MANDELL JCC YOUTH THEATER CAMP PRODUCTION



Wednesday, July 18 | Thursday, July 19 Herbert and Evelyn Gilman Theater

Artistic/Musical Director: Emily Weiser Director/Choreographer: Meg Buckner





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MANDELL JCC SUMMER THEATER CAMP PRODUCTION



Artistic/Musical Director EMILY WEISER

Director/Choreographer MEG BUCKNER

A Musical Based on the Stories of P.L. Travers and the Walt Disney Film

Original Music and Lyrics by RICHARD M. SHERMAN and ROBERT B. SHERMAN

> Book by JULIAN FELLOWS

New Songs and Additional Music and Lyrics by GEORGE STILES and ANTHONY DREWE

> Co-Created by CAMERON MACKINTOSH

Adapted by iTheatrics under the supervision of TIMOTHY ALLEN MCDONALD



| Reagan Baker | . Wind, Clerk . Wind, featured Chimney Sweep, Clerk . Mrs. Brill . Mary Poppins . Honeybee, Clerk, Stroller . Chairman of the Board, Stroller, Townsperson . Von Hussler, Chimney Sweep/Statue 4 . Honeybee, Stroller, Townsperson . Neleus, Clerk . Chimney Sweep/Statue 3, Clerk . Bird Woman, Stroller . Miss Smythe, Businesswoman, Stroller . Robertson Ay . Miss Andrew, Stroller, Clerk . Wind, Clerk . Wind, Clerk . Michael Banks . Bert . Winifred Banks . Jane Banks . Northbrook, Businessman, Stroller . Chimney Sweep 1, Stroller . George Banks . Honeybee, Clerk, Stroller, Juggler . Honeybee, Townsperson, Stroller . Chimney Sweep/Statue 2, Townsperson |
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| Noa Taback Alyssa Temkin | . Honeybee, Townsperson, Stroller . Chimney Sweep/Statue 2, Townsperson |
| Lily Temkin Austin Torino Gabriella Wolpaw | . Policeman, Clerk . Katie Nana, Honeybee, Stroller |
| Eliana Zackin | . noneybee, Stroller, Townsperson |

Honeybees: Myra Stanfield, Noa Taback, Alexa Gurchin,

Gabriella Wolpaw, Samantha Cohen

Statues: Alexandra Jones, Grace Baker, Alyssa Temkin, Tali Kabakoff, Tziyona Goldfischer

Wind: Grace Baker, Maya Patt, Lia Baffaro

Park Strollers: Maisie Jane Accetta, Samantha Epstein, Samantha Cohen, Alexa Gurchin, Audrey Karasik, Summer Neiditz, Hannah Shtern, Quinn Smith, Myra Stanfield, Noa Taback, Danielle Kursman, Gabriella Wolpaw, Eliana Zackin

Townspeople: Alexa Gurchin, Samantha Epstein, Maisie Jane Accetta, Danielle Kursman, Hannah Shtern, Noa Taback, Myra Stanfield, Austin Torino, Eliana Zackin, Alyssa Temkin

Clerks: Alyssa Temkin, Tziyona Goldfischer, Grace Baker, Alexandra Jones, Samantha Cohen, Lily Temkin, Lia Baffaro, Maya Patt, Tali Kabakoff, Austin Torino, Myra Stanfield, Summer Neiditz

Production Staff

| Artistic/Musical Director | Emily Weiser |
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| Director/Choreographer | |
| Stage Managers | Zach Aldave and |
| | Miriam Holsbeke |
| Tech Intern | Sophie Kudler |
| Costumes | Alyssa Barzach and |
| | Bryne-Marie Sidney |
| Props | Dan Melitz |
| Set Rentals | |
| Lighting Design | AJ Rose |
| Sound Design | Kara Mortimer |
| Program Design | Steve Evans |
| Percussion | |
| Stage Crew | Zach Aldave, Miriam Holsbeke, |
| | Zach Goldberg |
| Green Room Manager | |
| Green Room Staff | |
| Camp Counselors | Devin Hoffman, Zach Aldave, |
| | Miriam Holsbeke |
| Camp Counselor-in-Training | Emily Lemkuil |
| Camp Volunteers | Sadie Margolis and |
| | Zachary Goldberg |

