



Youth Theatre Northwest presents

THE SKY BELOW

Written by: **MAGGIE LEE**

Directed by: **KIM DOUTHIT**

The Sky Below was developed in Spring 2021 as part of Youth Theatre Northwest's Workshop Conservatory.

FROM THE DIRECTOR:

When I was first presented with the opportunity to direct *The Sky Below*, it was mostly still just an idea in Maggie Lee's head. When Mimi approached me asking if I would want to direct a new work that was a sci-fi, steampunk, dystopian play about teenagers, the words were barely out of her mouth before I was interrupting her to say yes.

The fact that the brilliant Maggie Lee was writing it was only icing on the cake. It is such an amazing and unique opportunity for anyone to get to work on a play from the ground up, that the thought of getting to do that with a group of our amazing students seemed like too good a chance to pass up. The playwright gets the chance to see their vision come to life, and sometimes even gain inspiration from choices the actors are making. The students get the chance to see how a story evolves and changes, as well as offer their own insight to the process.

Watching the students grow with the story has been such a rewarding experience. I am so proud of the work everyone has put into this, and so happy to be able to once again put all of their hard work up for a live audience.

Welcome back to the theatre, and I hope you enjoy the show!

Kim Douthit

Director

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CAST LIST (In order of appearance):

Augie	Piper F.
Arden	Ben B.
Nellie	Kiseki B. (11/5, 11/6, and 11/13)
Nellie	Sophie C. (11/7, 11/12, and 11/14)
Aunt Tessa	Maya T.
Rayne	Anya S.
Britt	Sarah C.
Jori	Nora J.
Dio	Claire S. (11/5, 11/7, and 11/13)
Dio	Isabel S. (11/6, 11/12, and 11/14)
Ephraim	Maria W.
Hilda	Cecilia M.
Beryl	Elsa R.
Ms. Opal	Sara M.
Hana	Izzy F. (11/6, 11/7, and 11/14)
Hana	Maggie A. (11/5, 11/12, and 11/13)
Bingham	Luka B.
Tatley	Alexis A.
Lady Corsair	Grace M.
Chromaton Alpha	Sara M.
Chromatons	Alexis A, Ben B, Cecilia M, Elsa R, Grace M, Izzy F, Luka B, Maggie A, Maria W, Maya T, Piper F, and Sara M

Setting: In and around the floating mechanical city of Firmament

ACTOR'S BIOS (Alphabetical by first name):



Anya S (Chancellor Rayne) is a sixth grader in Islander Middle School. She is happy to return to Sky Below for the full production! She enjoys playing the trumpet and participating in the school band. In her free time, she loves all types of art; painting, singing, drawing, and dancing. She has an addiction to Animal Crossing, and nothing can take it away from her!

Alexis A (Tatley) is so excited about her second show at YTN! She is 13 years old in 8th grade and goes to Averbuj Academy. Alexis has done several shows. Her all-time favorite was *The Wizard of Oz*. She's looking forward to visiting her cousins at Thanksgiving! She hopes you'll enjoy the show!



Benjamin B (Arden) goes to Islander Middle School, is 13 years old, and is in 8th grade. he has been in numerous YTN shows including *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Little Mermaid*. When not acting, he loves to play D&D along with other sorts of games/reading. He loves his cats, Hamilton and Lefty, very much. He is excited for more shows with YTN, and hopes his fellow actors break a leg and do great.

Cecilia Mitchell (Hilda) is turning 12 years old this month, in 6th grade at Islander Middle School, and lives on Mercer Island. She has been taking classes at YTN for several years. She previously performed in Missoula Children's Theatre production of *Gulliver's Travels*. She had her YTN performance debut in the spring of 2021 as Toto in *The Wizard of Oz*. She is an avid reader who loves to draw and spends time with her dog and 2 cats. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Claire S (Dio) is so grateful to be a part of *The Sky Below*. She would like to thank the amazing crew and cast for making this such an amazing show. Thank you guys so much for always bringing so much energy and good vibes to every rehearsal.

Elsa R (Beryl) is 13, and goes to Cougar Mountain Middle School. She is in eighth grade. Elsa likes to read and can't wait for family and friends to see the show!!





