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I still remember seeing *Frozen* for the first time in theaters. I walked out feeling absolutely overjoyed and singing *Let it Go* and *Love is an Open Door* for the months to come. The story resonated with me deeply, and it still does today.

Frozen is a truly beautiful tale with many lessons to teach each of us. Mixed in with a stunning soundtrack and silly jokes, *Frozen* shares a message about the transformative capacity of love. In seeing the story of Elsa and Anna, we better learn the dangers that come from fear of that which we do not understand. While not all of us have magic ice powers, we often feel scared and worried about the things that are different in our world. *Frozen* teaches us that, while it's okay to feel scared and unsure, our ability to love our friends and family can bridge any divide.

After one of the most difficult years any of us have ever faced, *Frozen's* message about the power of love in all of its forms is one I hope to impart to our cast, crew, and audience members. In *Frozen*, love can thaw a frozen heart, and it has the ability to do that in our world too. The love shared between these young performers, their parents, the production team, and The Empress leadership is truly incredible. Putting on *Frozen* has been an act of true love for each of us, and we hope watching it warms your heart the way it has for us!

Thank you for being here to support these talented, hard-working students, and we hope you enjoy as Empress Youth Theatre presents *Frozen Jr.*



Bridges Eatchel
DIRECTOR



CAST

Anna	Maddy Le
Elsa	Chloe Mizantzidi
Hans	Brady Neilson
Kristoff.....	Conner Campbell
Olaf.....	McKinley Weir
Sven.....	Blake Neilson
Oaken	Stella Peterson
Pabbie.....	Nikos Mizantzidis
Bulda.....	Sophia Cartier
Queen	Jade Peppelaar
King.....	Jude Shimoda
Duke Weselton	Logan Sadler
Bishop	Zander Weir
Young Anna.....	Daphne Gardner
Young Elsa.....	Delilah Knight
Middle Anna	Laycee Ricks
Middle Elsa	Jaye Ricks
Young Sven.....	Eli Gardner
Young Kristoff	Phoenix Verzimoore
Snow Dancers	Daphne Gardner, Courtney Joseph, Delilah Knight, Emma Mendisabal, Stella Peterson, Jaye Ricks, Laycee Ricks
Sunshine Dancers	Kenadee Bunnell, Juliandrea Crane, Kaisley Reybourne
Townsppeople.....	Kellikae Childs, Aliya Isom, Celia Lopez, Karli Sadler, Apollo Verzimoore
Castle Staff.....	Eli Gardner, Gabby Lopez, Nikos Mizantzidis, Jade Peppelaar, Kevin Rygg, Jude Shimoda, James Turner
Family Members	Gabby Lopez, Courtney Joseph, Emma Mendisabal, Jade Peppelaar, Jude Shimoda, James Turner, Zander Weir
In Summer Dancers	Kellikae Childs, Aliya Isom, Celia Lopez, Kevin Rygg, Karli Sadler, Apollo Verzimoore
Hidden Folk	Chloe Brierly, Gaby Cartier, Normandy Dougal, Eli Gardner, Greta Knowles, Maddison Parker, Wendy Tuero, Phoenix Verzimoore, Jackson Ricks



ACT I

Let the Sun Shine On.....	Royal Family Ensemble
A Little Bit of You.....	Young Anna Young Elsa Dance Ensemble
First Joik.....	Queen Iduna Hidden Folk
Do You Want to Build a Snowman?	Annas Elsas Ensemble
For the First Time in Forever	Anna Elsa Ensemble
Dangerous to Dream	Elsa Anna Bishop Ensemble
Love is An Open Door.....	Anna Hans Ensemble
Reindeers Are Better than People	Kristoff Sven
In Summer.....	Olaf Dance Ensemble
Hygge	Oaken Anna Olaf Sven Kristoff Family Members

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ACT II

Let it Go.....	Elsa Snow Dancers
For the First Time in Forever Reprise	Elsa Anna
Mountain Fall.....	Elsa Snow Dancers
Kristoff's Joik.....	Kristoff Hidden Folk
Fixer Upper	Pabbie Bulda Hidden Folk
Colder by the Minute.....	Elsa Anna Hans Kristoff Ensemble
Finale Sequence.....	Full Company



“A little bit of you, a little bit of me. You do the magic and I get to see.” It has been an absolute joy to act as program director for the Empress Youth Theater program this summer. I have loved every minute spent with these amazing students. I wish you all could see the how they have changed in just 3 short (but very long) weeks. Magical...there is no better word to describe the things that happen during EYT.

