, *The Wizard of Oz*, and *Thumbelina the Zoomsical*. She has also taken part in SPAI twice. She loves to sing, play outside, and do crafts. Haley is happy to be back on stage and thanks everyone for coming to the show!



Jordan Gourley

(Chief Tui) Jordan is 13 years old and is a homeschooling student about to enter 8th grade. He is so excited to be joining MTA for the 2nd year. Last year, he played the parts of Lion/Gazelle in *Disney's The Lion King Jr.*, and Sven in *Disney's Frozen Jr.* Other than taking dance, voice, acting, and piano lessons, Jordan enjoys video games, playing board games, building puzzles, and building LEGO structures. We hope you enjoy the show!



Lennon Hammond

(Maui) Lennon played John in the First National Broadway Tour of the Tony award-winning musical *Fun Home*, and was recently in the staged reading of *Fun Home* in New York City, along with Broadway Stars. Favorite MTA shows include: *Annie Jr.* (Rooster), *Addams Family Young@Part* (Pugsley - NYA Nom), *Disney's Frozen Jr.* (Olaf), *The Wizard of Oz* (Lion), and *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* (Linus - NYA Nom). He plays the French Horn and was selected for the Honor and All-State Band (2nd chair). He loves Math and attended the National Math League Competition at Texas A&M. He also likes reading, legos, and video games. "Thanks to my family, and all of the cast, crew, production staff and volunteers that helped out with the show!"

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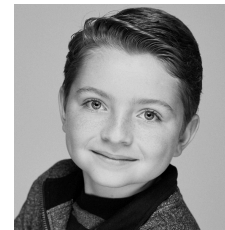


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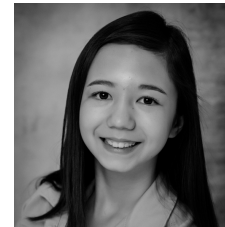
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Jayden Hawley

(Chief Ancestor 3) Jayden is excited to be performing in *Disney's Moana Jr.* and would like to thank MTA for their hard work in keeping everyone safe. Favorite roles include Tin Man in *The Wizard of Oz*, Sebastian in *Disney's The Little Mermaid Jr.*, Young Simba in *Disney's The Lion King Jr.*, Jake in *Freckleface Strawberry* (NYA Nominee), Toad in *A Year with Frog & Toad KIDS* (NYA Nominee), Jack in *Decided*, Augustus Gloop in *Willy Wonka Jr.*, and King Louie in *Disney's The Jungle Book KIDS* (NYA Nominee).



Libby Ikesaki

(Chief Ancestor 2) Libby is an incoming freshman at Boulder Creek High School. She is so excited to be a part of *Disney's Moana Jr.* Libby would like to thank the fabulous production staff for putting such an amazing production together and hopes you enjoy the show!



Austin Kring

(Pua, Maui Ensemble) Austin is a 6th grade honor student in the Mandarin program at Gavilan Peak. This is his 11th musical theatre production and his favorite roles include Mowgli in *Disney's The Jungle Book KIDS* (NYA Nominee), Flounder in *Disney's The Little Mermaid Jr.*, Freddy in *School of Rock* (NYA Nominee), and Frog in *Frog and Toad Kids* (NYA Nominee). Austin enjoys basketball, performing, and playing the drums. He is having a blast as Pua and is grateful for the wonderful opportunities he has had at MTA!



Hannah Kring

(Sina) Hannah is an 8th grade honor student in the Mandarin program at Gavilan Peak. This is her 25th production at MTA and some her favorite roles include Thumbelina in *Thumbelina*, Strawberry in *Freckleface Strawberry* (NYA nominee), and Sarah Ruth in *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*. Hannah loves singing, dancing, reading, and being on the stage! She is excited to be a part of this fabulous cast and would like to thank the wonderfully talented production staff!

