

DIRECTORS'NOTES

WELCOME TO CRANBROOK THEATRE SCHOOL as we present our final shows of the 2025 summer season! We could not be more excited and more proud to showcase the wonderful things our campers have accomplished this summer! Exploring the themes and ideas in the wonderful stories of "ZOMBIES THE MUSICAL," "THE ADDAMS FAMILY," and "BEETLEJUICE," coupled with our "AND...SCENE!" themes from the first four weeks of the summer, we have all had the incredible opportunity to ponder on a few things: With ZOMBIES, we have explored friendship and belonging, particularly highlighting the importance of acceptance and inclusion...and that CTS has a zero tolerance policy for bullying! With ADDAMS FAMILY, we have showcased what it means to embrace change. We have explored trust, fear, and forgiveness, ultimately finding strength with each other. With BEETLEJUICE, we have explored the reality of struggling with grief, identity, making the most of life, and finding joy in even the most unconventional of circumstances.

We would be remiss not to mention our incredible staff; we are so proud to call these wonderful people colleagues and friends. These amazing humans have truly poured their hearts and souls into making the experience of all our campers this summer the absolute best in every way. Hats off to you, friends!

To all the parents and guardians that have offered to help in so many ways: thank you. It is your support and trust in our program that makes us successful. We are so honored to have you as part of our CTS family.

We would also like to take a moment to personally thank every one of our campers this summer. They have taught us so much and we are continually humbled to be in their lives, even for a short time. Special moments, like so many moments we have shared together this summer, are the reason we do what we do. While we have had over 500 campers throughout these past 8 weeks at CTS, a very special message of thanks needs to go to our "Page to Stage" campers. So, to Livia, Kenzie, Lilly, Bennett, Brynn, Anjali, Lee, Samantha, Mila, Eman, Aiden, Clara, Cecile, Izzy, Madeline, Eden, Blake, Sylvie, Yasmin, Miles, Paige, Mia, Mary, Serena, Meghana, Annabelle, Jane, Vaani, Lucy, Henry, Pierce, Ada, Layla, Sammy, Victoria, Leila, Angela, Stella, Iris, Liliana, Ella, Dylan, Jason, Sloane, Lucas, Ronan, Elodie, Brooklyn, Ciara, Olive, Kate, Lucy, Ava, Nolan, Daniella, Kam, Brooklyn, Ayden, Ella, Chloe, Sammy, Layla, Harlan, Adeena, Terry, Naomi, Starla, Sahana, Ayla, Amelia, Charlotte, Blake, Leeena, Grace, Alex, Tintin, Quinn, Connor, Aryana, WIlla, Shea, Simran, Andrea, Juliette, Eva, Harper, Genevieve, Ari, Lindsay, Reese, Selena, Natalia, Sophia, Nova, Nitya, Jalie, Margaret, Chase, Boran, Noa, Miriam, Mati, Jasmine, Xueer, Roni, Lexi, Ava, Maia, parker, Moira, Ilana, Vivian, Jakob, Bri, Lexie, Alara, and Dilyn: thank you for being a part of our story. We love you and will continue to hope that all your dreams come true! Always remember: YOU are enough. YOU are loved. YOU are exactly the person you are supposed to be. One child, one light, one act of kindness..this is enough to change the world!

CTS Director

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CRANBROOK THEATRE SCHOOL PRODUCTION OF



Script by
John Jacobson and Roger Emerson

Orchestration, Recording, and Production by Alan Billingsley

ZOMBIES THE MUSICAL is presented by arrangement with EMERSONGS and JACOBSONGS via All School Music. www.allschoolmusic.com

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MUSICAL SELECTIONS

SPOOKY SCARY SKELETONS

ZOMBIE SCHOOL

UPSIDE DOWN

SO YOU WANNA BE A ZOMBIE?

ZOMBIE LUNCH

OPEN YOUR HEART

ZOMBIE CHEER

ZOMBIE STOMP!

