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The Snow Queen



THE SNOW QUEEN

A NEW MUSICAL

Book by Kirsten Brandt and Rick Lombardo

Music by Haddon Kime

Lyrics by Kirsten Brandt, Haddon Kime, and Rick Lombardo

Additional Music by Rick Lombardo

Directed by Ashley Jordan

Student Director Naomi Grant

Director notes: The Snow Queen by Hans Christian Andersen is a special mystical voyage that takes us through acceptance, imagination, and of course LOVE.

It takes determination and guts to show up and do this work. Each and every single youth worked tirelessly to tell this story in a way that is not only compelling but challenges us to remember that we must "Never Give Up." When navigating our way through this story I wanted each character to find the lovable moments to connect, persevere, and propel through the trials that Gerda and Kai face to reach the ultimate goal: Finding their way back to each other.

The Snow Queen is a symbol of wounds and in order to surpass those wounds we must persevere and understand that sometimes evil is simply broken seeking healing.

It is a joy to work with such talented youth who have taken this story and truly made it their own. Milwaukee Youth Theatre is a pillar in the MKE community creating multi-faceted lanes for our future actors, sound designers, light designers, props and scenic designers and creatives. I marvel at how two months can make such a difference.

I'd like to give a special thanks to Harmonie for this opportunity and our Assistant Director Naomi who are both a force to be reckoned with and without them this show would not be possible.

Special thanks to

Megan Morrow for all the costume help,

Julie Willis and Merry Maids of Mequon for sponsoring the printing of this booklet

Buy some raffle tickets for great local prizes!

Raffle tickets and snacks are \$1.

There will be a 10-minute intermission.

There will be a short cast/crew talk-back after the show!

CAST AND CREW

PLACE

A small town, a forest, a castle

WOMAN OF THE NORTH, ENSEMBLE

KAI

PRINCESS, ENSEMBLE

GERDA

THE SNOW QUEEN

TROLL, CROW, ENSEMBLE

ENSEMBLE

GRANDMOTHER, ENSEMBLE

GARDEN WITCH, ROBBER GIRL MOTHER, ENSEMBLE

REINDEER, ENSEMBLE

ROSE, ROBBER GIRL, ENSEMBLE

ENSEMBLE

Addie Andre-Lockwood

Asare Christian

Beatrix Schweiger

Gabi Hurley

Hannah Willis

Harper Fornstedt

JaaVonna Dotson

Khylie Stilo

Liviah Wake

Margot DeNomie

Natalie Ward

V Sterner Miller

Lights crew

Jasper Goochey, Louise Tesch

Sound crew

Henry Onorato, Logan Calhoun-Johnson

Props and set crew

Corina Shaw, Chris Lucas, Ellie Soto, Gabriel Williams, Yovanni Hardin-Gonzalez, Maggie Murray, Naomi Wolfe, Noah Lucas, Louise Tesch, Rory Shaw

Costume crew

Charlotte "Lottie" Eames (Lead), Naomi Wolfe, V Sterner Miller, DeMieria Jones, Alma Goochey

Running crew

Alma Goochey (Lead), Charlotte "Lottie" Eames, Corina Shaw, DeMieria Jones, Naomi Grant

Student stage manager

Alma Goochey

MENTORS

Director

Ashley Jordan

Music director

Brandite Reed

Prop designer

Pia Russo

Costume designer

Beck Menk

Sound designer

Dmitriy Pochtarev (The New State)

Stage manager / Executive Director

Harmonie Baker

Carpenter / Head of stage expansion

Jackson McCoy

Light designer

Jen Letscher

Choreographer

Isabella Ziegot



Addie Andre-Lockwood is 12 years old and attends Golda Meir. She does math with 10th graders and plays clarinet. She has a twin brother named Mason, who she usually likes, but is occasionally mortal enemies with. Her favorite sports are rowing and cross country.



Logan Calhoun-Johnson is 13 and attends Woodlands, Bluemound campus. This is his third show with MYT and his favorite was Lost Tales. Logan has been skiing since he was two and he really likes turtles. His favorite arm is his right one and he really enjoys climbing.



Asare Christian is 13 years old and attends Golda Meir. This is his 4th show, his favorite being Lost Tales. Asare **loves** Sonic. Asare would like to recognize that he fell through a glass table when he was one year old. Once more, he loves Sonic the Hedgehog more than life.



Margot DeNomie is 8 years old -- the youngest actor in The Snow Queen! Margot attends Fernwood Montessori and is a passionate Tae Kwon Do student. Margot hates white chocolate and loves to read, especially Harry Potter.



