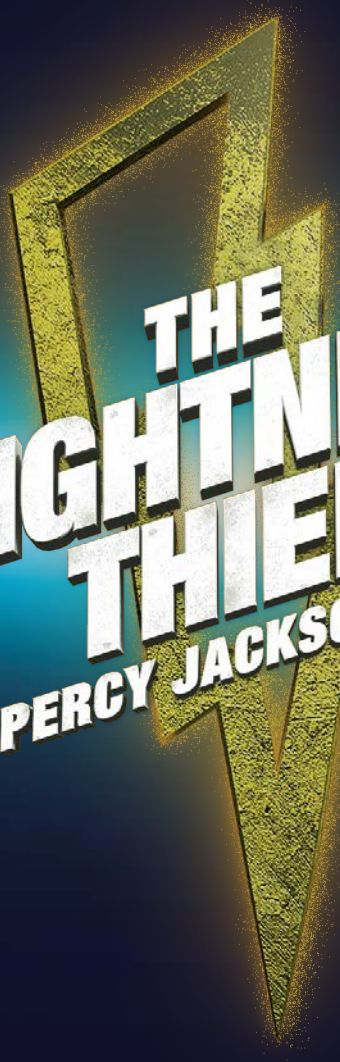


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DIRECTOR'S NOTE

The Lightning Thief is a story that resonates with me personally. I read the Percy Jackson books shortly after being diagnosed with ADHD as an adult which gave me a perspective that I wish I had had in childhood. This story is so refreshing because it doesn't gloss over the anguish involved in being different. Being special, often feels like being weird and wrong before being accepted and acknowledged for your strengths. This story not only highlights the strengths of neurodivergent kids, it also acknowledges their challenges, insecurities, and a universal desire for belonging.

The Lightning Thief is a well known story amongst the generation you will see on stage. It has been such an honor to direct this show with a cast that is even more excited to tell this story than I am.

We get to experience the world of Greek mythology amongst modern day America for the first time with Percy as he learns that he is a half-blood, the son of a Greek god. He arrives at Camp Half-Blood, a haven in the middle of upstate New York designed to keep the children of the Greek gods safe from monsters. Percy soon embarks on a quest to get Zeus' stolen lightning bolt back and uncover the true Lightning Thief. Guided by his Satyr protector, Grover, and strategic, if overconfident fellow camper, Annabeth, they must fend for their lives in a way only unsupervised middle schoolers can experience: Percy searching for a place to belong, Annabeth trying to prove herself to her mom, and Grover struggling with his own feelings of inadequacy.

CTE was the first place where I found that sense of belonging in my own life. Before I had understanding or vocabulary to describe what made me feel so different in other circles, CTE encouraged me to explore who I was and who I could be when given the opportunity to bring my unique gifts to the table. CTE is and always will be my Camp-Halfblood. I want to tell this story for everyone that calls CTE their home away from home, and anyone in the audience wondering where they belong. And for anyone who is new to the world of Percy Jackson, I hope you get caught up in the magic of this coming of age story.

As Sally tells Percy, "the things that make us different are the things that make us strong." At the heart of this story, there is a community protecting kids struggling to find their place from the monsters of the real world. We each have different strengths, but we all have been assigned the same quest: fostering community, vanquishing our own monsters, and making our world a better place for kids to grow up.

Larissa Catalano
Director

ACT 1

- 01: Prologue / The Day I Got Expelled Prologue Soloists, Percy, Chiron, Grover, Mrs Dodds, Puppeteers, All Cast
The Jacksons' Apartment Percy, Sally, Gabe
- 02: Strong Sally, Percy, All Cast
- 03: The Minotaur! / The Weirdest Dream Grover, Percy, Sally, Minotaur, Puppeteers, Poseidon, All Cast
- 04: Another Terrible Day Mr D, Silena, Katie, Percy, Chiron, Dionysus Cabin, Demeter Cabin, Hermes Cabin
- 04a: She Fought Bravely Chiron, Percy
- 05: Their Sign Chiron, Percy, Luke, Grover, Annabeth
- 06: Put You In Your Place Clarisse, Annabeth, Percy, Grover, All Cast
- 06a: Clarisse Makes a Splash Percy, Clarisse, Hephaestus Cabin, Aphrodite Cabin, Grover, Luke, Annabeth
- 07: The Campfire Song Luke, Annabeth, Silena, Katie, Grover, Chiron, All Cast
- 07a: The Trident Appears / Thunder Percy, Luke, Chiron, Mr D, All Cast
- 08: The Oracle The Oracle, Percy, Demeter Cabin, Apollo Cabin, Hermes Cabin
- Back at Camp Percy, Chiron, Annabeth, Grover, Luke
- 09: Good Kid Percy, All Cast
- 10: Killer Quest! Percy, Annabeth, Grover, Luke, All Cast

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ACT II

- 11: Prologue Act Two / I Ruin a Perfectly Good Bus Bus Driver, Percy, Annabeth, Grover, Mrs.Dodds, Greyhound Passengers, Furies, Ares Cabin, Athena Cabin, Hephaestus Cabin, Dionysus Cabin
- 12: Lost! Percy, Annabeth, Grover, Squirrel, Apollo Cabin, Aphrodite Cabin, Hermes Cabin
- 13: A Visit With Auntie Em Percy, Annabeth, Grover, Medusa, Snakes, Hephaestus Cabin, Dionysus Cabin, Ares Cabin, Athena Cabin
- 14: My Grand Plan Percy, Annabeth, Thalia, Young Luke, Young Annabeth, Demeter Cabin, Hermes Cabin
- 15: Drive Percy, Annabeth, Grover, Train Conductor, Echidna, Newscaster, Farmer, Ares, Apollo Cabin, Hephaestus Cabin, Aphrodite Cabin, Hermes Cabin
- 16: The Weirdest Dream (Reprise) Percy, Annabeth, Grover, Luke, Kronos, All Cast
- 17: The Tree on the Hill Percy, Annabeth, Grover, Thalia, Young Luke, Young Annabeth, Demeter Cabin, Dionysus Cabin, Aphrodite Cabin
- 17a: Hellevator Percy, Annabeth, Grover, Charon
- 18: D.O.A. Charon, Amy Winehouse, Janis Joplin, Kurt Cobain, Amadeus Mozart, Vienna Boys Choir, Puppeteers, Percy, Annabeth, Grover, All Cast
- 19: It's the Pits Percy, Annabeth, Grover, Kronos, All Cast
- 19a: Hello Hades Percy, Annabeth, Grover, Hades
- 19b: Sally Appears Percy, Annabeth, Grover, Hades, Sally
- 20: Son of Poseidon ... Percy, Sally, Annabeth, Grover, Hades, Ares, All Cast
- 20a: Poseidon Finally Shows Up Percy, Annabeth, Grover, Poseidon, All Cast
- 20b: Reunited Percy, Annabeth, Grover, Poseidon, Sally, All Cast
- 21: The Last Day of Summer Percy, Annabeth, Grover, Chiron, Clarisse, Luke, All Cast
- 22: Bring On the Monsters Percy, Annabeth, Grover, Chiron, Clarisse, Silena, All Cast
- 23: Bows / Exit Music All Cast

