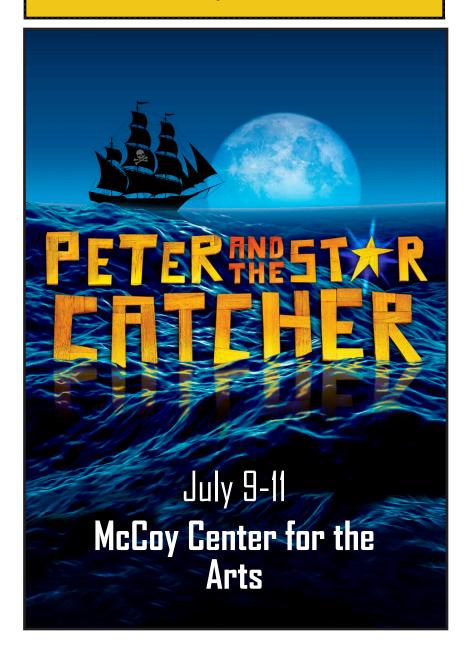
PROGRAM

New Albany Youth Theatre





New Albany Youth Theatre PRESENTS

PETER AND THE STAR CATCHER

Based on the Novel by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson

A Play By RICK ELICE Music By WAYNE BARKER

Artistic Director

Managing Director JOE BISHARA

Director KIRSTEN UPCHURCH

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CAST

Ensemble	Emma Bader
Ensemble	Adlee Beane
Bill Slank	Lee Brechter
Ensemble	Sarina Friedman
Ensemble	Brie Funk
Fighting Pawn	Gianna Gooden
Ensemble	Regan James
Molly Aster	Elyse Janikian
Prentiss	Ian Kopf
Ensemble	Cameron Krisiewicz
Captain Robert Falcon Scott	Gabby Lewis
Ensemble	Leah Levingston
Ensemble	Shayla McInerney
Cat	Sophia Means
Lord Aster	Arnav Nawani
Mrs. Bumbrake	
Mack	
Alf	Joseph Quigley
Smee	Claire Richey
Ensemble	Riona Rodrigues
Grempkin	
Black Stache	Mimi Rooney
Ensemble	
Hawking Clam	Dante Samba-Richardson
Ensemble	Olivia Sloan
Ensemble	Olivia Smith
Ensemble	Owen Suarez
Ted	Maria Thiel
Ensemble	
Boy	Drew Wintersteller
Teacher	Emma Wintersteller
Ensemble	
Greggors	
Sanchez	Meredith Zeallear



CREW

Director	Kirsten Upchurch
Assistant Director	Emma Winder
Assistant Director	Mary Beth Kauffman
Vocal Director	Jarrod Turnbull
Scenic Designer/Props	Steve Puhl Jr
Lighting Designer	Brendan Michna
Costume Designer	Sydney Wagner
Assistant Costume Designer	Sierra Ohnstad
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Emma Bader as Ensemble

Emma is very excited to perform in *Peter and the Starcatcher*. She is going into 5th grade at New Albany. This is Emma's first production with New Albany. Youth Theatre and she has really enjoyed working with everyone in the cast! Emma also enjoys playing tennis and taking hip hop classes. She would like to thank everyone involved with NAYT, especially Ms. Kirsten, as well as her family. Enjoy the show!

★ **Adlee Beane** as Ensemble (Bird/Fairy/Mermaid)

Adlee has had an interest in theatre for quite some time, attending and performing in various summer camp mini-productions such as *Annie* and *Junie* B. Jones, but is excited to make her debut on the "big stage" in Peter and the Starcatcher. While she loves tumble and hip hop, Adlee is most proud of her modeling appearances for JoAnn Fabrics and Zulily, and her online commercial spot for Franklin Park Conservatory. For always encouraging her and supporting her dreams, Adlee would like to thank her parents, friends, and family.

Lee Brechter as Bill Slank

Lee is thrilled to be Bill Slank in *Peter and the Starcatcher*. This is Lee's fifth production with the New Albany Youth Theatre. She has also participated in musicals with the New Albany Middle School Theatre Department. Lee enjoys playing Minecraft and hanging out with friends. She would like to thank her castmates, Kirsten, Jared, and all of the NAYT creative and production staff for making this show possible.

★ Sarina Friedman as Ensemble

Sarina is very happy to be a part of this wonderful theater. She hopes to see all these amazing faces next year. She met a lot of new people and would love to see them again soon. Hope you enjoy the show.

