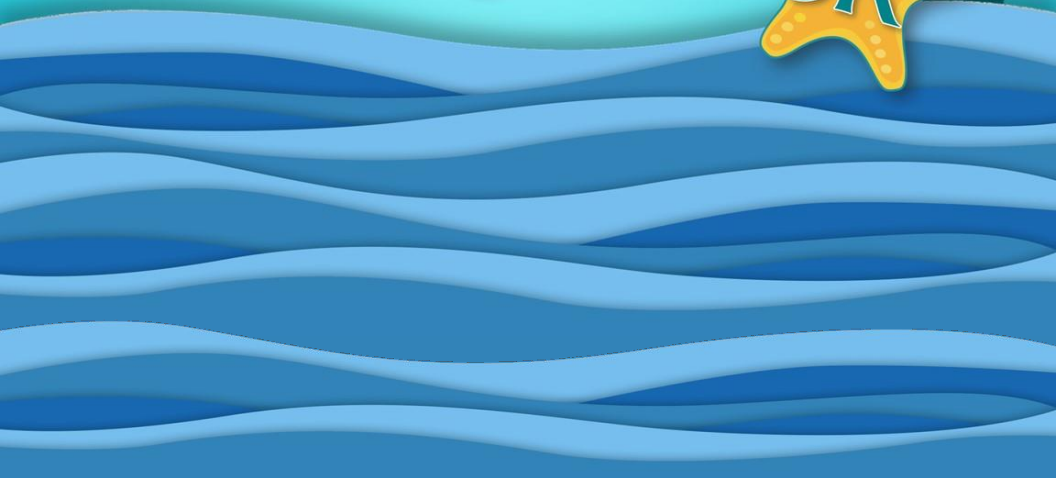


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Director's Note

Thank you for joining us for *The Little Mermaid Jr.*, Ovation's first all student-run musical.

First, it is necessary to thank everyone involved in the show. Ryan and Debrah, thank you for your dedication and attention to this show, it's been a long haul. I couldn't have asked for a better creative team. Thanks to Lizzie and the rest of the crew that kept everything running behind the scenes (Ava, Abby, Jonathan, Hannah, Meg C, and Maddy). Thanks to my parents for putting up with my crazy schedule and always being there to support me, sorry for all those late nights. To the cast, thank you for bringing my vision to life, working hard, and having fun all at the same time. And, to Meg Gore, my inspiration. Thank you for giving me this opportunity and always believing in me. You have been bringing me out of my shell since *Music Man* in 2017 and I am so thankful for your mentorship. Thank you to all of the Gores, you guys have created an environment where kids don't just learn to act, sing, and dance. They learn important values, like confidence, leadership, teamwork, and persistence. Thank you to everyone else involved in the production. It truly takes a village.

This show has been so much fun. Helping these 15 cast members make it to show weekend was an incredible experience. From the beginning I was most excited to introduce theatre to young kids exploring the stage for the first time. I was, however, not prepared for how impactful it is when you watch them work so hard, finally have confidence in themselves, and take big steps to put themselves out there. I had to help each cast member step out of their comfort zone as I was right along side them, out of my comfort zone. The beauty of a student run production is that we were all learning together. I'm incredibly proud of the cast and every member of the crew.

The most important thing that I want the audience to be able to take away from this show is how much fun it is. The story is light hearted and meant to be a good time. I want everyone to be able see the work put into the show but also appreciate how each kid genuinely enjoys the time they spend on stage.

Thank you for joining us tonight under the sea!
I hope you enjoy the show,
Avenley

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Musical Numbers

“Fathoms Below”	Pilot, Sailors, Prince Eric, Grimsby, Ariel
“Daughters of Triton”	Mersisters
“Human Stuff”	Scuttle, Gulls
“Part of Your World”	Ariel
“Under the Sea”	Sebastian, Company
“The Storm”	Pilot, Prince Eric, Grimsby, Ariel, Scuttle, Flounder
“Part of Your World (Reprise)”	Ariel
“She’s in Love”	Mersisters, Flounder
“Poor Unfortunate Souls”	Ursula, Flotsam, Jetsam
“Beluga Sevruga”	Ursula

INTERMISSION

“Les Poissons”	Chef Louis, Sebastian
“One Step Closer”	Prince Eric, Ariel
“Kiss the Girl”	Sebastian, Flounder, Scuttle, Crustaceans
“The Contest”	Grimsby, Princesses
”Poor Unfortunate Souls (Reprise)”	Ursula
“Confrontation”	Ursula, Prince Eric, Pilot, Flotsam, Jetsam, Flounder, Sebastian, Ariel
“Finale”	Company

