



**Written by Andrea Karin Nelson**

**Directed by Nikki Przasnyski**

**CAST** (In order of appearance)

Booker .....Jillian Sather (Cast Beans), Sidh Shroff (Cast Peppermint)  
Cinderella .....Rachel Senn (Cast Beans), Megan Helms (Cast Peppermint)  
Princess Aurora .....Isabella Ferrari  
Rapunzel.....Piper Friedland (Cast Beans), Madison Chew (Cast Peppermint)  
Mother Gothel .....Kyle Gerstel  
Prince Charming/Prince Ronaldo.....Maggie Anderson  
Papi Rawtzi/Beast .....Alexandra Brown  
Paparazzo/Princess Ezmerelda/Belle.....Isabel Selby  
Paparazzo/Mrs. Crunchen .....Rosemary Thornton

**ACTOR BIOS** (Alphabetical by last name)

**Maggie Anderson** (Charming/Ronaldo) is a 12-year-old student who attends IMS on Mercer island. Maggie has been doing YTN since she was a little girl. *Rescued* is Maggie's 7th show at YTN, but definitely not her last. She has been in *The Stinky Cheese Man*, *Rikki Tikki Tavi*, *The Lion King*, *Sideways Stories From Wayside School*, *Marry Poppins*, *Fiddler on The Roof*, and now *Rescued*. Outside of school she loves to bake, paint, and hangout with family and friends. Her favorite school subject is science, specifically earth science, because she loves learning about earth and ways to make it better. Maggie has enjoyed working with her cast mates to pull together this exciting show! Hope you enjoy!

**Alexandra Brown** (Papi/Beast) is 11 years old, in sixth grade at IMS and is thrilled to be a part of her first production at YTN. She was recently in the *Lion King* as Timon and *Aladdin* as Omar. In her free time, you can find Alex watching a movie, hanging out with her friends, rapping Hamilton songs, or reading a book. Hope you enjoy the show!

**Madison Chew** (Rapunzel - Cast Peppermint) is a 16-year-old, 10th grade, student currently in Zoom high school. She is super excited to be preforming her very first show ever with YTN! You may find her in running or doing makeup in her free time. Hope you enjoy the show!

**Izzy Ferrari** (Aurora) is a freshman at MIHS. This is her 10th show at YTN ranging from Shakespeare performances, summer stock shows, to main stage productions! In addition to acting, Izzy loves to sing, draw, watching YouTube videos, and all things anime!

**Piper Friedland** (Rapunzel - Cast Beans) is 13 years old, in 7th grade at Islander Middle School, and lives on Mercer Island with her 2 siblings, 2 parents, 4 cats and 4 chickens. *Rescued* is Piper's 9th full production at YTN. Some of her other favorites have been *Fiddler*, *Rules of Comedy*, *Go Dog Go* and *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse*. When not acting, you will find Piper oil painting, creating art, reading, teaching the chickens new tricks, and creating concoctions of whatever she can find in the kitchen.

**Kyle Gerstel** (Mother Gothel) is elated to be performing in his tenth show with YTN. Recently, you may have seen him in *Fiddler on the Roof* (Tevye), *The Little Mermaid* (Sebastian), or the grocery store (Actor Neutral). When not on stage, Kyle loves to write, watch movies, listen to musicals, and obsess over Sacha Baron Cohen. He hopes this show delights and empowers audiences of all ages to take the reins of their life and gallop away to their happily ever after, whatever that means to them.

**Megan Helms** (Cinderella - Cast Peppermint) is 13 years old, in 7th grade at Islander Middle School, and lives on Mercer Island. She is so excited to be performing in her 5th show at Youth Theatre Northwest. Most recently she was in *Shrek the Musical* and *Fiddler on the Roof*. In future shows you will see her in *Wizard of Oz*. In her free time, you can find her reading, playing tennis, singling along to Hamilton, or doing math. *Rescued* has been such a special experience for her to be a part of and she hopes that you enjoy the show as much as she has enjoyed creating it!

**Jill Sather** (Booker - Cast Beans) is 13 years old, in 8th grade and lives in Issaquah. She is thrilled to be performing in her first show at YTN! In her free time, she does jiu-jitsu, sings and does improv. She also enjoys painting and making crafts! Enjoy the show!

