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With hopes for a rebirth, a test production of *Bye, Bye, Birdie!* was staged in Douglas Park in 1964. The response was so enthusiastic that The Muni was able to rebuild its facility and return to the lake site theater in 1965.

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Their names are proudly listed on these pages. If you would like to contribute to future improvements at The Muni as a Backstager, please see the House Manager, or contact us at www.TheMuni.org.

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The stakes are higher than ever in this dynamic stage musical, as SpongeBob and all of Bikini Bottom face the total annihilation of their undersea world. Chaos erupts. Lives hang in the balance. And just when all hope seems lost, a most unexpected hero rises up and takes center stage. The power of optimism really can save the world!

The SpongeBob Musical is based on the beloved animated series created by Stephen Hillenburg and features a book by Kyle Jarrow, with original songs by Yolanda Adams, Steven Tyler and Joe Perry of Aerosmith, Sara Bareilles, Jonathan Coulton, Alexander Ebert of Edward Sharpe & The Magnetic Zeros, The Flaming Lips, Lady A, Cyndi Lauper, John Legend, Panic! At the Disco, Plain White T's, They Might Be Giants and T.I., and songs by David Bowie, Tom Kenny and Andy Paley. Additional lyrics are by Jonathan Coulton, with additional music by Tom Kitt. The musical production was conceived by Tina Landau.

AUTHORS

Kyle Jarrow is a Tony Award-nominated, Obie Award-winning writer and musician who makes work for television, film and the stage. He wrote the book for Broadway's *The SpongeBob Musical*, for which he was nominated for Tony, Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle Awards. In addition to his more "traditional" theater pieces, Kyle has also delved into the burgeoning field of immersive theater and developed work for Cirque Du Soleil.

Tina Landau is a writer and director whose work has been produced on Broadway and Off-, internationally and regionally, and most frequently at Steppenwolf Theatre in Chicago, where she is an ensemble member. Known for her original, large-scale musical and ensemble work, Tina has been recognized by the Tony Awards, Drama Desks, Drama League, Outer Critics, Lucille Lortel and Obies, and is a recipient of a United States Artist Fellowship, the Princess Grace Statuette, a NEA/TCG Directing Fellowship and Rockefeller and Pew grants. On Broadway, Tina has directed *SpongeBob Squarepants: The Broadway Musical* (also conceiver; Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle winner for Best Direction and Best Musical, 12 Tony Award noms). SpongeBob is what I needed. It is what brought me back to the place and the people that I love to be in community with. Not only that, but it gave me the permission to create and explore in ways that no other part of my life does. It is at its root a celebration of imagination, and the ideation of a strange but beautiful world named Bikini Bottom.

Bikini Bottom is a community of diverse creatures who find themselves in the face of an extinction-level event, or as they call it, "The End," and don't know how to react. Seem familiar? Some exploit the event for money or power, many blame others, but somehow one simple sponge manages to bring the community back together.

Much the same, SpongeBob is bringing us all back together, again. He is bringing us to a safe place where we can tell stories about love, joy, and sorrow. The things that make us human. He is opening the door for us to share our experiences and learn from others.

In truth, SpongeBob is what we all needed.

- Craig Williams II

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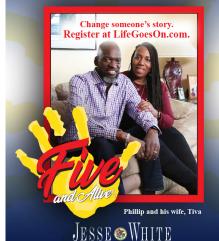
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Patrick Star	
Squidward Q. Tentacles	Greg Donathan
Sandy Cheeks	Chrissy Mauck
Eugene H. Krabs	Jim Leach
Sheldon Plankton	
Karen the Computer	Zoey Zara
Patchy the Pirate	John Sivak
The Mayor	Courtney Wick
Mrs. Puff	Kristen Wheeler
Larry the Lobster	Connor Dove
Old Man Jenkins	Austin Wilson
Pearl Krabs	Emily Wheeler
Perch Perkins	Terry Schoppenhorst
Buster Bluetang	Christopher Leatherwood
Johnny the Bartender	Kevin Hart
The Electric Skates	Susan Wheeler, Kevin Hart, Ryan Poole
French Narrator	Steve Sykes
Girls Fish Trio	Molly Norris, Sophie Nuding, Ava Southern
	antyne, Rylee Brinkman, Cassie Crawford, Mary Donathan, Sierra Dove, Garrett Hale, Grace Klenke, Alan Livengood, Cedric Millhouse, Peyton Myers, Izzy Stewart, Ella Sullivan, Caitlin Tom, Lisa Tossi, Hunter Woods
Children's Ensemble	Cort Coker, Gabriella Elders, Hannah Jones, Maizie Peebles, Willow Tom