During our time together, I have watched these students grow and learn so much about theater and about themselves. I have watched as they have struggled but persevered through a problem. I have watched how they have supported one another through mistakes and cheered one another's successes. I have watched strong bonds of friendships, both old and new, blossom and grow. I have watched these wonderful young students be brave like Elsa, kind like Anna, funny like Olaf, strong like Kristoff, and loyal like Sven. I have watched as they learned to “Let it Go” (the small stuff, that is) and that we are all a little bit of a “Fixer Upper,” which is a perfectly fine way to be. We have learned that sometimes a warm hug is all you need, and that no matter what, reindeers are better than people.



It is my hope that as you watch these students perform, you will see their passion. I hope you enjoy their talent and excitement. I hope you can see the confidence, joy and pride in their faces. Mostly, I hope you enjoy the magic as these students tell you a story meant to remind us grown-ups that true love comes in many forms. As always, “Love is an Open Door” here at the Empress. Thank you for sharing your students with me this summer. Every single one of them is worth melting for.

Lady Merilee Adams

Program Director

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AT THIS THEATRE

The Empress Theatre started as a burlesque house where the Miners could come and spend their time after long hours laboring in the pit.

After a couple of years, the venue was transformed into a movie house. Showing silent movies on a large screen (*If you'll turn your attention to the S row, you will be able to see the remains of the screen from 1930; the black rectangle above the S row*). After showing movies until the 1950's, the theatre closed down and remained vacant for some time.

In the early 80's, the venue would be owned by Leo W. Ware. Leo worked tirelessly on renovating the venue. One of the most obvious places is the Green Room (*not accessible during shows, if you would like a tour, please contact anyone listed as staff in the playbill*), which was dug out by hand with a wheelbarrow and trowel.

Leo would spend the last years of his life renovating the Empress. In 2006, The Oquirrh Hills Performing Arts Alliance (OHPAA) was formed. OHPAA took the keys and finished the work Leo had begun, culminating in the first performance in over 50 years. The first production mounted was *Forever Plaid*. Leo was among those in the audience opening night. He passed away soon after, having seen his dream come to fruition.

Today we carry on the legacy Leo left behind. Our venue is run solely by volunteers and through funds raised by our generous patrons, volunteers, and board members. The dedication of all who walk through the Empress doors is a testament to true community theatre.

As of *Shrek: The Musical*, the theatre has mounted 123 productions in just fourteen years since reopening with no end in sight. OHPAA and the staff of the Empress hope to continue bringing quality, family oriented theatre to the citizens of Magna and the Greater Salt Lake Valley.



In early 2021, a local group of people formed an LLC and raised the required funds to purchase the Empress Theatre from Aileen Ware and her family. We are grateful to the Ware's for trusting us with their theatre for so long.

This change in ownership has culminated in the changes you see here today! Throughout the years, the Empress has ebbed and flowed, always staying on course with steadfastness.

We are pleased to continue the partnership into the future and remained committed to taking care of this wonderful building.

Our next goal is to raise money to help with the lobby renovations.



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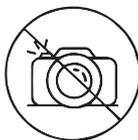
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Aliya is an 8th grader at Hunter Junior High. Her favorite subject is science. She loves to sing, dance and act. In her spare time she enjoys learning about life from different perspectives and creating art using all types of medium. Her newest passion is sewing.

Apollo is great! He is interested in the world around him. Once committed to a project, he is all in and puts his best dancing feet forward!

Blake Neilson is so excited for his 4th show at the Empress! He was last seen in *High School Musical Jr.* as Troy with Legacy Dance Studio Theatre's younger cast. He has been dancing and acting since the age of six. He is a great competitive ballroom dancer with Legacy Dance studio in Orem. Some of his favorite roles were, Troy in *High School Musical Jr.* Ed the Hyena in *Lion King Jr.* and the White Rabbit in *Alice in Wonderland Jr.* Thanks to all my friends and family that support me in all my adventures!

Brady Neilson is so excited for his 6th show with EYT! He loves to spend his Summer's with the theatre. Some of his favorite roles he has played include: Zazu and Timon in *Lion King Jr.* Iago in *Aladdin Jr.* and Pinocchio in *Shrek Jr.* Brady has danced since the age of 3 with JDS and also dances competitive ballroom with Legacy Dance studio in Orem. He is looking forward to this upcoming year at Cyprus High School as a Sophomore Thespian officer.

Celia Lopez is 16 and going into her junior year at East Hollywood High School. She is a huge fangirl of lots of things and loves reading in her spare time. This is Celia's 4th year at EYT, last seen as Scar in *The Lion King, Jr.* She can't wait to have another great summer with all of her amazing cast mates!