**Isabel Selby** (Paparazzo/Ezmerelda/Belle) is 12 years old and in 7th grade at IMS. This is her fourth show at YTN, you may have seen her in *Flora and Ulysses*, *Sideways Stories from Wayside School*, or last spring's zoom production of *Rescued*. She is sad that you don't get to come see the wonderful production of *Rescued* in person, but is glad that YTN has been able to arrange a fun and safe alternative. In her free time, she enjoys drawing, writing, bingeing TV shows, and hanging out with friends.

**Rachel Senn** (Cinderella - Cast Beans) is 15 years old and is excited to be in her 15th play at YTN! I bet your thinking '15 plays?! That's crazy!' Well, you are right. It is crazy. That's a lot of time at YTN. Outside of being an amazing actor, Rachel likes school, hanging out with friends, and playing soccer... so she really isn't ok with this whole Covid thing. Gosh Covid, so rude. Anywhoo... enjoy the show!

**Sidh Shroff** (Booker - Cast Peppermint) is 14 years old and a freshman at Mercer Island High School. Outside of theater, Sidh enjoys composing music, playing with his dog, and creating custom Magic the Gathering cards. This COVID theater experience has been interesting (and super fun!) and he hopes you enjoy watching the show! Thanks so much for your support of theater and arts during these times!

**Rosemary Thornton** (Mrs. Crunchen/ Paparazzo) is 13 years old and in 8th grade at McClure Middle School. This is her 8th production and her 2nd show at YTN. She loves playing basketball, skiing, and face timing her friends. She hopes you enjoy the show.



## PRODUCTION TEAM

Director .....	Nikki Przasnyski
Playwright .....	Andrea Karin Nelson
Set Designer .....	Matthew T. Lazure
Costume Designer .....	Heather Shannon Culver
Lighting Designer.....	Trina Wright
Sound Designer .....	Troy Lund
Prop Designer.....	Christy Fox
Fight Choreographer .....	Philip G. Smith
Director of Photography/Editing.....	Mimi Katano
Stage Manager .....	Sydney Thieme
Assistant Stage Manager .....	Emily Huntingford
Technical Director .....	Brian Jackson
Production Manager .....	Cory Southwell

## PRODUCTION TEAM BIOS

**Nikki Przasnyski** (Director) is excited to be back at YTN after directing the developmental Zoom reading of *RESCUED* in the spring. Previously, Nikki has directed for Live Girls! Theatre, Second Story Rep, and Noveltease Theatre in Seattle and the Brick, Littlefield and the Shelter in New York. She earned her MFA in Directing from the New School in New York City, where she lived for six years, in 2015. Nikki is thrilled to still be getting to make theatre during pandemic times, and thankful to YTN for that opportunity. She sends her love to her husband, Kevin, and her sweet, goofy dog, Hazel. Hazel, if you're reading this, OMG, why didn't you tell us you could read?!

**Andrea Karin Nelson** (Playwright) is a writer, actor, educator, and teaching artist. A former longtime techie, she even occasionally admits to knowing her way around backstage. She is a graduate of the University of Washington School of Drama and her plays have been commissioned and performed around the country in multiple languages. She is currently working on a middle grade novel about a ten-year-old girl who gets sucked through the Ballard Locks into an alternate dimension, only to discover she is the destined leader of a rebellion against an evil dictator. Andrea also runs a small developmental editing agency and is a nationally certified Sign Language interpreter. Although this is the first full-length play she's written for YTN, she has taught here for fifteen years and is thrilled they somehow let her keep hanging around. [www.andreaknelson.com](http://www.andreaknelson.com)

**Matthew T. Lazure** (Set Designer) is a fine artist, scenic designer, carpenter, and scenic painter new to the PNW, originally from Boston, MA. Recent credits include charge scenic artist for ArtsWest's *Saint Joan*, lead carpenter for Bainbridge Performing Arts' *Fun Home*, charge scenic artist for Thalia's *Umbrella's Europe*, and YTN's *Men on Boats*; none of which were able to open to live audiences. He's thrilled to be a part of Youth Theatre Northwest's creative team and looks forward to future projects with YTN. His fine art and design work can be seen at <https://matthewlazure.wixsite.com/artist>.

