



Directed by: Mimi Katano

Written by: Reduced Shakespeare Company
(Adam Long, Daniel Singer and Jess Winfield)

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ACT ONE CAST*

Abby G.
Ellie S.
Kelsey S.
Kyra B.
Madison C.
Molly A.
Rachel S.
Rune S.
Sadie J.

ACT TWO CAST*

Annika B.
Evan S.
Max F.
Maximillian C.-R.
Juniper Y.
Milo M.-M.
Priya B.

*Each performance will have a rotating cast list, come back different nights to see a whole new line up! The upcoming weekend's cast lists can be found on the show page on our website.

PLEASE NOTE: There are strobe effects used at multiple moments in Act II that could be potentially triggering for audience members with photosensitive epilepsy.

Cast Bios (Alphabetical by first name)

Abigail G. is 15 years old and a sophomore at The Center School. She is so excited to be performing in her 19th show at YTN! Most recently, she was in *Men On Boats* and *Scream Scene*. When she's not at YTN, you could find her hanging out with her dog Buddy, rewatching things on Netflix, or annoying her friends. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Annika B. is a senior at MIHS, something that is crazy in conjunction with the fact that she still gets confused for a 10-year old at least a few times a month. You may have seen her in *RENT* (actually you probably didn't unless you were one of 30 people) or on YTN's stages over the years in the showstopping parts of *Grass (Neverending Story)*, *Fish (Little Mermaid)*, or *Bee (Spelling Bee)*. She's very grateful to YTN for these roles and many more (and y'know for being the most constant positive force of her childhood). She's very upset that virtual Hamlet tag is not happening this year— you better enjoy the show or she'll have learned her lines for nothing (kind of).

Ellie S. is 15 years old and a sophomore at MIHS! She was most recently in *Fiddler on The Roof* at YTN! A day in the life of Ellie includes waking up 1 min before “class”, playing with her dogs, watching Netflix, exchanging sarcastic comments with Molly Atkinson, “homework,” and looking pictures of Molly Atkinson's dogs. She hopes you enjoy the show!!!

Evan S. is 17 years old and goes to Mercer Island High School. He is happy and a little sad to be performing his last show at YTN. Most recently Evan was Frank Churchill in *Emma and Sodapop* in *The Outsiders* at MIHS. He hopes you enjoy the show and doesn't understand how you will be reading his bio because performances are not in person. Will you get it over email? He will never know.

Juniper Y. is 16 and is a sophomore at MIHS. this is their 9th show at YTN, but honestly that could be wrong because they are not that skilled at counting. You may have seen them in 100 dresses, looking glass, sideways stories or rent. outside of YTN they have also done various shows at MIHS such as *Into the Woods*, *Mamma Mia*, *Laramie Project*, *The Outsiders* and most recently, *Emma*. Beyond drama they enjoy singing, writing music, doing most forms of art and collecting squishmallows. They are really excited for you all to see the show!! <3

Kelsey S. is 15 years old and a freshman at Kamiak High School in Mukilteo. She has been acting through YTN for two years; *The Complete Works of Shakespeare (abridged)* would be the second production that she has participated in through this company. Her favorite hobbies and de-stressors include painting, playing videogames, constantly FaceTiming friends, and playing a variety of stringed-instruments (guitar, ukulele, viola, and bass.)

Kyra B. (she/her) is 15 years old and attends Bellevue High School. She's been in 16 YTN shows most recently as Golde in *Fiddler on the Roof* and as Skye in *Den Busemannen* in Summer of Horrors. Kyra is excited for this fun and silly performance of Shakespeare. Enjoy the show!

Madison C. is a Sophomore at Mercer Island High School. She likes to post makeup videos on her Instagram, and trip over small objects. She is super stoked about performing in her second ever YTN show! Hope you enjoy the show!

Max F. is a senior at MIHS. This is his 8th production at YTN. Planning to pursue theatre through college, he is currently playing the waiting game and losing his mind in anticipation of finding out which schools he'll be accepted into. He is immensely grateful to be a part of this show, as it's an amazing distraction from the stress caused by college auditions. Oh, and the people are cool and talented I guess. Max would like to give a shoutout to his dog Bodie, because he keeps him sane and he's also really cute. Enjoy the show.

Maximillian C.-R. is a senior at Mercer Island High School. When not involved in theatre, he can generally be found playing guitar or listening to music. He is going to be attending Point Park University (Pittsburgh, PA) in the fall, where he will study Civil Engineering.

Milo M.-M. is a sophomore at Mercer Island High School. This is his 15th production at YTN, and you might have recently seen him as Old Shady in *Men on Boats* or as Ponyboy in *The Outsiders* at MIHS. When not on stage, he loves drawing, reading, and going on walks with his dog. Enjoy the show!

Molly A. is 15 years old and a 10th grader at MIHS. She is so exciting to be performing in her 12th show at YTN! Most recently, she was in Drama 2's online productions of *Emma* and *The Outsiders*. In her free time, you could probably find Molly playing with her dogs, trying to learn how to drive, struggling with the piano, face timing her sister or watching Gossip Girl with her brother. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Priya B. is 15 years old (unless you're reading this after March 24, because then Priya is 16 years old) and she is very excited about this performance. This is Priya's 13th show with YTN including the last show that she was in, *RENT*. Priya enjoys cuddling with her dog, reading, napping, singing, eating sweets, annoying her sister and pretty much anything else that doesn't require her to change out of her sweatpants. So enjoy the show, sit back and have a snack (that rhymed)!

