

WYHS Dept. Of Theatre

# THE **BIG BAD MUSICAL**

A HOWLING COURTROOM COMEDY

**By ALEC STRUM**  
**Music & Lyrics by BILL FRANCOEUR**

It's the trial of the century in the Enchanted Forest and you, the audience and jury get to decide how the play ends! Come both nights and maybe see a different ending!

**April 21 @ 7p & April 22 @ 5p**

Produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., Denver, Colorado

**WYHS Department Of Theatre Presents**

**THE**  
  
**BIG BAD**  
**MUSICAL**

**By ALEC STRUM**

**Music & Lyrics by BILL FRANCOEUR**

Directed by James Blackmon

Choreography by Kenny Brown

**CAST OF CHARACTERS (In Order of Speaking)**

Sydney Grimm.....	Kaylee Nash
Fairy Godmother.....	Brithany Disla
Little Red Riding Hood .....	Neveah McConaha
Grandmother Hood.....	Emma Wolff
One.....	Zal Palmer
Two.....	Karina Terford
Three.....	Mason Anderson
Bill Woodcutter.....	Okokon Ita
Shepherd.....	Micha Walker
Boy Who Cried Wolf .....	James Blackmon
Big Bad Wolf.....	Izayah Briggs
The Wolfettes.....	Mika Vero*, & Kayla Deem*
Judge Wise Old Woman.....	Aurora Rubin
Evil Stepmother.....	Azzy Robinson
Miss Muffit.....	Kai Pegram
Court Attendees.....	Percy Campbell & Aryia Stover

\*Alumni Performer

## Musical Numbers

<b>Big Bad—Prologue</b> .....	<i>Ensemble</i>
<b>I Got Nothin' to Say</b> .....	<i>Wolf, Wolfettes, Little Red, Boy, Ensemble</i>
<b>No More</b> .....	<i>Fairy Godmother, Ensemble</i>
<b>He Huffed and He Puffed</b> .....	<i>One, Two, Three, Ensemble</i>
<b>I Cried Wolf</b> .....	<i>Boy, Ensemble</i>
<b>Have Mercy On Me</b> .....	<i>Wolf, Wolfettes, Ensemble</i>
<b>May All Your Ever-After</b> .....	<i>Grimm, Ensemble</i>

### **Lighting Designer/Light Board Operator**

*Taffy Correa*

### **Sound Operator**

*James Wright*

### **Follow Spot Operators**

*Elijah Holcomb & Braden Nash*

## **WYHS Theatre Department Staff**

James Blackmon, Sr. Drama Director

Nichole Lohrman-Novak, Faculty Assistant

Tom Weber, Technical Director

Jon Ward, Alumni Assistant

## **From The Director...**

A courtroom has never been more lively and fun than in *The Big Bad Musical!* In this smart and wickedly funny musical you, the audience, play a very important role as “The Jury” determining the outcome of the biggest trial ever in the fairy-tale world! The notorious Big Bad Wolf is being slapped with a class-action lawsuit by storybooks of quirky characters who want to get even: Little Red Riding Hood, her Grandmother, the Three Little Pigs, and the Shepherd in charge of the Boy Who Cried Wolf. With Sydney Grimm as the commentator on live Court TV, the two greatest legal minds in the Enchanted Forest — the Evil Stepmother and the Fairy Godmother — clash in a trial that will be remembered forever after. As our wronged fairy tale characters testify, the wolf seems deserving of all that’s coming. Yet, even though the infamous Evil Stepmother resents doing pro-bono work on such an obviously futile defense, Mr. Wolf makes a good case for himself. Was he born a criminal, or made one? You, the audience and our jury, will decide. It’s completely up to you! Will he be found guilty? Innocent? Or will it be a hung jury? We have three endings ready to go. And depending on how you vote at the end of the play, that’s the ending you’ll see!!

Special thank you to the administration, Jon, Tom, and Nichole, and especially to the parents!! We couldn’t do any of this without you!! ENJOY THE SHOW!!