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Bass Bennet DuBois
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GOOD LUCK WISHES

AddiLou, words cannot express how incredibly proud we are of you and your accomplishments. You have come so far since your days as a starfish. Today you truly are the star fish. Break a leg, Percy! Always remember what makes you different makes you **STRONG**. Love you mucho mucho!

Maddie - We are so proud of you. We cannot wait to see you on stage!
Break a leg! Love, Mama & Papa

Kiara! We love seeing you energized & growing your talent in The Lightning Thief. Break a leg - sing it loud Janis Joplin! Love, Mom/Dad

Emily, we are so proud of you for your hard work and dedication to this production! Break a leg - Love, Mom, Dad & Tyler

HEROES CAST

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Percy Jackson	Natalie Ruzinok
Annabeth Chase	Alessandra Crawford
Grover Underwood	Jianna Newton
Luke Castellan	Jovany Colon
Sally Jackson	Vydonnia Bustos
Mr. Brunner (Chiron)	Noelle Brown
Mr. D. (Dionysus)	Donte Roman
Clarisse La Rue	Ece Balik
Charon	Ella Lane
The Oracle	Joy Roman
Ares	Gabe Mojica
Silena Beauregard	Hailey Hatt
Katie Gardner	Megan Walsh
Mrs. Dodds	Joy Roman
Gabe Ugliano / Minotaur / Poseidon	Nico Jensen
Aunty Em (Medusa)	Javey Baird
Hades/ Annabeth's Dad	Wesley Rovedo
Amy Winehouse	Saphira Boes
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart	Sophie Salee
Kurt Cobain	Josephine Sherrell
Janis Joplin	Kiara Austin
Vienna Boys Choir	Parker Adams
Vienna Boys Choir	Andrew Taing
Vienna Boys Choir	Hailey Roncone
Vienna Boys Choir	Maddie Hernandez
Thalia	Erin Lakoske
Young Annabeth	Makenna Lane
Young Luke / Vienna Boys Choir	Dylan Hronek
Annabeth's Stepmom / Squirrel	Ashley Prasil
Alecto (Fury)	Lucy Contreras
Megaera (Fury)	Kira Fry
Tisiphone (Fury)	Cecilia Jones
Bus Driver	Angelina Concepcion

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Greyhound Passenger 1	Ella Manor
Greyhound Passenger 2	Lucy Traynor
Train Conductor	Vivian Fornell
Echidna	Abigail Stone
Newscaster	Wesley Rovedo
Farmer	Violet Klodz
Bianca Di Angelo	Olivia Hronek
Kronos / Nico Di Angelo	Joel Rosalio
Puppeteer 1 (Minotaur Puppet)	Haddie Parise
Puppeteer 2 (Harpy Puppet)	Izabella Rodriguez
Puppeteer 3 (Dj Cerberus)	Penelope Rovedo

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Parker Adams

Parker is excited to be back on stage with FVTC! He previously appeared in Newsies with CTE/FVTC and Singin' in the Rain Jr. at his middle school. Parker loves to sing and feels most at home on stage. He hopes you enjoy the show and all the hard work that went into it!



Kiara Austin

Kiara is excited to return for her sixth CTE/FVTC production and to take on the role of Janis Joplin, her first role with a speaking part! Outside of theater, she loves singing, dancing, playing violin, doing puzzles, and spending time with friends and family. Her favorite past production was Descendants because she has always loved the movie and dreamed of being part of the show!



Ece Balik

This is Ece's fourth show with Fox Valley, and she is so excited to be part of this production! Percy Jackson has been a favorite of hers since middle school, so getting the opportunity to be part of the stage production is a dream come true!



Javey Baird

Javey is 15 and a sophomore at Hampshire High School. Javey loves theater and has been a part of it in many ways, from working backstage to performing and stage managing. She has loved The Lightning Thief for years and is so excited to finally be performing it for you! She thanks her friends and family for their support from behind the curtain!



Saphira Boes

Saphira is an eighth grader at Larsen Middle School, and this is her eighth play! Besides singing, she enjoys drawing, painting, digital art, playing cello in the orchestra, and reading. Saphira loves cats more than humans and has nine cats between her two homes! Her friends are very important to her, and she has also recently become obsessed with roller coasters. Six Flags season pass for the win!

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Noelle Brown

Noelle is thrilled to be back home from college and performing in their first musical in over four years! Recent roles include Laura in *The Pretty Trap*, Vera in *She Kills Monsters*, and Mrs. Peters in *Trifles*, all at Knox College. Aside from singing and acting, Noelle enjoys sewing, gaming, and horseback riding. They would like to thank their parents, teachers, and everyone else who has supported them over the years.



Vyddonnia Bustos

Vyddonnia is ecstatic to be in her first CTE/FVTC musical! Going into her sophomore year, she enjoys many musical hobbies, including playing piano, singing, worship leading at church, and writing song lyrics. Vyddonnia has also performed in several other musicals. She would like to thank her directors, past and current music teachers, family, friends, God and Jesus, and everyone who has put their best effort into this production. She hopes you sit back and enjoy the mystical and enchanting show everyone has worked so hard to create!