Brie Funk as Ensemble (Pirate)

Brie is thrilled to be a part of *Peter and the Starcatcher* this summer! Brie is going into 8th grade and has been doing musical theatre for the past few years. She has been in Mary Poppins Jr., The Lion King Kids, Suessical Kids., Willy Wonka Jr., Annie Kids, and School House Rock Live Jr., and truly enjoys being on stage! She is so happy and grateful to be a part of *Peter and the Starcatcher!* Brie would like to thank her family and friends for their love and support.

🜟 **Gianna Gooden** as the Fighting Pawn

Gianna is super excited to be preforming in Peter and the Starcatcher after a long break due to covid. Gianna has been doing shows since she was 9 years old and continues to love it. In her freetime, she cosplays and plays the saxophone. She'd like to thank her mom for all her support.



★ **Debbie Hamrick** from Debbie's Costume Shop

Debbie Hamrick is the owner of Debbie's Costume Shop (rental and design). She has costumed hundreds of shows in Central Ohio for community, professional and school theatre.

★ **Regan James** as Ensemble (Pirate)

Regan is excited to be in the New Albany Youth Theatre's production of *Peter and the Starcatcher*. This is her thirteenth show overall but her first at NAYT. Her most recent show was *Footloose*, where she played Rusty. She hopes you all enjoy the show.

Elyse Janikian as Molly Aster

Elyse Janikian (Molly) is thrilled to perform in her first production with New Albany Youth Theater! Some of her favorite past roles include Columbus Children's Theatre's Frozen (Young/Middle Elsa), 13 The Musical (Charlotte), as well as the Abbey Theater's Super Happy Awesome News (Joey) and Scenes From a Quarantine (Juliet). In addition to acting, Elyse loves to play the piano, sing, and play percussion with the Dublin Jerome Marching Band. Special thanks to my wonderful parents, who drive me to rehearsals and support me with everything I do. Now sit back, and enjoy the stars!

★ Mary Beth Kauffman the Assistant Director

Mary Beth Kauffman is so excited to partake in her second show with New Albany Youth Theatre. She is a sophomore at The University of Tampa studying a BA in Theatre and last helped out on *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* as a Production Assistant. Mary Beth would like to thank her family for their constant love and support!

★ Ian Kopf as Prentiss

Ian is going into 8th grade and is excited to be a part of this production. This is Ian's first summer musical but he has been Elvis in the red cast during the New Albany Middle School's *School House Rock Live Jr*. He has also starred in New Albany Middle School's *Frozen* as a part of the ensemble, yet the show was canceled. He likes to play guitar and violin, read, draw, and perform. He would like to thank his family and friends for supporting him in his artistic endeavors.

Cameron Krisiewicz as Ensemble (Pirate)

This is Cameron's 2nd NAYT production, following *The Mystery of Custodia* (Foster) online last Fall. Cam's favorite activities are musical theatre and singing with CICC, along with softball, Girl Scouts, and playing clarinet with Hastings Middle School, where she is a rising 7th grader. Many thanks to NAYT for this opportunity, and to her family and cat, Hamilton, for their support!

🜟 **Gabby Lewis** as Captain Robert Falcon Scott

Gabby is excited to be a part of New Albany Youth Theatre's Production of Peter and The Starcatcher. This is Gabby's first show with New Albany Youth Theatre and the fourth show she has done in total. She enjoys reading and hanging out with friends in her free time. She would like to thank all of her friends and family for supporting her.

★ Leah Levingston as Ensemble

Leah is an 8th grader at Kilbourne Middle School who enjoys reading, spending time with friends, and all things theatre. Some previous favorite shows include Frozen Kids (Anna) with Dublin Abbey Theatre, and Cinderella Kids (Drizella), The Best Christmas Pageant Ever (ensemble) and Willy Wonka (Mrs. Salt) with Columbus Children's Theatre, Leah would like to thank Mr. Bishara and Ms. Upchurch for this chance to perform with NAYT, and Mrs. Worthington, Nina, Grandpa, and her mom for driving her all over.

Shayla McInerney as Ensemble

Shayla is very excited to have Peter and the Starcatcher as her very first play. She likes to play the guitar and piano, and practice gymnastics in her free time. She would like to thank her parents and friends for coming to support and watch the play.

Sophia Means as Cat

Sophia is going to be in 4th grade and is 9 years old. She has a love for acting and wants to be a singer/actor one day. This is her second production, having performed as a happy cloud in a previous play. She loves gymnastics and is on the New Albany Links swim team. She has a little brother named Henry who she loves very much.

★ Arnav Nawani as Lord Aster

Arnav is very excited to be a part of this production. This will be his 11th show and he loves everything musical theater, reading, and playing tennis. He is so grateful to be playing Lord Aster in this production. To all his friends, family, cast members, and directors, thank you so much for the support and opportunities throughout the years. Enjoy the show!