JaaVonna Dotson is an 11 year old and attend 53rd street school. This is her first show ever and she is feeling scared and excited at the same time. Her favorite singers are Olivia Rodrigo, Ruth B. and Billie Eilish. In her down time her favorite things to do are read and sing.



Gabi,

Some people only dream of meeting their favorite performer, I get to raise mine! I love you and all your muchness.

Break a Leg BabyGirl!

**Love Mama, Dad,
Jassy, Xan, and Xay**

*Congrats on another wonderful show
to our SUPERSTAR Addie!
Love, Mom, Mama, Mason, and Potato*





YOU SHINE BRIGHT LIKE



A DIAMOND TINKA!





Charlotte “Lottie” Eames

is 14 years old and attends Golda Meir. She is the Student Leader for costumes. She is a talented artist and belongs to two separate art clubs.. Her favorite animal is a hedgehog, which also happens to be her favorite food. No, wait, it's spaghetti. Lottie is a very dedicated learner.



Harper Fornstedt is 12 years old and attends Mt.Olive. Harper can imitate British, Russian and Southern accents. She plays the oboe and has nightmares about taxidermied birds. Her favorite movie is What's Eating Gilbert Grape? and her favorite sport is Badminton.



Alma Goochey is 12 years old and attends Golda Mier. This is her second show. She has two adorable pet rats named Mo and Lu. Her favorite books are Percy Jackson and the Olympians and Heroes of Olympus. Alma's favorite musicals are Wicked, Newsies, and SIX. Alma is passionate about school and theater.



Jasper Goochey is 11 years old and attends Golda Meir. Jasper won the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. writing contest in 2022. His favorite book series is Harry Potter and his favorite sports are soccer and basketball. He plays the baritone and is passionate about photography and legos.



Naomi Grant is 15 years old and attends Dominican High School. She enjoys anime, swimming, singing, dancing and really loves acting. Her main inspiration for acting comes from American composer Lin-Manuel Miranda. Japanese food is her favorite and she has a passion for helping others.



Yovanni Hardin-Gonzalez

is 9 years old and attends Horace Mann School. This is his first show and he is excited and nervous for it all. Yovanni is very flexible and loves ham and syrup. He is a very friendly person, as well. His favorite book is anything by Judy Blume. Yovanni loves to draw.



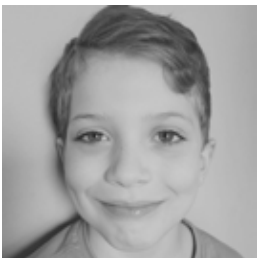
Gabi Hurley-Robinson is 12 years old and attends Frank Lloyd Wright School. She has been in 12 shows, but her favorite was Matilda. Gabi has beaten Minecraft five times. Gabi's favorite food is mac'n cheese, her favorite animal is a hedgehog and her favorite sport is volleyball. She is passionate about makeup.



DeMieria Jones is 13 years old and attends Milwaukee College Prep. This is her first show and she is happy and nervous at the same time. DeMieria is a black shirt at her school, and she was a dancer for three years. Her favorite person is her cousin who left for college. DeMieria values her personal space.



Chris Lucas is 14 and attends St. Paul's Lutheran. Chris is one of the Lost Tales Players. Chris likes to play piano, sing and dance. His favorite movie is The Dark Knight and his favorite drink is milk. He is passionate about acting.



Noah Lucas is 9 and attends St. Paul's. He would like you to know that he has longer legs than his brother but his brother has a longer torso than him. He has also almost broken his back like 12 times. His favorite person is his mom and he is passionate about basketball.



**Logan does
crew!**

We  you!



Margot Jean!!

We're so proud of how
hard you have worked
preparing for
The Snow Queen!

Break a leg, sweet girl!
(But actually don't....)

Love,
Mom, Dad, Louis, Izzy,
Sammy & Bubbles



**Khylie I am
so proud
of you! You
rock!**

*Love, mom
& your brothers*



**WE'RE SO
PROUD OF
YOU, ALMA!**

You've worked so, so hard
on this production and we
can't wait to see what all
that hard work turns into.
You manage the stage
quite well!

- YOUR FAMILY



Maggie Murray is 10 years old and attends Glenhills School. This is her second show, and she works with props. Maggie enjoys drawing and hanging out with her BFFs. Her favorite genres are science fiction and fantasy. Maggie's favorite food is mac and cheese, and her favorite animals are dogs and pandas.



Henry Onorato is 12 years old and attends Golda Meir. Henry's first show was Flora and Ulysses. He loves basketball, cross country, and soccer. Henry also loves the movie 2012. He is passionate about all the tech involved in theater production.



