



McDonald County
High School



LOWER LIGHTS
THEATRE COMPANY

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A BROADWAY MUSICAL
FOR YOUNG AUDIENCES

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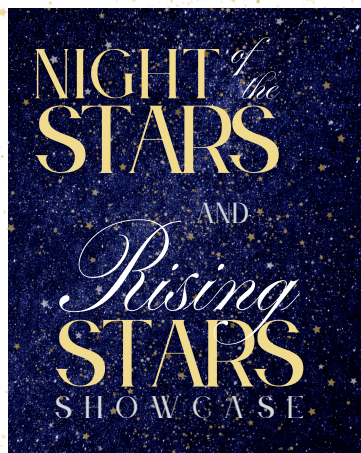
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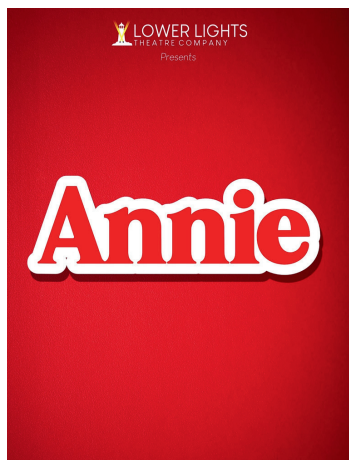
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FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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 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



A YEAR WITH FROG AND TOAD

Musical Numbers

ACT 1

A Year with Frog and Toad	Birds, Frog, Toad
Spring	Frog, Toad, Birds
Into Seeds	Toad
The Letter #1	Snail
Getta Loada Toad	Frog, Toad, Turtle, Mouse, Lizard, Ensemble
Underwater Ballet	Marmee, Younger Sisters
Alone	Frog
The Letter #2	Snail
Cookies	Frog, Toad, Birds, Ensemble

ACT 2

Leaves: A Year with Frog and Toad	Birds
He'll Never Know	Frog, Toad
Shivers	Father Frog, Mother Frog, Young Frog, Frog, Toad, Large and Terrible Frog
The Letter #3	Snail
Down the Hill	Frog, Toad, Moles, Ensemble
The Letter #4	Snail
I'm Coming Out of My Shell	Snail
Toad to the Rescue	Toad
Merry Almost Christmas	All Cast
Finale: A Year with Frog and Toad	Birds, Frog, Toad, Ensemble

MEET THE TEAM



Hayley Lionheart, Director – I've worked in theatre for years, after studying and working in the film industry, and I spent several years with CVT in Tucson. I joined Lower Lights last spring as the director of Little Women and have found my home and family here. Being a wife to Kamireon and becoming a mom to our daughter Rosie, who recently made an early entrance into the world, has brought me more joy than anything I've ever done.



Stacy Paper, Director/PSM – I have over two decades of professional theatre experience, with degrees in Theatre Performance and Theatre Education. I've performed across the Midwest, earning recognition at the Kennedy Center, and directed regional productions including Little Shop of Horrors and The Odd Couple. A former first runner-up to Miss Iowa, I've coached multiple state titleholders and continue teaching private voice and piano lessons, taking joy in helping students grow as artists.



Brooke Stepanek, Choreographer – I grew up performing in community theatre in Georgia, where I made my choreography debut in You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown. After joining Lower Lights with Little Women, I've loved helping performers grow and seeing the joy when a dance finally clicks. Outside the theatre, I enjoy running, binge-reading, and reality TV.



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.



Taryn Moore, Assistant Director – I'm a senior at Bentonville West High School and have loved the stage since I was little, performing in fourteen productions so far. I've also been part of my church choir for nine years and have served in many roles at Lower Lights, from actress to assistant director. In my free time, I enjoy crocheting and reading, and I plan to study horticulture and landscape design in college.



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 nearly 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.



Seth Lane, Assistant Stage Manager – I joined theatre with Little Women in spring 2025 as a dancer and stage team member and now serve as ASM, supporting the cast and crew. Introduced to musical production by my fiancée, Brooke Stepanek, I love the collaborative artistry of live performance. Outside theatre, I run an Etsy shop creating handcrafted props and costumes inspired by comics, movies, and popular media.

Jamie Willette, Assistant 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.



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.



Matt Paulk, Set Construction – I'm a Business Administration graduate with 15+ years in construction and now manage Walmart's store remodel program. I enjoy bringing my hands-on skills to Lower Lights' set and props team. My wife, Angela, and I are proud parents of five children.



