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**CHOREOGRAPHY:** Anthony Ingham



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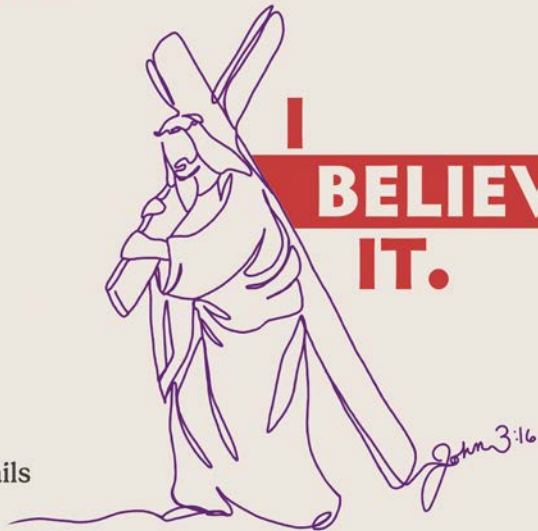
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## DIRECTOR'S NOTE



Welcome to HONK! JR, a musical retelling of Hans Christian Andersen's *The Ugly Duckling*. Our protagonist, Ugly, faces a harrowing journey of survival and self-discovery when he is born into a family that doesn't know how to accept him for being different. He is ostracized in the duckyard by the other poultry, including his own father and sibling ducklings.

As Ugly is thrust from his mother's nest and the safety of the duckyard, he finds himself out in the harsh realities of nature, struggling to find where he belongs. Ugly must make his way home before the harsh winter weather sets in. Ugly's journey brings encounters with a hungry cat, a squadron of geese, and a fancy-footed bullfrog along his way. Some are friends and some are foe... poor, young Ugly must find out for himself.

This classic Danish fairy tale has regaled children and their grown-ups alike for over 180 years. Its timeless themes of belonging, self-acceptance, and the beauty of transformation paint a relatable and heartfelt story for all ages. Ugly's story unpacks the struggles we all face as we search to find where we belong, learn to love ourselves for who we are, and discover that "...different isn't scary, different is no threat... Different is just... different!"

Serra Barrett, Director

**SERRA BARRETT** has been creating and performing stories since she was old enough to walk and talk. Her love of storytelling led her to theater when she landed the lead at her middle school musical in 7th grade.

Since earning her MA in Theater, Serra has focused more on arts education and the next generation of young artists. She believes deeply in the power of live theater, and the vital life experience it brings to cast, crew, and audience alike. Her directorial portfolio includes *FREAKY FRIDAY* and *LITTLE WOMEN* from her time teaching at MVNU, and *SEUSSICAL* for MTVarts. She has also stage managed several shows for MTVarts, including *OLIVER!* and *SISTER ACT*. She is thrilled to be partnering with them once again to direct another show for the company.

Serra would like to thank her loving, devoted husband for giving wings to her dreams, and never failing to believe in her. His support through the years has been a pillar in her life and success. She also thanks her 3 beautiful children for joining her on this journey and always making her proud.

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<b>TURKEY</b>	Zach Cramer		Clara Hauenstein
<b>HENRIETTA</b>	Evelynn Brandenburg		JoJo Lobdell
<b>MAUREEN</b>	Faith Major		Michelle Packard
<b>IDA</b>	Kamryn Van Valkenburg		Josie Snyder
<b>CAT</b>	Reese Ferenbaugh		Rosie Stemen
<b>GRACE</b>	Kiersten Clinedinst		Amelia Wells
<b>BILLY</b>	Lyvia VanValkenberg	<b>TADPOLES</b>	Charli Barrett
<b>BEAKY</b>	Charlee Clinedinst		Lily Farmer
<b>DOWNY</b>	Mollie Jurkowitz		Brookelynn Finnell
<b>FLUFF</b>	Kate Gottke		Carena Swallow
<b>UGLY</b>	Kale Oswalt		
<b>JAY BIRD</b>	Devyn Hall	<b>GOOSE</b>	Lucille Abbott
<b>GREYLAG</b>	Will Pletcher	<b>SQUADRON/ BLIZZARD</b>	Lanah Andrews
<b>DOT</b>	Avery Sears	<b>ENSEMBLE</b>	Sarah Clymer
<b>BARNACLES</b>	Izzy Cook		Izzy Cook
<b>PINK FOOT</b>	Jenna Jurkowitz		Ady DeCosky
<b>SNOWY</b>	Lanah Andrews		Molly Emig
<b>PENNY</b>	Gabby Fuller		Pearl Fawcett
<b>MOTHER SWAN</b>	Sarah Clymer		Eden Figurski
<b>BEWICK</b>	Amari McQuigg		Jenna Jurkowitz
<b>BULLFROG</b>	Isabella Oster		Zayden Luckmeier
<b>FATHER SWAN</b>	Charlee Foley		Brooklynn McDonald
<b>BLIZZARD TRIO</b>	Ady DeCosky		Naomi McFarlane
	Eden Figurski		Amari McQuigg
	Ainsley Sweeney		Will Pletcher
			Avery Sears
			Grace Shank
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# MUSICAL NUMBERS