Beatrix Schweiger is 14 years old and attends Reagan High School. She was student director for two of the shows. Beatrix can play several instruments including guitar, bass, alto and bari sax. Her favorite book is Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief.



Corina Shaw is 15 years old and attends Riverside University High School. This is Corina's 5th show with MYT. She was stage manager three times and lights and sound two times. She loves swimming, sleeping and trying new things. Corina's favorite movie is The Babysitter Killer Queen.



Rory Shaw is 10 years old and attends Clement Ave. This is Rory's 3rd show with MYT. Rory's favorite book is Wings of Fire, and loves eating couscous. Rory is passionate about listening to music and wolves.



Ellie Soto is a 14 year old freshman at South Milwaukee High school. She has worked lights and sound, stage crew, costume design, set and props. Ellie enjoys being outside and traveling to new places and learning about new cultures.



V Sterner Miller is 12 years old and attends Bridges Virtual Academy. V loves rock climbing and searching for rocks on the shore of Lake Michigan. V is actually pretty good at Legend Of Zelda: Tears of the Kingdom. V loves eating ramen and is passionate about helping others.



Khylie Stilo is 13 years old and attends Milwaukee College Prep-North. Khylie loves playing video games and is fabulous at cooking, baking, and art (particularly animation and drawing). Her favorite movie is Coraline. Khylie enjoys hanging out with her aunt and listening to Alex G. and Meiline Martinez.



Louise Tesch is 11 years old and attends DMA. Her first show was Flora and Ulysses and she played Ernie/Mr. Claus. She loves public speaking and the show One Piece. Louise has a pet hermit crab, and her favorite mushroom is chicken-in-the-woods. She is passionate about theatrical drama.



Liviah Wake is 12 years old and attends Golda Mier. This is Liviah's 6th show and her favorite play she's been in is this one. Liviah can speak Spanish fluently and has two cats named Fiona and Penny. She loves reading and her favorite book is Verity. Liviah's favorite movie is Coraline. Liviah is passionate about women's rights and books.

Way to go Hannah!



You have been working on being
the Snow Queen for 9 years!
We are so PROUD of you! You AMAZE us!
Love Dad, Mom, Lizzy, Jakob, Matthew



GO GET 'EM, J!

We're so proud
of you and
the hard
work you've
put into MYT.

**Break a leg ... and
cue the lights!
- Your family**

*V, we are so proud
of you! Your light is
bright, and we love
to see you shine!*

*Love, Mama, Papa,
Moose, and family*

**CONGRATS TO THE
WHOLE CAST AND
CREW!**





Natalie Ward is 15 and a freshman at Reagan High School. This is her 15th show with MYT. Some of her favorites roles include Earthworm from James and the Giant Peach, Smee in Peter and Wendy and Nas in Boy With a Suitcase. She has a passion for forensic science and is a competitive powerlifter.



Gabriel Williams is 13 years old and attends Milwaukee College Prep. This is his first show and he is involved in sets/props and sound. Gabe does tae kwon do and has a dog that he loves very much. His favorite musicians are Mariah Carey and Cardi B.



Hannah Willis is 17 years old and attends Homestead High School. She is excited to finally be playing a villain after 18 shows. She has been a part of every aspect of theater, both on and offstage. Hannah has a pet snake who is named Montgomery and enjoys watching horror movies, her favorite being Mother with Jennifer Lawrence.



Naomi Wolfe is 10 years old and attends La Escuela Fratney. This is her second show with MYT. She loves to read and knit. The Harry Potter book series and movies are her favorite. Naomi loves sushi, tacos, and pizza. She is passionate about school and books, naturally.




PRINCESS NAOMI,

To say we are proud of you is an understatement. We are overjoyed to congratulate you! We admire your unwavering dedication and drive to excel. You continue to amaze us! Your passion for following your dreams and making a difference in the world inspires us every day.

*Crowns and Hats off to you,
Miss Student Director,
on your astounding achievement!
Keep God first and continue to soar!
Congratulations Princess!
Keep Shining SuperStar!*

**LOVE Always: Mom, Dad, Grandma GiGi
and all your family.**



*WAY TO GO HARPER! YOUR
FATHER IS SO PROUD OF YOU!*



Naomi -

We are so proud of you
and love watching you
explore all your passions.

We love you so much and
can't wait for all that's
to come!