Rachel S. is 15 years old and is excited to be participating in her 15th show at YTN. This is also Rachel's second show in the era of Covid. I bet you are thinking, "Wow! 15 shows?! That's crazy!" Well, you're right. 15 shows is crazy! Rachel has probably spent more time at YTN than she has at school. Rachel hopes that you enjoy the show because she had to spend a lot of time memorizing Shakespeare and really doesn't want that time to go to waste. Sit back, relax, and for god's sake, wear a mask in public.

Rune S. is 15 years old and very excited to be in their 6th show at Youth Theater Northwest! You may have seen her previously in person in *Rent*, or online in *Radio Drama 2021*. In their spare time, you could probably find her writing fanfiction, or... probably just that. They hope you like the show!

Sadie J. is 15 and has been a part of many YTN shows and camps since 4th grade such! When Sadie isn't performing she loves to bake! She started her own baking business in 2016 and still continues it today! Sadie hopes we will be back fully in person soon but she is super glad we are still able to do something! Sadie has had so much fun working on this performance and she hopes you enjoy the show!

Production Team

Director	Mimi Katano
Set Designer	Matthew Lazure
Costume Designer	Jocelyne Fowler
Lighting Designer	Trina Wright
Prop Designer	Robin Macartney
Sound Designer	Troy Lund
Fight Choreography/Dialect	Philip G. Smith
Dramaturgy	Erin Murray
Technical Support	Mike Lion
Stage Manager	Cory Southwell/Madeline Dalton
Assistant Stage Manager	Cory Southwell
Act I Cheer Choreography	Kayla Brenda, Steezy Studio
<i>Othello</i> script rewrite	ACT I cast Mimi Katano
Contributing writers	Philip G. Smith Kate Swenson Erin Murray
ACT II <i>Bridgerton</i> monologue	Kate Swenson

Production Team Bios

Mimi Katano (Director) joined YTN in the fall of 1999, became the Artistic Director in 2003, and the Executive Artistic Director in 2018. *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)* marks her 32nd show as a director at YTN (other shows include *Ragtime School Edition*, *Spring Awakening*, and *Urinetown*). Mimi has directed at Pork Filled Production, Live Girls! Theatre, 14/48, as well as Boston's Wheelock Family Theatre. Many thanks to her husband Philip for his continuous errand running and support and to her one and only kid, Hiro for baking her a surprise cake to have after rehearsals. For more on Mimi's directing, please go to mimikatano.com. Much thanks to her husband of 23 years for all the free help and her kid for being old enough to feed himself.

Matthew T. Lazure (Set Designer) is a fine artist, scenic designer, carpenter, and scenic painter new to the PNW, originally from Boston, MA. His is also at the newest member of the Mercer Island Visual Arts League. 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 scenic designer for YTN's *Men on Boats*, *Rescued*, and *Sidekick Island*. 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>.

Jocelyne Fowler (Costume Designer) has designed for Youth Theatre Northwest (*Ragtime*, *Alice Through the Looking Glass*, etc.), Seattle Shakespeare Company (*Arms and the Man*, *Timon of Athens*, *Mrs. Warren's Profession*, *Titus Andronicus* and *Richard II*), Book-It Repertory Theatre (*Jane Eyre*, *Treasure Island*, *Emma*, *Pride and Prejudice*, *Frankenstein*, *Anna Karenina*, etc), Taproot Theatre (*Arsenic and Old Lace*, *Lady Windermere's Fan*, *A Civil War Christmas*), Harlequin Productions, Tacoma Musical Playhouse, Seattle Musical Theatre, Vashon Opera, and others. She is the recipient for the 2016 Gregory Award in Outstanding Costume Design

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.

Erin Murray (Dramaturg) Erin has been a teaching artist with YTN for four years where she has directed the return of the YTN Annex program with *Men On Boats* in addition to many Show-To-Go musicals, and ambitious camp showcases. In 2017, she created an annual text analysis class about contemporary American female and transgender playwrights for

advanced high school students and YTN alumni - Kilroys and Coffee. Education: MFA Theatre Directing, Northwestern University; BA Drama and Theatre Studies, Trinity College Dublin.

Madeline Dalton (Stage Manager) is thrilled to be back at YTN! After graduating from YTN in 2016, she attended The Hartt School and received her BFA in Music Theatre. Madeline has performed professionally at Hartford Stage (*A Christmas Carol*), Goodspeed Opera House (Festival of New Musicals), and Missoula Children's Theatre (Summer 2019 Tour). When the pandemic forced her to move back home after graduation, she knew she wanted to return to YTN, her childhood "second home." In addition to teaching YTN classes and stage managing this production, she stage managed *Sidekick Island* last fall. Enjoy the show!

Philip G. Smith (Fight Choreography/Dialect) is just happy to be here.

Cory Southwell (Rehearsal Stage Manager and Asst. Stage Manager) Over his time at YTN Cory has worn many hats: educator, stage manager, prop designer, director, and Program Assistant. Recently at YTN Cory directed *Sidekick Island*, created props for *Men on Boats*, and stage managed *Rent: School Edition*. He is currently directing the Young Stages cast of *The Wizard of Oz*. Cory graduated from Emerson College with a degree in Theatre Education. 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.

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.

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