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OUTDOOR MUSICAL



PALO DURO CANYON STATE PARK
JUNE 6TH - AUGUST 9TH



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Greetings:

As Governor of Texas, I am pleased to welcome you to Palo Duro Canyon State Park for the 59th annual presentation of the outdoor musical drama TEXAS.

A production as grand and dazzling as the canyon in which it is performed, TEXAS celebrates the courageous pioneers who settled our rugged frontier. This story reminds us of the great challenges many of the first Texans overcame to pursue the American Dream, and it likewise encourages us to carry on their legacy as we build the Texas of Tomorrow. By honoring our ancestors' humble beginnings and sharing their indomitable spirit, we will prepare for the role we play in our great state's future.

At this time, I applaud the artists and technicians who have brought this production to life, and I commend those whose support of the Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation makes this show possible. You help preserve the vibrant history and heritage of the Lone Star State for generations to come.

First Lady Cecilia Abbott joins me in wishing you a memorable time in Palo Duro Canyon State Park. Enjoy the show!

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THE TEXAS OUTDOOR MUSICAL was born in 1960 when Margaret Harper read an article in Reader's Digest about a playwright and author named Paul Green. Mr. Green had recreated the history of several regions around the nation in tremendous dramas with pageantry and music. Mrs. Harper wrote to Paul Green and began corresponding with him about the land, people and beauty of Palo Duro Canyon. As interest in the prospect of an outdoor theater began to grow, a small group of Canyon families planned the first trip for Paul Green to come to the Panhandle later that year. Mr. Green immediately dedicated himself to the project of bringing the history of the High Plains to the stage. The support organization eventually expanded to include Amarillo and the surrounding area.

A LONE HORSEMAN, carrying the flag of the great state of Texas appears atop a 600-foot cliff, signaling the beginning of the most spectacular outdoor musical drama in the nation. With a moving swell of the music, the horseman gallops across the rim. Suddenly, a cast of more than 60 actors, singers and dancers takes the stage to kick off the show that millions of fans from around the world have come to see. Our show is more than a musical. It's a celebration of the state's fictional characters as they bring to life the stories, struggles and triumphs of settlers of the Texas Panhandle in the 1800s. Enjoy toe-tapping tunes and a generous helping of good ol' Texas humor to be dazzled with spellbinding lighting and special effects as we host the 59th season of the TEXAS OUTDOOR MUSICAL.




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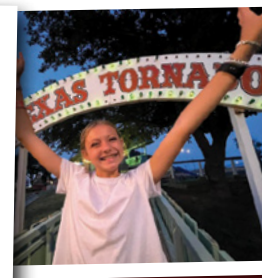
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Ears & Beers Festival	September 27
Valero BBQ Cookoff Museum Day Celebration	September 27
Dumas Noon Lions Club Arts & Crafts Show	October 4-5
Candy Cane Lane	November 15
Sunray Lions Christmas Parade of Lights	December 1

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When the land-grant institutions were established by the Morrill Act, signed by President Abraham Lincoln on July 2, 1862, one aspect of the Act was “to promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes in the several pursuits and professions in life.” As a regional university serving the citizens of West Texas and the Panhandle, and a member of The Texas A&M University System, West Texas A&M University (WTAMU) is associated with two important entities: the Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation (TPHF) that guides the production of the TEXAS Outdoor Musical and the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society/Museum (PPHS/PPHM). Both share a common interest in promoting an understanding of and appreciation for Texas history and the “several pursuits and professions in life” in the Texas Panhandle.

WTAMU is a significant repository of historical records, artifacts, and relationships to our extended community. It has responsibility for preserving and disseminating insights embedded in the TPHF and the PPHS/PPHM. The two entities and WTAMU are marked important to, and a part of, the future of our region and state. All of the collections in a unique place, if thoughtfully coordinated, have statewide value to students of every stripe and locale.

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★ ARTISTIC DIRECTOR'S NOTE ★

Welcome to the 59th season of “Texas Outdoor Musical.” 59 years. That’s quite a run. When Paul Green finished writing “Texas” he thought the show might run six or seven years. He underestimated the people of the Panhandle. Margaret Harper, Raymond Raillard, William A. Moore, Royal Brantley, Neil Hess and thousands of staff, donors, volunteers, designers, technicians, singers, dancers, actors, wranglers, hospitality and box office personnel have made *TEXAS* part of the fabric that makes the Texas Panhandle a wonderful place to call home. The show has been kept alive by talent, hard work, dedication, generous donors and audiences from across the nation and the world. Lastly, I would be remiss if I didn’t mention the love the *TEXAS* family has for the show. Countless people who have given their time and resources to keep the show moving forward. The thousands of alumni who have experienced summer in the canyon have shared with audiences their talents in all types of weather. Their love for the show is to be admired.

The show needs your support now more than ever. We need the next generation of donors, alumni and people of the panhandle to insure there will be a 60th season. Please consider becoming a member for little as ten dollars a month. We need you. Enjoy the show tonight and if you can help make it possible for future audiences and performers the same opportunity. It’s “Texas Forever.”



DAVID YIRAK
Artistic Director

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Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation



Adapted from Paul Green’s
“Texas: A Symphonic Outdoor Drama of American Life”
by David Yirak with additional dialog by Benny Tahmahkera and Lynn Hart

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★ ABOUT OUR STORY ★



SETTING

TIME:

The late 1800's

PLACE:

Panhandle of Texas

SCENES

ACT 1

Overture | Scene 1- Tatum's Camp | Scene 2- Calvin's farm and dugout | Scene 3- Girl's dressing room | Scene 4- Cowboys bunkhouse | Scene 5- Party at McLean ranch house | Scene 6- After the party | Scene 7- Austin | Scene 8- Palo Duro Canyon

ACT 2

Entr'Acte | Scene 1- Ranch house porch | Scene 2- Chuckwagon supper | Scene 3- A gully on Calvin's farm | Scene 4- Porch of the ranch house, Henry's dream | Scene 5- Kate's washtub | Scene 6- Calvin's dugout | Scene 7- Henry and Anna's Parlor | Scene 8- St. Louis boarding house | Scene 9- Finale at Henrianna TX | Patriotic Grand Finale

MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT 1

Overture - Turkey In The Straw | We Invite You All To Come To Texas | Texas Forever | Home On The Range | Folklorico | Come All You Cowboys | Little Liza Jane | We Invite (reprise)

Scene 1 - Cindy, Cindy | Under The Greenwood Tree

Scene 2 - Sweet By-And-By | Hey-Ho The Wind And The Rain

Scene 3 - Cowboy's Sweetheart

Scene 4 - Dallas

Scene 5 - Old Joe Clark | Cielito Lindo | Tonight We Remember | Skip To My Lou | Clementine

Scene 6 - Goodnight, Ladies

Scene 8 - Hop Jim Along

ACT 2

Entr'acte - West Texas Rain

Scene 2 - Streets of Laredo | Night Herders' Song

Scene 4 - It Is Well

Scene 5 - Kate's Song

Scene 6 - Comanche Hymn | Sweet By And By | All Is Well

Scene 8 - Tonight, We Remember

Scene 9 - She's A-Comin' Cross The Prairie | Texas Forever

Grand Finale - Homeward Bound | America The Beautiful | The Flags Of Texas



★ CAST OF CHARACTERS ★

Characters in order of appearance

Colonel Henry McLean , a wealthy cattleman	Brian Kuhnert
Abel Tatum , a homesteader	Edgar Camarena
Rachel Tatum , Abel's wife	Caroline Cooper
Tatum Children	Kayson Harrison
	Chisum Hartman
	Lexington Hartman
	Georgianna Holloway
	Lorelei Holloway
	Clara Krause
	Parker Krause
	Kolt Koller
	Kooper Koller
	Macyn Sadau
	Jordyn Valois
	Michael Valois
	Sophia Valois
Calvin Armstrong , a young homesteader	Grant Galloway
Tucker Yelldell , a poetic gold prospector	Wyatt Brownell
Kate Lucas , an entertainer from Old Tascosa	Kim Hernandez
Dave Newberry , foreman on Colonel Henry's ranch	Oscar Hample
Flip Saunders , a cowboy	Kelton Harbison
Dude Forbes , a cowboy	Carson Almand
Parmalee Flynn , a rancher's daughter	Sarah Estes
Bert Barfield , a homesteader	Matthew Balfour
Ted Bates , a homesteader	Kyler Hilton
Elsie McLean , Colonel Henry's niece	Clara Moos
Sadie Cline , a girl of the Panhandle	Stella Woodall
Bonnie Belle Bates , a girl of the Panhandle	Sahara Rose Seifried Malaina Aultman
Eula Ellis , a girl of the Panhandle	Emma Johnston
Grace Sheffy , a girl of the Panhandle	Corinthia Townsend Kanani Crandall
Isabella , the McLean's cook	Victoria Reyes
Anna McLean , Colonel Henry's wife	Cloyce Kuhnert
Diego , son of a wealthy rancher	Joshua Moreno
Quanah Parker , the great Comanche Chief	Benny Tahmahkera
Lawyer	J. Cole Becton
Politician	Caleb McDaris
Comanche Hymn Singer	Marla Nauni
Lily Armstrong , Calvin's mother, a spirit	Emma Johnston Kanani Crandall
June Bearden , a boarding house owner	Sahara Rose Seifried Malaina Aultman