Jovany Colon

Jovany is thrilled to be making his musical theater debut in *The Lightning Thief*! He is excited to take on the role of Luke and has loved singing, meeting the cast, and building his confidence as an actor. Outside of theater, Jovany plays saxophone and enjoys going to the gym. He would like to thank Mark and the entire cast for helping him grow in confidence and acting. His dream roles include JD or Orpheus, and he hopes you enjoy the show—and that he's a "good kid!"



Angelina Concepcion

Angelina is excited to return to CTE/FVTC as the Bus Driver in *The Lightning Thief*! She previously performed in *Descendants* and loves being able to express herself through singing and dancing. Her favorite song in the show is "Last Day of Summer." Outside of theater, Angelina enjoys dancing and singing. Fun fact: she is the youngest of six kids! She would like to thank her mom for her support and hopes the audience loves the performance. Angelina's dream role is Angelica Schuyler in *Hamilton*, and she is especially excited for the start of Act Two!

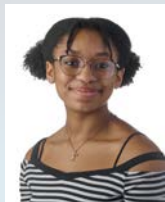
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Lucy Contreras

Lucy is excited to be back on the CTE stage for her seventh production! Previous shows include James and the Giant Peach, Annie, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, SpongeBob, Descendants, and Newsies. She especially loves The Lightning Thief because of its world of gods, monsters, and demigods. Outside of theater, Lucy enjoys dancing, singing, basketball, crocheting, and playing cello and violin. She is also a black belt in Tae Kwon Do! Lucy would like to thank her mom, dad, and sister for being her number-one fans and recommends following Grover's lead and singing the "Consensus Song" whenever you're feeling stressed!



Alessandra Crawford

Alessandra is so excited to be playing a lead in The Lightning Thief. This is her 5th show with CTE. She loves musical theatre. She also plays piano and violin, dances, and does gymnastics. She is so excited for you to see the show!



Vivian Fornell

Vivian is thrilled to perform as the Train Conductor and a member of Cabin 7, the Apollo group, in The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical. Previous roles include Cruella in 101 Dalmatians, Te Fiti in Moana, and multiple roles in The Wizard of Oz. Outside of theater, Vivian enjoys making art and roller skating and has even won several costume contests! She is a longtime Percy Jackson fan and hopes you enjoy the show!



Kira Fry

Kira is excited to be in her first FVTC show! One of her favorite previous roles was the White Witch in The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. She would like to thank her family and friends for all their support!

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Ronalyn Gonzales

Ronalyn has a big passion for theater, and this is her very first show with CTE! Her previous roles include Gabriella in High School Musical Jr. and Fiona in Shrek Jr. Ronalyn is very excited to continue her theater journey with CTE and hopes you enjoy the show as much as she does!



Hailey Hatt

Hailey is thrilled to be performing in her first featured role with FVTC! A huge fan of the Percy Jackson books, she is especially excited to bring Silena Beauregard to life. Hailey has appeared in several CTE/FVTC productions, as well as shows with the Bartlett Park District and, most recently, WeGo Community Theatre's production of Footloose. Hailey hopes you enjoy the show!



Maddie Hernandez

Maddie is a seventh grader at Bernotas Middle School. This is her 10th production with CTE and 12th production overall! Previous credits include The Music Man, Finding Nemo Jr., James and the Giant Peach Jr., Annie Jr., Matilda, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, SpongeBob the Musical, Descendants, Newsies, Frozen Jr., and Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Outside of theater, Maddie dances jazz and Irish dance and loves making jewelry and accessories. She would like to thank her family and friends for always supporting her!



Olivia Hronek

Olivia is thrilled to be playing Bianca Di Angelo! This will be her sixth show, with previous productions including Descendants, The SpongeBob Musical, and The Little Mermaid Jr. She is an eighth grader at Eastview Middle School and participates in competitive swimming outside of theater. Olivia also enjoys making art and would like to thank her friends and family for supporting her throughout her productions.

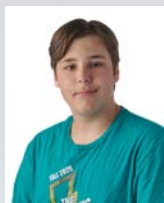
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Dylan Hronek

Dylan is thrilled to make his Lightning Thief debut! The theatrical world has always interested him, from dancing and singing to simply being on stage. This is Dylan's fifth musical. Outside of theater, he enjoys swimming, karate, biking, and more. Dylan would like to thank his directors, family, and friends for their support and for helping him grow into the performer and person he is today.



Nico Jensen

Nico is starting high school this fall, and The Lightning Thief is his latest in a long list of musical productions. Some of his favorite past roles include Hans in Frozen, Kurt in The Sound of Music, and the Mayor of Munchkinland in The Wizard of Oz. Nico has loved singing and acting since second grade and also enjoys chorus, songwriting, and dog walking. He writes original music and has released a song on platforms including Spotify and YouTube. Nico hopes to become a singer and actor someday and hopes this production transports the audience into the magical world of Percy Jackson!



Cecilia Jones

Cecilia is excited to be performing in her third show with CTE/FVTC! She previously appeared in SpongeBob and Newsies. Her favorite song in The Lightning Thief is "Tree on the Hill." Outside of theater, Cecilia plays softball and loves baking and finding new recipes to perfect. She would like to thank her mom, dad, and Jack for their support. Her dream role is Scuttle in The Little Mermaid, and she is especially excited to perform for an audience!



Violet Klodz

Violet is excited to be playing the Farmer in The Lightning Thief! This is her fifth musical, with previous productions including The Music Man, The Little Mermaid, James and the Giant Peach, and Newsies. Outside of theater, Violet enjoys volleyball, rollerblading, singing, listening to music, reading, drawing, and spending time with friends. She has loved making new friends during this production and would like to thank the production team for making the experience so fun and enjoyable. She can't wait to see everything come together in front of an audience!

