



LOWER LIGHTS  
THEATRE COMPANY

PRESENTS

NIGHT *of the*  
STARS

AND

*Rising*  
STARS

SHOWCASE

2025

# FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

At Lower Lights Theatre Company, we believe every person has been given talents by God—talents meant to bless the world. Some talents inspire, some organize, some dream big, and some bring those dreams to life.

But talent only becomes real when it's put to use. Without a place to practice, grow, and share it, even the brightest gift can remain hidden. Lower Lights exists to be that place:

A place to perform.

A place to learn.

A place to lead.

A place to grow.

The world around us can sometimes feel heavy, uncertain, and discouraging. That's why protecting and sharing light matters so deeply. At Lower Lights, we strive to be a beacon of hope—a place where light is strengthened, joy is fostered, and families can come together to experience uplifting, meaningful stories.

We are committed to celebrating goodness, nurturing traditional family values, and showing that beauty, hope, and truth are still very much alive.

More than creating exceptional productions, our mission is to inspire exceptional lives. Thank you for helping us shine light into our community and beyond.

Cheri Moore

Executive Director of Lower Lights Theatre Company

# OUR MISSION

Our mission is to provide opportunities for children, youth, adults, and families in Northwest Arkansas to collaborate in and perform quality artistic works with high standards and to develop and celebrate God-given talents.

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Together we will:

IGNITE the spark of passion for the arts

INSPIRE participants to develop their God-given talents

SHINE light and goodness in our community through performance

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Learn more about our mission, standards, and values by visiting  
[LowerLightsTheatre.org/about](http://LowerLightsTheatre.org/about) or [/values](http://LowerLightsTheatre.org/values)

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We believe that each of us has talents that need to be discovered, developed, and shared. If you are interested in theatre, backstage, tech, costumes, sets, ticketing, or even concessions, we have a place for you!

SCAN TO SIGN UP!

