

# **Director's Note**

*Into the Woods* has been a favorite of mine since I saw Bernadette Peters as the Witch on Broadway years ago. What I responded to then and still today is the humor woven into Sondheim's and Lapine's brilliant score and book. Funny, yet dark at times, *Into the Woods* invites a thoughtful experience.

This is a play about fairytales and wishes, but it is not a story for children. Children may enjoy the music and the characters, but Sondheim wrote this score for adults.

"Children may not obey, but children will listen. Children will look to you for which way to turn, to learn what to be. Careful before you say, 'Listen to me.' Children will listen."

The story is set in the woods, but I believe that the woods are much more than a setting. They represent something different for every character in the story. My vision for this production was to make the woods a living, breathing character in this story. I wanted to create an ever changing (sometimes growing, sometimes dying) environment, and this was accomplished with an extremely talented dance ensemble. Taking this one step further, I chose to have the woods actually tell the story.

So, what do the woods represent in this show? I'll leave you to determine the answer to that question for yourself. For now, I am glad you are here and I invite you to join us on our journey into the woods where I hope you'll be entertained and enlightened.

Happy now, happy hence, happy ever after. Meg Gore

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"INTO THE WOODS" Music and Lyrics by STEPHEN SONDHEIM Book by JAMES LAPINE Originally Directed on Broadway by James Lapine Orchestrations by Jonathan Tunick Original Broadway production by Heidi Landesman **Rick Steiner** Rocco Landesman M. Anthony Fisher Jujamcyn Theaters Frederic H. Maverson Originally produced by the Old Globe Theater, San Diego, CA INTO THE WOODS is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIShows.com

All photography and videography is strictly prohibited. Please turn your cell phones completely off. No food or drink is allowed in the theater.

A strobe light is used during Act II.

# **Musical Numbers**

### Аст I

"Prologue: Into the Woods" "Cinderella at the Grave" "Hello, Little Girl" "I Guess This is Goodbye" "Maybe They're Magic" "Maybe They're Magic (Reprise)" "I Know Things Now" "A Very Nice Prince" "First Midnight" "Giants in the Sky" "Agony" "A Very Nice Prince (Reprise)" "It Takes Two" "Second Midnight" "Stay With Me" "On the Steps of the Palace" "Ever After"

"So Happy" "Agony (Reprise)" "Witch's Lament" "Any Moment" "Moments in the Woods" "Your Fault"

"Last Midnight" "No More" "No One is Alone" "Finale: Children Will Listen"

Company Cinderella, Cinderella's Mother Wolf, Little Red Ridinghood lack Baker's Wife, Baker Baker Little Red Ridinghood Cinderella, Baker's Wife Company lack Cinderella's Prince, Rapunzel's Prince Cinderella, Baker's Wife Baker's Wife, Baker Company Witch, Rapunzel Cinderella Company

### Аст II

Company Cinderella's Prince, Rapunzel's Prince Witch Cinderella's Prince, Baker's Wife Baker's Wife Jack, Baker, Little Red Ridinghood, Witch, Cinderella Witch Baker, Mysterious Man Cinderella, Baker, Little Red Ridinghood, Jack Company

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## Cast

Narrators / Trees / Birds	Ava Boll
	Lochlann Burke-Smith
	Annalise Kuhlmann
	Cecilia Lomanno
	Sienna Milne
	Sadie Olsen
Witch	Betsy Brown
Baker	Zac Barnaby
Baker's Wife	Tracy Hickey
Cinderella	Jenna Sullivan
Jack	Sawyer Broderick
Little Red Ridinghood	Cailean Anderson
Cinderella's Prince	Adam Furgal
Rapunzel's Prince	
Rapunzel	Ella Burroughs
Mysterious Man	Aleksy Garcia
Jack's Mother	Alexandria Hodson
Stepmother	Ashlynn Elkin
Florinda	Lauren Accolla
Lucinda	Michaela Horan
Stewards	Luke Thibodeau
	Jonathan Uber
Wolf	Adam Furgal
Cinderella's Mother	Lela Spira-Savett
Cinderella's Father	Logan Hodson
Giant	Lela Spira-Savett
Granny	Meara Horan

