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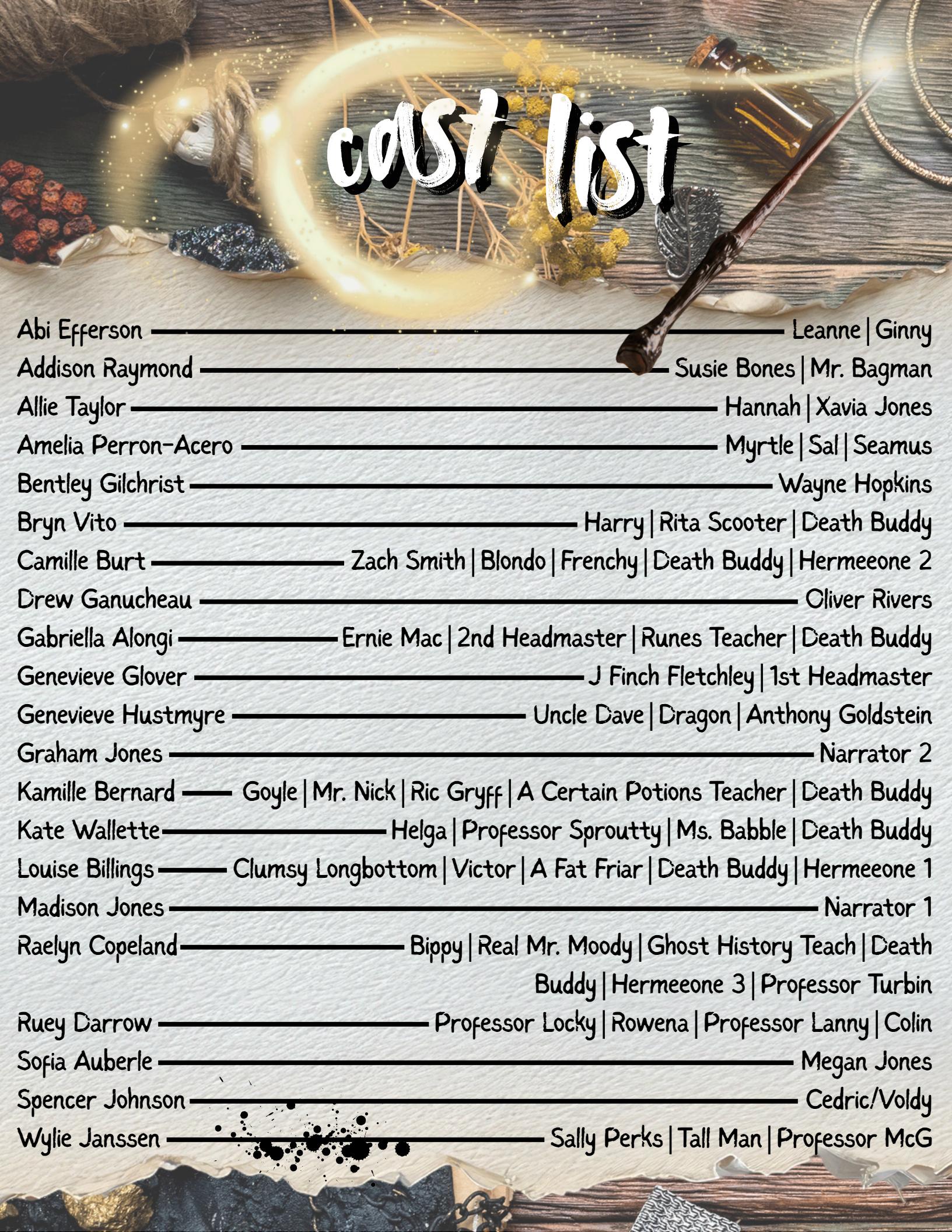


directed by
CURTIS BILLINGS



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cast list



Abi Efferson	Leanne Ginny
Addison Raymond	Susie Bones Mr. Bagman
Allie Taylor	Hannah Xavia Jones
Amelia Perron-Acero	Myrtle Sal Seamus
Bentley Gilchrist	Wayne Hopkins
Bryn Vito	Harry Rita Scooter Death Buddy
Camille Burt	Zach Smith Blondo Frenchy Death Buddy Hermeeone 2
Drew Ganuchea	Oliver Rivers
Gabriella Alongi	Ernie Mac 2nd Headmaster Runes Teacher Death Buddy
Genevieve Glover	J Finch Fletchley 1st Headmaster
Genevieve Hustmyre	Uncle Dave Dragon Anthony Goldstein
Graham Jones	Narrator 2
Kamille Bernard	Goyle Mr. Nick Ric Gryff A Certain Potions Teacher Death Buddy
Kate Wallette	Helga Professor Sproutty Ms. Babble Death Buddy
Louise Billings	Clumsy Longbottom Victor A Fat Friar Death Buddy Hermeeone 1
Madison Jones	Narrator 1
Raelyn Copeland	Bippy Real Mr. Moody Ghost History Teach Death Buddy Hermeeone 3 Professor Turbin
Ruey Darrow	Professor Locky Rowena Professor Lanny Colin
Sofia Auberle	Megan Jones
Spencer Johnson	Cedric/Voldy
Wylie Janssen	Sally Perks Tall Man Professor McG