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Livia Abu-Ali Drooling Club Member/Epilogue Speaker 14

Kenzie Anbaki Cheerleader
Harin (Lilly) Bae Samantha
Bennett Beidelman Travis

Brynn Benway Cheerleader

Anjali Bhatnagar Drooling Club Member

Lee Brown Dan

Samantha Brown Student Heckler #2/Walker

Mila Dorren Choir Section Leader/Epilogue Speaker 12

Eman Farooq Student Heckler #3

Aiden Friedrichs Principal C. A. Daver/Epilogue Speaker 4
Clara Gauvin Choir Section Leader/Epilogue Speaker 15

Cecile Goh Bully #I
Izzy Gupta Cheerleader

Madeline Hinkle Rachel

Eden Hodari Cheerleader

Blake Jackson Hunter/Epilogue Speaker 16

Sylvie Kamen Epilogue Speaker 10 Yasmin Karami Epilogue Speaker I

Miles Kim Armand/Epilogue Speaker 9

Paige Klein Zombie 3

Mia Kwasniewski Zombie Heloise

Mary Lackaye Shaun/Walker/Epilogue Speaker 7

Serena Lee Bully #2/Cheerleader

Meghana Lee Tina
Annabelle Luebke Zombie I
Jane Luther Mom
Vaani Malviya Selena
Lucy Manson Chaptelese

Lucy Manson Cheerleader

Henry Melitz Michael

Pierce Mervak Drooling Club Member Ada Mervak Epilogue Speaker 2

Layla Moore Ana

Sammy Murray Madeline/Epilogue Speaker I I

Victoria Neumann Molly

Leila Nimri Zombie 2/Walker

Angela Papadopulos Cheerleader/Epilogue Speaker 8

Stella Perez Vera/Cheerleader

Iris Rajko Zombie 4 Liliana Rifai Francine

Ella Rothstein Bully #3/Epilogue Speaker 6

Dylan Russaw Walker

Jason Shingler Student Heckler #1

Sloane Silver Epilogue Speaker 3/Cheerleader

Lucas Smieliauskas Henry Ronan Sutherland Stephen

Elodie Sutherland Zombie Bourdain/Epilogue Speaker 5

Brooklyn Tinsley Cheerleader

Ciara Tran Choir Section Leader/Epilogue Speaker 13



LIVIA ABU-ALI DROOLING CLUB MEMBER/ EPILOGUE SPEAKER 14



KENZIE ANBAKI CHEERLEADER



HARIN (LILLY) BAE SAMANTHA



BENNETT BEIDELMAN TRAVIS



BRYNN BENWAY
CHEERLEADER



ANJALI BHATNAGAR DROOLING CLUB MEMBER



LEE BROWN DAN



SAMANTHA BROWN
STUDENT HECKLER #2



MILA DORREN CHOIR SECTION LEADER/ EPILOGUE SPEAKER 12



EMAN FAROOQ STUDENT HECKLER #3



AIDEN FRIEDRICHS PRINCIPAL C. A. DAVER/ EPILOGUE SPEAKER 4



CLARA GAUVIN CHOIR SECTION LEADER/ EPILOGUE SPEAKER 15



CECILE GOH BULLY #1



IZZY GUPTA CHEERLEADER



MADELINE HINKLE RACHEL



EDEN HODARI CHEERLEADER



BLAKE JACKSON HUNTER/ EPILOGUE SPEAKER 16



SYLVIE KAMEN
EPILOGUE SPEAKER 10



YASMIN KARAMI EPILOGUE SPEAKER 1



MILES KIM ARMAND/ EPILOGUE SPEAKER 9



PAIGE KLEIN ZOMBIE 3



MIA KWASNIEWSKI ZOMBIE HELOISE



MARY LACKAYE
SHAUN/WALKER/
EPILOGUE SPEAKER 7



SERENA LEE BULLY #2/ CHEERLEADER



MEGHANA LEE TINA



ANNABELLE LUEBKE ZOMBIE 1



JANE LUTHER MOM



VAANI MALVIYA SELENA



LUCY MANSON CHEERLEADER



HENRY MELITZ MICHAEL



ADA MERVAK EPILOGUE SPEAKER 2



PIERCE MERVAK DROOLING CLUB MEMBER



LAYLA MOORE ANA



SAMMY MURRAY MADELINE/ EPILOGUE SPEAKER 11



VICTORIA NEUMANN MOLLY



LEILA NIMRI ZOMBIE 2/ WALKER



ANGELA PAPADOPULOS CHEERLEADER/ EPILOGUE SPEAKER 8



STELLA PEREZ VERA/ CHEERLEADER



IRIS RAJKO ZOMBIE 4



LILIANA RIFAI FRANCINE



ELLA ROTHSTEIN BULLY #3/ EPILOGUE SPEAKER 6



DYLAN RUSSAW WALKER



JASON SHINGLER STUDENT HECKLER #1



SLOANE SILVER CHEERLEADER/ EPILOGUE SPEAKER 3



LUCAS SMIELIAUSKAS HENRY



RONAN SUTHERLAND
STEPHEN



ZOMBIE BOURDAIN/
EPILOGUE SPEAKER 5



BROOKLYN TINSLEY CHEERLEADER



CIARA TRAN
CHOIR SECTION LEADER/
SPILOGUE SPEAKER 13





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Book by MARSHALL BRICKMAN and RICK ELICE