★ CAST LIST CONTINUED ★

WOMEN OF THE PANHANDLE

Roxie Anne Wynes	Kaleigh De La Cruz
Mazie Everett	Krisanne Freeman
Cora Mae Flynn	Danielle Garcia
Ella Ray	Emma Helsten
Madeliene Belcher	Kynleigh Hester
Betty Lee	Olivia Knight
Laurie Doyle	Anna Martin
Marie Hinton	Amryn Cowen
Evie Blair	Allie Meredith
Maggie Barfield	Hannah Metzger
Madge Slocum	Cassidy Moore
Beulah Boyd	Reagan Mulvey
Pearl Langley	Tina Nakata
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Lois Hull	Elliana Herr

MEN OF THE PANHANDLE

Marvin Polk	Evan Beesley
Douglas McCause	Cameron Casnellie
Matt Conner	William Eplett
Moses Myers	Amon Fredinand
Elzie Wynes	Sterling Hart
Randall Jenkins	Daniel Johnson
Preston Sheffy	Justice Laws
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Buck King	Marcus Norwood
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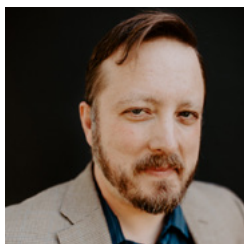
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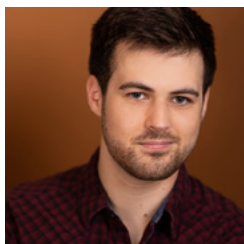
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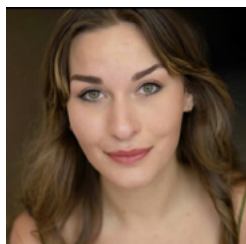
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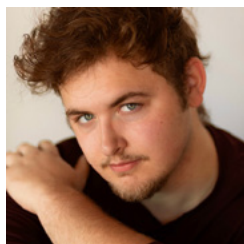
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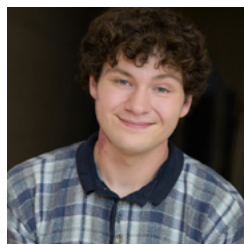
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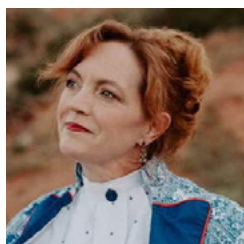
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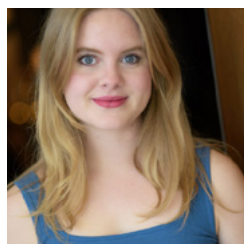
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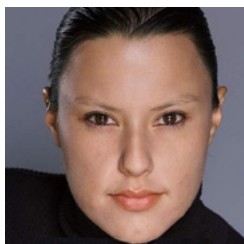
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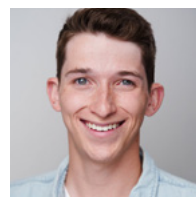


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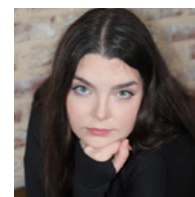


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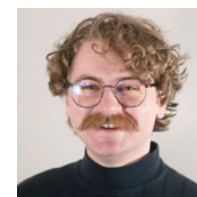
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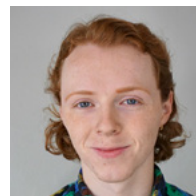
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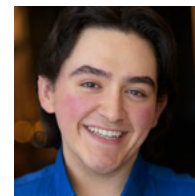
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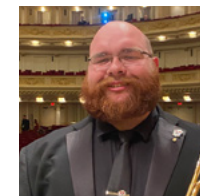
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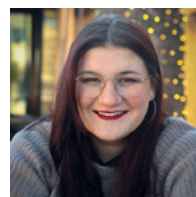
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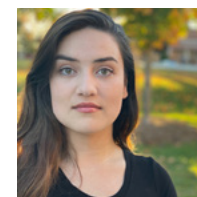
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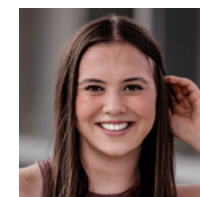
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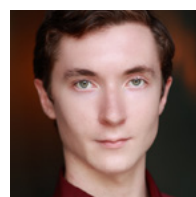
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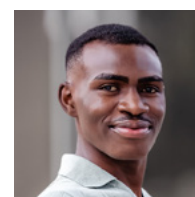
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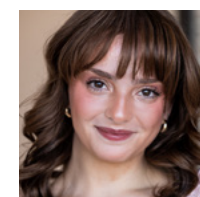
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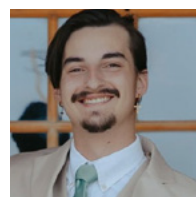
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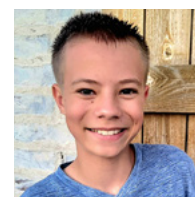
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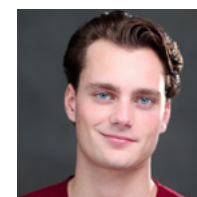
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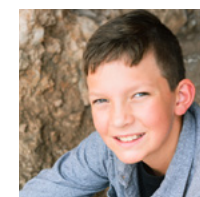
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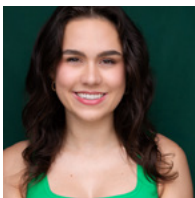


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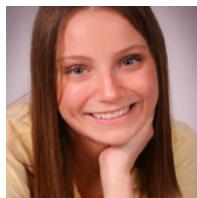
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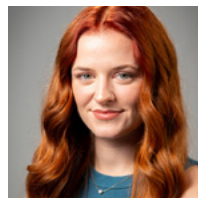
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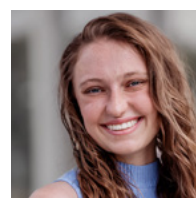
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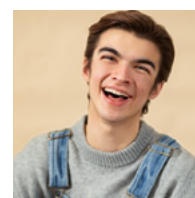
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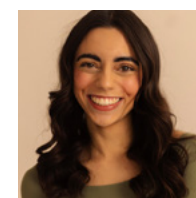
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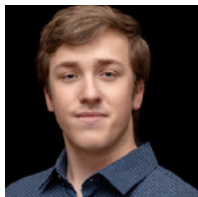
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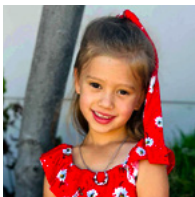
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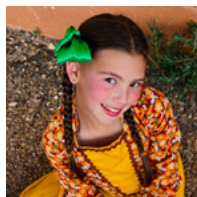
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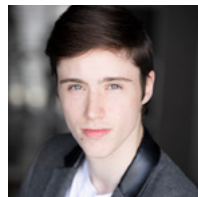
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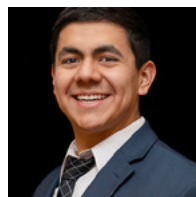
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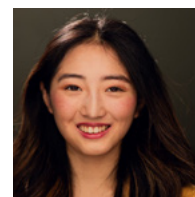
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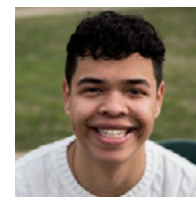
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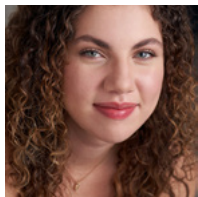
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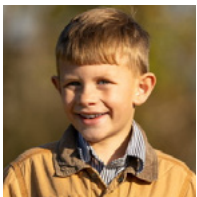
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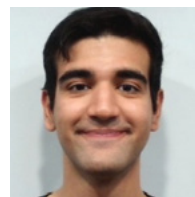
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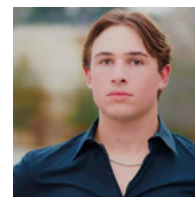
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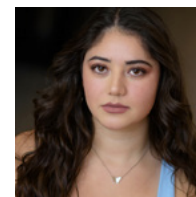
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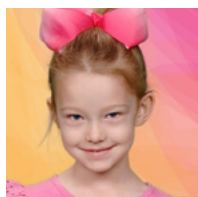
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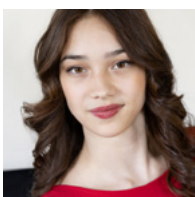
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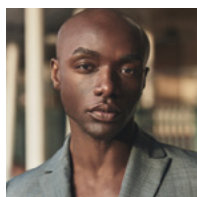
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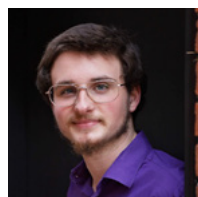
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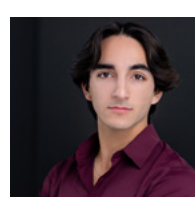
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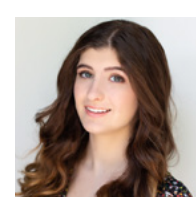
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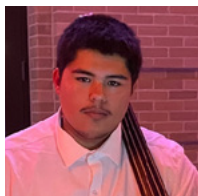
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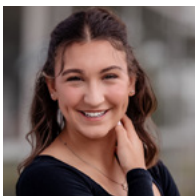
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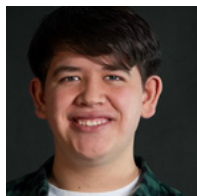
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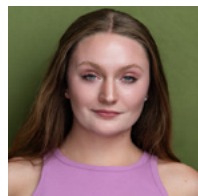
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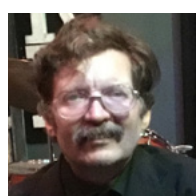
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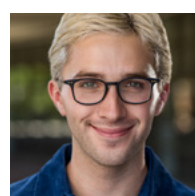
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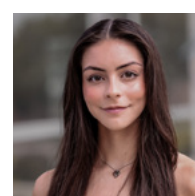
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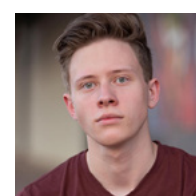
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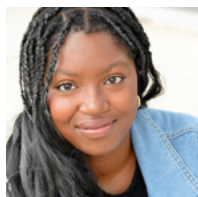