Chloe Brierley is going into 3rd grade at Neil Armstrong Academy. She loves to sing and dance around the house. Chloe is so excited to be in this years play, *Frozen Jr.*

Chloe Mizantzidi is 17 years old and is a senior at the Salt Lake School of Performing Arts. She has been taking private vocal lessons for seven years and would like to study musical theater and art in college. Chloe is so excited to be performing as Elsa in EYT's production of *Frozen*. Her past musical theater credits include Rafiki in EYT's *The Lion King Jr.*, the Rose Seller in *Oliver* and the Ghost of Christmas Past in *A Christmas Carol*. Chloe thanks you for coming and she hopes you enjoy the show.

Conner is going to Cyprus High this year. He likes water polo/sports and he likes games. He likes acting. He has been in *Gun Shots and Blossom* as Bucket Handle at Matheson Jr. High. He was also in *Stop the Press* as sleazy tab loyad, also at Matheson Jr. He was also the scientist and fisherman in *Lil Abner* and he played Pumba in the *Lion King Jr.* Thank you for giving me this opportunity.

Courtney Joseph is an 8th grader at Grantsville Jr. High School. She has been dancing with Shellie's Dance in Grantsville for 3 years and has loved every minute of it. Courtney also enjoys art, music, makeup, and drama. She has performed in *The Wizard of Oz*, *Sally Sells Sea Shells*, *Alice in Wonderland*, and *Seussical*.

Daphne is a first timer to the stage. She is SO happy to be playing young Anna and making new friends. It is a dream to be in this show. *Frozen* has been her favorite since she was 3! Daphne loves to sing and dance, she has taken ballet and jazz. Performing is in her blood it



seems and she definitely has caught the theater bug. As Anna would say, Now it's time for more magic!

Delilah Knight is ten years old and entering 5th grade in the fall. She is excited to be playing Young Elsa in *Frozen Jr.*! Delilah was previously in EYT's production of *Lion King Jr.*, where she was a featured dancer (gazelle in the lioness hunt) and part of the hyena ensemble. She is beginning her seventh year at Just Dance Studio in Magna and her second year at Dwiggin's Tumbling Academy in Lehi. In her spare time, Delilah likes to read. Her favorite book is 'Out of the Dust' by Karen Hesse.

Eli is happy to be playing young Sven, hidden folk and castle staff. He has enjoyed his first year doing the EYT program learning all things about theater and making new friends. He likes writing his own piano music, playing Pokémon, watching YouTube and skateboarding.

Emma is excited about her first EYT experience and to be a part of this fantastic show! Emma has a genuine love for musical theatre. She has appeared in roles as a gorilla in the ensemble for *Tarzan Jr.*, the Fairy Godmother in *Cinderella Jr.*, and Alice in *Alice in Wonderland Jr.* She has also been a part of the ensemble for *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* and Shakspeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*. Emma has loved every minute of her EYT experience and has enjoyed her associations with everyone involved!

Gabby Lopez is participating in her 4th year at EYT, last seen in *The Lion King, Jr.* as a zebra and hyena. She is 11yrs old going into 6th grade. She loves reading in her spare time and is a fan of all things marvel. She is so

excited for this year's show, and hopes you enjoy it!

Gabriella Cartier is going into the 2nd grade at Entheos Academy in Magna. She loves to dance and sing with her older sisters and play with her neighborhood friends. This is her acting debut and she is so excited to be a part of *Frozen Jr* and Empress Youth Theater this year!

Greta is 10 years old and will be in 5th grade this next school year. She loves singing and dancing. This is the first play she has been a part of and has loved every minute of the experience. She loves to swim, play with her dog, Coco and be with her family.

Jackson has loved being a part of the *Frozen Jr.* Cast. This is his first show but he has enjoyed watching other family members perform on the Empress stage. He is an expert at Legend of Zelda and loves playing video games with his siblings.

Jade is a recent graduate of the Salt Lake School for the Performing Arts. She loves music and theatre and also plays piano, guitar, and ukulele. This is her first time performing with EYT, but she has performed in other plays such as *Cinderella* and *Scrooge*. She hopes you have as much fun watching the show as she does performing in it!

James Turner is in 8th grade at Excelsior Middle School. He enjoys playing video games and loves to swim. James loves musical theatre and making people laugh. He has recently performed as an ensemble member in *James and the Giant Peach*. James hopes to make you smile while you watch the show.



