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**THE
LIGHTNING
THIEF**
THE PERCY JACKSON MUSICAL

Director's Note

I was 9 years old when I first cracked open my sister's paperback copy of Rick Riordan's *The Lightning Thief* and stepped into the world of Percy Jackson and the Olympians. I was hooked immediately. The style of wit and humor captured my spirit and the characters' quests and triumphs captured my heart. I devoured all 5 books in the series and then started the sequel series, only to be forced to wait agonizing months for each new release. And every one was worth the wait.

I first heard about the *Lightning Thief* musical from my dear friend Betsy Brown, who shared the same love and passion for Riordan's world and characters. I was initially skeptical as to whether I would like the musical (I'd been let down before by a certain movie adaptation...you know the one :) but as I listened through the cast recording, I found myself with a huge smile on my face. I felt like the writers of the musical had captured the spirit and essence of the story and each of the characters through the unique style of music and writing, and had walked the fine line between being faithful to the source material and still feeling remarkably original.

Getting to put on this show with Betsy has been a dream come true. This is a story that means so much to both of us, and it's been an absolute joy to bring it to life onstage. Betsy, I'm so proud of the work you've done on this show, and so grateful to work alongside someone as dedicated and talented as you are. We make a pretty great team :) Many thanks as well to Maddy, our fearless stage manager, who has been the glue holding this show together from the very beginning.

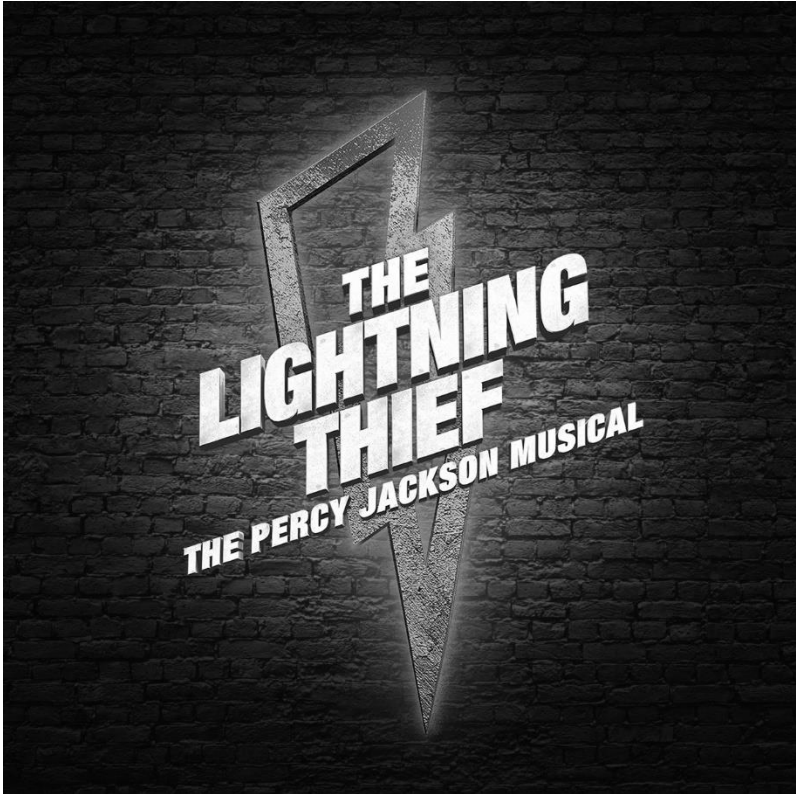
And finally, a very special thank you to Meg (Mom), who, in addition to teaching me everything I know about theatre, has given us all the opportunity to come together and put on a wonderful show in a place where we all can feel at home. Thank you, Mom, for all your support throughout this process and in everything I do. I love you!

Now, sit back and relax, because we've got a pretty epic story to share with you all, complete with monsters, sword fighting, a three-headed dog, and maybe an explosion or two along the way. Get ready for a killer hero's quest!

—Tim Gore

OVATION THEATRE COMPANY

proudly presents



AUGUST 11-12, 2023

Book by
Joe Tracz

Music & Lyrics by
Rob Rokicki

Adapted from the book *The Lightning Thief* by **Rick Riordan**
Originally commissioned, Created, and Produced
Off Broadway by **TheaterWorksUSA**

THE LIGHTNING THIEF

is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals.
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turn your cell phones completely off.**

Cast

PERCY JACKSON	Ethan White
ANNABETH	Hanna Carroll
GROVER	Ryan Kaplan
LUKE	Shane Gillis
CLARISSE / CHARON	Lorelei Stahl
CHIRON / AUNTY EM / HADES	Emma Durand
SALLY / CAMPER	Reya Rivera
MR. D / ARES	Chloe Ferraro
GABE / POSEIDON AND OTHERS	Michael Hughes
SILENA BEAUREGARD	Michaela Horan
KATIE GARDNER	Katie Scali
CAMPER AND OTHERS	Mabel Backman
CAMPER AND OTHERS	Avery Barcelos
CAMPER AND OTHERS	Camille Bishop
CAMPER AND OTHERS	August Emmert
CAMPER AND OTHERS	Allison Zenga