**Heather Shannon Culver** (Costume Designer) Heather is delighted to be designing *Rescued* here at Youth Theatre Northwest! This is Heather's 16th season with YTN, and has designed costumes for YTN's productions of *Men on Boats*, *The Monkey King*, *The Lion King Jr.*, *Disney's Beauty and the Beast Jr.*, *Willy Wonka Jr.*, *Treasure Island*, *Seussical Jr.*, *Robin Hood*, *The Neverending Story*, *Animal Farm*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *Urinetown*, *Disney's Sleeping Beauty* and *Pippi Longstocking* among others. She on staff at YTN as the Costume Shop Manager, and has worked as a seamstress and/or a costume designer around town for The Seattle Shakespeare Company, Spectrum Dance Theatre, Taproot Theatre, and The Seagull Project among others. She sends love to Chili and Sophie.

**Trina Wright** (Lighting Designer) is game to try her luck at tv/video lighting during this covid season at YTN. Recent theatrical designs include *RENT*, *Flora and Ulysses*, *Ragtime*, *Mary Poppins*, and *The Rules of Comedy*. When not at YTN, she can be found helping her sons learn math, walking her dog, and unloading the dishwasher with her husband.

**Troy Lund** (Sound Designer) has been designing sound, producing music and voice acting around the PNW for 25 years. He is the voice of Dr. Edgar Zomboss in the upcoming *Plants vs. Zombies 3*.

**Christy Fox** (Prop Designer) is so thankful to be a part of this production! It feels good to be doing theatre, especially in these difficult times, we need it more than ever! It is such a wonderful outlet and community. It has been a pleasure watching the actors learn and grow through art. A few previous props at YTN - *Flora and Ulysses*, *Through the Looking Glass*, *Rules of Comedy*, *The Little Mermaid*, and *Harriet the Spy*.

**Sydney Thieme** (Stage Manager) is a stage manager, choreographer, and teaching artist with a BFA in Performance Production from Cornish College of the Arts. Recent credits as stage manager include *Men On Boats* (YTN), *Dare to Claim the Sky* (LA Women's Theatre Festival, Black Voices Theatre Festival, & ACTLab Solo Fest), *The Secret In The Wings* (Cornish), *Animal Farm* (Cornish), and a stage management internship at ACT Theatre. Sydney has previously worked at YTN as a choreographer on *Music Man Jr.*, *Willy Wonka Jr.*, and *Cats*.

**Emily Huntingford** (Assistant Stage Manager) graduated from Whitman College and has been in Seattle for almost three years now. She is an actor throughout the city and has stage managed and ASM'd with Key City Public Theatre. She is a founding member of Parachute Players and is an Artistic Producer with Dacha Theatre. Pre-Pandemic Emily worked at Seattle Children's Theatre and is glad to be working on theatre again!

**Brian Jackson** (Technical Director) has been with Youth Theatre Northwest since 2003 as the Technical Director and a set designer. He's also has worked with Seattle theater companies such as Seattle Scenic Studios, The Group Theatre, On the Boards, The Bathhouse Theatre, 14/48, Northwest Actors Studio, and Theatre Schmeater. He is grateful to be a part of an amazing YTN staff and production company. He'd like to thank the production team, crew, and the talented cast for their hard work.

**Cory Southwell** (Production Manager) joined the YTN family in 2012 and the YTN staff in 2019. Over his time at YTN he has worn many hats: educator, top hat, stage manager, witch's hat, prop designer, propeller hat, director, deerstalker cap, production manager, tiara, and now Program Assistant. Cory graduated from Emerson College with a degree in Theatre Education and is proud to have attended a secondary education institution with a Quidditch team instead of a football team. Cory has been a state judge for the Washington State Poetry Out Loud Festival, completed the Washington State Teaching Artist Training Lab, and designed props for MoPop.

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*Rescued* was produced following the guidelines established by the Washington State Governor's office for Youth Development Programs and Summer Camps, which include the following:

- Daily health screening of the cast, crew, and staff
- Wearing of fitted facial masks at all times.
- Two sets of double doors and the front entrance to the theatre open for ventilation at all times.
- Rigorous cleaning of the space and props before, during, and after each rehearsal with CDC approved cleaning products.
- Social distancing both on and off the stage.

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