



# CHILDREN OF EDEN



FRIDAY, JULY 21  
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2023

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PROUDLY PRESENTS

# CHILDREN OF EDEN

BOOK BY  
JOHN CAIRD

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY  
STEPHEN SCHWARTZ

BASED ON A CONCEPT BY CHARLES LISANBY

ORCHESTRATIONS BY  
BRUCE COUGHLIN AND MARTIN ERSKINE

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is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).  
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# SYNOPSIS

This heartfelt show, based on the Book of Genesis, explores the age-old conflict between parents and children.

The cast includes well-known Biblical characters led by Father and a chorus of Storytellers that reveal the tale's beginnings and endings in joyous, often humorous, charming and haunting fashion.

You'll also see many differences from Genesis, including additional characters and storylines not found in the Bible. Not intended to be biblically accurate or representative of God's word, this production is a tale reflecting the power of parent/child relationships, generational drama and the love of family.

Our cast and team have put tremendous work into this production over the last seven weeks; we are so excited to share this remarkable show with you!



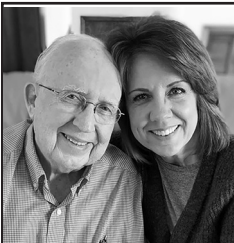
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# MUSICAL NUMBERS

## ACT ONE

Let There Be.....	Father, Storytellers
The Naming.....	Father, Adam, Eve, Storytellers
Grateful Children.....	Adam, Eve
Father's Day .....	Father, Storytellers
The Spark Of Creation .....	Eve
In Pursuit Of Excellence .....	Snake, Eve
A World Without You .....	Adam, Father, Eve
The Expulsion .....	Father, Storytellers
The Wasteland .....	Storytellers
Lost In The Wilderness .....	Cain
Close To Home .....	Adam, Eve, Abel, Young Cain, Young Abel
A Ring Of Stones.....	Cain, Eve, Abel, Adam
The Mark Of Cain .....	Father, Storytellers
Children Of Eden .....	Eve, Storytellers

## ACT TWO

Generations .....	Storytellers
A Piece Of Eight.....	Storytellers, Noah, Yonah, Japheth, Family
The Return Of The Animals .....	Orchestra
Stranger To The Rain .....	Yonah
In Whatever Time We Have .....	Japheth, Yonah
The Flood .....	Father, Storytellers
What Is He Waiting For? .....	Noah, Family
Sailor Of The Skies .....	Yonah
The Hardest Part Of Love .....	Noah, Father
Ain't It Good .....	Mama Noah, Family, Storytellers
In The Beginning .....	Company

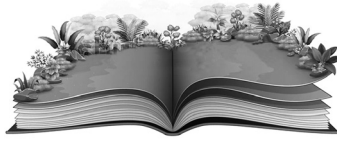
# CAST

<b>Father</b> .....	Kevin Loeper
<b>Adam</b> .....	Brett Baleskie
<b>Eve</b> .....	Sarah Walton
<b>Snake</b> .....	Becky Messerschmidt
<b>Young Cain</b> .....	Jonah Dutton
<b>Young Able</b> .....	Akira Bacon
<b>Cain</b> .....	Nick Natalie
<b>Abel</b> .....	Benjamin Forbes
<b>Seth</b> .....	Micah Gabriel
<b>Noah</b> .....	Jeremie Bacon
<b>Mama Noah</b> .....	Sara Carlson
<b>Japheth</b> .....	Stone TeSelle
<b>Ham</b> .....	Kyle Halkerston
<b>Shem</b> .....	Khalid Hamdan
<b>Aphra</b> .....	Nadia Schult
<b>Aysha</b> .....	Ellie Schober
<b>Yonah</b> .....	Emma Hutchison

*Actors portraying named characters, other than Father and Adam, will also perform as Storytellers at other times in the production.*