Music and Lyrics by ANDREW LIPPA

Young@Part Edition Adapted by Marc Tumminelli

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MUSICAL SELECTIONS

OVERTURE/WHEN YOURE AN ADDAMS FESTER'S MANIFESTO **PULLED** ONE NORMAL NIGHT **BUT LOVE (REPRISE #1&2)** GOMEZ'S "WHAT IF?" PUGSLEY'S "WHAT IF?" **FULL DISCLOSURE** JUST AROUND THE CORNER THE MOON AND ME **CRAZIER THAN YOU** LIVE BEFORE WE DIE TANGO D'AMOUR FINALE

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Olive Adler Ancestor/Crazier Than You Soloist

Kate Bates Ancestor

Lucy Beidelman Ancestor/Crazier Than You Soloist
Ava Benton Ancestor/Pre-Show Announcer

Nolan Bradley Lucas

Daniella Brennan Featured Dancer
Kam Brown Ancestor Fester Moon

Brooklyn Brown Pugsley
Ayden Cohen Ancestor I

Ella Debrye Ancestor Tango Dancer

Chloe Djurovski Featured Dancer
Sammy Dobrzeniecki Ancestor Solo Girl
Layla Dua Ancestor Bride

Harlan Edwards Ancestor Solo Girl/Featured Dancer

Adeena Farooq Grandma

Terry Farrar Ancestor Fester Moon

Naomi Fears Williams Ancestor #6
Starla Fruitman Fester
Sahana Ganapathy Lurch

Ayla Gauvin Ancestor 4/Crazier Than You Soloist

Amelia Gavorin Thing

Charlotte Goh Great Auntie Sloom/Ancestor

Blake Hautamaki Cousin Itt Leena Iyer Ancestor

Grace Jin Featured Dancer

Alex Jones Ancestor
Tintin Joshi Ancestor
Quinn Kelly Ancestor
Connor Maday Gomez
Aryana Majjhoo Ancestor