Christine McCoy, Head Costumer – I began performing in theater at age 10 and have since acted in and directed numerous productions. A licensed cosmetologist and former Arkansas Firefighter/EMT, I also enjoy sewing, painting, and crafting. Most recently, I played the Hag in *Little Women* with Lower Lights Theatre.



Kim Riehle, Assistant Costumer – In the past, I have directed *Fiddler on the Roof* and *The Wizard of Oz*, as well as spending many years adapting scripts for elementary school theater programs. I love costumes and makeup and feel blessed to work with my son, Jory, and my grandchildren, William and Gemma, during this production.



Kylen Laws, Assistant Costumer – I served as Fine Arts Director and set designer in Utah for five years before moving to NWA. My past design and directing credits include *Beauty and the Beast*, *Annie*, *The Little Mermaid*, *The Music Man*, and *James and the Giant Peach*. I'm passionate about creating visual storytelling through design and helping young performers develop their love for the arts.



Arisa Field, Bird Vocal Coach – This is the first musical theatre show that I've been involved with. I homeschool my 10 kids and I love music and Spanish!



Savannah Christensen, Makeup/Hair Artist – I was thrilled to return to the stage as Young Meg in *Little Women*, my first role since age 16. I've enjoyed choir and drama through high school and college, but took a pause to raise my family. My husband Andrew, two daughters, and my faith are the light of my life,



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: Thursday/Friday Performances feature Rose (Frog), Hayden (Toad), Zach (Snail), Millie (Turtle), and Malachi (Man Bird)

Saturday Performances feature Maddie (Frog), Wyatt (Toad), Beau (Snail), Andi (Turtle), and Luke (Man Bird)



Adeline Henderson (Squirrel) - This is my first time doing a play with Lower Lights Theatre. I have performed in the *Nutcracker* ballet multiple times, as well as other dance, piano and vocal recitals and choir concerts. I love singing karaoke with my friends and doing all types of dance. I also love baking cookies and frosting cakes.

Adelyn Stewart (Cloud/Owl) - This is my very first show with Lower Lights Theatre, but I have been in dance and choir for a long time. My favorite part of being in this production has been the scene work and choreography. I love to sing, read, and be outdoors. I have been to 21 National Parks/Monuments. I would like to thank my family for their support, and my friend Parker for encouraging me at auditions and rehearsals.



Alena Moore (Squirrel) - This is my 11th show overall and my 9th with Lower Lights. Besides being on stage, I love to be with my friends and read (a ton!). My favorite part about being in shows is making new friends and I can't help but sing the songs and do the dances all day long!

Alex Norman (Moth/Cloud) - This is my second Lower Lights production, previously in the ensemble for *Little Women*, and I absolutely adore working with this company. Outside of this company, I've done some other shows as well, most notably playing Weselton in *Frozen Jr.* and Sound Effects Guy in *Annie Jr.* One of my favorite parts about working on this production has been learning all the fun music and choreography. I enjoy cosplaying and owning a small business. I'd like to thank my voice teacher, Emma, for her help and support in my theatrical journey.



Ana Marie Field (Ladybug/Bumblebee) - This is my first show with theatre. My favorite part of this production has been making friends. Outside of theatre, I enjoy reading and making up my own shows with my siblings. I'd like to thank my family, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins for their support.

Andi Lou Felix (Turtle) - Although this is my debut on stage with Lower Lights Theatre, this is not my first time performing. Singing in the Arkansas Children's Choir gave me lots of stage time, as well as being my school's MC for our talent show. I love singing and dancing freely at home in my living room and making people laugh through facial expressions—it's my fav. I love organizing, socializing, accessorizing, nail designing, giggling, singing and dancing. From the moment I wake up, to the moment I go to sleep, I'm constantly singing with a song in my head. Thanks to my Mom for encouraging me to give theater a chance; I love it!



Anna Nielsen (Ladybug/Bumblebee) - This is my fourth time with Lower Lights Theatre. In the past I have been a part of a ballet school *Annie*. My favorite part of this production has been meeting new people and practicing the dances. Outside of theatre, I enjoy reading and writing my book called, "Navy Raven." I'd like to thank Brooke, Hayley, Miss Stacy, Taryn and more for their hard work and support. Theatre is the perfect way to express myself and my energy freely.

Annaleece Rothrock (Tech Crew) - I haven't been in any big shows, but I was a part of The Christmas Carol in 7th grade.. My favorite part of being in shows is hanging out with people. I like ice skating.



