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*Irving Berlin's*

# WHITE CHRISTMAS

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# WHITE CHRISTMAS

Based Upon the Paramount Pictures Film

Written For the Screen by Norman Krasna, Norman Panama, and Melvin Frank

**MUSIC AND LYRICS BY IRVING BERLIN  
BOOK BY DAVID IVES and PAUL BLAKE**

Original stage production directed by WALTER BOBBIE

Orchestrations Larry Blank Vocal and Dance Arrangements Bruce Pomahac

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**DIRECTED BY DANIELLE FLURY-DOWNEY**

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# MUSICAL SYNOPSIS

## ACT I

**Scene 1:** On the Western Front of World War II - Christmas Eve, 1944  
HAPPY HOLIDAY .....Bob, Phil, and Sheldrake  
WHITE CHRISTMAS..... Bob, Phil, and Sheldrake

**Scene 2:** The Ed Sullivan Show - 1954  
HAPPY HOLIDAY/LET YOURSELF GO....Bob, Phil and the Chorus

**Scene 3:** Backstage at the Ed Sullivan Show - after the broadcast; Back stage at Jimmy's, a None-Too-Classy Nightclub.  
LOVE AND THE WEATHER.....Bob and Betty

**Scene 4:** Jimmy's Back Room - later that evening  
SISTERS.....Betty and Judy  
THE BEST THINGS HAPPEN WHILE YOU'RE DANCING. Phil, Judy & Quintet

**Scene 5:** A Train Car - later that night  
SNOW.....Phil, Judy, Bob, Betty, Snoring Man, Mrs. Snoring Man, & Passengers

**Scene 6:** The Front Desk of the Columbia Inn in Vermont - later  
WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A GENERAL?...Martha, Bob, and Phil

**Scene 7:** The Barn Rehearsal Hall - the next day  
LET ME SING AND I'M HAPPY.....Martha

**Scene 8:** The Front Porch of the Inn - that night  
COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS INSTEAD OF SHEEP.....Bob and Betty

**Scene 9:** Ralph Sheldrake's Office, New York; Martha's Switchboard - morning

**Scene 10:** The Barn Rehearsal Hall - later that day  
BLUE SKIES.....Bob and the Chorus

**20 MINUTE INTERMISSION**

# WHITE CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION TEAM

Director/Music Director **Danielle Flury-Downey**  
Assistant Director **Bailey DeMilt**  
Stage Manager **Doreen Fontanez**  
Orchestra Coordinator **Shelley Bednarski**  
Choreographers **Samuel Haigler, Doreen Fontanez, Anastacia Vinson, Bailey DeMilt, Danielle Flury-Downey**  
Stage Crew **William Badolato, Brianna Elizabeth, Michael Kane**  
Set Design **Richard Flury, Danielle Flury-Downey**  
Set Construction **Richard Flury, Chris Peters, Kim Lott, Paul St. Martin, Paul Sunseri**  
Set Mural Painting **Doug, Dianna, & Hannah Haynes**  
Light/Sound Design **Richard Flury**  
Lighting Tech **Ashley Evans**  
Sound Tech **Scott Van Sickle, Jacob Ooton**  
Costuming **Bailey DeMilt, Elissa Kane, Kaileigh Moran, Emily van Sickle, Anastacia Vinson**  
Wardrobe Dresser **Laurie Gibbs, Carolyn Flury**  
Props **Miguel Machado**  
Theatre Lobby Decor **Timothy Rodd**  
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# MUSICAL SYNOPSIS