ACT ONE

Preshow	Patchy the Pirate, Security Guards
Scene 1 - Bikini Bottom	
Bikini Bottom Day	The Town
Scene 2 – The Krusty Krab	
Bikini Bottom Day (Reprise 1)	SpongeBob
Scene 3 – Bikini Bottom	
No Control/The End is Coming	Perch Perkins, The Town
Scene 4 – Patrick's Rock	
BFF	SpongeBob, Patrick
Scene 5 – Bikini Bottom Town Square	
When the Going Gets Tough	Plankton, Karen the Computer, The Town
(Just A) Simple Sponge	SpongeBob, Mr. Krabs
Scene 6 – Bikini Bottom	The Town
Scene 7 – The Krusty Krab	
Daddy Knows Best	Mr. Krabs, Pearl
Scene 8 – The Chum Bucket/The Krusty Krab	Plankton, Karen the Computer,
	Perch Perkins, SpongeBob, Pearl
Scene 9 – Patrick's Rock	SpongeBob, Patrick, Sardines
Scene 10 – Bikini Bottom	The Town
Scene 11 – Jellyfish Fields	
Hero Is My Middle Name	SpongeBob, Patrick, Sandy
Scene 12 – Bikini Bottom	
Super Sea-Star Savior	Patrick, Sardines
Tomorrow Is	The Town

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ACT TWO

Scene 1 – Patchy Interruption	
Poor Pirates	Patchy the Pirate, Pirates
Scene 2 – The Pineapple	
Bikini Bottom Day (Reprise 2)	SpongeBob, Gary
Scene 3 – Bikini Bottom	SpongeBob, Sandy, The Town
Scene 4 – The Chum Bucket	Plankton, Karen the Computer
Scene 5 – Bikini Bottom Bandshell	
Bikini Bottom Boogie	Electric Skates, Pearl, Teen Fans
Scene 6 – Mount Humongous	
Chop to the Top	Sandy, SpongeBob
Scene 7 – Bikini Bottom/Mount Humongous	
(I Guess I) Miss You	Patrick, SpongeBob
Scene 8 – Bikini Bottom Bandshell	
Loser	Squidward, Sea Anemones
Scene 9 – The Chum Bucket	Plankton, Karen, Perch Perkins, The Town
Scene 10 – Bikini Bottom Bandshell	
Scene 11 – Mount Humongous/The Chum Bucket	
Simple Sponge (Reprise)	SpongeBob
Scene 12 – Bikini Bottom	
Best Day Ever	SpongeBob, Sandy, Patrick, The Town
Bikini Bottom Way	The Town
Finale: Bikini Bottom Day (Reprise 3)	







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for The Spongebob Musical

- Meredith Vogel-Thomas for guiding us through rehearsals during COVID.
- Damien Kaplan and Sacred Heart Griffin for rehearsal space and costume use.
- Ryan Blesse, Josh Maisenbacher, Michael Purdy, DJ Rudd, Michelle Vogel-Thomas, and all of our show families for their wonderful support while we were in rehearsals.
- Diane Hoots for her diligent weather and safety guidance.
- Springfield Theatre Centre for the use of props and costumes.
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- Tom Brinkman for helping source metal drums.
- Terry & Deb Schoppenhorst for helping source tires and other set décor.
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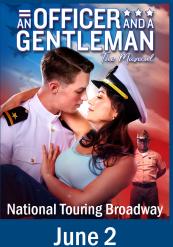
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Area actor, director, and performing artist Reggie Guyton will serve as the inaugural **Our Stage / Our Voices** artist-in-residence. During the 2022 calendar year, Mr. Guyton will collaborate with regional Black artists to explore and celebrate the Black experience in America.

