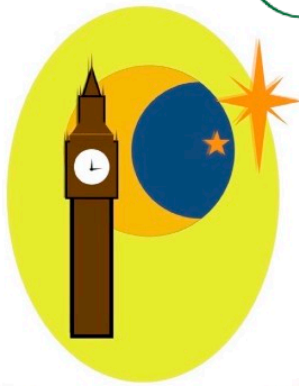


2023



SEASON



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Welcome,

Thank you so much for being a part of our 2023 Piknik Theatre Summer Season. We are so excited to be sharing this evening with you.

In the past three years, Piknik Theatre has grown exponentially. We have expanded our summer educational programming, reaching over a hundred students (kindergarteners to high schoolers) in the community-offering scholarships to every student interested in participating. We strive to engage, inspire, and challenge the young artists of the Yampa Valley by offering opportunities to work directly with current professional artists.

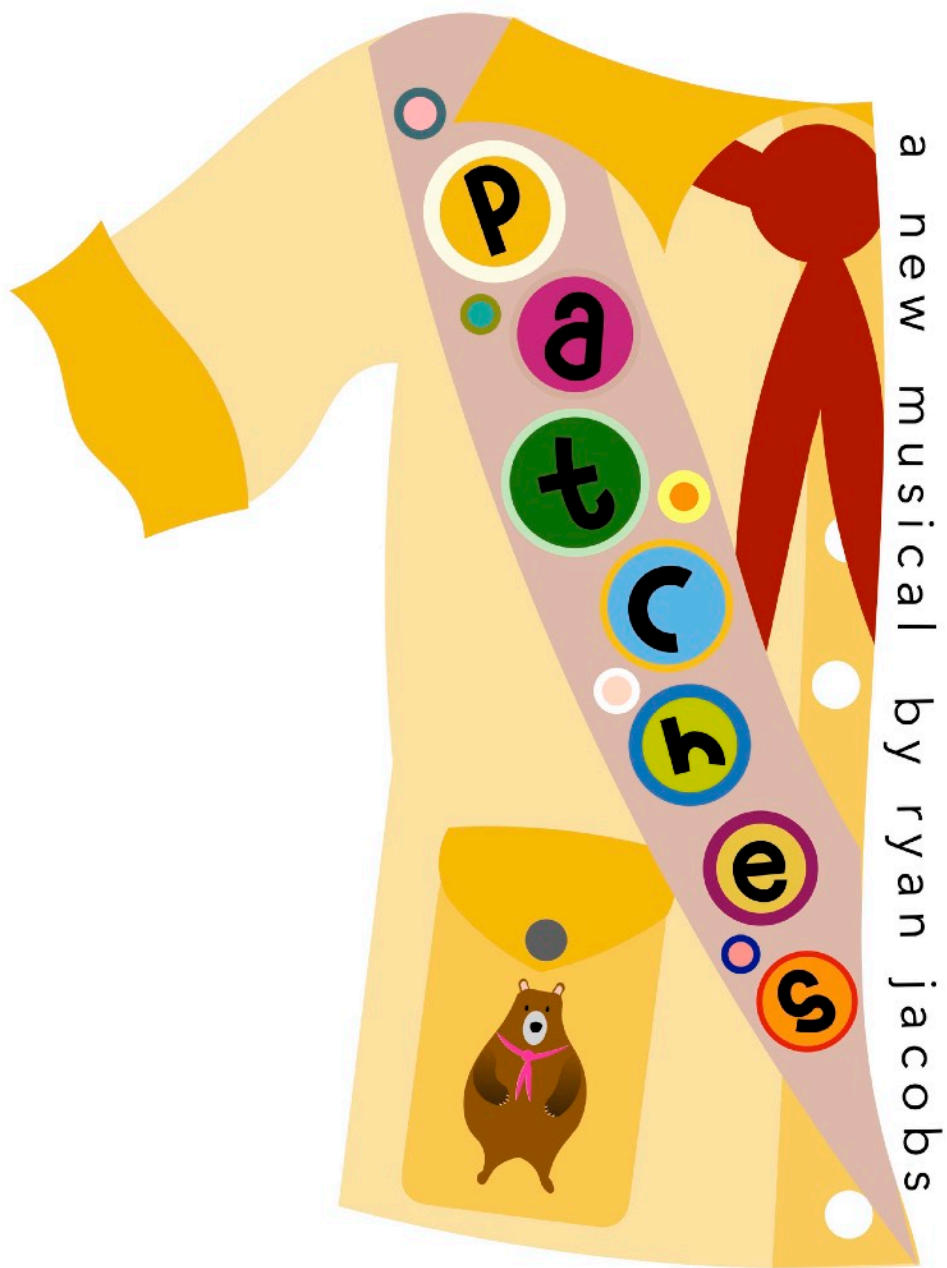
Last summer, we brought professional artists from throughout the country to the Yampa Valley, incorporated local musicians in a live band for our musical *A Year with Frog + Toad*, and welcomed the largest audiences Piknik has seen in our 15 years in the Yampa Valley.