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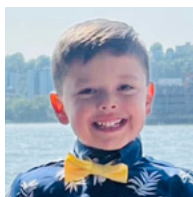
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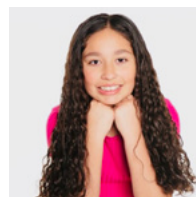
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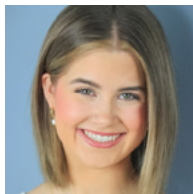
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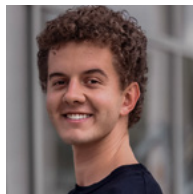
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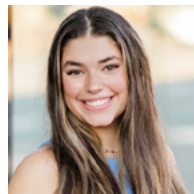
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★ WHO'S WHO ★

CARSON ALMAND Carson is a proud Texan, born and raised in Midlothian, and he's thrilled to make his debut in *TEXAS*! Growing up seeing the show helped spark his passion for theatre. He earned a BFA in Musical Theatre from the University of Wyoming, graduating in 2024, and he is excited to be back in his home state, with recent credits including performances with *Casa Mañana* and *The Promise*. Carson believes there's no better feeling than telling stories under the stars, surrounded by God's beautiful creation. Enjoy the show!

RACHEL ALVES Rachel is originally from Rhode Island but is currently going into her junior year at Oklahoma City University as a Dance Management major. This is her first summer working with *TEXAS* and she is super excited to help create such a fantastic show!

MALAINA AULTMAN American soprano, Malaina Aultman, was recently seen in the role of Asteria in Gluck's *La Corona* with the orchestra Instabile di Arezzo in Tuscany and as a featured soloist with AAMS Emerging Young Artist program at the Kennedy Center. Other operatic highlights include Fiordiligi in *Così Fan Tutte*, Adele in *Die Fledermaus*, and the title role in Menotti's *Amelia goes to the Ball*. Malaina holds her bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees from Louisiana Christian University and Northwestern State University of Louisiana, respectively. This fall, Malaina is excited to return to Northwestern as an adjunct voice professor.

MATTHEW BALFOUR Matthew Balfour is excited to make his *TEXAS* debut! Matthew recently graduated from the Osher School of Music at the University of Southern Maine with a degree in Musical Theatre Vocal Performance. Some recent credits include Prof Bhaer in *Little Women* (USM), Bill in *The Guy Who Didn't Like Musicals* (USM), Uncle Henry/Toto Puppeteer in *The Wizard of Oz Youth Edition* (MSMT), Clerk/Various and Hawkins U/S in *The PROM* (USM), Polixenes in *The Winter's Tale* (USM), *The Three Merchants*, *The Three Little Pigs* (MSMT), Baker in *Into The Woods* (USM), and Officer Barrel in *Urinetown* (USM).

J. COLE BECTON J. Cole Becton has been a theatre lover since he was 12 years old! He has been in such shows as *Into The Woods* as Cinderella's Prince, *Bye, Bye Birdie* as Randolph McAfee, *The Wedding Singer* as Glenn Guglia, *Seussical!* as Horton the Elephant, and many more! When he's not performing, he enjoys simple hobbies like fishing, video games, and hanging out with friends. J. Cole would like to thank his family, his Fiance, and everyone who has supported him in my theatre journey for helping him get where he is today!

EVAN BEESLEY Evan K. Beesley is a recent graduate of the University of Utah where he studied musical theatre. Selected credits include Emcee in *Cabaret*, Hades in *The Lightning Thief* (Babcock Theater), Jackie in *The Wild Party* (Hart Theater), Ensemble in *...The Great Comet of 1812* (Pioneer Theater Company), Ensemble in *Singin' in the Rain*, *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* and *Fiddler on the Roof* (Hale Center Theatre), Specs in *Newsies*, Ensemble in *Tuck Everlasting*, *Matilda* and *Thoroughly Modern Millie* (Hale Center Theater Orem).





BLAINE BERTRAND Blaine is honored to join the Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation as Production Manager, Visual Effects, and Audio Designer. With over three decades of experience producing the outdoor musical drama *TEXAS*, which he's been proud to help bring to life since 1992, he's excited to continue blending tradition with innovation. Blaine's work focuses on creating immersive, high-quality technical elements that enhance the storytelling and audience experience. It's a privilege to collaborate with such a dedicated team, and he looks forward to contributing to the rich legacy of *TEXAS* and the continued celebration of our region's vibrant heritage.

CRYSTAL D. BERTRAND Crystal returns to *TEXAS* for her 31st season. Her production involvement with the company has been showcased in over 40 state and national events and has worked with hundreds of talent across the globe in association with the show. Not including *TEXAS*, Crystal has choreographed over 40 musicals, numerous dance works, and for an abundant of entertainment venues. Crystal and her husband, Blaine, production manager, are co-founders of B&C Consulting and combined, have nearly 60 years of experience in the Pioneer Amphitheater. Through *TEXAS*, she hopes to inspire audiences and performers alike in the heart of Palo Duro Canyon. Crystal also wants to send a special thank you to Neil Hess.

MADELEINE BOND Madeleine Bond is currently a junior in the BFA at Azusa Pacific University. At APU, she has had the pleasure of being a part of several productions, including *The Phantom of the Opera* (Spot OP), *Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella* (ASM), *Meredith Wilson's The Music Man* (SM), and APU's New Work Festival. She has also worked with Semsen Music as a backstage manager for their children's choral musicals. She is grateful for the opportunity to work at *TEXAS*. She wishes to thank her family for supporting her dreams and career.

ANDREW BRACKETT Andrew Brackett is the Assistant Professor of Lighting and Sound Design at the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point. Previously, he was the Assistant Professor of Lighting Design and Stage Management at the University of Nebraska - Kearney, the Assistant Professor of Theatre Design and Production at Fort Lewis College, and a post-graduate teaching fellow at Shenandoah University. Andrew has his MFA in Theater Design and Technology from Northern Illinois University and his BA in Technical Theater and Architecture from the University of Minnesota. Andrew has worked for Royal Caribbean, Norwegian, and Disney Cruise Lines, and has designed for theaters across the Midwest.

ZANE BREWER Zane Brewer is an actor and rising senior at Arkansas State University, where he's been honing his craft on stage while exploring the many facets of theatre. Though his heart is in performance, Zane has also stepped into roles in direction and stage management, eager to understand the full picture of theatrical storytelling. This summer, he's excited to join *TEXAS*, to expand his knowledge behind the scenes. He's looking forward to diving into tech work, learning new skills, and contributing to a truly unforgettable production.

WYATT ANDREW BROWNELL Wyatt is an actor, musician, songwriter and playwright currently based in Lubbock, TX. This is Wyatt's second time performing in *TEXAS* after previously playing Dude Forbes in Season 56. Since that summer, Wyatt has continued to find success as an actor as well as a writer. Notable roles include Jerry Lee Lewis in *Million Dollar Quartet*, Caliban in *The Tempest*, and Huey Long in *Man of the People*, a new musical written by Wyatt, which was performed this spring as part of the 2025 Chicago Musical Theatre Festival!



EDGAR CAMARENA Edgar Camarena is excited to be returning to *TEXAS*! He is so grateful he gets to spend another summer down in the canyon doing what he loves most. He would like to thank his friends and family for their continued support.