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MUSICAL NUMBERS

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| | Robertson Ay, Winifred, George |
| The Perfect Nanny | Jane, Michael |
| Cherry Tree Lane, Part 2 | |
| | Robertson Ay |
| Practically Perfect | Mary Poppins, Jane, Michael |
| Practically Perfect (Playoff | |
| Jolly Holiday | |
| | Michael, Neleus, Statues, |
| | Park Strollers |
| Windo Do Chango | |
| Winds Do Change | |
| A Spoonful of Sugar | |
| | Winifred, Mrs. Brill, |
| | Robertson Ay, Honeybees |
| Spoonful (Playoff | |
| Precision and Order | Clerks, Northbrook, Von |
| | Hussler, Chairman, Miss |
| | Smythe, George |
| A Man Has Dreams | |
| Feed the Birds | |
| | Townspeople |
| Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious | |
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WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST

Maisie Jane Accetta (Messenger, Mime, Stroller) is 11 years old and will be entering the 6th grade at Sedgwick Middle School in the fall. She is a theater novice...this is not only her first show at the JCC but her first show anywhere! In her spare time Maisie likes dancing, swimming, baking, and attending cosplay events.

Lia Baffaro (Wind, Clerk) is 9 years old and will be going into 5th grade at Whiting Lane Elementary School in the fall. This is her fourth show at the JCC. Some other roles she's played in the past are a Knight in *Cinderella* and the Nutcracker in *Into the Woods*. When not acting, Lia likes to play soccer, read, and write scripts with her friends.

Grace Baker (Wind, Featured Chimney Sweep, Clerk) is 11 years old and will be entering 7th grade this fall at King Philip Middle School. This is her second theatre performance, her first at the JCC. Grace also enjoys singing, dancing and soccer as well as baking a variety of desserts.

Reagan Baker (Mrs. Brill) is 13 years old and will be entering Hall High School this fall as a freshman. This is her seventh musical theatre performance, which include the roles of Princess in *Princess & Frog*, Peter Pan in *Shrek Jr.*, Cinderella's Prince in *Into the Woods Jr.* and the Fairy Godmother in last year's JCC summer production. When not acting, Reagan enjoys singing, dancing, cheerleading, soccer and the arts.

Sylvia Barresi (Mary Poppins) is 12 years old and is going into the 7th grade at Watkinson. Sylvia loves JCC theatre and this is her third play here. Sylvia appeared in *Cinderella* as Portia and as Jack's mother in *Into the Woods*. Sylvia has had a supercalifragilisticexpialidocious summer. Thank you to everyone and break a leg!

Samantha Cohen (Honeybee, Clerk, Stroller) returns to the JCC for a second time, after her portrayal of numerous characters in last summer's production of *Cinderella*. When not performing, Samantha enjoys playing with her two dogs, climbing trees, and chasing her brother around the house. She dedicates her performance to her recently deceased fish, Flake.

Samantha Epstein (Chairman of the Board, Stroller, Townsperson) is 13 years old and is going into eighth grade at King Philip Middle School. She is so excited to be in this production! This is Sam ninth show at the JCC. Some of her previous roles include The Doorknob in *Alice In Wonderland* and The King in *Cinderella*. In her free time, she loves singing and listening to Pentatonix.

Tziyona Goldfischer (Von Hussler, Chimney Sweep/Statue 4) is 12 years old and will be entering 8th grade this fall at King Philip Middle School. Tziyona loves the stage and anything having to do with singing and acting. Some of her previous roles include The Mad Hatter in *Alice in Wonderland*, Little Ti Moune in *Once Upon this Island*, Big Bad Wolf in *Shrek*, and the Stepmother in *Cinderella*. When Tziyona is not singing or acting she loves to ride her bike, hang out with her family and friends and play basketball. Tziyona would like to thank her voice teacher Rachel Abrams for helping her with her singing skills.

Alexa Gurchin (Honeybee, Stroller, Townsperson) is 8.5 years old, she will be going into 4th grade at Aiken in the fall. This is her first show at the JCC, but definitely will not be her last! Alexa is so excited to play a Honeybee, Stroller and Townsperson in *Mary Poppins Jr*. In addition to acting, Alexa loves to dance, cheer, create art, and of course be a big sister to Luke and Summer.

Ally Jones (Neleus, Clerk) is 13 years old and will be a freshman at Avon High School this fall. This will be Ally's sixth and final show at the JCC. Ally has really enjoyed her summers at the JCC. She is very grateful for her experiences and friends she has gained. She thanks Meg, Emily, and the counselors for another great summer!