Jaye saw her very first musical at the Empress and is so excited to be performing on the Empress stage. This is her first show and she loves being able to play middle Elsa beside her sister as Middle Anna. When she's not on stage she is reading a book.

Jude Shimoda This is Jude's first year performing at the empress, he is excited to get on stage and entertain the crowds.

Juliandrea is excited to be back on the stage again! In the past, she had the opportunity to participate in performances of *Annie* and *The Lion King, Jr.* here on the Empress Stage. Juliandrea also enjoys playing piano, rollerblading, and ice skating.

Kaisley attends Lake Ridge Elementary. She will be going into 5th grade. She enjoys dance and is currently starting her 7th year with Just Dance Studio. Outside of performing she enjoys playing outside with her friends and sisters. This is her first theater show and we hope you're just as excited as she was when she was able to tryout.

Karli has done EYT in the past for *Lil Abner*. She is in 9th grade. She loves acting and being a part of a show. She has been working with her cousins to make small movies. This has given her quite a bit of directing and acting experience. She wants to go into the industry of film and make movies professionally. She is super creative and loves making crafts. Lately she's been making stuffed animals and doll clothes for her siblings. She likes playing sports and hanging out with friends. But any free time she gets is usually spent watching movies with her family.

Kellikae Childs is a sixth grader at Granger Elementary. She enjoys watching anime,

drawing, singing, rockhounding, and performing. Kellikae has appeared in several musicals including: *101 Dalmatians JR*, *Little Mermaid JR*, and *Lion King JR*. This is her first year performing at the Empress and she is super excited. She hopes that you enjoy the show as much as she has.

Kenadee is excited to experience her first ever theatre production and use some of the skills she has learned in dance. Kenadee has always been adventurous and brave and likes to try new things. She enjoys dance and gymnastics. At home you can usually find her making all sorts of crafts, like homemade fidgets and friendship bracelets.

Kevin will be in 8th grade at Eisenhower Jr. High in the fall. He loves reading, math and being on stage. He also enjoys playing games with friends and family. He had a lot of fun being in the ensemble for *Freaky Friday* this past spring and has enjoyed preparing for this performance of *Frozen Jr.* Enjoy the show!

Laycee is so excited to be back on the Empress stage, having just finished *Shrek the Musical*. She played the young Princess Fiona in *Shrek*, and loves being a princess again. As Middle Anna, she is having a blast playing across from her real sister, Middle Elsa. When she's not on stage, she is singing along to musicals.

Logan is a junior at Itineris early college high school. He likes to play strategy games and hang out with friends. He also likes to play D&D and really enjoys getting into character. Logan enjoys being in plays to meet new people and be a part of something. He has played Ed in *Lion king* and a scientist in *Lil' Abner*.

Maddi is going into 2nd grade at Neil Armstrong Academy. She has been dancing for the past three years and has been competing in dance the past



two years. Maddi loves to sing, hang out with her family and friends and is loving being in this years play, *Frozen Jr.*

Madeline Le It's almost every little girl's dream to become a Disney Princess, and Madeline's proud to say that she can check that off of her bucket list. This is roughly her ninth musical (her third with EYT), and one of her biggest roles yet! If you're ever at Cyprus, you're sure to find her rehearsing for some show or dance performance as Dance Co President and Thespian Ambassador. Madeline also wants to thank her family and friends for their massive support, and the show directors for seeing her potential. She wouldn't be here without them. "Love y'all!"

McKinley has loved musical theater even since her sister did her first show. She has done two musicals at her middle school, and has done *Lion King JR.* and *Singing in the Rain JR.* here at the Empress. McKinley is very excited to be Olaf this year in *Frozen JR.* She loves all the directing staff and loves all of her fellow actors. She is excited to hopefully work with them in the future. She also loves to play soccer and read books.

Nikos Mizantzidis is 12 years old and is in eighth grade at Clayton Middle School in Salt Lake City. He enjoys traveling and visiting his family in Greece. Nikos also likes to play baseball. He has been taking private singing lessons for seven years and one of his favorite artists is Frank Sinatra. Nikos is excited to perform as Pabbie and as part of the castle ensemble in EYT's *Frozen Jr.* His past musical theater credits include the role of Oliver in *Oliver* and he was a member of the Cratchit family in *A Christmas Carol*. Nikos thanks you for coming.

Normandy Dougal is making her EYT debut in *Frozen Jr.* She is in 4th grade and loves science and recess. When she is not performing on the stage, Normandy enjoys playing softball, jumping on her trampoline, making YouTube videos and playing with her dog. She thanks you for coming and hopes you will enjoy the show.

