



Youth Theatre Northwest presents

# Theseus and the Minotaur and the Other Six

Music by Joshua Vranas

Book and Lyrics by Clare Fuyuko Bierman

Directed by: **Erin Murray**

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## CAST LIST:

Indigo	Abby G
Florian	Billy T
Iris	Claire S
Theodore	Kayla K
Lyra	Kiseki B
Fury 1	Maggie A
Fury 2	Mat E
Fury 3	Ria A
The Minotaur	Rachel S
Nico	Shelby C
Theseus	Zephyr S

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

**Abby G** (Indigo) is 17 years old and a senior at The Center School. She is so excited to be a part of *Theseus and the Minotaur and the Other Six* again! Recently, you may have seen her in *She Kills Monsters* or in the staged reading of *Theseus* in the spring. When she's not at YTN, you can find her hanging out with her dogs, writing college essays, or listening to Taylor Swift. She hopes you enjoy the show!

**Billy T** (Florian) is 12 years old and in 4th grade at Sunset Elementary School. This is his 7th show with YTN. In his spare time Billy likes hanging out with friends and his dream is to one day perform in Lin Manuel Miranda's musical "In the Heights".

**Kayla K** (Theodore) is 12 years old and is in 6th grade at IMS (Islander Middle School). This is the first show she has auditioned for! Some hobbies Kayla has out of theater is drawing, playing soccer, and loves listening to music. Thanks to her parents and friends for coming! She would like to give a big thanks to everyone who has contributed to this!!!! This means a lot to her!

**Kiseki B** (Lyra) Kiseki is excited to be performing in her 8th show at YTN! Favorite roles include *The Sky Below* (Nellie), *Frozen Jr.* (Kristoff), and *Charlie & the Chocolate Factory* (Violet). When not performing, Kiseki can be found painting, singing, cooking, and making people smile. Kiseki hopes you enjoy getting lost with us in the Labyrinth!

**Maggie A** (Fury 1) has been in 11 other shows, a few include the lion king, *Mary Poppins*, *the Wizard of Oz*, and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. They love to crochet, watch horror movies and hangout with friends. Her favorite school subject is science and English. He loves baking random things that don't always turn out. Maggie really hopes you enjoy this show as much as she's does!

**Ria A** (Fury 3) is thrilled to be a part of *Theseus and the Minotaur and The Other Six*! This is Ria's first show at YTN, though she has a second show coming up soon. Ria is eleven years old and attends Lake Washington Girls school as a sixth grader. Ria's a huge bookworm, and loves the series Percy Jackson, a Greek mythology series. It fit right in with this production, and she was very excited. She hopes you enjoy the show!

**Shelby C** (Nico) is 14 years old and a freshman at MIHS. She was in the conservatory for *Theseus* last spring and is so excited to be part of the official premiere! Prior to her time in the labyrinth, she visited Oz (YTN), flew to Neverland as Wendy in *Peter Pan*, and hung out in elementary school in *Junie B*.

*Jones*. In her free time, you can find Shelby playing soccer, singing/playing music, or trying to get her dog, Lucca, to snuggle.

**Zephyr S** (Theseus) is very happy to be a part of *Theseus and the Minotaur and the Other Six* this year! Zephyr is 17 years old and a Junior at Nathan Hale High School. Since the pandemic Zephyr has been a part of plays/musicals such as *Almost Maine*, *Once the Musical*, *The Plot Like Gravy Thickens*, and *Pippin the Musical*. Zephyr enjoys drawing, crocheting, knitting, and playing the piano. Enjoy the show!

**PRODUCTION TEAM:**

Writer	Clare Fuyuko Bierman
Composer	Joshua Vranas
Director	Erin Murray
Musical Director	Tori Kocher
Set Designer	Matthew Lazure
Lighting Design	Rob Falk
Costume Design	Laurie McClain
Props Design	Christy Fox
Sound Consultant	Troy Lund
Stage Manager	Ria Lodick
Assistant Stage Manager	Tamar Mentzer
Accompanist	Tori Kocher
Movement Consultant	Mimi Katano
SM Understudy	Erin Murray
ASM Understudy	Alyssa Maas
Accompanist Understudy	Alyssa Maas

**Student Crew:**

Backstage Crew	Auggie DiPietro
Lights Op	Hadley Suvarna
Sound op	Abi Nissim

Coming up next at Youth Theatre Northwest:



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**Christy Fox** (Props Design) is so thankful to be a part of this production 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 shows at YTN - *Charlie and The Chocolate Factory*, *Summer of Horror*, *The Sky Below*, *Rescued*, *Flora and Ulysses*, *Through the Looking Glass*, *Rules of Comedy*.