Production Team

Director and Fight Choreographer	Tim Gore
Music Director	Betsy Brown
Stage Manager	Maddy Buchanan
Choreographer	Katy Gore
Dance Captain	Katie Scali
Fight Choreography Consultant	Katy Gore
House Managers	Dan Gore and Shawna Carroll
Set Design	Tim Gore
Set Construction	Dan Gore and Meg Gore
Costume Design	Tim Gore and Meg Gore
Costume Team	Jennifer Brown
Props Coordination	Dan Gore
Props Team	Meg Gore and Miranda Ronan
Lighting Design	Becca Beaulieu
Sound Design	Tim Gore
Crew	James Bridges

Musical Numbers

ACT I

“The Day I Got Expelled”	Percy, Company
“Strong”	Sally, Percy
“The Weirdest Dream”	Percy
“Another Terrible Day”	Mr. D
“Their Sign”	Chiron, Luke, Percy
“Put You In Your Place”	Clarisse, Annabeth
“The Campfire Song”	Luke, Annabeth, Katie, Grover, Silena, Percy, Campers
“The Oracle”	Oracle
“Good Kid”	Percy
“Killer Quest”	Percy, Grover, Annabeth

ACT II

“Lost”	Annabeth, Grover, Percy
“My Grand Plan”	Annabeth
“Drive”	Grover, Percy, Annabeth, Company
“The Tree on the Hill”	Grover
“D.O.A.”	Charon, Company
“Son of Poseidon”	Percy, Annabeth, Grover, Ares
“Last Day of Summer”	Percy, Luke, Company
“Bring On the Monsters”	Company



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Lightning Thief

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MABEL BACKMAN | CAMPER AND OTHERS

Mabel is a rising sophomore at Pinkerton Academy. In her free time she loves to play softball and read. She would like to thank everyone involved in this wonderful show and also Hanna for writing her bio. She hopes you enjoy the show!



AVERY BARCELOS | CAMPER AND OTHERS

Squeak squeak, squeak squeak SQUEAK SQUEAK. Squeak squeak squeak, SQUEAK, squeak squeak squeak *Squeak* squeak. SQUEAK!!



CAMILLE BISHOP | CAMPER AND OTHERS

Camille is so excited to be a part of her first ever Ovation production!! Some of her favorite shows she's been in include *The Wizard of Oz*, *Addams Family*, and *Newsies!* Camille also participates in musical theater at Bedford High School! She is thrilled to be able to share this story with everyone and hopes they enjoy the show!!



HANNA CARROLL | ANNABETH

Hanna is a rising junior at Londonderry. She also does basketball and tennis at school. She hopes you enjoy the show!



EMMA DURAND | CHIRON / AUNTY EM / HADES

Emma is thrilled to be in OTC's production of *The Lightning Thief*. She will be attending Manhattanville College to study Musical Theatre this fall. She previously attended Saint Anselm College. Previous OTC credits are *Chicago*, *Descendants*, *Dark Road* and *Newsies*. Other companies she has worked with include the Abbey Players, Class Act, Palace Youth Theatre, and Tyngsborough Community Theatre. She hopes you enjoy this show that combines two of her favorite childhood things: musicals and Percy Jackson!

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AUGUST EMMERT | CAMPER AND OTHERS

August has appeared in 7 other productions, though this is their first Ovation show. Auggie is going into their senior year of high school at Nashua High School North. Having fallen in love with theatre at a young age, they aspire to be the best they can and put in their all in this production. This is their favorite cast to work with by far, they found people they could trust and be themselves around.



CHLOE FERRARO | MR. D / ARES

Chloe is so excited to be in her fourth Ovation production! She is a junior at the University of New Hampshire studying Musical Theatre and Secondary Theatre Education. Some of her recent favorite credits include Bea from *Something Rotten!*, Katherine in *Newsies*, and Woman 5 in *Songs for a New World*. She hopes you enjoy the show!



SHANE GILLIS | LUKE

Shane is so thrilled to be in his second Ovation production in this dream show. He is rising sophomore at Nazareth University where he is pursuing a BFA in musical theatre. Previous credits include Leon Czolgosz (*Assassins*), George (*The Wedding Singer*), Race (*Newsies*), and Leaf Coneybear (*The 25th Annual...*) for which he won a New Hampshire Theatre Award for Best Supporting Actor.