# STORYTELLERS



Alexandra Budney

Phoebe Carlson

Seth Durbin

Michael Dutton

Emma Forbes

Gigi Garza

Jack Garza

Anna Gecan

Andrea Behegan Gough

Johnny Greanis

Joy Haddleton

Jay Hruska

Daniel Irace

Madeline Jeleniewski

Katie Karsky

Patty Kirin

Jane Liquin

Kate Loeffler

Tess O'Brien

Audrey Olejnik

Michelle Olejnik

Megan Reno

Cora Schaum

Darby Schober

Charles Scriven-Young

Dave Scriven-Young

Mary Ann Shurilla

Shannon Webb

# FEATURED DANCERS



Alexandra Budney

Emma Forbes

Daniel Irace

Katie Karsky

Cora Schaum

Darby Schober

Charlie Scriven-Young

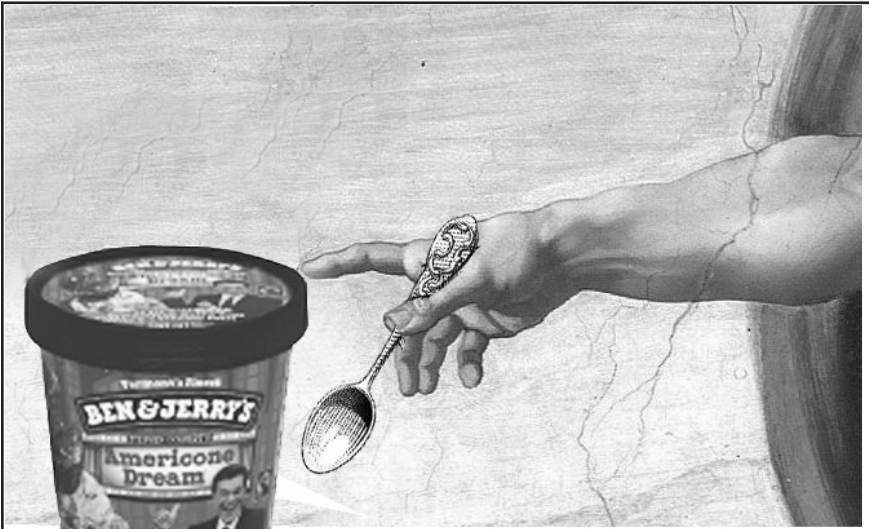
Mary Ann Shurilla

Stone TeSelle

Sarah Walton

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PART	PERFORMER
Reed 1 .....	McKinley McManus
Reed 2 .....	Art Perez
Reed 3 .....	Elli Ji
Horn.....	Casey Treanor
Keyboard.....	Melanie Dale
Keyboard.....	Julianna Duran
Keyboard .....	Heather Reddout
Guitar 1.....	Matthew Swick
Guitar 2 .....	Andy Lopez
Drums .....	Ricky Moravecek
Percussion .....	Michael Amberg
Cello .....	Grant Brown
Bass .....	Ethan Davila

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# PRODUCTION STAFF

<b>Co-Producer</b> .....	Sandy Doebert
<b>Co-Producer</b> .....	Kate Loeffler
<b>Director</b> .....	Heather Hutchison
<b>Assistant Director</b> .....	Diane Link
<b>Choreographer</b> .....	Brenda Perez de Tejada
<b>Assistant Choreographer</b> .....	Darby Schober
<b>Music Director</b> .....	Matthew Doherty
<b>Vocal Director</b> .....	Matthew Recio
<b>Set Designer &amp; Painter</b> .....	Brett Baleskie
<b>Stage Manager</b> .....	Matthew Gottardo
<b>Backstage Manager</b> .....	Eden TeSelle
<b>Lighting Designer</b> .....	Bartlomiej Maciol
<b>Lighting Assistant</b> .....	Patrick Swanson
<b>Lighting Technician</b> .....	Jaylin Ruich
<b>Sound Designer &amp; Technical Advisor</b> .....	Andrew Stratton
<b>Costume Designer</b> .....	Judy Gordon
<b>Costume Designer</b> .....	Kristina Kuzmicki
<b>Prop Manager</b> .....	Alexander Vjestica
<b>Hair Designer</b> .....	Lynn Hodak
<b>Makeup Designer</b> .....	Diane Link
<b>Front of House Manager</b> .....	Deb Arenberg
<b>Audition and Rehearsal Pianist</b> .....	Melanie Dale



# PRODUCTION VOLUNTEERS

Chris Pohlman  
Kathy Scriven-Young  
Jenna Treanor

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# CAST



**AKIRA BACON (Young Able)** – Akira is excited to join this cast for his main-stage debut! His past experience with LMCT includes participation in 3 junior productions, *Peter Pan*, *The Wizard of Oz*, and *The Music Man*.

