



Written by Kate Swenson

Directed by Cory Southwell

CAST (In order of appearance)

Dr. Watson	Viola H.
Doc Holliday	Ollie G.
Kettle	Hazel L.
Baz	Rachel S.
Mouse Mouse	Dorothy S.
Pimpillowes	Sara M.
Cato	Lucy S.
Gary	Ori T.
Samwhich Yumgee/Sherlock Holmes....	Dominic C.
Newton Earp/Cornhilda	Abigail N.

ACTOR BIOS (Alphabetical by last name)

Dominic C. (Samwhich Yumgee/Sherlock Holmes) is in 3rd grade. Has been with YTN for the past 2 years and love to share his passion of acting and music. This is 2nd play with YTN. He was in *The Reluctant Dragon* with his brother and sister Alexa and Alexis. He can't wait for you to see his character development for this play.

Ollie G. (Doc Holliday) This is Ollie's second production at YTN and though it has been unusual, it has been great making new friends. Last year he played Buddy in *The Reluctant Dragon* and before that he attended classes and camps at YTN for years. Thanks to all the staff and crew and shout out to his brother Harry, who is awesome and helps him all the time.

Viola H. (Dr. Watson) is 8 years old and in 3rd grade at Enatai Elementary School in Bellevue. She appeared in *The Reluctant Dragon* last year and is excited to return for her 2nd performance at YTN. Besides acting, she loves drawing, playing video games, and anything about animals. She enjoys taking care of her pet cat and tortoise and playing with them. Her dream is to become an animal scientist to protect endangered animals! Hope you'll enjoy the show!

Hazel L. (Kettle) is 8 years old, in third grade at the Epiphany School, and lives in Madrona. She is so happy to be performing in her second show at YTN! She rocked out in her first play last fall as a heavy metal princess in *The Reluctant Dragon*. In her free time, you could probably find Hazel hanging with or reading to her cat Wuggie Norple, hiking the PacNW, playing math games, or FaceTiming with friends and family near and far. Enjoy the show!

Sara M. (Pimpillowes) is 9 years old and a 4th grader at Newcastle Elementary. She's thrilled to be performing in her 2nd official YTN production following her role in *Fiddler On The Roof* last year. In addition to performing, Sara loves riding her horse, Chippy, playing with her hamster, Nibbles, and doing anything creative. She's excited to help bring some fun and joy to everyone during these crazy times!

Abigail N. (Newton Earp/Cornhilda) is 10 years old and a 5th grader at Island Park on Mercer Island. Abigail is super excited to be in her fourth production at YTN! Most recently she was in the *Fantastic Mr. Fox*, *Mary Poppins Jr.* and *Flora and Ulysses*. In her free time you could find Abigail watching her favorite tv shows, riding her bike and working on her next business idea. Her favorite place to go visit is Israel. Enjoy the show!

Rachel S. (Baz) is so happy she got to see her YTN family in person to create *Sidekick Island* together. Age 8, she thinks completing the 3rd grade online is "ok." She loves playing ice hockey, drawing, animals, and waits to be a Veterinarian when she grows up.

Lucy S. (Cato), 10, is a 4th grader at West Mercer. After making her YTN debut in last year's *The Reluctant Dragon*, she was bitten by the acting bug! When she's not at her happy place at YTN, she enjoys reading, movies, art, the color black, and sneakily watching TikTok. She's grateful to all the cast and crew, and hopes you enjoy the show!

Dorothy S. (Mouse Mouse) is 8 years old, in 3rd grade at Syre Elementary, and lives in Shoreline. She has been in a few other fun productions around town, but is thrilled to be making her YTN debut! Dorothy always has a book in hand (or three!) and loves to sing and play the piano. She has always loved performing and aspires to be a professional actor one day.

Ori T. (Gary) 10 years old, is a 4th grader at West Mercer Elementary. *Sidekick Island* is her fourth YTN production. She is very excited to take part in this fun-adventures-original play and can't wait to perform for all of you. Besides her love to the theatre, Ori practices Karate and loves hanging with her friends, her siblings, and her turtle, Willit.