MICHAELA HORAN | SILENA BEAUREGARD

Michaela Horan has been a part of Ovation since their inaugural production of *Les Mis*. Outside of theater she is the author of the *Rolling Hills* series, and enjoys writing and performing her original music. As a long time Percy Jackson fan, she's so excited for you to see the show!



MICHAEL HUGHES | GABE / POSEIDON AND OTHERS

Michael is excited to be back at Ovation for another show! His other credits here include Emcee in *Chicago* and Marius in *Les Misérables*. He hopes you enjoy the show!!



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RYAN KAPLAN | GROVER

Ryan is thrilled to be working with Ovation once again! He has recently appeared onstage in roles such as Oedipus (*Oedipus Rex*), Pepper (*Mamma Mia*), and Jay (*Descendants*). Ryan is also the Founding Artistic Director of The Fletcher Family Theatre, where he has produced twelve shows over the past three years. He is proud to work with Ovation as a Student Resident Artist. Enjoy the show!



REYA RIVERA | SALLY / CAMPER

Reya is a junior at Londonderry High School, and is ecstatic to be playing the role of Sally Jackson in her first ever Ovation production. This is Reya's 20th Show, but some of Reya's most recent roles include Hope Harcourt in Majestic Theatre's *Anything Goes* and Grizabella in Majestic Theatre's *Cats*. Reya hopes you enjoy the show, for it was one Killer Quest!



KATIE SCALI | KATIE GARDNER

Katie is absolutely stoked to be performing in one of her all time favorite musicals! Although she was nervous to assist in choreographing her first musical, she is incredibly grateful to have experienced this journey with such a supportive cast and crew. The people who worked on this show have turned something so daunting into a relaxed and enjoyable experience! Huge thank you to Meg, Katy, and Tim for the opportunities, lessons, and support! Thank you to her family, teammates, and everyone seeing the show :)



LORELEI STAHL | CLARISSE / CHARON

Lorelei is so excited to be doing her first ever show with Ovation! She loves performing, and has a history in dance and music, playing several instruments. Recently she has played roles such as Laura Wingfield in *The Glass Menagerie* and Lily in *Anastasia*. Lorelei is currently going into her senior year and is thrilled to be a part of this production!



ETHAN WHITE | PERCY JACKSON

Ethan is thrilled to be portraying Percy Jackson in Ovation's production of *The Lightning Thief*. Other roles include Wayne Hopkins in *Puffs*, Carlos in *Descendants*, Mr. Bumble in *Oliver Jr.*, and Pugsley in *The Addams Family* Young at Part. A senior at GDRHS, he participates in Chamber Choir, Dungeons and Dragons Club and the ADL. Ethan thanks his family for their love and support, and Ovation for this incredible opportunity.

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ALLISON ZENGA | CAMPER AND OTHERS

Allison is 13 years old, and this is her first production with Ovation. She is very excited to be working with them on such a fun show. Outside of Ovation, she's been in *Moana* and *Matilda*, both of which were a ton of fun as well. She is a dancer and has been dancing for 7 years. Allison has had such fun in the making of this production, and has loved working with Ovation, and hopes you enjoy *The Lightning Thief!*



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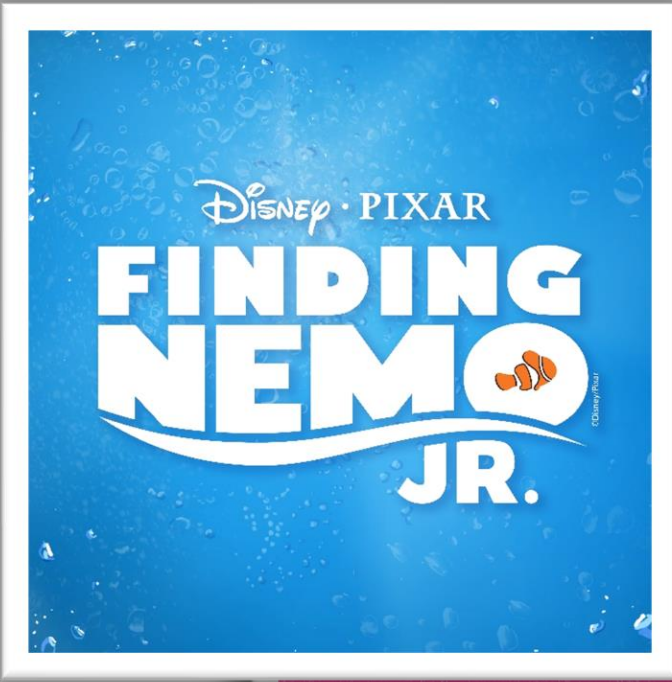
Pam Sternberg

..and all of our incredible volunteers!



October 6-7

Ages 8-18



November 10-11

Ages 13-18



AUDITIONS AUGUST 20!

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