CAMERON CASNELLIE Cameron was raised in Louisville, KY and is going into Senior Year as a Dance Performance Major at Oklahoma City University. Recent credits include (OCU) *Holiday Spectacular*, *Move! Dance for the World of Entertainment*, *Student Choreography Show - We're Back Again*; (Garland Summer Musicals) *Singin' in the Rain*. He sends his thanks to friends and family for their support and hopes you enjoy the show.

NOAH CHECKETTS Noah Checketts is a rising junior at Georgia Southern University studying stage management and is very excited to get to begin his professional work at *TEXAS*.

KORBIN COLE Korbin Cole is a Junior Vocal Education Major from West Texas A&M University. He's spent many of his years learning various instruments such as trombone, euphonium, percussion, and guitar. Korbin am a member of the WTAMU Symphonic Band, Opera, Chorale, Guitarist for the 3.14 Big Band and is also a member of Sound of West Texas Drumline.

CAROLINE COOPER This is Caroline's first time performing in *TEXAS*! She's seen the show many times since she was little, so being able to be a singer this season is a blessing. Caroline is a Music Technology student at WTAMU, and she's from Midlothian, TX. Her resume consists of some High School theatre and she is extremely excited for this opportunity to add some professional experience.

AMRYN COWEN Amryn is an Amarillo native who is excited to be returning to the cast of *TEXAS* for her second season. She is a senior at Colorado State University and is pursuing a major in dance with a minor in Health and Exercise Science. Amryn would like to thank her family for their unwavering support throughout her dance career and *TEXAS* for another opportunity to perform in the show.

KANANI CRANDALL Kanani Crandall is a vibrant soprano and recent graduate of West Texas A&M University, earning her Masters in Vocal Performance under Matt Oglesby. She began graduate studies at the University of Mobile with Dr. Maryann Kyle, making her professional debut as Sister Genovieffa in *Suor Angelica* with Opera Mississippi. Kanani has been a featured soloist in operas, galas, weddings, and community events. A Young Harris College alumna, she earned honors including GMEA Honor Choir soloist and NATS South-East Regional finalist. She will appear as Susannah in *Le Nozze di Figaro* with Opera of the Plains later this year.

SARAH DAILY Sarah Daily is returning for her 3rd season of *TEXAS*. Working as a General Technician in '21 and Assistant Technical Director in '22. Whenever Sarah isn't down in the canyon, she tours the U.S. as the Head Properties for Disney on Ice, Mickey's Search Party. She is excited to change lanes, face the challenge of Technical Direction, and grow in her craft. Sarah would like to thank her friends and family for always supporting her wild ambitions, and loving her through it all. Texas Forever!

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LAUREN DANE Lauren is stoked to be returning to *TEXAS* for her second season! She is currently receiving her BFA in Technical Production from Texas State University, with a concentration in costuming. Some of her previous credits include *TEXAS* Season 58 (Stagehand/Carpenter), *Guys and Dolls* at TXST (Wardrobe Supervisor), *Escobar's Hippo* at TXST (Wardrobe Supervisor), and *Sister Act* at TXST (Stitcher). She would like to thank her friends, family, and the *TEXAS* production team for all of their support! TEXAS forever!

KALEIGH DE LA CRUZ Kaleigh De La Cruz was raised in Chicago, IL where she started dancing at the age of three, under Krissie Odegard Geye and Carrie Patterson. Kaleigh trained in ballet, pointe, jazz, tap, hip hop, contemporary, and musical theater at Dance and Music Academy. At age 6 she started competing at dance competitions such as CRU Dance, Showstopper, World Class Talent Experience, and BellaMoxi Dance Convention. In 2017 she was accepted into The Chicago High School for the Arts where she began training under Ted Seymour, Maan Almodovar, Teanna Zarro, Megan Wright, Tracey Franklin, Brandon Dicrisio, and Zineb Chraibi. From 2018 through 2021 she was an intern with the Trifecta Dance Collective. Kaleigh received her BFA in Dance Performance at West Texas A&M University, where trained under Edward Truitt, Crystal Bertrand, Sandra Miller, and Staci Clay Hall.

WILLIAM EPLETT William "Wil" Eplett is a rising junior musical theatre major from Auburn, AL. Originally hailing from Lilburn, Georgia, Wil began dancing and singing in the eighth grade. He wants to thank his family for all the love and support they have given him over the course of this crazy journey all the way out to Texas.

SARAH ESTES Sarah is thrilled to return to the *TEXAS* stage for her 3rd season, and her 1st as Parmalee! Sarah grew up on a ranch in Oklahoma and is excited to go back to her roots! She is going into her senior year as a vocal performance major at West Texas A&M University. She wants to extend her thanks to her parents, sister, and voice teacher Matt Oglesby for always supporting her and believing in her. Sarah's favorite performance credits include *She Loves Me* (Amalia Balash), *Urinetown* (Hope Cladwell), and *Così Fan Tutte* (Despina). She sincerely hopes you enjoy *TEXAS*!

AMON FREDINAND Amon Fredinand was born in Tanzania. He moved to the US in 2008 and has lived in Amarillo ever since. He started dancing at Palo Duro High School with Kaylee Morrison. During his high school days, he also trained with Erik Prospero and Deidre Dennis. After graduating high school, he attended West Texas A&M University to major in dance. He trained with Crystal Bertrand, Edward R. Truitt, Sandra Stegelman Miller, Stacy Clay Hall, and Leslie Williams. He has appeared in WT's productions, *Falling Into Dance*, *Portraits of Dance*, and *The SpongeBob Musical*. As a swing dancer, He worked professionally with *TEXAS* in 2021. He's danced in his church Christmas program and choreographed too. He's excited to be back in the Canyon again for his second season. Amon hopes to grow his dance career and pass on his passion to others.

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KRISANNE FREEMAN Krisanne Freeman was born in Amarillo, TX. She received ballet training from Mark Lanham and Stephanie Parker through the Landance Conservatory located in Amarillo. She has also spent three seasons as a professional company member for Lone Star Ballet. Krisanne attends West Texas A&M and is pursuing her bachelor's degree in dance performance. Currently, her time at WT is spent studying under Sandi Miller, Crystal Bertrand, and Edward R. Truitt. She has widened her study of dance by studying styles such as modern, jazz, tap, and contemporary during her enrollment in college. She's attended summer intensives with Oklahoma City Ballet and Sacramento Ballet.

EMMA FRITH Emma is a rising senior at Texas State University, pursuing her BFA in Technical Production with an emphasis in stage management. She is thrilled to return to *TEXAS* for her second season. Previous stage management work includes: *The Wolves* (ASM), *Ballet Austin's Heart's Desire* (ASM), *Everybody* (ASM), Texas State's Black and Latino Playwrights Celebration (SM), *Urinetown* (SM), *The Complete Picture – Staged Reading* (PSM), *Light The Way Home* (PSM), and BFA Performance & Choreography Senior Showcase (PSM). Other creative works include: *Into the Woods* (Props Artist), *Big Love* (Props Artist), *Pippin* (Props Artist), and *When Thou Wakest* (Scenic Designer). She would like to thank her advisors, family, and friends for their unwavering support.

CHRISTIANA GAGER Christiana is a currently finishing her BFA in lighting design at the University of Florida, where she is also getting BA in Digital Arts and Sciences. She has been involved in theatre and technical theatre since the sixth grade and has never looked back. She is excited to be part of such a lovely production.

GRANT GALLOWAY Grant Galloway is over the moon to be making his *TEXAS* debut this summer. After his time in *TEXAS*, Grant will return to the University of Central Oklahoma to continue pursuing a Bachelor of Music in Musical Theatre. Galloway's resume features roles such as Hobo (*The Polar Express Train Ride*) Carl Hanratty (*Catch Me If You Can*), Danny Zuko (*Grease*), and Billy Flynn (*Chicago*). He hopes you enjoy the show as much as he enjoys performing it!

DANIELLE GARCIA Danielle Garcia is a junior Dance Performance major at Oklahoma City University, pursuing her Bachelors of Performing Arts at the Ann Lacy School of American Dance and Entertainment. Originally from Danbury, CT, Danielle began dancing at the age of three at Seven Star School of Performing Arts, where she discovered her passion for performance. She has trained extensively in tap, jazz, and ballet, and has competed at the national and international level. Danielle is thrilled to be making her performance debut with *TEXAS* this summer and is grateful for the opportunity to bring her love of dance to the stage.

REBEKAH GARDNER Rebekah Gardner is so thrilled to be apart of *TEXAS*! Though she is originally from Lubbock, TX, she received her BFA in Theatre Tech/Design and minor in Musical Theater from Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, TX. She would like to thank her family, friends, and partner Davis for all of their never-ending support. Enjoy the show!