## ACT II

**Scene 1:** Onstage in the Barn Theater - the next day

I LOVE A PIANO..... Phil, Judy, and the Chorus

**Scene 2:** Betty's Room at the Inn - soon after

FALLING OUT OF LOVE CAN BE FUN.....Martha, Betty, and Judy

**Scene 3:** The Barn Rehearsal Hall - shortly thereafter

SISTERS (Reprise).....Bob and Phil

**Scene 4:** The Regency Room, New York - the next evening

LOVE, YOU DIDN'T DO RIGHT BY ME / HOW DEEP IS THE OCEAN.....Betty, Bob

**Scene 5:** The Ed Sullivan Show - the evening after

THE OLD MAN.....Bob, Men

**Scene 6:** The Front Desk at the Columbia Inn - the next day

LET ME SING AND I'M HAPPY (Reprise).....Susan

**Scene 7:** Backstage at the Barn Theater - that evening, Christmas Eve

HOW DEEP IS THE OCEAN (Reprise).....Betty and Bob  
THE OLD MAN (Reprise).....Bob, Phil, Sheldrake, Men  
WHITE CHRISTMAS.....The Company

**Scene 8:** Curtain Call

I'VE GOT MY LOVE TO KEEP ME WARM

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# CAST

|                      |                                 |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Michael Shier II     | Bob Wallace                     |
| Juno Payne-Umbellant | Phil Davis                      |
| Ashlyn Gibbs         | Betty Haynes                    |
| Elissa Kane          | Judy Haynes                     |
| Richard Flury        | General Henry Waverly           |
| MaryBeth van Sickle  | Martha Watson                   |
| Allana Matos         | Susan Waverly                   |
| John J. Weil         | Ralph Sheldrake                 |
| Kaileigh Moran       | Rita                            |
| Anastacia Vinson     | Rhoda                           |
| Patrick Erhardt      | Ezekiel Foster/Train Conductor  |
| Kyle Flanagan        | Mike/Quintet/Train Passenger #2 |

# ENSEMBLE

|                    |                                 |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Nikki Vantilburg   | Tessie/Train Passenger #1       |
| Maribel Aliaga     | Jimmy/Quintet                   |
| Miguel Machado     | Mr. Snoring Man/Jim/Quintet     |
| Red Red            | Mrs. Snoring Man/Marty          |
| Kaitlyn Tyre       | Cigarette Girl/Dance Captain    |
| Mary Ellen Craver  | Seamstress/Quintet              |
| Linda Koch         | Assistant Seamstress            |
| William Badolato   | Ed Sullivan Announcer           |
| Doreen Fontanez    | Regency Room Announcer          |
| Bailey DeMilt      | Sheldrake's Secretary           |
| William Downey     | Scooter/Chorus Kid              |
| Beth Evans         | Gloria/Quintet                  |
| Cadance Cunningham | Jimmy's Club Servers/Chorus Kid |
| Emily van Sickle   | Jimmy's Club Servers/Chorus Kid |
| Chloe Cunningham   | Chorus Kid                      |
| Megan Morra        | Chorus Kid                      |