## ACT ONE

“A Poultry Tale”.....	Members of the Duckyard
“The Joy Of Motherhood”.....	Ida, Maureen
“Different” (Pre-Reprise).....	Ida
“Hold Your Head Up High”.....	Ida, Ugly
“Look At Him”.....	Ducklings, Ida, Drake, Ugly, Cat, Henrietta, Maureen, Grace, Turkey, Members of the Duckyard
“Different”.....	Ugly
“Play With Your Food”.....	Cat, Ugly
“Every Tear A Mother Cries”.....	Ida
“The Wild Goose Chase”.....	Greylag, Dot, Goose Squadron, Ugly, Cat

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## ACT TWO

“The Joy Of Motherhood” (Reprise – Part 1).....	Drake
“The Joy Of Motherhood” (Reprise – Part 2).....	Drake
“Warts and All”.....	Bullfrog, Froglets, Tadpoles, Ugly
“The Blizzard”.....	Blizzard Trio, Company
“Transformation”.....	Ida, Ugly, Company
“Look At Him” (Reprise).....	Company
“Warts and All” (Reprise).....	Company

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# PRODUCTION TEAM

Director.....Serra Barrett	Wigs and Hair.....Norita Hissong, Mason Mickley
Artistic Director.....Bruce Jacklin	
Music Director.....Laura Ackert	
Choreographer.....Anthony Ingham	Make Up Design.....Kerri Mahan
Choreography Assistant..... Caroline Pletcher	Lighting Designer.....Kurt Mueller
Producer.....Janis Stone	Light Board Operator.....Jillian Snow
Production Manager.....Mary Harris	Spotlight Operators.....Julia Matkovic, Bailey Payne
Stage Manager.....Chris Cook	
Assistant Stage Managers.....Christan Sears, Trey Swallow	Sound Engineering.....Alex Thompson
Assistant Director.....Christopher Hartman	Technical Assistants.....Joslin Frazer, Kyleigh Woods
Set Designer.....Bruce Jacklin	
Master Carpenter.....Michael Sears	Stage Crew.....Katelyn Oswalt, Cameron Powell, Chuck Powell, Jillian Snow
Assistant Carpenter.....Bill Szucs	
Scenic Painters.....Bruce Jacklin, Allison Smith	Ticketing.....Scott Swingle and the Mount Vernon Arts Consortium
Prop Master.....Allison Smith	Media Design.....Carrie Haver, Markt Playbill.....Megan Evans and the Mount Vernon Arts Consortium
Props Assistant.....Maura Lauth	
Costume Designers.....Leah Miller, Mary Harris	Head Usher.....Kirstin Fuller
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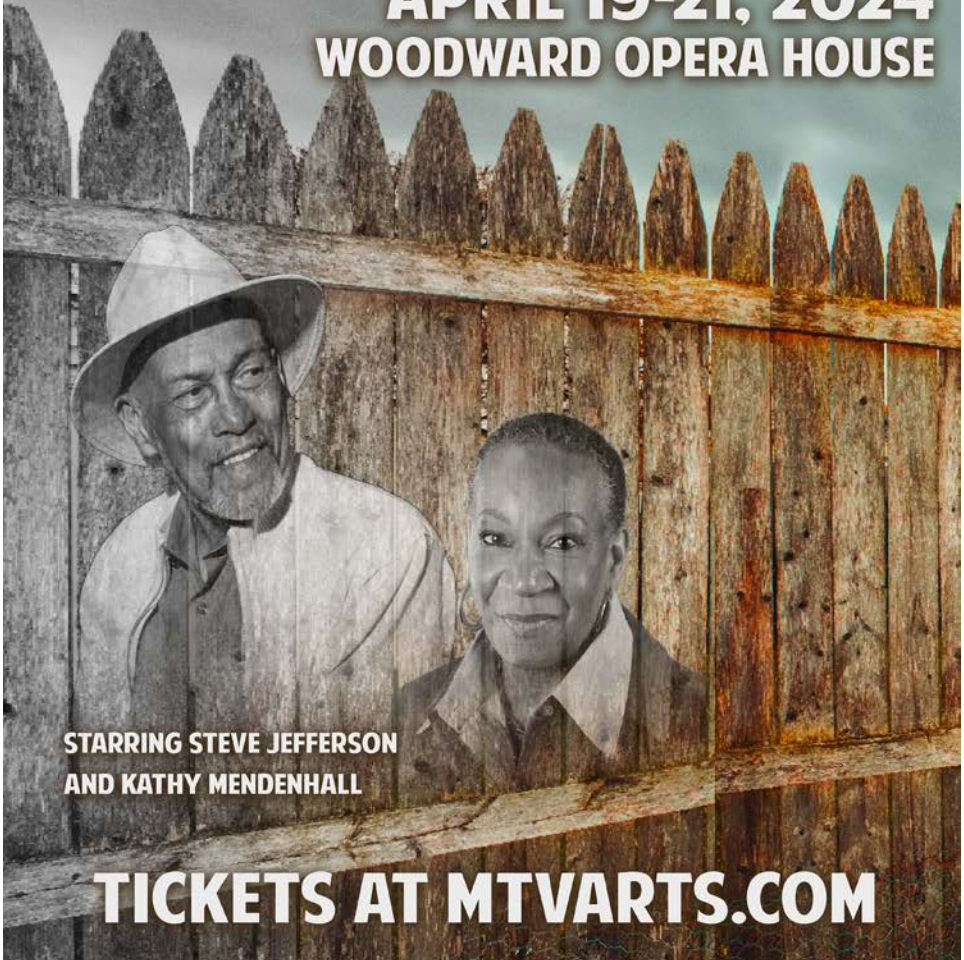
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**LUCILLE ABBOTT** (Goose Squadron; Blizzard Ensemble) is an MVMS eighth grader who enjoys violin, art, and cuddling with cats. After watching many musicals, dressing as various characters, and reading Shakespeare, she's thrilled to be in her first production with MTVarts. Thank you to family and to you for contributing to youth programs in the community!