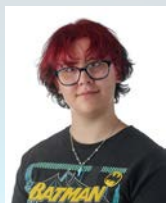
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Erin Lakoske

Erin is so excited to be part of The Lightning Thief! This is her 31st theatrical production, including performing, crew work, and assistant choreography. Some of her favorite roles include Tiny Tim in Godspell, Myrtle and Professor McGonagall in Puffs, and a Princess in The Little Mermaid. Erin loves dancing, figure skating, and being both on stage and behind the scenes. She is incredibly proud of the cast and hopes you enjoy the show!



Ella Lane

Ella is excited to make her onstage debut with CTE in The Lightning Thief! She previously worked backstage on productions including The Music Man and Les Misérables and served as props assistant manager for You Can't Take It With You. Ella is excited to combine her theater experience with her love of Greek mythology in this production!



Makenna Lane

Makenna has been dancing since she was two years old and recently decided to try her hand at musical theater. Her first musical was Descendants, which she enjoyed so much that she went on to perform in Newsies and now The Lightning Thief. Makenna loves the CTE/FVTC family and is excited to continue learning and growing her musical talents!



Ella Manor

Ella is excited to make her CTE/FVTC debut in The Lightning Thief! She has previously performed with the Hanover Park District and Elgin Math and Science Academy. She has loved having fun and trying something new during this production, and her favorite number is "D.O.A." Outside of theater, Ella enjoys spending time with friends and would like to thank her mom for her support. Fun fact: she is left-handed! Ella hopes the audience loves the performance—even if something doesn't go exactly as planned!



Gabe Mojica

Gabe is so excited to play Poseidon in The Lightning Thief! This is his ninth show with FVTC and his 22nd theatrical production overall. He is thrilled to work alongside so many amazing actors and would like to thank his mom for always being his number-one supporter. Gabe hopes everyone enjoys the show!

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Jianna Newton

Jianna is thrilled to be performing in her eighth musical theater production and couldn't be more excited to take on her biggest role yet as Grover! Previous credits include Newsies, SpongeBob, Matilda, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, and Annie Jr. She has loved singing, dancing, and acting since her first show and is grateful for every opportunity to grow as a performer. Outside of theater, Jianna enjoys singing, shopping, traveling, and spending time with family and friends. She would like to thank her directors, castmates, coaches, and everyone who has encouraged her along the way!



Haddie Parise

Haddie is an eighth grader at Central Middle School, and this is her fourth show with CTE/FVTC. She previously appeared in Puffs, Newsies, and Matilda and has also participated in school theater. Outside of performing, Haddie enjoys drawing, singing, coding, music, and reading. She even likes to draw the characters she plays in shows! Haddie would like to thank her friends for encouraging her and helping her learn the dances, as well as her family for their support.



Ashley Prasil

Ashley is thrilled to be part of The Lightning Thief! She loves acting because it gives her the opportunity to step into different characters, use her imagination, and see the world through different perspectives. Ashley loves all forms of art and enjoys staying active. She is so happy to share this show with the audience and hopes you enjoy the adventure!



Joel Rosalio

Joel discovered CTE thanks to a wonderful fourth-grade teacher, Mrs. Kettner, who saw his potential and believed in him. Since then, he has participated in five productions, each giving him the opportunity to make new friends and discover more about himself. Joel is grateful for all of his experiences and would like to say, "Thank you, CTE!"

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Izabella Rodriguez

Izabella is extremely proud to be performing in her very first theatrical production! A soon-to-be eighth grader, she loves singing, dancing, listening to music, and spending time with friends. She has especially enjoyed making new friends and memories while working as a Harpy puppeteer in *The Lightning Thief*. Izabella would like to thank her parents for supporting her and driving her to rehearsals, as well as her best friends Larriane and Aryana for giving her the courage to audition. She can't wait to see the audience's reactions!



Joy Roman

Joy is incredibly excited to bring her signature energy and dedication to *The Lightning Thief* for her first time on a college stage! Joy thrives on the challenge of diving into bold characters, tracking her growth from the ensemble of *Mean Girls* to playing Jennifer in *Deadline*, portraying the cynical Senator Fipp in *Urinetown*, and most recently performing as Gorkinsky in *Anastasia*. When she isn't in rehearsals, Joy dedicates her time to singing Soprano 1 in choir, competing in Science Olympiad, and working as a local lifeguard and swim instructor. She wants to give a special, heartfelt thank-you to Mr. Stouffer for always believing in her and helping her build her vocal confidence over the years. She is also deeply grateful to her supportive family for their endless love and encouragement through every production. Enjoy the show, and don't forget to check your bags for stray lightning bolts before leaving!



Donte Roman

Donte is attending ECC this fall and is excited to be participating in their third show with FVTC! Outside of theater, Donte enjoys playing Steve in *Tekken 8*. Donte is very excited for this production and hopes you love it as much as they do!

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Hailey Roncone

Hailey is excited to be part of the Hermes Cabin in The Lightning Thief! This is her first featured production with CTE, and she couldn't be more excited. Theater and musicals have been a passion of hers for a long time, and she loved participating in her middle school musical. As a big Percy Jackson fan, being part of this production is especially exciting. Hailey is grateful for the opportunity to learn from the staff and her fellow cast members and thanks you for coming to see the show!



Penelope Rovedo

Penny is excited to be part of her second production ever! After making her CTE debut as a member of the ensemble in Descendants, she is thrilled to return as a puppeteer in The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical. She hopes to continue participating in productions at both her middle school and CTE. Penny would like to thank her family for their support, especially her brother for helping her practice for auditions.



Wesley Rovedo

Wesley has built a strong foundation in youth theater through a variety of ensemble and character roles with both Thompson Middle School and Children's Theatre of Elgin. His previous productions include Elf Jr., Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Musical, Alice in Wonderland, The SpongeBob Musical, and Descendants, with roles ranging from ensemble to characters such as the Mad Hatter. Wesley has also studied voice with Peter Alberto. He would like to thank his family for their constant encouragement and for always helping him keep going.



Natalie Ruzinok

Natalie is excited to perform in her 11th musical and grateful for the opportunity to play Percy! She and her brother have been listening to this musical together for a long time, so she gives a special shout-out to Caleb. Shout out to the Millers, love you guys so much!