High Schoolers



Adults

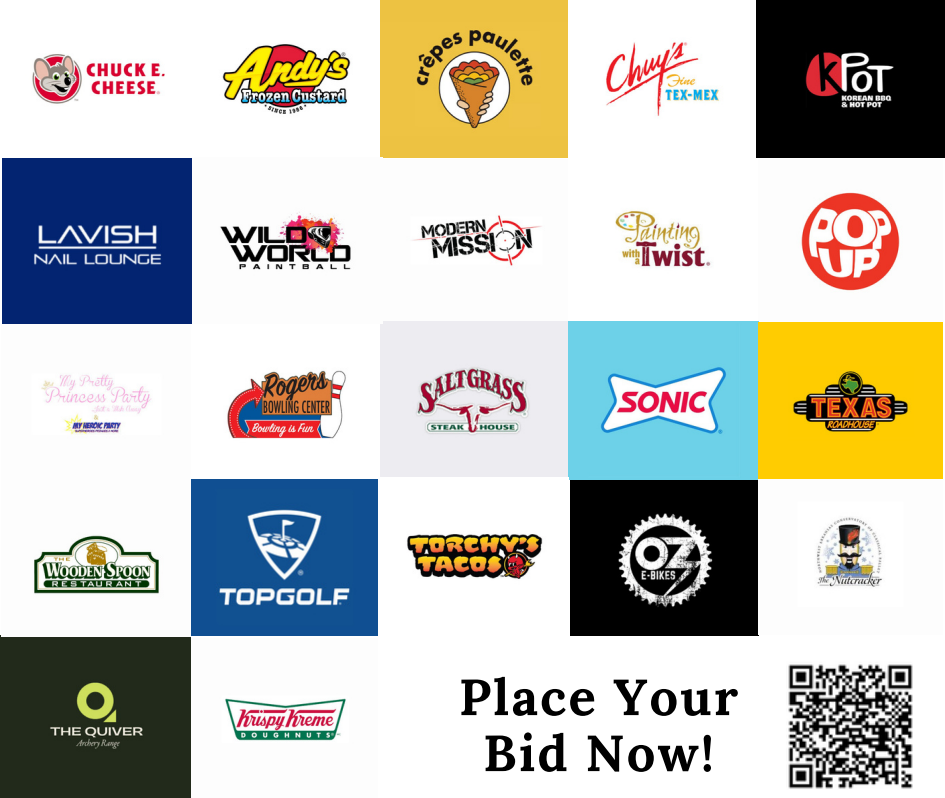




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# RISING STARS SHOWCASE

## THURSDAY EVENING

### ACT 1

**Hallelujah** (*Sing*)

Alison Kerkhover

**How Far I'll Go** (*Moana*)

Pavithra Santhosh Nair

**Out There** (*The Hunchback of Notre Dame*)

Will Orchard

**Toccatina** (Timothy Brown)

Calvin Barrow

**Little Girl** (*Matilda*)

Adalyn Dowdle

**Indian Bollywood Dance**

M&M Dance Studio - Youth

### ACT 2

**Stepsisters' Lament** (*Cinderella*)

Lily & Lochlan Millward

**A Million Dreams** (*The Greatest Showman*)

Skylar McGrath

**Maybe** (*Annie*)

Clementine Allen

**Count on Me** (Bruno Mars)

Alena & Milly Moore

**Never Grow Up** (Taylor Swift)

Mary & Elizabeth Hill

**Friend Like Me** (*Aladdin*)

Avoree and Aria Harris

# NIGHT OF THE STARS

## FRIDAY EVENING

### ACT 1

<b>Friend Like Me</b> ( <i>Aladdin</i> )	Wyatt Felix
<b>Little Girls</b> ( <i>Annie</i> )	Monique Draper & Ensemble
<b>The Beginning</b> ( <i>An Original Composition</i> )	Karina Field
<b>Love is an Open Door</b> ( <i>Frozen</i> )	Chelsea & Jack Carskaddon
<b>Over the Rainbow</b> ( <i>The Wizard of Oz</i> )	Kate Nielson
<b>Indian Bollywood Dance</b> ( <i>An Original Dance</i> )	M&M Dance Studio - Ladies
<b>Astonishing</b> ( <i>Little Women</i> )	Astrid Allen
<b>A Long, Hard Winter</b> ( <i>An Original Composition</i> )	R.G. Deason
<b>Romantic Flight</b> ( <i>How to Train Your Dragon</i> , arr. Patrik Pietschmann)	Keara Moore
<b>Taylor the Latte Boy</b> ( <i>Kristin Chenoweth</i> )	Stacy Paper

### ACT 2

<b>Together Again</b> ( <i>Young Frankenstein</i> )	Monique Draper & Liz Stoneking
<b>Eye to Eye</b> ( <i>A Goofy Movie</i> )	Emily Poaletti, Kahle Von Bose, Scott Sweeten, Scott Barclay, Danny Orchard, Steve Poatletti, Joshua Reynolds
<b>Stepsisters' Lament</b> ( <i>Cinderella</i> )	Emily Tran & Veronica Cederlof
<b>Too Young to be Old</b> ( <i>Jax</i> )	Mazie Moore
<b>You'll be in My Heart</b> ( <i>Tarzan</i> )	Celeste, Kian & Odette Poyfair
<b>Stars</b> ( <i>Les Miserables</i> )	Scott Sweeten
<b>Rise Up, Let's Go</b> ( <i>Amy McKnight, Original Dance</i> )	Avoree Harris, Mari & Grace Juneau
<b>Popular</b> ( <i>Wicked</i> )	Taryn & Keara Moore
<b>A Thousand Years</b> ( <i>Christina Perri</i> )	Myla & Kathryn Bashaw
<b>The Girl in 14G</b> ( <i>Kristin Chenoweth</i> )	Mattie June Hirst

# NIGHT OF THE STARS

## SATURDAY EVENING

### ACT 1

<b>Friend Like Me</b> ( <i>Aladdin</i> )	Wyatt Felix
<b>Little Girls</b> ( <i>Annie</i> )	Monique Draper & Ensemble
<b>The Beginning</b> (An Original Composition)	Karina Field
<b>Love is an Open Door</b> ( <i>Frozen</i> )	Chelsea & Jack Carskaddon
<b>Over the Rainbow</b> ( <i>The Wizard of Oz</i> )	Kate Nielson
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<b>Taylor the Latte Boy</b> (Kristin Chenoweth)	Stacy Paper
<b>Piano Man</b> (Billy Joel)	Garth Smith, Eric Rowlee, Steve Poaletti, Stephen Herzig, Andrew Thompson

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# MEET THE TEAM



**Cheri Moore, Producer/Executive Director** - I grew up near Chicago and, after living in several states, my family of 10 has made Centerton, Arkansas, home for 5 years. With a background in music, theatre, and event organizing, when I couldn't find programs that nurtured both faith and talent for my children, I felt called to create one—founding Lower Lights Theatre Company, which has blessed hundreds of performers over the past 4 years.