Willa Manson Dance Captian/Ancestor/Featured Dancer

Shea Mclaughlin Wednesday

Simran Mohan Ancestor Solo Girl

Andrea Papadopulos Dance Captian/Ancestor

Juliette Perdomo Rosenbaum Ancestor
Eva Perez Morticia
Harper Rodriguez Alice

Genevieve Roe Ancestor Fester's Moon

Ari Rothstein Mal

Lindsay Rubinstein Featured Dancer

Reese Russaw Ancestor/Crazier Than You Soloist/Featured Dancer

Selena Shamoon Ancestor

Natalia Sorial Ancestor Solo Girl/Pre Show Announcer

Sophia Streubel Ancestor

Nova Talia Featured Dancer

Nitya Tandel Ancestor

Jalie Thacker-Mann Ancestor/Featured Dancer

Margaret Wong Ancestor 3

Chase Worthem Ancestor Festers Moon

Boran Xu Ancestor

Noa Yamstein Ancestor/Crazier Than You Soloist

Miriam Zane Ancestor



OLIVE ADLER
ANCESTOR/
CRAZIER THAN YOU SOLOIST



KATE BATES
GOSSIP ANCESTOR



LUCY BEIDELMAN
ANCESTOR/
CRAZIER THAN YOU SOLOIST



AVA BENTON
ANCESTOR/
PRE-SHOW ANNOUNCER



NOLAN BRADLEY
LUCAS



DANIELLA BRENNAN ANCESTOR/ FEATURED DANCER



BROOKLYN BROWN PUGSLEY



KAMERYN BROWN ANCESTOR/ FESTER'S MOON



AYDEN COHEN ANCESTOR 1



ELLA DEBRYE ANCESTOR/ TANGO DANCER



CHLOE DJUROVSKI ANCESTOR/ FEATURED DANCER



SAMMY DOBRZENIECKI
ANCESTOR SOLO GIRL



LAYLA DUA
ANCESTOR BRIDE



HARLAN EDWARDS
ANCESTOR SOLO GIRL/
FEATURED DANCER



ADEENA FAROOQ GRANDMA



TERRY FARRAR ANCESTOR/ FESTER'S MOON



NAOMI FEARS WILLIAMS
GOSSIP ANCESTOR



STARLA FRUITMAN FESTER



SAHANA GANAPATHY LURCH



AYLA GAUVIN
ANCESTOR #4/
CRAZIER THAN YOU SOLOIST



AMELIA GAVORIN THING



CHARLOTTE GOH GREAT AUNTIE SLOOM/ ANCESTOR



BLAKE HAUTAMAKI COUSIN ITT



LEENA IYER ANCESTOR



GRACE JIN ANCESTOR/ FEATURED DANCER



ALEX JONES
GOSSIP ANCESTOR



TINTIN JOSHI
ANCESTOR



QUINN KELLY
ANCESTOR



CONNOR MADAY
GOMEZ



ARYANA MAJJHOO ANCESTOR



WILLA MANSON
DANCE CAPTAIN/ANCESTOR/
FEATURED DANCER



SHEA MCLAUGHLIN WEDNESDAY



SIMRAN MOHAN ANCESTOR SOLO GIRL



ANDREA PAPADOPULOS DANCE CAPTAIN/ANCESTOR



JULIETTE PERDOMO ROSENBAUM ANCESTOR



EVA PEREZ MORTICIA



HARPER RODRIGUEZ
ALICE



GENEVIEVE ROE ANCESTOR/ FESTER'S MOON



ARI ROTHSTEIN MAL



LINDSAY RUBINSTEIN
GOSSIP ANCESTOR/
FEATURED DANCER



REESE RUSSAW
GOSSIP ANCESTOR/CRAZIER THAN
YOU SOLOIST/FEATURED DANCER



SELENA SHAMOON ANCESTOR



NATALIA SORIAL ANCESTOR SOLO GIRL/ PRE-SHOW ANNOUNCER



SOPHIA STREUBEL
ANCESTOR



NOVA TALIA ANCESTOR/ FEATURED DANCER



NITYA TANDEL ANCESTOR



JALIE THACKER-MANN ANCESTOR/ FEATURED DANCER



MARGARET WONG
ANCESTOR #3



CHASE WORTHEM ANCESTOR/ FESTER'S MOON



BORAN XU ANCESTOR



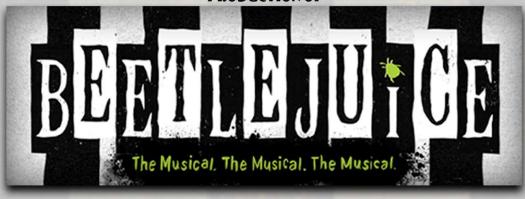
NOA YAMSTEIN
ANCESTOR/
CRAZIER THAN YOU SOLOIST



MIRIAM ZANE ANCESTOR

The Addams Family, young@part®

CRANBROOK THEATRE SCHOOL PRODUCTION OF



Music & Lyrics by EDDIE PERFECT

SCOTT BROWN & ANTHONY KING

Music Adapted and Arranged by **David Weinstein**

BEETLEJUICE THE MUSICAL JR. is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIShows.com

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CHOREOGRAPHER:

GIGI MAKI

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COSTUME AND MAKEUP STAFF:

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MUSICAL SELECTIONS

PROLOGUE: INVISIBLE THE WHOLE BEING DEAD THING READY, SET, NOT YET THE WHOLE BEING DEAD THING PART 2 THE WHOLE BEING DEAD THING PART 3 **DEAD MOM NO REASON** INVISIBLE (REPRISE) SAY MY NAME DAY-0 (THE BANANA BOAT SONG) SHOWTIME! **GIRL SCOUT** THAT BEAUTIFUL SOUND BARBARA 2.0 WHAT I KNOW NOW HOME (PART 1) HOME (PART 2) JUMP IN THE LINE

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Mati Aviles Adam Jasmine Clarke Lydia

Xueer Dai Clone/Mourner
Roni Danielson Clone/Mover
Lexi Danielson-Francois Clone/Mover I

Eli Gach Charles

Ava Gregory Skye/Cheerleader/Girl Scout/Lawyer

Maia Halson Ms Argentina

Parker Hemsworth Priest/Clone/Mover

Moira Henry-Rogers Otho/Cheerleader/Girl Scout/Lawyer

Ilana Kalmowitz Cheerleader/Girl Scout/Lawyer

Vivian Kaplan-Rudolph Juno/Cheerleader/Girl Scout/Lawyer

Jakob Kirstein Beetlejuice

Aubreigh-Rose (Bri) Laster Cheerleader/Girl Scout/Lawyer

Lexie Pintar Barbara Alara Savasan Delia

Dilyn Soliz Maxi/Clone/Mover



There are a few themes and some language in Beetlejuice that may not be suitable for young children, but we feel this was an important and appropriate project for our senior division campers.

