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Shawnee Institute Artistic Division, The Shawnee Playhouse and WORTHINGTON PLAYERS. The artistic arm of The Shawnee Institute was formed in December of 1999 as a 501(c)(3) organization. Our mission statement is to provide diverse, quality artistic programs to the residents of the historic village of Shawnee; its neighbors and visitors. As a not-for-profit organization, the Institute has flourished in its endeavors creating original programs here at Shawnee.

# PLAYBILL

The Shawnee Playhouse



**SEPTEMBER 14 - 29, 2024**

**MUSIC AND LYRICS BY: MICHAEL DEMAIO  
ADAPTATION AND BOOK: BY JAN LINDVIK**

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# CAST

ORCHID THE WICKED.....	Midge McClosky
PRINCESS AURELIA.....	Della Baird
PRINCE ALEJANDRO/RAVEN BOY.....	Thomas Russo
MINSTREL.....	Rocco Martincic
CAMELIA.....	Julianna Mosser
ROSALINDE.....	Anya Cameron
ROSALINDE - STANDBY.....	Johanna Gelbs
MYNTHE.....	Belly Cameron
MYNTHE - STANDBY.....	Arwen Cameron
KING HANNIBALD.....	Stephen Hellman
QUEEN SILKENS SHADE.....	Lori Flanagan
KING ALEJANDRO.....	Carlos Valentin
BOY PRINCE ALEJANDRO.....	Daniel Stone
LORD CHAMBERLAIN.....	Jules Gindraux
GARGOYLE/VILLAGER.....	Chase Cameron
GARGOYLE/VILLAGER.....	Kasper Valentin
ACROBAT/JESTER.....	Averie Cameron
ACROBAT/JESTER.....	Torin Murphy
SOLDIER/GUARD.....	Luke Swierczek
SOLDIER/GUARD.....	Angelo Revilla III
SOLDIER/GUARD.....	Brian Bollinger
SOLDIERS/GUARD.....	Kaela Shade

**SPECIAL THANKS:** Grant Wagner, Eric Uler, Curtiss Burton, The Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort, Sarah McCarroll, Mark Gelbs, Jessica Krupski, Abby Silva

**SETTING: A LONG TIME AGO IN A PLACE FAR AWAY**

**BASED ON THE GRIMM'S FAIRY TALE  
AND CHARLES PERRAULT'S VERSION OF THE STORY**

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# MUSICAL NUMBERS



## ACT ONE

"Morgen Vekke".....	Minstrel & Ensemble
"One Kingdom, One Child" .....	Minstrel & Ensemble
"Kingdom Evil" .....	Orchid & Ensemble
"I'm the King" .....	King Hannibald & Ensemble
"All Good Wishes" .....	Good Fairies & Ensemble
"Kindom of Evil (reprise)".....	Orchid
"From True Love's Kiss".....	Camelia & Ensemble
"The Year's Pass By" .....	Minstrel & Ensemble
"My Life" .....	Aurelia
"Fly, Fly, Fly".....	Orchid
"My Life, Your Life" .....	Aurelia & Prince
"My Life, Your Life (reprise)" .....	Prince
"My Life (reprise)" .....	Raven Boy/Prince

## FIFTEEN MINUTE INTERMISSION

## ACT TWO

"The Birthday Cake".....	Good Fairies
"I Can't Take No More" .....	Aurelia & Guards
"One Hundred Years' Sleep".....	Aurelia, Good Fairies
.....	Orchid, Gargoyles
"Sadly The Years Pass".....	Minstrel & Ensemble
"How Stupid Can One Be!" .....	Minstrel & Good Fairies
"The Birthday Cake (reprise)" .....	Good Fairies Orchid
"Love and Evil" .....	Orchid/Prince
"The Awakening" .....	Prince
"Finale" .....	Ensemble



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**Midge McClosky** (Orchid the Wicked and Set Designer) is humbled by the immense talent and dedication of this entire company and superb cast. After a lifetime on stage and 19 years as Executive Director here at The Shawnee Playhouse, she is ever more grateful for the GIFT that theater is. It was a true joy returning to a character she originally played 31 years ago and being able to do so with a different version of the story featuring absolutely glorious music. Thank you to Johanna, Michael, "her boys" and her entire SHAWNEE FAMILY.