★ **Sierra Ohnstad** the Assistant Costume Designer

Sierra Ohnstad's debut show. She is a homeschooled graduate of 2019. Started and owns two small business: "Joy Boxes," where she makes custom curated gift boxes, and "Ever The Curious," where she does creative commission work. She is currently pursuing her dream job in costume design. Working on Peter & The Starcatcher has been an interesting learning experience and wonderful adventure!



* Madeline Page as Mrs. Bumbrake

Madeline Page, a rising tenth grader, is thrilled to be performing in *Peter and the Starcatcher* as Mrs. Bumbrake and to get to share the stage with her sister! In the past, Madeline has participated in seven musicals with the NAMS Theatre Department, the NAHS Theatre Department, CATCO, and the New Albany Youth Theatre. Besides doing theatre, Madeline enjoys reading (*Peter and the Starcatchers* is one of her favorite books!), writing, singing, and spending time with her family and friends. She would like to thank her family for always supporting and encouraging her.

★ Molly Page as Mack

Molly Page is a rising seventh-grader and is super excited to perform in this year's production of *Peter and the Starcatcher*. This is her first time performing with the New Albany Youth Theatre and she is thrilled to be playing the role of Mack the Sailor. In her free time, Molly likes to read, draw, play basketball and softball, and hang out with her family. She would like to thank her parents for always being there for her and for supporting her in everything she does.

★ Steve Puhl Jr the Prop/Scene Designer

Steve has done scenic building for several productions in Columbus. He really enjoys the challenges that each show presents. It's always something new. Being the designer behind the build brings new challenges and excitement.

★ Joseph Quigley as Alf

Joseph is excited to be playing the role of Alf in *Peter and the Starcatcher*. He recently performed in the New Albany Middle School show *School House Rock Jr*. and plays percussion for the New Albany High School Marching Band. In his spare time Joseph likes to play video games and hang out with his cat, Mr. Fuzzle. He would like to thank Kristen Upchurch and Joe Bishara for the opportunity to be a part of this production.

★ Claire Richey as Smee

Claire was so excited to find out they got the role of Smee for this show. They have done one other show with NAYT, the 2019 *Willy Wonka Jr.* (Matilda, Ensemble). They take voice lessons, love watching Netflix in their free time, and love drawing. They were also featured in *Madagascar Jr.* in Dublin (Ships Captain). They would like to thank their family and friends for supporting them in their artsy and theatre ways!

★ Riona Rodrigues as Ensemble

Riona is very excited to be in this production of *Peter and the Starcatcher!* She is a rising 8th grader and this will be her 8th musical. She enjoys biking, swimming, and hanging out with friends. She thanks Ms. Kirsten, Mr. Joe, and all of the assistant directors for helping put on such an amazing show! She would like to thank her family for all of their support!!

🖈 Hope Rooney as Grempkin

Hope is so happy that she gets to play the role of a sadistic schoolmaster in Peter and the Starcatcher! This play is incredibly special to Hope because this play helped her come out of her shell. Hope has done two productions before this, Willy Wonka (chef, ensemble) and The Show Must Go Online (Actor B). She would like to thank her parents and sister for pushing her to do the play and try something new.

Mimi Rooney as Black Stache

Mimi is overjoyed to perform with this cast of *Peter and the Starcatcher*. This is her first time playing such a big role and is so grateful to have it. She loves music and plays piano indepently and violin with her schools orchestra. She'd like to thank her family and friends for always supporting her.

Cali Russell as Ensemble (Pirate/Mermaid)

Cali is excited to be part of *Peter and the Starcatcher*. This is Cali's first in-person production with New Albany Youth Theatre, and is also involved in Dublin Abbey Theatre's *Madagascar Jr*. (Lee the Lemur). She plays piano and enjoys sketching and painting. She'd like to thank her family and her cast for their support! She hopes you enjoy *Peter and the Starcatcher!*

Dante Samba-Richardson as Hawking Clam

Dante is very excited about being the production of *Peter and the Starcatcher*. This is his first production and is very thrilled to get a named role. Dante loves to act and wants to be an actor to be his official career. His hobbies include: reading, watching television, playing video games and boardgames, and hanging out with his friends and family. He is excited to be in Peter and the Starcatcher and thanks everyone who supported him along the way!

★ **Olivia Sloan** as Ensemble (Sailor/Mermaid/Mullusk)

Olivia is going into 8th grade this year and this will be her 6th musical/play. Her favorite role she's had the opportunity to play was Tracy in School House Rock Live Jr. with NAMS Theater. Apart from musical theater, Olivia enjoys softball, baking and cooking, watching baseball games, hanging out with friends, and spending time with her dog Blu. She is super excited to be back on stage for the second time since COVID started. She would like to thank the cast and staff for this opportunity and her family and friends for their continuous support!