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Carly Shank, Artistic Programs Director of UIS Performing Arts Services says, "We feel it is especially important work in our local arts community to commit resources toward the amplification of under-represented communities in the arts. All citizens benefit when the arts accurately represent a wide range of people in the way those individuals and communities want to be represented. We hope that **Our Stage / Our Voices** can have a rippling impact across the arts in our larger arts community."

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*Garrett Ballantyne (Ensemble) has been in *Lion King Jr.* at Theatre in the Park. He is also a competitive dancer for Tracy and Heather's Dance Synergy. He would like to thank his mother for letting him be a part of this production.

Wesley Bridges (Patrick Star) is very active in the Springfield theatre community, having performed for Hoogland, STC, TIP, Over the Moon, and Muni. His favorite roles have been Quasimodo in *The HunchBack of Notre Dame*, himself in *Godspell*, and Cain/Japheth in *Children of Eden*. Wes recently graduated with a Master of Public Administration from UIS and is an executive for IDPH. He gives all his love and adoration to his wife Rachel and son Logan for their support.

Rylee Brinkman (Ensemble) is a homeschooled sophomore, and this will be her sixth time performing on the Muni stage. She dances at Springfield Dance and is thrilled to be involved in the first season of the Copper Coin Ballet Company. She would like to thank her family and friends for inspiring her and always being there to show love and support.

*Cort Coker (Children's Ensemble) enjoys swimming, playing basketball, and playing the piano. He's excited to make his Muni debut, as he has spent many summers eating popcorn and watching his siblings perform under the stars. Cort would like to thank Craig for the opportunity to work with an amazing cast and staff. He's also thankful for insulin, diabetes technology, and his family who help keep him alive and healthy.

Cassie Crawford (Ensemble) is thrilled to be back on the Muni stage again–The S.S. I'm Ready is about to set sail! Their first time performing at the Muni was in *The Wizard* of Oz (2019). Cassie is a graduate of Illinois State University and an employee for the Illinois Department of Revenue. They also teach classes at Springfield Dance. Cassie wants to thank all the dancers and teachers at Springfield Dance for their support, as well as Mom, Dad, Adrienne and Minnie.

Greg Donathan (Squidward Q. Tentacles) has performed/directed in many local venues over the past 20-plus years. For Muni, he has been Juan Peron in *Evita*, Phil in *White Christmas*, Tin Man in *The Wizard of Oz*, Josh in *Big*, Billy in *Anything Goes*, and Henrik in *A Little Night Music*. He was also its President during the "highly acclaimed" 2020 season. Greg and wife Elizabeth are proud parents to four amazing kids, including Mary, with whom he shares the stage tonight. Thanks to the staff and crew for an amazing return to the Muni!

Mary Donathan (Ensemble) will be a 7th grader at CTK where she is involved in volleyball, choir, the musical, and Girl Scouts. She loves to dance and has been seen in several SYPG productions and SBC's *The Nutcracker*. Mary was in *Annie* and *Evita* at the Muni, in SHG's *Mary Poppins* as Jane Banks, and in Spencer Productions' *The Audience* as young Queen Elizabeth. Mary thanks the amazing SpongeBob staff for allowing her to be in Bikini Bottom for the summer (even if her father is Squidward).

Connor Dove (Larry the Lobster/Gary) recently graduated from Pleasant Plains High School and plans to pursue a degree in Computer Engineering. This is his third time on the Muni stage. He was cast in *Matilda* and *Addams Family* for the 2020 season before they were canceled and is excited to be back! (Check him out in *Matilda* later this season, too!). Connor would like to thank his family, friends, teachers, and everyone else who has supported him in school and theatre.

