

KIDS COOP THEATRE PRESENTS



Disney



THE LITTLE MERMAID

Music by Alan Menken

Lyrics by Howard Ashman and Glenn Slater

Book by Doug Wright

MARCH 11 @ 7PM

MARCH 12 @ 1PM & 7PM

MARCH 13 @ 1PM

DERRY OPERA HOUSE

Direction by Jesse Drake

Music Direction by Amanda Morgan

Choreography by Mary Hoegen

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A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

This whimsical tale shows us the struggle of “forbidden love” and the societal and domestic pressures that accompany. Relationships that are viewed as different in society face challenges of acceptance not faced by others, abounding them with fear and self-doubt. In our tale, we see the evolution of a protective father who is steadfast in his opposing views of his daughter’s newfound love, blustering with an ignorant fury toward the man. Throughout the show, we see her attempt to find comfort in her friends who also have their personal issues with her love. Over time, he realizes that his care for her and her happiness is far greater than any reservations he may have, as do the rest of her friends and family.

We learn the importance of acceptance, self-reflection, and growth in order to understand and re-evaluate our own perspectives; to be compassionate. People are deserving of love, wherever it may be found.

Jesse Drake
Artistic Director



Jesse Drake attended Plymouth State University for Music with a concentration in Voice. Jesse has been musically directing theatre since 2012, with more recent productions being a Teen production of "Jesus Christ Superstar" in 2017 and "Reefer Madness in 2018 with Actorsingers in Nashua. He is also a seasoned theatrical performer, having performed since 2009 in shows such as "Les Miserables", "Chess", "21 Chump Street", "American Idiot", "Mamma Mia!", and many more throughout New Hampshire. He has also been teaching piano fundamentals and voice since 2017 throughout Nashua and Manchester. Some of his favorite shows are "Dear Evan Hansen", "Hamilton", "A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder", and "Jesus Christ Superstar". He also has relative perfect pitch, loves music theory, and his favorite chord is Bbsus2/D (for the theory lovers).

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Amanda Morgan is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire where she majored in Music Education, with concentrations in Trombone, Piano and Voice. As a student, she worked as an accompanist for the Department of Theater and Dance and received an award from the Kennedy Center for outstanding musical direction. After graduating from UNH, Amanda joined the Portsmouth Symphony Orchestra (PSO) and debuted with the orchestra at Carnegie Hall. As a music director, Amanda has worked on over 30 productions - most notably Pippin, Footloose, West Side Story, Into the Woods, The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, Parade, Hair, South Pacific, Sister Act, and Fiddler on the Roof - while teaching privately throughout. She has music directed and coached groups all over the state, including: Actorsingers, Windham Actor's Guild, Peacock Players, Seacoast Repertory Theatre, Prescott Park Arts Festival, Patrick Dorow Productions, Granite State Arts Academy, and Kids Coop Theatre. Amanda has been recognized at the New Hampshire Theatre Awards five times as a Top 10 finalist, twice as a Top 3 finalist, and won her first New Hampshire Theatre Award in 2019 for her work on the Actorsingers production of Pippin in the category of Best Music Director – Community. She currently lives in Manchester with her dog, Tony, and teaches music at Woodbury Middle School in Salem, NH.



CHOREOGRAPHER

Mary McCarthy Hoegen (she/her) holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Dance and Minor in Technical Theatre Design. She has worked on hundreds of productions from producing, to directing and performing. She is the former owner and current co-director of Dance Progressions in Londonderry. She is very active in the community and also serves as co-director for the Miss Capital Area Scholarship Program. Mary is honored to serve on the board of the Greater Derry Arts Council as President and is proud to lead a team who loves the theatre as much as she does while collaborating to bring new ideas, processes and programming to the Derry Opera House and the surrounding community. Mary is thrilled to be choreographing for her debut KCT production.



