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Cast & Songs



HADESTOWN: TEEN EDITION

By Anaïs Mitchell

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Music Directed by Garrett Easley

Choreographed by Marissa Saure

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Cast of Characters

Orpheus	Joey Westerdale
Eurydice	Eliza Colbert
Hermes	Cecily Wiedel
Persephone	Bailey Schwab
Hades	Nolan Marlatt
Fate 1	Leena Tunink
Fate 2	Rachel Ross
Fate 3	Caroline Davis
Workers	Aisilynn Campbell*, Josephine Davis, Gunnar Gonzales-Dorn, Bethany Fox*, ClaraAnn Kirkendall, Jayden Nickles, Tayvion Perez*, Kierstin Rehms, & Brielle Toland

* indicates CP debut

Setting:

Above, Below, and the Road Between

ACT I

Road to Hell	Hermes & Company
Any Way the Wind Blows	Eurydice, Fates, Hermes, & Workers
Come Home with Me	Orpheus, Eurydice, Hermes, & Workers
Wedding Song	Orpheus, Eurydice, & Workers
Epic I	Hermes & Orpheus
Livin' It Up On Top	Persephone, Hermes, Orpheus, & Company
All I've Ever Known	Eurydice, Orpheus, & Hermes
Way Down HADESTOWN	Hermes, Persephone, Fates, & Company
A Gathering Storm	Fates, Hermes, Orpheus, Eurydice, & Workers

Songs

Epic II	Orpheus & Workers
Chant	Company
Hey, Little Songbird	Hades & Eurydice
When The Chips Are Down	Fates, Eurydice, Hermes, & Hades
Gone, I'm Gone	Eurydice & Fates
Wait for Me (Intro)	Orpheus & Hermes
Wait for Me	Hermes, Orpheus, Fates, & Company
Why We Build the Wall	Hades & Company

There will be a 10 minute intermission

ACT II

Our Lady of the Underground	Persephone, Hermes, & Band
Way Down Hadestown (Reprise)	Fates, Eurydice, Workers, & Hermes
Flowers	Eurydice
Come Home with Me (Reprise)	Orpheus & Eurydice
Papers (Intro)	Hades, Persephone, Orpheus, Eurydice, & Hermes
Papers (Instrumental)	Band
Nothing Changes	Fates
If It's True	Orpheus, Workers, & Hermes
How Long?	Persephone & Hades
Chant (Reprise)	Company
Epic III	Orpheus & Company
Epic III (Instrumental)	Hermes, Orpheus, & Workers
Promises	Eurydice, Orpheus, & Workers
Word to the Wise	Fates, Orpheus, Hermes, & Hades
His Kiss, the Riot	Hades
Wait for Me (Reprise) Intro	Hermes, Orpheus, & Eurydice
Wait for Me (Reprise)	Company
Doubt Comes In	Fates, Orpheus, Eurydice, & Workers
Road to Hell (Reprise)	Hermes & Company
We Raise Our Cups	Persephone, Eurydice, & Company

Band

Piano/Violin	Jeffery Davis
Cello	Chad Rinne
Guitar	Bret Welstead
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Scenic & Prop Design

Mel Voorhis & Bailey Schwab

Set Construction

Natalia Kraviec, Jeremy Connelly, Brenton Erikson, John Francis, Josh Erikson, Mason Gustafson, Natalie Gustafson, Wayne Price, Ethan Rosenthal, Bailey Schwab, Danny Toland, Marshall Tuttle, & Mel Voorhis

Scene Painting

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& Bailey Schwab

Props & Set Decoration

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Jenna Woitalewicz

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Director's Note



Hadestown has always been exactly on time. Written in 2006, recorded as a concept album, and later expanded into a full production on Broadway in 2019, this show has always beat the rhythm of the changing times. Writer Anaïs Mitchell was empowered to write a story of influence that balanced politics and love, for they go hand in hand. This story has influenced millions in its continuing run on the world's

biggest stages and national tours. We are privileged and delighted to bring this beautiful work to Beatrice in the form of *Hadestown: Teen Edition*.

In 2024, I found myself consistently bogged down by the ways of the world. I was becoming increasingly aware of the injustices faced around the world at the hands of those in power, as many have been in recent years. I couldn't help but feel small and defeated. It took listening to *Hadestown* to light the spark in me to know that no one is too small to create the world they dream about. Then, it took working with our talented cast of young actors to know that the world we dream about lies in their hands, and they are ready to take the reins.

Let the voices of these young actors ignite a fire in you. Know that you are never too small, too insignificant to write the song that will change the world. The world we dream about- a world of peace, justice, love, and community- is within reach. From the desert to the sea.