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Cast

ARIEL Grace Perkins

SEBASTIAN Jenisys Oliver-Joseph

FLOUNDER Luke Anderson

SCUTTLE Ava Leahy

URSULA Charlotte Latour

FLOTSAM Katya Kvetkosky

JETSAM Mirabel Welch

PRINCE ERIC Connor Burns

GRIMSBY Sila Yucel

CHEF LOUIS Kami Latour

PILOT Kami Latour

CARLOTTA Marcella Smith

KING TRITON Cooper Jean

ALLANNA Mirabel Welch

AQUATA Kami Latour

ATINA Sila Yucel

ANDRINA Katya Kvetkosky

ADELLA Harper Cantella

ARISTA Marcella Smith

SAILORS / CRUSTACEANS Liam Craigie
Brady Harlow

GULLS Kami Latour
Mirabel Welch

PRINCESSES Harper Cantella
Kami Latour
Ava Leahy



The Cast of *The L*



Little Mermaid Jr.

Production Team

Director	Avenley Allen
Music Director	Debrah Hernandez
Choreographer	Ryan Kaplan
Stage Manager	Lizzie Sosa
House Manager	Meg Carroll
Costume Coordinator	Maddy Buchanan
Props Coordinator	Ava Amaro
Lighting and Sound Design	Jonathan Uber
Light Board Operator	Abby Parnell
Photographer	Hanna Carroll
Director Mentor	Meg Gore
Music Director Mentor	Sarah Herron
Choreographer Mentor	Katy Gore
Stage Manager Mentor	Tim Gore
House Manager Mentor	Shawna Carroll
Production Supervisor	Meg Gore



The Cast

LUKE ANDERSON

Luke Anderson is excited to be back doing another show with Ovation, where he discovered his love of musical theatre as part of the cast of *Elf Jr.* Since that time, some of his favorite roles have been in *Cats* and as Tiny Tim in a professional production of *A Christmas Carol*. Luke loves spending time with family and friends and is almost always singing and dancing.



CONNOR BURNS

Connor is a fifth grade student at Matthew Thornton School in Londonderry. He loves performing on stage. Connor also enjoys playing guitar, baseball, flag football, learning about history, and reading. He was on the winning Battle of the Books team representing MTS in the district competition. Connor has loved being part of Ovation's production of *The Little Mermaid Jr.* and hopes you enjoy the show!



HARPER CANTELLA

Harper is 8 years old and this is her first play with Ovation. She loves acting and singing so much she decided to audition. She has done the camps before and loved them. She is so excited for the play and she is playing a Mersister, Princess and a Crab. Harper says she feels like the stage is the perfect place to be!



LIAM CRAIGIE

Liam is excited for *The Little Mermaid*. This is his first time performing in a play. Liam likes performing with his friends and is excited to be a sailor and a crab. Enjoy the show!



BRADY HARLOW

Brady is excited to be part of the *Little Mermaid* cast. He was most recently seen in Ovation's production of *Descendants* and in South School's production of *Peter Pan*. When he's not acting, Brady loves to play baseball and basketball, cook with his family, and draw. He'd like to thank Meg and the Ovation team and his family (especially his mom, dad, and sister) for all their support.



The Cast



COOPER JEAN

Greetings, Merfolk! Cooper has been with Ovation Theatre Company for 3 years and is excited to share his 7th performance, as King Triton! He wants to thank the cast and crew of *The Little Mermaid Jr.* and hopes you enjoy the show!



KATYA KVETKOSKY

Katya is excited to be playing the roles of Andrina, Ariel's mersister and Flotsam, Ursula's pet. This is her first on-stage production. She is a third-grade student at Matthew Thornton and also enjoys soccer and gymnastics.



CHARLOTTE LATOUR

Charlotte is in the 5th grade here at Matthew Thornton. She is excited to perform in her 4th show with Ovation. She has made many new friends and enjoys using drama as an outlet for her love of dance and singing.



KAMI LATOUR

Kami is a 7th grader at Londonderry Middle School. This is her second time being involved in the production of *The Little Mermaid Jr.* She began performing with this same show in the 4th grade. Her favorite character she has played to date is Chef Louis. Volleyball is her sport of choice when she's not involved with a show. She hopes you enjoy her rendition of all the characters she is playing in this production.