Love Mama, Papi
& Harriet



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(COMPILED BY NATALIE WARD FOR HER DRAMATURGY)

- A. What gets wet as it dries?
- B. This belongs to you, but other people use it more than you.
- C. You measure my life in hours and I serve you by expiring. I'm quick when I'm thin and slow when I'm fat. The wind is my enemy.
- D. What can you hold in your right hand, but never in your left hand?
- E. Follower of man, Dark as night, A trained Choreographer, Comes after light. What am I?
- F. I'm full of holes but as strong as steel, what am I?
- G. What is seen in the middle of March and April that can't be seen at the beginning or end of either month?
- H. I have cities, but no houses. I have mountains, but no trees. I have water, but no fish. What am I?
- I. What is something that no one wants but no one wants to lose it?
- J. A girl has as many brothers as sisters, but each brother has only half as many brothers as sisters. How many brothers and sisters are there in the family?
- K. How do eight eights add up to one thousand?
- L. What word in the English language does the following: The first two letters signify a male, the first three letters signify a female, the first four letters signify a great, while the entire world signifies a great woman. What is the word?
- M. A man gets a call from the police. They tell him "Your wife has been murdered, please come to the crime scene" The man arrives at the scene and is immediately arrested. How did the police know the man was guilty?
- N. What English word retains the same pronunciation, even after you take away four of its five letters?

A. A towel. B. Your name. C. A candle. D. Your left hand. E. A shadow. F. A chain. G. The letter "R". H. A map. I. A lawsuit. J. Three brothers and four sisters. K. 888 + 88 + 8 + 8 + 8 = 1000 L. Heroine. M. The police never told him where the crime scene was. N. Queue.

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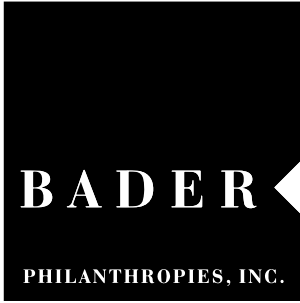
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2024 CALENDAR

We have three more auditions, three more shows,
and some community events this winter.

Coming soon:

- **November 17 & 18**, *The Day the Waters Came* auditions, February performance
- **December 22**, Holiday party (sing-a-long and games)
- **January 13**, *Lost Tales 2.0* audition, June performance
- **February 10**, Karaoke Night
- **February 24 & 25**, *I Never Saw Another Butterfly* audition, May performance

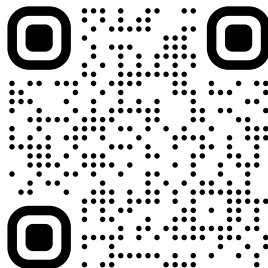
Up next:

***The Day the Waters Came* Auditions November 17 & 18**

BIPOC actors, age 12 - high school senior,
all experience levels welcome!

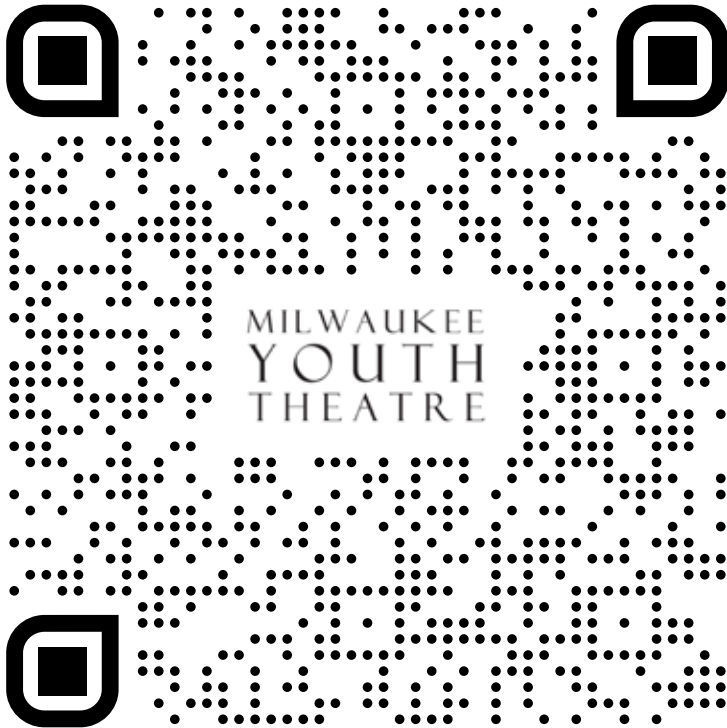
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It is no secret that I love my job. I literally tear up everytime I talk about MYT and it's students. Each production is unique. This production has certainly had challenges (did someone say budget?) but the rewards have been many. One of those rewards has been the expansion of our community. Thank you Ashley Jordan, Brandite Reed and Isabella Ziegot, for helping to bring The Snow Queen to life. Thank you new and returning parents for trusting us with your children. Lastly, thank you students for showing up everyday with your authentic selves. You remind me everyday of why I do what I do. You are worth every minute of it.

Harmonie Baker, Executive Director