"To the world we dream about, and the one we live in now."

With light,
Mel Voorhis (they/them)
Associate Artistic Director

Meet the Cast



Aisilynn Campbell



Eliza Colbert



Caroline Davis



Josephine Davis



Bethany Fox



Gunnar
Gonzales-Dorn



ClaraAnn
Kirkendall



Nolan Marlatt



Jayden Nickels



Tayvion Perez



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Bailey Schwab



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Hadestown: Teen Edition Bios

Aisilynn Campbell (Worker) makes her Community Players debut in *Hadestown: Teen Edition*. She has performed in *Oz* and *Promageddon* at Lewiston Consolidated Schools where she is in 11th grade. Aisilynn plans on studying theatre when she goes to college and one of her favorite things about this show has been the fun choreography. "Believe in yourself and don't let other people put you down. Only you can make your dreams come true, so believe it."

Eliza Colbert (Eurydice) is back for her second show at CP after making her debut last season in *The Sound of Music*. She has also been in *The Nutcracker* at the Lied Center and multiple school plays at Tri County Public Schools where she is a sophomore. Eliza loves to play guitar, write her own music, and dance. "Everyone in the cast and crew has put their heart and soul into putting on this one of a kind production that has been a once in a lifetime opportunity to be a part of!"

Caroline Davis (Fate 3) returns for her second show this season and tenth show at Community Players having performed in many *Acting Up* and *Stars of Summer* productions including *Finding Nemo, JR., CATS: Young Actors Edition*, and *Einstein's Brains*. She will begin her sophomore year at Beatrice High School this fall. "I am super excited to perform alongside all of these amazing people, especially my fellow Fates, Leena and Rachel, who are both amazingly talented and beautiful."

Josephine Davis (Worker) joins us once again on the CP stage where she has most recently been seen in *Finding Nemo, JR., CATS: Young Actors Edition*, and *Space Princess Wars*. She is going to be a junior at Beatrice High School, where she is active in their theater program, having been in *Mary Poppins*, *Once Upon a Mattress*, and the upcoming *Into the Woods* as the Baker's Wife. Josephine works at Colleen's Catering. Audiences should get ready for an emotional roller coaster, full of fun American Soul Jazz. "I had the time of my life fighting dragons with you." - Taylor Swift

Bethany Fox (Worker) makes her debut at Community Players, although she has been in shows including *Beauty and the Beast*, *Treasure Island*, and *The Wizard of Oz* at Nebraska Lutheran High School and *Cinderella* at St. Mark Lutheran School. Bethany is a sophomore studying Mathematics at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. "I would like to thank Jesus first of all, but I would also like to thank my mom, my friends, my car for still being nice to me when WAY overdue for an oil change, and Discovery+ for letting me watch *Shark Week* on demand so that I don't miss it because of rehearsal."

Gunnar Gonzales-Dorn (Worker) returns to CP having made his debut last season in *The Addams Family* and *The Sound of Music*. Gunnar is going into his sophomore year at Beatrice High School. He's ready for audiences to enjoy the amazing and catchy songs.

ClaraAnn Kirkendall (Worker) is joining again for her tenth show at Community Players including *The Sound of Music*, *The Addams Family*, and *A Christmas Story* as well as many Stars of Summer and Acting Up shows. ClaraAnn is a freshman at Beatrice High School. "They can take the theater kid off the *Hamilton* soundtrack, but not the *Hamilton* soundtrack out of the theater kid."

Nolan Marlatt (Hades) is back for his 19th show on the CP stage with some favorite roles being the Taxkeeper in *The Trials of Robin Hood* and Bilbo Baggins in *The Hobbit*. He was also in *The Little Mermaid*, *Cinderella*, and *Little Shop of Horrors* at Beatrice High School. Nolan is a sophomore majoring in Secondary English Education at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He's most looking forward to audiences seeing Joey Westerdale's performance. "I'm so excited for you to see the show! Thank you for coming!!"