Sierra Dove (Ensemble) is an honors homeschooled sophomore. This will be Sierra's second time performing on the Muni stage. She is involved in the local arts through Copper Coin Ballet Company and Springfield Dance and is looking forward to getting back onstage. Sierra would like to thank Liz Donathan, her family, friends, and everyone that has helped her continue her love of music and dance through the Muni this summer!

*Gabriella Elders (Children's Ensemble) is a 9-year-old 3rd grader who attends Rochester Elementary. *SpongeBob* is her first performance and she's excited to be debuting it at the Muni. Outside of performing, Gabriella loves to run, swim, play volleyball and basketball, and spend time with friends and family. She's a big fan of school and loves reading and learning new things. Gabriella thanks her family for always loving and supporting her.

*Garrett Hale (Ensemble) just finished his junior year at Glenwood High where he is a member of the Titan Fever show choir, Jazz Fusion, and Symphonic Choir. He performed as Mufasa in TIP's *Lion King Jr*. and was in *Nice Work if You Can Get It* and *A Musical Odyssey* at GHS. This is his first Muni show, and he will also perform later this season in *Newsies*. Garrett would like to thank the directors and staff of *SpongeBob* for the opportunity and his family and friends for supporting him.

Kevin Hart (Johnny the Bartender/Electric Skate) is a graduate of SIUC with a degree in Radio/TV Communications. He has performed in several local productions, including at Muni, TIP, Hoogland, Legacy, Jacksonville, and STC. Some favorite roles at the Muni have been Seymour in *Little Shop* of Horrors, Bert Healy in Annie, and Bun Foo in Thoroughly Modern Millie. Kevin would like to thank the staff of *SpongeBob* for this opportunity, and his friends and family for always supporting him.

Hannah Jones (Children's Ensemble) is a 5th grader at Christ the King. She has performed in several productions, including *Peter Pan* (Muni), *Frozen Jr*. (CTK), *Sleeping Beauty, Peter Rabbit, Jungle Book, Princess and the Frog, Winnie the Pooh* (SDT), *Frozen Jr*. and *James and the Giant Peach* (Hoogland Jr.). She's also an active participant at Springfield Dance Theatre and Central Illinois Irish Dance. Hannah sends a special thanks to Mrs. Donathan, Ronda Brinkman and Lori Verlhurst.

Grace Klenke (Ensemble) is going to be a junior at SHG this fall where she is a varsity cheerleader. Over the past few years, she has been in musicals at Muni, Hoogland, STC, TIP, and SHG. Grace will also be a part of the kids' ensemble in *Matilda* later this summer. She thanks her family, friends, and the staff for all their support!

Jim Leach (Eugene H. Krabs) is a veteran Springfield broadcaster and a longtime member of the local theatre community, including past president of both the Muni and STC. Favorite roles include Capt. Von Trapp in *Sound of Music*, Mushnick in *Little Shop of Horrors* (Muni), and Father in *Children of Eden* (TIP). He sends his love to his wife LaDonna, and to Lindsey and DJ, Dylan and Kynzie, Aiden and Evie, and dedicates his performance to the memory of his late wife Lisa.

*Christopher Leatherwood (Buster Bluetang) will be making his Muni debut with this show, and he is so proud to be a part of the family! He's excited to meet new people and truly perform a show he loves, as *SpongeBob* is his favorite!

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Devin Michael Leming (SpongeBob SquarePants) is thrilled to be venturing to Bikini Bottom alongside a star-studded cast! He debuted on the Muni stage as Peter Pan in 2019. Other theatre credits include *Godspell* (Jesus), *My Fair Lady* (Freddy), *West Side Story* (Chino) and many more. In the fall, he'll be attending Stephens College Conservatory for the Performing Arts. Devin would like to send love and hugs to his friends and family who continuously support him and his passion to bring live, quality theatre to the community.

*Alan Livengood (Ensemble) is a graduate of Rochester High School where he was cast in *Les Misérables* as the Foreman and *Beauty and the Beast* as Monsieur D'arque. He was also in Concert Choir during his junior year and Madrigals during his senior year. He'd like to thank his parents, siblings, cousins who live with him, Aunt Jessi, Uncle Jim, and Grandma Sweetie for supporting him.