**Jason Nestor, Music Director** - I'm a senior finance manager at Walmart with a degree in Economics from BYU-Idaho and an MBA in Finance from BYU. Outside of work, I enjoy singing in choirs, playing piano, photography, baking wedding cakes, and spending quality time with friends—whether on a scenic trail or at a competitive board game night.



**Jamie Willette, Stage Manager** - I'm a junior at Bentonville West High School and hope to pursue a career in psychology or law. I've worked on *SpongeBob the Musical*, *Oz*, *James and the Giant Peach*, and *Little Women*. In my free time, I love reading, creating art, listening to music, going to concerts, and making memories with friends and family.



**Ashley Felix, Auxiliary Specialist/House Manager** - I love all things adventure and am often found riding my mountain bike, playing sports, or exploring in nature. I have a passion for coaching, laughing, playing, teaching, singing and dancing, learning, and loving. My husband and I love raising our four darling children—they are my pride and joy. I'm severely extroverted and suffer from FOMO frequently—I'm always down for a good time!



**Katie Castaldi, Concessions Manager** - I grew up in Hawaii but have called Arkansas home for the last 15 years with my husband and 4 children. My favorite part of working with Lower Lights is working with my friends and seeing so much talent from NWA! I love anything crafty, being silly, fully baked cookies, Disney, sunshine, my family and Jesus Christ.



**Monique Draper, Production Director** - Hooked on the performing arts since discovering applause beats homework, I earned a Theatre minor from Utah State (2004) and two MainStage acting awards. After co-founding Triple Threat Music, Dance, and Theater in 2016, I joined Lower Lights in 2023 as Production Director, where I channel my love of building, crafting, and stage magic—while juggling 7 kids, 3 dogs, and plenty of organized chaos.



**Braden Moore, Finance Director** -As Cheri's other half, I never imagined I'd be immersed in theatre, but Lower Lights has been a blessing for our family. At home, I support Cheri and keep things running smoothly. I'm an accountant who oddly enjoys spreadsheets, serve as minister at our church, and enjoy playing basketball. Most of all, I love serving my family and our church family.



# MEET THE CAST

Please note: M&M Dance Ladies will perform Friday evening. The Piano Man Band will perform Saturday evening.

**A Capella Group (Night of the Stars)** - We are a confluence of individuals tethered together by music and time producing far out harmonies that are constantly changing and varying, creating explosions of sound in your ears and in your mind, as the music dances through the aether of the air and bounces around in the ceiling and comes back down where you are sitting perched and waiting for more of the glorious waves of sounds to waft over you. Buckle in for the chair raising pop ballad harmonics of late 90's Disney home video music sure to bring a tear to your eye and a pep to your step.

**Adalyn Dowdle (Rising Stars Showcase)** - I have been in 4 musicals and I have been doing choir for 8 years. I recently moved to NWA and am a freshman at BWHS.

**Alena & Milly Moore (Rising Stars Showcase/(Milly) Little Girls Ensemble in Night of the Stars)** - We are excited to be performing together this year! We've been in every Lower Lights production that we've been able to be in, including *A Year with Frog and Toad* most recently. We both love to sing and play with friends,

**Alison Kerkhover (Rising Stars Showcase)** - I love everything about singing! I have a great memory for songs—I can usually hear one just once and remember the words and rhythm. I'm also starting to enjoy acting, which has been really fun. Singing is my biggest passion, and I love sharing it with others. I'm outgoing, energetic, and I enjoy helping my friends learn new things.

**Astrid Allen (Night of the Stars)** - I could give you a résumé. But the real measure of my acting experience comes in the joy that it has brought to me, and hopefully to others. I love performing because it gives me the opportunity to share a part of myself that I don't get to share in every day life.

**Avoree and Aria Harris (Rising Stars Showcase)** - We're 8 and 11 year old sisters, in second grade at Central Park Elementary and 5th grade at Brightfield Middle School. We're so excited to dance together. We both dance competitively at Turning Pointe Dance Center. I (Avoree) love choreographing dances with my friends after school. My (Aria) biggest passion is cats, dance, and basketball.

**Avoree Harris, Mari & Grace Juneau (Night of the Stars)** - We're an energetic trio who's become the greatest friends growing up in the same neighborhood together. Our afternoons are often filled with laughter, music, and creativity as we come together after school to make up dances and share our love of performing. Tonight, we're thrilled to bring our friendship, sisterhood, energy, and fun to the stage!