PRODUCTION TEAM

Director	Cory Southwell
Playwright	Kate Swenson
Set Designer	Matthew T. Lazure
Costume Designer	Kate Swenson
Lighting Designer	Trina Wright
Sound Designer	Troy Lund
Prop Designer	Robin Macartney
Director of Photography/Editing	Mimi Katano
Stage Manager	Madeline Dalton
Assistant Stage Manager	Jessi Wasson
Technical Director	Brian Jackson

PRODUCTION TEAM BIOS

Cory Southwell (Director) Over his time at YTN Cory has worn many hats: educator, top hat, stage manager, witch's hat, prop designer, director, tiara, deerstalker cap, and Program Assistant. Last fall Cory directed *The Reluctant Dragon*, more recently he created props for *Men on Boats* and stage managed *Rent: School Edition*. 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. A big thank you to the cast, their families, and the production team for working together so seamlessly to navigate theatre and arts education in the middle of a pandemic!

Kate Swenson (Playwright, Costumer Designer) is YTN's Executive Education Director as well as an actor, director, educator, designer, and playwright. Most recently for YTN she directed *Fiddler on the Roof Jr.*, *Mary Poppins Jr.*, and *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*. In March, she directed a new version of her musical with John Allman, *The Fluffy Tale of Adventure* at SecondStory Rep in Redmond and will be directing *The Wizard of Oz* for YTN in the spring. After adapting *The Reluctant Dragon: A Heavy Metal Fantasy* for YTN last year, she is thrilled to present an original piece—*Sidekick Island*. For more info on Kate's plays visit www.pinkllamadrama.com and tell your schools to visit too. Thank you to all the incredible artists, young and less-young, for bringing this story from my wacky brain to the stage in such a delightful way. Lots of love to the YTN team and Mr. Swenson.

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>.

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*.

Robin Macartney (Prop Designer) She/her is a freelance set and props designer who has been fortunate to work with a large number of the theatre companies in Seattle. She is the resident set designer at Theatre Off Jackson as well as the scene shop supervisor for the University of Puget Sound's Theatre Department.

Madeline Dalton (Stage Manager) is thrilled to be making her stage managing debut at YTN. After doing 25+ YTN shows throughout her childhood, she attended The Hartt School at the University of Hartford and received her BFA in Music Theatre. Madeline has performed professionally at Hartford Stage (Female Swing in *A Christmas Carol*), Goodspeed Opera House (Festival of New Musicals), and Missoula Children's Theatre (Summer 2019 Tour). In addition to performing and stage managing, Madeline is a theatre educator at YTN. Enjoy *Sidekick Island*!

Jessi Wasson (Assistant Stage Manager) is a YTN alumni and the former Development Director. She is so happy to be back with the YTN family!

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.

Sidekick Island 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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CAST KUDOS:

SARA - we're so excited to see you perform. Your hard work, passion, and dedication is an inspiration and we couldn't be more proud!

-Love, Mom, Dad and Matthew

DOROTHY, you are a SUPERSTAR!

We are so proud of your hard work. It's clear that you love being on that stage and have so much fun performing. We love you so much!!!

-Shadow Fur, Mint Fang, Silver Storm, and Chestnut Wind

Heartfelt congratulations to the cast and crew of *Sidekick Island* for so deftly using your creativity, hard work, and dedication to put on an original play during a pandemic!

To our beloved LUCY, you continue to be a radiant light in our lives, and these past few months we've seen you shine bright with focus, determination and good cheer with your YTN family. The theatre truly ignites your passion and confidence, and we are so impressed with how you've flourished amid difficult circumstances. We love you, can't wait to see what you attempt next!

-The Sternbergs

VIOLA, we're so proud of you. You worked so hard learning your lines every day and understanding your role as Watson. You really enjoyed every rehearsal session. Very excited to see you on the stage!

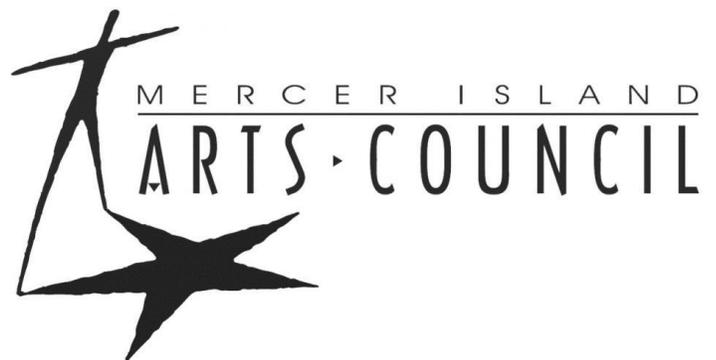
- Love, Papa & Mama

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