

Swamp Meadow Community Theatre
Summer Children's Program presents



written by Audrey Dubois
directed by Allison Hall & Jacob Zinno



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The Assembly Theatre
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A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTORS

Ever since I was a little kid, the theater has been my refuge. I never felt like I fit in with the "normal" crowd, but theater was a place that accepted me for who I am and taught me that "normal" is a myth. Now, as an adult, creating a space like that for other people is something I'm very passionate about. In a world that continues to cut funding for the arts in schools, creating and advocating for these safe spaces is more important than ever. I truly hope that the Odyssey Speedrun has been one of those spaces for my cast. I hope they know how much of a privilege it has been to watch them grow as actors and as humans, and I hope you enjoy watching this silly, talented, hilarious, amazing cast perform.

From Allison

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTORS

I have a confession to make: I have never read Homer's *Odyssey*. Apart from some random tidbits I've heard throughout my life, directing this show was the first experience I've had with this story. Many times, when I've sat down to read a classic like *The Odyssey*, I've been deterred simply by its sheer length. That was one of the main reasons why I wanted to direct this show – a quick, hour-long play seemed like an ideal way to introduce many people, myself included, to such a classic and epic tale.

I've been involved with theatre for a long time. Since I began my acting career over a decade ago, I've participated in over 30 musicals and straight plays, taking both acting and production roles. In recent years, I've begun to realize that what I really wanted was to direct. Having finally gotten that opportunity with *Odyssey Speedrun*, I believe I've made the most of it. Directing this show along with my co-directors Allison Hall and Steph Boekamp has been an absolute blast, and I couldn't have asked for a better cast to perform it. So please, sit back and relax as we take you on your very own *Odyssey*.

From Jacob

CAST

Odysseus	Tobias Hall
Athena	Sophie Bettencourt
Poseidon	Asher O'Neill
Penelope	Hazel Lear
Telemachus	Dario Spaziano
Eurymachus	Eva Sayers
Antinous	Micah Hall
Nestor	Savannah Rueb
Menelaus	Kyleah Laurent
Mentor	Gianna Mullen
Polyphemus	Avery Rueb
Aeolus	Eva Sayers
Circe	Lucy DiSanto
Tiresias	Dario Spaziano
Calypso	Kyleah Laurent
Nausicaa	Serafina Spaziano
Demodocus	Avery Rueb
Leukothea	Savannah Rueb
Eumaeus	Gianna Mullen
Scholars	Micah Hall
.....	Gianna Mullen, Eva Sayers
Greek Chorus Leader	Gianna Mullen
Greek Chorus	Lucy DiSanto, Micah Hall
.....	Kyleah Laurent, Victoria Mullen
.....	Hazel O'Neill, Savannah Rueb
.....	Avery Rueb, Eva Sayers
.....	Flora Spaziano, Serafina Spaziano

CREW

Directors	Allison Hall
.....	Jacob Zinno
Assistant Director	Steph Boekamp
Stage Manager	Olive Lear
Backstage Manager	Evelyn Dubois
Mentor Director	Merynn Flynn
Sound Design	Audrey Dubois
Sound Board Operator	Kaylee Bowater
Lighting Design	Brady McCloud
Logo Design	Evelyn Dubois
Script by	Audrey Dubois



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CONGRATULATIONS

You've always been our star!
Congratulations to you and the entire cast for your
hard work and dedication to this show! We're so
proud of you!
Love, Mom & Dad

CAST



Sophie Bettencourt, she/her, Athena.

Sophie has previously appeared in SMCT's *Rock of Ages Jr.* (Hilda Klinemann) and *Jungle Book: The Wrath of (Shere) Khan* (Messua). She has also performed as Sour Kangaroo in *Seussical* and Medda Larkin in *Newsies*. She enjoys singing, songwriting, writing, filmmaking, and drawing. Personal statement: I'm so happy to be a part of my third show with SMCT. Thanks for another wonderful summer!



Lucy DiSanto, she/her, Circe, Greek Chorus.

Lucy appeared in last summer's *Jungle Book: The Wrath of Shere Khan* (Turtle, Villager). Her hobbies include slime, piano, art, singing, dancing, being weird, cooking, baking, acting, swimming, and watching movies. Personal statement: I love Swamp Meadow because the staff are very trustworthy and my friends care about me.