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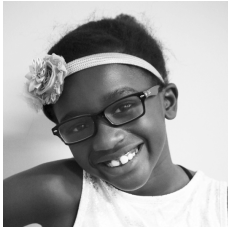
Noelle Krugman

(Moana) Noelle is 13 and a 9th grade Honors student at Horizon High School, where she is in Show Divas Show Choir. This is Noelle's 2nd production at MTA, (*The Music Man Jr.*, 2019). Most recently, Noelle played Anna in *Disney's Frozen Jr.* and was a Regional Honoree in NYA's 2nd Annual Talent Showcase. She has also earned 2 NYA nominations (Alice in *Disney's Alice In Wonderland Jr.* and Veruca Salt in *Willy Wonka Jr.*). Noelle is excited to return to MTA as Moana!



Giada Miel

(Te Fiti, Villager) Giada is a soon to be 7th grader at Gavilan Peak. She enjoys ballet, singing, acting, and going on coffee runs with her dad. She is excited to play the role of Te Fiti, and hopes you enjoy!



Katelyn Ofafa

(Villager, Monster) Katelyn is a soon to be 3rd grade student at Canyon Springs' Renaissance program. Katelyn was part of MTA's SPAI camp recently, loved it, and wanted to be part of the cast of *Disney's Moana Jr.* When Katelyn isn't thrill seeking or jumping off cliffs at various creeks, she is singing, dancing, doing handstands or playing Fortnite with her friends. She is very excited about *Disney's Moana Jr.*, and hopes that the audience will love it too!



Allie Hawley

(Villager, Monster) Hawley is very excited to be performing in her 2nd production at MTA. Moana is one of her most favorite productions and she is thrilled to be sharing the stage with her big brother! When not on stage, Allie loves to play with her AG dolls, swim, dance, and sing. She would like to thank the production staff for all their hard work. She would also like to thank her family for encouraging her to perform. Mahalo!

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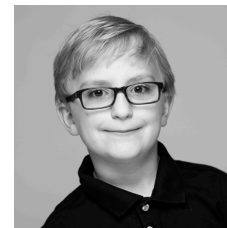
Payton McCarthy

(Hei Hei, Maui Ensemble) Payton will be in 4th grade at Ridgeline Academy. This is Payton's 16th production with MTA. In her free time she loves to swim, read and make crafts. She is so excited to be back on the stage! Thank you to the MTA staff for all of your hard work putting on the show and to her family for supporting her! Hey Hey Hey, she hopes you enjoy the show!



Joslyn Momeyer

(Chief Ancestor 1) Joslyn is approaching 8th grade as an honor roll student. This is her 22nd show with MTA and some of her favorite roles include Scuttle in *Disney's The Little Mermaid Jr.*, Captain Bones in *Magic Tree House Pirates Past Noon KIDS*, the Cowardly Lion/Zeke in *The Wizard of Oz*, and Duffy in *Annie Jr.* When not on stage, Joslyn enjoys to improv, dance, sing, play piano, and hang out with friends. She would like to thank the production staff for bringing this show to the stage and hopes you enjoy watching it!



Quinn McGlaughlin

(Villager, Gate Monster/Fisherman) Quinn is entering 4th grade in the Renaissance program at Canyon Springs STEM Academy. He started acting with MTA in 2019 and has been in six productions including *The Music Man Jr.*, *Disney's The Little Mermaid Jr.*, and *The Wizard of Oz*. Quinn is excited to be back with all his friends at MTA and looks forward to meeting more new people. Enjoy the show!

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Shayla Van Langen

(Ocean Ensemble, Maui Ensemble) Shayla is a rising 5th grade high honors student at Ridgeline Academy. This is Shayla's second production at MTA. She performed in *Annie Jr.* at MTA in June 2020. Shayla has appeared with Ridgeline Academy Drama Club in the following productions: *Disney's Peter Pan Jr.*, *Disney's The Lion King Jr.*, and *Dear Edwina Jr.* Shayla is excited to be a new member of MTA and hopes you enjoy the show!