meet the director and cast



Curtis Billings

DIRECTOR

Curtis has enjoyed a long career as an actor, one that took him from the stages of New Orleans to Broadway, Off-Broadway, and major professional theaters throughout the country. Local audiences may remember his work at Le Petit Theatre, where he appeared as Tom Wingfield in *The Glass Menagerie* and Stanley Kowalski in *A Streetcar Named Desire*, among others. An adaptation of *A Christmas Carol*, which he co-wrote and performed in, was named best play of 2018 by the *Times Picayune*. He also co-wrote *A Nola Noel*, a production that Le Petit toured to multiple outdoor venues during the pandemic Christmas of 2020, including the Abita Springs Trailhead. As a former student at the New Orleans Center for the Creative Arts, Curtis holds youth arts education in the highest regard, and he is thrilled to be joining the team at LAAPA to direct these amazing young actors.



bentley gilchrist



Sofia auberle



Drew ganuchea

Wayne Hopkins

Bentley Gilchrist is a 13-year-old actor who has been pursuing his passion for acting since the age of five. He has performed in multiple LAAPA productions and continues to sharpen his skills through improv & acting classes. Playing the lead role of Wayne has been an exciting new challenge that he's loved taking on. When not performing, Bentley can usually be found competing in professional yo-yo competitions. He plans to continue his journey in the arts by attending SCAD and can't wait to see where his creativity takes him next.

Megan Jones

Sofia Auberle is a senior at Fontainebleau High School. She's involved in the Talented Theatre program and has been taking acting classes with Mr. Nicoli for 4 years. Sofia's most notable characters include Pinocchio in "Shrek", Alice in "You Can't Take It With You", Fredrick Frankenstein in "Young Frankenstein", and Tin-Man in "Wizard of Oz." Whether on or off stage, she's always working on a show. "Puffs" holds a very special place in Sofia's heart, and she hopes you enjoy the show as much as she enjoyed working on it!

Oliver Rivers

Drew Ganuchea is a junior in high school and excited to participate in Puffs. He has been part of LAAPA's acting program for 4 years. Drew has performed in many plays, including "Clue" (Professor Plum), "Eurydice" (Orpheus), "You Can't Take It with You" (Grandpa), just to name a few! Outside of acting, he likes to hang out with his friends and play guitar. Drew would like to thank his family, friends, and directors for making his acting career possible.

Narrator 1

Madison Jones was born in Baton Rouge to parents in the film/TV business. She is represented at Open Range Management and premiered on the silver screen in a feature called *The Secrets We Keep*. Madison is a member of the Screen Actors Guild and is currently studying acting, singing, and piano at the Louisiana Academy of Performing Arts.

Narrator 2

Graham Jones was born in Baton Rouge to parents in the film/TV business. He is represented at Open Range Management. Graham has a natural love for entertaining, singing and performing. He is currently studying acting, singing and guitar at the Louisiana Academy of Performing Arts.

Cedric/Voldy

Spencer Johnson is in seventh grade and excited for the upcoming production of "Puffs." She loves to read, cook, watch TV, crochet, and has recently started playing volleyball. Spencer has participated in many productions with LAAPA, the most recently *The Little Mermaid JR.* She is very happy with the role she has gotten, and hopes everything goes smoothly.

madison jones

graham jones

spencer johnson



Ernie Mac | 2nd Headmaster Runes Teacher | Death Buddy

Gabriella Alongi is thrilled to perform in the Harry Potter parody "Puffs!" Her favorite musical is the historical tribute "Hamilton." Gabriella also loves reading books, sketching, and poetry. She hopes everyone enjoys the show!

Hannah | Xavia Jones

AJ Taylor is excited to perform in her second LAAPA show (and second Harry Potter show)! From Pansy Parkinson of Slytherin House Slytherin to Hannah and Xavia of Hufflepuff House, she's ready to be a part of the magic!