This show, while containing a LOT of comedy, is dark in nature; the opening song literally warns the audience "this is a show about death."



MATI AVILES
ADAM



JASMINE CLARKE LYDIA



XUEER DAI CLONE/MOURNER



VERONICA DANIELSON CLONE/MOVER



LEXI DANIELSON-FRANCOIS
CLONE/MOVER 1



ELI GACH CHARLES



AVA GREGORY
SKYE/CHEERLEADER/
GIRL SCOUT/LAWYER



MAIA HALSON MS. ARGENTINA/CLONE



PARKER HEMSWORTH PRIEST/CLONE/MOVER



MOIRA HENRY-ROGERS
OTHO/CHEERLEADER/
GIRL SCOUT/LAWYER



ILANA KALMOWITZ MAXINE/CHEERLEADER/ GIRL SCOUT/LAWYER



VIVIAN KAPLAN-RUDOLPH JUNO/CHEERLEADER/ GIRL SCOUT/LAWYER



JAKOB KIRSTEIN BEETLEJUICE



AUBREIGH-ROSE LASTER CHEERLEADER/GIRL SCOUT/ LAWYER



LEXIE PINTAR BARBARA



ALARA SAVASAN DELIA





DILYN SOLIZ MAXI/CLONE/MOVER

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



BRIAN LEDUC CAMP DIRECTOR

Brian has served as Director of CTS since 2017, after serving as Assistant Camp Director and Music Instructor for many years. A native of Detroit, Brian attended Wayne State University for instrumental education and voice performance. He appears as a tenor soloist regularly in the Detroit area and internationally; in his past life, Brian was an opera singer quoted in Opera News as having a "ringing tenor" and being "especially impressive...with firm tonal impact" and has received acclaim and recognition for his work with early music, oratorio, and musical theatre. Brian is the newly-appointed Executive Director of MSVMA (Michigan School Vocal Music Association), shaping programming and advocacy for vocal music programs across the state. Brian serves as the President of the Board and Associate Artistic Director for Audivi (professional vocal ensemble) and as Associate Chorus Master for the DSO (Detroit Symphony Orchestra). He serves as the Associate Director of Music at Holy Name Catholic Church (Birmingham), and as Assistant Director of the Festival Choir at Congregation Shaarey Zedek in Southfield. CTS is the best 2 months of the year!



LUNA ALEXANDER ASSISTANT CAMP DIRECTOR & ACTING INSTRUCTOR

Luna is thrilled to be back for another incredible summer at Cranbrook! She has spent the last fifteen years in Southeast Michigan, working in educational consulting, play therapy, drama and teaching. Earning her degree from Eastern Michigan University in Theatre & Communication Arts, she has pursued her fascination with learning through play, development through gamification and integrating our natural instincts for improv into our educational toolkits. Her background in education has included assistant directing the annual Cranbrook Theatre School Camp, acting as the Michigan Interscholastic Forensic Association Director at West Bloomfield High School for 4 years, teaching at Summer's Knoll School for ages 5-13 in Ann Arbor, MI working with teens developing their interpersonal professionalism at L!FE Leaders Inc and co-running the Ibis Theatre - a performance group committed to healing through art - giving her valuable insight in deep knowledge learning through play!



RYAN ERNST ASSISTANT CAMP DIRECTOR & TECH DIRECTOR & ACTING INSTRUCTOR

Ryan is excited to be back in his tenth year at CTS! He is a local actor and tech director with a Bachelor of Theatre Arts and an MFA. During the school year, he is lucky enough to teach drama at the Cranbrook Middle School for Boys. Ryan is so thankful to have the opportunity to teach and create art with such wonderful students and to be a part of such an amazing camp!



KAELYN JOHNSON ASSISTANT CAMP DIRECTOR & ACTING INSTRUCTOR

Kaelyn is thrilled to return for her fourth summer at CTS as an acting instructor. A passionate performer since elementary school, she holds a B.A. in Theatre and Multimedia Journalism from the University of Detroit Mercy. At CTS, Kaelyn has directed beloved productions including Alice in Wonderland and Matilda. Most recently, she returned from New York City, where she completed a Marketing Apprenticeship at New York City Center and had the privilege of learning from Broadway professionals. She is excited to bring those experiences back to Cranbrook and looks forward to another summer of creating meaningful art and unforgettable memories with her students.