**Della Baird** (Princess Aurelia) Della Baird is thrilled to be a part of Thornrose the Sleeping Beauty Musical. Along with Thornrose, she has been in a number of Shawnee shows. Her favorites include: Cabaret, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat, Oliver JR and Legally Blonde JR. She is Junior at Charter Arts where she's in the world premiere of "Ladies, How Dare You!" As well as stage managing "As You Like It". She wants to thank her fabulous director Johanna, and Michael for writing this show! She thanks you all for coming to the show and she hopes you enjoy it!



**Thomas Russo** (Prince Alejandro/Raven Boy) recently got into doing theatre and has been having a blast. Previous roles include Damien in *Mean Girls*, Matt in *The Fantasticks* and Emmett in *Legally Blonde Jr.* this past summer at Shawnee. He loves music and really anything to do with it. He's always loved musical theatre but never had the confidence to start doing it until about a year ago. It has been a very eventful experience, and he's been enjoying every second of it. You can see him here in *Cold Feet* next month!

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**Johanna Gelbs** (Director, Lighting Designer and Rosalinde Standby) is so excited to be directing this very special original piece! Having just graduated from Bloomsburg University studying Theatre Arts, she feels grateful to be returning home to the Playhouse, this time in the director chair. Some of her favorite productions include: Gooch in *Mame* (Broadway World Best Supporting Actor), Sarah Bernhardt in *A Divine Kerfuffle* (Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival Acting Nomination) and Sage in the *Astronots* (KCACTF Nominee) When not in the director chair, you can find Johanna working on her Improv skills with the Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble, Working with the Pocono Mountains Music Festival up here in the Poconos or behind the desk and leading classes as "Miss Johanna" at In2YouArts where she teaches Music Together! She gives her thanks and love to Midge, Susan, Barb, and the rest of the technical crew - it's been such a gift to work alongside a group of strong, funny, smart and talented women who lift her up and inspire her daily. She would like to give an extra thanks to this cast of Thorn Rose. She feels so lucky to have such a supportive and wonderful cast - where coming in everyday feels like a joy. The amount of lessons learned and experiences gained from this project will stay with her for a long time, and she hopes to have passed down some Shawnee magic, just like what was given to her so many years ago. Enjoy the show!

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**Rocco Martincic** (Minstrel) is a sophomore Musical Theatre major at ESU. This will be his 8th show performed at the playhouse, as well as being a 2 time Shawnee summer intern. Some Credits include Cockney Quartet-My Fair Lady, Santa- A Christmas Story, and Patrick Star- SpongeBob: Youth Edition, but you can always catch him doing some production in the community at various theaters.



**Julianna Mosser** (Camelia) a Sophomore Vocal Major at LV Charter Arts HS began her musical theatre journey at ten-years-old, as u/s Susan Walker, at DeSales University Act 1 Production, *Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street*. Previous Shawnee Playhouse roles: Vivienne, *Legally Blonde Jr.*; Karen Plankton, *SpongeBob Jr.*; Lucille, *Junie B. Jones Jr.*; Martha Cratchit, *Christmas Carol*; Dani, *Broken Window* and 2023 Summer Intern.



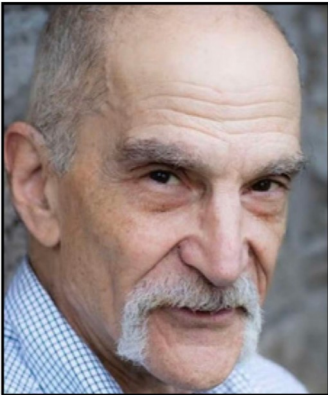
**Anya Cameron** (Rosalinde) is so excited to be part of this wonderful production! She is a freshman, majoring in dance, at Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts. Recent credits include a Delta Nu in *Legally Blonde Junior*, *My Fair Lady*, a Mersister in *The Little Mermaid Junior*, *The Prom*, Young Fiona in *Shrek*, *The Musical*, and *Elf*, *The Ballet*. Anya would like to thank Miss Midge, Miss Johanna her mom, her dad, and her six siblings for supporting her this year!