Cierra Witham

(Ocean Ensemble, Maui Ensemble) Cierra is 14 and will be a sophomore at Cactus Shadows High School. This is her 4th play with MTA. She enjoys musicals and her theater class at Cactus. She hopes you enjoy *Disney's Moana Jr.!*



Colleen Sasser

(Tamatoa, Ancestor) Colleen is 12 years old and entering 7th grade. This is Colleen's 14th production with MTA, having performed in *Annie Jr.* as Lily St. Regis, *The Wizard of Oz* as Glinda, and *Disney's The Little Mermaid Jr.* as Aquata. She loves to perform, draw, and run. Colleen looks forward to performing in *Disney's Moana Jr.* and hopes you enjoy the show!

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PRODUCTION STAFF BIOS

Jessica Kishbaugh (Production Stage Manager/Hair and Makeup Designer) graduated from Southwest Institute of Natural Aesthetics and obtained her Esthetics license in August of 2018. She previously Directed Magic Tree House Pirates Past Noon KIDS and Frog and Toad KIDS. She enjoys working at MTA year round as the Assistant to the Producing Artistic Director. Jessica has been performing with MTA since its inception and is now enjoying working on the production side of things. Her true passion is makeup artistry so she is very excited to be designing the hair and makeup for this production. She appreciates all of the opportunities Jackie Hammond and MTA has given her the past 10+ years. Aside from MTA, Jessica spends most of her free time at her esthetics business, Skin Esteem LLC. Check out her website and social media's for more information! SkinEsteemAZ.com / @SkinEsteemAZ

Alexis Rosenbaum (Co-Vocal Director/ Co-Production Stage Manager) Alexis is 19 years old and has been performing and working at MTA since she was 7 years old. Alexis has been training vocally for 12 years and singing is her passion. She has been a part of show choir in high school and recently received the Outstanding Performer Award. Alexis' favorite roles include playing Deja in an original musical, *Decided*, and Pirelli in *Sweeney Todd*. She has received three National Youth Arts Awards for Mayzie LaBird in *Seussical Jr.*, Alice in *Disney's Alice in Wonderland Jr.*, and Beggar Woman/ Pirelli in *Sweeney Todd*. Alexis has also worked as a tech and enjoys being behind the scenes almost as much as performing. She loves working with MTA children and watching them blossom as young performers. Alexis is currently attending U of A, majoring in Film and Television.

J.R. Momeyer (Stage Manager) is excited to be joining the production staff for this fabulous show! He is currently a student at ASU working on his bachelors in Vocal Performance. While being a member of the production team, he has also been on the MTA main stage a few times as William Morris Barfee (*The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*), Jervis Pendleton (*Daddy Long Legs*), and Mal Beineke (*The Addams Family*). He would like to thank his friends and family for all their wonderful support! Enjoy the show!

Sierra Litman (Curriculum Implementation/Costume Designer/Props) I am an educator and lifelong thespian! I have been performing and working in theatre for over 15 years both on and off the stage. I have dabbled in many different areas of theatre, but I love, above all, to share my passion for the stage with students! This is my second summer working with MTA as an educator and designer and I could not be happier to have found a theatre that is so positive, friendly, and fun to work with!

Tor Christian Tjorhom (Light Designer) is a sophomore at Arizona State University studying Biomedical Engineering. He enjoys working out, playing soccer, hiking, and hanging out with friends. Tor has been making MTA shows great since 2009 and loves working with the staff and performers here at MTA. Hope you enjoy the show!

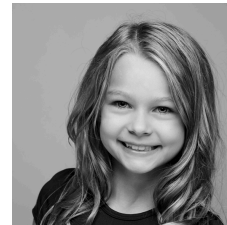
Sam Baldwin (Sound) has been at MTA for half a decade and has loved working onstage, backstage and now, to your left. He plays music, makes bad jokes and controls levels and hopes you enjoy the show!