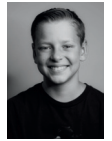
Aria Nguyen (Cloudlet) - I began theatre at age 5, and this is my fourth musical. My favorite part of this production has been getting to meet everyone and working together. You will unusually find me with my nose stuck in a book, reading, singing to my favorite songs, or biking around the neighborhood. I also love reenacting scenes from Disney's *Zombies* and Disney's *Descendants* movies with my siblings and neighbors. I'd like to thank my family for their support and encouragement to pursue theatre.

Ari Worthen - In the past, I have also been part of McDonald County Rhapsody and Rhythm. My favorite part of this production has been the beautiful songs. Outside of theatre, I enjoy singing, dancing, cleaning/organizing, reading, and coloring. I'd like to thank Matthias, my mom, my dad, and Hester for their support.



Arielle Nguyen (Seed, Deer, and Wave) - This is only my second musical, both of which have been with Lower Lights. I am having a blast getting started in the world of theatre! It's been so much fun practicing with my new friends! In particular, the dance and giggling of the Seeds have been my favorite so far. I love singing to music at home and in the car and reenacting scenes from movies, such as Disney's *Descendants*, with my siblings and neighbors. Some of my other interests are reading and crafting. I want to thank my whole family for supporting my new interest in theatre. I am so excited and ready to learn more!

Beau Felix (Snail) - I am passionate about being on stage and performing for others because I can become a whole new character and bring it to life! I've been in multiple plays and shows, as well as being an MC for my school talent shows two years in a row. I loved playing the role of Harper in *The Grunch* as well as being a Newsie Boy for *NOTS*. I've participated in multiple choirs (MCO, Arkansas Children's Choir, Blazer Chorus) and I play percussion and piano. My voice is my favorite instrument but lip syncing and improv are my specialties and the way I shine! For me, the stage gives me confidence and freedom of expression. I feel like I can do anything when I'm up there. I'm so glad you're here to see the show and hope I can make you smile.



Bella Elkins (Mother Frog) - This is my 7th show with McDonald County. In the past, I have also been part of church plays. My favorite part of this production has been Winter in Waecha. Outside of the theatre, I enjoy singing and painting. I'd like to thank my friends and my family for their support.

Brooklynn Harward (Ladybug/Bumblebee) - This is my first full show with Lower Lights. In the past, I have also been part of *The Grunch*, *Press Start*, and *A Murder Mystery*. My favorite part of this production has been the unity we've felt as a cast. Outside of theatre, I enjoy Crocheting, singing and swimming. I'd like to thank my parents and grandma for their support.



Carlee Ruhl (Tech Crew) - This is my second real show with drama. In the past, I have also been part of one show during summer school called "Camp Eureka". My favorite part of this production has been trying new things. Outside of the theatre, I enjoy drawing dress designs and listening to music. I'd like to thank Mr.Hester, my family, and my friends for their support.



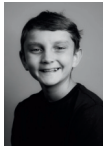
Caroline Seeley (Butterfly/Mole) - This is my 4th show with Lower Lights. I've also been in *We Are Monsters*, *Press Start*, and *Giants in the Sky*. My favorite part of this production has been singing and dancing. Outside of theatre, I like to play basketball and soccer. I also play the clarinet and piano and I love playing with my dogs. I'd like to thank my family for their support and for signing me up for theatre.

Clayton Bunn (Large and Terrible Frog) - I have been a part of the choir for A Christmas Carol for two years in a row. My past performances include singing with the choir "A Christmas Carol" and Honor Choir two years in a row, and PSU in 8th Grade. My favorite part about being in this show is that I will be using a deep growling voice for the character, as I am a bass singer and love deep voices. I'd like to thank all of my family that has shown up tonight and all of my other plays, the other actors performing tonight, for treating me with respect, and, most importantly, Ms. Stacy and Ms. Hayley, who put this whole thing together. It's been an honor and a journey working with everybody!



Copen Thomas (Featured Dancer) - What really drives me to be a performer is the thrilling feeling of performing on stage and the audience's reactions. My biggest inspiration when it comes to music has been and always will be Ariana Grande.

Dane Draper (Butterfly/Mole) - I've been in multiple other plays and musicals with Lower Lights Theatre Company and also Triple Threat Musical Theater. Outside of theater, I play soccer, football and also love to read and play video games. I would like to thank my mom for all her support.



Daniel Field (Mole) - This is my first ever show. My favorite part of this production is getting to know lots of new people. Outside of theatre, I enjoy doing magic, drawing, and making swords and knives, and spending time with my 9 siblings.