– Jeremie is excited to take the stage for the 7th time with LMCT to help tell this beautiful story about parents, children, love, and the human experience.



**JEREMIE BACON (Noah)**



**BRETT BALESKIE (Adam)** – Brett is so happy to be back with LMCT for another production. Though he is primarily found behind the scenes as a scenic designer, director, and choreographer, Brett is grateful to perform when the opportunity arises. Recent credits: *White Christmas* (Phil Davis), *42nd Street* (Billy Lawler), and *Beauty and the Beast* (Gaston).

**ALEXANDRA BUDNEY (Storyteller, Featured Dancer)** – Allie is grateful to Little Mountain for the opportunity to come back after being in *The Music Man* last year! Recently Allie was in *Matilda* with Magical Starlight Theater. She'd like to thank her parents for their support and the production staff for this amazing opportunity. Enjoy the show!



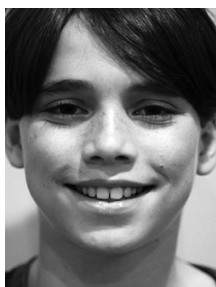
**PHOEBE CARLSON (Storyteller)** – Phoebe last performed in Orland Children's Theatre's *Fixing Christmas* and *It's Not NOT a Musical*. She's excited to be performing with mom and ecstatic to be in her first main stage show. She wishes "break a leg" to the cast and is grateful for her family's love and support.



**SARA CARLSON (Mama Noah)** – Sara was last seen as Bea in PVP’s *Something Rotten* and LMCT’s *The Music Man* last summer. She’s especially grateful to be sharing the stage with her daughter, Phoebe, and would like to give a shout out to David and Zoe for their unending support. Love you all!

**SETH DURBIN (Storyteller)**

– Seth is so excited to be part of his third LMCT production! Throughout the school year a high school choir director, but this summer you’ll probably find him building LEGO creations (when not in rehearsals of course.)



**JONAH DUTTON (Young Cain)** - Jonah is excited and thankful to be making his LMCT debut performing on stage with his Aunt Shannon and dad, who along with his brother, sister, and mom have supported him in this wonderful theatrical adventure.

**MICHAEL DUTTON (Storyteller)** Michael is excited

to return to the LMCT stage this summer with such a talented production team and cast (including his son Jonah). He has thoroughly enjoyed his experience in *Mamma Mia!* (Sam) as well as performing with a talented barbershop group in *The Music Man*.



**BENJAMIN FORBES (Abel)** - Ben will be a sophomore at Lockport High School. He has participated in many shows including *The Lion King Jr.*, *Aladdin Jr.*, *Night Chills*, One Acts, and competed in IHSA Group Interpretation for Lockport. Ben would like to thank his family and friends for their everlasting support!



**EMMA FORBES (Storyteller, Featured Dancer)**

– Emma is thrilled to be on LMCT’s amazing team again this summer! She was last seen on the LMCT stage in *Mamma Mia!*. Emma studies at the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee to get her BFA in Musical Theatre. She wants to thank her friends and family!

**MICAH GABRIEL (Seth) –**

Micah is excited for everyone to see the hard work that’s been put into this show. This is his first time performing with LMCT but his 12th show overall. Some of his favorite roles include William Barfee and Richard Hannay. He would like to thank his friends and family for their support. Enjoy the show!



**GIGI GARZA (Storyteller)** – Gigi has been performing since she was 5 years old, and this is her second Little Mountain Community Theater production. She has had so much fun singing, acting and dancing, and has made so many new friends.

**JACK GARZA (Storyteller)**

– This is Jack’s second Little Mountain Community Theater production. He enjoys acting, singing and dancing. Jack has had so much fun and has made many new friends.