# **Production Team**

Director	Meg Gore
Musical Director	Kevin Fisher
Choreographer	. Mari Frederique-Streitburger
Stage Manager	Tim Gore
House Manager	Lori Olsen
Producer	Dan Gore
Costume Design and Fabrication	Jennifer Brown
Costume Team	Emma Barnaby
	Alice Gibson
	Michelle Horan
	Norma Horan
	Jess Millis
Set Design	Meg Gore
Set Construction and Artwork	Susan Burke
Props Construction Crew	Frank Barnaby
	Fred Brown
	Meg & Dan Gore
Lighting Design	Tyler Soucy
Poster and Program Design	Tim Gore
Fight Choreographer	Katy Gore
Headshot Photographer	



### **Production Team**





#### Lauren Accolla, Florinda

Lauren Accolla is extremely excited to be a part of the production Into The Woods by Stephen Sondheim. Lauren has been in a multitude of shows since she was little, some of which include The Wizard Of Oz, Bugsy Malone Jr, Law and Order: Fairytale Unit, and Alice In Wonderland. She has also been performing vocally at events over the years. Lauren will be performing as Florinda in this production.



#### Cailean Anderson, Little Red Ridinghood

Cailean feels excited—well, excited and scared—to be able to take on this giant of a show alongside some truly amazing new friends. Into the Woods marks her twenty-seventh theatrical endeavor. Special thanks go out to Cailean's voice coach, Bill Carey, and her acting coach, Mike Domeny, for giving her more confidence than she could have ever imagined. Enjoy the show!



#### Zac Barnaby, Baker

Zac Barnaby is 18 years old and a senior (so sad). Zac is homeschooled, and has been his entire life (even more sad). He has been taking voice lessons for the past 6 six years (yet more sadness). Zac has been performing in theater for almost 10 years now (can't get more sad than that). He has performed as Quasimodo in The Hunchback of Notre Dame, Jack Kelly in Newsies, and Jean Valjean in Les Misérables. Huge thanks to the directors, his family for their continued support, and to the audience for your patronage and support. Enjoy the show!



#### Ava Boll, Narrator / Tree / Bird

Ava is thrilled to join this cast as a dancer/narrator. Ava has been dancing at Dimensions in Dance since she was 3 years old. Ava spent one summer at American Ballet Theater in NYC. Dancing in NYC was incredible but her favorite part was seeing many musicals on Broadway. Special thanks to her Dimensions teachers for their never ending support. Ava wants to thank her family for providing love, rides & encouragement.



#### Sawyer Broderick, Jack

Sawyer is so excited to be back with his favorite theatre company in Ovation's production of Into the Woods! Recently he's been seen playing Grantaire in Les Misérables. Sawyer would like to thank Milky White for all of <del>his</del> her support and commitment to the show. He adores the entire production team, especially Tim because HE'S THE BEST. He's really looking forward to auditioning for Ovation's next production, And a Child Shall Lead, because Tim is directing it and he's super cool. He hopes to one day have a pet piggy.

### Betsy Brown, Witch

Betsy Brown is a junior at Londonderry High School who is *enthralled* to be a part of one of the most brilliantly crafted musicals of all time. She looked that fancy word up on Google. Playing the Witch has been a dream come true for Betsy. She started her musical theatre journey in 4th grade and has since been a part of 17 productions. She would like to thank her directors and the production team as well as her fellow cast mates for all of their hard work and dedication. She hopes that you enjoy watching this show as much as she's enjoyed being a part of it!



### Lochlann Burke-Smith, Narrator / Tree / Bird

Lochlann has been dancing for twelve years. She trains in modern, lyrical, jazz, pointe, and more. Ballet is her main focus but she likes to try new styles! She enjoys science, art, vintage fashion, and reading! Lochlann has performed in Dimensions in Dance productions as well as with Ballet Misha. This is her first time working with Ovation Theatre Company, and Meg Gore. She hopes you enjoy the show!



### Ella Burroughs, Rapunzel

Hello! Ella is very excited to be playing the part of Rapunzel in Ovation Theatre Company's production of Into The Woods. She has been taking classical vocal lessons for 7 years and has been doing theatre for 5 years. Some of her previous roles include Ariel in The Little Mermaid, Marian in The Music Man, and Katherine in Newsies. Her role as Rapunzel is sure to take you on an insane adventure. Enjoy the show!