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Sophie SaLee

Sophie, a fan of the Percy Jackson series, is thrilled to be part of this musical! She has enjoyed participating in CTE/FVTC productions including Newsies, Descendants, Annie, Matilda, and Puffs, as well as school and park district shows. Outside of theater, Sophie enjoys drawing, crafts, volleyball, playing piano, participating in school band, and Girl Scouts. She would like to thank her family and theater friends for always encouraging her to do her best!



Josephine Sherrell

Josephine is excited to perform again with her friends from CTE and FVTC! After Newsies this summer, she attended camp at Side Street Studio Arts and spent plenty of time riding her bike. She also enjoys spending time with the cast and loves "Bring on the Monsters." Josephine would like to thank her dad and Olivia Hronek for their support. Fun fact: she has a dog named Lola! She is excited to share this wonderful production with the audience.



Abigail Stone

Abigail loves theater, and this is her fifth year participating in shows with CTE! Previous productions include Shrek, Finding Nemo, Ella, Jack, Annie, Descendants, and Seussical. She loves the friendships, singing, and having a creative outlet outside of school. Abigail enjoys D&D, martial arts, art, and music, and she has quite the collection of pets—two dogs, two cats, and a lizard! She hopes the audience loves the performance, the actors, and has plenty of laughs along the way.



Andrew Taing

This is Andrew's first production with CTE/FVTC! He is very excited to be part of The Lightning Thief as a member of the Vienna Boys Choir and is thrilled to make his CTE/FVTC debut.

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Lucy Traynor

Lucy is excited to return to CTE/FVTC as Greyhound Passenger 2 and a member of the Athena Cabin in *The Lightning Thief*! Her previous productions include *Frozen* with Dundee Middle School and *Puffs*, *SpongeBob*, *Descendants*, and *Newsies* with CTE/FVTC. Her favorite part of this production is spending time with the cast, and she especially loves dancing in "D.O.A." Lucy would like to thank her mom for driving her to every rehearsal and rearranging her schedule for her. She hopes you love the show and is especially excited for the audience to see everything the cast has worked on!



Megan Walsh

Megan is entering seventh grade and is excited to be part of *The Lightning Thief*! Previous CTE productions include *Matilda*, *Annie Jr.*, *SpongeBob*, and *Descendants*, and she also performed in *The Little Mermaid* at her middle school. Megan loves being part of a big group where she gets to sing, act, and dance. Outside of theater, she participates in cross country, gymnastics, choir, and orchestra, where she plays violin. She also enjoys dancing, reading, and writing. Megan would like to thank her family and the production team for supporting her and hopes the audience is inspired to do what they love!

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Annabeth Chase	Victoria Imbrogno
Grover Underwood	Easton Stroh
Luke Castellan	Noah Weis
Sally Jackson	Daphne Goss
Mr. Brunner (Chiron)	Rori Aleman-Valerio
Mr. D. (Dionysus) / DOA Soloist	Maggie Seward
Clarisse La Rue / DOA Soloist	Amanda Hansen
Charon	Maya Kulikowski
The Oracle	Rose Pietschmann
Ares	Dane Izard
Silena Beauregard	Mackenzie McGraw
Katie Gardner	Ainsley Sauer
Mrs. Dodds	Maya Kulikowski
Gabe Ugliano / Minotaur / Poseidon	Alfonso Jose
Aunt Em (Medusa)	Javey Baird
Hades / Annabeth's Dad	Andrew Stevens
Amy Winehouse	Charlotte Heaply
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart	Ella Thompson
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Vienna Boys Choir	Elisa Chan
Vienna Boys Choir	Shannon Raj Gibalay
Vienna Boys Choir	Samuel Andrade
Vienna Boys Choir	Itzel Soto
Thalia	Emmy Kramarz
Young Annabeth	Rose Pietschmann
Annabeth's Stepmom	Pippa Peters
Alecto (Fury)	Calliope Hoffman
Megaera (Fury)	Anastacia Karountzos
Tisiphone (Fury) / Squirrel	Olivia Lock
Bus Driver	Anastacia Karountzos

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Greyhound Passenger 1	Amelia Mrotek
Greyhound Passenger 2	Jae Pearl
Train Conductor	Kolton Currie
Echidna	Peyton Pirtle
Newscaster	Isabella Marinello
Farmer	Savannah Schoen
Bianca Di Angelo	Shannon Raj Gibalay
Kronos / Nico Di Angelo	Elijah Kwasigroch
Puppeteer 1 (Minotaur Puppet)	Casper Maheu
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Aurora Aleman-Valerio

Aurora Aleman-Valerio, also known affectionately as Rori, is a senior at Hampshire High School and has been doing theatre unofficially her whole life and officially since freshman year. This is their first show with CTE and their ninth show overall. She is very excited to play Chiron in the Demi-Gods cast of The Lightning Thief, especially since Percy Jackson is their favorite book franchise of all time. That being said, she hopes people will love this show as much as she loved the books and will put in their best effort to make sure it lives up to the name. Hope you enjoy the show!



Samuel Andrade

Samuel is excited to return to CTE/FVTC as a member of the Vienna Boys Choir in The Lightning Thief! He previously performed in Descendants and has been a fan of Percy Jackson after reading the book and watching the show on TV. His favorite song in the show is "D.O.A." Outside of theater, Samuel enjoys karate, watching anime, and watching movies. Fun fact: he can move his eyebrows! Samuel would like to thank his family and friends for their support. He hopes the audience likes the show and is especially excited to sing his favorite songs and put on his costumes!



Brooklyn Barbanente

Brooklyn is thrilled to be performing in her 14th theater production! She loves being on stage and is grateful for every opportunity to perform. When she's not rehearsing, Brooklyn enjoys playing volleyball, reading, singing, and listening to music. She would like to thank her family, friends, and directors for their endless love and support. She hopes you enjoy the show!