**ANNA GECAN**

**(Storyteller)** – Anna has been performing for 2 years and is in her first production with LMCT. Her last production was *Space Princess Wars* where she played Madame Boots. Performing in both plays and musicals, she enjoys acting and especially singing. She loves to do swimming and art in her free time.



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**ANDREA BEHEGAN GOUGH (Storyteller)** – Andrea is excited to be a part of this beautiful show with such a talented cast and dedicated staff and crew! Past LMCT productions include *The Music Man* (Eulalie Shinn), *Godspell*, *Mama Mia!*, *Barnum* (Joyce Heth), *The Little Mermaid* (makeup), *Fiddler on the Roof* (Fruma Sarah). Break-a-leg everyone!

**JOHNNY GREANIAS (Storyteller)** – Johnny is glad to be back with Little Mountain, and has worked on shows with the company since 2017, being both on and off the stage. Johnny enjoys stories from the Bible, and is looking forward to telling these stories onstage with friends both old and new!



**JOY HADDLETON (Storyteller)** – Joy is happy to be back with LMCT after performing in *The Music Man* last summer. She last performed as Ida in *Honk! Jr.* Some favorite roles include: Big Kid ensemble in *Matilda the Musical*, Narrator 1 in *How to Survive Being in a Shakespeare Play*, and Ginny Weasley multiple times.

**KYLE HALKERSTON (Ham)** – After his hiatus from the stage while performing with the circus in college, Kyle was excited to get back on it last winter and is thrilled to be a part of his first show with LMCT. His favorite role to date is The Escapist in *Matilda*.



**KHALID HAMDAN (Shem)** – Khalid is elated to make his LMCT debut as Shem. Currently a dedicated student at Loyola University Chicago, he studies Finance, Law, and Politics. Beyond the stage, Khalid loves exploring the city, cooking for loved ones, and embracing the vibrant arts community that surrounds him.

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**JAY HRUSKA (Storyteller)** – Jay is thrilled to join this talented cast and crew for his 7th Little Mountain show. Favorite roles include Mayor Shinn, *The Music Man* and Grimsby, *The Little Mermaid*. Jay would like to thank his wife for her continuing support of his theater addiction.

**EMMA HUTCHISON**

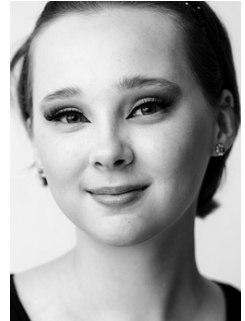
**(Yonah)** – Emma is so excited to be back on stage to be part of another LMCT show! She has been part of LMCT for a very long time, but her favorite role has been Baby Bear in *Shrek*. In her free time, Emma enjoys going on adventures with her friends.



**DANIEL IRACE (Storyteller, Featured Dancer)** - This is Daniel's very first show with Little Mountain! Dan took the stage for the previous 4 years at Lemont High School, in shows like *Addams Family*. He is going to UIC for healthcare administration with a minor in theatre. Hope you have fun and enjoy the show!

**MADELINE JELENIEWSKI (Storyteller)** –

Madeline would like to thank the Little Mountain Community for being so welcoming. This is her first production with the troupe! She has most recently been seen in Carl Sandburg's production of *Gypsy* as Miss Mazeppa, and starred in Orland Park Theatre Troupe's production of *It's Not NOT a Musical!* as Julie.



**KATIE KARSKY (Storyteller, Featured Dancer)**

– Katie is so excited to perform in *Children of Eden*! She has recently performed in *The Music Man* with Little Mountain and as Rose in Carl Sandburg High School's *Gypsy*. Katie would like to thank her directors as well as the cast, crew, and pit of *Children of Eden* for creating a beautiful show!



**PATTI KIRIN (Storyteller)** – Patty has been performing with Little Mountain Theatre since 2018. During this time, she developed a close friendship with board member, Mary Beth Pingatore. Unfortunately, Mary Beth passed away this year. Patty would like to dedicate this show in remembrance of her love, kindness and spark she brought to life.