Phoenix is so excited to be acting, which is a life-long dream for him! He loves to sing and dance his way through life, weaving incredibly creative stories as he goes. This kid is terrific!

Sophia Cartier is going to be in the 5th grade at Entheos Academy in Magna. She loves to read, Harry Potter, Takis, and performing. She performed as Violet and as part of the ensemble for *Alice in Wonderland Jr* for her school musical in February of 2020. Empress Youth Theater has been one of the best summer experiences and she can't wait to perform for you!

Stella is 13 years old. She has been dancing since she was 2 years old. She dances, sings, and plays piano. She has been in 4 musicals and she can't wait to do more!

Wendy Tuero will be starting 6th grade in the fall. Wendy wants to learn how to play the violin and has taken piano lessons. She loves her father's tacos, math, and her family. Her previous performances were in *Honk Jr.* and *Singin' in the Rain Jr.* She enjoys EYT because it gives her a chance to make new friends.

Zander Weir loves theater and has been in 6 other musicals. He is excited that *Frozen Jr* is his seventh. He loves to do puzzles, card games, board games, and video games. Zander also loves doing things with friends and a lot of soccer. Enjoy the show!





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Bridges Eatchel

DIRECTOR



Bridges is thrilled to be back at The Empress with the EYT family! Bridges previously directed The Lion King Jr, and is so grateful for the opportunity to work with such talented young performers

again. Bridges has been at the Empress both on stage and off, and you may have recently seen Bridges in Guys and Dolls and All Shook Up. When not at the theatre, Bridges is a graduate student pursuing a PhD in Human Development and Social Policy at The University of Utah.

Michelle Gardner

CHOREOGRAPHER



This is Michelle's 6th show here at the Empress but the first time she has been on the creative team and not on the stage. It has been a huge learning experience to choreograph Frozen Jr. She is

amazed by all the dedication and talent of this cast and team! A special thanks goes to her assistant Gweny Adams for being the best and making up moves, tap and just being a joy to work with. Michelle is also lucky to be working with her kids Daphne and Eli, a new experience for them all. Enjoy the show!

Gweny Adams

ASSOCIATE CHOREOGRAPHER



Gweny current attends Stansbury High School She is an accomplished dancer and is excited to have her first opportunity to help choreograph a show at the Empress. She would like to thank her family and friends for

always supporting her adventures in the arts. She hopes you enjoy the show these wonderful kids have put together.

Cassie Hurt-McLarty

MUSIC DIRECTOR



This is Cassie's second year of music directing for EYT. She has previously been seen on the Empress stage in *All Shook Up*, *42nd Street*, *Shrek The Musical*, among other productions. She is currently in school at a

university located here in Utah.

Aaron Eatchel

STAGE MANAGER



Aaron is excited to be helping with EYT again this year. By day he works in some sort of banking but in his free time he likes to be a part of theatre productions across the Salt Lake Valley. He would like

to thank the kids for their hard work, "You've made it so easy to stage manage this show!" Great Work Everyone.



Merilee Adams

PROGRAM DIRECTOR



Merilee is excited to be able to help make EYT run smooth. Having been a parent of the program first, she understands exactly what it takes to make sure things go off without a hitch. She would like to thank her sweet husband for

supporting her through all of the tough decisions and planning needed to make EYT happen. (Even though he calls Ty way more than he calls her) She is so grateful for the opportunity to help impart knowledge these kids will take with them through their entire lives.

Julie Weir

PROGRAM CO-DIRECTOR



This is Julie's first year helping in this capacity with EYT. She has been a parent of the program for a while and when asked to help was more than willing to jump right in. She also runs the youth program at her children's school in West

Jordan. In her spare time she is a soccer mom and loves every second of it. She would like to thank her family for always coming to support the things her kids do.



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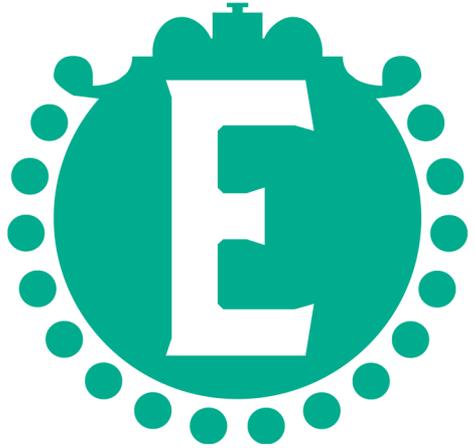
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