MARTHA JANE BROOKS OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Martha Jane Brooks has over 20 years of dance experience, including over 10 years of choreographing and teaching as well as 6 years of professional performance. Martha attended Oakland University, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Dance. As well as studied with the Kirov Ballet in their Master program. She was a member of Oakland Dance Theater and Repertory Company, is the sole choreographer for Shanon's Dance Academy and choreographed across the state of Michigan for other studios, show choirs, and musical theatre productions.











MIA DECADITE TECH

Mia is overjoyed to be part of CTS and to help out with this summer's productions! They have been involved with stage crew and set construction for about four years and have always loved theatre and the community that comes with it. Mia is entering her sophomore year at Miami University (Ohio) and hopes to one day teach science—and maybe even direct stage crew—at Cranbrook Schools. Some of her favorite productions she has s worked on include Chicago, Mean Girls, and Rodgers & Hammerstein Cinderella. Their all-time favorite musical is Dear Evan Hansen, but if they were ever to step onstage, their dream show would be Newsies. This summer has been an amazing experience for all!

LIZZIE DENISON COSTUMES, HAIR & MAKEUP

Lizzie is thrilled to be joining the Cranbrook Theater School team for this spooktacular summer! She studied Fashion at Columbia College Chicago and is a proud CTS alum (10 summers strong!); she feels like she is coming home 15 years later! Many of the things that shape who she is today—like creativity, and a deep love for storytelling—were planted during her time as a camper. She is excited to now be part of nurturing those same qualities in a new generation of CTS kids. Having her son join for his first summer only makes it sweeter—turns out, the drama really does run in the family!

WILL FISHWICK MUSIC INSTRUCTOR

Will is so happy to be returning for his fourth summer with CTS! William Fishwick is a tenor, pianist, cellist, and guitarist in the Metro Detroit area. He holds a Bachelor' s Degree in Vocal Performance at the University of Michigan, studying under Dr. Scott Piper and George Shirley; he is now a masters student in Voice. Will has recently appeared with Audivi for their "Path of Miracles" concerts and for many projects with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Will has appeared as Aufidio (Lucio Silla, cover) in Chicago Summer Opera's production of "Lucio Silla," Ernesto in the University of Michigan's production of Don Pasquale, Tamino in Prague Summer Night's production of Die Zauberflöte, and has received much critical acclaim and awards for his singing, including first prize in the S. Livingston Mather competition in Cleveland, Ohio. Will served on staff at Detroit's Cathedral Church of St. Paul for several years and now finds his home on the music staff at Holy Name Parish in Birmingham.

CHRISTY GARDNER TECH

Christy was so excited to be part of CTS for the first time! She has been involved in theatre for about five years, taking on a variety of roles from acting and set crew to stage management and more. Christy is entering her sophomore year at Central Michigan University, where she continues to explore her passion for theatre behind the scenes. Some of her favorite productions she has worked on include Clue, Young Frankenstein, and The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee. She has had an amazing time working on these productions and is so grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with such a talented and welcoming team.

EMA ISAKU CAMP COUNSELOR & INSTRUCTOR

Ema is so excited to be working her second summer at CTS! Ema participated in shows through school, community theater, and even as a camper at CTS. This fall, Ema will be in her second year at Michigan State University majoring in psychology. She is so happy to have gotten the opportunity to work with these amazing kids and is so proud of all the work they have put into these amazing shows!



JAIAH JONES COSTUMES, HAIR & MAKEUP

Jaiah is excited to be spending her first summer at CTS. She is entering her final year at Grand Valley State University, where she is majoring in Film and Video and minoring in Theatre and Africana Studies. A longtime theater enthusiast, Jaiah has been involved in the performing arts since her time at West Bloomfield High School. At GVSU, she has continued her passion through stage management roles in various student-run productions. Her credits include The Most Massive Woman Wins (2022), Pony Up (2023), and Radium Girls (2024). She is thrilled to be working alongside such a talented team of staff and campers this year!



WANJA KAMAU CAMP COUNSELOR & INSTRUCTOR

Wanja is an incoming sophomore at Michigan State majoring in Environmental Economics. This is her second year working at CTS and she is so excited to reconnect with some of the campers from last year and get to know the new ones. Working with kids is one of her passions; she is on the executive board for a volunteer daycare club at MSU. In addition to enjoying working with kids, Wanja participated in theater in high school, was in choir middle school through high school, and has performed in the Michigan State Campus Choir for the past two semesters. Being able to expand those interests at CTS and hopefully spark an interest in campers is such a wonderful opportunity she is looking forward to having!



