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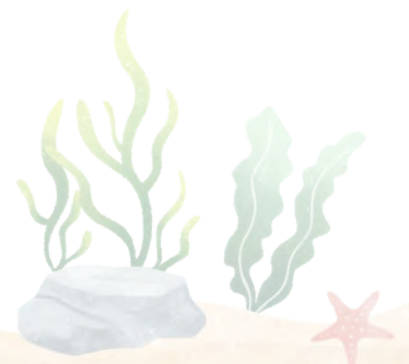
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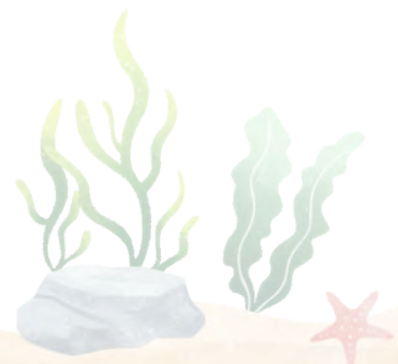
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A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTORS & FOUNDERS

Welcome to the very first production of our new
Theatre for Young Audiences program.

We are especially excited to begin this journey in a community that means so much to both of us. We both grew up in Woodstock and it is a special place, rich in history, creativity, and a deep appreciation for the arts.

We believe the arts bring people together, spark imagination, create connection, and help shape the identity of a community. We want to continue being part of that work and help create opportunities for the next generation.

That makes *The Rainbow Fish* a particularly meaningful way to begin.

This beautiful story celebrates friendship, generosity, belonging, and the courage to share what makes us special.

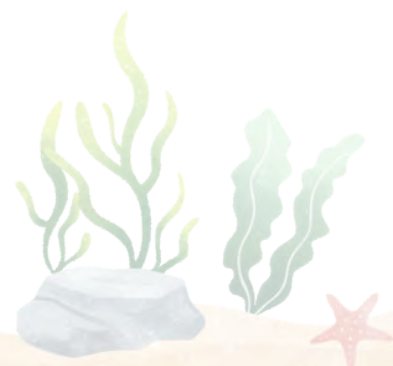
We are deeply grateful to the *Friends of the Opera House* for saying yes to this idea, taking this journey with us, and supporting it every step of the way. We are also grateful to the many artists, volunteers, educators, families, and community members who have helped bring this first production to life.

This is just the beginning.

Thank you for being here at the start of something new for Woodstock and for helping us celebrate the magic of live theatre.

Enjoy the show!

Billy Seger & Cassandra Vohs-Demann
Co-Directors / Founders



**BRIELLE BURLEY***(she/her) · Little Fish*

Brielle is thrilled to be joining the cast of *The Rainbow Fish* and making her debut at the Woodstock Opera House. If she could, she would spend 99 percent of her time on stage. Recent roles include: Young Simba in *The Lion King*, Small Alice in *Alice in Wonderland*, Gretl in *The Sound of Music*, Young Anna in *Frozen*, and many more. This is Brielle's 15th show within 3 years of being in the performing arts. When not on stage, Brielle enjoys swimming, basketball, reading, and spending time with her family. She hopes you enjoy the show. Love and thanks to her family for always supporting her dream. @brielleburley

**AARON GOMEZ***(he/him) · Clownfish / Makeup Design*

Aaron is thrilled to be back on the Woodstock Opera House stage, where he last appeared as Horton in *Seussical* in 2023! He currently directs at Johnsburg High School, with his upcoming production being *The Addams Family*. Past directorial credits include: *Beetlejuice Jr.*, *Mamma Mia!*, *Disney's Descendants*, and *The Wizard of Oz*. Outside of JHS, he has also directed *The Sound of Music* and *The Prom*. Some favorite roles include: LeFou (*Beauty and the Beast*), Jetsam (*The Little Mermaid*), Joseph (*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*), and Carmen Ghia (*The Producers*). Outside of theatre, Aaron owns and operates a skin and beauty spa in Crystal Lake.

**JENNIFER KAAP***(she/her) · Pufferfish*

Jennifer feels honored to be a part of the inaugural production of the Woodstock Theatre for Young Audiences. She spent over two decades performing storytimes as a children's librarian and recently made her stage comeback. This past year, Jen has enjoyed playing the roles of Granny in *Into the Woods* and Miss Preen in *The Man Who Came to Dinner*. She thanks all of her nieces, nephews, and other cool kiddos in her life for inspiring her to stay young at heart and to pursue fun experiences.