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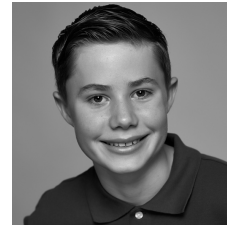
Annalyn Abraham

(Ocean Ensemble, Maui Ensemble) Annalyn is a 6th grade student at Black Mountain Elementary. This is Annalyn's 1st production with MTA and she is looking forward to being part of this show as Ocean Ensemble & Maui Ensemble. She has been part of 9 productions with DFT, CYT & BMES. Two of her favorite characters she was fortunate to portray were Violet in *Willy Wonka Jr.* at DFT & Annie in *Annie Jr.* at BMES where she is a member of the Jr Thespian Society! Annalyn would like to thank her parents and her five siblings for all of their support and guidance.



Meghan Deignan

(Villager, Monster) Meghan is a 3rd grader at Terramar Academy of the Arts. This is Meghan's second production with MTA, having just performed in *Annie Jr.* She loves to dance, sing, play the piano, and do arts and crafts. Meghan is looking forward to performing and hopes you enjoy the show!



Ben Fletcher

(Chief Tui) Ben is super excited to be performing in *Disney's Moana Jr.* He'll be going into 8th grade AP at Terramar Academy of the Arts this fall. This is his 16th production with MTA. Favorite roles include Tin Man in *The Wizard of Oz*, Lawrence in *School of Rock*, and Toad in *A Year with Frog and Toad KIDS* (NYA Nomination). When he's not at MTA, Ben enjoys traveling, playing with his dogs, playing piano and trombone, and camping. Ben also recently became an Eagle Scout. He would like to thank the production staff and all the volunteers for making this show possible. "Enjoy the show!"

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Kellan Fletcher

(Tamatoa Left Claw, Te KĀ? Left Arm, Ancestor) Kellan will be going into 2nd grade at Terramar Academy of the Arts this fall. This is his fifth production with MTA, and he is looking forward to being on stage again with brother, Ben. Kellan enjoyed performing in the Lollipop Guild and being a flying monkey in *The Wizard of Oz* and loved being part of the Hidden Folk and Oaken family in *Disney's Frozen Jr.* When not at MTA, Kellan spends time creating with Minecraft, playing piano, riding his bike, and making us all laugh. He is looking forward to being part of this show and he hopes you enjoy your adventure in the islands!



Savannah Foy

(Moana) Savannah just graduated from Anthem Preparatory Academy and will be an incoming freshman at Grand Canyon University. Savannah's favorite roles have been Jerusha Abbott in *Daddy Long Legs* (NYA Award), Elsa in *Frozen Jr.*, Olive Ostrovsky in *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* and Martha in *The Secret Garden* (NYA award). She is thrilled to be a part of this show and is incredibly thankful for this amazing opportunity. She would like to thank Ms. Sherry, Ms. Jackie, Ms. Lyndsie, Ms. Jessie and the rest of the production staff for giving their time and energy to make this show a success. Enjoy the Show!



Bailey Hall

(Gramma Tala) Bailey is an incoming freshman at Westmont College and a recent graduate of Anthem Preparatory Academy. This is Bailey's 12th show and fifth season at MTA. Some favorite roles include Marcy Park in *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, Miss Hannigan in *Annie Jr.*, and Olaf in *Disney's Frozen Jr.* Bailey has danced and assisted in classes at Diamond Dance Works for the past five years, and enjoys piano, art, and photography. "Enjoy the show!"