Grace M (Lady Corsair) is a 7th grader at Islander Middle School and is thrilled to be a part of *The Sky Below*. This is Grace's second year with YTN but her first opportunity to perform before a live audience. When she's not on stage, Grace enjoys playing tennis, Dungeons and Dragons, and drawing.

Isabel S (Dio) is 13 years, 10 months, 25 days, 9 hours, and 14 minutes old. *The Sky Below* is her fifth show at YTN. Outside of acting, she enjoys her dog, drawing, and writing cast bios, as you can tell she is very skilled at this ;). She is very glad to be back performing in person, (because we all loved zoom), and of course, she hopes you enjoy the show!



Izzy F (Hannah) is 16 and a 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 show for a second time!

Kiseki B (Nellie Hargrave) is elated to be performing in her 5th show at Youth Theatre Northwest. Her favorite roles include: *Flora and Ulysses* (William Spiver), *The Wizard of Oz* (The 2 Good Witches), *The Princess and The Frog* (Frieda the Frog), and *Shrek Jr* (Gingerbread Man) at Youth Theatre Northwest as well as other productions at Village Theatre. When not performing, Kiseki can be found reading books, listening to K-pop, singing, playing trivia and enjoying the autumn weather! She hopes you enjoy *The Sky Below*!



Luka B (Bingham) is 11 and a 6th grader at Rose Hill Middle School. *The Sky Below* is their third theater production, but their first with YTN. They also performed in the summer production of *The Sky Below*, and thoroughly enjoyed getting to participate in a first run show and seeing how it evolved during the rehearsals. Apart from theater, Luka enjoys singing, drawing, tap and jazz dancing, and living the life of an anime weeb.

Maggie A (Hana) is super excited to perform in *The Sky Below*. She enjoyed the process very much and she has made so many new friends. She has previously been in *The Stinky Cheese Man*, *Rikki Tikki Tavi*, *The Lion King*, *Sideways Stories Of Wayside School*, *Mary Poppins*, *The Fiddler On The Roof*, *Rescued*, and most recently the *Wizard Of Oz*. She is so happy to make this show her 9th show at YTN. She is 13 years old, attends Islander Middle School, and is in 8th grade. In her free time she likes to crochet and paint. She hopes you enjoy the show!





Piper F (Augie) is 14 years old, in 8th grade at Islander Middle School, and lives on Mercer Island with her 4 cats. *Sky Below* is Piper's 10th full production at YTN. Some of her other favorites have been *Rescued*, *Fiddler*, *Rules of Comedy*, *Go Dog Go* and *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse*. When not acting, you will find Piper making art, reading, being a cat whisperer, and making jewelry.

Maria W (Ephraim) is 11 years old and is a 6th grader at Denny International Middle School. This is Maria's 11th show she has also done shows at Sing Out Seattle and Stage Struck. Some of Maria's favorite things to do are reading, drawing, writing, and walking with her dog Ursa.



Maya T (Aunt Tessa) is 13 years old, an 8th grader at IMS, and lives on Mercer Island. She is happy to be performing in her 5th show at YTN! Maya enjoys everything theatre - taking part in productions, doing improv, and assisting in young actor's classes. When she is not at YTN, you can find Maya babysitting, hanging with friends, and traveling.

Nora J (Jori) is 13 years old, this is her 9th show with YTN and she is very very excited to be re-doing *The Sky Below*. Nora enjoys roller skating, rainbows and glitter, playing with her guinea pigs, and social interactions. Enjoy the show!



Sarah C (Britt) is 14 years old, and she is in 8th grade at Lakeside School in Seattle. Sarah has done many productions with YTN including *Mary Poppins Jr*, *The Monkey King*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, and *Radio Drama*. She has loved being in *The Sky Below* with such a great director and cast! In her free time Sarah enjoys playing soccer, violin, boxing, baking, and playing with her dog Nelson.

Sara M (Ms. Opal/Chromaton Alpha) is excited to help bring *The Sky Below* to the stage and especially to see audiences in person once again. Sara has been with Youth Theatre Northwest for 3 years and this is her 4th production. She is a 5th grader at Forest Ridge School of the Sacred Heart and outside of theater loves to sing, ride her horses, Snoop and Rodney, play with her hamster, Cloudy, and try to ignore her little brother.





Sophie C (Nellie) is 14 years old, and a freshman at Franklin High School. When she can find time in between dance classes and rehearsal she enjoys reading, skiing, and spending time outside. Most of all, she loves working with her cast mates on this spectacular project. Enjoy the show!