**LANAH ANDREWS** (Snowy) This is Lanah's fifth production with artsIQ. Previously, she was in the ensemble for FROZEN, Cat in the Hat for SHREK JR, Thing 2 for SEUSSICAL JR and ensemble for MATILDA JR. She is thrilled to be a part of this production. Lanah enjoys hanging out with her friends, drawing, painting and playing with her cat, Mickey.



**CHARLOTTE "CHARLI" BARRETT** (Tadpole) is delighted to be back onstage for her second show with artsIQ! Last year she played Max the Dog in SEUSSICAL JR, and truly enjoyed the experience. When she isn't attending rehearsals for the show, Charli can be found taking dance classes or hanging out with her family. She would like to thank her big brothers for always being there for her, and she hopes you enjoy the show!!



**GWEN BRADY** (Froglet) is no stranger to the stage, having appeared in several productions with MTVarts from the tender age of four. Her most memorable roles so far have been Gretl in THE SOUND OF MUSIC and Nipper in OLIVER! She is a fourth grader at East Elementary School and loves acting, singing, and participating in gymnastics at the YMCA.



**EVELYNN BRANDENBERG** (Henrietta) HONK JR is Evelynn's fourth theater experience with MTVarts and she is so happy to be here. Before you may have seen her as Mayzie La Bird in SEUSSICAL JR or an ensemble member in MATILDA JR. She is an 8th grader at Mount Vernon Middle School. Her passion is theater and she is thrilled to be on stage doing

what she loves with people she adores. She would like to thank her friends for going to all her shows and her family for supporting her theater dreams.



**CHARLEE CLINEDINST** (Beaky) This is Charlee's 4th show with MTVarts. Charlee starred as Young Elsa in FROZEN KIDS, a Duloc in SHREK JR, and her FAVORITE role - young kangaroo in SEUSSICAL JR. Charlee is in the fourth grade at Saint Vincent de Paul School. Outside of theater, she enjoys playing soccer, volleyball and basketball. Charlee would like to thank her family and friends for all their support. Enjoy the show!