OSCAR HAMPLE Oscar Hample is a graduate student at WTAMU, studying vocal performance under Dr. Cloyce Kuhnert. He recently completed his Bachelors Degree in Musical Theatre, also at WTAMU. This is his third season being involved with *TEXAS!*, and the first time he has stepped into the role of Dave Newberry. Previous credits include Georg Nowack in *She Loves Me*, Don Alfonso in *Così Fan Tutte*, and Judge Turpin in *Sweeney Todd*. In the fall, he will be in Opera of the Plain's production of *Le Nozze di Figaro* as Doctor Bartolo. Enjoy the performance!

KELTON HARBISON Kelton is a 3rd year student at WT and studying to become a Music Educator. Born and raised in Canyon TX, he graduated from Canyon High School where he played The Cat in the Hat in *Seussical* and Sebastian in *The Little Mermaid*. At WT, he has performed as a chorus member in *Sweeney Todd*, Don Alfonso in *Così Fan Tutte*, Sid in *Albert Herring* and other roles outside of the University. This will be Kelton's first year in *TEXAS*. Kelton could not be here without the support of his family: BJ Harbison, Karla Harbison, Jennifer Wilson, Craig Wilson, Connie Lockhart, and Brandon Wilhelm; as well as the wonderful friends he has the honor of performing with side by side.

KAYSON HARRISON Kayson is a talented 12-year-old from Canyon, TX, currently participating in his third season of *TEXAS* this summer. In addition to his passion for acting, he enjoys running, playing soccer, and practicing karate and competitive kickboxing. Kayson also showcases his musical skills by playing the euphonium in his school band. With a diverse range of interests, he continues to pursue his dreams both on stage and in sports.

STERLING HART Sterling Hart is a singer/dancer/actor from Madison, NJ and will be a senior in the BFA, Musical Theatre program at Rider University this fall. Recent credits include *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (Asher), *Grease* (Danny Zuko), and *Kiss Me Kate* (Bill Calhoun/Lucentio). Sterling would like to thank the Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation for this amazing opportunity!

CHISUM HARTMAN Chisum Hartman is returning to *TEXAS* for his 6th season. Chisum enjoys the on-stage escapades he gets to partake in with his sister and friends during the play and hearing the audience laughter. He will be a 7th grader at Canyon Jr. High school, where he loves learning something new each day. In his free time, he enjoys all things baseball, especially pitching, and playing basketball. Chisum finds fun and adventure in all he does! Chisum hopes you enjoy *TEXAS*!

LEXINGTON HARTMAN Lexington Hartman is returning to her *TEXAS* family for her 7th season. Lexington loves being on stage with her brother and hopes to one day join the *TEXAS* cast as a dancer. Lex will be an 8th grader at Canyon Jr High School next year where she loves all things learning, especially reading, writing, history, and math. In her free time, she enjoys ballet, jazz, musical theatre and playing basketball for Canyon. Lexington invites you all to come to *TEXAS*!

EMMA HELSTEN Emma Helsten is a New York-based performer, originally from El Paso, TX! Emma holds a BFA in Dance from West Texas A&M University. Her performance credits include *An American in Paris*, *West Side Story*, and *9 to 5*, along with classical works such as *Swan Lake*, *Don Quixote*, *Carmen*, and *The Nutcracker*. Emma is excited to return to the cast of *TEXAS* and grateful to work with this artistic team!



KIM HERNANDEZ Kim Wieck Hernandez is beginning her twenty-eighth year of being involved with *TEXAS* in some capacity. She began in the 80's as a customer service representative and went on to perform in the roles of dancer, chorus, Elsie understudy, and Parmalee Flynn. She is excited to be playing the role of Kate for her fifteenth season. Kim has been in productions around the panhandle at Canyon High, WTAMU, Amarillo College, Amarillo Little Theater, and dinner theaters for many years and was a member of the first *TEXAS* touring group. She has degrees in music therapy and music education. Kim currently teaches elementary music where she directs nine programs a year and an honor choir. Kim also taught beginning guitar and dance in the past. Her main role is as proud mother to five children (all of whom have been involved in the show), and grandmother to six. Kim and her family have a passion for *TEXAS* and hope you enjoy being under the stars tonight as much as they do!

ELLIANA HERR Elliana Herr is beyond excited to be a part of the *TEXAS* Outdoor Musical. She is an upcoming senior musical theatre major at the University of Central Oklahoma. Previous credits include dance captain/Cha-Cha in *Grease*, Busboy/ensemble in *She Loves Me*, dance captain/ensemble in *Legally Blonde*, dance captain/ensemble in *Hairspray*, and dance captain/ensemble in *Urinetown The Musical*. She would like to thank her friends and family for all their support, as well as the cast, crew and artistic staff of this production for their hard work.

KYNLEIGH HESTER Kynleigh Hester was born and raised in Lubbock, Texas where she grew up dancing and competing in various competitions across the nation. She was a dance major at WTAMU where she was able to participate in many concerts, conventions and master classes from guest artists; she graduated in December 2023. Kynleigh was a Dancer/Singer in the 57th season of *TEXAS* and is so excited for her 2nd season. Currently she is a dance teacher at The Edge Amarillo and has been a company member in Emergence Dance Company since 2023.

SULLIVAN HICKMAN Sully is currently a senior studying Theatre Design and Production at Harding University. His recent credits include Stage Management for Harding's 51st *Spring Sing*, Sound Design for *Macbeth* (Covenant School), Sound Design for *Peter and the Starcatcher* (Harding), Assistant Stage Manager for *Tuck Everlasting* (Harding), and Stage Manager for *The Drowsy Chaperone* (Searcy Summer Dinner Theatre). He is grateful for the incredible opportunity to work on *TEXAS* with this amazing production team, cast, and crew. It has been a true blessing to work alongside them.

KYLER HILTON Kyler Hilton is a baritone from Canyon, TX. He has been a part of the WT Opera program for 3 years and had his first main stage role as Guglielmo in *Così Fan Tutte*. He participates in the Opera Gala every year, getting to learn scenes from famous operas such as *La Bohème*, *Turnadot*, and *Die Fledermaus*. Kyler plans on getting his masters in Vocal Performance after his bachelor's, and then going out into the world and continuing his performing career.

MORGAN HOLCOMB Morgan is a Panhandle native and was born and raised in Canyon. She has spent years of her youth and a majority of her adult life riding, training, and showing horses through various organizations. Morgan is a West Texas A&M University alumnus and is excited to continue being involved with the community here in Canyon!



GEORGIANNA HOLLOWAY Georgianna “Georgie” is thrilled to make her big stage debut in this year’s production of *TEXAS!* A spirited 6 year-old from Canyon, TX, this marks Georgie’s very first appearance in a live musical—and she couldn’t be more excited! Full of energy and creativity, Georgie loves dancing, coloring, and doing gymnastics. When she’s not performing, she enjoys spending time with her friends and family. She is overjoyed to be part of the *TEXAS* family and can’t wait to shine on stage for the very first time!

LORELEI HOLLOWAY Lorelei is thrilled to return for the 59th season of *TEXAS!* A vibrant 11 year-old from Canyon, TX, this marks her third year as a child performer in the beloved production. Lorelei first graced the stage as a Tatum Tot during the 57th season and is excited to continue sharing her love for performing. Her stage journey began in 2019 as a Teeny Tiny Mouse in the Sacramento Ballet Company’s *Nutcracker*. When she’s not on stage, Lorelei enjoys singing, reading, and spending time with her family and friends. She’s passionate, hardworking, and full of heart—and she can’t wait to shine again under the *TEXAS* lights!

ANALAURIE HUGHES Analaurie Hughes is from Adrian, TX. She’s an artist as well as an aspiring writer. Currently Analaurie is working on raising a few sheep in hopes of having her own place someday. She has been around horses and agriculture her whole life and she prays it can always stay that way.

EVAN HUNTER Evan Hunter is a student at the University of Colorado Boulder studying theatre technology and design with an emphasis in lighting design. This is his first year working at *TEXAS* and he is excited for the wonderful opportunity. After graduating from Boulder, Evan plans on getting his MFA and pursuing a career in theatrical lighting.

DANIEL JOHNSON Daniel Johnson is an Upcoming Senior at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond, OK, pursuing a major in Musical Theatre. At his time at UCO Daniel has been involved in many productions, most recently he played Monty Navarro in *A Gentleman’s Guide to Love and Murder*. Daniel couldn’t be happier to be performing in his first year at *TEXAS*. Daniel would like to thank his friends and family who helped him get this far.

EMMA JOHNSTON Emma Johnston is a rising junior Music Theater and Vocal Performance major from Austin, TX. She was most recently in OCU’s Mainstage production of *Gianni Schicchi* (La Ciesca), *The Ballad of Baby Doe* (Effie), *Footloose* (Ensemble) and OCU Stripped’s production of *Baby* (Ensemble/Arlene Cover). She is a voice student of Dr. Christensen and a coaching student of Professor McDaniel. She wants to thank her friends and family for being the best and is so excited to be a part of the *TEXAS* family!

OLIVIA KNIGHT Olivia Knight is a freshman musical theatre major at the University of Central Oklahoma, but she is from Mansfield, TX. She is so excited and grateful to be able to perform with *TEXAS!* She would like to thank her amazing family for all the support and love. Please enjoy the show!