Jayden Nickels (Worker) returns to the Community Players stage having made his debut last season in *The Addams Family*. Jayden has also acted in *Oz* and *Promageddon* at Lewiston Consolidated Schools where he is a senior. He's ready for audiences to watch a cast that understands the depth and emotion of this story, and real feelings on the stage. "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

Tayvion Perez (Worker) makes his CP debut although he is no stranger to the stage. He has performed in many shows including *Matilda* and *Tuck Everlasting* at Nebraska Communities Playhouse and *Finding Nemo JR.* and *Charlotte's Web* at Lincoln Community Playhouse. Tayvion is a sophomore at Lincoln Southwest High School. "Impossible things are happening everyday" - Rodgers & Hammerstein's *Cinderella*

Kierstin Rehms (Worker) joins us once again after making her CP debut in last season's *The Sound of Music*. She has also performed in *Oz*, *Promageddon*, and *Cheating Death* at Lewiston Consolidated Schools. Kierstin works at Runza and will soon begin her freshman year at Southeast Community College, studying Veterinary Science. "I'm a very cheerful person and I want everyone to be happy. I love seeing others do things they love because they always have the most genuine smiles on their faces. I also love nature, because I feel like I'm more connected to the world and God's works. I also love food, and musicals.. obviously!! I've been to Europe twice and I love it! My favorite place is Switzerland!!"

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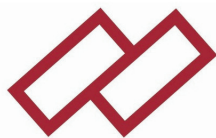
Rachel Ross (Fate 2) returns to the Community Players stage for her fourth show, after performing in last years' *Alice by Heart*, *The Addams Family*, and *The Sound of Music*. Rachel works at J Six Enterprises as a Farrowing Assistant. *Hadestown* is "really a show unlike any other. A thought provoking and heart breaking show created from the hard work of everyone involved. It's truly an honor to be a part of."

Bailey Schwab (Persephone) is back for her tenth show at CP, having been seen in 8 Stars of Summer shows including *Frozen JR.* and *Singin' in the Rain JR.* as well as last year's Young Adult Theatre production of *Alice by Heart*. She was also in *Beauty and the Beast* at Nebraska Lutheran High School and *Fiddler on the Roof* at Martin Luther College Forum. Bailey also works at Bee Bum and as a photographer at Martin Luther College, where she will begin her sophomore year in the fall as an Elementary Education major. "This is an amazing opportunity to be able to perform this after seeing it on tour this February!"

Brielle Toland (Worker) returns after acting in many shows at Community Players including *The Sound of Music*, *The Addams Family*, and *CATS: Young Actors Edition* last season. She is also active in the theatre program at Beatrice High School, where she will begin her senior year soon. Brielle works at The American Legion as a dishwasher. "I have been doing theatre since sixth grade and it is something I have been very passionate about."

Leena Tunink (Fate 1) joins us once again for her 17th show at Community Players. She has most recently been seen in *Finding Nemo JR.*, *The Sound of Music*, and *You Go, Goddess!*. Leena is going into her Junior year at Beatrice High School, where she will perform in the upcoming *Into the Woods* as well as last year's *Once Upon a Mattress*. She is excited for audiences to see all of her amazing friends in this cast get to perform together.

Joey Westerdale (Orpheus) is back at Community Players, having made his debut in last year's *Alice by Heart* as Alfred Hallam/White Rabbit/March Hare. He could also be seen in other theatres around Nebraska including *Legally Blonde* at Papillion Area Community Theatre, *Urinetown* at Nebraska Repertory Theatre, and *Beauty and the Beast*, *Tuck Everlasting*, *Rumors*, and *Ordinary Days* at Papillion La-Vista South High School. He is currently a sophomore at the University of Nebraska studying Secondary English Education with a minor in Theatre Arts.



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Cecily Wiedel (Hermes) returns to the CP stage again after appearing most recently in *Alice by Heart*, *Peter and the Starcatcher*, *The Music Man*, and *Singin' in the Rain JR* as well as countless other Stars of Summer and Acting Up productions. Cecily played Princess Winnifred in *Once Upon a Mattress* at Beatrice High School, where she is a senior. She also performed with POYDS Dance Company during the Arts for Autism Benefit Concert in New York City. "Audiences can look forward to a beautiful story of love and loss, and how we can learn from it. But they'll also get to witness our incredible cast, whose voices rival the muses themselves!"

Mel Voorhis (Director) is the Associate Artistic Director at Community Players and a professional Director, Intimacy Director, and Stage Manager with a BA in Theatre from Berea College. Their directing credits include *The Addams Family*, *She Loves Me*, and *You Go, Goddess!* with Community Players, and *The Aleph Complex* with the Berea College Theatre Laboratory. They have also lent their creative hand in lighting and props at CP and theatres around Kentucky. They are a Board Member for Nebraskans for the Arts and hold advocacy, accessibility, and consent-based practices at the forefront of all of their artistic endeavors. They would like to thank their dog, Flynn, for being the best office dog a theatre could ask for. "To the world we dream about, and the one we live in now."