**Calvin Barrow (Rising Stars Showcase)** - I was born loving music. I learn most of my music by ear but my mom is encouraging me to learn to read notes. I've been playing the piano for 1.5 years.

**Celeste, Kian & Odette Poyfair (Night of the Stars)** - I (Celeste) love anything musical. I enjoy playing volleyball and am studying bio in college. I'm heading on a mission trip to Peru for 18 months and until then, I spend my time studying Spanish and hanging out with my family. I (Kian) am a junior at BWHS. I like playing football and singing in the Chamber choir at my school. In my free time I enjoy hanging out with my friends, playing the violin, and working at Wrights's BBQ. And I (Odette) am a 6th grader at CMS. I like theater and my dog Luna. In my free time I enjoy singing, dancing, and playing video games.

**Chelsea & Jack Carskaddon (Night of the Stars)** - We've been singing and dancing together for 14 years, and now our biggest audience is our three kids—ages 5, 3, and 1—who get front-row seats to our kitchen concerts. Music fills our home daily, and we love turning up the volume and making memories together. Performing has always been a shared joy for us, and we're excited to share that joy with all of you tonight.

**Clementine Allen (Rising Stars Showcase)** - I think everybody should know that I love legos.

**Emily Tran & Veronica Cederlof (Night of the Stars)** - We have done theater over the years and after becoming mom's we've realized it's time to step back into the spotlight. We are grateful for our husbands and daughters for letting us perform.

**Kate Neilson (Night of the Stars)** - I am a music student at Key and Strings Studio and I have a passion for everything music. I love singing, piano, and violin. I recently got to participate in *A Year with Frog and Toad* with Lower Lights and have loved to learn and grow with them!

**Keara Moore (Night of the Stars)** - I have been playing the piano since I was 5 years old, taking lessons off and on until I found my passion playing. For the past several years, I have been teaching beginner and intermediate students. I am a sophomore at Brigham Young University, however I am leaving to serve a full-time mission for my church in Washington DC.

**Lily & Lochlan Millward (Rising Stars Showcase)** - We're so excited to perform together again this year! I (Lily) am an artist and I just got to perform in *Frog and Toad* with Lower Lights - we love this theatre company! Ever since we sang in Rising Stars last year, we have been excited to work on this song for this year! I (Lochlan) just got to play the roles of mole and butterfly ensemble in *Frog and Toad*, which is perfect because I love dancing, singing, acting, and animals! I want to be a marine biologist when I grow up.

**Little Girls Ensemble (Night of the Stars)** - Aurora Geerlings, Gemma Orchard, Julia Field, Lucie Field, Mia Santana, Milly Moore, Ruby Orchard & Ruby Robbins.

**Liz Stoneking (Night of the Stars/Emcee)** - I'm an army brat who grew up all over the world, which gave me a deep love for stories and an absurdly silly sense of humor. I fell in love with theater at the tender age of 10 when I played Puck in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and I've been hooked ever since. Over the years, I've had the joy of playing Ida in *Honk!*, Mrs. Chauvenet in *Harvey*, Sally in *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, and Aunt March in *Little Women*. I love making people laugh and bringing characters to life, and I'm so grateful to be part of this production!

**M&M Dance Studio (Rising Stars Showcase/Night of the Stars)** - We are dedicated to sharing the joy of dance through both classical and Bollywood dance forms. Since our inception, we have proudly trained hundreds of students across all age groups, fostering a love for dance in a supportive and inclusive environment. Ladies: Mithu Jewel, Shincy Koodathil, Meetu Menon. Youth: Aarav Bhagawan, Divyansh Sahu, Dharya Sri Angadala, Manasvi Kanaparathi, Akshara Cinthireddy.

**Mary & Elizabeth Hill (Rising Stars Showcase)** - We're sisters who love making music together! I'm an 8th grader at Fulbright Junior High and have played piano for eight years—I also enjoy singing and playing guitar. My little sister just started kindergarten and loves crafting, dancing, and singing. After watching last year's Night of the Stars, she couldn't wait to join me on stage this year!

**Mattie June Smith (Night of the Stars)** - I moved from Utah to Bella Vista a couple years and love it here in NWA! While my girls are in school and my little guy is entertained, I'm usually in my studio photographing families. I love soaking in the beautiful fall colors!

