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A MESSAGE FROM OUR ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Welcome to Theatre Woodstock!

Another Spring session has come to an end (our 6th!) and I am so grateful for our artistic teams and volunteers that make sure STAGES continues to provide excellent theatrical experiences for our young people. Performers, parents and patrons continue to return to our beloved theatre, shows are sold out (thanks to our marketing team, Sarah and Joanna) and spots in our sessions are filling up quickly. I only wish we had the opportunity to offer more shows throughout the season.

Our 1st and 2nd Stagers have been working so hard for the last 4 months on their productions. I am proud of our 'regulars' and how they have welcomed and supported our newest members. You will see two fabulous shows; first, a collection of Robert Munsch stories certain to bring up memories of your childhood or reading to your own children, then a musical inspired by the common myth that giants live up in clouds. Both shows stood out to me as an opportunity for performers to be on stage frequently and therefore very involved in the storytelling.

On another note, it is with bittersweet sentiment that I announce my resignation from the STAGES Artistic Director position and the Theatre Woodstock Board of Directors. For the last six years, aside from my work with STAGES Senior Company, I have been volunteering my time in this role. It is time for me to turn my focus to myself and my family. I am truly honoured to have spent this time getting to know and work with you and your children. It has been a privilege to watch them grow as performers and people.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you.

Sydney Brockway

Don't forget to buy your 50/50 tickets before the show and at intermission! The winner will be drawn before Act 2. Proceeds go towards technical upgrades at the theatre.



Tonight's performance is a double bill!

ACT 1

1st Stagers present: Munsch at Play Approximately 45 minutes

> INTERMISSION 15 minutes

ACT 2

2nd Stagers present: Giants in the Sky Approximately 75 minutes



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1st Stagers Munsch at Play

Irene N Watts and Robert Munsch

Based on Munsch at Play and Munsch at Play Act 2 © Irene N. Watts and Bob Munsch Enterprises Ltd; published by Annick Press.

<u>SHOW SYNOPSIS</u>

Munsch at Play

In this collection of plays based on the stories of Robert Munsch, experienced playwright Irene Watts has adapted six of his best-loved tales for the stage!

Complemented by funny, energetic illustrations, including those of longtime Munsch collaborator Michael Martchenko, each story is presented in an accessible play format.

SCENES



Scene 1	Murmel, Murmel, Murmel
Scene 2	Mortimer
Scene 3	Paper Bag Princess
Scene 4	David's Father
Scene 5	I have to go!
Scene 6	Pigs













A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



In the theatre, we tell stories, and no one tells a story quite like Robert Munsch. Stories like The Paper Bag Princess and Mortimer rightly hold a special place in the social tapestry of not only Canada but the world. As a father, I have very fond recollections of reading many of Robert Munsch's stories to my children, with their wacky plot lines, unforgettable catchphrases, authentically relatable characters, and distinctly Canadian settings. When I was presented with the chance to direct Munsch at Play, I excitedly seized the opportunity to bring some of my favourite stories to my favourite medium for storytelling. In its full length, Munsch at Play is a two-act anthology of 16 of some of Robert Munsch's most celebrated stories, creatively adapted to the stage for presentation by children (of course!). As it happens, the 6 stories presented today all share some commonalities. Most notably, they were all illustrated by Michael Martchenko, one of Munsch's most frequent collaborators. Additionally, they were all published in the 1980's, a trait with which I affectionately relate. What I've also come to realize after working with these stories over the past four months is that, at their heart, they are all rooted in the idea of family, in whatever form that family may take. Concepts such as being orphaned or abandoned, dealing with siblings, advocating for oneself, adoption, relating to parents, following directions, and taking responsibility are all beautifully, creatively, and hilariously depicted by Munsch through these stories. From our STAGES family to yours, we are proud to share these stories with you today. We have had "so Munsch fun" bringing them to life! Enjoy the show!