**Clare Fuyuko Bierman** (Writer) is a playwright and lyricist raised in a Japanese-Jewish home with some rabbits, a snake, and a bunch of finches. Current commissions include *Yoko's Husband's Killer's Japanese Wife*, *Gloria* (5th Avenue Theatre First Draft Commission 2021, Civilians R&D Group 2022) and *Theseus and the Minotaur and the Other Six* (Music by Joshua Vranas, Youth Theater Northwest). Other works include the immersive projects *VISARE* (New Voices Project Winner 2021), and [untitled hat project] (NYFA grant recipient 2021). She has participated in the Johnny Mercer Songwriters Project, the Samuel French Off-Off Broadway Play Festival, and Broadway's Future Songbook Series. Originally from Los Angeles, she received her MFA from New York University.

**Erin Murray** (Director) is proud to direct *Theseus and the Minotaur and the Other Six*. Previous YTN directing credits include Jaclyn Backhaus' *Men On Boats*, and Danielle Mohlman's *Dust* (workshop production), and Diana Grisanti's *...ghost party* (workshop production). Erin is also a teaching artist with YTN and a Show-To-Go Director including *Seussical Jr*, *Shrek Jr*, and *Wonka Jr*. In 2017, Erin started the Kilroys and Coffee program, a contemporary play reading and text analysis class for advanced students focusing on works by women, trans, and non-binary writers on The Kilroys List. This Fall, Erin will direct the world premiere of Bierman/Vranas' musical *Theseus and The Minotaur and the Other Six* at YTN as part of their New Work program. Additional directing credits include Anne Washburn's *The Internationalist* (Steppenwolf Garage), the Chicago premiere of Suzanne Heathcote's *I Saw My Neighbor On the Train and I Didn't Even Smile* (Redtwist), and the Seattle premiere of Annie Baker's *John* (ArtsWest). Education: MFA Theatre Directing, Northwestern University; BA, Trinity College Dublin.

**Laurie McClain** (Costume Design) is so happy to be back working with the team at Youth Theatre Northwest. Her costumes were last seen here in *Mary Poppins*. She has been designing costumes for 20 years and in addition to YTN, has worked with both Bellevue Youth Theatre and at Second Story Repertory Theatre in Redmond during her career. The opportunity to work with kids and help them to

find their character through costume is one of the great privileges of my life. Thanks to Mimi for the opportunity and please enjoy the show!!

**Matthew Lazure** (Scenic Design) is pleased to return to YTN as a scenic designer and painter. Past YTN credits include "The Wizard of Oz", "The Thing About Unicorns", "The 39 Steps", "Men on Boats", and "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)". Other recent credits include scenic design for Book-it Rep's Educational touring program's "Trying" and "Tiara's Hat Parade". Matthew's fine art can be seen on Mercer Island at MIVAL Gallery, in downtown Seattle at Lynn Hanson Gallery, and online at [matthewlazure.wixsite.com/artist](http://matthewlazure.wixsite.com/artist). Special thanks to Erin Murray for your infectious enthusiasm and support

**Ria Lodick** (she/her) (Stage Manager) is a stage manager in Seattle, recently relocated from the California Bay Area where she worked steadily as a performer, director, stage manager, and children's theater summer camp manager for almost a decade. She has a Master of Education in Instructional Design, a Vocal Performance Graduate Certificate with an emphasis in Musical Theatre, and is a NDNU Music Theatre Conservatory graduate. When not dressed all in black commanding the backstage, she loves the challenge and the art of passing information on to young minds in ways that inspire them to explore their own creativity and passions.

**Tori Kocher** (Music Director/Accompanist) is so excited to be making her music directorial debut! She is a BFA Musical Theatre graduate from Belmont University. While in college in Nashville, Tori performed backup vocals with country music stars at the Grand Ole Opry and the Ryman Auditorium. Some of her favorite onstage roles include *The Little Mermaid* (Ursula), *Hairspray* (Tracy), *Next to Normal* (Diana), *Shrek* (Princess Fiona), *Footloose* (Rusty), *Into the Woods* (Little Red), and *Be More Chill* (Jenna Rolan).

**Abi N** (Sound Board Op) is 12 years old and a 7th grader at Islander Middle School on Mercer Island. Abi is super excited to be in her 7th production at YTN! Most recently she was in the *Fantastic Mr. Fox*, *Mary Poppins Jr.*, *Flora and Ulysses*, *Sidekick Island*, *Radio Drama* and *The Hobbit*. In her free time, you could find Abi watching her favorite tv shows, taking her Husky dog, Koda, on long walks or playing the drums. Her favorite place to go visit is Israel. Enjoy the show!

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