Garrett Easley (Music Director) returns as Music Director after serving in the same position for last summer's Young Adult Theatre production of *Alice by Heart*. He also acted in *Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson*, *Avenue Q*, *Urinetown*, and *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*. Garrett works at Diller-Odell School as the K-12 Music Educator.

Marshall Tuttle (Stage Manager) returns to stage managing at CP, having worked on *Singin' in the Rain JR.*, *Greetings!*, and *Pinkerton!!!* as well as performing in many shows including *The Addams Family*, *James and the Giant Peach*, and *Les Misérables*. Marshall works at Goldenrod Antiques & Vintage. He is ready for audiences to witness this 2000 year old story told with a modern heart. "You hate jazz? You fear jazz! You fear the lack of rules."

Mykaela Rideout (Assistant Stage Manager) is back on the SM team after stage managing *Finding Nemo, JR.*, *You Go, Goddess!*, and *Melodramatics*. She has also performed onstage at Community Players in *The Sound of Music*, *The Addams Family*, *CATS: Young Actors Edition*, and *Peter and the Starcatcher*. Mykaela is homeschooled and will begin her senior year soon. "To know how it ends and still begin to sing it again as if it might turn out this time – I learned that from a friend of mine." - Hermes

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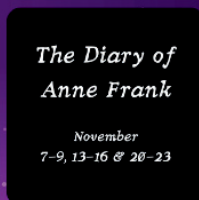
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Coming Attractions

Founders & VIP Panel

Special Event

Date & Time: August 10, 2025 at 2:00pm

Location: Beatrice Public Library
(100 N 16th St, Beatrice, NE 68310)



Celebrate 50 Years of Community Players by attending our Founders & VIP Panel! We'll be joined by important members from the CP community, past & present. Hear about their experiences from behind the scenes, onstage, and before there was a stage at all! Submit your own questions by scanning the QR Code.

Runza Fundraiser

Date & Time: August 19, 2025 from 5:00-8:00pm

Location: Beatrice Runza (1119 N 6th St)

10% of all sales from 5:00pm-8:00pm will be donated to Community Players. This applies to all orders whether they're drive-thru, dine-in, carry-out, or order ahead!

The Odd Couple

Mainstage

Performances: September 5-7 & 12-14, 2025

Two suddenly single pals, one a sloppy sportswriter and the other a neurotic neat freak, strain their friendship when they turn into roommates. In Neil Simon's comedy classic, the original "Odd Couple" of Felix and Oscar navigate life, love, and tidiness in this humorous exploration of personal boundaries and the human condition.



The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe

Acting Up Fall Semester

Auditions: August 20, 2025

Performances: November 21 - 23, 2025

Register your 5th - 8th grade student at the front desk or scan the QR code above to go to the registration page. Enter the wardrobe with Lucy, Edmund, Susan and Peter and journey to Narnia, where the lion Aslan battles the White Witch for control of their magical land. Can Edmund resist the Witch's temptation? Can Peter slay the evil wolf? And who will be crowned the new ruler of Narnia? This story of love, faith, and the triumph of good over evil is a celebration of the wonders of childhood and life.



Join us for the 2025 - 2026 Season

It's time to celebrate! Community Players' 50th Anniversary Season is upon us, and you won't want to miss a single exciting show. This season, we're celebrating our past by producing audience favorites like ***The Odd Couple*** and ***Annie***, we're staying in the present with the brand-new shows ***Quiz*** and ***The Cottage***, and we're looking to the future by commissioning a world premiere production, ***Marian: Princess of Thieves***. Season Memberships are on sale now which comes with many perks including special Thank Yous, discounted tickets, free popcorn, etc. You can purchase Season Tickets at the front desk, by scanning the QR code below, or going to www.beatricecommunityplayers.com.

50th Season Schedule

Founder & VIP Panel @ the Beatrice Public Library

Special Event | August 10, 2025

THE ODD COUPLE

Mainstage | September 5-7 & 12-14, 2025

SWEENEY TODD

Mainstage | October 24-26 & 31-November 2, 2025

THE LION, THE WITCH, AND THE WARDROBE

Acting Up | November 21-23, 2025

CP Museum Exhibit @ the Gage County Museum

Special Event | November 25, 2025 - March 26, 2026

Dick Terhune's A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Special Event | December 11-14, 2025

50th Anniversary Gala

Special Event | January 24, 2026

QUIZ

Mainstage | February 13-15 & 20-22, 2026

THE COTTAGE

Mainstage | April 10-12 & 17-19, 2026

MARIAN: PRINCESS OF THIEVES

Acting Up | May 1-3, 2026

ANNIE

Mainstage | June 4-7 & 11-14, 2026



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