Kyleah Laurent, she/her, Calypso, Menelaus,

Greek Chorus. Kyleah has appeared in SMCT's *Jungle Book: The Wrath of (Shere) Khan* at CTC as Impressionable Wolf and Kaa. She has also played Spider in *James at the Giant Peach* (RISE), Ensemble in *The Sound of Music* (RISE), Coyote in *Coyote that Stole Fire* (PMS), Ensemble in *Elf the Musical* (RISE), Grimhilde in *Descendants* (RISE), and Ensemble in *Beauty and the Beast* (RISE). Aside

from acting, she enjoys sketching, writing stories, fashion, animation, chilling with friends, listening to music, creating horrifying messed up lore for the characters in her stories, and gaming. Personal statement: I would like to thank my parents, siblings, grandparents, teachers, and pet chickens!

Way to go, Lucy!
Love,
Lito & Lita

*Good luck to our
girl, Lucy!*

*Love, Grammy and
Grampy*



Hazel Lear, she/her, Penelope.

Hazel has been in 9 other SMCT productions, including *Jungle Book: The Wrath of (Shere) Khan* (Mother Wolf), *Get Merry!* (Courtier), *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, *James and the Giant Peach*, and *Shrek the Musical Jr.* Hazel likes reading, writing, baking, painting, and smiling. :) Personal statement: "You scare me, but that won't stop me!" -The Man with the Yellow Hat



Micah Hall, he/him, Antinous, Scholar, Greek Chorus. Micah performed with SMCT in *Jungle Book: The Wrath of (Shere) Khan* as Cow. He has past experience with The Little Theater on Broad Street. He enjoys Legos and gaming.



Tobias Hall, he/him, Odysseus.

Tobias has previously appeared in SMCT's *The Lightning Thief* (Ensemble). Tobias has been performing in theatre since before he can remember, playing characters such as Earthworm (*James and the Giant Peach*) King Agnarr (*Frozen Jr.*) and Mr. Badger (*Fantastic Mr. Fox*), as well as various ensemble roles. He would like to thank the rest of the cast for dealing up with all of his shenanigans, and is extremely excited for the productions (and for you to see it!).



Gianna Mullen, she/her, Eumaeus, Mentor, Scholar, Greek Chorus Leader.

Gianna has previously appeared in SMCT's *Jungle Book: The Wrath of (Shere) Khan* (Kaa, Villager) and *Get Merry!* (Town Crier). She also served as stage crew in Ponagansett's *Newsies*. She likes swimming, video games, Scouts, biking, hiking, after school clubs, school, and running. Personal statement: Thank you for having me in the show!! "Waffles." - Gianna Mullen

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Victoria Mullen, she/her, Greek Chorus.

Victoria has previously appeared in a farm play at school. She likes art, swimming, and video games.



Asher O'Neill, he/him, Poseidon.

Asher has performed with SMCT in *Jungle Book: The Wrath of (Shere) Khan* at CTC in March (Young Father Wolf, Monkey). Other credits (all RISE): *It's a Wonderful Life* (Young George/Pete Bailey), *The Snow Queen* (Tuff Bear), *Miracle on 34th Street* (Ensemble), *The Adventures of Alice and Dorothy* (Tin Man), *A Christmas Story: The Musical* (Scut Farkus), *A Grimm Mystery* (Tailor), *Seussical the Musical* (Wickersham Brother), *A Christmas Carol* (Peter Cratchit), *James and the Giant Peach* (Narrator), *All of Us* (Man), *The Sound of Music* (Elberfeld/Von Schrieber), *The Addams Family* (Ancestor), *Elf: The Musical* (Michael Hobbs), *Descendants* (Ben), and *Beauty and the Beast* (Ensemble). Personal Statement: The real Odyssey was the friends we made along the way.



Hazel O'Neill, she/her, Greek Chorus.

Hazel has performed with SMCT in both productions of *Jungle Book: The Wrath of (Shere) Khan* (Wolf Cub, Monkey). Previous credits at RISE: *A Christmas Story: The Musical* (Noelle), *A Grimm Mystery* (Little Red), *Seussical the Musical* (Cindy Lou Who), *A Christmas Carol* (Want), *The Sound of Music* (Marta), *The Addams Family* (Ancestor), *Elf: The Musical* (Ensemble), *Descendants* (Ensemble), *Beauty and the Beast* (Ensemble). Dance: DTRI, Cumberland Rec. Acting: Gamm Drama Camp. YouTube films: It's Time to Become a Princess, It's Time to Become a Rock Star, It's Time to Become a Indigo, It's Time to Become a Christmas Special. Personal Statement: Thanks to Audrey, Merynn, and the directors of this show for this opportunity!