This summer launches two new programs. Our Community Collaboration Production (*Peter Pan*) which welcomes 40 local artists to the stage to perform alongside our professional acting company. We hope this will become an annual tradition in our programming. This is also our first year of the Writing Fellowship Program: giving young theatre writers a space to workshop and premier new work. *Patches* is a brand new musical written by Ryan Jacobs. This piece was commissioned by Piknik Theatre and was written specifically for this community. You may notice that the town in which the show takes place is called Rowboat Rapids....remind you of somewhere?

With this season, we bring messages of acceptance, the magic of the imagination, joy, love, friendship, and courage. The themes in *Patches* strive to embrace the beauty and outdoor adventure culture of the Yampa Valley. They strive to create the world we, Piknik Theatre, would like to live in. I have wanted to produce *Peter Pan* in the Yampa River Botanic Park since I stepped through the park's gates four years ago. As a story of youthfulness, imagination, and the magic of Neverland, this production is an ode to the magic that exists in this beautiful park. This season is a gift to the Yampa Valley and the humans that reside in this lovely town. Steamboat has a special place in my heart. I hope these shows are a reflection of our deep love and appreciation for this community and the magic that resides within this valley.

Thank you so much for joining us. Please enjoy our 2023 Summer Season!

Best,
Vivienne Claire Luthin
Artistic Director



the world premiere of a new musical
july 30, august 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 at 6:00pm
family friendly + free