**JANE LIQUIN (Storyteller)**

– Jane rejoined the theater world 13 years ago after a 25 year hiatus. Favorite roles include: Jack's Mother *Into the Woods*, and Mrs. Squires *The Music Man*. In her life BEYOND... she teaches 5th grade and directs school productions. She loves sharing the joy in the creative process! Love to Daryl, Chris and Emily!



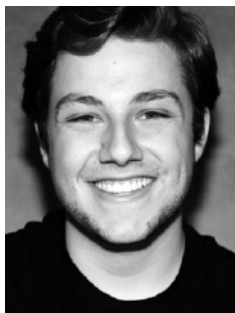
**KATE LOEFFLER (Storyteller)** – Kate is honored to be on stage with this wonderful cast & crew. She's a music educator, church choir director and Disney Adult. Theater has brought Kate such great memories & experiences. She hopes you enjoy the show!

**KEVIN LOEPER (Father)**

– It is such an honor to finally join LMCT! Past favorite credits include *Beast*, *Beauty & the Beast*; Professor Bhaer, *Little Women*; Kerchak, *Tarzan*; and Jud Fry, *Oklahoma!*. When not performing, Kevin enjoys singing with his darling wife Meg at First Congregational UCC in Elmhurst. This one is for Michelle.



**BECKY MESSERSCHMIDT (Snake)** – Becky is thrilled to make her debut at LMCT! Favorite roles include Morticia, *Addams Family*; Charity, *Sweet Charity*; and Adelaide, *Guys and Dolls*. She has also competed in ballroom dancing! Becky raised her three children and is now enjoying grandparenting! Thanks to LMCT for this opportunity and to Eric for his unending support!



**NICK NATALIE (Cain)** – Nick is proud to join Children of Eden. He is also excited to join the Disney college program this fall. Nick's favorite roles include Shrek and the Beast. Nick thanks the production team for giving him this opportunity and his family and friends who continue to support him in his passions.

**TESS O'BRIEN (Storyteller)** – Tess is thrilled to be back onstage with Little Mountain this summer! Tess was recently seen as Alice Beineke in Lemont High School's production of *The Addams Family* and will serve as a captain of Lemont's Speech Team next year. She hopes you enjoy the show!



**AUDREY OLEJNIK (Storyteller)** – Audrey is ecstatic to be in her first LMCT show! She has been involved in several school and community musicals and is an active member in her school's choir and theater programs. Some recent credits include *The Drowsy Chaperone* and *Annie* (Grace). Thanks to everyone involved in the show!

**MICHELLE OLEJNIK (Storyteller)** – Michelle's excited for her 1st show with LMCT! Most recently, you may have seen her performing in the past few Hinsdale Community Reviews. Many thanks to the production staff for all they do! Michelle's thrilled to share the stage with her daughter for the first time! Thank YOU for coming!



**MEGAN RENO (Storyteller)** - Megan is very excited to be a part of Children of Eden with Little Mountain. She also was involved with *Barnum*. Megan recently was in *The Addams Family* with LHS. She plans to continue her involvement with theater at ISU. Megan wants to thank her family and friends for always supporting her.

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**CORA SCHAUM (Storyteller, Featured Dancer)** – Children of Eden is Cora’s second show with Little Mountain Theatre. Cora most recently played Wednesday in Lemont High School’s production of *Addams Family: The Musical*. In recent years she has been Elsa in *Frozen*, Peter Pan in *Peter Pan*, Maria in *The Sound of Music*, and Gertrude McFuzz in *Seussical*. Break a leg everyone!

**DARBY SCHOBER (Storyteller, Featured Dancer)** – Darby is thrilled to be telling this amazing story with such a crazy talented cast and crew. She is especially grateful to once again be onstage with her daughter, Ellie. Love and thanx to her family and the COE family for making it all possible. She will treasure the moments shared together for **GENERATIONS!**



**ELLIE SCHOBER (Aysha)** - Ellie is thrilled to be a part of the incredible cast and crew of *Children of Eden*! Her favorite thing to do, when not on stage, is being a background extra on multiple Chicago TV shows. Thank you to the production team for this amazing opportunity and such a wonderful summer!