KOLT KOLLER Kolt is a proud first grader in Happy, TX who loves fishing, playing outside, and hunting for bugs. Born and raised on working ranches in Texas and New Mexico, he has a true cowboy spirit. He’s excited to be part of the 59th season of the *TEXAS!*



KOOPER KOLLER Koop is a happy, enthusiastic young lady that enjoys *Frozen*, unicorns, dressing up in princess costumes and taking care of her horse, Barbie. She is ecstatic to bring her talents of singing and dancing to the 59th season of *TEXAS!*

MADDIE KOLLER From Beaumont, TX, Maddie takes great pride in her roots and enjoys sharing the rich traditions of Cajun culture with those around her. She also loves sharing the ranching heritage she’s gained from time working on ranches in the Texas Panhandle and New Mexico. Maddie is grateful for the opportunity to be involved with the horses and people in this year’s production. She feels especially blessed to share life’s adventures with her two beautiful children!

LAINY KONETZKI Originally from Wyoming, Lainey is going to be a senior at WT. As an Equine Industry and Business major, her passion for horses and the western way of life has been a long standing practice. The horse she rides for the musical is one she raised herself! She is a breakaway roper on the WT Rodeo team. She’s excited to share her love of theater and horses with the audience in the amphitheater.

CLARA KRAUSE Clara is thrilled to return for her second season with *TEXAS*. She loves being part of the cast and is excited to help bring this iconic story to life again. Clara is grateful for the opportunity to work with such an amazing team and looks forward to another unforgettable summer under the stars.

PARKER KRAUSE Parker is excited to join *TEXAS* for her second season! She loves performing and is honored to be back with the cast and crew. Parker is thankful for the friendships, memories, and experiences this show brings, and can’t wait to share the magic of *TEXAS* with audiences once again.

BRIAN KUHNERT A native of the Texas Panhandle, Dr. Brian Kuhnert returns for his twenty-first season with *TEXAS*, his eighteenth as Uncle Henry. He serves as Director of Vocal Studies at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, TX. His performing credits include Sarastro (*Die Zauberflöte*), Figaro (*Le Nozze Di Figaro*), and Horace Tabor (*The Ballad of Baby Doe*). A frequent concert soloist, he has appeared in *Messiah*, *Requiem* (Mozart and Verdi), and *Kindertotenlieder*. Dr. Kuhnert is also the founder of Opera of the Plains, a nonprofit opera company serving the Texas Panhandle.

CLOYCE KUHNERT Cloyce Kuhnert is a Professor of Music at West Texas A&M University. She is a mezzo-soprano and completed her DMA in vocal performance at the University of North Texas. She has held leading roles at WTAMU, UNT, Amarillo Opera, and *TEXAS*. She has staged operas such as *Marriage of Figaro*, *Die Fledermaus*, *Così Fan Tutte*, *Don Giovanni*, *Pirates of Penzance*, and *Susanah*. Dr. Kuhnert has been involved with *TEXAS* for thirty-two seasons (fourteen seasons as Music Director). She is also the choir director for First Presbyterian Church in Canyon, TX. She holds membership in NATS and TMEA. Her students have been successful in winning competitions and are working with opera companies, universities, and public schools across the country.





JUSTICE LAWS Justice Bryan Laws is a proud AEA performer and graduate of Harding University (B.A. Theatre). Credits include: *Texas Outdoor Musical* (3 seasons), inaugural cast of *Disney Wish* (Disney Cruise Line), *Mickey's Magical Friendship Faire* (Walt Disney World), *Cabaret* (Lulu, Orlando Shakespeare Theatre), and dance captain roles at SeaWorld and Universal Orlando. Justice is grateful to share stories that move hearts and spark joy.

ELLIOTT LEWIS Elliott Lewis is a current junior, music education major at West Texas A&M University. He is involved with the WTAMU Chorale and French Horn studio. In recent years, he has performed at the Texas Music Educators Association with the WTAMU chorale and symphonic band and enjoys being in several musical ensembles every semester. He is also a co-host for the radio show "Jazzy Fridays" on KWTS 91.1 FM. Elliott would like to thank his friends and family for their support. He is thrilled to be in the *TEXAS*!

EZEKIEL LUERA Ezekiel Luera, from Fort Worth, TX is currently a student at West Texas A&M University. He is pursuing a Bachelor of Music in Education. Ezekiel is very excited for his first year in *TEXAS*!

ANNA MARTIN Anna is a dance major at West Texas A&M University. She first saw *TEXAS* when she was 8 years old, and from then on she knew where she wanted to perform. She is so exited to spend her second summer here, under the stars here in the Palo Duro Canyon.

CALEB MCDARIS Caleb McDaris is a freshman musical theater major at West Texas A&M University. Caleb has grown up being in choir and theater his whole life and is very excited to be a part of *TEXAS* as he has spent most of his childhood in Texas. Caleb would like to thank his family, friends, and professors for all their support during his musical theater career.

ALLIE MEREDITH Allie is a performer from Austin, TX and is overjoyed to be spending a second summer in the canyon! She is a second year Musical Theater student at Texas Tech and has recently worked on *The Nerve of Minerva* in the dance ensemble and *Bright Star* as the choreographer.

HANNAH METZGER Hannah is thrilled to be making her professional debut in *TEXAS*, surrounded by the beautiful canyons she grew up around. She is currently a student at West Texas A&M University studying Dance Performance. Hannah would like to thank God, her family and friends, and all her teachers and mentors for their love and support!

LACEY MILLER Lacey Miller is a junior pursuing a degree in Technical Theatre. She has worked in a wide range of areas, including front of house operations, makeup design, costume construction, wardrobe assistance, and projections. Lacey is passionate about all aspects of performance, whether working backstage or stepping into a role onstage. Past productions include *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead*, *Hamlet*, and an original dance concert where she helped bring imaginative worlds to life through projections and design. She is thrilled to be part of this production and hopes audiences enjoy the creativity and storytelling she's proud to help share.



JAMES MOLEDOR James Moledor is excited to be performing with *TEXAS*! Regional credits include Mill Mountain Theater: *Bright Star* (Ensemble, u/s Billy Cane); *Elf the Musical* (Ensemble); *The Sound of Music* (Friedrich) at Mill Mountain Theatre. Educational theatre includes *Matilda: The Musical* (Rudolpho); *Shrek TYA* (Pinocchio); *Natasha, Pierre, and the Great Comet of 1812* (Ensemble, u/s Pierre, Dolohov); *Welcome to the Hard Luck Café* (Greg). Some of his interests outside of performing include photography, sewing, and piano. He would like to thank his family for supporting him in all his endeavors.

EMARYA MONTGOMERY Emarya Montgomery is a graduate of WVU's Musical Theatre program. She also studied acting with Greenbrier Valley Theatre and began acting professionally at nine years old. Emarya has been in 22 amateur plays and 15 mainstage equity productions with GVT, as well as being hired for an off-broadway staged reading of *The Crowd in NYC*. She was recently in WVU's production of *Into the Woods* (Witch), *The Misanthrope* (Celimene), and GVT's *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. Emarya also works professionally as a violinist.

CASSIDY MOORE Cassidy is so excited to be making her *TEXAS* debut as a dancer this summer! Cassidy grew up in Dallas, TX and attended Booker T Washington school for the performing and visual arts. She has just graduated from Oklahoma City University where she earned her degree in dance. Cassidy has been in "The Star Dance Company" with the Ann Lacy School for American Dance and Entertainment throughout her time at OCU, and also has performed in musicals such as *Singin in the Rain* in the ensemble, *The Drowsy Chaperone* as dance captain, and Zaneeta in *The Music Man*. Cassidy would like to thank her family and friends for their endless love and support and her amazing cast and crew members for making this an unforgettable show!

CLARA MOOS Clara Moos was born and raised in Plano, TX. She is so excited to be making her *TEXAS* debut! Clara is a recent graduate of West Texas A&M University, with a Bachelors of Fine Arts in Musical Theatre. Previous credits include: Amalia Balash in *She Loves Me*, Gretel in Humpderdink's *Hansel and Gretel*, and Lady Merrill in *Once Upon a Mattress*. Clara sends love and gratitude to her incredible family, friends, and mentors!

TAYLOR MORENO Taylor Moreno currently resides in Canyon, TX, where she serves as the Choir Director at Ascension Academy and an Adjunct Professor of Voice at both WTAMU and Wayland Baptist University. A former member of the chorus, Taylor is excited to return to *TEXAS* as the Assistant Music Director for the 59th season! Most recently, she portrayed The Mother in *Amahl and the Night Visitors* and Fiordiligi in *Così fan tutte* at WTAMU, and Gerda in *The Snow Queen* with OOTP. In March 2024, Taylor was awarded the grand prize in the inaugural Eric Barry Vocal Competition. Her upcoming performances include Countess Almaviva in *Le Nozze di Figaro* with Opera of the Plains.