PRODUCTION TEAM:

Playwright	Maggie Lee
Director	Kim Douthit
Set Designer	Brian Jackson
Costume Designer	Natasha Gier
Lighting Designer	Trina Wright
Prop Designer	Christy Fox
Sound Designer	Troy Lund
Fight Choreographer	Philip G. Smith
Stage Manager	Maria Villegas
Assistant Stage Manger	Christy Fox
Master Electrician	Trina Wright

STUDENT CREW:

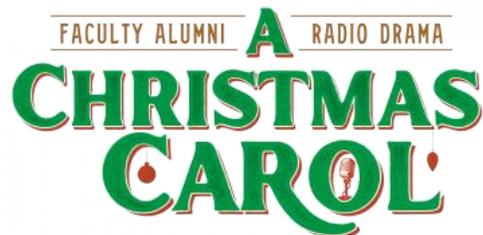
Light Board Operator	Henry W
Sound Board Operator	Onosa'i D
Production Intern	Sharayu Z

Coming up next at Youth Theatre Northwest:



In Person: 12/4 - 12/12

On Demand: 12/20 - 12/31



Live Streaming 12/12 at 6:00pm

PRODUCTION TEAM'S BIOS:

Maggie Lee (Playwright) is thrilled to embark on this new steampunk adventure with YTN! Maggie is an award-winning playwright who enjoys creating diverse, imaginative new worlds on stage in genres like science fiction, fantasy, and horror for audiences of all ages. Her work has been produced in Seattle, New York, Seoul, Chicago, and San Francisco. Previous shows at YTN include the short horror film *The Vanishing Tree*, the modern PNW retelling of *The Monkey King: Journey Westbound*, and the kamishibai-inspired adaptation of *Through the Looking Glass*. She is currently the Resident Playwright at Macha Theatre Works, a board member of Rain City Projects (an organization supporting PNW playwrights), and a member of the Dramatists Guild. Many thanks to Daniel Rector (the keenest dramaturg on land or sky), our fearless director Kim, the amazing cast, and all the lovely folks at YTN. And thank YOU for supporting new plays!

Kim Douthit (Director) is a YTN alumna who is happy to be back directing this new work, *The Sky Below*. Some of her past credits with YTN include *The Little Mermaid*, *Little Shop of Horrors* and *Sideways Stories from Wayside School*. She also directs Summer of Horror, YTN's annual horror shorts, this year going into year four of the program! She would like to thank the amazing cast for all of their hard work and Maggie for creating such a cool and interesting world!

Brian Jackson (Set Designer) 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.

Natasha Gier (Costume Designer) has been costuming for theatre since 2009, quite by accident. She has a degree in Fashion Design but for a happy accident found herself with a costume internship with YTN and decided to continue down the costuming path. Luckily for her, they decided to keep her. Some of her latest work with YTN includes *The Princess & the Frog*, *Sky Below* Conservatory and *Rent*.

Trina Wright (Lighting Designer) is looking forward to this new season at YTN. Recent designs include *the Wizard of OZ*, *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)*, *Sidekick Island*, *Rescued*, *RENT*, *Flora and Ulysses*, and *Ragtime*. Upcoming is *Clue* at Kennedy Catholic High School, *The Thing About Unicorns* at YTN, and *Pride and Prejudice* at Seattle Pacific University. When not at the theater, she can be found helping her boys practice trombone, walking her ancient Irish terrier around the neighborhood, and finally tackling the pandemic project list with her husband.

Christy Fox (Prop Designer & Assistant Stage Manager) is so thankful to be a part of this production and at YTN! It is always so marvelous to be doing theatre, especially in these difficult times, we need it now more than ever! It's 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 - *Rescued*, *Flora and Ulysses*, *Through the Looking Glass*, *Rules of Comedy*, *The Little Mermaid*; ASM - *Fiddler on the Roof Jr.*, *The Monkey King: Journey Westbound*.

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*.

Philip G. Smith (Fight Choreographer) has been haunting YTN for 20 years as a roustabout, bad-dialect coach, recorded pre-show speech voice, and nigh-countless other things YTN Executive Artistic Director Mimi Katano (to whom he's been married for 23 years) has tasked him with. At least somebody is getting some use out of that BFA in Theater.

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