**Musical** ART CENTER OF CITRUS COUNTY  
**Art Center Theatre**  
 PRESENTS  
 Irving Berlin's  
**White Christmas**  
 Musical and Lyrics by Irving Berlin Book by David Ives and Paul Blake  
 Fri. July 11, Evening 7:30 pm  
 Sat. July 12, Matinee 2:00 pm  
 Sun. July 13, Matinee 2:00 pm  
 Fri. July 18, Evening 7:30 pm  
 Sat. July 19, Evening 7:30 pm  
 Sun. July 20, Matinee 2:00 pm  
 Fri. July 25, Evening 7:30 pm  
 Sat. July 26, Evening 7:30 pm  
 Sun. July 27, Matinee 2:00 pm  
 Directed by Danielle Flury-Downey  
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**Comedy** ART CENTER OF CITRUS COUNTY  
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 PRESENTS  
**Psych**  
 Lisa Rowe  
 Fri. Sept 19, Evening 7:30 pm  
 Sat. Sept 20, Matinee 2:00 pm  
 Sun. Sept 21, Matinee 2:00 pm  
 Fri. Sept 26, Evening 7:30 pm  
 Sat. Sept 27, Evening 7:30 pm  
 Sun. Sept 28, Matinee 2:00 pm  
 Fri. Oct 3, Evening 7:30 pm  
 Sat. Oct 4, Evening 7:30 pm  
 Sun. Oct 5, Matinee 2:00 pm  
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 PRESENTS  
**BLAME IT ON THE MOVIES!**  
 THE REEL MUSIC OF HOLLYWOOD  
 Musical Sequences Compiled and Conceived by Ron Abel, Billy Barnes and David Galligan  
 Original Music and Lyrics by Billy Barnes  
 Musical Director and Arrangements by Ron Abel  
 Fri. Nov 7, Evening 7:30 pm  
 Sat. Nov 8, Matinee 2:00 pm  
 Sun. Nov 9, Matinee 2:00 pm  
 Fri. Nov 14, Evening 7:30 pm  
 Sat. Nov 15, Evening 7:30 pm  
 Sun. Nov 16, Matinee 2:00 pm  
 Fri. Nov 21, Evening 7:30 pm  
 Sat. Nov 22, Evening 7:30 pm  
 Sun. Nov 23, Matinee 2:00 pm  
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**The Miss Magnolia**  
 The Four Old Broads are back with some wacky new friends in an all-new comedy!  
 By Leslie Kimball  
 Senior Citizen Pageant  
 Concord Theatricals  
 Fri. Jan 16, Evening 7:30 pm  
 Sat. Jan 17, Matinee 2:00 pm  
 Sun. Jan 18, Matinee 2:00 pm  
 Fri. Jan 23, Evening 7:30 pm  
 Sat. Jan 24, Evening 7:30 pm  
 Sun. Jan 25, Matinee 2:00 pm  
 Fri. Jan 30, Evening 7:30 pm  
 Sat. Jan 31, Evening 7:30 pm  
 Sun. Feb 1, Matinee 2:00 pm  
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ART CENTER OF CITRUS COUNTY  
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 PRESENTS  
**LUCKY \$TUFF**  
 A MUSICAL COMEDY  
 Fri. Feb 27, Evening 7:30 pm  
 Sat. Feb 28, Matinee 2:00 pm  
 Sun. Mar 1, Matinee 2:00 pm  
 Fri. Mar 6, Evening 7:30 pm  
 Sat. Mar 7, Evening 7:30 pm  
 Sun. Mar 8, Matinee 2:00 pm  
 Fri. Mar 13, Evening 7:30 pm  
 Sat. Mar 14, Evening 7:30 pm  
 Sun. Mar 15, Matinee 2:00 pm  
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ART CENTER OF CITRUS COUNTY  
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**COMEDY SQUIRREL LAKE**  
 BY BRIAN MITCHELL  
 Fri. April 10, Evening 7:30 pm  
 Sat. April 11, Matinee 2:00 pm  
 Sun. April 12, Matinee 2:00 pm  
 Fri. April 17, Evening 7:30 pm  
 Sat. April 18, Evening 7:30 pm  
 Sun. April 19, Matinee 2:00 pm  
 Fri. April 24, Evening 7:30 pm  
 Sat. April 25, Evening 7:30 pm  
 Sun. April 26, Matinee 2:00 pm  
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# ORCHESTRA



**Donald Rowe** (Trombone) Don started playing trumpet in 1955 and graduated from Westchester University in 1964 with a degree in music and went on to be a music educator for 12 years. Don has performed with numerous groups throughout Citrus County and even conducted the Nature Coast Community Band for many years. Don's first musical with Art Center of Citrus County was the *1940's Radio Hour* playing trumpet and had been performing with the theater in nearly every musical since. Don is now featured playing trombone.



**Terry Winn** (Flute) This is her 6th production playing the flute and is excited to be here again. She is also a member of the Weeki Wachee Concert Band. She is originally from Long Island, NY but has been living in Citrus County for 12 years.