CREW

DIRECTORJesse Drake
MUSIC DIRECTOR.....Amanda Morgan
CHOREOGRAPHER.....Mary McCarthy Hoegen
TECHNICAL DIRECTOR.....Angelica Forcier Rosenthal
STAGE MANAGER.....Isabella Charlebois
SOUND TECHNICIAN.....Mark Beland
LIGHTING TECHNICIAN.....Tom Lott
HOUSE MANAGER.....Michelle Cain
SETS.....Tom Lott, Joe & Nicole Gould
COSTUMES.....Erin Lautieri, Michelle Leriche
PROPS..... Meredith Eyre, Erin Gennetti, Jessica Pappathan

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CAST

ARIEL.....	Eloise Ellis
PRINCE ERIC.....	Joey Cain
URSULA.....	Megan Lautieri
SEBASTIAN.....	Evan Welch
SCUTTLE.....	Jack Downey
FLOUNDER.....	Gabriella Urnetta
KING TRITON.....	Jake Pessotti
GRIMSBY.....	Jason Cain
FLOTSAM.....	Annabelle Gould
JETSAM.....	Kate Shaw
ARISTA.....	Avenley Allen
ANDRINA.....	Lylah Chaffee
ADELLA.....	Kayden Conklin
ALLANA.....	Lily Gennetti
AQUATA.....	Alycia Leriche
ATINA.....	Quiana Ziegler
CHEF LOUIS.....	Timmy Dolan
PILOT.....	Deontae Lepine
WINDWARD / ENSEMBLE.....	Blake Merrow
LEEWARD / ENSEMBLE.....	Leo Denu
MAID, PRINCESS / ENSEMBLE.....	Mary Burns
MAID / ENSEMBLE.....	Rebecca Eyre
MAID / ENSEMBLE.....	Audrey Peithmann
MAID / ENSEMBLE.....	Sila Yucel
PRINCESS / ENSEMBLE.....	Quinn Giarrusso
PRINCESS / ENSEMBLE.....	Aliyah Howard
PRINCESS / ENSEMBLE.....	Kayleigh Lorenzini
PRINCESS / ENSEMBLE.....	Evie Roach
ENSEMBLE.....	Julianna Gennetti
ENSEMBLE.....	Luke Gilbert



MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT I

"The World Above" – Ariel

"Fathoms Below" – Pilot, Sailors, Prince Eric, Grimsby

"Daughters of Triton" – Mersisters

"If Only (Triton's Lament)" – King Triton

"Daddy's Little Angel" – Ursula, Flotsam, Jetsam

"Part of Your World" – Ariel

"The Storm" – Sailors

"Part of Your World" (Reprise) – Ariel

"She's in Love" – Flounder, Mersisters

"Her Voice" – Prince Eric

"Under the Sea" – Sebastian, Ensemble

"If Only (Ariel's Lament)" – Ariel

"Sweet Child" – Flotsam, Jetsam

"Poor Unfortunate Souls" – Ursula

ACT II

"Positoovity" – Scuttle

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"Beyond My Wildest Dreams" – Ariel, Grimsby, Maids

"*Les Poissons*" – Chef Louis

"Les Poissons" (Reprise) – Chef Louis

"One Step Closer" – Prince Eric

"Daddy's Little Angel" (Reprise) – Ursula, Flotsam, Jetsam

"Kiss the Girl" – Sebastian, Ensemble

"If Only (Quartet)" – Ariel, Prince Eric, Sebastian, King Triton

"The Contest" – Grimsby, Princesses

"Poor Unfortunate Souls" (Reprise) – Ursula

"Finale Ultimo" – Company

CURTAIN CALL



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Avenley Allen is 15 years old and is a freshman at The Derryfield school. She is so excited to be a part of The Little Mermaid. This is Avenley's 7th season and 15th show with KCT!! Some of her favorite shows at Kids Coop were Beauty And The Beast 2017 (ensemble) Music Man 2017 (featured dancer), and Matilda 2019 (Alice). The Little Mermaid is sure to join the ranks because the show is super fun and the cast is amazing!! Avenley would like to thank the directors and cast for their dedication.

Mary Burns is a 15 year old sophomore at Pinkerton academy. She is an ensemble member for the Little Mermaid and would like to thank the directors and choreographers for there help in getting the show up she is so grateful to all of them. She hopes you enjoy the show and have a nice day/night!



I'm **Jason Cain**, I'm a senior at Londonderry High School. I'm a singer, composer and aspiring musician. I'm involved with Londonderry High School's Chamber Choir, Symphonic Band and Jazz Ensemble. This whole rehearsal process has been a blast and I've loved every second of working with these wonderful people! Enjoy the show!!!