Tali Kabakoff (Chimney Sweep/Statue 3, Clerk) is 7 years old and will be going into 3rd grade at Norfeldt Elementary School in the fall. This is her first show at the JCC, although at Newington Children's Theater she has been in *Beauty and the Beast, Cinderella*, and *The Little Mermaid*. When she's not acting, Tali likes to read, do art, dance, and play soccer.

Audrey Karasik (Bird Woman, Stroller) is a 7th grader at Kingswood-Oxford middle school. She is 11 years old and this is her 8th show at the JCC but she has done more elsewhere. Besides acting, Audrey loves to read, sleep, bake, cook, and to play soccer, tennis, chess, and swim.

Sophie Kudler (Tech Intern) is 13 years old and going into 9th grade at Hall High School. She has acted in 10 shows at the JCC. Some of her favorite roles include the Cat in *Honk Jr.*, a Narrator in *Shrek Jr.*, and a member of the Lullaby League in *The Wizard of Oz.* Sophie enjoys lacrosse, volleyball, art and reading. She is excited to be learning about the behind-the-scenes of theatre and would like to congratulate the whole cast and crew on an amazing show!

Danielle Kursman (Miss Smythe, Businesswoman, Stroller) is going to be a 9th grader at Hall High School. She has been a member of the JCC Theater Program since 3rd grade. Some of her favorite plays are *Oliver, Once Upon an Island, Hello Dolly, Honk, Into the Woods* and *Shrek.* Outside of theater, she likes playing volleyball and playing with her dogs.

Julie Levy (Robertson Ay) is 11 years old and going into 6th grade at King Philip Middle School. This is her fifth show at the JCC and seventh show in all. Julie's favorite role was in *Cinderella* where she was seen as a Bird Soloist/Gavotte Dancer. When not acting, Julie likes to dance, hang out with friends, sing, and make lanyards. Julie would like to thank Emily, Meg, and all her counselors for an amazing time at Theatre Camp!

Summer Neiditz (Ms. Andrew, Stroller, Clerk) is going into 8th grade at Bristow Middle School, and this is her 8th show at the JCC. She has played diva roles in *Shrek*, *Cinderella*, and *Legally Blonde* (at Bristow). Her other hobbies include reading, writing, and sleeping.

Maya Patt (Wind, Clerk) is 13 years old and going into 8th grade at Bristow Middle School. She has been in nine shows altogether at the JCC and elsewhere. In the past she has played the Narrator in *Into the Woods*, Professor Buonragazzo in *Pinocchio*, and Enid Hoopes in *Legally Blonde*. Her hobbies include reading, writing, and skiing.

J.J. Safryn (Michael) is 10 years old and will be entering 5th grade at Aiken Elementary School. This is his fourth performance at the JCC. Previous roles included Cinderella's father and a guard in *Shrek*. His hobbies include gaming, playing basketball and baseball, biking and playing the trumpet.

Veronica Safryn (Bert) is 13 years old and will be attending Hall High School as a 9th grader. This is Veronica's thirteenth show at the JCC. Previous roles include the Scarecrow in *The Wizard of Oz* and the Baker's Wife in *Into the Woods*. When Veronica is not performing on stage, she enjoys playing volleyball, reading, and creating art. She also performs with the CT Children's Choir.

Caroline Saulsbury (Winifred Banks) is 11 years old and will be going into KP Middle School after recently graduating from Bugbee. She is excited to be performing in her fifth JCC show this summer. Some prior roles included a waitress in *Cinderella* and the Gingerbread Girl in *Into the Woods*. Outside of acting, Caroline enjoys playing lacrosse and field hockey, tap dancing, cooking, putting on makeup, and hanging out with her friends.

Brooke Shell (Jane) is 10 years old and will be going into 5th grade at Bugbee Elementary School in the fall. This is her fourth show, but her second at the JCC. She has performed in *Cinderella Jr.* at the JCC and at other theaters she's played Molly in *Annie Jr.* and Dina in *Schoolhouse Rock Live.* Besides being on stage Brooke enjoys dance and basketball.

Hannah Shtern (Northbrook, Businessman, Stroller) is 10 years old and will be going into 6th grade at King Philip Middle School in the fall. This is her 4th show at the JCC. She has also performed with the Newington Children's Theater, playing Gus in *Cinderella* and Scat Cat in *The Aristocats*. When not acting, Hannah likes playing with her dog Hugs.

Quinn Smith (Solo Chimney Sweep 1, Stroller) is going into 7th grade at Bristow Middle School. He loves to be involved in theater, and *Mary Poppins Jr.* is his 7th show. When Quinn is not at rehearsal or is in-between shows, he sings musical theater songs with gusto while swinging on the swing in his backyard.