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Ola Boniak

Ola discovered her passion for music and movement at just three years old, spending her early years training in local dance studios and experimenting with a wide variety of styles. That early time on the floor quickly sparked a lifelong love for the stage and live performance. At St. Charles North, she continued her love of dancing as a member of the dance team for three years. She officially caught the theater bug during her junior year after taking her first drama class and performing in Chicago, which she followed up her senior year as part of the cast of 42nd Street. Ola is thrilled to be making her debut with the Fox Valley Theatre Company this season and wants to thank her family, friends, and directors for their endless support.



Elisa Chan

Elisa is very excited to participate in The Lightning Thief and to make her CTE/FVTC debut! She enjoys reading, writing, listening to music, drama club, choir, drawing, karaoke, and playing the violin. Elisa discovered her love of acting while watching behind-the-scenes footage and bloopers from Harry Potter. She would like to thank all of her friends and family for their support and hopes the audience recognizes all the effort that went into the show!



Kolton Currie

Meet our resident comedian! Kolton can usually be found on the baseball field, building his latest LEGO masterpiece, or on stage bringing big laughs and even bigger energy. When he's not rehearsing, he loves spending time with friends and making everyone around him smile. Kolton is excited to be part of this production and hopes you enjoy the show!



Rio Flores Cortez

This is Rio's first show with Fox Valley Theatre Company! They are so excited to be part of such an amazing show with a wonderful cast and hopes everyone enjoys the show!

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Shannon Raj Gibalay

Shannon is 13 years old and loves theater and spending time with her friends. The Lightning Thief is her third musical with CTE/FVTC and her sixth theater production overall. She is excited to be performing as a member of the Vienna Boys Choir and hopes you enjoy the show!



Daphne Goss

Daphne is 14 years old and is so excited to be playing Sally Jackson in The Lightning Thief! This is her eighth show overall and her second with FVTC. Some of her favorite past roles include the Cowardly Lion in The Wizard of Oz, Nun/Scab in Newsies, and Girl Scout in Beetlejuice. She would like to thank her directors and family for always being so supportive. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Addilyn Gutierrez

Addi is 13 years old and ecstatic to be performing as Percy Jackson in her first lead role! This is her 11th production overall and third with FVTC. Outside of theater, Addi loves singing, playing violin, drums and percussion, dancing, and spending time with her friends. She would like to give a special shout-out to her best friend Vicky, who plays Annabeth, as well as her friends and parents for always supporting her. She is beyond excited to see the show come to life on stage and hopes you enjoy it!



Amanda Hansen

Amanda is 17 years old and attends Jacobs High School. This is her third show with CTE/FVTC, but she is no stranger to the stage! Her recent productions include Newsies, You Can't Take It With You, Les Misérables, and Winnie the Pooh. She is so thankful to be back with the CTE/FVTC community and would like to thank the cast and directors who made this production possible. Be sure to cheer super loud—or she might have to put you in your place!

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Charlotte Heaphy

Charlotte would like to thank her friends, family, and God for always supporting her in everything she does. She would also like to give a special thank-you to her fifth-grade reading curriculum for introducing her to the Percy Jackson books in the first place!



Callie Hoffman

Callie is excited to return to CTE/FVTC as Alecto, one of the Furies, in The Lightning Thief! She previously performed in Descendants and has loved watching this production come together, especially while sharing the stage with her friends. Outside of theater, Callie enjoys tumbling. Fun fact: she has been to Las Vegas more than 10 times and has been on five cruises! She would like to thank the producers and her family for their support. Callie hopes you enjoy the show!



Victoria Imbrogno

Victoria is extremely excited to jump into the role of Annabeth Chase! She has been a dedicated actress since she was six years old and has appeared in productions including Seussical, Jack, Finding Nemo, Annie, Puffs, SpongeBob, Descendants, and Newsies. Outside of theater, she enjoys singing, dancing, golfing, crocheting, learning ASL, and spending time with friends and family. Victoria would like to thank her mom, dad, Eva, and Aurora for their support. She can't wait to show the audience everything the cast has worked on!



Dane Izard

Dane is honored to return to CTE/FVTC for his third production, this time as Ares, God of War! He has performed in 11 shows, with favorite roles including Oscar Delancey in Newsies, Walter Hobbs in Elf, Charles Deetz in Beetlejuice, and Kristoff in Frozen. Other credits include American Idiot, Seussical, and Descendants. Dane is thrilled that playing Ares allows him to bring out his inner rock star and biker! He would like to thank the awesome CTE/FVTC team and his amazing family and friends for their support.

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Alfonso Jose Regalado

Alfonso is excited to make his CTE/FVTC debut as Gabe Ugliano, the Minotaur, and Poseidon in *The Lightning Thief*! His previous productions include *Newsies* with CTE and *Tuck Everlasting* at Hampshire High School. He has especially enjoyed representing Poseidon, and his favorite song is "Drive." Outside of theater, Alfonso enjoys music and sports. Alfonso would like to thank Mr. Napper and Mrs. Sosnowski for their support. He hopes the audience is as excited as the cast to see the show!



Anastacia Karountzos

Anastacia is 14 years old and a freshman at Huntley High School. This is her 11th production overall and fifth with CTE/FVTC. Some of her favorite past productions include *Seussical Kids*, *Frozen Jr.*, and *Newsies*. A longtime *Percy Jackson* fan, Anastacia is especially excited to be part of *The Lightning Thief*. Outside of theater, she enjoys playing piano and spending time with friends and family. She would like to thank her family and friends for supporting her theater journey and hopes you enjoy the show!



Emmy Kramarz

Emmy is excited to play Thalia in *The Lightning Thief*! This is her fourth show and her first with CTE. Her previous productions include *The Music Man*, *Beauty and the Beast*, and *The Little Mermaid*. Outside of theater, Emmy enjoys sports and being crafty. She has loved getting to know the cast and would like to thank her friends and family for their support. She is especially excited to have the people she loves watching her do what she loves on performance night!



Maya Kulikowski

Maya is a 15-year-old sophomore at Larkin High School and a member of the Drama Magnet Academy. Outside of acting, she enjoys cross country, baking, Group Interpretation, speech team, and more. Maya would like to thank God, her parents, her siblings Victoria and Alex, her best friends Sophia and Siena, Dane Izard, and Maria Pahati for their love and support. Enjoy the show!