**NADIA SCHULT (Aphra)** – Nadia is thrilled to return to the garden, after performing COE in college. The theater bug bit her at the age of 4. Favorite parts include Louisa *Sound of Music*, Margot *Diary of Anne Frank* and Herbie *Junie B. Jones*. She thanks family and friends for their support and God for the gift of music.



**CHARLIE SCRIVEN-YOUNG (Storyteller, Featured Dancer)**– Charlie is a senior at Neuqua Valley High School. He has been performing in shows since he was 7 years old and loves the art form! He is very excited to be performing in *Children of Eden*, spending time with an amazing community of people.

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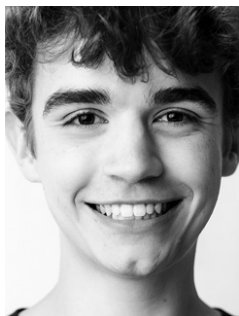




**DAVE SCRIVEN-YOUNG (Storyteller)** – Dave is grateful to return to the LMCT stage and perform with this incredibly talented cast. He recently appeared in MST's *Matilda* as Miss Trunchbull. Much love to Kathy, Henry, Charlie, and all of our friends and family who came to see the show.

**MARY ANN SHURILLA (Storyteller, Featured Dancer)**

Mary Ann is thrilled to be back on stage with LMCT! She has previously appeared in multiple LMCT productions. Her favorite was *The Little Mermaid*. She has had dance training since the age of 5, and loves being able to use that in the theatre. Enjoy the show!



**STONE TESELLE (Japheth, Featured Dancer)** –

Stone is THRILLED to play Japheth! He recently appeared in productions of *The Addams Family* and *The Music Man*. He will attend the Chicago College of Performing Arts, for a BFA in Musical Theater! Stone thanks God, family, and friends for all their love and support.

**SARAH WALTON (Eve, Featured Dancer)** – Sarah is excited to be back on the LMCT stage after graduating from Augustana College. Her favorite credits include Elle Woods *Legally Blonde*, Fiona “*Shrek*”, and Corie *Barefoot in the Park*. She'd love to thank her family, friends and the production team for their endless support!



**SHANNON WEBB (Storyteller)** - Shannon is delighted to return to LMCT and the joy of community theatre! Audiences may remember her from *The Music Man* (Maud Dunlop), *Barnum* (Mrs. Stratton) and *Mamma Mia!* (Ensemble). She would like to dedicate her performances to the memory of her mom who was her biggest supporter.

# PRODUCTION TEAM



**SANDY DOEBERT (Co-Producer)** – Theatre has always been a love of Sandy's, so starting a community theatre after she retired seemed like the thing she was meant to do! It has been an amazing experience to work with the LMCT Board and Staff. And watching performers young and old bring stories to life through song and dance is more rewarding than she could ever imagine!

**KATE LOEFFLER (Co-Producer)** – Kate is happy to be promoted to CO-producer (thanks, Sandy!) this year (though she's still "Email Kate" to cast & crew!). Singing and acting is a passion of hers. Favorites include, "Alice" in "Addams Family" (Wheaton Drama) and Ensemble of "Godspell" (LMCT). Proud LMCT Board Member.



**HEATHER HUTCHISON (Director)** – Heather is the proud Co-Founder of LMCT and currently the Education Programming Director for The Forge Lemont Quarries. She has spent over 35 years creating theatre "moments" as Director, Producer, Vocal Director, Musician, Teacher and Performer in the US, UK and Switzerland. Love to Hutch, Emma & Chris for coming along on the ride!

**DIANE LINK (Assistant Director and Makeup Designer)** – Diane is honored to work with the AMAZING Heather and Sandy - along with a truly collaborative and wonderfully creative production team! Diane's passion is hair/makeup design, and she's been fortunate to 'play' backstage not only with LMCT, but also with other local community theatre companies. "Thank you GL... for allowing me to disappear for yet another summer of theatre FUN!"