JOSHUA MORENO Joshua Moreno, tenor, currently resides in Canyon, TX, where he obtained a Bachelors in Music Education at West Texas A&M University. Past performances include Albert Herring in Britten's *Albert Herring*, Pasquin in Bizet's *Doctor Miracle*, Ted Bates/Lonnie Cheeks in *TEXAS*, Ferrando in Mozart's *Così fan tutte*, and Man with a Suitcase in Argento's *Postcard from Morocco*. Moreno is also a private voice lessons teacher and a volunteer cheer coach for the Canyon High School cheer team.



REAGAN MULVEY Reagan is thrilled to be joining the *TEXAS* company for the first time as a dancer for their 59th season! Originally from western North Carolina, Reagan is a rising senior Musical Theatre Major with a Minor in Dance at Western Carolina University. Some favorite past credits include Ensemble/Dance Captain/Manson Trio in *Pippin*, Gaelen/Ensemble/Serena u/s in *Legally Blonde*, Ensemble/Dance Captain/Charlotte u/s in *Cinderella* and Zaneeta in *The Music Man*. Reagan would like to thank her friends and family for their unwavering support. She hopes you enjoy the show!

TINA NAKATA Tina Nakata is a BFA Musical Theatre student at Nazareth University, originally from Tokyo. Her recent theatre credits include: Fritzie (*Cabaret*), Ensemble (*Head Over Heels*), Puck (*A Midsummer...*), and u/s Nancy Ward/Ensemble/Asst. Dance Captain (*Horn in the West Outdoor Drama*). She is grateful for this opportunity to perform at the Pioneer Amphitheater!

MARLA NAUNI Marla Nauni obtained her Bachelor's of Business Administration, and Master's in Human Relations, from the University of Oklahoma. Her latest TV/Film accomplishments include *Landman*, *The Madison*, *Lioness*, *ECHO*, *Prey*, *Killers of the Flower Moon*, *Fancy Dance*, *Bass Reeves*, *Walker*, *Reservation Dogs*, *Tulsa King*, *1883*, *Yellowstone*, *The Son*, and Emmy Awarded documentary, *Osage Murders: The Reign of Terror*. She has been performing in *TEXAS* for 13 seasons and looks forward to another successful season!

MARCUS NORWOOD Marcus Norwood is a freshman musical theater major at the University of Central Oklahoma. He would like to thank his family and friends for supporting him in all of his endeavors.

GABRIEL POLO Gabriel Polo is an international student from Colombia. He is studying Voice Performance and Guitar Minor Studies at Northwestern State University.

RADMAN RASTI Radman Rasti is a master's student at Texas Tech University, majoring in violin performance. He holds a bachelor's degree in violin performance from the University of Tehran. Currently, he performs with the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra and previously played with the Tehran Symphony Orchestra. Born into a musical family, Radman grew up in a rich musical environment. He began playing the violin at age eight, quickly developing a passion for music. By age fifteen, he decided to pursue music academically, dedicating himself to honing his craft.

NATHANIEL REICHLE Nathaniel Reichle is a actor and model based in San Antonio, TX. He is a Musical Theatre and Dance Major at Abilene Christian University. Nathaniel has recently been seen in *High School Musical* as Ryan Evans, *Bye Bye Birdie* as Mr. McAfee, *White Christmas* as ensemble, *Oklahoma* as ensemble, New York Fashion Week and several *Cabarets* around the country. He is here for the first time with *TEXAS* and is so grateful for this opportunity.



VICTORIA ROSE REYES Victoria Rose Reyes is a 2025 graduate of West Texas A&M University, where she earned a BFA in Musical Theatre and a Minor in Dance. She is so excited to be performing in her second season in the canyon after appearing as Eula Ellis in *TEXAS* and Edith in *The Pirates of Penzance* during the 2023 season! Some of her favorite past roles include Mother Superior in *Drinking Habits*, Lady Larken in *Once Upon a Mattress*, Cinderella in *Into the Woods*, and Clarissa/Queen of Diamonds in *Alice by Heart*. Victoria would like to thank her wonderful family and friends for their support and encouragement, and she would like to thank God for giving her life each day. Enjoy *TEXAS*!

DENNIS RICE Dennis is a lifelong citizen of Canyon. Dennis met his wife Darla while working for *Texas* in 1985. Dennis and Darla have four daughters and three of their daughters have worked for *Texas*. He hopes that everyone enjoys their time in Palo Duro Canyon and enjoys the show.

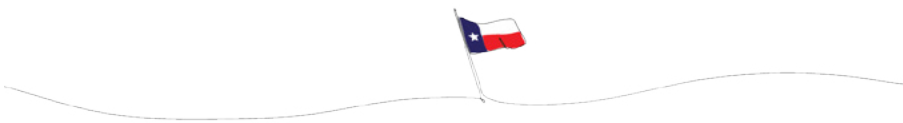
ELIZABETH ROBERTS Elizabeth is a senior at West Plains High School in Amarillo and is working on her associates degree in general studies at Amarillo College. She's done various academic high school one-act shows and is so excited to join *TEXAS* for her first professional show. Some favorite past shows she's done include *The Bridegroom of Blowing Rock* (Wardrobe Head), *Fiddler on the Roof* (Wardrobe/Props Head), and *Ugly Lies the Bone* (Costuming Assistant).

MYLES RODRIGUEZ Myles is from China Spring, TX, and is a proud Texas State Bobcat pursuing a BFA in Technical Production. He is thrilled to join the *TEXAS* team for the first time! His previous credits at TXST include the New Works Festival (SM), Escobar's *Hippo* (RSM), and The Black & Latino Playwrights' Celebration (SM), among others. He also worked with Silent House Theatre Company on the world premiere of *What's A Knucka?* (ASM). He would like to thank his family, friends, and high school director, Mandy Conner, for their love and support! Eat 'em up, Cats!

MACYN SADAU Macyn is excited to be performing in *TEXAS* for the first time! She will be starting 6th grade this fall. Macyn has been dancing for the past 8 years, training in ballet, jazz, and hip hop with Lone Star Ballet Company. She has performed in the *Nutcracker* for the past two seasons and loves being on stage. When she's not dancing, she stays busy with 4-H, where she competes in food and sewing challenges and participates in livestock shows. She's thrilled to be a part of the show and hopes you enjoy the performance!

REID SALVADOR Reid Salvador is currently a rising sophomore musical theatre major at the University of Alabama. He is a Texas native and is super excited to be telling a part of his history. Past productions have included *The Addams Family*, *In the Heights* and *Cabaret*. He'd like to thank his parents for their support!

KENNEDY SANCHEZ Kennedy Sanchez is a junior at Texas State University majoring in Technical Production with a focus in costuming. Some recent shows she's worked on at Texas State are *Guys and Dolls* (Wardrobe/Hai/Makeup) and *Romeo and Juliet* (Wardrobe Supervisor). This is her first time working with the *TEXAS* and she hopes y'all enjoy the show!





SUNNY SCABORA Sunny is excited to be back in their second year at *TEXAS*! Sunny was the previous year's Technical Director and got to spend every night driving the train in the show. Sunny also performed a sword fight from *Romeo and Juliet* for Texas Originals and has just returned from a contract with Carnival Cruise Lines.

GABRIEL SCHERMAN Gabe is thrilled to be returning for his third season with *TEXAS*! He is an Assistant Project Manager with Plains Builders living in Amarillo. He recently performed in *The Blind* as Jason and the Amarillo Little Theatre productions of *A Christmas Story* as Jean Shepherd, and *Spamalot* as King Arthur. He is an active volunteer with the Amarillo Little Theatre, where he is also a member of the Board of Directors. He welcomes you to Palo Duro Canyon and the 59th season of *TEXAS*!

DAVIS SCOBEE Davis is a technician that has recently graduated from Midwestern State University. This will be his second year working *TEXAS* and he hopes you enjoy the show!

SAHARA SEIFRIED Sahara Seifried, from Palm Harbor, FL, is thrilled to make her debut in *TEXAS*. She is a rising senior double major in Musical Theatre and Vocal Performance at Oklahoma City University. She was recently in *Footloose* (Wendy Jo), *Sweeney Todd* (ensemble), and *Pieta/Suor Angelica* (Fia/La Zelatrice) at OCU. She is a member of Oklahoma's premier A Capella group, Tonal Eclipse. She is extremely excited and honored to work with the cast and crew at *TEXAS*. She also would love to thank her friends, family, and her cat, Boomba.

E. P. SIMMONS E. P. is excited to join *TEXAS* for his fifth season as band pianist and his fourth season with the Front of House Band. He is a pianist for West Texas A&M University vocal students, WTAMU Opera, Texas Opera, Esquire Jazz Band, and various other jazz bands in the Area. He also worked as a pianist for American Opera Group and Da Cornetto Opera Company in Chicago and is an arranger and composer.