GIGI MAKIDANCE INSTRUCTOR / CHOREOGRAPHER

Gigi is so excited to return for her second summer teaching at CTS! She had the pleasure of choreographing for SpongeBob the Musical last summer, and had so much fun working with the senior division this year on their hilarious production of Beetlejuice! She is a BFA Theatre Performance major at Chapman University in Southern California, and she also recently declared a minor in production design for film at the Dodge Film School. She's been dancing since she was three, and has trained in ballet, jazz, tap, contemporary, lyrical, hip hop, and pointe at Eisenhower Dance Detroit. She also attended Interlochen Arts Camp for dance and acting. She is very proud of these campers, and hopes you enjoy this "nonsense" they' ve been working super hard on for weeks!



ARI MEDVINSKY
CAMP COUNSELOR & INSTRUCTOR

Ari is excited to join the Cranbrook Theater School family for his first summer! He recently graduated from University Liggett School, where he participated heavily in The Liggett Players theater program both on stage and in the pit orchestra. He also served as a student vocal director and student music director for the pit while there, as well as running the Lower School Drama program. Next year, he will enter his freshman year at Ithaca College to study Education, Politics, and Anthropology. Ari has had such a wonderful time getting to know all the students throughout the summer and is thrilled for you all to see how much each of them has grown as a person and performer!



DAHLIA MEDVINSKY CAMP COUNSELOR & INSTRUCTOR

Dahlia is thrilled to be joining the Cranbrook Theater School Staff for her first summer ever! She has just completed her first academic year at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign studying to receive a BM in Lyric Theater. Dahlia lives in Grosse Pointe Woods and graduated from University Liggett School where she was involved heavily in their theater program; The Liggett Players. She has also participated in the Rochester Summer Music Theater as a performer as well as being a part of the Hair, Makeup, and Wig Teams! She is so excited to be able to work with your wonderful children this summer and watch them grow!



ELIZABETH MEDVINSKY MUSIC INSTRUCTOR

Elizabeth is overjoyed to return to CTS student performers and staff for a third summer. Elizabeth is a voice teacher who has taught in Metro Detroit for more than twenty years, including here at Special and Summer Programs at Cranbrook Schools. She teaches singers of all ages, and specializes in high school classical and musical theatre singers and preparing students for university performance programs. Elizabeth holds a MM in Vocal Pedagogy and a BM in Vocal performance, both from Oakland University. She lives in Grosse Pointe Woods with her husband and three children (two of her kids are Mr. Ari and Ms. Dahlia). It is always a joy to be part of the wonderful artistic community here at Cranbrook Schools.



MALANA MENTIER DANCE INSTRUCTOR & CHOREOGRAPHER

Malana has been dancing since the age of three and started her competitive dance career at the age of eight. She has worked hard and honed her skills from a very young age and her commitment is evident in her achievements. She started taking classes at RARA, then continued training at MI Premier Dance Co. before finally coming to Inferno Dance Co. Through her years, she has been seriously trained in contemporary, hip-hop, ballet, jazz, tap, and pom. During her time in high school, she competed on the Adams varsity dance team for four years and was a captain her senior year. She has won countless scholarships from numerous dance competitions and conventions including KAR, VIP, Dance Force, and many others. In the Fall, she will be a sophomore at the University of Michigan and Artistic Director of her dance group, 2XS Michigan, which performs at countless events such as Urbanite in Chicago. Malana is blessed to be doing what she loves and has a passion for teaching and inspiring younger students.



CARTER MUNN TECH

Carter is so excited to be joining the CTS staff for their second year! Carter is going into their senior year at Albion College. They are studying theater and education. In high school and college, they have been involved in numerous productions doing both acting and tech, with a recent focus in stage management. They have also been involved in choir for 1 I years. Carter has loved their role this summer and working with campers and staff!



CARE ALLEN NAGLE ACTING INSTRUCTOR

Care is excited to be returning for their second summer at Cranbrook Theatre School! They are a third year MFA candidate in Theatre Arts at Texas Tech University, specializing in Performance and Pedagogy. Raised in Michigan, they have been active in community and school theatre since childhood and are passionate about creating a positive environment for the next generation of performing artists. Recent credits include #46 in The Wolves (TTU), Beau in Graves (TTU), MAI in Eyes to the Stars (Secondhand Rose Players), Narrator in Puffs (Pinckney Players), as well as being Stage Manager for the youth production of Tuck Everlasting with Community Theatre of Howell. They look forward to helping this talented group of young people grow and create this summer!