*Chrissy Mauck (Sandy Cheeks) is thrilled to make her Muni debut! She spends most of her time working as a band teacher, playing Dungeons & Dragons, and exploring Springfield with her daughter. She was most recently seen as Grace Farrell in Champaign-Urbana Theatre Center's production of Annie in 2018. Other show credits include Big River, Little Shop of Horrors, and Memphis. Chrissy is eternally grateful for her sweet daughter Serena, her supportive family and friends, and whatever lovely stars brought her to Springfield's thriving theatre community.

*Cedric Millhouse (Ensemble) is excited to be making their Muni debut with *SpongeBob the Musical*! Most recently, they appeared as Gerard in STC's *American Idiot*. Favorite credits include *Heathers* (Mass Media Prod.), *The Robber Bridegroom* (Illinois College), and *The Pajama Game* (TIP). Cedric extends a big thank you to their cat, Galileo, for keeping them on their toes, and to their roommates, Sarah and Buddy, for their continued support. **Peyton Myers** (Ensemble) started performing in his school's drama club as Prince Dadu Rahn-Rahn in *Aladdin Jr.*, a parent in *Bye Bye Birdie*, Roger in *Grease*, The Beast/Prince in *Beauty and the Beast Jr.*, Mr. Banks in *Mary Poppins Jr.*, and the Cowardly Lion in *The Wizard of Oz Jr.* He is also a Hoogland alumni where he played Lurvey in *Charlotte's Web*, Ladahlord in *James and the Giant Peach*, Mayor in *Seussical*, and last but certainly not least, Oaken in *Frozen 2*.

*Molly Norris (Featured Ensemble) is new to the Springfield area. She is a music teacher and owns a voice studio for individual voice and piano lessons through her home and virtually. She graduated from Drake University with degrees in Music Education and Vocal Performance, and a minor in Musical theatre. Molly is very excited to get back onto the stage this summer in her Muni debut!

Sophie Nuding (Featured Ensemble) is a science and theatre teacher at Rochester Junior High. She has been the assistant director for several musicals at both Riverton and Rochester Junior High and High Schools, as well as *Nightmare at the Sweet Dreams Inn* for STC. Performance credits include *Sister Act, Mamma Mia,* and *Hairspray* at the Legacy and *Mary Poppins* at the Muni. She will be adding *Matilda* to that list later on this summer. Sophie sends special thanks to her family for watching her sweet dog, Tansy.

*Maizie Peebles (Children's Ensemble) is very excited to be in her first Muni show! She has previously been on stage as an orphan in *Annie* and had a role as a young girl in the film documentary *Potentially Dangerous*. Maizie enjoys singing with her Glee Club at Ball Charter and playing piano. She hopes to study anthropology in school and become a teacher. She would like to thank her parents, little brother, grandparents, and best friend Adeline for all their support. ***Ryan Poole** (Electric Skate) attends Litchfield High School. He was recently Fake Santa #1 in *Elf the Musical* here in Springfield. He also has performed in three of his school musicals: *Little Mermaid* as Pilot, *Guys and Dolls* as Uncle Arvide Abernathy, and *High School Musical* as Ripper. He has also played Mr. Northbrook in *Mary Poppins* for a local community theatre in Carlinville.

Terry Schoppenhorst (Perch Perkins) is very happy to return to the Muni stage after an 8 year hiatus. Past performances include *White Christmas* and 9 to 5 at STC, *Diary of Anne Frank* at TIP, and *Seussical* at Muni among others. He has also assisted, directed, and stage managed several other productions. When not acting, Terry is a math teacher at Southeast High School and enjoys golfing when his schedule allows. He'd like to acknowledge his greatest friend, Cindy, and his wife, Debbie, one of the wonderful costumers for this show.

John Sivak (Patchy the Pirate) was last seen on the Muni stage in *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. Now, John's love of pirate shanties has finally paid off in landing him a part of a lifetime. He is so excited to be back on stage after two years and his heart is full seeing audiences back at the Muni again! John would like to say I love you and thank you to Eloise and Nicole for their love and support always.