JOE SOLOMON Joe Solomon is a Fairhope, AL native and a rising Junior BFA Musical Theatre student at the University of Alabama (UA). Some memorable roles include Lumiere in *Beauty and The Beast* (Eastern Shore Repertory Theatre), Hans/Rudy in *Cabaret* (UA), and Linus in *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown* (UA). He is excited to become a part of the *TEXAS* family and he'd like to thank his family for their unwavering support!

MAIA SOTO Maia Soto is a passionate and dedicated dancer currently pursuing a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance at West Texas A&M University. With a foundation in various styles including ballet, contemporary, jazz, tap, and modern, Maia strives to perform with both technical skill and artistry. Throughout her training, she has worked with many different choreographers and participated in numerous stage productions including works from the university and Lone Star Ballet. Committed to continual growth, Maia aspires to build a career as a dancer and choreographer, blending diverse styles and exploring new artistic boundaries.



HANNAH STECK Hannah Steck is an actor/technician who is thrilled to be working with the costumes for *TEXAS*! She comes from Canton, IL, and will be entering her Senior year at Illinois Wesleyan University in the Fall. Hannah would like to thank her friends and family for supporting her in her many endeavors and loving her every step of the way. Enjoy the show!

SANDRA STEGELMAN MILLER Sandra Stegelman Miller is a distinguished dancer, choreographer, and educator with a BFA in Ballet and an MBA from Texas Christian University. Her training spans classical ballet legends and contemporary icons, and she danced professionally with the Ft. Worth Ballet (now Texas Ballet Theater). Sandra has led multiple regional ballet companies, choreographed extensively, and taught at top institutions including West Texas A&M University, the South Carolina Governor's School, and Texas Christian University. An ABT® Certified Teacher, her students have joined major ballet companies and schools worldwide. Sandra brings decades of experience and innovation to her work in dance education and choreography.

BENNY TAHMAHKERA Benny Tahmahkera is an enrolled member of the Comanche Nation. He was born in Fort Worth, TX and currently resides in Indianola, OK. Benny is the great great grandson of Chief Quanah Parker. In 2013, Benny received his Master of Art Degree from the University of Oklahoma, specializing in Native American Studies. In 2011, he received his Bachelor of Art degree from the University of Oklahoma, emphasizing Native American Studies. Benny enlisted in the United States Marine Corp January 1988 and retired in January 2008, where he completed four combat tours, one in Somalia, Africa and three in Iraq while assigned to the 1st Marine Division. Benny is a member of the Comanche Indian Veterans Association and is also a member of the Comanche Little Ponies, where he is currently serving as the Vice-Chairman. Benny has been portraying Chief Quanah Parker in the *TEXAS* since 2012. He has also worked on the television series *Yellowstone*, *1883*, *Lawman* *Bass Reeves* and the upcoming season two of *1923*. Benny is honored to share his Comanche culture and heritage. Uдах! (Thank You)

EDWARD THORNTON Edward Ryan Thornton is a sound designer and audio engineer from the Houston area. He is excited to be back with the *TEXAS* company to put on a fantastic musical.

DALE TIBBITTS Dale Tibbitts is thrilled to be making his debut in *TEXAS*! With 16 years of training in ballet, contemporary, hip hop, and modern dance, Dale brings both versatility and passion to the stage. Though not currently a student at West Texas A&M, he has performed in roles such as the Nutcracker in *The Nutcracker*, Hansel in *Hansel and Gretel*, and the Mad Hatter in *Alice in Wonderland*. Dale is excited to join this vibrant cast and share his love of storytelling through movement with the Canyon community.





CORINTHIA TOWNSEND Corinthia is thrilled to be a part of *TEXAS* this summer! She is currently studying Musical Theatre at West Texas A&M University, where she continues to develop her passion for storytelling through song and performance. Corinthia is excited to share the magic of the canyon with audiences and be a part of such a beloved West Texas tradition. She would like to thank her family, her mentors, and her friends for their endless support!

GEORGIA UPSHAW Georgia Upshaw is a student at Texas Tech University pursuing a degree in Animal Science with a concentration in livestock production. She is an active member of the Texas Tech Equestrian Team and has a passion for being around and riding horses. Georgia loves Jesus and is an active member of her church. Before moving to Lubbock for college, she lived here in Canyon. Georgia and her family would go hiking and camping in Palo Duro anytime they had the chance. She is thrilled to be riding for the *TEXAS* this summer.

JORDYN VALOIS Jordyn, a dynamic 10-year-old with an outgoing personality, loves being the center of attention. An aspiring child actress, she has had the pleasure to be in *TEXAS* for two seasons. Outside the theater Jordyn excels in sports, passionately playing basketball and volleyball. This fall, she'll embrace new adventures as a 5th grader at Canyon Intermediate.

MICHAEL VALOIS Michael, a lively 6-year-old with an irresistible smile, attends Crestview Elementary School. Known for his sweet and kind nature, Michael brings joy to everyone around him. He loves playing football, basketball, and baseball, showcasing team spirit and energy on the field. His collection of Sonic toys fuels his creativity and imagination. With dreams of becoming a child actor, Michael's charisma and expressive personality shine brightly, making him a standout young talent with a promising future.

SOPHIA VALOIS Sophia Grace, a dynamic 12-year-old from Canyon, TX, shines both on and off the stage. She has been a child actor for two seasons of *TEXAS* and also received lessons at the Amarillo Little Theatre. A dedicated ballet dancer and versatile model, Sophia embodies grace and poise. Beyond the arts, she excels in horse riding and sports like basketball and softball, demonstrating her competitive spirit. Her charm extends to various commercials, where she's a familiar face. Balancing academics with a heart for helping others, Sophia Grace is a model of talent, dedication, and kindness in young performers.

JERRY VIZENA Jerry Vizena is a graduate of West Texas A&M with a BFA in Dance. Under the tutelage of Neil Hess, he began his career dancing in *TEXAS*, Lone Star Ballet and the WTAMU Dance Ensemble and later became a teacher and choreographer for all three entities. He served as Ballet Master for LSB from 2014-2019. Jerry has performed in many productions and has been a guest artist for Ballet Mississippi, North Texas Ballet Theatre, and Salt Lake Dance Center. Jerry worked for Magic Power Productions, performing in multiple floor shows in Atlantic City, Biloxi and Myrtle Beach. He has been a performer and staff member of *TEXAS* for over 25 years, and is returning after a three year hiatus. He has been teaching advanced level ballet for over 20 years.



COLIN WELTER Colin Welter (he/him/his) is a performer, musician, and theatre artist from San Jose, CA. Performance credits include *Head Over Heels*, *Natasha Pierre and The Great Comet of 1812*, *Cabaret* (Cutler Majestic Theater); *A Chorus Line* (Emerson College); *Little Shop of Horrors* (Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts). Music credits include *Urinetown* (Music Director) and *Big Fish* (Assistant Music Director). He is a graduate of Emerson College with a BFA in Musical Theatre.

JOSIE WHEELLEY Josie Wheelley grew up in the small town of Bel Air, MD, where she trained at the Dance Conservatory of Maryland and performed with Ballet Chesapeake. Her deep love for dance and creativity inspired her to start SkirtsByJosie, a small business where she designed and sold handmade ballet skirts. Now pursuing a degree in Dance Management at Oklahoma City University, Josie combines her passion for dance with a growing knowledge of business and leadership. She is especially grateful for her family's constant support and encouragement, which have helped shape her journey.

ETHAN WILKERSON Ethan Wilkerson an acting major who loves life backstage! He plans to do everything and anything he can in the theatre world.

ZAREK WOMACK Zarek Womack grew up in the small town of Christoval, TX and received his initial training in tap, jazz, ballet, contemporary, hip-hop, voice, and musical theatre in San Angelo, TX. Currently he's studying dance at WTAMU, and he's so excited to be part of the 59th season of *TEXAS* as a dancer. He'll graduate from WTAMU in May 2026 and plans to continue bring glory to God in all he does going forward. He plans to open a dance studio in Christoval that also functions as a ministry where students can receive education on both dance and God.

STELLA WOODALL Stella Woodall is a second-year BFA Musical Theatre student at Texas Christian University, originally from Overland Park, KS. She has appeared in several productions at Theatre TCU—most recently *All Shook Up*—as well as in numerous shows around her hometown. Stella is thrilled to make her *TEXAS* debut and is incredibly grateful for this opportunity. Enjoy the show!

FAITH YOUNG Faith Young is a Senior BFA Theatre, Production major and Dance minor at Marshall University. Originally from West Virginia, they found their love for theatre at a young age and started performing in outdoor productions like *Seussical the Musical*, *Mamma Mia!*, and *Beauty and the Beast*. In high school, they discovered their passion for working behind the scenes and has since taken on roles like Assistant Stage Manager and Props Master for shows including *A Doll's House*, *SpongeBob the Musical*, *The Book of Will*, and *The Winter's Tale*. In 2024, they were part of the crew for Marshall's ETC! production of *The Tell-Tale Lilac Bush* at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. They're super excited to be part of the 59th season of *TEXAS* and sends a big thank you to their family and friends for all their love and support.



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