**KIERSTEN CLINEDINST** (Grace) This is Kiersten's 8th show with MTVarts. From the Lullaby League in WIZARD OF OZ to starring as Matilda Wormwood in MATILDA JR, Kiersten has loved every opportunity to expand her knowledge and grow as an actress. Kiersten enjoys writing, reading, tumbling and spending time with her siblings. She hopes you enjoy the show!

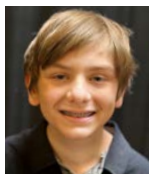


**SARAH CLYMER** (Mother Swan; Goose Squadron; Blizzard Ensemble) This is Sarah's second show with artsIQ and she is so excited to perform HONK JR. as a named character. Sarah previously played ensemble in MATILDA JR. Along with acting and singing, Sarah is part of the robotics team at MVMS and enjoys reading and writing in her free time. She hopes you enjoy the show as much as she enjoys participating in it!



**IZZY COOK** (Barnacles) is so excited to be part of the HONK JR cast. This is her 7th experience performing with MTVarts. Some of her favorite show experiences include OLIVER, SEUSSICAL JR, and OUR TOWN. As always, she is grateful for the direction and guidance of all the MTVarts leaders and volunteers. She cherishes the time spent and memories made with her fellow cast members at her home away from home. She hopes you enjoy the show!

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**ZACH CRAMER** (Turkey) is a 7th grader at Mount Vernon Middle School. He has most recently appeared as Nigel in MATILDA JR, as well as roles in OUR TOWN, OLIVER, FROZEN JR, and more. He hopes you enjoy the

show.



**ADY DECOSKY** (Goose Squadron; Blizzard Trio) is thrilled to perform in HONK JR! This is her sixth show with MTVarts, previously appearing in WILLY WONKA JR, FROZEN JR, SHREK JR, SEUSSICAL JR,

and MATILDA JR. In addition to performance arts, Ady enjoys taking care of her pet leopard gecko, Zodiac, and spending time with her family and friends! Ady is a seventh grade student at East Knox.



**MOLLY EMIG** (Goose Squadron; Blizzard Ensemble) This is Molly's first show with artsIQ. Her favourite other role was Antigone in OEDIPUS REX at Kenyon. She is in seventh grade at Mount Vernon. She is in the

ski club there and used to be on the swim team. She has no previous dance experience but was in the school choir last year. She is excited for HONK JR and hopes you enjoy the show.



**LILY FARMER** (Tadpole) has previously appeared in MTVarts production of SHREK JR as a Woodland Creature. Aside from acting, she also enjoys reading, gymnastics, cooking, and dancing. She is excited to take

part in HONK JR, and would like to thank the cast, crew, and all the volunteers for all of their hard work. She hopes you enjoy the show!



**PEARL FAWCETT** (Goose Squadron; Blizzard Ensemble) This is Pearl's first show with MTVarts. She is excited to begin her theater career. Pearl is also involved in the Boots and Bindings club and the Power

of the Pen team at MVMS. In her free time she enjoys drawing and playing with her cat Barbara. She thanks you for your support and hopes you enjoy the show.

**REESE FERENBAUGH** (Cat) "Hey, all you cool cats and kittens!" Reese is a freshman feline at East Knox Sr High. This is her seventh show with



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**EDEN FIGURSKI** (Goose Squadron; Blizzard Trio) is a musical enthusiast following in her big sister McKinley's footsteps and has taken the stage in Mount Vernon High School's CINDERELLA and

MTVarts' MATILDA JR. Her passion for singing flourished in Tavaci, when she joined at the age of three, embarking on a lively musical journey. Eden also enjoys drawing, painting, water parks, and riding her bike. She expresses gratitude for the support and friendships gained through her involvement in MTVarts.



**BROOKELYNN FINNELL** (Tadpole) This is Brookelynn's first show with artsIQ. She helped backstage with MATILDA JR. Brookelynn is 11 years old and in the fifth grade at Twin Oak Elementary. She is excited

to be on stage! She has performed with Tavaci and enjoys playing softball or playing with her pet guinea pig, Reese. She would like to say thank you, folks, for coming to the show and hope you enjoy it; beware of warts!



**CHARLEE FOLEY** (Father Swan) This is Charlee's 5th show with artsIQ. He is super excited to be in HONK JR! Charlee has recently played as one of the Whickersham Brothers in SEUSSICAL JR. Besides acting,

he does Power Of the Pen at MVMS, plays the oboe, and even does the acting classes artsIQ puts on. He is so excited to see y'all at the show, please have fun!

