

**OVATION**  
**Theatre Company** LLC



**DARK**  
**ROAD**

# Director's Note

Learning about the Holocaust is a visceral experience. To read or hear about the atrocities committed by the Nazis against an entire population, about the over 11 million people murdered in concentration camps and ghettos, leaves me with a sinking nausea in the pit of my stomach. In my attempt to process this, I have found myself sometimes going numb, or telling myself that the people who would become such monsters were people of another time, in another place. But events in our country and in our world continually remind me that this is not the case.

The show you are about to see asks the question that everyone must confront upon learning about this time in history: how did real human beings turn to such darkness? In the words of Daimler, one of the characters in this play: How does evil take root, and what does it feed on? How do we reconcile our outright repulsion with the past with the fact that such terrors still exist today, and are much closer to home than we might think?

This story is dark. It's sickening. It's riddled with despair and pain. It's also our story as humans, and if we don't own it, we can never learn from it. As famed philosopher Santayana stated, those who don't learn from the past are condemned to repeat it. I hope that our performance tonight leaves you with the conviction that we must do everything in our power to ensure that these events are never repeated, ever again.

Thank you,  
Tim Gore

# OVATION THEATRE COMPANY

proudly presents

# DARK ROAD

**MARCH 31 – APRIL 1, 2023**

written by **LAURA LUNDGREN SMITH**

## Cast

<b>GRETA</b>	Emma Durand
<b>DAIMLER</b>	Carmela Buzzanga
<b>LISE</b>	Grace Perkins
<b>MARGA</b>	Cara Berman
<b>INGRID</b>	Avery Barcelos
<b>AUFSEHERIN</b>	Adrianna Bridge
<b>CHORUS</b>	Alaina Anthony Lylah Chaffee Bri Federico

## Production Team

Director .....	Tim Gore
Stage Manager .....	Maddy Buchanan
Costume Design .....	Meg Gore and Tim Gore
Props Design .....	Dan Gore



**The Cast of**





**Dark Road**

# The Cast



## **ALAINA ANTHONY | CHORUS**

This is Alaina's first dramatic play, although she has been in many musicals since the age of nine. Some of her favorite roles have been Ti Moune in *Once On This Island*, Ariel in *The Little Mermaid*, and a featured dancer in *Elf*. She enjoys playing the guitar and ukulele, and is active in voice lessons and songwriting. She is very excited for this opportunity, and hopes you enjoy the production.



## **AVERY BARCELOS | INGRID**

Avery is very excited to be a part of this production. She has done shows with Ovation in the past and is glad that she can help to tell this story. In addition to theater, Avery enjoys crocheting, singing and reading.



## **CARA BERMAN | MARGA**

Cara is thrilled to be in her second production at Ovation Theatre Company! Although this is her first full play, she has been in many musicals including *13* (Cheerleader), *The Addams Family* (Ancestor / Pugsley Understudy), and *Matilda Jr.* (Ensemble). Outside of theater, Cara spends her time dancing at Lefton Dance Complex in Bedford. She would like to thank everyone who made this show come to life!



## **ADRIANNA BRIDGE | AUFSEHERIN**

Adrianna has played many roles over her theater experience, but hasn't had the opportunity to perform in something as impactful as *Dark Road*. This role proposed new challenges for her given its dark nature, but she is grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this work and the message it shares. In her free time, she enjoys writing poetry and stories, crafting, baking, and playing with her son.



## **CARMELA BUZZANGA | DAIMLER**

This is Carmela's first show with Ovation Theatre Company and they couldn't be more excited to see what everyone thinks of the show! Daimler is definitely not in the scope of the roles they usually play, but they really enjoyed stepping outside their comfort zone for this one. They hope everyone enjoys the show!

# The Cast

## LYLAH CHAFFEE | CHORUS

Lylah Chaffee is honored to be part of the *Dark Road* cast. Her favorite roles include Fairy Godmother in *Descendants* (Ovation) and Andrina in *The Little Mermaid* (KCT). She would like to send a huge thanks and congratulations to the cast and directing team for their outstanding work and support.



## EMMA DURAND | GRETA

Emma is thrilled to be in OTC's production of *Dark Road*. She is currently a sophomore at Saint Anselm College. Previous OTC credits are *Chicago* and *Descendants*. Other companies she has worked with include the Abbey Players, Class Act, Palace Youth Theatre, Tyngsborough Community Theatre, UpStage Dramatic Arts and Drama Kids. She hopes you enjoy this powerful piece that is still so relevant here and now.



## BRI FEDERICO | CHORUS

Bri is honored to perform in such an amazing and meaningful play. She would like to thank the cast and directors for putting in the hard work required to tell this story. She would also like to dedicate her performance to her mom, since she wouldn't be telling these stories without her constant support. She thanks her dogs, Remy and Nyla, for their supportive licks.



## GRACE PERKINS | LISE

Grace Perkins is grateful to be cast in *Dark Road* as Lise performing a dramatic role on such an important topic. She loves performing at Ovation and working with their incredibly talented production teams. You saw her last in *Elf Jr.* and she hopes you come see her in May as Ariel in *The Little Mermaid Jr.* Grace attends Auburn Village School as a 6th grader.



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May 12-13, 2023

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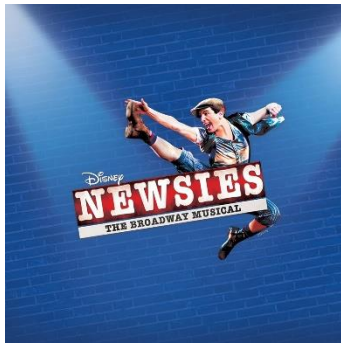
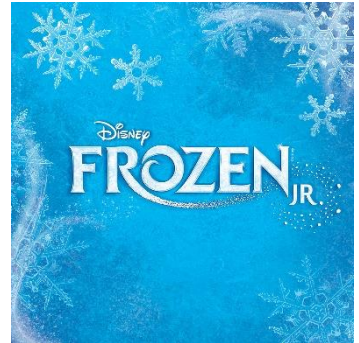
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