Davian Field (Squirrel) - This is my first show ever. My favorite part of the show is when the Squirrels mess us Frog and Toad's yards. Outside of theatre, I like to read books. I'd like to thank my mom for her support.



David Wilson (Puppeteer) - I have been in 7 plays. I like to play games or drive, and my favorite movie would be *Scream 1996*. I would like to thank my friends and mother for supporting me.

DJ Blankenship (Mole) - I have done several Camp Lighthouse sessions but my favorite was acting like an Australian wilderness guide and eating a gummy worm onstage. My favorite part about being in theatre is expressing myself through acting. When I'm not in the theatre I like listening to audiobooks by Rick Riordan, baking all sorts of treats, and learning to cook meals. I'd like to thank my mom for always being by my side and comforting me.



Edie Rock (Ladybug/Bumblebee) - This is my first show! One of my favorite things about being a part of this production was meeting my new friend, Aria. When I'm not practicing for the musical, I love to make my own comic books, rollerblade and ride my mountain bike. I love to read graphic novels, and my favorite TV show is *Hey Arnold!* I would like to thank my mom who inspires me to create and is always like, "You got this!" I would also like to thank my sister, Reed, my dad, and my little brother, Wade, who loves frogs (and toads)!



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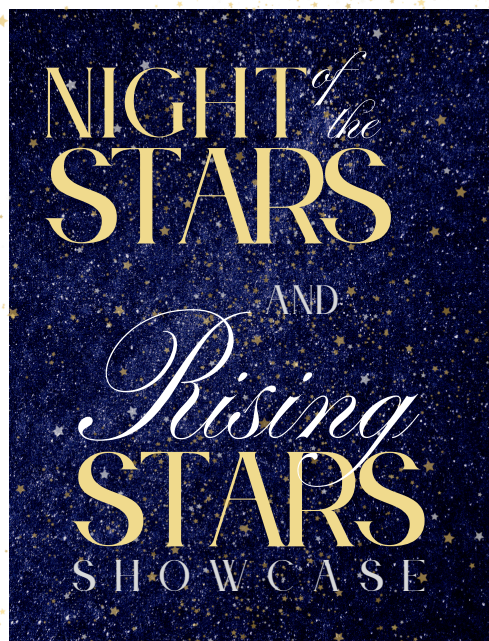


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WHAT'S NEXT?



Night of the Stars & Rising Stars Showcase

November 13-15
2702 SW I St, Bentonville

Rising Stars Showcase features young up-and-coming performers who are on their way to the top! Night of the Stars brings the top acts from auditions, young and old, and combines them into a show-stopping performance. Both events are filled with amazing talent!



Spring Musical: Annie

Auditions Late January
Performances Late Spring

Casting ages 8-100

Get ready to sing, dance, and cheer!
Follow the spirited orphan Annie as she brings hope, laughter, and a little bit of mischief to life on the big stage.

Sign up for Audition Notifications!



Or visit www.lowerlightstheatre.org and navigate with the menu

SOMETHING GREAT!



SUMMER 2026 CAMPS

Camp Lighthouse Musical in a Week & Stage Crew Camp

Experience all aspects of musical theatre through our two summer camp options! Shows performed at the end of the week!

Sign up to find out when registration opens!



M-F 9AM-3PM

Ages: 7-18

\$250

Fall Musical: The Wizard of Oz

Auditions Late Summer

Performances Mid October

Casting ages 8-18

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.

Sign up for Audition Notifications!



CAST SHOUTOUTS!

So proud of you Zach and Caroline, break a leg! Love, Aunt Mary

Karina, Joseph, Davian, Daniel, Ana Marie, Jasmin, and Lydia, we're so proud of you! Love Mom & Dad

Will and Gemma, we love watching how you light up when you are performing!
Break a leg! -Mom & Dad

Shine bright, Caroline! We love you and are so proud!
Love, G & G Seeley

Break a leg to the whole cast of A Year with Frog and Toad and a special THANK YOU to the entire team and parent volunteers!
Love, The Moore Family

Congrats Caroline and Zach! So proud of you and your accomplishments! Love, Aunt Jenny

To our kids, Wyatt, Beau & Andi, whose light, energy, and personalities steal the show—we are SO, SO PROUD of you! Love, Mom and Dad

Break a leg, Zach! We're so proud of you! Love, G & G Seeley

Shout out to the Blankenship kids Ruth and DJ for being the funniest, most resilient and determined kids we know! Love Mom & Dad

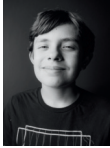
As part of our partnership with McDonald County High School, the following students learned “It’s a Hard Knock Life” from *Annie* and participated in creating a music video:



David Lubbness



Mallory Firchau



Jackson Rouse



Payton Holiday



Kaitlynn Shafer



Sammy Fuller



Madison Slusher



Sher Paw



Hayden, we love you so much and are so proud of you! We love watching you do what you love...performing. Love you to the moon and back!