Hi, I'm **Joey Cain**, a Sophomore at LHS. This is my 18th show with KCT and 22nd overall. My favorite roles over the years have been Pugsley in "The Addams Family" and Freddy in "School of Rock." I am thrilled to be able to portray Prince Eric this weekend. In my spare time, I also enjoy playing several percussion instruments on the bassline for the marching band and in drum corps.





Hi! I'm **Lylah Chaffee**, and I'm very excited to be portraying the role of a mersister! I love to draw, write, perform, and hang out with my friends. You can usually find me reading a book or doodling in some sort of notebook. Thank you for coming to the show!

Kayden Conklin is a sophomore at Pinkerton Academy and she is playing one of the Mersisters. She has previously been seen as Grandma Georgina in Willy Wonka and a Featured Dancer in Bring It On. She would like to thank the directors and the cast for their support and hard work. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Leo Denu is a six grade student at West Running Brook Middle School. He is happy to be involved in his fourth production with KCT! He is loving the music from The Little Mermaid, especially Positoovity!, and hopes you do too!



Timmy Dolan is a sophomore at Londonderry High School. He will be playing Chef Louis. He is READY to have a cute little moment under the sea!!! Enjoy.





Jack Downey is a transfer student at Pinkerton Academy as a junior, visiting from Planet Jack. There, he is a professional space cowboy and is the cow tipping champion of the entire universe, though he is not trying to brag. He wants everyone to treat him like a normal, totally human, being. Jack is available for autographs after the show if you bring a picture of his champion cow, Lucifer. He requests no pictures at this time as he has recently received an unfortunate haircut and would like to keep it out of Planet Jack Times magazine. He hopes you enjoy the show, and seem him while you can before he must make the journey back to his home planet.

Eloise Ellis is excited to be doing another show with KCT! Eloise is in 10th grade and has been doing theater since 1st grade. Some of her favorite roles have been, Katherine in "Newsies", Tiny Tim in "A Christmas Carol", and Hermia in "A Midsummer Nights Dream." She would like to thank her family for rides and everything they do to support her!



Rebecca Eyre is 10 years old. This is her second time participating in a musical; she previously performed in Frozen Jr. She loves to sing, ski and read. Rebecca would like to thank Kids Coop for all of the direction and support over the past few years.



Julianna Gennetti is 9 Years old in fourth grade and is excited to be in her second show with Kids Coop Theater in the ensemble for little Mermaid





Lily Gennetti wants to thank everyone one who put in the effort to make this show happen and is so excited for you to see it!

Quinn Giarrusso is 11 years old and a 6th grader at Windham Center School. This is her second Kids Coop show, and she is excited to be in it! Quinn is a goalie for two travel soccer teams and also really enjoys playing the trumpet. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Luke Gilbert, 8, has been taking piano and singing lessons since he was 5. He loves performing and the Little Mermaid is his first musical! He lives in Salem with his parents, brother (Jack), two dogs (Grover and Freddy), and two cats (Fishstick and MittenZ)

Annabelle Gould is a seventh grader at Chester Academy, who loves singing, acting, basketball and soccer. This is Annabelle's fourth production with Kids Coop, and she hopes to be a part of many more! She is so grateful to the directors and cast of The Little Mermaid for making this show so much fun. She knows the audience will absolutely love it!





Aliyah Howard is diving into another great show at KCT. This is her third show here and she loves this community! Thank you to the director and the rest of the cast for making this show awesome, she hopes you enjoy!

Megan Lautieri is a freshman at The Derryfield School and is very excited to be portraying the role of Ursula. She has previously been performed as Elsa Schraeder in The Sound of Music and Nautica in Bring It On. Megan would like to thank the production team for their hard work and support, along with the cast. Lastly she hopes Enjoy the show!



My name is **Deontae Lepine**, I am 13 years old and I'm so happy to be back at KCT!! This will be my 4th show. I love singing and dancing, and I recently joined the ski club at school! Thank you to my friends and my family for always supporting me.



Alycia Leriche is a Freshman at Pinkerton Academy and is excited to be playing the role of Aquata in this production with KCT. Some of her other roles include Campbell in Bring It On, Sister Bertha in Sound of Music, and Ms. Teavee in Willy Wonka. She hopes you enjoy the show!