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Jackie Hammond (Producing Artistic Director/Co-Vocal Director) is a two-time ariZoni Award-winning Musical Director and National Youth Arts Award-winning Musical Director who has been teaching music and theatre for over 25 years. She graduated with honors from San José State University (Creative Arts and Musical Theatre). Jackie is a graduate of the American Musical Theater Artists' Institute where she rigorously trained in voice, dance and acting, as well as Shakespeare, improvisation, and stage combat. She also spent a summer studying opera with the chairman of the music department of Manhattan School of Music in New York City. Jackie has extensive experience in the performing arts and professional theatre where she has played leading roles in many musical productions, and has also received ariZoni Nominations for her portrayal of Cinderella in *Into the Woods*; she is an eleven-time ariZoni nominated Vocal Director and has received four NYA Nominations as Director and Vocal Director, as well as an NYA Award for her vocal direction of *CATS*, with co-vocal director Shawna Weitekamp. Favorite roles have included Gino/Harpo Marx in *Day in Hollywood/Night in the Ukraine*, Annie (twice) as Lily and Miss Hannigan, Cathy in *The Last Five Years*, the Witch in *Into the Woods*, and Fantine in *Les Misérables* alongside her daughter Noelle Hammond who played the role of Little Cosette. Jackie has worked with performers ages 2-adult. She composed original arrangements of songs for San José State's Touring Group, "Company One" where in her college years, she performed with them, as well. Jackie has vocal directed, directed, and choreographed for many theatres in CA and AZ, including one of the nation's largest youth theaters in San José. Directing and performing experience includes well over 100 shows to her credit with prestigious theaters such as American Musical Theatre of San José (Equity Theater), Cabrillo Stage, Foothill Music Theatre, This Side of the Hill Players, Second Stage West, University Theater, Desert Foothills Theater, Theaterworks, West Bay Opera, Children's Musical Theatre of San José, Young People's Theater, iTheatre Collaborative, Phoenix Theatre, and Arizona Broadway Theatre performing in Jeff Kennedy's *Christmas Cabaret*. In addition to working in theater, Jackie teaches private voice lessons and held the title of Miss Santa Clara County. She would like to thank her husband, Jeff and her helpful mom for their support. Jackie loves spending time with the lights of her life, her twin children, Lennon and Noelle who always fill her days with entertainment, smiles and love.

Sherry Henderson (Co-Director/Co-Choreographer) has been a dance educator for over 25 years. She and her family relocated to Roswell, Georgia 5 years ago where she is currently on staff at RISPA in Milton, Georgia teaching musical theatre, acrobatics, and jazz, as well as directing and choreographing. Sherry has performed on Broadway and toured the world as a dancer and performer. She is an ariZoni award winner for Best Choreography for several musicals. Sherry is thrilled to be working on her 20th production for MTA and would like to thank the amazing MTA staff for making this experience top notch! Couldn't have done this without you especially since her participation was over zoom. Much love to Jackie Hammond and Lyndsie Clymer. Last but not least her wonderful husband Jim and two beautiful children Jaden, 19 and Molly 15.

Lyndsie Clymer (Co-Director/Co-Choreographer) has been dancing since the age of 3 at Dynamic Motion Dance Academy. She has studied Ballet, Pointe, Jazz, Tap, Hip Hop, Breaking, Modern, Ballroom, Lyrical, Contemporary, Musical Theater, and Acrobatics. Lyndsie is certified in Jazz with Dance Educators of America and Acro with Acrobatic Arts. She shares her love for dance teaching at studios around Arizona. Lyndsie has worked with various levels of dancers ages ranging from two to adult. Lyndsie teaches at Dynamic Motion Dance Academy and Dancers Domain. She is a Guest Choreographer at Boulder Creek High School with the Choir and Dance Program. Lyndsie has found her home choreographing shows for Musical Theatre of Anthem. She has done many shows here, her favorites being *Disney's Mary Poppins*, *Once on this Island Jr.*, and *13 The Musical*. Lyndsie was given the Artistic Merit, Leadership and Academic Award in 2015, which only a few were awarded in the state of Arizona. Lyndsie's choreography has been awarded and recognized through Competitions, NYAs and district evaluations. She is incredibly grateful to be able to do what she loves every single day. Lyndsie truly just loves to share her passion with her students!