**TYLER KERR***(he/him) · Rainbow Fish*

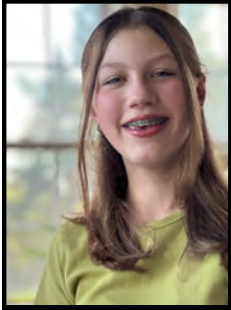
Tyler is thrilled to be getting his fins wet in his first production with Friends of the Opera House! Recently launched to local stardom as the 2026 winner of the Come Out Singin' karaoke competition, Tyler just as quickly plummeted to the pits of infamy as the love-to-hate-him Stacee Jaxx in Theatre 121's production of *Rock of Ages*. He has a sea of folks to thank for joining him on this journey, but he especially wants to acknowledge his parents. Your love empowered him and your bedtime stories inspired him. Without your scales, he wouldn't have the courage to go out into the world and share his own.

**NOLAN PAULSON***(he/him) · Hermit Crab*

Nolan has been involved in theater since he was five years old. His favorite roles he's played are Eric in *Matilda Jr.* and Young Peter in *It's a Wonderful Christmas Carol*. When not on the stage, Nolan loves playing soccer, running on the cross country team, and geography.

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FAYE RADENI

(she/her) · Sardine

Faye is so happy to be performing in *The Rainbow Fish*. Faye has been part of many shows at the Raue Center, and this is her 4th show at the Woodstock Opera House. Her favorite role was Marty the Zebra in *Madagascar Jr.* at her school, Crystal Lake Montessori! She'd like to thank her mom and dad, grandparents, aunts and uncles, teachers, and friends for supporting her! She is so excited about this show and hopes that you enjoy it!



SKYE SCHOEN

(he/him) · Starfish

Skye is super excited to be a part of this show. Having grown up with this story, he's thrilled to be able to help bring it to life on stage. You may have seen Skye in some productions around the community. He most recently had the privilege of appearing in *Calendar Girls* at The Black Box at MCC as well as *It's a Wonderful Christmas Carol* here at the Woodstock Opera House. He would like to dedicate his performance to his mother, the current Children's Librarian at the Johnsburg Public Library. Thank you for keeping these stories alive for future generations to enjoy. He hopes you enjoy the show!



SHERI WARREN

(she/her) · Miss Minnow / Octopus

Sheri is delighted to be swimming along with this wonderful cast and team! Favorite previous roles include: Mrs. Lovett in *Sweeney Todd* (Theatre 121), Annie Wilkes in *Misery* (Janesville Little Theater), and the Killer Queen in *We Will Rock You* (Haylofters). It's a lovely change of pace to play not just one, but two non-sociopaths in this production. Sheri lives in Lake in the Hills with her wife Kristy, her beagle Virginia Woof, and far too many cats. She dedicates this performance to Holden Farris, one of the shiniest fish in the sea!