## The Art Center Theatre Welcomes Theatre Gallery Artist, Joy Livingston



of Floral City, FL, is a painter and sculptor whose work reflects poetic mystery, Romantic ideals, and nature's silent expressions. With an M.F.A. from the University of Nebraska (1986) and an early feature in the Joslyn Biennial (1982), she has exhibited throughout Florida in venues such as the Florida Artist Gallery, Green Valley Grill, and group exhibitions at the Old Courthouse Museum and Brick City Center for the Arts. In 2021, she earned the "Best of Show" award at the Nature Coast Exhibit.

A devoted educator, Joy taught art for over 30 years at Inverness Middle School and curated annual student exhibits at the Old Courthouse Museum. Her paintings (25" x 36") and clay sculptures (approx. 12" high) channel moonlit nights and murmuring ravens, visual meditations shaped by her involvement with the artist group Art Oasis. As she describes her inspiration: "Mysterious night, ravens in the moonlight, silently talking."

# ORCHESTRA

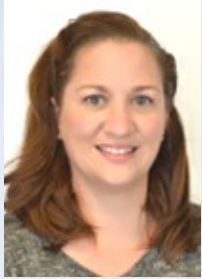
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| <b>Danielle Flury-Downey</b> | Piano             |
| <b>Taylor Crompton</b>       | Percussion        |
| <b>Jim Davis</b>             | String Bass       |
| <b>Donald Rowe</b>           | Trombone          |
| <b>Jodie Cane-Combs</b>      | Trumpet           |
| <b>Shelley Bednarski</b>     | Clarinet/Alto Sax |
| <b>Ty Ramsey</b>             | Bari Sax/Bassoon  |
| <b>Terry Winn</b>            | Flute             |

## Director's Notes

Irving Berlin, the "Great American Minstrel, helped write the story of this country, capturing the best of who we are and the dreams that shape our lives." Though Berlin did not celebrate Christmas himself, he had a profound connection to the holiday due to the loss of his infant son on Christmas Day. His inspiration for the iconic song, White Christmas, came from his own feelings of loneliness and his desire to evoke a sense of nostalgia and hope for brighter times. The song was first performed by Bing Crosby weeks after the attack on Pearl Harbor. The song resonated deeply with Americans, as it offered a comforting reminder of home and a yearning for peace. In 1954, White Christmas, the film and sequel to Holiday Inn, became an instant box office success and the highest-grossing film of the year. The Broadway stage musical, "a fresh rewrite of the original," would not be released for another 54 years.

White Christmas is my favorite holiday movie. The catchy music, the iconic characters, the spectacular dancing, the picturesque scenes all create a beautiful story that instantly warms the heart. To have the chance to direct something so beloved and recognizable was exciting and daunting, but absolutely rewarding. I am blessed to have a dedicated, talented group of actors, tech crew, and musicians working on this production. Some are veteran Art Center mainstays, while others are brand new to our stage. Together, they have brought this show to life with their talents, hard work, ingenuity, and imagination. Thank you for trusting and following me on this journey. You are all amazing, and I hope to work with you again soon.

# DIRECTORIAL TEAM



## Director

**Danielle Flury-Downey** (Piano) graduated with honors from Saint Leo University, with a B.A. in 18th Century British Literature. She is a published poet and editor for the ECCB. She is an accomplished musician, playing with the Redlands Twelve Piano Orchestra, and various Universities, High Schools, and Churches. She has music directed and accompanied shows such as *Cabaret*, *Chicago*, *Kismet*, and many more. Most recently she directed *Into The Woods* and *Assisted Living The Home for the Holidays* on the Art Center Stage and Music Directed the youth show *A Fairy Tale Christmas Carol*.



## Assistant Director

**Bailey DeMilt** is excited to join *White Christmas* as the Assistant Director. This marks her fourth production with The Art Center Theatre, where she previously took the stage as Lily Belle in the *Curious Savage*, the Straw Pig/Giant in *Into the Woods*, and as Mrs. Beck in the comedy-thriller *Twist*. She also served as stage manager for *The Addams Family Musical* at The Valerie Theater. Whether performing or guiding from behind the scenes, Bailey brings passion and creativity to every production she's part of.