Love Dad, Mom, Hadley, Jake and Hensley

Emma Cooper (Firefly/Puppeteer) - This is my 11th performance. In the past, I have also been part of cheer. My favorite part of this production has been working with the freshmen and watching them grow as actors on stage. Outside of the theatre, I enjoy gardening with my grandma, reading, and playing with my cat. I'd like to thank my mom, dad, and Hester for their support.



Erica McEwan (Cloud/Owl) - This is my third show with Lower Lights. In the past, I have also been part of *Press Start!*, *Giants in the Sky*, and *Triple Threat*. My favorite part of this production has been making friends. Outside of theatre, I enjoy gymnastics, crafts, and shopping. I'd like to thank my mom and dad for their support.

Gemma Orchard (Seed/Deer) - This is my second show. My favorite part of being in this show is the acting. I love tumbling, my favorite TV show is *Bluey*, and my favorite book is *Snow Sisters*. My family inspires me and I have my mom's nose. I would like to thank the director, Hayley, for supporting me.



Grace Nielsen (Ladybug/Bumblebee) - I've been part of several Lower Lights productions, mostly through camps, including *The Grunch*, *Imagine a Dragon*, *Giants in the Sky*, and my school musical *The Magic Treehouse*. I love being in shows because I can make big, fun expressions and meet new people. Some of my favorite hobbies are crafting, drawing, singing, and playing volleyball. A fun fact about me is that I have eight siblings! I'm also very grateful to my mom for driving me from Springdale to Bentonville every week for rehearsals.

Harper Garner (Butterfly/Mole) - This is my first show with Lower Lights Theatre. In the past, I have also been part of ballet and a church youth choir. My favorite part of this production has been learning new songs and dances, and making new friends. Outside of theatre, I enjoy playing piano and babysitting.



Hayden Casey (Toad) This is my 9th show! I've been in *Radium Girls*, *Mamma Mia!*, *Stone Soup*, *Cinderella*, *I Never Saw Another Butterfly*, *The Addams Family*, *Little Women*, *Les Misérables*. This past summer I spent a week at Belmont with their commercial vocal intensive, and then 3 weeks at a musical theatre intensive at OCU. I also spent 3 years performing with School of Rock and went on tour with their Houseband. Outside of theatre I like songwriting, crocheting, and dancing. I'd like to thank my mom, dad, brother, sisters, and Preston for all their support!



Jase Arthur (Firefly/Puppeteer) - This is my second show. I am an advanced drama student, and I was in Camp Eureka in summer school. Outside of drama, I enjoy football and video games. My favorite TV show is *Stranger Things*. Thank you, Mom and Dad, for looking for me and helping me. The person who inspires me is Henry Cavill because he shows that a normal person like me can be an actor.

Jasmin Field (Cloud) - This is my first show. My favorite part of theatre is dancing. I'd like to thank everyone for their support. Thank you!



Jory Riehle (Butterfly/Mole) - This is my first show with Lower Lights Theatre Company. My favorite part of this production has been making new friends and playing the mirror game, where we had to copy each other. Outside of the theatre, I enjoy karate, building Legos, and being with my family. I'd like to thank my dad and mom for their support. I couldn't do this without them.

Joseph Field (Seed/Deer) - This is my first show with Lower Lights Theatre Company. My favorite part of this production has been playing tag with Luke. Outside of theatre, I enjoy art.



Julianne De Spain (Firefly/Puppeteer) - This is my first show with the Lower Lights Theatre. I have been performing with the MCHS Drama department for three years in plays like *The Christmas Carol* and *Anne of Green Gables*. I am a part of the Dabbs Greer Theater Society and Rhapsody n' Rhythm, the school's show choir team. My favorite thing to do when I'm not on stage is to hang out with my friends, sing, and sit down with a good book.