**GABBY FULLER** (Penny) is a junior at Mount Vernon High School and she is excited to appear in artsIQ's rendition of HONK JR. She has been involved with the arts for over nine years and only aspires to continue. She most recently appeared in



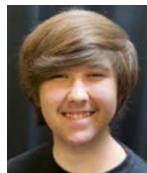
ASCENSION DAY as Charity with MTVarts' production of A Night of One-Acts. Some of her favorite roles include Three Blind Mouse in SHREK JR, Louise in PLAY ON!, and Lavender in MATILDA JR.

She is thrilled to work alongside her fellow actors and production team for her 11th show with MTVarts. She would like to thank her family and friends for their never ending support and constant reassurance. She would like to wish everyone in the crowd a wonderful experience, and to always remember, different is never bad!



**KATE GOTTKE** (Fluff) This is Kate's 4th show with MTVarts. She made her stage debut as Young Fiona in SHREK JR. Since then she has been part of the cast of SEUSSICAL JR and A CHRISTMAS STORY. Kate is a 4th

grader at East Elementary. She enjoys reading, gymnastics, crafts, and taking care of her bunny, Chip. She fell in love with theater at a young age and hopes someone out there watching catches the bug too. Enjoy the show!



**DEVYN HALL** (Jay Bird) This is Devyn's seventh show with MTVarts! He has been in other shows such as ANNIE JR, WILLY WONKA KIDS as Mr. Salt, FROZEN KIDS as

Weselton, SHREK JR as Guard and Puppeteer, SEUSSICAL JR as Judge Yertle and the Grinch, and MATILDA JR as the Escapologist. He is an 8th grade homeschool student that likes Pokémon, baseball, and Minecraft. He would like to thank his family and friends for their love and support! Enjoy the show!



**CLARA HAUENSTEIN** (Froglet) This is Clara's fifth show with artsIQ. She is honored to help put on HONK JR! Clara has been a chorus in WILLY WONKA JR, FROZEN KIDS, SHREK JR, and MATILDA JR. She loves to sing

and act, but beyond that she loves to hang out with friends and play with her new puppy in her free time. She would like to invite you to enjoy the show!

**JENNA JURKOWITZ** (Pink Foot) is an 8th grader at MVMS. She's been involved with MTVarts productions for the past six years and her favorite roles include Olaf in FROZEN KIDS and JoJo in



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in SEUSSICAL JR. She plays the violin and is involved in two honors orchestras outside of school. She plays club volleyball, loves skiing and spending time with her closest friends. Some of her best memories are with theater friends and she's so thankful for artsIQ! She would like to thank you for watching the show and being here to support such a great organization!



**MOLLIE JURKOWITZ** (Downy) is a 3rd grader at East Elementary in Mount Vernon. She previously was a narrator in the artsIQ Footlights production of SNOW WHITE, but is beyond excited to be a duckling in her first show at the Memorial Theater! She is involved in gymnastics, soccer, takes piano lessons, and loves school, swimming, and skiing. Thanks for coming to the show!



**JOJO LOBDELL** (Froglet) is thrilled to participate in HONK JR! She has previously participated in several other MTVarts shows, and has enjoyed the friendships and skills she has gained along the way. In her free time, Jojo loves to read and draw. Jojo hopes you enjoy the show!

**ZAYDEN LUCKMEIER** (Goose Squadron; Blizzard



Ensemble) This is Zayden's first show with MTVarts! He is a fifth grader at Fredericktown Elementary. Besides acting, Zayden enjoys reading, art, playing video games, and hanging out with his friends. He is so excited to be a part of this production and would like to thank everyone involved for such a great experience! He would also like to thank his mom and dad, his family, and his friends for all their support. He hopes you enjoy the show!



**FAITH MAJOR** (Maureen) This is Faith's second show. Her first was MATILDA JR. She takes voice lessons from Diane Dinger, along with piano. This year, she's a freshman in high school and she's extremely excited to be performing as Maureen, and to be surrounded by such a wonderful cast. She wants to thank her little brother Avery, on hard days he's what keeps her motivated. She also wants to thank the cast of this production for making the show so enjoyable and fun to be in.



**BROOKLYNN MCDONALD** (Goose Squadron; Blizzard Ensemble) This is Brooklynn's first show with MTVarts. She has enjoyed learning her roles. She has been in a couple of other plays and even in two movies. Brooklynn loves to crochet. She is actively involved

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in youth group, serving meals in the community, and 4-H. She is homeschooled and loves Trellis her homeschool co-op. Brooklynn would like to thank everyone for their hard work in putting the show together.