Benjamin Spaeth (George Banks) is an eighth grader at Renzulli Academy. He is twelve years old and this is his fourth show at the JCC. He formerly appeared in the ensemble of *Shrek*, and in the roles of Prince Charming* in *Cinderella*, and the Baker in *Into the Woods*. His hobbies are chess, gaming, and reading. (*Name not actually "Charming")

Myra Stanfield (Honeybee, Clerk, Stroller, Juggler) is nine years old and goes to Norfeldt Elementary School. She is going into fourth grade and likes art and playing with her dog. Mary Poppins is her third play at the JCC.

Noa Taback (Honeybee, Townsperson, Stroller) is 8 years old. She will be going into 3rd grade at Aiken Elementary. She has taken voice lessons the last two years at the Hartt School. This is her first year at Theater Camp and she is very excited. She enjoys yoga, tennis and golf in her free time.

Alyssa Temkin (Chimney Sweep/Statue 2, Townsperson) is 12 years old, going into 8th grade at Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Hartford and is so excited to be in the JCC's production of *Mary Poppins Jr.* This is her 10th show at the JCC, some shows include *Cinderella, Into the Woods* and *Alice in Wonderland,* and at other theaters, *Once on This Island* and *Once Upon a Pandora's Box.* When not on stage, Alyssa enjoys hanging with friends and family, playing piano, dancing, singing, playing tennis, basketball, ice skating, swimming, reading, baking and cooking. She would like to thank Meg, Emily and all the counselors, CIT's and her castmates for making every job that must be done an element of fun!

Lily Temkin (Mrs. Correy, Clerk) is 10 years old, going into 6th grade at Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Hartford and is super excited to be in the JCC's production of *Mary Poppins Jr.* This is her 6th show at the JCC; some shows include *Cinderella* and *Alice in Wonderland*, and at other theaters, *Once on This Island* and *Once Upon a Pandora's Box*. When not on stage, Lily enjoys hanging with friends and family, playing guitar, dancing, singing, playing softball, basketball, and baking. She would like to thank Meg, Emily and all the counselors, CIT's and her castmates for making everything practically perfect in every way!

Austin Torino (Policeman, Policeman in Feed the Birds, Clerk) is going into the 5th grade at Aiken Elementary School. Has been in two other shows, *Shrek* and *Cinderella*. Austin has had the parts of Little Shrek, Puss in Boots, Carriage Rider, Royal Guard.

Gabriella Wolpaw (Katie Nana, Honeybee, Stroller) is 8 years old and going into 3rd grade at Aiken Elementary School. This is her first show at the JCC but she was Little Red Riding Hood's mother in a school production. Her hobbies other than acting are playing tennis, doing gymnastics, and playing piano. She is grateful to her family, friends, counselors and all of her teachers!

Eliana Zackin (Honeybee, Stroller, Townsperson) is 10 years old and a rising fifth grader at Solomon Schechter Day School. She has been in one show at the JCC, where she played Goldilocks in *Into the Woods*. She also played a townsperson in *Princess and the Pea* and an orphan in *Annie* at Camp Yavneh in New Hampshire. Besides theater, Eliana enjoys baking, playing with her animals, and dancing.

WHO'S WHO ON THE STAFF

Emily Weiser (Musical and Artistic Director): Emily Weiser is thrilled to be returning to the JCC Theater Camp for her fourth summer as Musical Director and her first summer as Artistic Director. She holds a bachelor's degree in Choral and General Music Education from the University of Maryland, and she looks forward to teaching K-5 music and chorus at Sally Ride Elementary School in Germantown, MD, in the fall. At the University of Maryland, Emily was a member of the UMD Chamber Singers and participated in the Vocal Minor Series. Emily teaches private voice and piano lessons at Music and Arts in Greenbelt, MD, and she served as a long-term substitute music teacher at Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Hartford in 2016. Emily would like to thank Miriam, Zach, Devin, Emily, Zach, and Sadie, for being such a phenomenal, supportive, flexible, and positive team; Jane, for having the answer to every question and for always having her back; Mom and Dad, for graciously welcoming her back home for these four weeks; and Meg, for working tirelessly with her to create a fantastic production and meaningful camp experience.