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**Belly Cameron** (Mynthe) is beyond excited to be part of *Thornrose, the Sleeping Beauty Musical!* She is an eleventh grade dance major at Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts. Recent credits include *Legally Blonde Junior*, *My Fair Lady*, *Coppelia*, *Mame*, Junie B Jones in *Junie B. Jones*, and *Elf*, *The Ballet*. Belly would like to thank Miss Midge, Miss Johanna, her mom, her dad, and her six siblings for supporting her this year! Enjoy the show!



**Stephen Hellman** (King Hannibald) What can I say, Stephen loves it all, from whimsical fantasy fairytales to ensemble drunken sailors, from bad guys to bumbling detectives, there was Harry and Benny and so many more. Obituaries, Dead Indians, and musical theatre to boot. I love it all, and will endeavor to perform as long as I have breath to become someone other than myself. My many thanks and so much appreciation to my fellow cast mates and the staff here at the Shawnee playhouse.



**Lori Flanagan** (Queen Silkenshade) is grateful to be a part of the Shawnee Playhouse family and this production. She is an elementary music teacher in the Bangor school district and a mother of four amazing children. Lori would like to thank Midge and Johanna for being wonderful friends!



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**Susan McCann** (Stage Manager) has stage-managed numerous productions over twenty-five years at the many community theatres in the Toledo Ohio area, As someone new to Stroudsburg, she is very honored to be working with the Shawnee Playhouse and our amazing Director Johanna Gelbs as well as this wonderful group of hard-working actors! Thank you for welcoming me into your community.



**Barbara Beltz** (Costume Designer) is thrilled to be working for another season at the Shawnee Playhouse, having previously worked on *My Fair Lady*, *Mame*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and *A Christmas Story*. Creating the variety of costumes for Thornrose has been tremendous fun. Many thanks to Johanna, Midge and the talented cast and crew for their assistance and support. And, of course, thanks to Ray for his support. Enjoy the show.



**Laurel Cameron** (Choreographer) is thrilled to have choreographed another magical Shawnee production! She is currently a BFA Dance Major and BA French Major at Wright State University. Past choreography credits include *A Year with Frog and Toad Kids* and *Annie Junior*. Past performance credits include *Frenchie/The Gorilla* in *Cabaret*, Ensemble in *The Prom*, Buddy in *Little Elf*, *Big City*, Young Suzanna in *A Good Day*, #2 in *The Wolves*, Featured Dancer in *Mame*, and Elsa's Powers in *Frozen Junior*. Laurel would like to thank Midge and Johanna for helping to bring this enchanting tale to life. Enjoy the show!

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**Brian Bollinger** (Soldier/Guard) is thrilled to be returning for THORNROSE, *The Sleeping Beauty*. His previous performances were “The Thwarting of Baron Bolligrew”, “Christmas Carol”, “Christmas Story” and “The Broken Window.” He can be seen next in “12 Angry Jurors” opening the first weekend of October. Brian enjoys drawing and creating magical experiences during Halloween.



**Kaela Shade** (Soldier/Guard) is very excited to be part of the cast of Thornrose as her first production with Shawnee Playhouse. She is a junior at Bangor Area High School and has been in their productions of *Anastasia* in the ensemble, and *Mean Girls* High School Version as part of the crew. She is also part of her school's Slater Chorale and Treble Choir. In the future, she hopes to attend college and pursue Musical Theatre as a career.



**Arwen Cameron (Mynthe Standby)** is so happy to be in this delightful musical! She is currently earning her BFA in musical theatre with the CAP21 Conservatory at Molloy University. Past credits include Past credits include Frenchie in *Cabaret* (The Shawnee Playhouse), #25 (*The Wolves*, In2YouArts), Pegeen Ryan/ Ensemble (*Mame*, The Shawnee Playhouse), and Babette (*Beauty and the Beast*, Stroudsburg High School). This summer she also made her directorial debut with *A Year With Frog and Toad Kids* here at the Shawnee Playhouse. She would like to thank Midge, Johanna, and her entire family and friends for their immense support and love. Enjoy the show!