**NAOMI MCFARLANE** (Goose Squadron; Blizzard Ensemble) played Mrs. Claus in Wiggins Street Elementary's THE GINGERBREAD MAN and Edith in RACHEL at the King Arts Complex. She has seven years

of piano study under Mrs. Janet Thompson and plays cello in the Mount Vernon Middle School Orchestra. Outside of her musical pursuits, Naomi enjoys skiing and swimming, caring for her guinea pig, and embarking on road trips to visit family. She is excited to be in HONK JR, her first performance with MTVarts. She thanks her family and friends for their support.



**AMARI MCQUIGG** (Bewick; Goose Squadron; Blizzard Ensemble) This is Amari's third show with artsIQ. She's glad to be apart of HONK JR. She was previously chorus for FROZEN KIDS, MATILDA JR, and PETER

PAN JR at her school. Along with singing and acting she enjoys reading, writing and playing volleyball with friends. She hopes you enjoy the show!



**ISABELLA OSTER** (Bullfrog) is hoppy to play a part in this rrrribeting performance! She has been acting since she was a mere tadpole and has had many unforgettable roles, such as the rrrrrrevolting Bruce in MATILDA JR, the toad-ally devoted Gertrude in SEUSSICAL JR, and that's just a frgment of the parts she's jumped into in her past nine performances. Please croak along with her toaday as she hops on the stage! Her many friends she has made at MTVarts accept her "warts and all" and that it gives her a genuine frog in her throat!



**KALE OSWALT** (Ugly) is absolutely jubilated to star in HONK JR as the Ugly Duckling. Last year, you may have seen him preform as Horton the Elephant in SEUSSICAL JR. Which he found quite enjoyable and rewarding. Kale's love for the arts only continues

to grow and show by show he is thrilled to harbor new experiences and memories. He would like to thank his friends, family, and other supporters for their never ending love, encouragement, and enthusiasm. Kale would like to wish you a wonderful experience during the show and he hopes you enjoy! Just remember, what sets you apart from the world, is often your greatest asset, be you, and the best will always follow!



**MICHELLE PACKARD**

(Froglet) This is Michelle's third show. Michelle is 11 years old and is in fifth grade. She has been involved in two other shows including SEUSSICAL JR and she was a little kid in MATILDA JR.

Michelle has enjoyed her time with MTVarts and is excited to be a part of the musical HONK JR.



**WILL PLETCHER** (Greylag) This is Will's fourth show with artsIQ. He was previously on stage playing Mr. Mayor in SEUSSICAL JR, Pied Piper in SHREK JR, and Kristoff in FROZEN KIDS. When not on stage, Will is part of

Fredericktown's cross country and track teams. He was also a part of the academic challenge team. Will would like to thank you for supporting artsIQ.



**AVERY SEARS** (Dot) is an 8th grader at Mount Vernon Middle School. Avery is thrilled to be in her 7th show with MTVarts. She has been in ANNIE JR (Orphan Ensemble), WILLY WONKA KIDS (Oompa-Loompa), FROZEN KIDS

(Storyteller), OLIVER! (Ensemble), SHREK JR (Troll), MATILDA JR (Parent and Big Kid), and now she is excited to be Dot! Avery has also been in shows with Weathervane Playhouse in Newark and at the Ohio Theater in Loudonville, Ohio. She loves singing in her middle school choir and with Tavaci School of Performing Arts here in Mount Vernon, hanging with friends and family. She would like to thank her family for encouraging her to be the best she can be. She hopes that you all enjoy the show!



**GRACE SHANK** (Goose

Squadron; Blizzard Ensemble) This is Grace's first show with MTVarts and is very excited to be a part of more in the future. She is a freshman at East Knox High School. She enjoys playing guitar,

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drums, video games, and playing with her dogs. She hopes you enjoy the show!



**JOSIE SNYDER** (Froglet) is a fifth grader at Columbia Elementary school in Mount Vernon. This is Josie's fifth show with artsIQ! She previously played ensemble in FROZEN KIDS, SHREK JR, SEUSSICAL JR, and MATILDA JR.

Along with MTVarts, Josie has been performing with Tavaci for eight years now. She also enjoys drawing and creating in her past times. Josie is beyond thrilled to be a part of HONK JR! She hopes you enjoy it as much as she enjoyed putting it on!