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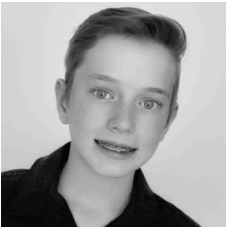
Jenna Trautman

(Te Fiti, Villager) Jenna is an incoming Freshman honor student at Boulder Creek High School. This is Jenna's 16th production with MTA, her favorites being *The Giver*, *Footloose*, *School of Rock*, *My Son Pinocchio Jr.* and *Lion King Jr.* She loves to read, watch movies, and hang out with her friends. Jenna looks forward to performing in *Moana Jr.* and hopes you enjoy the show!



Kennedy Weitekamp

(Right Claw, Te Ka Right Arm, Ancestor) Kennedy is in 3rd grade at Bayer Private School. This is Kennedy's 6th show at MTA, having performed as Woodstock in *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, the Baby Sour Kangaroo in *Seussical Jr.*, and ensemble in *Once on this Island Jr.*, *Disney's Frozen Jr.*, and *Annie Jr.* Kennedy would like to thank the MTA staff for all that they do. She sends love to all her friends and family and is excited for you to see the show. Extra love to Mommy, Daddy, and Lucy!



Jeremy Wood

(Chief Ancestor 3) Jeremy is an 8th grader at Saint Simon and Jude Catholic School. Jeremy is active in multiple dance classes, voice classes, and Boy Scouts. This is Jeremy's 8th musical production at MTA. His last performance was as Drake in *Annie Jr.* Jeremy hopes you enjoy this production, and thanks you for coming!



Nick Yarema

(Villager, Gate Monster/Fisherman) Nick is a sixth grader at Anthem Prep. Nick enjoys cross country, basketball, tennis, snowboarding, cooking, reading and swimming in his new pool. Nick is excited to be back on the stage with his friends at MTA. Nick would like to thank the production staff for all of their tireless work putting together an amazing show in a very short amount of time. Enjoy your visit on the island with Moana!

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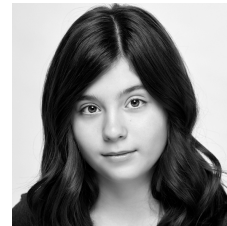
Hayden Hall

(Chief Ancestor 2) Hayden is a 7th-grade honors student at Anthem Preparatory Academy. This is Hayden's 11th show and fifth season at MTA. Some favorite roles include Young Elsa in *Disney's Frozen Jr.*, Bird 1 in *A Year with Frog and Toad KIDS*, and Shawanda in *Elf the Musical Jr.* Hayden has taken jazz, ballet, and lyrical classes at Diamond Dance Works for the past four years, and enjoys piano, crafts, and baking. "Enjoy the show!"



Lennon Hammond

(Maui) Lennon played John in the First National Broadway Tour of the Tony award-winning musical *Fun Home*, and was recently in the staged reading of *Fun Home* in New York City, along with Broadway Stars. Favorite MTA shows include: *Annie Jr.* (Rooster), *Addams Family Young@Part* (Pugsley - NYA Nom), *Disney's Frozen Jr.* (Olaf), *The Wizard of Oz* (Lion), and *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* (Linus - NYA Nom). He plays the French Horn and was selected for the Honor and All-State Band (2nd chair). He loves Math and attended the National Math League Competition at Texas A&M. He also likes reading, legos, and video games. "Thanks to my family, and all of the cast, crew, production staff and volunteers that helped out with the show!"



