



# 13

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Youth Theatre Northwest presents

## **13: THE MUSICAL**

Book by:

**DAN ELISH and ROBERT HORN**

Music and Lyrics by:

**JASON ROBERT BROWN**

Directed by: **MIMI KATANO**

Musical Direction by: **HALIE LOOPER**

*13: The Musical*

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR:

13. What an awesome and painful time. If we ask any grown-ups about that time, most will say “never again.” As I see it, that is the time when most people get into their cocoons to question their identity for the very first time. Their bodies are changing in ways they can’t control and while they are trying to figure out how to live in these new bodies, they are also dealing with how others act based on how they look. It’s confusing. It’s embarrassing. It’s painful. It’s intense. But it’s the rite of passage for us all so that eventually we can figure out who we are and hopefully live our authentic life. I can finally say—four decades since I was 13(!)—I think I figured it out. My pain now is mostly in my lower back.

This show takes many of us back to that time. For some of us, it is where we are right now regardless of our age. While we recognize the archetypes of a middle school population, we also see who the real heroes are both in the show and in life. Patrice represents those who are honest with themselves and others. Archie is the reality check. The two of them anchor Evan who is good at the core but makes some bad choices in order to get what he thinks he wants. We have all been there. And most importantly, Evan starts to grow up in the true sense of the word, thanks to his two wise friends. I hope that we all have an Archie and Patrice in our lives who can ground us from time to time and that maybe we can be an Archie or Patrice for someone.

This has been great three weeks. While we are still restricted, it’s been so freeing to hear these energized young people sing their hearts out and to see them hang out together. We’ve all been just waiting and enduring. We deserve a good time. I hope you enjoy this show. It is such a privilege to have you with us, in the same place, sharing a story like it is meant to be shared.

Happy, happy summer.

Mimi Katano  
Director

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## CAST LIST:

Evan	Julian Podzilni
Archie	Marcus Koczarski
Patrice	Nicole Evanson (7/10 & 7/17) Catherine Craig (7/9 & 7/16)
Brett	Kyle Gerstel
Kendra	Erin Griff
Lucy	Frieda Sua
Malcom	Anya Viswanathan
Eddie	Hiro Katano Smith
Richie/Ensemble	Jones Sharples
Simon/Ensemble	Adam Farrell
Cassie	Kate Petersen
Molly	Kyra Bomberger
Charlotte	Nicole Evanson (7/9 & 7/16) Catherine Craig (7/10 & 7/17)
Cheerleader/Ensemble	Charlotte Harader
Cheerleader/Ensemble	Isabella Ferrari
Cheerleader/Ensemble	Karena Stone
Eddie Understudy	Gwen Brewer

## ACTOR'S BIOS (Alphabetical by first name):

**Adam F. (Simon/Ensemble)** is thrilled to be in his first fully-staged production at YTN after his prior participation in Radio Drama in 2020 and online classes. Besides drama, he enjoys motocross, Legos, and hangin' out with the Boiz. He also enjoys drawing Japanese Anime and Manga and hopes to become an animator in his future career.

**Anya V. (Malcom)** is a rising 8th grader at Lakeside Middle School. She has been acting with YTN for the last 5 years, playing roles such as Zazu in *The Lion King*, and Chef Louis in *The Little Mermaid*. When she isn't onstage acting, she can be found singing with Island Choral Experience, baking, playing guitar and violin, or drawing. She hopes you enjoy the show!

**Catherine C. (Patrice/Charlotte)** is 15 years old and in the 10th grade. This is her 2nd show with YTN, & her recent credits include Dorothy in *The Wizard of Oz* at Studio East, and 13 at Actors Technique NY. Catherine is so excited to be playing Patrice and Charlotte in this amazing show and would like to thank Sydney, Mimi, and Halie for working so hard to make this happen. Enjoy the show! :)

**Charlotte H. (Cheerleader/Ensemble)** is 14 years old and in the 9th grade. They are very excited to be performing in 13, Some of her past shows include: *Beauty and the Beast*, *Peter Pan*, and *The*

*Little Mermaid*. When Charlotte is not acting, they enjoy making music, playing with her dog, and writing scripts!

**Erin G. (Kendra)** (she/her) is 17 years old and an incoming senior. She is very excited to have the opportunity to play Kendra in *13*! Her latest theatre credits include *The Addams Family*, *High School Musical*, and *Mamma Mia*. She would like to thank her parents for supporting her in all of her artistic endeavors and the audience for coming to see this amazing cast of actors. She hopes everyone enjoys the show and be sure to let her know why you think Kendra ate those pork rinds!