**BRENDA PEREZ DE TEJADA (Choreographer)**

– This is Brenda’s 4th production at Little Mountain and she couldn’t be more proud to work with a company that will forever feel like family. Brenda believes anyone can & should dance and strives to bring conscious and intentional movement to all of her communities. She is available for private lessons, audition prep or choreography for any event! [Consciouschoreoco.com](http://Consciouschoreoco.com)

**DARBY SCHOBER (Assistant Choreographer)–**

Darby is extremely proud and honored to be part of LMCT’s Creative Team for the 2023 Production of Children of Eden. Her favorite role is any role that allows her to be funny or don her tap shoes. She believes EVERY show should have a foot- stompin’ tap number. C.O.D. Tappers- Hmmm???



**MATT DOHERTY**

**(Vocal Director)** Matt is honored to be part this summer’s LMCT production team! He has been the Music Director for Lemont High’s musicals since 2015. In 2022, he reprised the role of Harold Hill with LMCT in “The Music Man.” Matt lives in Lemont with his wife, Lindsey, and daughters, Emaline and Adelaide.

**MATTHEW RECIO (Vocal Director) –**

Dr. Recio is an active composer, having collaborated with groups such as Opera Columbus, Chicago Opera Theater, Stare at the Sun, West Edge Opera, The Lynx Project, Cincinnati Song Initiative and the Crossing. He has served as a guest artist at institutions like Oberlin Conservatory and Ithaca College. A G. Schirmer published artist, he is on faculty at DePaul and Chicago School for the Arts.



# West Suburban Theatre Connection

Live theater playing in the western suburbs

## ***Children of Eden***

**July 21 - 23**

Little Mountain  
Lemont

## ***Newsies***

**July 21 - August 6**

Summer Place  
Naperville

## ***Much Ado About Nothing***

**July 21 - 30**

Limestone Stage  
Lockport

## ***She Kills Monsters***

**July 21 - August 5**

Albright Community Theatre  
Batavia

## ***Nickel and Dimed***

**August 10 - 20**

Stage Coach Players  
DeKalb

## ***9 to 5 the Musical***

**August 11 - 20**

Golden Ticket Productions  
Buffalo Grove

## ***8 x 10 Play Festival***

**September 8 & 9**

WCT  
Oakbrook Terrace

## ***The Addams Family***

**September 14 - 24**

Stage Coach Players  
DeKalb

## ***The Drowsy Chaperone***

**September 22 - October 1**

Westmont Performing Arts  
Westmont

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are starting soon. Join our email  
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**BRETT BALESKIE (Set Designer/Painter)** –

Brett is a freelance scenic designer based out of Chicago, and has been designing the sets at LMCT since *The Little Mermaid* in 2017. He works year round at several high schools and theater companies throughout Chicagoland. He is currently the resident designer at Pride Arts and Music on Stage.  
brettbaleskie.com



**MATTHEW GOTTARDO (Stage Manager)** – Matt has been a part of LMCT since his Sophomore year at Lemont High School as a Backstage Manager, Stage Manager, and Tech Director. Throughout the years he has enjoyed working with those a part of the musicals. In Matt's free time he enjoys spending time camping and the outdoors.

**EDEN TESELLE (Back Stage Manager)** – Eden is a junior at Lemont High School and has been involved in theater tech for 5 years. This is Eden's first production with LMCT and is beyond excited! She was also the stage manager for the kids show, *Suessical!* She would like to thank God, her parents, Mr. Davis, and her graduating senior friends who have taught her so much. Enjoy the show!



**BARTŁOMIEJ MACIOL (Lighting Designer)** – Bart is an electrical engineer with lighting system and design expertise. He has extensive experience in the development of multiple plays and musicals at Lemont High School. He is committed to providing innovative solutions to challenging problems and a magical experience for the audience. He is him. #TECHIE4LIFELoop.