Kayleigh Lorenzini is a 8th grader at West Running Brook Middle School. This is her 4th KCT show and was just recently in her school show Matilda as Rudolpho. When not at rehearsal she is baking or dancing. She hopes you enjoy the show.

Blake Merrow is 10 going on 11 year old, this is his 4th show with Kids Coop Theater. He loves KCT and is playing in the ensemble for The Little Mermaid. He likes drawing, playing video games, basketball, sledding and using his punching bag. His favorite role so far was Mike Teavee in Willy Wonka. He hopes you sit back and enjoy the show. :)



Audrey Peithmann is currently in the fifth grade at Chester Academy. She's excited to be a part of another KCT production! Audrey was a featured performer in the "Lights Up" KCT revue, and played Gretl in KCT's production of "The Sound of Music". She's been a featured performer with Triple Threat Theater Camp, and appeared in two Chester Academy musicals. Audrey loves singing, dancing, acting, playing the piano and trombone, and hanging out with her friends and family.

Jake Pessotti is a 7th grader at Chester Academy. This is his third production with KCT. When he isn't playing the role of King Triton, he loves to sing, ski, swim, camp and spend time with his family and friends. Sit back, relax and enjoy the show!





Evie Roach is a 6th grader at Windham Center School and is very excited to be in her very first Kids Coop show. Evie has performed with Windham Actors Guild appearing in "A Christmas Story" and "A Christmas Carol: A Live Radio Play". While attending theater camp in Windham she's appeared in "Willy Wonka" (Veruca Salt), "High School Musical" (Sharpay), "Hairspray" and "Wicked". Evie has also been Irish step dancing since she was five. Evie thanks her friends and family for supporting her, and hopes you enjoy the show!

Kate Shaw is excited to be performing again in her fifth KCT production. When not onstage she's busy drawing, story telling ('Connect the Spots' on Amazon), singing, playing her violin, and gaming. She hopes you enjoy the show.



Hello! my name is **Gabriella Urnetta**, I am 12 years old and i go to GHHMS. This is my 3rd KCT theater production. I'm very excited to act as Flounder, he is a very joyful and bubbly character. When i'm not performing i compete on gymnastics team! I hope you enjoy the show! :)

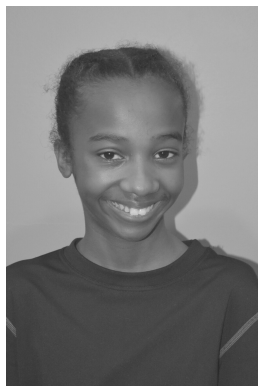
Evan Welch (Sebastian) is really excited for another great show at KCT! Evan is in 11th grade and has been homeschooled his whole life. Evan has been in a total of seventeen shows before this. Some of his favorite roles have been "Mal Beineke" in "Addams family the musical", "Randall" in "Bring It On the musical" and "Centipede" in "James and the giant peach jr." Evan would like to thank his family and friends for all of their support throughout his time in theatre. Enjoy the show!





Sila Yucel is excited to make her Kids Coop Theatre mainstage debut! She is in 4th grade at HA. This is her second time on stage with KCT, she was previously seen in KCT Presents: Our Favorite Things! Sila loves singing and skiing, and she hopes you enjoy the show!

Quiana Ziegler is very excited to join the cast for the Kids Coop production of The Little Mermaid. This is her third production with Kids Coop. Quiana is in the 6th grade at West Running Brook Middle School where she performed as Hortensia in Matilda Jr this February. When she's not in school Quiana enjoys horseback riding, singing, and art. Quiana wants to thank her family for their support and she hopes you enjoy the show!



Congratulations
to the Cast!
Break a Leg!
Jesse, Amanda, & Mary



APPLAUSE! APPLAUSE! APPLAUSE!



Gabby we love to see you shine! Break a leg! Love, Mom, Dad, Alex and Doxy

We love you and are so proud of you, **Lylah**! You are a star, inside and out! Love, Mom, Dad, and Colin

Annabelle, We couldn't possibly be more proud of you. You are the most amazing evil eel there ever was! Break a leg, Flotsam! xoxoxo Mom, Dad, and Oliver



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