Emil Wijnker







Ella B

Patrick BC

Sadie B







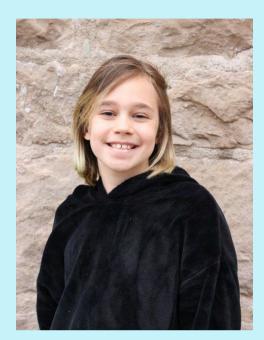
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Julian C

Hayley C







Norah C

Arthur E

Isabella F





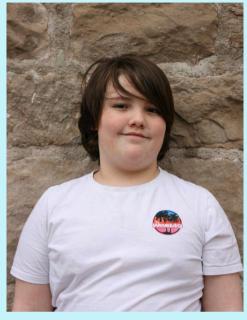


Hanna G

Mia G

Ava K







Autumn L

Joshua L

Henry M



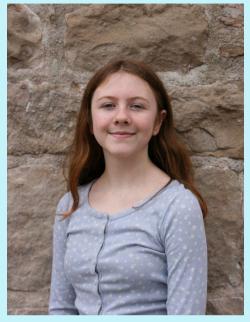




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Stella N

Kaylee N



Lauren R



Kadence S



Genevieve S



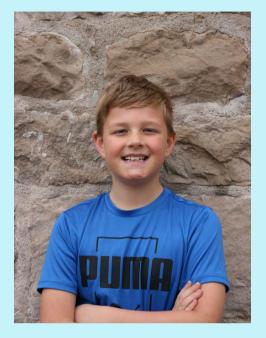




Leela S



Emma TK







Darcy W

James BC

Catherine Z



Music and Lyrics by Karey Kirkpatrick & Wayne Kirkpatrick Book by Karey Kirkpatrick & John O'Farrell

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1ST STAGERS ARTISTIC TEAM

DIRECTOR: Emil Wijnker

A proud alumnus of STAGES' precursor, CAST, Emil is no stranger to the Market Centre stage. Emil most recently directed Theatre Woodstock's production of Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella, and previously Stage Managed STAGES's production of Seussical! Jr. Emil currently serves as Secretary on the Theatre Woodstock Board of Directors. Community theatre, particularly youth theatre, holds a special place in Emil's heart, with his wife and four children having all been involved with STAGES productions. Munsch at Play has been an absolute pleasure to direct. Enjoy the show!





STAGE MANAGER: Robin Galliott

Robin Galliott is a grade 12 student at College Avenue Secondary School and is beyond grateful to have been able to work with the fantastic cast of Munsch At Play! Although you can usually see Robin onstage, being a proud member of STAGES' Senior Co., she had the opportunity to try out stage managing this session, and is very excited for the opportunity! She hopes you enjoy this incredible production, bringing these beloved Robert Munsch tales to life.



Giants in the Sky

Denver Casado & Kerry Kazmierowicztrimm

Presented through special arrangement with Beat by Beat Press (www.bbbpress.com)

SHOW SYNOPSIS

This magical story explores the world of Giants who live above the clouds. Ever since they left Earth a long time ago, the Giants have made a life up above where their job is to keep the sky beautiful. They polish the stars, poke the clouds to let it rain and paint the sunsets. But there is one curious Giant who wonders what life is like on Earth, so she steals a key to the locked up "beanstalk" and embarks on an adventure down below!

MUSICAL NUMBERS

TOOK TO THE SKY	Elders, Ensemble
DOWN THERE	HEESHEE, BERT
PERSPECTIVE	HOOLIGANS, HEESHEE, ENSEMBLE
DOWN THERE REPRISE	HEESHEE
PLAYGROUND	HEESHEE, BERT, HUMAN VOCALISTS
ELDERS' SACRED OATH	ELDERS
BEAUTIFUL SKY	ELDERS, ENSEMBLE
DOWN THERE REPRISE	HEESHEE
ME AND MY SCREEN	GAMERS, HEESHEE, ENSEMBLE
DOWN THERE BERT REPRISE	BERT
GUMPTION	HOOLIGANS, ENSEMBLE
WHILE YOU CAN	HEESHEE, BERT, FINN, YORG, ELDERS, GAMERS
FINALE	ALL
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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

If you are looking for a pastime that fills up your soul, satisfies your creativity, and delights your mind, then work on a STAGES show.