## Stage Manager

**Doreen Fontanez** moved to Citrus County in 2020 and has been working in the arts since 2022. She recently directed *The Curious Savage* here at The Art Center Theatre, which was her first directorial role for a full length play. Doreen spends most of her time being behind the scenes and is so excited to be a part of this production. Doreen sends extra love to her immediate and theater family for all of the support and guidance!

# ORCHESTRA



**Jim Davis** (String Bass) Jim Davis has performed as part of the orchestras for musicals at the Art Center dating from a 2006 production. He has played double bass for *Oklahoma*, *Carousel*, *Assisted Living*, *A Funny Thing Happened On the Way to the Forum*, and *Into the Woods*. He has been a member of the Nature Coast Community Band, Weeki Wachee Winds, Citrus Strings and the Viburnum Trio. A published poet, when not playing music he, his wife Nadia and dog Zeke live in Homosassa.



**Danielle Flury-Downey** (Piano) graduated with honors from Saint Leo University, with a B.A. in 18th Century British Literature. She is a published poet and editor for the ECCB. She is an accomplished musician, playing with the Redlands Twelve Piano Orchestra, and various Universities, High Schools, and Churches. She has music directed and accompanied shows such as *Cabaret*, *Chicago*, *Kismet*, and many more. Most recently she directed *Into The Woods* and *Assisted Living The Home for the Holidays* on the Art Center.



**Ty Ramsey** (Bari Sax/Bassoon) Hailing from Atlanta, GA, Ty Ramsey holds a BA in Music Education from Jacksonville State University. Ty is the Director of Bands at Crystal River High School. His credits at the Art Center include *The Music Man*, *Assisted Living*, *Once Upon a Mattress*, *Young Frankenstein*, *I Love a Piano*, and *Into the Woods*. Ty lives in Beverly Hills with his Shetland Sheepdogs, Calypso and Chessie.

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# ORCHESTRA



**Rochelle Bednarski** (Orchestra Coordinator /Clarinet/Alto Sax) has performed in almost every musical since *Carousel* in 2016. Shelley plays clarinet, soprano clarinet, bass clarinet, alto sax, sopranos, tenor sax, and also plays a mean Irish penny whistle. Shelley has been performing professionally since the age of 13 having playing in several local orchestras and bands. Shelley is a business development manager in the promotional products industry and is grandma to two boys and now a girl born on October 13th.



**Jodie Kane-Combs** (Trumpet) is a recent College of Central Florida graduate and works as a Success Coach for City Year Jacksonville. They have been a part of the Art Center Theatre since *Young Frankenstein* back in 2023, where they debuted as a trumpet player for the house band. Jodie continues to play in the band for *White Christmas*, but was most recently seen as the Stage Manager (and Minerva) for *Assisted Living: The Home for the Holidays*. Although this is Jodie's final show with the Art Center, they will always have a special place in their heart for the wonderful people at this theater. Enjoy the show!



**Taylor Crompton** (Percussion) Taylor has played percussion for 10 years. She has been in various ensembles throughout her career, including the Nature Coast Community Band and Florida All State Honor Band. Taylor has performed in a few musicals such as Putnam County Spelling Bee, *Shrek*, and a show for *Into the Woods*. She graduated Crystal River High School in 2021 and is currently studying Early Childhood Education. However, she loves performing and hopes you enjoy the show!

# MEET THE CAST



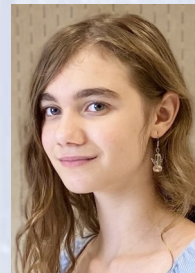
**Maribel Aliaga** (Jimmy/Quintet) has been singing for as long as she can remember and considers it her passion. She has performed in several shows in and around Tampa Bay, including *Oklahoma!*, *Madam Butterfly*, *Cinderella*, *Into The Woods*, & many more. When she isn't singing, you can find her traveling, reading, attending concerts and live sporting events, doing Zumba, or spending time with her husband and their fur kids.