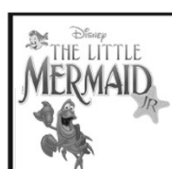
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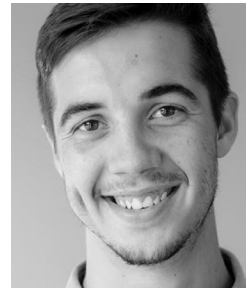
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**PATRICK SWANSON (Lighting Assistant)** – Patrick enjoys working both on stage and backstage. Favorite roles include: Spot Conlon in Newsies, Potter in It's a Wonderful Life, Rapunzel's Prince in Into the Woods, Captian von Trapp in Sound of Music and Donkey in Shrek the Musical. Patrick was the assistant lighting director for several LHS productions.



**JAYLIN RUICH (Lighting Technician)** – Jaylin has been working on his lighting knowledge for a while and is excited to finally have a chance outside of his high school's production to show what he knows. This being his first time working with LMCT he's super excited to meet all the wonderful people involved!



**ANDREW STRATTON (Sound Designer/Tech Advisor)** – Andrew has the privilege to work along side this amazing design team and cast once again. He is excited for you to see and hear how the LMCT team has brought this iconic show to life.



**JUDY GORDON (Costumer Designer)** – Judy is happy to be back at LMCT where she has designed and sewed many costumes for almost all of the productions. She worked at The School of Performing Arts Costume Shop for 8 years. Nowadays, she looks forward to spending as much time as she can traveling with her family.

**KRISTINA KUZMICKI (Costume Designer)** – Kristina has been making things ever since she was allowed to use glue. She currently works as a seamstress in bridal alterations and does costuming for fun. This is her second show with LMCT. Kristina loves art, reading, and dogs.



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CREATING A FAMILY



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**ALEXANDER UJESTICA (Prop Manager)** – Alexander has participated in every main stage production LMCT has had to offer. As he takes on this new role as part of the production staff he sends many thanks to his family and friends. A big and loving thank you especially to Mama Veg for all her support always.

**LYNN HODAK (Hair Designer)** – This is Lynn's 9th year being involved with LMCT and she couldn't be more thrilled. This is a community that is truly a family of individuals dedicated to producing quality theater in a warm, giving and professional way! Lynn is looking forward to helping to bring this beautiful story to the stage. Enjoy!



**DEBBIE ARENBERG (Front of House Manager)**  
– Debbie caught a love of Broadway musicals from her parents. They would regularly belt out songs around the house from *Showboat*, *Camelot*, *Oklahoma*, *South Pacific* and *My Fair Lady*, to name a few. This shared delight eventually led her to help with our phenomenal community theatre in Lemont!

**MELANIE DALE (Audition and Rehearsal Pianist)**  
– Melanie is so excited to be joining LMCT! She has been performing, accompanying and teaching piano for many years, now trying a new experience as a theater musician. She would like to thank her family and friends for their loving support.



**Congratulations to the cast and crew  
of Children of Eden**

*Find your joy and sparkle!*

**Lynn Hodak**



## STEPHEN SCHWARTZ

Stephen Schwartz wrote the music and lyrics for the current Broadway hit *WICKED*, and has also contributed music and/or lyrics to *GODSPELL*, *PIPPIN*, *THE MAGIC SHOW*, *THE BAKER'S WIFE*, *WORKING* (which he also adapted and directed), *RAGS*, and *CHILDREN OF EDEN*.

He collaborated with Leonard Bernstein on the English texts for Bernstein's *MASS* and wrote the title song for the play and movie *BUTTERFLIES ARE FREE*.

For children, he has written songs for two musicals, *CAPTAIN LOUIE* and *MY SON PINOCCHIO*.

He has also worked in film, collaborating with Alan Menken on the songs for Disney's *ENCHANTED* as well as the animated features *POCAHONTAS* and *THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME*, and writing the songs for the DreamWorks animated feature *THE PRINCE OF EGYPT*.

His first opera, *SEANCE ON A WET AFTERNOON*, was produced at Opera Santa Barbara and New York City Opera.

A book about his career, "Defying Gravity," has been released by Applause Books. Mr. Schwartz has been inducted into the Theatre Hall of Fame and the Songwriters Hall of Fame, and has been given a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Awards include three Academy Awards, four Grammy Awards, and a tiny handful of tennis trophies.





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