Meg Buckner (Director and Choreographer): Meg Buckner is an educator, choreographer, and actor who has just moved from South Carolina to the great state of Connecticut. She recently received her MFA in Movement Pedagogy from Virginia Commonwealth University last year, and has just been named by the Laban Institute of Movement Studies as a Certified Movement Analyst. She holds a B.A in both English and Theatre, as well as a B.S in Secondary Education. While pursuing a career in academia, she continues to do freelance choreographic work, perform, research, and teach various workshops. Such workshops include Stage Combat, Mask, and Mime to name a few. Favorite credits include Florika (*Hunchback* at CTC), Choreographer (*Spamalot* at VCU), Alice (*Addams Family* at VCU), and Assistant Director (*A Midsummer Night's Dream* at the Anderson Shakespeare Festival). She is thrilled to be joining the Theatre Camp Crew this year at the JCC with a fantastic group!

Zach Aldave (Counselor/Stage Manager): Zach is going into his junior year at Muhlenberg College where he studies Arts Administration and Vocal Performance. He graduated from Hall High school and has been studying voice with Ruth Rivera for the past four years. Zach found his love for theater right here on the JCC stage where he participated in his first musical ever. Some recent credits include Pepe (*West Side Story*), Motel (*Fiddler on the Roof*), Fred Graham (*Kiss me, Kate!*) and Sailor/Featured Dancer (*On the Town*). He would like to thank the entire camp staff for an awesome summer; and the cast for working so hard to put on an amazing show!

Devin Hoffman (Counselor/Greenroom Manager): Devin Hoffman is so excited to be working on her first JCC production this summer! She is going to be a senior at Simsbury High School in the fall. She has participated in many shows at her high school, including playing the role of *Mary Poppins* this past winter, and directing Unified Theatre for two years. Devin wants to thank all the kids, the other counselors, CITs, volunteers, and directors for making this such a jolly holiday of a summer!

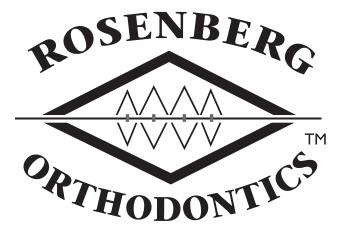
Miriam Holsbeke (Counselor/Stage Manager): Miriam is supercali-pleased to join the JCC Theater Camp team for a second summer! Miriam spent her childhood summers as a camper in theater camp from fifth grade to eighth grade and feels so happy to help create the same supportive, educational (and of course fun) experience for current campers. Miriam is a 2017 graduate of Hall High school in West Hartford and will attend the Hartt School at the University of Hartford this coming fall to pursue a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Acting. She thanks her co-counselors, CITs, Emily and Meg for yet another practically perfect summer. Break a leg to the cast and crew of *Mary Poppins*!

Emily Lemkuil (Counselor-in-Training, Greenroom Staff): Emily is entering her junior year at Kingswood Oxford School. This is Emily's second year being a CIT. Emily has done several musicals at the JCC including *The Little Mermaid, The Wizard of Oz, Honk,* and *Beauty and the Beast.* Emily loves spending time with children and this summer has been a blast for Emily. She would like to thank Meg for being an amazing director and Emily for being an amazing musical director! She also would like to thank Miriam, Zach, Devon, Zach, and Sadie for making this summer super fun and exciting. And especially she would like to thank the cast of *Mary Poppins* for putting on this amazing show and making her enjoy coming to camp every day.

Zach Goldberg (Volunteer/Stage Crew): Zach is thrilled to be part of this year's Theater Camp production of *Mary Poppins*! While Zach has performed in many of the JCC shows, this is his first year on the staff. Some of his favorite past roles at the JCC include Horace Vandergelder in *Hello, Dolly*! and one of the gangsters in *Kiss Me, Kate!.* Zach would like to thank Emily and Meg for this wonderful opportunity, and he would like to thank the entire cast for putting on a great show!

Sadie Margolis (Volunteer): Sadie is excited to help with another summer of Theater Camp and sharing her passion for the arts with children. Sadie participated in six Theater Camp productions and thirteen total shows at the Mandell JCC. Some of her favorite shows she performed in are *Beauty and the Beast Jr.* (Belle), *Shrek Jr.* (Fiona), *The Little Mermaid Jr.* (Sebastian), and *Honk Jr.* (Ida). She will be a sophomore at Hall High School and the Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts majoring in musical theater. She studies dance at Alyce Carella and voice at Hartt. She is thrilled to be performing in *Avenue Q* at Newington Children's Theatre next weekend. Sadie thanks Emily, Meg and the cast and crew for a supercalifragilisticexpialidocious summer.

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