Ava Southern (Featured Ensemble) has previously appeared in the Muni's *Evita* and *Willy Wonka*, and will appear in *Newsies* later this summer. A recent SHG graduate, Ava appeared in their productions of *CATS* and *Mary Poppins*, and played Ariel in the *The Little Mermaid*. She has been active in voice and dance for years and was a member of the ILMEA All-State jazz choir last January. Ava will be attending SLU this fall. She thanks God, her family, her friends, the director and staff. **Izzy Stewart** (Ensemble) recently graduated from Blessed Sacrament where she played Peter Pan in *Peter Pan Jr.* this past spring. She has been in numerous local productions with the Muni, STC, TIP, and Springfield Dance theatre. She is so excited to be back on the Muni Stage and would like to thank Craig and the staff of *SpongeBob* for giving her this super fun and wonderful opportunity!

Ella Sullivan (Ensemble) is a junior at Springfield High School. She loves to spend her free time singing, dancing, being part of the SHS Poms Team, and hanging with friends. Ella has been a part of shows at STC, TIP, and Muni and is so excited to be back performing under the stars this summer! Ella thanks her friends and family for always supporting her!

Steve Sykes (French Narrator/Ensemble) returns to the Muni stage for the first time in more than a decade with this production, and you'll be able to see him again later this summer in *Newsies*. Past Muni appearances include Julian Marsh in *42nd Street* and ensemble in *Ragtime*. Other favorite roles include Henry Higgins and Col. Pickering in *My Fair Lady*, the Wazir in *Kismet*, Audrey II in *Little Shop*, and Dr. Scott in *Rocky Horror* (twice). Steve would like to thank his wife, Rebecca, for her love and support.

*Caitlin Tom (Ensemble) is excited to head to Bikini Bottom for her first Muni show! She first started performing as a kid in her parents' living room and joined the cast of *The Wizard of Oz* in 5th grade. Sadly, a bad case of stage fright forced her into the acting shadows for several years. Now at age 40, and with a "new me, who 'dis?" attitude, Caitlin is making her lifelong dream of being on a real stage come true.



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*Willow Tom (Children's Ensemble) is a 3rd grader at Owen Marsh Elementary where her favorite subject is math. This is Willow's first Muni show, and stage debut! She is learning to play the violin and ukulele, and enjoys soccer, basketball, Girl Scouts and gymnastics. Willow thanks her mom and dad for supporting her dreams, her sister and best friend Vivian for practicing with her, and her extended family for seeing the show. She also gives "high-paw" to her dogs, Dexter and Lexie, and cats, Simon and Lambert.

Lisa Tossi (Ensemble) is thrilled to be a part of the Bikini Bottom community! She has performed in 42nd Street at STC, as well as in Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory and Legally Blonde with the Muni and Rocky Horror for ADHD productions. Lisa also performed with the Illinettes dance team while at the University of Illinois. She thanks her very supportive husband (HB) and her family and friends for going through this thing called life with her.

Emily Wheeler (Pearl Krabs) is excited to be back on the Muni stage for the first time since 2016. Previous Muni credits include *Into the Woods, Big River, Les Mis, Joseph,* and *Seussical*. After receiving her MA in Voice and Opera from the University of Iowa, she moved to Boston where she continued her



studies in music and dance, and premiered a new musical, *Beloved King*, at Harvard University's Oberon theatre. She would like to thank Craig and the team for the warm welcome home.





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Kristin Wheeler (Mrs. Puff) works for the State of IL as a grant manager. She previously appeared in *Shrek* at Muni as Mama Ogre/Mama Bear and is most excited to share the stage this summer with husband Mark and daughter Susan. Kristin has two 1-year-old goldendoodles that keep her super busy. Thanks so much to Craig and staff for the opportunity to be with family and friends onstage again!