#### Ashlynn Elkin, Stepmother

Ashlynn is extremely excited to play the stepmother in Into The Woods! She loves theatre and preforming and would like to thank her family, friends and of course her fellow castmates and the directing, music and choreography team! She can not wait for you to see the show.



### Adam Furgal, Cinderella's Prince / Wolf

Adam Furgal is very excited to be making his Ovation TC debut with Into the Woods! He is ecstatic to be a part of a show that carries such meaning, depth, and valuable lessons, and can not thank his directors enough for this opportunity. He wishes you enjoy the show!



#### Tony Gallo, Rapunzel's Prince

Tony is excited to perform in his second production with Ovation! Tony started acting in December of last year, but that hasn't stopped him from cramming 5 shows into his first year of acting! Off the stage, Tony creates stories and characters with his friends in a podcast, and writes music in his spare time.



### Aleksy Garcia, Mysterious Man

Aleksy is only 13 years old. He is a talented singer and is hoping to get more experience with acting. Aleksy has learned a lot about how to be more in character and how to be more entertaining. He is very excited to be in this show and can't wait to see what is left on the journey.



### Tracy Hickey, Baker's Wife

Tracy is a senior at Pinkerton Academy and is so excited to be a part of Into the Woods with such a great company! She is an active member of the Pinkerton Chorale and is the her-storian of the Pinkerton Players. She takes voice lessons at The Voice Studio with Danielle Jean, and has been a member of the Palace Teen Company. Some of her favorite roles include Maggie in A Chorus Line, Sister Mary Robert in Sister Act, Wednesday Addams in The Addams Family, and Sandra in All Shook Up. Follow her on Instagram @tracyno.e Enjoy the show!



#### Alexandria Hodson, Jack's Mother

This is the third show Alexandria has been in, and the second one with Ovation. She's had so much fun preparing to present Into the Woods to you. Hopefully, you enjoy it as much as she has. Apart from theatre, Alexandria enjoys the company of cats, books, and video games. She also writes fan-fiction in her spare time.



#### Logan Hodson, Cinderella's Father

Logan is so excited to be in this production of Into the Woods. Logan has been in two other productions by Meg Gore, The Lion King and The Wizard of Oz. In The Lion King he was a Hyena, Wildebeest, and the front of a four part elephant. In The Wizard of Oz he played Professor Marvel, and the Wizard himself. This is his first show with Ovation, but not his last.

#### Meara Horan, Granny

Meara is a seventh grader at LMS. She's thrilled to be in this show! Meara likes riding horses, singing, running, and thinking about giraffes. This is Meara's sixth year of acting, and when not at theater she can be found petting her cats Salem and George. Meara thanks The Gores, Kevin, Mari, and all of Ovation for this experience. Enjoy the show!

# THE DESIDE AND

### Michaela Horan, Lucinda

Michaela is super excited to be in In to The Woods with all these incredible cast members who have worked their butts off to produce the amazing show you are about to see. This is Michaela's ninth show since theater entered her life, altering it forever. Outside of theater, Michaela enjoys fangirling over Harry Potter, Marvel, Disney, Anime, Doctor Who, and Star Wars. She loves reading, writing her book, and composing music. Michaela would like to give one huge thank you to everyone involved in making this amazing show possible. Enjoy!

### Annalise Kuhlmann, Narrator / Tree / Bird

Annalise is in 11th grade, and is excited to perform in her first Ovation show! She enjoys musical theatre, and has performed in many local theatre and dance productions. Her favorite acting roles have been Doc in "Newsies", Hermia in "A Midsummer Night's Dream", and Beth in "Little Women". She also regularly dances in productions with both Dimensions in Dance and Ballet Misha in Manchester, NH.



### Cecilia Lomanno, Narrator / Tree / Bird

Cecilia Lomanno is a sophomore who attends Pinkerton Academy. She has been doing theatre since she was 11, when she was cast as a bird girl in Seussical Jr. Since then, she has participated in many more plays and musicals. Some of her favorite roles so far have been Splasher in Newsies, Jo in Little Women, and a featured dancer in The Wedding Singer. She would like to thank the directors and her cast mates for making this such a wonderful experience. She hopes you enjoy the show!