**Frieda S. (Lucy)** is very excited to be a part of this year's production of *13 The Musical* at Youth Theatre Northwest. Frieda is 14 years old and this is her third summer stock production at YTN. Frieda enjoys playing volleyball, drawing, skating, acting, singing and playing the drums and guitar. Frieda is glad she got the chance to be in such a wonderful cast and performance.

**Hiro K. S. (Eddie)** is 14 and lives in Seattle. Hiro likes meat and cake and Valve games. Also, acting too probably.

**Izzy F. (Cheerleader/Ensemble)** is 15 and a rising sophomore at Mercer Island High School. She has been doing performances, classes and camps through YTN since 5th grade- too many to count!! When she's not at YTN, Izzy enjoys creating art, watching anime, critiquing movies, singing, dancing, hanging out with her friends and her new found favorite - experimental baking! Izzy is very thankful to be part of this performance!

**Jones S. (Richie/Ensemble)** is very excited to perform in his third central stage performance at YTN! He has been doing workshops and shows with YTN for the past three years and had parts in Radio Dramas and *Shrek*. His last main stage play was *The Wizard of Oz*. He hopes you'll enjoy the show!

**Julian P. (Evan)** is fourteen and will be a freshman. He is overjoyed to play the role of Evan this summer! You might have seen him in past YTN shows such as *James and the Giant Peach*, *Flora and Ulysses*, and *Peter Pan*. Julian enjoys swimming, riding his bike, and reading. He would love to thank his parents for always supporting him, and for driving him to rehearsals over, and over, and over again. He hopes you enjoy the show!

**Karena S. (Cheerleader/Ensemble)** is excited to be in her 6th show at YTN. She has enjoyed learning and fostering many friendships with the cast. She is 12 and entering 7th grade at Islander Middle School. If you can't find her at YTN, she must be braiding challah into fun shapes, lost in a good book, or scrolling through her online chat messages. She also keeps busy with paddle boarding, lake swimming, dancing, reading, percussion, piano, baking, and dance choreography...she even made a few *13* dance moves). She dreams to one day be a dancer, dance choreographer, singer/songwriter, or actress. Have fun at the show!

**Kate P. (Cassie)** is a senior at MIHS. Her recent shows include *The Theory of Relativity*, *Emma*, and *The Outsiders* at MIHS, and she is very glad to be back at YTN for her first in person show of the year. She hopes you enjoy the show as much as she has enjoyed being in it!

**Kyle G. (Brett)** is elated to be performing in his 12.5th production at YTN (come see the full *Shrek* later this summer!). Recently, you may have seen him in *The Wizard of Oz* (Cowardly Lion), *Rescued* (Mother Gothel), or the grocery store (Actor Neutral). When not on stage, Kyle loves writing as well as listening to Bo Burnham songs on repeat (often at the same time). He appreciates the cast and production team for making this experience both fun and safe as we transition back to in-person theater!

**Kyra B. (Molly)** (she/her) is 15 years old and attends Bellevue High School. She's extremely excited to be a part of this production of *13*. Kyra has been a part of the YTN community since she was 6 and been in many YTN productions. Most recently, she performed in *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)*. Some of her other favorite shows at YTN have been *Fiddler on the Roof*, *The Hundred Dresses*, and *Summer of Horror*. She hopes you enjoy the show!

**Marcus K. (Archie)** is excited to be in his first musical production at YTN! His past performances with YTN include Radio Drama, and he would like to give a shoutout to his little brother, Sebastian. Enjoy the show!

**Nicole E. (Patrice/Charlotte)** is 16 years old and has been performing with YTN for 6 years. Outside of theatre she enjoys cosplay, watching *American Horror Story* and drawing. Nicole is so excited she got the "O-P-P opportunity" to be in this fantastic production and she hopes you enjoy it!

### PRODUCTION TEAM:

Director	Mimi Katano
Music Director	Halie Looper
Assistant Music Director	Sophie Otness
Choreographer	Sydney Thieme
Set Designer	Brian Jackson
Costume Designer	Janelle Kimbrough
Prop Designer	Robin Macartney
Sound Designers	Heather MacLaughlin-Garbes, Peter Garbes
Stage Manager	Sydney Thieme
Assistant Stage Manger	Annika Evens
Student Stage Manager	Maggie Petersen
Sound Board Operator	Bryce Bogar
Production Assistant	Gwen Brewer
Marketing Intern	Mai Nguyen
Technical Director	Brian Jackson

*Also this summer at Youth Theatre Northwest:*



## 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. 13 marks her 33rd show as a director at YTN having directed it in 2011 (other shows include; *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)*, *Ragtime School Edition*, *Spring Awakening*, and *Urinetown*). Outside of YTN, Mimi has directed at Pork Filled Production, Live Girls! Theatre, 14/48, as well as Boston's Wheelock Family Theatre. Many thanks to her incredible team of production artists, without whom the show would literally not happen, her husband Philip for his co-parenting and welding of the set, and to her one and only kid, Hiro for coming back to the YTN stage. We're proud of you, kiddo. For more on Mimi's directing, please go to [mimikatano.com](http://mimikatano.com).