CRYSTAL ORSERCAMP COUNSELOR & INSTRUCTOR & PHOTOGRAPHER

Crystal is thrilled to be returning to CTS as a counselor for their third year! They are a rising junior at Oakland University, pursuing a BA in Theater. Their backstage credits include A Year With Frog & Toad, Caribbean Dreamin', Jesus Christ Superstar, and Farces, and their onstage credits include The Tangled Skirt, The Burial At Thebes, The Laramie Project, and Young Frankenstein. In their spare time, they are also a photographer, playwright, and all around artist who loves to share their love for theater to everyone around them.



SARA PACELLA DANCE INSTRUCTOR & CHOREOGRAPHER

Sara is thrilled to be back for her third and final Summer with CTS!!! In May, she graduated from Wayne State University with a BA in law where she was involved in acapella and other musical groups. She has been involved with music and theater for 15 years with previous productions including Once Upon a Mattress, Shrek the Musical, and Nice Work if You Can Get It. Previous productions at CTS include Alice in Wonderland (2022) and Into the Woods (2023). She is ecstatic to get to spend the summer at CTS with her favorite people before venturing into Law School!



JOANNA PALASKAS ADMIN ASSISTANT, HAIR & MAKEUP

Joanna is thrilled to be returning to her fourth summer at CTS, albeit a short summer in America - she just finished directing a show in Europe! She comes from Athens, Greece, where she studied and received her Bachelor's Degree in Classic and Contemporary Dance. In Greece, she worked in the theater for 15 years; she still owns and manages her dance academy there. She loves watching out campers learn about themselves and enjoy the stage!



ADAM RIVERA CAMP COUNSELOR & INSTRUCTOR

Adam is so happy to be here for his first summer at CTS! He is currently entering his final year at Oakland University, pursuing a BFA in Acting and an Additional Major in Spanish. He is also involved with the Admissions Office at Oakland to give tours to any interested students. Recent performance credits include Ensemble in Young Frankenstein (Avon Players), the Cheshire Cat in Alice in Wonderland (Arsène Performing Arts), Jaxton in The Thanksgiving Play (Oakland University) and Jetsam in The Little Mermaid (Opera MODO). Adam is one of the co-directors of Zombies: The Musical and is beyond excited to do the Zombie Stomp with his cast and fellow directors. Magsaya!



SARAH SMIGIELSKI DANCE INSTRUCTOR & CHOREOGRAPHER

Sarah is overjoyed to be returning for her fourth year Choreographing for Cranbrook Theatre School. She holds her BA in Theatre with a minor in Musical Theatre from Wayne State University, and works as an actor, choreographer, and high school theatre teacher. Past CTS choreography credits include Peter Pan (2022), Matilda (2023) and The Little Mermaid (2024). Favorite performance credits include Ella (R&H Cinderella), and Mary Poppins (Mary Poppins). She is beyond excited to co-choreograph such a fun and spooky show.



NATE STELZER CAMP COUNSELOR & INSTRUCTOR

Nate is pumped to join Cranbrook Theatre School for the second time! He is currently a rising Junior at Oakland University and is pursuing business and theatre. His recent onstage credits include: The Cake and A Year with Frog And Toad. Nate enjoys working with kids and putting on some great new shows!



JACK STOLL CAMP COUNSELOR & INSTRUCTOR

Jack has had a blast working with such talented students this summer at CTS! A 2025 graduate of Cranbrook Upper School, he will attend the University of Michigan this fall, obtaining a BM in voice performance and opera. Jack is on the music staff at Holy Name Church and has done accompaniment work in addition to his theatrical, choral, and solo credits. He is so proud of each and every camper for their talent and dedication to their production.



COLE VANAMBERG MUSIC INSTRUCTOR

Cole is ecstatic to spend his first summer at Cranbrook Theatre School this year! He currently attends Wayne State University for his BA in Music and his BA in Theatre. As well as several Wayne State productions, Cole has also starred regionally as Jamie in The Ringwald's Beautiful Thing and Prince Eric in Opera MODO's The Little Mermaid. His most recent show was Annie at The Ringwald Theatre, where he served as the Associate Music Director and understudy/swing for the role of Grace Farrell. Cole teaches private voice and acting lessons at Van Maanen Studios in Berkley. When not pursuing all of these passions, you can find him pretending to be productive at your local café.

A SUMMER SPOOKTACULAR!