**ROSIE STEMEN** (Froglet) is so excited to do another show with MTVarts! HONK JR will be her 9th show with MTVarts. The top three favorite shows she's been in are MATILDA JR, FROZEN KIDS, and OLIVER! Aside from all the fun of being on stage, Rosie loves to play French Horn and volleyball. She is so happy that you are here to see the work and joy that has gone into this production of HONK JR!



**BRIGGS SWALLOW** (Drake) is a seventh grader at Mount Vernon Middle School who is happy to play the role of bumbling dad, Drake! Briggs has had the pleasure of being in 11 MTVarts shows, including THE SOUND OF MUSIC (Kurt Von Trapp), ALL MY SONS (Burt), OLIVER (Gang of Thieves), SHREK JR (Pig 2), A CHRISTMAS STORY (Ralphie), SEUSSICAL JR (Wickersham Brother), OUR TOWN (Wally), and MATILDA JR (Chorus). When Briggs is not in the theater, he can be found playing cello decently or guitar badly, making delicious sandwiches, reading Brandon Sanderson novels, or working on his robot — not intercontinental ballistic missiles (wink wink) — with his MVMS Robotics team. Briggs would like to thank Bruce, Serra, Janis, and all the amazing MTVarts volunteers. Briggs implores the audience, in a mildly threatening tone, to enjoy the show!



**CARENNA SWALLOW** (Tadpole) is a third grader at East Elementary who is excited to make her MTVarts onstage debut. She has longed for this chance as she has watched her older brother, father, and mother perform in numerous shows for MTVarts -- now

it is finally her turn! Outside of her participation in theater, Carenna enjoys art, fashion design, singing, playing volleyball and basketball, and doing gymnastics. She wants to thank her mom and dad, her grandparents, and her dog Shadow for their support.



**AINSLEY SWEENEY** (Goose Squadron; Blizzard Trio) is an eighth grader at the MVMS. She has been performing with MTVarts since third grade and has been part of two shows with the Mohican Community

Theater. Some of her favorite shows are MATILDA JR, SEUSSICAL JR, 33 LITTLE PIGS, and THE CHRISTMAS CAROL. In her free time, Ainsley loves to bake, sew and read. She hopes everyone loves the show.



**KAMRYN VANVALKENBURG** (Ida) This is Kamryn's second show with MTVarts. She is so excited to be a part of HONK JR! Kamryn was previously a part of the ensemble in MATILDA JR.

Along with singing and acting, Kamryn enjoys playing piano, reading, and hanging out with her sister. She would like to invite you to sit back and enjoy the show!



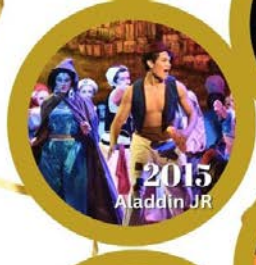
**LYVIA VANVALKENBURG** (Billy) This is Lyvia's second show with MTVarts. In the previous show artsIQ performed, MATILDA JR, Lyvia played the role of Amanda Thripp. Apart from musicals and

plays with artsIQ, Lyvia enjoys singing and playing music. She has been playing bass guitar for the past year, and she really enjoys getting to play up on stage at her church! She adores writing and hopes to one day become an author, musician, or actress! She hopes you will enjoy the show and the story!



**AMELIA WELLS** (Froglet) is very excited to be in another MTVarts production. She absolutely loves to be on stage and perform for all of you! Outside of theatre, Amelia also enjoys soccer, science, and anything with crafts.

She is a fourth grader at Twin Oak Elementary and loves every minute of it. If you ever need to find her, you can rest assured she is curled up with her golden retriever, Ben, crafting away till the evening. Enjoy the show!



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**LAURA ACKERT** (Music Director) is a music educator with over 25 years of experience. She currently teaches General Music to Kindergarten through 5th Grade in the Mount Vernon City School District. Her love of theater began at the age of five, when her dad would have her sit and watch high school play practice. HONK JR is the seventh show she has music directed for MTVartsIQ. She loves working with the wonderful young actors and amazing production team and is grateful to live and work in a community that is so supportive of the arts and arts education. She would like to thank her husband Brian for his love and support.



**CHRIS COOK** (Stage Manager) is happy to work alongside and support this production team in another MTVarts junior show. As always, she is blown away by the talent and dedication of the cast and crew. She is grateful to be part of a community that values the arts and makes this experience possible.