★ Olivia Smith as Ensemble

Olivia is very excited to be in Peter and the Starcatcher. This is Olivia's first production with the New Albany Youth Theater. Olivia is a cheerleader and on the track team. She thanks her parents for supporting her.



* Owen Suarez as Ensemble

Owen is excited to be back on stage in his first production with New Albany Youth Theater. Previous favorite roles include A Christmas Story (Randy), Matilda (Tommy), and Newsies (Ensemble). Owen attends Wyandot Elementary in Dublin, OH., and outside of theater he enjoys taking a variety of dance classes at Dublin Dance Center and Gymnastics. He'd like to thank all his family and friends for their support and love.

★ Maria Thiel as Ted

Maria is so excited to be playing Ted in *Peter and the Starcatcher!* Maria is going into 7th grade at New Albany Middle School. She has done a total of 5 musicals. This is her first New Albany Youth Theater show. She has been a part of the NAMS Theater Dept. and recently played Tracy in School House Rock Live! *Jr.* Maria has also done dance since she was 3 years old at different companies. She wants to thank her parents for supporting her in all that she does, along with the cast of Peter and the Starcatcher. Hope you enjoy the show!

★ **Jarrod Turnbull** the Vocal Director

Jarrod is currently studying at Atlantic Acting School in New York City. When he is not studying in New York, he works for The Abbey Theatre of Dublin as a theatre instructor and actor.

Kirsten Upchurch the Director

Kirsten Upchurch has worked in the theatre profession for over twenty years. She started her career as an apprentice with Weathervane Playhouse in Newark, and moved on to receive her BFA from Texas Christian University and her MFA from Florida Atlantic University. Kirsten has worked on the national tours of Jekyll & Hyde, Godspell & Flashdance, and served as the Production Stage Manager at CATCO from 2017-2019, among other credits. Her most recent credits include serving as the Artistic Director for Weathervane Playhouse 2019-2020, and Directing their productions of Billy Elliot and Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Kirsten is excited to be leading this amazing group of young artists for this production.

★ **Valentina Vergamini** as Ensemble (Pirate/Mermaid)

A huge fan of the Peter Pan story since she was a toddler, Valentina is especially thrilled to be a part of her first in person play of the New Albany Youth Theatre's play Peter and the Starcatcher. Since performing in plays since she was 7, she has participated in over 20+ plays. After acting, Valentina enjoys sailing, sewing and painting. She is in the sixth grade and is looking forward to middle school. Valentina would like to thank her fellow actors for always making rehearsals and shows so much fun!

Sydney Wagner the Costume Designer

Sydney Wagner is a recent graduate of Case Western Reserve University where she majored in Accounting. She worked four years as a costume shop technician of the CWRU's Eldred Theatre Department. Sydney recently started her own costume shop, Wagner Costumes, where she does design, build, and rentals for theaters across the country. She is grateful to be back in Columbus and working in theatre again! Congrats to this fabulous cast and crew!

Emma Winder the Assistant Director

Emma is a recent graduate of Olentangy Orange High School and looks forward to attending UT Austin in the fall to pursue Theatrical Directing and Producing. She, through her high school, recently directed *Action News: This* Time with 10% More Action and was involved with the Otterbein Playwrights Collective in the World Premiere of *Growing Pains* (Haley).

★ Drew Wintersteller as Boy

Drew Wintersteller is an outgoing, keep us laughing 7th grader and in his 8th musical. He's been challenged in the role of Boy/Peter and grown tremendously. In his downtime you'll find him with friends on FaceTime and playing video games, playing basketball and baseball, and swimming at the pool. A big THANK YOU to NAYT Directors and Family/Friends for their amazing and dedicated love and support always!

Emma Wintersteller as Teacher

Emma Wintersteller is a theatre loving 9th grader and in her 11th musical. In her downtime she is still singing and dancing at any time possible, playing with friends in person and at the pool, shopping, road trip traveling, and finding new loves - sunbathing (with sunscreen) being the latest! A big THANK YOU to NAYT Directors and Family/Friends for their amazing and dedicated love and support always!

Taylor Worthington as Ensemble

Taylor Worthington (Ensemble) is so happy to be back on stage! Taylor is thrilled to be a part of the New Albany Youth Theatre cast of *Peter and the* Starcatcher. She has previously performed in several productions with Columbus Children's Theatre (CCT), NAYT, City of Dublin Abbey Theatre and Olentangy Liberty Middle School. Taylor would like to thank the cast and crew of Peter and the Starcatcher. Enjoy the show!