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Emily Kutz

Emily is thrilled to return to CTE/FVTC as Auntie Em (Medusa) in *The Lightning Thief*! Her previous productions include *Descendants* with CTE and *Matilda* with CTE/FVTC. Theater has been an amazing experience for Emily, from meeting new people to feeling the stage lights on her face. Outside of theater, she participates in Fellowship of Christian Athletes, dances at Elite, and sings on the worship team at her church. She also loves marine biology! Emily would like to thank her dad for his support. She hopes you love the show and is especially excited to have a microphone for the first time!



Elijah Kwasigroch

Elijah is excited to make his CTE/FVTC debut as Kronos and Nico in *The Lightning Thief*! He has previously performed in *Elf Jr.* and *The Wizard of Oz*. As a big Percy Jackson fan, Elijah is especially excited to be part of his favorite musical. Outside of theater, he enjoys basketball and has been playing for three years. Elijah would like to thank his sister Sophie and brother Caleb for helping him audition and practice for the show. His dream role is Gomez in *The Addams Family*, and he hopes the audience learns about this amazing story and feels the vengeance toward the gods in Kronos's lines.



Olivia Lock

Olivia is a sophomore at Central High School and is excited to be participating in another production with FVTC. When she is not on stage, she enjoys hanging out with friends and singing in choir. Her most recent and favorite role was Crutchie in *Newsies*. Olivia is excited to take on several roles in *The Lightning Thief*, including Squirrel, Fury, Featured Dancer, and Ensemble!



Casper Maheu

Casper is a sophomore at Larkin High School and a member of the Drama Academy. Outside of theater, he loves writing music and playing video games. His favorite role has been Harry Potter in *Puffs*, and his favorite production he has performed in is *American Idiot*. Casper is excited to take on the role of the Minotaur in *The Lightning Thief*!

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Isabella Marinello

Bella has performed in Shakespeare plays and school productions, but *The Lightning Thief* marks her first ECC musical! She is super excited to be part of this production and thrilled to share the stage with the cast.



Mackenzie McGraw

Mackenzie is 13 years old, and this is her 13th show with CTE/FVTC! Her favorite role so far has been Grimhilde in *Descendants: The Musical*. Outside of theater, she enjoys playing cello, guitar, and piano. She also participates in her school's choir, orchestra, and cross-country team. Mackenzie would like to thank her mom and dad for always supporting her!



Jaclynn Micel

Jaclynn is an eighth grader at Eastview Middle School and performs in *The Lightning Thief* as a Vienna Boys Choir and Hermes Cabin member. After appearing in multiple school productions, she has become a frequent participant in CTE/FVTC productions, with this marking her fifth show. When Jaclynn isn't in a production, she is always practicing for the next one! She would like to thank her vocal coach, Kevin Mikol, for helping prepare her for this and many other productions, and gives a special thanks to her mom for always supporting her.



Amelia Mrotek

Amelia is 15 years old and very excited for *The Lightning Thief*! This is her 12th show with CTE, where she has grown and learned so much as a performer. Her many previous productions include *Shrek*, *Seussical Jr.*, *The Music Man*, *Finding Nemo Jr.*, *Annie Jr.*, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, *SpongeBob*, and *Les Misérables*. Amelia is a sophomore at Jacobs High School, where she is a member of the Goldenaires choir and plays viola. She also volunteers at an animal shelter and hopes to become a veterinarian someday. She would like to thank her mom and dad for their support and is excited to see everything magically come together on stage!

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Jae Pearl

Jae is a junior at Burlington Central High School. The Lightning Thief is her 19th production with CTE/FVTC and her 24th production overall! She was most recently seen as Ms. Meyers in BCHS's Freaky Friday and in the Suburbia Ensemble of FVTC's American Idiot. When she's not on stage, Jae can be found marching in her school's marching band, reading, playing Roblox, or spending time with friends. She would like to thank her parents for always believing in her. Enjoy the show!



Pippa Peters

Pippa is excited to make her CTE/FVTC debut in The Lightning Thief! She has loved becoming part of the theater community, and her favorite song in the show is "Another Terrible Day." Outside of theater, Pippa enjoys volleyball and playing piano and is also a state champion in gymnastics! She would like to thank her mom, dad, and big sister for their support. Her dream roles include Éponine or Enjolras in Les Misérables. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Rose Pietschmann

Rose is an eighth-grade student at DMS and is excited to be performing in her first CTE production! She loves singing and dancing and is a championship-level Irish dancer. Rose is also a member of the DMS dance team, choir, Bella Voce, and band. She loves performing for an audience, so joining CTE/FVTC felt like the perfect next step!



Peyton Pirtle

Peyton fell in love with theater after performing in Frozen Jr. at Dundee Middle School in 2025. Since then, she has appeared in SpongeBob, Descendants, and Newsies. She loves the friendships she makes through theater and is excited to be part of The Lightning Thief. Outside of performing, Peyton competes in Olympic weightlifting with Aegis Barbell Club and enjoys spending time with her friends and her dogs, Foxy and Otto. She would like to thank her parents for driving her everywhere and supporting all that she does. She can't wait to see the full show come together in front of an audience!

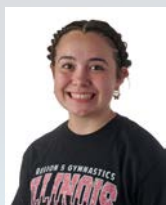
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Madison "Maddie" Qualls

Maddie is excited to be participating in her ninth show with CTE! She loves the cast and the overall experience of putting a production together. Her favorite number is "DOA," especially the dance and DJ Cerberus. Outside of theater, Maddie participates in her school's volleyball and bowling teams and is part of the Orchestra Academy at Larkin. She can play two instruments and also loves spending time with friends and playing games. Maddie would like to thank her mom and friends for their support and hopes you enjoy the show!



Ainsley Sauer

Ainsley previously performed in the ensembles of Hampshire High School's The Prom and Tuck Everlasting, as well as CTE's Newsies. She is beyond excited to be part of The Lightning Thief and to take on her first featured role on stage. Ainsley would like to thank her mom for being her number-one supporter and hopes you enjoy the show!