J Finch Fletchley 1st Headmaster

Genevieve is a 10-year-old with a big talent for acting and a cat person. She recently performed in LAAPA Theater's The Little Mermaid JR. Genevieve is a hard worker and is very excited to perform and demonstrate her dedication to acting in Puffs. She hopes that people are as excited as she is for the play! Genevieve would like to thank her 5 cats, 5 chickens, and her family for their support.



Abigail Efferson



Wylie Janssen



Addison Raymond

Leanne | Ginny

Abi Efferson is an 18-year-old senior who attends University View Academy. She has performed in various LAAPA productions such as "The Wizard of Oz," "You Can't Take It With You," "All My Sons," "The Importance of Being Earnest," and many more. Abi is excited to play the roles of Leanne and Ginny and hopes everyone enjoys the show!

Sally Perks | Tall Man Professor McG

Wylie Janssen is in the eighth grade and is very excited to play Sally Perks in Puffs. This will be her first theater performance that isn't a musical! Wylie would like to give a big thank you to all of her supportive friends and family.

Susie Bones | Mr. Bagman

Addison Raymond is a tenth grader this year and is so thankful to be part of Puffs. She loves to read and write short stories. Addison recently performed in LAAPA Theater's You Can't Take It With You (Miriam Kirby). She would like to thank her family and friends for all of their love and support.



Harry I Rita Scooter Death Buddy

Bryn Vito is a freshman at AHHS and is so excited to be a part of her first LAAPA performance! She would like to thank her friends, family (especially "Ron Mop"), cast, and crew for making this such a fun and memorable experience. Bryn hopes all the theatre and Harry Potter fans in the audience enjoy the show. Mischief Managed!

Clumsy Longbottom I Victor & Fat Friar I Death Buddy Hermione I

Louise Billings is a third grader at Christ Episcopal School, where she has performed in Finding Nemo, The Wizard of Oz, The Aristocats, Moana, The Little Mermaid, and Dare to Dream. Louise is a huge Harry Potter fan (and confirmed Hufflepuff), and she is extremely excited to be performing in this play!

Zach Smith I Blondo I Frenchy Death Buddy I Hermione 2

Camille Burt is a fifth grader this year and recently joined the talented theater program at her school. She is excited to further develop her talents in LAAPA's acting and voice classes. Her theater credits include Junie B. Jones JR. (Lenny), Beauty and the Beast JR. (Babette), and Clue (ensemble). In her free time, Camille is an avid reader and novice writer with a true passion for storytelling. She would like to thank her muggle family & her magical canine companion, Valerie, for always supporting her creativity!



Myrtle | Sal | Seamus

Amelia Perron-Acero is an 8-year-old third grader at MES who is thrilled to be performing in her very first play. She loves acting, singing, and dancing, and has been excited to bring her creativity to the stage. Amelia enjoys reading and anything artistic, and is always looking for new ways to express herself. She and her family lived in Bogotá, Colombia until the end of 2021, before moving to New Orleans, and later settling in Mandeville. Amelia is grateful for the support of her family and friends and hopes everyone enjoys the show.



Groyle | Mr. Nick | Ric Gryff A Certain Potions Teacher Death Buddy

Kamille Bernard is thrilled to make her theatrical debut! She is a third grader, who loves reading, dancing, and all things creative. Kamille has been dancing since age 3 & especially enjoys her drama classes. She is excited and grateful to be a part of this production. Kamille thanks her parents, brother, and family for their love and support.



Uncle Dave | Dragon Anthony Goldstein

Genevieve Hustmyre is a third grader this year and is super excited to be part of theater class. This is her first play, and she is beyond thrilled to be a part of the LAAPA family. Genevieve loves math and entertaining others. She would like to thank her family and pets, Nirvana, Penne, and Western, for their support!



Bippy | Real Mr. Moody Ghost History Teach Death Buddy | Hermeeone 3 Professor Turbin

Raelyn Copeland is a fifth grade student that loves all things theatre. She recently took stage as Ursula in LAAPA Theater's "The Little Mermaid JR." In her spare time, she enjoys art, travel and anime. Raelyn would like to thank all of her friends and family for their continued support.

Helga | Professor Sproutty Ms. Babble | Death Buddy

Kate Wallette is a fourth grader who has been in two plays for Christ Episcopal School, which started her love of the theater. She recently finished a performance of Dare to Dream and will also be seen in Honk JR. this spring. When she's not on the stage, Kate likes to do gymnastics.

Professor Locky | Rowena Professor Lanny | Colin

Ruey Darrow is 8 years old, and this is her second theater production with LAAPA. Debuting as a member of Queen Antoinette's Royal Court, she now is caught up with the magic of theater for Puffs! Next stop, Broadway!

special thanks

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