★ Juliet Zaczepinski as Greggors

Juliet is a rising 5th grader. This is her first play with the New Albany Youth Theater but she has also been in Alice in Wonderland (The March Hare), Willy Wonka (Candy kid/Oompa Loompa), and The Show Must Go Online (Actor K). Her other interest is tennis. She would like to thank her friends and family for helping her rehearse.



★ Meredith Zeallear as Sanchez

Meredith is so excited to be participating NAYT's Peter and the Starcatcher! Prior to this performance, Meredith has enjoyed camps with Columbus Children's Theater, Missoula Children's Theater, and regularly takes acting classes with Broadway2LA. Outside of theater Meredith thoroughly enjoys dancing with JAZ Dance and more, where she competes in tap, jazz, lyrical, contemporary, hip-hop, and musical theater. It is safe to say that Meredith loves the stage! Meredith would like to thank her Mom for all of her support, as well as her Grandma & Grandpa Smith, who make sure she gets to all of her practices!

SHOUT OUTS



"We are so proud of you, Ian!" --Love, Mom, Dad, Anna & Owen

"Joseph, we are so proud of all of your hard work! "

--Love, Mama, Papa, Zach, Tigger and Mr. Fuzzle



"Cali, we are so proud of your hard work!"

--Love you! Mom, Dad & Caden



"Olivia, have the best time! Love seeing you on stage."

--Love, Mom, Dad, Nick & Blu.



"Break a leg Owen. We love you!"

--Mom, dad, Emi, Eli, Oliver, and Grandma!



"Emma B, We are so proud & can't wait to see the show! Love you!"



"Brie, you light up the stage! Go catch some stars! We love you!"

--Mom, Dad, Alex, Max and Ruby!

★★★ BRIE **★★**★

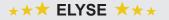
"Brie, you are a bright star in my life. So glad I can be with you for this performance."

--Love, Oma



"Gabby - we are very proud of you!"

--Love, Mom, Dad, and Sidney



"Elyse, our full-fledged Starcatcher! Go shine, we love you!"

-- Mom & Dad



SHOUT OUTS



"Juliet, you are a superstar! We love you mosty toasty."

--Mom, Dad, E&E



"Juliet, we are so excited to see you perform!"

--xoxo, Saba & Savta



"Juliet, you are almost as entertaining as I am."

-- Fondly, Mr. Hippo



"Maria, we are so proud of you! Shine bright this weekend!"

--Love, Mom, Dad, and Abby

★★★ ADLEE ★★★

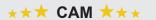
"Adlee - Shine bright! We're so proud of you."

--Love, Mom, Dad & Rae

★★★ ADLEE ★★★

"Adlee, we know you will be awesome and are sorry we missed it."

-- Love Glamma and Papa



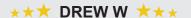
"Cam, you're mer-mazing! Break a leg!"

--Mom, Dad, Keira & Boo

★★★ TAYLOR ★★★

"So glad to see you back on the stage, Taylor!"

--Mom, Dad, and Rei



"Drew W, we love you! So very proud of you! Shine on!"

-- Mom & Dad

★★★ EMMA W ★★★

"Emma W, shine so bright! We love you! Always proud!"

--Mom & Dad

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SHOUT OUTS



"We are so proud of you Sarina!!"

--Love Mom, Dad and Rhianna



"Mimi you are so surly with that mustache! We love you and are so proud of you with facial hair & without!"

--xoxo Mom, Dad, Hope & Rand



"Hopey, this show has made you sadistic and we couldn't be more proud! We love you so much!"

--xoxo Mom, Dad, Mimi & Rand



"Cameron, hope the show PANS out just right for you!"

--Love, Auntie S.

★★★ SHAYLA ★★★

"Shayla - u r amazing! We r so proud!"

--Love, Mom, Dad, and Cassie

★★★ MADELINE ★★★

"Madeline, you light up our world and the stage!"

--Love-M,D,J

★★★ MOLLY ★★★

"Molly, you light up our world and the stage!"

--Love-M,D,J

★ LEE *

"Lee! Break a leg! We love you so much, and are very proud of you!"

--Luna, Fope, and Mom. xoxxo



SHINE BRIGHT, ARNAV!



"Dear Arnav, you are a shining star. May you always reach beyond the sky, never assign a limit to learning, and endlessly light the way for others. We are all very proud of you."

--Nana, Nani, Mama, Mami, Saina, Saisha, Dada, Dadi, Papa, Mom, Aryash, and Ollie!!





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