Like the characters they play in Giants in the Sky, our young actors are filled with vibrancy, curiosity, and compassion. Since we began our Saturday morning rehearsals, this great cast has arrived each week ready to bring out new characters, tackle new choreography, and nail down new songs.

Beat By Beat Press creates musicals designed for groups of kids just like STAGES. They are a joy to watch and to perform because there are so many characters that each actor can bring light to. Giants in the Sky is no exception to that. We found the songs catchy, the characters relatable, and the journey greatly satisfying.

I hope that you will have as much fun watching our performance as I did rehearsing with the performers and artistic team each week.







Abby A Elder Finn



Paige ASpruce Girl



Isabella C Zeke

Layne B Gene, Human Puppeteer



Alexis C Abe

Skylar C lke



Maelle DPhlem



Collin E Lil' Guy



Izobela E Human Vocalist



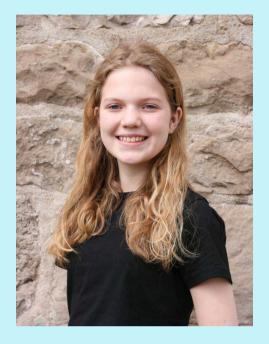
Carissa E Human Vocalist



Zoey F Yorg



Sophie F Spruce Girl





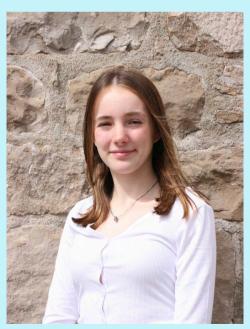
Elena G Spruce Girl

Lilly H Elder Row

Sam H Big Dude



William W Elder Vin



Rylin H Human Vocalist



Ruby LSven, Human
Vocalist



Ryder M Pat



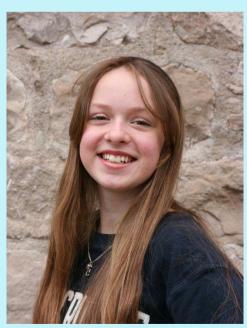
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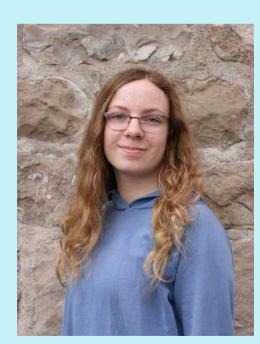
Ellie P Human Vocalist



Dylan R Bert



Elsie R Quale



Moxxie S Human Puppeteer



Mirabella **S** HeeShee



Mya S Human Puppeteer



AJ S Bev



Oscar VBP Jordan



Indie VH Jed



Ruby W Spruce Girl







Penny W Elder Sye

Taylor W Cal

Camile Z Elder Mel



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1ST STAGERS ARTISTIC TEAM

DIRECTOR: Sylvie Weir

Sylvie has been involved in youth theatre since she was a youth herself! After stage managing various STAGES productions, she is thrilled to have the opportunity to direct.





STAGE MANAGER: Stephen Mackenzie

Stephen Mackenzie is proud to be involved as Stage Manager in STAGES Giants in the Sky. After graduating in Dramatic Arts from the University of Windsor, he cut his teeth in stage managing with STAGES The Claw. A former CAST/STAGES kid, and frequent volunteer over the years he couldn't have chosen a better place. He hopes you enjoy the hard work from the cast, crew and many volunteers involved.