Karina Field (Lady Bird) - This is my second show with Lower Lights Theatre, and I'm super excited that I get to do it. I think one of my favorite parts of being is that I get to do it with an awesome group of people. Some things I like to do in my free time are play the piano and guitar, and write and record music in my studio. I love traveling and trying new things, and I also love babies and little kids. I'm grateful to Hayley for doing this show and being the most incredible director any show could ask for! Also, to my friends for doing this show with me and making it a fun experience.



Kate Neilson (Mouse) - This is my first show with Lower Lights Theatre. In the past, I have been a part of multiple choir performances, including The Lamb of God, Nativity and Noel, Sounds of the Season at the Capitol Building, the Freedom Encounter in Branson, as well as bi-annual choir concerts with SMF studios. One of my favorite experiences being a part of this production is just getting to learn and grow in such a supportive, uplifting group. I play five Instruments: Piano, Violin, Ukulele, Kalimba, and Guitar. I also love to crochet and paint. I'd like to thank my family, especially my parents, for making my dreams come true and for sacrificing their time so that I could do this. I would also like to thank my music teacher, Mrs Emma Robinson, for all her love, support, and encouragement.

Katie Husley-Taylor (Featured Dancer)



Kristina Hoy (Puppeteer) - My favorite part is being able to work on the puppet with my best friend. My hobbies are reading, drawing, and doing nails. My favorite movie and book is *Divergent*. My sisters, Dannie and Jaden, inspire me. I would like to thank my mom and dad, and my best friend.

Landen Hall (Puppeteer) - This is my second show at McDonald County Theatre. In the past, I have also been part of the MCHS show choir, JROTC, NHS, and am currently a college student. Outside of the theatre, I greatly enjoy learning, if you couldn't tell from the activities listed previously. I'd like to thank my close friends, teachers, and seniors for their support. I was always fascinated with the *Frog & Toad* book as a child, and so I am very excited to play any part in this musical.



Landon Mills (Puppeteer) - I go by Landelicious. In the past, I have been in some other productions at McDonald County. My favorite part of this production has been doing my scene with some of my best friends. Outside of the theatre, I enjoy Mongolian throat singing and spending time with my friends. I'd like to thank Matthewdan Doyle for making my theatre experience a little more enjoyable so far.

Lily Millward (Squirrel) - I love to sing and write my own songs, and I loooove to draw! I have won 5 art competitions, and I even got my art on a school field day shirt. I started playing cello this year. I have loved our cast and how everyone works so well together.



Lochlan Millward (Butterfly/Mole) - I love all animals and also love art and learning about plants. This show has been so fun because I've made a lot of friends that I really admire. I love the song Getta Loada Toad - it's hilarious and I hope you like it as much as I do!

Luke Draper (Manbird) - I recently appeared as the Troll in Little Women with Lower Lights Theatre Company. I'm a junior at BWHS, involved in orchestra and choir, and I hope to pursue a career in aerospace. My favorite movie is Napoleon Dynamite, I love the color orange, and I'm inspired by the love and kindness of my Savior, Jesus Christ. Thanks to my mom for getting me into acting!



Lydia Rose Field (Seed/Deer) - This is my first show ever. I like playing with my siblings and swinging on the swings. I also like Avatar the Last Airbender. I'd like to thank my sister, Ana Marie, for supporting me.

Lydia Henderson (Seed/Deer) - This is my first time being in a real play! I like playing dress ups, singing and putting on shows for my friends and family. My favorite part of being in *Frog and Toad* is performing for other people. I love doing gymnastics!



Mackenzie Whipkey (Ensemble) - This is my first show with the Lower Lights Theatre Company. I have also been a part of *Frozen Jr.*, *Annie Jr.*, and *The Many Disguises of Robin Hood* with Crowder College. My favorite part of this production is working with the puppet. Outside of this, I play piano and trumpet in Jazz Band and Show Choir. I'd like to thank my Mom for supporting me throughout my journey in music.

Maddie Hazen (Frog) - This is my first show with the Lower Lights Theater Company. In the past, I have also been part of *Cinderella*, *The Addams Family*, and Thespian Troupe 8538 at Bentonville West High School. My favorite part of this production has been making memories while laughing and dancing with my best friends. I am a member of my high school chamber choir and I play tennis. I'd like to thank my family, fellow cast members, my teachers, and all of my friends for their love and support.



Mae Broadhead (Butterfly/Mole) - This is my 5th show I've been in: *Big-Bad Musical*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Imagine a Dragon*. and *Little Women*. Outside of the theater, I enjoy singing, listening to music, and reading. These are some of my favorite books: Lunar Chronicles, Keeper of the Lost Cities, and Hunger Games. I'd like to thank the whole creative team, my family, and of course, my twin, Lyla.