Noelle Hammond

(Tamatoa, Ancestor) Noelle recently played Small Alison in the staged reading of *Fun Home* in New York City starring Jenn Colella, as well as other Broadway Stars. Other professional credits include: *Matilda* (Regional Premiere - u/s/perf the title role/Ensemble), *The Prince of Egypt* (Young Miriam) with Stephen Schwartz, and *Atlantis* (Alexa) with the show's creatives at Tuacahn Amphitheatre. Favorite MTA shows: *Secret Garden* (Mary - NYA Award), *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* (Lucy - NYA Award), *Annie Jr.* (Annie), and *The Wizard of Oz* (Dorothy). Noelle is on the competitive dance team at Diamond Dance Works and also enjoys art. "Thank you to the production staff for this incredible opportunity, to the amazing volunteers, and to my family!"

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Madeline Hauge-Wells

(Pua, Maui Ensemble) Madeline is an 11 year old, 6th grade honor student at Ridgeline Academy. This is Maddie's 8th production at MTA and is excited to have the opportunity to perform with this wonderful cast. Maddie loves acting, singing, swimming, and spending time with her family, especially her 2 year old twin brothers, Nathan and Xander.



Vanessa Hughes

(Hei Hei, Maui Ensemble) Vanessa is a 7th grade honor student at Anthem Preparatory. She has performed in many shows since starting at MTA 9 years ago! Some of her favorite shows are *Disney's 101 Dalmatians KIDS* (NYA Award nomination), *Disney's Aladdin Jr.* (NYA Award nomination), and *Disney's Frozen Jr.* Vanessa is also a competitive gymnast and loves the physical challenge. Many thanks to the production staff for all their hard work and dedication during this crazy time finding ways for the show to continue! Enjoy the show!



Audrey Kroeger

(Ocean Ensemble, Maui Ensemble) Audrey is an 8th grade National Junior Honor Society member at Anthem school. She recently appeared as Mrs. Pugh in *Annie Jr.* Audrey enjoys ballet and DIY crafts. Enjoy the show!



Rileigh McDonough

(Chief Ancestor 1) Rileigh is going into 8th grade at Anthem Prep. This is her 21st show at MTA. Some of her favorite shows were *Disney's Aladdin Jr.*, *Disney's The Lion King Jr.*, *Annie Jr.*, and *Willy Wonka Jr.* When she isn't performing on stage, she is singing, dancing and enjoying time with her family and friends. She is so happy to be back performing with her MTA family.

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Charlotte Nordstrom

(Villager, Monster - Shore Cast) Charlotte is going to be a second grader at Ridgeline Academy. This is Charlotte's 4th production with MTA. Having performed in *Disney's The Little Mermaid Jr.*, *The Wizard of Oz*, and *Annie Jr.* she loves being on stage. Charlotte loves to dance, sing and act. She is thankful to all the cast and crew for making every production so much fun. Charlotte hopes you enjoy the show!



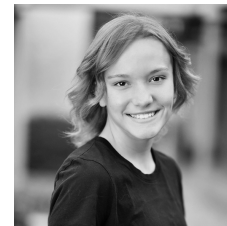
Kinley Oberbroeckling

(Ocean Ensemble, Maui Ensemble) Kinley is a 5th grade Principal's List student at Sonoran Foothills School. She is excited to be back acting and participating in *Disney's Moana Jr.*, her TWELFTH show at MTA. Kinley loves singing, dancing and seeing all her favorite MTA friends. She hopes you love the show!



Calista Quint

(Sina) Calista is going to be a sophomore at Boulder Creek High School. She has been heavily involved in theater since she was young. Some of her favorite shows she has been a part of are *Disney's The Lion King Jr.* (Simba) and *Disney's Frozen Jr.* (Sven). Calista loves to sing and dance. She is also involved in choir at Boulder Creek. She is so excited to be playing Sina! She hopes you all enjoy the show!!



Maggie Rosendahl

(Ocean Ensemble, Maui Ensemble) Maggie is entering 8th grade at Ss. Simon and Jude and is very excited to participate in her first production with MTA. She spends most of her time outside of school playing goalkeeper for the Phoenix Rising Elite Club National League team. In her rare downtime, Maggie enjoys art and playing guitar. Maggie is grateful to be a part of this cast and hopes you enjoy the show!!