### Sienna Milne, Narrator / Tree / Bird

Sienna is very excited to perform in Into the Woods. She has been dancing for 9 years at dimensions in dance, and performed with them in the nutcracker multiple times along with other performances. She has also performed as Wendy in Hillside Middle School's production of Peter Pan, and danced with NYCB in Saratoga Springs, NY in Midsummer Night's Dream.

### The Cast of *II*



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#### Sadie Olsen, Narrator / Tree / Bird

Sadie Olsen is 14 years old and is so excited to be a part of Into the Woods, being able to showcase her love of dance and her love of musical theater at the same time! She has been dancing since age 4, has performed as Clara in The Nutcracker, and has been an ensemble member in many other shows. She hopes you enjoy this performance.



### Lela Spira-Savett, Cinderella's Mother / Giant

Lela is so excited to be in her first show at Ovation! She is a junior at Nashua North where she sings in Concert Choir and Treble Choir. She has recently been in Beauty and the Beast (Silly Girl), Ash Girl (The Fairy), and Peter and the Starcatcher (Molly). Lela would like to thank her parents for their support and the fabulous directing team and cast for being so welcoming.



#### Jenna Sullivan, *Cinderella*

Jenna graduated last year and hopes to continue studying musical theatre while minoring in an occupation with children. She fell in love with theatre in 7th grade and hasn't stopped performing since! Her most memorable performance was Jo in Little Women. She would like to thank anyone who has helped her along her theatre filled journey. She would also like to thank Meg and Kevin for pushing her every single rehearsal and giving the constant reminder that she can do anything she sets her mind to! She hopes you enjoy your journey into the woods!



#### Luke Thibodeau, Steward

Luke is a sixth grader at Hampstead Middle School. He enjoys singing, playing the drums and playing video games. This is his first Ovation Theatre Company production. His previous shows have included Legally Blonde Junior, Bert in Mary Poppins Junior and was the Noble Gnarble in the Journey of the Noble Narble at the innOvation Summer Camp. Luke loves theater and is thrilled to be in this Ovation production.



#### Jonathan Uber, Steward

Jonathan Uber is an 8th grader at Hampstead Middle School. He enjoys theatre, singing, playing the piano, and video games. He is super excited to be a part of the Ovation Theatre Company for his second show. His school shows include The Little Mermaid, Pugsley Addams in The Addams Family, Joey Primo in Rock of Ages, Gavroche in Les Misérables with Ovation and now Into The Woods. He hopes you enjoy the show!

# **Applause Ads**

**Cecilia**—We couldn't think of acorn-y joke this time, but we always enjoy watching your tremendous performances! Love, Dad & Mom

Break legs **Michaela** and **Meara**! We love you. We are so proud and excited to see you perform! Love, Mommy and Daddy.

Good luck, **Cecilia**. Keep moving forward! I love your enthusiasm. Love, Grandpa

Congratulations on an amazing show Adam! Love, Mom, Dad, Matthew and Lauren

Dear **Annalise**, You make us so proud when we watch you on stage, following your passion for musical theatre! You are our star! We love you lots, Mom, Dad, Gigi & Graham

Cecilia, I am so proud of you and your hard work. I love you, Memere

Adam, you'll always be my prince! Love, Mom

We are so proud of you, Cecilia. We love you! Papa and Gramma

**Kevin** and **Mari**, Thank you for putting your heart and soul into this production! Your support means the world to me! Meg

**Jen, Lori, Susan and your exceptional teams**, It takes a village, and I deeply appreciate all that you have done to make Into the Woods a success. Your efforts do not go unnoticed and I am so grateful for your generous, selfless spirit. Your work is phenomenal! Thank you! Meg

**Tim**, You are "sensitive, clever, well-mannered, considerate, passionate, charming, as kind as [you're] handsome" ...a true prince! Thank you for always having my back! I love you, always! Mom

**Katy**, Thank you for always listening and offering wisdom beyond your years. Thank you for helping me in so many different ways! I love you, always! Mom

**Dan**, Thank you for your unconditional help and support, and for putting up with me when I'm cranky! Thank you for taking this journey with me. I love you, always! M

To my Favorite Into the Woods Cast EVER, You are rock stars! Love you! Meg

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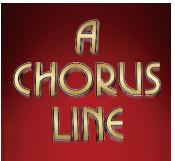
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