Malachi Berry (Man Bird) - I love climbing, ninja warrior, and reading, but especially hamming it up on stage! My favorite role so far was LeFou in *Beauty and the Beast*. After enjoying Lower Lights Theatre summer camps, I'm excited to be part of this full production.



Matthewdan Doyle (Young Frog) - This is the latest of many plays that I have been in with the MCHS Drama Society. I have also been part of the Show Choir for the same amount of time. My favorite part of this production has been finding out how silly my role is for me. Outside of the theater, I enjoy playing guitar. I'd like to thank my late father for trying his best when raising me.



Mazie Moore (Lady Bird) - I'm in 8th grade and I have had so much fun being a part of this cast. I have been with Lower Lights since it started and have been in almost every show. This is my 11th show, most recently playing Young Amy in *Little Women*. I am also a part of my school and church choir and my school orchestra. This has truly been an amazing experience and I'm so grateful for Lower Lights and all of my directors for making this such a great show. I want to shout out to my Birds, both Snails, Will Orchard, and Ruby Draper!

Millie Berry (Turtle) - I'm usually on stage dancing, so it's a treat to sing and act too! My favorite role was Young Elsa in *Frozen*. I also love reading, doing crafts, and recently started playing the dulcimer.



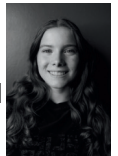
Millie Robbins (Squirrel) - This is my 5th show with this company and my 8th overall. Outside of rehearsal you can find me reading a book or playing a board game with my family. I also enjoy cooking and baking. I enjoy music and participate in school choir. I would like to thank my family for helping me achieve my goals.

Milly Moore (Cloudlet) - I'm in 3rd grade and this is my 5th show with Lower Lights. I love to dance so I'm really glad I get to be a Cloudlet in this show. I also love to write stories and spend time with my sister, Keara.



Nicolas Laffiteau (Puppeteer) - This is my 6th show. I am in Theater/Drama, Marching/Concert Band, Jazz Band, and Show Choir, but I'm not a singer/dancer. My favorite part of this show is helping the Puppet come alive. My favorite hobby is playing guitar. I would like to thank my brother Aiden Laffiteau for introducing me to drama and my best friends Matthewdan Doyle, Landon Mills, and Jasyk Hearl-Stephens for always being there for me.

Nola Stephens (Featured Dancer) - This is my first show and I'm very excited to see how it turns out! I've been in the show choir for two years now, and Frog and Toad will be my first performance. I've taken dance outside of the high school and the Show Choir with the school. I love how energetic, lighthearted, and comedic this play is, and I love dancing my heart out while laughing with my friends. Outside of the theater, my hobbies are Dance, Singing, Cheer, Art, and show choir.



Odette Poyfair (Lady Bird) - I am a 6th grader at CMS. I like theater and my dog Luna. In my free time I enjoy singing, dancing, volleyball and reading.



Parker Arnold (Squirrel) - This is my ninth production overall, but my first with Lower Lights Theatre. My favorite production that I have been a part of so far is *Aladdin Jr.* Outside of the theatre, I enjoy singing with NWA Homeschool choir, reading books, and riding bikes. I'd like to thank my family for all their support!

Penny Berry (Lady Bird) - I love theatre and have enjoyed being part of many productions both on stage and on tech crew. My favorite role so far was Alice Wendleken in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, and I've especially loved being in this show with two of my siblings.





Persefoni Stienfurth (Featured Dancer) - This is my first show with Lower Lights. In the past, I have also been part of other shows. I can't choose my favorite part of this production. Outside of the theatre, I enjoy creating art. I'd like to thank my family, friends, and my cat Ninja for their support.

Rose Hardie (Frog) - I'm so excited to be in my first show with Lower Lights Theatre! In the past I have played Ti Moune in *Once On This Island*, a Fairy in *Peter Pan Jr.* and an Ancestor in the chorus of *The Addams Family*. I play violin in the BWHS Chamber Orchestra and sing with the A Capella Choir. My favorite part about being in this show is the high energy cast and all the fun we have at rehearsals. I'm known for wearing unique earrings, my love of Marvel movies and my obsession with my adorable puppy, Marlo. I'd like to thank my mom for encouraging me to try out and Ms. Brooke for giving us the freedom to make the characters our own.