Mark Wheeler (Sheldon Plankton) is happy to be back on the Muni stage and sharing it with his wife (Kristin) and daughter (Susan). Performance credits include most recently *Music Man, Bright Star* (Legacy), and *Spirit of Lincoln* (STC). Mark has also directed many productions, including *American Idiot, Annie Get Your Gun* (STC), and *Pirates of Penzance* (TIP) to name a few. Mark thanks his family for their love and support. He would like to dedicate his performance to the memory of Dale Mason—a great actor, dancer, teacher and friend.

Susan Wheeler (Electric Skate) is excited to be back on the Muni stage having previously been in *Willy Wonka* and *Peter Pan.* Susan recently choreographed *American Idiot* (STC), and the last show she performed in was *Beauty and the Beast* at RHS as Mrs. Potts. Susan would like to thank the cast and staff for this amazing opportunity and for staying safe.

Courtney Wick (The Mayor) is happy to be going under the sea again at Muni, as she played Aquata in *The Little Mermaid*, also directed by Craig Williams. She also performed as Audrey in *Little Shop of Horrors* and Paulette in *Legally Blonde*. Courtney recently wrote and directed her first full-length comedy play, *Nightmare at The Sweet Dreams Inn* for STC. She's grateful for the vibrant and supportive arts community in Springfield that has allowed her to grow as an artist and writer. If you enjoy escape rooms, look for Courtney at Amazing Xscapes this summer!

*Austin Wilson (Old Man Jenkins) is the band director at A-C Central Middle/High School. This is his first theatre experience onstage, but he has been involved in many local productions as a pit musician. Recent productions he's played for include trumpet for Annie at Auburn High and horn for Mary Poppins at SHG and The Wizard of Oz at Muni. He just finished serving as pit director for A-C Central's production of The SpongeBob Musical and is immensely grateful to his students for pushing themselves outside of their comfort zones and inspiring him to do the same.

Hunter Woods (Ensemble) is a Music Major at Lincoln Land Community College. In his free time, he enjoys playing guitar, hanging with friends, and doing magic tricks. This is Hunter's second Muni show, and he would like to thank his parents, his brother, and his friends for believing in him.

Zoey Zara (Karen the Computer) is thrilled to be returning to the Muni this summer! Zoey first appeared on its stage 20 years ago in *Joseph*. Since then, she has gone on to staff and perform in numerous productions in the Springfield area. Favorites include choreographing Muni's *Mary Poppins*, directing STC's 13, and playing Elle Woods in Muni's *Legally Blonde*. Zoey sends her love and gratitude to the *SpongeBob* staff for this opportunityit has been the most fun! She would also like to thank her family and friends for their continued love and support.



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Meredith Vogel-Thomas (Assistant Director/Stage Manager) has extensive experience both on and off stage, but is making her assistant directorial debut with *SpongeBob*! She would like to thank Craig Williams II for the invitation to be a part of the team that brought live theatre back to the Muni stage after two very difficult years. Special thanks to her wife Michelle and their dog Lulu for their love, patience, and support.

Lindsey Rudd (Apprentice Director) is mom to two wonderful kids, Aiden and Everleigh, and wife to DJ, and a special education teacher in District 186. Some of her favorite shows she has been in include *Legally Blonde, Peter Pan, Little Shop* (Muni), *Spring Awakening* (STC), and *Pump Boys and Dinettes* (HCFTA). Lindsey is thrilled to learn from the best this summer and thanks Craig, Anna, Christie, and Meredith for letting her be part of the team and showing her the ropes. Lindsey sends her love to her family and friends.

Jacob Pahde (Producer) has done many things for Muni, but producing is a new adventure. Jacob just got done assistant directing for Athens High's production of *Once Upon a Mattress*, was Mr. Bundles in Muni's production of *Annie* in 2018, and currently serves on the Muni Board. He would like to thank his mom and grandma for instilling in him his love of all things music and theatre. He is so excited for Muni to be back after being dark for two seasons. He's loved working with this fantastic staff and hopes you enjoy the show!