**William Badolato** (Ed Sullivan Announcer) is a LHS graduate that has recently gotten into theater. His debut role was in The Woodview Players' production of *Drinking Habits*. He worked backstage at the Art Center on *The Curious Savage* and at other venues, *Bill W. and Dr. Bob & Girl's Night Out*. William is enjoying his time working with everyone in this production. He sends special thanks to his family and friends who continue to support him.



**Mary Ellen Craver** (Seamstress/Quintet) is once again delighted to join her fellow actors to present the iconic musical, *White Christmas*. Most recently she was seen as Mrs. Savage in the production of *The Curious Savage* and in *I Love a Piano*, another musical based on Irving Berlin's legendary music. Since moving to Citrus County in 2010, Mary Ellen has been back stage or on stage in over 20 productions, and has loved every moment. As always, her husband, Bob, has supported her through the process, and often joins her in the adventure.



**Cadance Cunningham** (Jimmy's Club Servers/Chorus Kids) Cadance is excited to perform in her 7th play with the Art Center Theatre. Cadance is 12 years old and taking 8th and 9th grade honors classes in FLVS. She enjoys singing, acting, playing guitar and piano, writing music, reading, being on the gymnastics team, and spending time with her friends and sister.



**Chloe Cunningham** (Chorus Kids) is excited to perform in her 3rd play at the Art Center. Chloe is homeschooled at 8 years old and going into the 5th grade. She enjoys singing, acting, playing guitar, harmonica, and piano. She also enjoys being on the gymnastics team, playing with her dogs, and spending time with her sister Cadance.



**Bailey DeMilt** (Sheldrake's Secretary) This is Bailey's fourth production with The Art Center. She was previously *The Curious Savage*, last summer's musical *Into the Woods*, and she appeared as Mrs. Beck in the comedy thriller *Twist*. She is thrilled to be in this production and be playing such a departure from her previous role of Lily Belle in *Curious Savage*.



**William Downey** (Scooter/Chorus Kid) was last seen in *Into The Woods* and participating in the youth program. William made his stage debut at 5 years old, in *Oklahoma!*, and then later appeared in *The Music Man*. He is currently in the 6th grade, plays the piano and sings, loves to read, and loves gaming. William is extremely excited to be a part of this production and sends out lots of love and thanks to the cast, and to his family.



**Patrick Erhardt** (Ezekiel Foster/Train Conductor) is an actor, singer, director, and playwright with over 40 years of theatrical experience. He and Susan Jobson directed the comedy *Cookin With Gus* at the Art Center in April. This is Pat's second time appearing in *White Christmas* and he's happy to be reprising his role as Ezekiel Foster. He loves Irving Berlin's music having been in the Art Center's production of Irving Berlin's musical *I Love a Piano*. Hats off to Danielle Flury-Downey for assembling this superb cast, crew and musicians to bring this classic musical to the Art Center stage.



**MaryBeth van Sickle** (Martha Watson) As the current Chair of Performing Arts, MaryBeth spends a lot of time at the Art Center. She is really enjoying her role as Martha Watson. The cast and crew are so much fun to work with and she thinks that will show in the performances. She hopes you enjoy Christmas in July as much as she does. Thanks to all who worked so hard to put on this awesome play!



**Nikki Vantilburg** (Tessie) moved to Inverness in 2019 from SW FL with husband Tim and son, Jackson (and 3 of our now 5 dogs). In 2023, she got her 1st role (in 29 years!) as Sylvia Montgomery in *Wedding From Hell*, then *War of the Worlds, Here and Now* ('23), *Evil Dead The Musical* ('23), *Angeline's Door* ('24), *Last of the Red Hot Lovers* ('24), *Murder on the Lido Deck* ('24), and *Curious Savage* ('25). This is her 3rd show with the Art Center, and she plans many more!