Partners

CAST

JULES

Maddie Robert

OZZY

Shelly Verden

ETHAN

Stefan Schallack

WILL

John Leggett

TROOP DOUGLAS/RORY

STEVE/BUTTERFLY

Vivienne Claire Luthin

BAND

PIANO-Jeremy Jacobs

BASS-Sean Fairlie

PERCUSSION-Kevin Sport

REEDS-Dan Bowerly

CREATIVE

DIRECTOR

Gaby Rodriguez

WRITER + COMPOSER

Ryan Jacobs

MUSIC DIRECTOR

MUSIC COPYIST

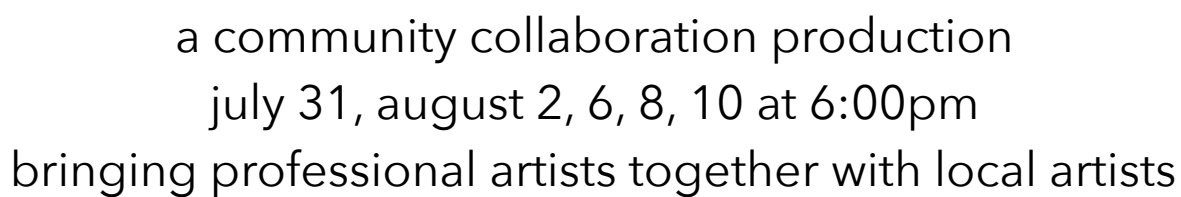
Jeremy Jacobs

COSTUME/SET/GRAPHIC DESIGN

Vivienne Claire Luthin

SOUND

Nick Sullivan



Peter Pan

Narrator

Peter Pan

Captain Hook/Mr. Darling John Leggett

Wendy Darling Maddie Robert

Nana/Crocodile Tink/Shadow Shelly Verden

John Darling Ryan Jacobs

Michael Darling Colin Clark

Mrs. Darling Alexa Taylor Joy

Jane Darling Jade Godley

Smee Kirk Aigner

Starkey Stuart Handloff

Pirates Janie Christensen,

Alexa Taylor Joy

Shelly Verden, Colin Clark

Ryan Jacobs

LOST BOYS

Patches

Nibs

Tootles

Slightly

Nonsense

No Nap

***Curly**

Twin 1

Twin 2

Pockets

Don't Ask

Pram

Ace/Arrow

Sophie Boyer

Cael Riley

Korbin Pyles

Ellie Thomas

Elliot Sibson

Sophie Hill

Mikayla Lopes

Gretta Wright

Lucia Magnotta

Ruby Hunt

Bei Lawrence

Jade Godley

Alden Foster

MERMAIDS

Romanda

Alanna

Coral Reef

Sylia Siena Starfish

Coral

Ocean

Opal

Amara

Pearl

Harper Dopkin

Olivia Pighini

Kaitlin Guggisberg

Sylvie Fenley

Audrey Stevenson

Lucy Christensen

Olivia Hunt

Piper Christopher

Stella Rawlings-McKeen

FAIRIES

Twinkle

Sunray

Radia

Lavender

Valerie

Florence

Beatrice

Rya Goldmaster

Mika Bainum

Kamryn Guggisberg

Ruby Goldmaster

Payten Northrop

Avalyn Sumnicht

Gabriela Boomgarden

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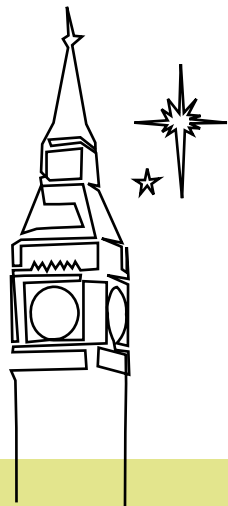
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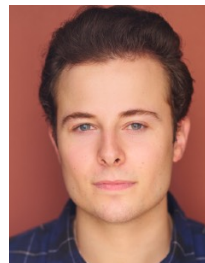
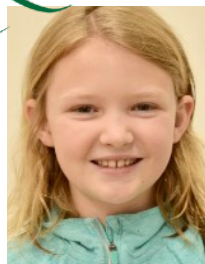
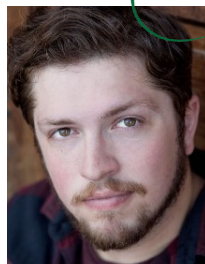
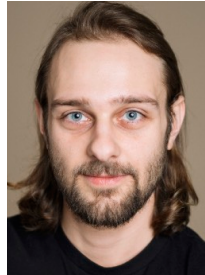
Audrey Rundall

SOUND

Nick Sullivan

*Jane Understudy







GABY RODRIGUEZ

Director of *Patches*

Gaby Rodriguez: Community Engagement Associate at Asolo Rep

Gaby is a director, dramaturg, teacher, and storyteller from Santiago de Cuba. She has directed at Asolo Repertory Theatre, Theatre Nuevo and The Center of Creative Arts in St. Louis, TheatreWorks USA, The University of Oklahoma, Webster Conservatory, and Shakespeare Festival STL. As an Assistant Director, she has worked at Great River Shakespeare Festival in Minnesota, at The Repertory Theatre of STL, and at Theatre Under the Stars in Houston, TX.

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RYAN JACOBS

Writer + Composer of *Patches*

John in *Peter Pan*

Ryan Jacobs is a writer/performer from Kansas City studying musical theatre writing at Berklee College of Music in Boston ('24). He's also pursuing a minor in dance at Boston Conservatory. He is so incredibly thankful and excited to start his career as a musical theatre writer with a literal dream team of collaborators at Piknik! Some writing highlights include winning the National Association for Music Education's 2019 Young Composer's Competition with his original choir piece "When All Are Singing" and being a two-time winner of Berklee's musical theatre writing competition "Curtain Up!".

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JEREMY JACOBS

Music Director of *Patches*

Music Director + Composer of *Peter Pan*

Jeremy Jacobs could not be more excited to return to Piknik Theatre after working on *A Year With Frog And Toad* and *Twelfth Night* last year! Jeremy is a New York City-based music director, teaching artist, and pianist. Selected regional credits include *Jersey Boys*, *Always... Patsy Cline* (STAGES St. Louis), the pilot production of *Alice by Heart* (The Beacon School), *Driven: A New Song Cycle* (54Below), *Noise* (The Tank), and *Urinetown, A New Brain* (The Conservatory of Theatre Arts at Webster University). BM: Music Direction for Musical Theatre (Webster University).