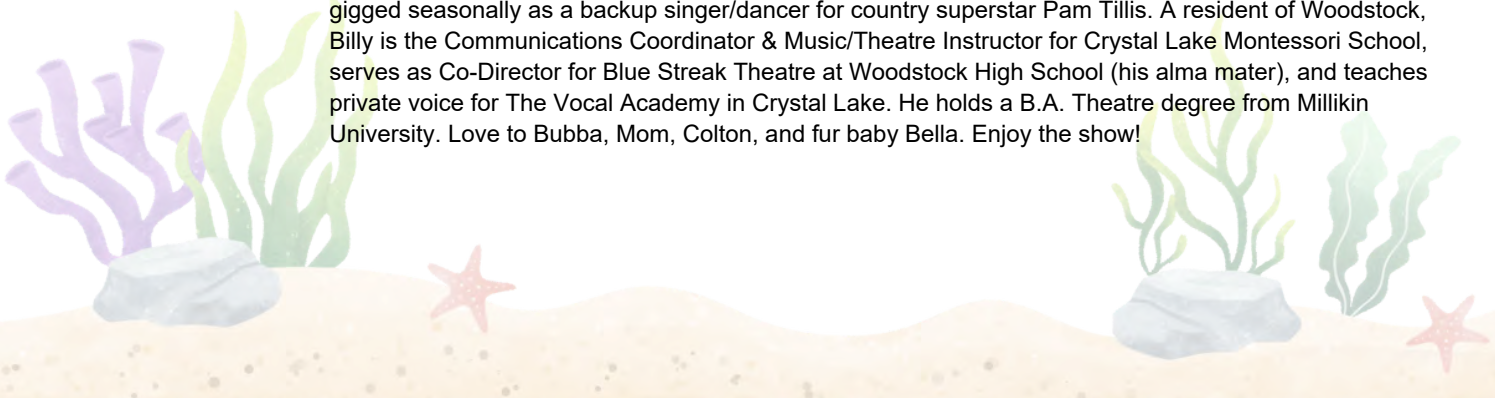
PRODUCTION TEAM



BILLY SEGER

(he/him) · Director / Founder / Scenic & Sound Design

Billy is honored to be working alongside some of the best in the biz! Recent production credits include: *Cinderella*, *Little Women*, & *Poe: Madness Unleashed* (Director, Blue Streak Theatre); *Once Upon A Mattress: Youth Edition* & *Matilda Jr.* (Co-Director/Choreographer, WCST); *The SpongeBob Musical* (Choreographer, Starlight Theatre, 2025 Lou Award for Best Choreography, 2025 Broadway World Award for Best Dance Production); *Sweeney Todd* (Director/Choreographer, Theatre 121); *RENT* (Choreographer, Theatre 121); and many more. Before stepping into the director's chair, Billy toured the country and traveled the world as a performer with Live On Stage, Inc. and Oceania Cruise Line, and gigged seasonally as a backup singer/dancer for country superstar Pam Tillis. A resident of Woodstock, Billy is the Communications Coordinator & Music/Theatre Instructor for Crystal Lake Montessori School, serves as Co-Director for Blue Streak Theatre at Woodstock High School (his alma mater), and teaches private voice for The Vocal Academy in Crystal Lake. He holds a B.A. Theatre degree from Millikin University. Love to Bubba, Mom, Colton, and fur baby Bella. Enjoy the show!

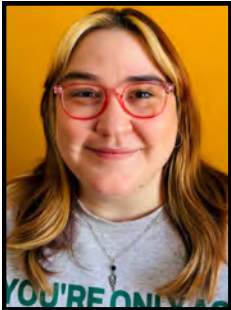




CASSANDRA VOHS-DEMANN

(she/her) · Director / Founder

Cassandra is an award-winning creative leader, professional musician, actress, songwriter, composer, writer, producer, and vocal coach with more than 35 years in the performing arts. A graduate of the University of Illinois, she began her career as an opera singer and musical theater performer before touring with her own bands, releasing original music, and producing concerts and events. She has collaborated with musicians and artists from coast to coast, performing everywhere from concert halls to large festivals, including performances with the Grant Park Symphony and as a National Anthem soloist for the Chicago Bulls. Cassandra is the founder and former Artistic Director of the Woodstock Community Choir and a longtime advocate for the arts. She believes in creating opportunities for artists and audiences to connect, imagine, and experience the joy of live performance. She is thrilled to co-found this new theater program for young audiences and to work alongside such an amazing team to bring *The Rainbow Fish* to life. And yes, nearly 30 years ago, Cassandra played Lina Lamont in *Singin' in the Rain* at the Woodstock Opera House, where it actually rained on stage! She is grateful to her husband, Phil, for being the best roadie and support system an artist could ask for.



SAVANNAH THOMAS

(she/her) · Stage Manager

Savannah is thrilled to be part of this talented team! They primarily work with the Round Lake Area Park District, where they supervise all cultural arts programs, including the children's theatre and dance programs. They are grateful for the opportunity to work alongside such a wonderful cast and crew and are excited to see all of their hard work come to life on stage.



KRISTI GEGGIE

(she/her) · Costume Design

Kristi has been costuming shows since her youngest child entered the theater world through Woodstock Children's Summer Theater. A background in 4-H sewing and a bit of naivety was all it took to become part of theatrical costuming. Soon after, she started costuming for Woodstock High School and eventually costumed community theater productions and productions at MCC.



JACK MCCOY

(he/him) · Projection & Sound Design

Jack is excited to create the background visuals for *The Rainbow Fish* as he has done for previous productions in Woodstock including WCST's *Matilda the Musical Jr.*, T121's *Singin' in the Rain*, WHS's *Cinderella*, and T121's *Rock of Ages*.

VOLUNTEER STAGE CREW

PHILIP DEMANN, JACOB HARSHBARGER,
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for generously designing and hosting the paint-a-fish activity.

Arlene Lynes - Read Between the Lynes

for doing a special reading of *THE RAINBOW FISH* at the Woodstock Farmers Market.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Poinsettia Fundraiser** - Orders taken from October 5-November 18; Pick up plants at the Opera House November 28 from 10-2
- **Treasure Island** - Saturday, January 23, 2027 Morning and Afternoon Performances
- **Groundhog Festivities** - January 31, 2027 Brunch with Friends of the Opera House