**Anastacia "Ace" Vinson** (Rhoda) has been in dance, cheer, and/or theatre for most of her life. She has been in *The Lion King Jr.*, *Girl's Night Out*, *Curious Savage*, and *Exit Laughing*. Ace is so excited to be on stage in Irving Berlin's *White Christmas* because it has been a dream since she was a little girl. Her family's holiday traditions revolve around the movie, and being in the show is her ultimate role. She is so thankful for the amount of support and love her family and friends show her. Ace would like to thank the cast, crew, and production team for all of the fun and hard work they have put in



**John Weil** (Ralph Sheldrake) is currently performing in his fourth production at the Art Center Theater. His roles include: Prince Dauntless in *Once Upon a Mattress*, Dr. Frederick Frankenstein in *Young Frankenstein*, and the Wolf in *Into the Woods*. He has been a waterfront director, college professor, lawyer, and his current adventure is teaching International Baccalaureate and Duel Enrollment classes. He enjoys all kinds of sports and outdoor activities. He has two beautiful daughters, Julia and Kathleen. With this as his latest adventure, he hopes you enjoy the show.



**Red Red** (Mrs. Snoring Man) is excited she was offered an ensemble role in *White Christmas*. It's been awhile since she's been on stage and it's the perfect role to dip her toes back into theater! She looks forward to working with the Director, Cast, and Crew and knows it will be an amazing show! She thanks her family and friends for their continued support of her pursuit of the arts.



**Michael Shier II** (Bob Wallace) is a graduate of the University of Central Florida's School of Performing Arts and former theatre educator. He has been directing and performing in theatrical productions in Citrus County since 2004. Michael is excited to appear in his third show at the Art Center this year, following his turns as Titus Savage in *The Curious Savage* and Bernie Luskin in *Cookin' with Gus!* His favorite credits also include *Evil Dead the Musical*, *Jekyll and Hyde the Musical*, *HAIR*, *A Doll's House Part 2*, and *The Diary of Anne Frank*. Michael would like to send his thanks to his family, friends, and the Art Center community for their love and support! He would particularly like to thank his partner, Brianna, for her unwavering support in all aspects of his life.



**Kaitlyn Tyre** (Dance Captain) Kaitlyn is an upcoming high school senior who has been performing with the Art Center since 2020. She was last seen in ACT's 2024 summer musical, *Into the Woods*, as Rapunzel. This May, Kaitlyn received invitations to the AG National Fine Arts Festival for her musical theatre solo, "Wishing You Were Somehow Here Again" from *The Phantom of the Opera*, and her classical solo, "O Del Mio Dolce Ardor."



**Emily van Sickle** (Jimmy's Club Servers/Chorus Kids) Emily van Sickle started performing on stage at age 5 and still loves it. This will be her 10th play at the Art Center and she is enjoying all the quick scene changes being in the ensemble. She hopes you enjoy the play as much as she enjoys performing for you.



**Beth Evans** (Gloria/Quintet) was last seen as Jack's Mother in *Into the Woods*. She is excited to sing with this awesome cast. When not performing here, Beth is often seen performing with Citrus Community Concert Choir, or cheering on the Lecanto High Chorus and Drama students as Mama Evans, where her daughter is the Chorus Director. Beth has been a Citrus County educator for 35 years and is currently a school counselor at LHS.



**Kyle Flanagan** (Mike) has been a dedicated performer for 14 years. By day, he works as a member of the Customer Service Staff at Publix. He was recently seen in *Ring of Fire*, or you might remember him in last summer's musical, *Into The Woods*, or his memorable role as Igor in *Young Frankenstein*. He enjoyed working with the talented cast and extends heartfelt thanks to his parents, managers, and fellow cast members for their support.



**Richard Flury** (General Henry Waverly) started musical training at six, debuted on live TV at seven, and landed his first lead musical role at thirteen. Richard has continued with music, singing and acting, and has won several awards for each. He is retired from the Amusement Business, Music Directing and teaching Drama and Musical Theater, he still remains active, designing sets and set construction, directing and performing here at the Art Center. However, if it were not for the love and understanding of his wife and family, he could not continue doing what he loves. Enjoy the show!