Rowan Lee (Tech Crew) - In the past, I did JROTC, and I am currently in the McDonald County Marching Mustang Band as a member of their color guard team. My favorite part of these productions is getting to work with new people and friends. I like to sing, dance, draw, practice my colorguard skills, and hang out with my nana. I would love to thank my family (and foster family), friends for all their love and support; without them, I'm not entirely sure where I would be mentally and physically.

Ruby Draper (Ladybug/Bumblebee) - I love volleyball, puzzles, and my favorite show Nicky, Ricky, Dicky, and Dawn. Thanks to my mom for inspiring me with her crafts, and to Mazie Moore for encouraging me to audition!



Ruth Blankenship (Squirrel) - I have played a lighting student in *The Grunch*, a princess in *Imagine a Dragon*, a student in *Matilda Jr.* and Farley in *Giants in the Sky*. I was in choir last year and I am learning the Viola in orchestra this year. I love music and art in all forms and even started drawing a mural on my bedroom wall! Shout out to my parents for loving music with me.

Sadie Baumgarten (Cloudlet) - This is my first show with Lower Lights Theatre Company. I also participated in the *Press Start* theatre camp this summer. My favorite part of being in the show is how nice and supportive the other cast members are, and learning the dances. I like to do crafts, swim, and play sports. I'd like to thank my dog, Maybel, for watching me practice.



Sonia Martinez (Tech Crew) - This is around my 9th play with my high school drama class. My favorite part about being in the show is being around my friends and everyone in the drama class. A fun fact about me is that I am partly deaf and use cochlear implants to help me hear, but ever since I got them, I have gotten more confident. My favorite book is *The Outsiders*, while my favorite movie is *Dead Poets Society*. My favorite hobby is reading books.

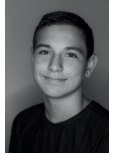
Tabitha Koster (Lizard) - This is my first full show. In the past, I have performed many short skits and sang an original song for my school talent show. I am a co-president of my school's drama club, I play on my school's soccer and basketball teams, I paint and write, and I hang out with my friends when I can. I would like to thank first of all my parents, second, my friends, and last but not least, Monet for inspiring me to change my outlook on how the world looks and how to put that on a canvas, whether that canvas is an actual canvas and brush or a stage and audience.





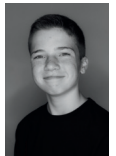
Tanner Bowman (Father Frog) - This marks my third performance at McDonald County High School. Previously, I have participated in both Show Choir and Choir. A highlight of this production was the moment we listened to Shivers for the first time, as it allowed us to understand our roles within the show. Outside of the theatre, I have a passion for singing, dancing, and playing sports with my siblings. I would like to express my gratitude to God, as well as my friends and family, for their unwavering support.

Will Orchard (Mole) - This is my 5th show with Lower Lights. In the past, I've also been a part of choir and football. My favorite part of this production has been when the Moles started working on the song "Down the Hill". It was so fun! Outside of theatre, I enjoy football and basketball. I'd like to thank my dad, my mom, sister, brother, Beau Felix, Wyatt Felix, Luke Draper, Mazie Moore, Cheri Moore, Taryn Moore, our beloved director Hayley Lionheart, and Zach Seeley for their support.



Wyatt Felix (Toad) - This is my second show with Lower Lights, and I really enjoy working with them. I got to play a lead role as "Dr. Shockclock" who was an evil villain and I learned I love playing dynamic characters. I've performed in over 6 plays and two fun performances with NOTS. Outside of theatre, voice impersonating, beat boxing, and improv are some other ways I like to express myself. Being a part of MCO (Millennial Choirs & Orchestra) really fueled my love for singing and I find myself singing songs everywhere I go. I also enjoy being on the Bentonville West Swim team, and I love to go out on the lake. I'm so grateful for my parents for always supporting me and helping me improve, inside and outside the theatre community, and for my amazing directors.

Zach Seeley (Snail) - Besides this show, I have been in two other plays at Lower Lights—*We are Monsters* and *Giants in the Sky*. My favorite part of this production has been meeting new friends. In my free time I enjoy running, hiking, and biking. I also sing in my school's choir, play percussion, and play piano. I would love to thank my family for encouraging me to sign up to be in the play.



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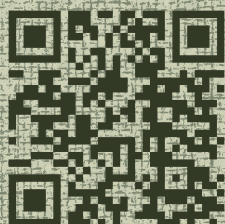
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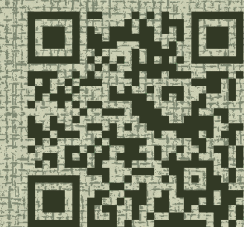
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