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VIVIENNE CLAIRE LUTHIN

Director of *Peter Pan*

Rory/Troopmaster Douglas/Steve/Butterfly in *Patches*

Vivienne Claire Luthin is a professional actor and teaching artist based in NYC. A 2019 graduate from Webster University with departmental honors, a BFA in Acting, and a Minor in Music, Vivienne has worked with the St. Louis Shakespeare Festival, Alabama Shakespeare Festival, and Piknik Theatre.

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MADDIE ROBERT

Jules in *Patches*

Wendy Darling in *Peter Pan*

Maddie Robert she/her is thrilled to make her Piknik debut! Her most recent credits include Gypsy (Goodspeed), Zag Zurka in Hip Hop Cinderella (Off Broadway at The New Victory); Maggie in A Chorus Line (Weathervane Theatre NH), A Christmas Story (The Arts Center of Coastal Carolina), and Singin' in the Rain (Lyric Theatre of Oklahoma). She graduated with a BFA from the University of Oklahoma in 2021.

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SHELLY VERDEN

Ozzy in *Patches*

Tink/Shadow/Crocodile/Nana in *Peter Pan*

Shelly Verden is thrilled to be back for his second season at Piknik Theatre! Shelly was last seen as Toad in last year's production of A Year With Frog and Toad. He has been seen in the 1st National Tour of An Officer and a Gentleman, as well as several productions from New Jersey to Kansas City: Edward Bloom (Big Fish), Bob Wallace (White Christmas), Jesus (Reefer Madness), Cousin Kevin (The Who's Tommy), and Henry (Next to Normal). Keep an eye out for his first original project as a composer "H.O.T. The Musical"! Shelly can't wait to get back to the Valley!

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JOHN LEGGETT

Will in *Patches*

Captain Hook/Mr. Darling in *Peter Pan*

John Leggett (he/him/his); John is excited to join the Professional Acting Company at Piknik! From Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, John graduated from The South Carolina School of The Arts in 2019 with a BFA in Acting. He is currently pursuing his MFA in Acting with FSU's Asolo Conservatory for Classical Actor Training, in residence with the Asolo Repertory Theatre in Sarasota, FL. John is a Certified Actor Combatant with The Society of American Fight Directors and hopes to pursue certified teaching of stage combat following grad school. Much love to my family, my brothers Orlando & Carter, and The Piknik team for the opportunity! @johnnyleggs For full bio-visit www.pikniktheatre.org



STEFAN SCHALLACK

Ethan in *Patches*

Peter Pan in *Peter Pan*

Stefan Schallack is a multidisciplinary artist and 2019 Northwestern graduate based in New York City. New York: NOISE (Drew, The Tank; Emerging Artists Theatre); THE CLOCKMAKER'S DAUGHTER (Henry, Emergent TheaterWorks, Producers Club); THE LAST IBEX (Marco, The Tank) A STITCH IN TIME (Taylor, Theater for the New City) International: LEGACY: A MOTHER'S SONG (Ensemble, Edinburgh Fringe); Chicago: MOBY DICK (Flask, Chicago Musical Theatre Festival), WINNIE THE POOH (Tigger, Citadel Theater), AS YOU LIKE IT (Orlando, CenterStage). @stefanyourface - stefanschallack.com

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You are Invited to Piknik Theatre's Premier Gala!

Where: Bud Werner Library Hall

When: August 11, 2023

7:00-9:00pm

Ages: 21+

Complimentary Snacks + Nonalcoholic Beverages

The Piknik Theatre Professional Company will perform some of Broadway's Greatest Hits + Jazz Standards. Artists will be mingling with all of the guests to discuss life as an artist. Our Artistic Director, Vivienne Claire Luthin, will be sharing our vision for the future of Piknik Theatre.

Join us for this celebration of our 2023 Summer Season!

Reserve your ticket now!

Tickets are free with a suggested \$15 donation.

Neverland Tea Party

You are Invited!

August 6, 2023 11:00am

Bud Werner Library



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Free Tickets Available to Reserve
at this QR code!

Meet your favorite Neverland
characters, drink tea, and enjoy
crafts and games!



Celebrating our 2023 Summer Camps for all ages! Bringing the professional theatre world to the Yampa Valley. Helping to shape and mold the young artists of the future. Thank you to everyone who joined us this year, bringing new ideas and creativity to the season!





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