**MARY HARRIS** (Co-Costumer/ Production Manager) is a graduate of The Ohio State University where she earned her degree in Arts Management. There she directed and performed in shows with Off the Lake Productions, assistant stage managed with the OSU Theatre Department, and stage managed shows for community theatre groups, Little Theatre Off Broadway and Madlab in Columbus. Last season for MTVarts, she directed a show for the 2023 Night of One Acts, costumed and co-costumed the artsIQ productions of SEUSSICAL JR and MATILDA JR, stage managed the Classics production of OUR TOWN, and performed onstage in SISTER ACT. When she's not doing theatre, Mary enjoys crafting and rock climbing.



**CHRISTOPHER J. HARTMAN** (Assistant Director) received his Bachelor of Fine Arts from Ohio Northern University with a major in Musical Theatre. Christopher is studying with the Great Lakes Michael Chekhov Consortium to receive certification in the Michael Chekhov Acting Technique. He was most recently seen onstage in MTVarts' production of SISTER ACT, which he also assistant directed. He has also performed as Chris Keller in MTVarts' production of ALL MY SONS by Arthur Miller, George Gibbs in OUR TOWN by Thornton Wilder, Kapila/Devadatta in HAYAVADANA by Girish Karnad, Romeo in

Shakespeare's ROMEO AND JULIET, Etches in TITANIC THE MUSICAL by Maury Yeston and Peter Stone, and he originated the role of Joe Rupp in Yianni Papadimos and Ben Chavez's musical, ELYSIUM: AN AMERICAN FABLE. Christopher recently directed ASCENSION DAY as a part of MTVarts' production of A Night of One-Acts. He hopes you enjoy the show!



**ANTHONY INGHAM** (Choreographer) started with SOUND OF MUSIC at MTVarts, and continued with OLIVER and SISTER ACT. Tony has now moved to choreograph the kids starting with MATILDA JR and now HONK JR. Tony is so excited with every show, to make it unique, and to see how far he can push the cast both adult and younger. He is always amazed how they rise to his expectations and sometimes exceeding them. Tony is very thankful to be asked back and wants to thank Janis, Bruce, Serra, and everyone for welcoming him as one of the family. MTarts is a theater family that is strong, loving, kind and talented. Tony also choreographs for Hilliard Arts Council, Vaud-Villities, and groups in Florida and North Carolina. He is also Founder/ Director/Producer, as well as choreographer, for his charity Columbus Entertainment Productions 4 Charity. His next performance, "Let the Good Times Roll," is May 3rd & 4th to raise money for the charity For the Love of Primates. You can catch him singing and dancing as well. Have a great show HONK JR cast and crew!



**BRUCE JACKLIN** (Artistic Director/Set Designer) has been a certified adjudicator for the OCTA (Ohio Community Theater Association) and AACT (American Association of Community Theater) for nearly 25 years. Mr.

Jacklin has directed and acted in more than 170 productions in the last 35 years. This includes professional, summer stock, collegian and community theater productions. He has received numerous awards in acting and directing at both regional and state festivals from OCTA, AACTfest, Columbus Theater Roundtable and OTA festivals. Bruce was also a film and television actor. For his film and television work he is represented by PCG Talent in Columbus, Ohio and Docherty in Pittsburgh, Penn. Bruce is the artistic director for both MTVarts and The Alcove Dinner Theater productions.

**KERRI MAHAN** (Makeup Designer) is thrilled to work with artsIQ in another fabulous production. Kerri studied theater makeup in Seattle and has been sharing her knowledge and experience with MTVarts since 2017. She has designed and applied

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makeup for artsIQ productions of THE LION KING, WILLY WONKA JR, SHREK JR, and MATILDA JR, among others. When not on stage or backstage, Kerri enjoys teaching math to 5th graders at Pleasant Street

of the leaders for artsIQ. Local community theater has turned into something that the Sears family can all enjoy together.



LEAH MILLER (Co-Costumer) has been working with MTVarts since the beginning as a production manager, actor, director and costume designer. She loves working with costumes for the artsIQ productions so she can spend time with her daughter, Lanah. Leah is the Director of Human Resources at Kenyon College and when she isn't at rehearsal she loves spending time with her husband Chris.



MICHAEL SEARS (Master Carpenter) After Mike's daughter Avery was in her first artsIQ production with MTVarts, he began helping behind the scenes. His wife, Christian, became involved as well and is now one



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