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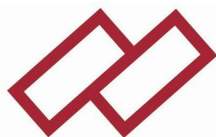
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Cast & Credits



THE LION, THE WITCH, AND THE WARDROBE

Dramatized by Joseph Robinette

Based on the Story by C.S. Lewis

Directed by Mel Voorhis

Setting:

The Land of Narnia

Time:

The 1940s

Cast of Characters

Aslan	Jurnee Boller
White Witch	Lennie Zukowski-Faust
Lucy	Esther Colbert
Edmund	Lucas Cook
Susan	Sophia Tunink
Peter	Ryan Blake
Mrs. Beaver	Marie Erikson
Mr. Beaver	Charles Anderson
Unicorn	Briley Niles
Centaur	Sarah-Marie Brockman
Tumnus	Ravenna Brand
Fenris Ulf	Sidney Davis
Dwarf	Eloise Campbell*
Father Christmas	William Bunch
Elf	Destyni Reed
White Stag	Paige Helmke
Aslan's Puppeteers	Adeline Bolli & Kellyn Phillips
Wood Nymphs	Kasen Eickmeier* & Shae Stege
Woodland Creatures	Charlotte Hagemeyer*, Asher Hayes*, Aubree Robinson, Ivory Vasquez, & Baylor Woodward

*** indicates CP Stage Door debut**

There will be a 10 minute intermission

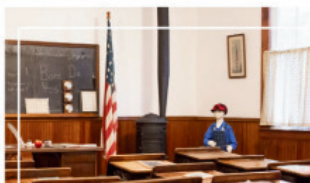
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Stage Managers

ClaraAnn Kirkendall,
Mykaela Rideout, & Leena Tunink

Lighting & Set Design

Mel Voorhis

Sound Design

Tyler J. Rinne

Lights & Sound

Brandon Clark, Jonah Erikson,
ClaraAnn Kirkendall,
Marshall Tuttle, & Mel Voorhis

Set Construction

Mason Gustafson, Jim Berans,
Doug Cudaback, Mike Fox,
John Francis, Rod Koch,
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Danny Toland, & Marshall Tuttle

Scene Painting

Tyler J. Rinne

Prop Design

Mykaela Rideout

Props & Set Decoration

Mykaela Rideout, Lori Koch,
ClaraAnn Kirkendall, Rachel Ross,
Brielle Toland, &
Lennie Zukowski-Faust

Fight Choreography

John Marinovich

Puppet Design

Mandy VanLaningham

Costume Design

Jean Spilker

Costumes

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Eliza Colbert & Leena Tunink

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Jean Spilker, & Marshall Tuttle

Show Logo

Tyler J. Rinne

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Director's Note & Bio



The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe has been a beloved tale for generations. The book by C.S. Lewis, originally published in 1950, was written for Lewis's goddaughter, Lucy, in the wake of World War II. This story explores themes of sacrifice, escapism, destiny, and, more than anything, hope in the face of despair.

The stage adaptation by Joseph Robinette allows our young actors to show audiences what it means to be brave against forces they believe themselves to be too small to defeat. The world is large, confusing, and scary, but in the theatre, these young actors become fierce lions and fearless kings and queens. I hope that this classic story emboldens them to take on the evil in our world and their bravery urges the audience to do the same.

I wasn't much of a reader as a child, but my brother was. He'd consume every fantasy novel he could get his hands on and even wrote some of his own. One of his favorites was *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. It's stories like these that shaped him into the brave and kind person he is today, which, in turn, shaped me the same.

There is a life beyond the wardrobe, beyond fear, where goodness prevails. May we all be brave enough to explore it.

The lamppost will light your way.

Mel Voorhis

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 *Sweeney Todd*, *Hadestown: Teen Edition*, *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."



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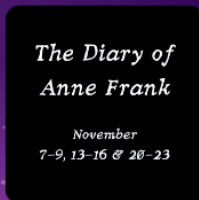
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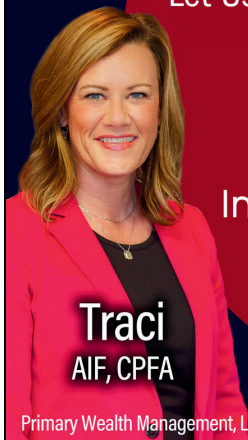
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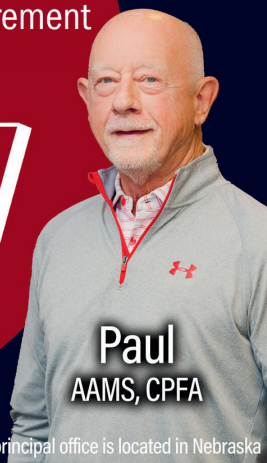
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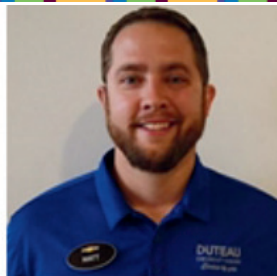
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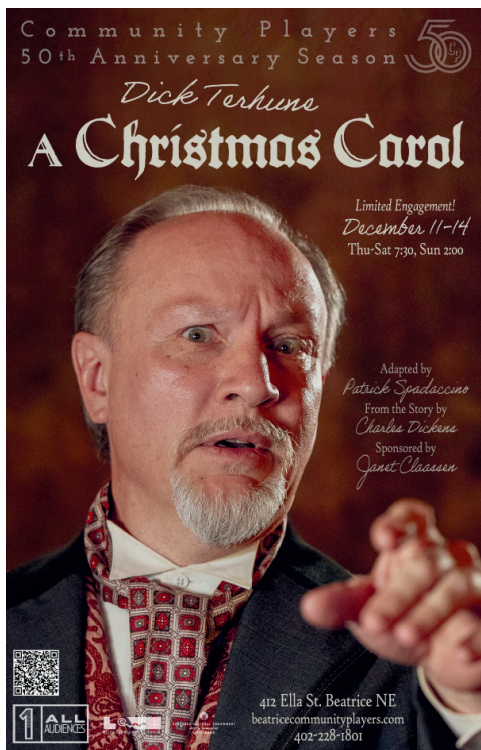
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