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**Carlos Valentin** (King Alejandro) is excited to be a part of Thornrose as it is a chance to perform with his daughter Kasper! He is also excited to perform a show written by the amazing Michael DeMaio. Carlos would like to thank Mrs. Midge McClosky for the opportunity and sends his best wishes to the cast and crew of Thornrose!



**Daniel Stone** (Boy Prince Alejandro) is thrilled to be a part of another Shawnee Playhouse production. This will be Daniel's 6th show and we are so grateful for all the wonderful things that have come from being a part of The Shawnee Family. Thank you to Ms. Midge for this opportunity to play this role. And a big Thank you to Johanna.



**Jules Gindraux** (Lord Chamberlain and Music Director) is an adult-actor and baritone-bass singer who was raised in Pennsylvania. He enjoys delving into bringing every character he is given to life onstage and bringing a smile to everyone's faces. Always willing to lend a helping hand where one is needed, Jules brings his many voices and wide musical range to its fullest potential.

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**Chase Cameron** (Gargoyle/Villager) is so happy to be a part of this awesome cast! Some of his favorite past roles include playing Frog in *A Year with Frog and Toad Kids*, the Mayor of Munchkinland in *The Wizard of Oz*, Randy in *A Christmas Story, The Musical*, Tiny Tim in *A Christmas Carol Concert*, Scuttle in *The Little Mermaid Junior*, Tickle the Dog in *Junie B. Jones Junior* and Toto in *A Christmas Wizard of Oz*. Chase would like to thank Miss Midge and Miss Johanna for giving him the opportunity to play a gargoyle, and his mom, dad, six sisters, and friends for all of their support!



**Kasper Valentin** (Gargoyle/Villager) is an avid performer who recently awarded 2024 Best Young Actress for her role as “Ariel” in *The Little Mermaid Jr.* She also performed the role of “Tiny Tim” in a production of Michael DeMaio’s *A Christmas Carol* and is excited to perform in another Michael DeMaio play. Kasper is an 11 year old 7<sup>th</sup> grade Honor Roll student.



**Averie Cameron** (Acrobat/Jester) is so excited to be an acrobat in *Thornrose, The Sleeping Beauty Musical*. Previous credits include a Bird in *A Year with Frog and Toad Kids*, a Mersister in *The Little Mermaid Junior, A Christmas Carol, The Musical, The Addams Family*, and *Annie Junior*. Averie would like to thank Miss Midge and Miss Johanna for giving her this opportunity, and the rest of her family and friends for their support. Enjoy the show!

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**Torin Murphy** (Acrobat/Jester) is excited to return to the stage after portraying Toad in this summer’s production of “A Year with Frog and Toad Kids”. His passions outside of theatre are dancing with his team at Mountain Dance Company, swimming and riding roller coasters. He would like to thank everyone at Shawnee Theatre, his family and friends for always believing in him.



**Luke Swierczek** (Soldier/Guard and Assistant Stage Manager) has wanted to act since before he could walk. Shawnee Playhouse has been his second home for fifteen years. Favorite roles include “Rosencrantz” in *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead*, “Danforth” in *The Crucible*, “Brian” in *No Sex Please, We’re British*, “Dracula” in *Dracula*, “Tesla” in *Inventing Fire* and “Samuel” in *Sin, Sex and the CIA*.



**Angelo Revilla III** (Soldier/Guard and Fight Choreographer) Now is the winter of Angelo's discontent made glorious. To grace the stage so quickly after his last appearances in “My Fair Lady” and “Cabaret” has been a delight. Previously encountered on stage in such thrilling performances as “Of Mice and Men” and “Dracula”. Angelo will continue to perform on the Shawnee premises as long as they forget to lock at least one door.