AVA LEAHY

Ava is very excited to be performing in Ovation's production of *The Little Mermaid*. Ava will be playing Ariel's silly feathered friend Scuttle. She's hoping to make the audience laugh out loud with Scuttle's explanations of "human stuff"! This is Ava's second time performing in an Ovation production and she hopes to participate in many more. Enjoy the show!!

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JENISYS OLIVER-JOSEPH

Jenisys is a 7-year old 3rd grader who loves gymnastics, swimming, and ministering to others through prayer. She has self published her first children's book, "Can Jesus Really Hear My Prayers." This will be her 2nd show with Ovation! Jenisys was thrilled to be playing a Lil Mermaid favorite character — Sebastian! From the singing to the dancing, this has been an amazing underwater adventure. Thank you for coming!



GRACE PERKINS

Grace Perkins (Toni Grace) is honored to appear as Ariel in this Disney classic that is a favorite to many! She loved working with the amazing cast and crew and is ready to perform for you. You saw her last in her first drama role as Lise in *Dark Road*, another great production by OTC. Grace is a 6th grader at AVS and recently released her first single, "Unconditional".



MARCELLA SMITH

Marcella is a middle school student who loves singing and acting. She has been involved with theatre for about a year now. She performed in Ovation's production of *Descendants* in the fall and her school's production of *The Little Mermaid Jr.* in March. Marcella also plays the violin and loves performing with her school orchestra. She hopes you all enjoy the show!



MIRABEL WELCH

Mirabel Welch is so excited for her first performance with Ovation Theatre Company! Mirabel is ten years old and is extremely excited to be playing Jetsam the eel. Mirabel has preformed in multiple Broadway shows with Melissa Hoffman Dance Center. She also preformed in *Oklahoma!* with Kids Coop Theatre in the ensemble. When Mirabel is not on the stage she is playing soccer, or alpine skiing. Enjoy the show!



SILA YUCEL

Sila is a colorful and lively 10 year old who likes to sing, act and travel the world. Sila is a 5th grade student at Matthew Thornton Elementary School. This is her 9th time on stage, and she can't wait for the next show!





June – July 2023

innOvation Camps

Session A (Performing): Students will audition, rehearse for, and present a production of *Frozen Jr.*

Session B (Playing): Join us for a fun week of theatre and improv games that will teach campers about many aspects of acting and performance.

Session C (Producing): Participants will work in small groups to devise their own original show.

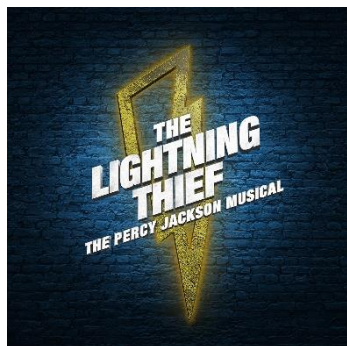
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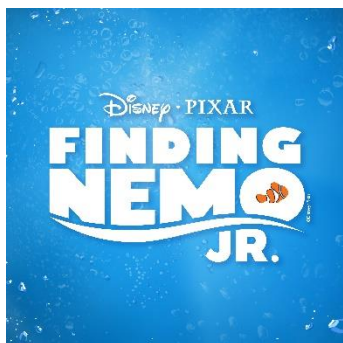
August 11-12, 2023

The Lightning Thief

As the half-blood son of a Greek god, Percy Jackson has newly-discovered powers he can't control, a destiny he doesn't want, and a mythology textbook's worth of monsters on his trail. When Zeus's master lightning bolt is stolen and Percy becomes the prime suspect, he has to find and return the bolt to prove his innocence and prevent a war between the gods. Adapted from the best-selling book by Rick Riordan and featuring a thrilling original rock score, *The Lightning Thief* is an action-packed mythical adventure "worthy of the gods".



Auditions in 2 weeks — register now!



October 6-7, 2023

Finding Nemo Jr.

Marlin, an anxious and over-protective clownfish, lives in the Great Barrier Reef with his kid Nemo, who longs to explore the world beyond their anemone home. But when Nemo is captured and taken to Sydney, Marlin faces his fears and sets off on an epic adventure across the ocean. With the help of lovable characters such as optimistic Dory, laid-back sea turtle Crush, and the supportive Tank Gang, Marlin and Nemo both overcome challenges on their journey to find each other and themselves.

Auditions in August!



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