**Ashlyn Gibbs** (Betty Haynes) is a graduate of Florida Southern College with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Musical Theatre and a minor in Music. She first began performing at the Art Center of Citrus County when she was 14 years old as Liesl in *The Sound of Music*, and has appeared in 14 other shows, including *South Pacific*, *Carousel* and, most recently, *Into the Woods*. She has also performed at the Ocala Civic Theatre in multiple shows such as *Cinderella*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *She Loves Me* and *The Addams Family Musical*.



**Elissa Kane** (Judy Haynes) is thrilled to return to the stage for her 26th production, and she remains as passionate about the theatre as ever. She is deeply grateful to the Art Center of Citrus County for providing such a vibrant and welcoming space for artists and audiences alike. Elissa would like to extend her heartfelt thanks to the entire cast and crew for their dedication, talent, and camaraderie, working alongside such a committed team is always thrilling and an inspiration. During the day, Elissa is proud to serve as a professor at the College of Central Florida, because of its commitment to student success and community engagement. She is honored to represent the college both on and off the stage, and she encourages everyone to discover the many opportunities CF offers. Elissa is grateful for the chance to blend her passions, and she looks forward to what the future holds.



**Linda Koch** (Assistant Seamstress) this is Linda's first appearance on the Art Center stage. She was previously an Andrew Sister in the radio production *War of the Worlds* at the Daytona Playhouse, and volunteered there as an usher and raffle ticket salesperson. A native of Pittsburgh, PA, Linda grew up as part of church and school choirs, and a dancer and baton twirler. Linda works at Clear Sky Rehabilitation Hospital of Lecanto.

She would like to thank her husband, Dennis, for all of his support and encouragement.



**Miguel Machado** (Jim/Quintet) has been in a number of productions here at the Art Center. Most recently, Miguel appeared on our stage as Jeffrey in *The Curious Savage*. He played the saxophone for *Assisted Living: The Home for the Holidays*, performed in *A 1940s Radio Christmas Carol* and *Into the Woods*. In the area, he has been involved with productions of *The Wedding Singer* and *Guys and Dolls*. He is thrilled to be in this production.



**Allana Matos** (Susan Waverly) will start High School this fall. Allana was recently seen in the youth production of *Holy Mother of Bingo*, and *Don't Stop Believin* as Coral, adorned with perfectly purple hair! She has also appeared in *Into the Woods*. Some of Allana's favorite things are, her cat Delilah and her dog Pepper; reading, and of course being on stage. She wishes much success to her fellow actors and thanks everyone for their never-ending support!



**Kaileigh Moran** (Rita) is excited to attend the University of South Florida, the Judy Genshaft Honors College, majoring in Biomedical Sciences on the Pre-Medicine track, with the goal of becoming a neonatologist. This production marks her 11th year with the Art Center Theater. Some of her favorite shows are *Into the Woods*, *Once Upon a Mattress*, and *A Funny Thing Happened - Forum*. Outside of the theater, Kaileigh enjoys singing, playing the piano, and spending time with her family and her dog, Pebbles. She is grateful to the Art Center for the memories, support, and the second family she has found here.



**Megan Morra** (Chorus Kids) is 11 years old and attending middle school at SJP2 Catholic School. Megan loves to sing, play piano, including a few times at mass. Megan also loves playing volleyball and basketball. She has been acting for 2 years, with past roles in *A Christmas Story*. Megan's Mother, Father Samira and James, 2 sisters Melanie and Macey as well as her grandma Maureen are so very proud of her and can't wait to see the show!



**Juno Payne-Umbehant** (Phil Davis) Originally from Habersham, GA, Juno moved to Inverness in 2022 and discovered their love for community theatre shortly after. Their first show with the Art Center was in the ensemble of last summer's musical, *Into the Woods*, and they're so thankful for the connections they have made so far. Juno would like to thank their friends and family for their continued support, and their partner Jordan for helping them memorize all of their lines! Juno is looking forward to directing the Art Center's next show, *Psych*.