*Avery &
Savannah*



We are so proud of you girls and all your
hard work and dedication.
Congratulations to you and the entire
cast and production team on such a
wonderful show. Keep shining bright.
Love you to the moon and back,
Mom & Dad



Avery Rueb, she/her, Polyphemus, Demodocus, Greek Chorus. Avery has appeared in SMCT's *Jungle Book: The Wrath of (Shere) Khan* as *Shere Khan*. She has also been involved in Ponaganset Middle School's *Seussical* as a *Who* and *Newsies* as *Crutchie*. She likes to draw, sing, make jewelry, write, and hang out with her friends. Personal statement: "It's not a game, maybe that's news. Cause no one will win here and no one will lose.

There's no one to measure our foolish pride. And no one keeps score of how hard we tried."



Savannah Rueb, she/her, Nestor, Greek Chorus. This is Savannah's second year with SMCT. She previously appeared in *Jungle Book: The Wrath of (Shere) Khan* as *Impressionable Wolf*. She loves art, theatre, crafts, soccer, lacrosse, and basketball. Personal statement: I am excited, but a little nervous, to be part of this play. I love theatre and can't wait to see how this performance comes together!



Eva Sayers, she/her, Eurymachus. Eva has previously performed as *Pulitzer* in *Newsies* and done tech for *Seussical*. She likes Scouting and Adventure Time. Personal statement: What the Sigma?



Dario Spaziano, he/him, Telemachus, Tiresias. Dario has previously appeared with SMCT as a monkey in *Jungle Book: The Wrath of (Shere) Khan*, which was also his first! Dario likes piano, theatre, physics/relativity, soccer, tennis, pickleball, pingpong, math, coding and decoding, reading, hiking, skiing, drawing, painting, designing— oh, and forgot algebra and calculus, science, really mostly nerdy stuff. Personal statement: When

time's felt to stop, it's NOT broken. Just look back and step back.

For Lucy and all the
cast, staff, and
technical wizards at
Swamp Meadow:

All my best for a
wonderful and
successful show!

Lucy's Mimi from
Austin, TX



Flora Spaziano, she/her, Greek Chorus.

Flora appeared onstage as a monkey in SMCT's *Jungle Book: The Wrath of (Shere) Khan*. She likes dance, wrestling, kung fu, watersliding, climbing trees, gymnastics, and reading. Personal statement: Inspire people to love, respect, and be kind to each other!



Serafina Spaziano, she/her, Nausicaa, Greek Chorus.

Serafina has appeared in SMCT's *Rock of Ages Jr.* as Denise Dupree and *Jungle Book: The Wrath of (Shere) Khan* as Rann. She has also been involved in *Newsies* and *Seussical the Musical*. Personal statement: You are you. Just be you.

CREW

Allison Hall, she/her, Director.

Allison has been performing onstage since she was seven, and she is so excited to be stepping into the role of director for the first time! You may have seen her as Silena Beauregard in *The Lightning Thief* at Swamp Meadow earlier this year, but she has participated in community theatre productions all over Connecticut as well. Allison has earned her associate's degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences at QVCC and plans to go to earn a bachelor's degree in music education and theatre studies. Allison would like to thank her parents for their support, Taylor for reminding her to trust the process, Audrey for trusting her with her show, and this wonderful cast and crew for making magic onstage.

Jacob Zinno, he/him, Director.

Jacob is a rising freshman at Champlain College. He is thrilled to be making his directing debut with *Odyssey Speedrun* after over a decade of acting and production experience. Some of Jacob's favorite past roles include Professor Callahan in *Legally Blonde* and Christopher in *Curious Incident*, as well as being the lighting designer for two local theatre productions. Jacob would like to thank Allison, Steph, Merynn, Olive, Jayne, and the rest of the cast and crew of *Odyssey Speedrun* for making this a truly unforgettable experience!

Olive Lear, they/them, Stage Manager.

Olive has been in 13 other SMCT productions. Hobbies: Eating, drinking, and being merry! Personal statement: "That's all it was? Pants and a shirt? And a hat?!"