1ST STAGERS ARTISTIC TEAM

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Jaclyn Cunneyworth

With a PhD in Music Education (Texas Tech University, '17) and Masters in Music Performance (Oklahoma City University, '12), Jaclyn has had an eclectic performance and teaching background throughout Southern Ontario and the United States. She has assisted the West Texas Children's Choir and the Hamilton Children's Choir, and has worked as an elementary music teacher with Thames Valley District School Board for the past 6 years. Jaclyn is delighted to join the production team of "Giants in the Sky" as the music director, and to join Theatre Woodstock for her third production with STAGES.





CHOREOGRAPHER: Kassidy Davies

Kassidy Davies is so excited to choreographing this production of Giants in the Sky. You can catch more of Kassidy's choreography at Dance In Style. Watching the second stagers bring this show to life has been such a fun process. I am so so proud of them and cannot wait to see them shine on stage!

THANK YOU!

STAGES is run by volunteers who are integral to our success year after year. If you had any part, no matter how small, in the production of this session, thank you! Get in touch if you would like to be a part of upcoming shows. Volunteer hours are given to high school students.

Production

Producer	Christel McLean
Production Assistant	Hannah Young
Headshots	Christel McLean
Rehearsal Photography	"Alec Bish
Lobby Display	Christel McLean

A special thank you to our Green Room volunteers, and all the those who stepped in for tasks big and small to make these shows possible!



Costumes

Christel McLean
Karen Klein
.Elsie Robertson
Cricket Scott
Maria St Laurent
Sylvie Weir
Taffy Weir

Props & Set

Set Creation	Brandon Roughan
	Christel McLean
Prop Creation	Christel McLean,
Elsie Roberts	on, Matt Robertson,
Aryson Malo	ney, Hannah Young



THANK YOU!!

<u>Tech</u>

Assistant Stage ManagersAlec Bish,
Tassiana Graham, Aryson Maloney,
Corrine Marray, Pippa VanBeek-Paterson
Lighting DesignMylo Dunbar,
Jade Wassink
Lighting Operatorlan Pieniazek
Sound OperatorRory Mokry
Microphone OperatorHannah Young
Microphone TechniciansAlec Bish,
Tassiana Graham, Aryson Maloney
Technical MagicianPete Dunbar
Lighting LegendMylo Dunbar
Sound SuperstarMatthew Robertson

Sales & Promotion

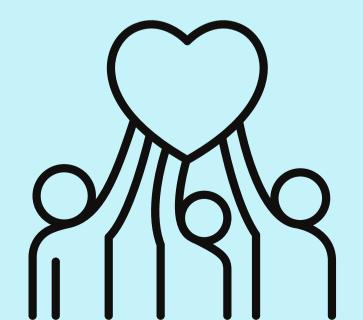
Box Office Manager	Taffy Weir
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TW Social Media	Joanna Kennedy
Marketing Coordinator	Sarah Hodgkinson

Artistic Team

Artistic Director	Sydney Brockway
Director	Emil Wijnker
Director	Sylvie Weir
Stage Manager	Robin Galliott
Stage Manager	Stephen Mackenzie
Music DirectorJacklyn Cunneyworth	
Choreographer	Kassidy Davies
Rehearsal Assistan	tHannah Young

Community Build

Over 30 people of all ages joined us on Sunday, April 21st to help create the props for this show. Your support was overwhelming. Thank you so much to everyone who came!



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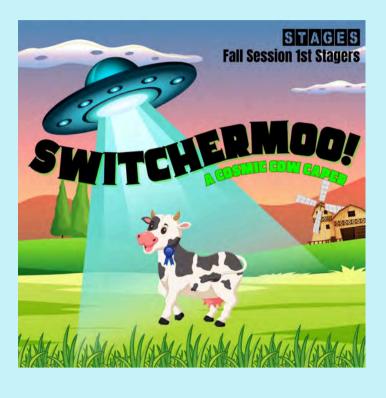




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