**Mazie Moore (Night of the Stars)** - I'm in 8th grade, have been with Lower Lights since it started and have been in almost every Lower Lights show. This year, I played Lady Bird in *A Year with Frog and Toad* and Young Amy in *Little Women*. I am also a part of my school and church choir and my school orchestra. I love to sing and can hardly go a minute without music.

**Monique Draper (Night of the Stars/Emcee)** - I am a creator and performer at heart. When I'm not on stage, I'm running the greatest show on earth—complete with seven kids, three dogs, and a backyard circus (kidding...sort of).

**Myla & Kathryn Bashaw (Night of the Stars)** - I love music and fine arts. I chose this song because it fun to sing and it is with my mom, who I love the most in the world. I also love playing violin in the Bentonville Community Orchestra.

**Pavithra Santhosh Nair (Rising Stars Showcase)** - I love singing dancing and art. I am a fun loving person but am also competitive and always try to give my best.

**Piano Man Band (Night of the Stars)** - We are a group of musicians who love making incredible music individually and together.

**R.G. Deason (Night of the Stars)** - I've been performing in front of audiences for over 45 years and I've played all sorts of venues in that time from church, where I started, to county fairs, local radio and local clubs. I've played in bands and solo.

**Scott Sweeten (Night of the Stars)** - I live in Bella Vista with my wife and three kiddos. Music has always been a big part of my life and I'm thankful to Lower Lights Theatre for provide this opportunity for kids and members of the community to perform.

**Skylar McGrath (Rising Stars Showcase)** - I like to draw, sing, and write stories. I am also a competitive gymnast. I live in Bella Vista with my mom, dad, 8 year old sister and 2 year old brother.

**Stacy Paper (Night of the Stars)** - I am so excited to step onstage again with Lower Lights! I am a mom of two and new(ish) to NWA. I have a background professionally as a performer and director, but now spend my time in community theatre and teaching the next generation of performers privately as a teacher in my home.

**Taryn Moore (Night of the Stars)** - I am a 12th grader at Bentonville West High School, and I have been performing for over 12 years. I love to read, crochet, and of course, sing! When I graduate, I plan on studying horticulture and landscape design. This is my fourth Night of the Stars at LLTC, and I'm thrilled to be a part of it!

**Will Orchard (Rising Stars Showcase)** - I love theatre and have been involved with Lower Lights for over a year now; they are amazing! I'm a huge fan of BYU football and everything about it. My favorite musical is *Little Women*, and my favorite song is "Go the Distance" from *Hercules*. I would like to give thanks to my dad, my mom, and Taryn Moore for their support.

**Wyatt Felix (Night of the Stars)** - This will be my third time performing in NOTS and i can't wait to perform the dynamic character, Genie, from the movie "Aladdin" for ya'll! I also enjoy beatboxing, singing, and doing impersonations that make people smile. Music is a big part of who I am—I play both piano and guitar, as well as sing and make music with my family non-stop. It's a joy to be in stage!

## THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS!

We can't do this without you!

Nate Ririe, Mathew Hufford, Addison Hufford, Macie Hammond, Carden Moore, Wes Orchard, Eden Orchard, Andi Felix, Mariah Castaldi

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Hayley Lionheart (Judge)  
Jessica Orchard (Judge and Auxilliary Support)

# A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT!

Thank you to Tevo Christmann for volunteering his time to help us make this event a success! Thank you to Kara and Hope for sacrificing time with Tevo so he could help us. You have no idea what this meant to us!

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### Camp Lighthouse Musical-in-a-Week Camp

Experience all aspects of musical theatre in just 5 days! Shows performed at the end of the week!



#### SESSIONS:

June 8-12

Days: M-F 9AM-3PM (4PM FRI)

June 15-19

Ages: Entering 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade thru Entering 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

July 6-10

Cost: \$250

July 13-17

July 20-24



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# SOMETHING GREAT!

## Fall Musical: The Wizard of Oz

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Performances Mid October

Casting ages 7-18

Join Dorothy on a magical journey down the Yellow Brick Road! With unforgettable friends, daring adventures, and the power of believing in yourself, this timeless classic will sweep you off your feet.



## Looking Ahead...

Throughout 2026, we will have a variety of programs to be a part of!

Plan to audition for NIGHT OF THE STARS + RISING STARS 2026 in September

Auditions for ANNIE (ages 8-100) will be late 2026/early 2027

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