Sofia Sanchez

Sofia is excited to make her CTE/FVTC debut as a puppeteer in The Lightning Thief! This is her first musical theater production, and she has enjoyed acting, singing, and performing the all-cast dance in "D.O.A." Outside of theater, Sofia enjoys soccer, volleyball, and singing. She is a quick learner and loves trying new things. Sofia would like to thank her parents for giving her the opportunity to be part of the show. She hopes the audience enjoys and understands the show and is excited to experience performing in a musical for the first time!



Savannah Schoen

Savannah is excited to make her CTE/FVTC debut as the Farmer in The Lightning Thief! She previously performed in The Wizard of Oz with HHS and has loved the community and friendships she has found during this production. Her favorite song is "Bring on the Monsters." Outside of theater, Savannah enjoys drawing, dancing, and singing. She would like to give a special thank-you to Jennifer Lynn, who inspired her to pursue theater and means the world to her. Savannah hopes the audience grabs on tight to their blue hairbrushes because it's going to be a trip! She is especially excited to perform and show off all the cast's hard work.

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Maggie Seward

The Lightning Thief marks Maggie's seventh musical with FVTC! After having a blast playing Spot Conlon in Newsies this past summer, she is excited to take on the role of Mr. D. As always, Maggie would like to thank her mom for always being there and supporting her.



Itzel Soto

Itzel is excited to make her CTE/FVTC debut in The Lightning Thief! Previous roles include Lydia Deetz in Beetlejuice Jr. and Pilar/Nikos in Legally Blonde. She has especially enjoyed making new friends, stage combat, and all the exciting technical elements of this production. Outside of theater, Itzel participates in cross country, track, and choir and is a former brown belt in Kyuki-Do martial arts. She would like to thank her family and Mr. Hickey for always supporting and encouraging her. She hopes the audience sees how much love and effort went into the show!



Andrew Stevens

Andrew is excited to make his CTE/FVTC debut as Hades, Annabeth's dad, and a member of the ensemble in The Lightning Thief! He has previously performed in three school productions: Frozen Jr., Greek Mythology Olympiaganza, and The Wizard of Oz. Andrew has enjoyed meeting dozens of new people during this production, and his favorite song is "Bring on the Monsters" because of its satisfying resolution to the story. He has also participated in chorus and men's ensemble for the past two years. Andrew hopes you enjoy the show and is especially excited to see his friends in the audience!



Easton Stroh

This is Easton's second show with CTE/FVTC. Most recently, he appeared as Morris Delancey in Newsies and had the time of his life! Easton is looking forward to playing Grover in The Lightning Thief and making even more memories through this experience.

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Ella Thompson

Ella is an eighth grader at Central Middle School and has been performing on stage since 2020. With 21 productions to her credit, she has performed with Children's Theatre of Elgin, Steel Beam Theatre, and her school theater program. Favorite roles include Clumsy Longbottom in Puffs, the Queen of Hearts in Alice in Wonderland, Oaken in Frozen Jr., and Susan in Miracle on 34th Street. Most recently, Ella participated in the YWCA's Take 2 Creative Camp and is a member of their Junior Marketing Team. Offstage, she loves crafting, baking, and singing. Ella is grateful to her family, friends, and everyone who continues to support live theater.



Noah Weis

Noah is 16 years old and a junior at South Elgin High School. This is his second show at CTE, with his previous role being Jack Kelly in Newsies. He is super excited to play Luke and hopes you enjoy the show!



Jackson Yeska

Jackson is excited to make his FVTC debut in The Lightning Thief! He has previously performed in nine CTE productions, including Shrek, Cinderella, Seussical, Jack, Finding Nemo, James and the Giant Peach, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, SpongeBob, and Descendants. Outside of theater, Jackson enjoys playing baseball, performing in his school's jazz band, and collecting model trains. He has also been drumming for eight years! Jackson would like to thank his cousin Kolton and his mom and dad for their support. He especially enjoys being with friends during the show and can't wait to perform his solo in "D.O.A."!

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At CTE/FVTC, we firmly believe that it is our mission to harness the power of the theatre to connect people, change lives, and broaden perspectives. For over thirty years, the Children's Theatre of Elgin and Fox Valley Theatre Company has sought to bring positive, meaningful experiences to children, families, and members of our community. Today, we see that community shaken and challenged, and so we assert that our organization must publicly rise up in support of our community and the values for which we have always stood.

In a world actively struggling with the effects of racism, exclusivity, and divisiveness, we at CTE/FVTC affirm the rights of each individual to make their voice heard. We stand with those peacefully advocating for the difficult but necessary changes required for our community by speaking out against racial inequality. As a company, we denounce systemic racism and prejudice and are proud to see our community, both in and out of the CTE/FVTC family, peacefully demonstrating against those injustices.

We at CTE/FVTC are seeking to better understand that the theatre is not immune to these injustices. We also understand and celebrate the theatre's innate ability to break barriers, connect diverse communities, and develop the hearts and minds of our students. As our nation navigates this crucial movement and necessary changes, we will strive to use theatre as a way to build relationships, ignite discussion, and create empathy for others. We will work to ensure that CTE/FVTC is a place where all individuals have an equitable opportunity to learn, grow, and enrich their lives. We hope that you will join us in this essential endeavor.

We must do more. We must lean into uncomfortable, yet necessary conversations regarding equity and visibility. We must work harder to not only stand against injustice, but also provide a safe and encouraging space for all young artists, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, nationality, and all other personal forms of identity.

We recognize that change needs to happen, and CTE/FVTC pledges to be a part of that change. We will begin as an executive board to look at ourselves, our organization, and our commitment to our community in order to highlight diverse voices and produce family-friendly, quality theatre that continually demonstrates our commitment to you, our valued students and audiences. We acknowledge this will be hard work, but necessary and vital in order to create a better future for those we serve.

To all who experience discrimination and suffering, to every ally, and to every student who needs to express their unique voice: we invite you to join us at our table. Our hearts and minds are open to your stories.



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