Christie Lazarides (Vocal Director) is thrilled for Muni to be back and to be part of the *SpongeBob* team. Christie is active in local community theatre, both behind the scenes and onstage. For Muni, she most recently appeared onstage in Muni's *Sister Act, Big River, Beauty and the Beast,* and *Les Mis,* and vocal directed *Mary Poppins, Annie,* and *Evita.* Christie wants to thank her wonderful husband Mike, son William, and baby twins Owen and Allie, for being so supportive of her in her theatrical endeavors–love you all so much!

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Anna Maisenbacher (Choreographer) is thrilled to help bring *SpongeBob* to life after a long two years without the joy of Muni. She has directed and choreographed *Legally Blonde* and *All Shook Up* for Muni and was most recently on stage as Millie in *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. Anna is grateful to her wonderful hubby Josh and sends love to their amazing kiddo, JP.

Tom Philbrick (Orchestra Director) is the band director at Southeast High School and the conductor of the Springfield Municipal Band. He has directed the orchestra for several shows for the Muni, including *Aida, Miss Saigon, Jekyll and Hyde,* and *The Wizard of Oz.* He is excited to be back at live theatre and thanks his wife, Bekah, and daughters, Leotie and Aria, for their support.

Dave Barnes (Accompanist) is thrilled to restart Muni with this production-his 27th at Muni. His favorite memory is the night the power went out in the pit just before Judy Burnette's memorable rendition of Gooch's song in *Mame*. Dave likes traveling, fig newtons, the warm pad patch, and singing underwater sea life. The contributions of Shaiera, the unphotographed chinchilla, and Sophie, the verbose dog next door, must also be acknowledged. Many thanks to the core staff for being creative wunderkinds. Remember: today could be the best day ever!

Casey Kulavic (Production Assistant) is an English teacher at Riverton High School where she was involved in their theatre program from 2006 to 2020. She also choreographed Muni's *Annie* and *Wizard of Oz*, as well as STC's *Spring Awakening*. Casey thanks Craig for finding a place for her, so she could be a part of something at Muni this summer. Lots of love to hubby Kevin, new baby Coen, and Perdy pup.

Cindy Wall (Costume Designer) is excited to be back in the Muni costume room with her friend and co-costumer Debbie Schoppenhorst! Cindy has costumed for various Springfield area theatre groups since 2009, all beginning by costuming her church choir for their Christmas Cantata. Enjoy the show!

Debbie Schoppenhorst (Costume Designer) is excited to be back at Muni! She has been costuming shows at Muni, STC, and SHS since 2009. Some of her favorite shows that she has costumed include *The Little Mermaid, Shrek,* and *Evita*–it's always so much fun to join the Muni Family for a show. Debbie sends thanks to co-costumer, Cindy, her family, and her friends for being thought partners and helpers!







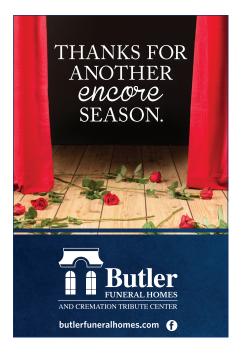


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Stacy Kolaz (Hair & Make-up Designer) has been involved in community theatre for many years and designed make-up and hair for many shows, including the Muni's *Millie, Peter Pan, Sister Act, Little Mermaid, South Pacific, Shrek, Dream Girls* and *Beauty and the Beast.* She is excited to also be Assistant Directing *Newsies* this season. She thanks her family, friends and the snazaroo girls for their constant love and support.

Betsy Buttell (Hair & Make-up Designer) has a BA in theatre from SIUC and is no stranger to the various community theatre stages in Springfield. Most recently, she vocal directed *American Idiot*. She also performed in *Shrek* for the Muni, *The Wedding Singer* for STC, *Pirates of Penzance* for TIP, and *Music Man* and *Bright Star* for the Legacy. Betsy will direct Legacy's upcoming production of *Kinky Boots*. She sends love to her kids and fur babies.

Melody Sheehan (Prop Designer) aka Diva of Doodads has designed props for many of the theatre venues in the area, including, but not limited to, HCFTA, The Muni, STC, ALPLM, and TIP. She wants to thank her husband, Tim, for all that he does to support and assist her.





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