**Halie Looper (Music Director)** has been a teaching artist in the greater Seattle area since 2004 and is always thrilled to be at YTN. When she is not singing with students, she is running operations for a children's foundation and spending time with her rescue dog, Wednesday.

**Sophie Otness (Assistant Music Director)** is currently going into her second year at Central Washington University. She is getting her undergraduate degrees in Music Education (Choral Specialization) and Vocal Performance. She is also a YTN Alumni and has been a part of shows like *Aladdin*, *Cats*, *It's a Wonderful Life*, and *Go Dog Go* and the Shakespeare Intensives like *Romeo & Juliet* and *Tempest*. She had an amazing time working with Halie and the actors on all types of singing, especially the recording process. Enjoy the show!!!!!!!

**Sydney Thieme (Choreographer, Stage Manager)** is a YTN alum and a nanny to two very cute, very loud children. Sydney has a BFA in Performance Production from Cornish College of the Arts where they graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Stage Management concentration. Most recently, Sydney stage managed Macha Theatre Works' live streamed season of "17 Minute Stories," a series of solo shows centering around the theme "How did I get here?" In September Sydney is moving to Philadelphia with their cat, snake, and wonderful partner. It was an honor to create filmed productions with YTN during the pandemic (*Men on Boats* and *Rescued*) and it could not be more exciting to have an audience again!

**Brian Jackson (Set Designer, Technical Director)** has been with Youth Theatre Northwest since 2003 as the Technical Director and a set designer. He has also 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.

**Janelle Kimbrough (Costume Designer)** is very excited to be back in theatre. Excited about getting back into theatre and working on her first show with YTN! During the pandemic she grown her passion for Gardening, Working as a Nanny, and Dogs!

**Robin Macartney (Prop Designer)** 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. This is her seventh year with YTN!

**Heather MacLaughlin-Garbes (Sound Designer)** puts on a new hat working with sound design and engineering for 13! She has been the musical director for over 20 shows at YTN, including *Rent*, *Ragtime*, *Spring Awakening*, and *Avenue Q*. Heather is excited to test out her new skills, having

learned all about sound recording and design while creating virtual performances during the pandemic. She also remembers being 13 and thinks that these actors are much cooler and more well-adjusted than she was at that age.

**Peter Garbes (Sound Designer)** While a student at MIT, he caught the musical theatre bug playing rehearsal piano for a production of *Jesus Christ Superstar* and hasn't stopped playing since. At YTN, he has co-music directed a number of shows with Heather, including *Rent*, which closed early last year. Over the past year, he spent time not working on theatre to learn about audio recording and audio engineering producing virtual choirs. He is excited to apply those skills in sound engineering to this show. When not engaging in musical pursuits, he makes a living as an IT Director in Seattle.

**Annika Evens (Assistant Stage Manager)** was a student at YTN for 14 years both as an actor and student stage manager and is thrilled to be back as the ASM on *13*. She is currently going into her senior year at Carnegie Mellon University where she is pursuing a BFA in Stage and Production Management.

**Maggie Petersen (Student Stage Manager)** is 17 (or 18, depending on which show you come to) years old and attends Mercer Island High School. They were also the student stage manager for YTN's *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Flora and Ulysses*. This is their 7th time working backstage on a YTN show. You may have also seen them perform in YTN's improv troupe, *Chaos Theory*. They hope you stay safe and enjoy the show!

**Bryce Bogar (Assistant Sound Engineer, Sound Board Op)** is a student at Bellevue College, and is working towards becoming a sound engineer. Bryce appreciates the opportunity to be part of this production and learn about sound equipment. He has always loved Youth Theater Northwest.

**Gwen Brewer (Production Assistant)** is so excited to be back at YTN and to be a part of the team for *13*. She is an alumna of YTN and could be seen recently in *Little Mermaid* (Ursula) and *Men on Boats* (Powell). Gwen is studying to be an actor at Western Washington University! When she isn't acting, she likes to play video games and play with her cat Hercules and dog Penny. Gwen thanks you for coming and hopes you enjoy the show.



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