Emma Wolff



Aurora Rubin



Mason Anderson



Izayah Briggs



Aryia Stover



Percy Campbell



Kaylee Nash



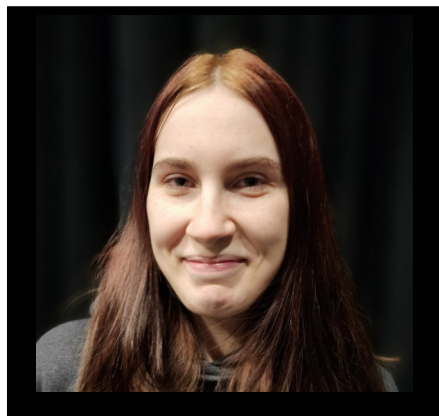
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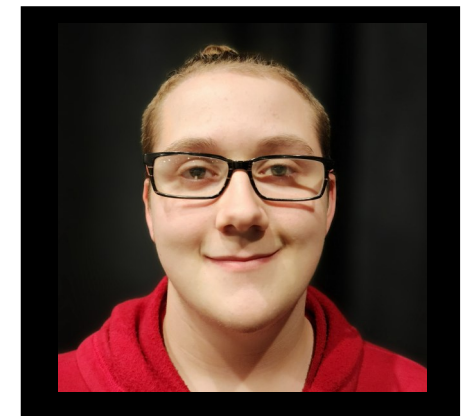
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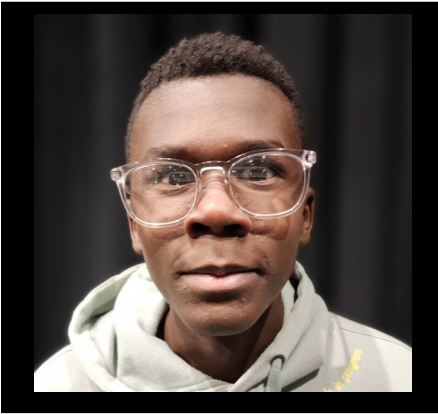
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Micha Walker



Azzy Robinson



Brithany Disla



James Wright



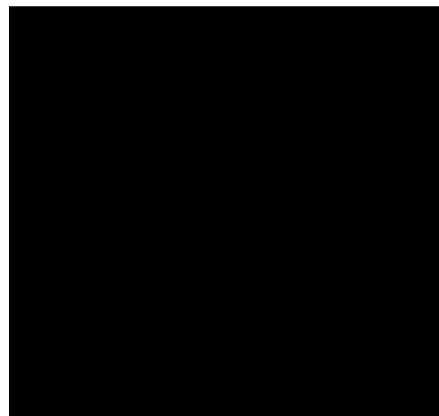
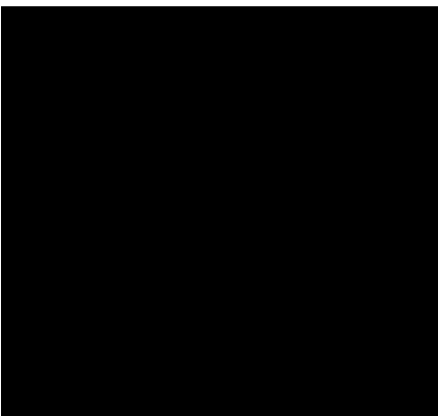
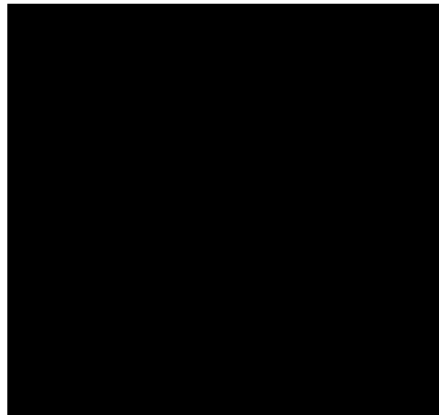
Taffy Correa



Elijah Holcomb



Sai Patel



# WYHS Department Of Theatre

## PERCY CAMPBELL (Courtroom Attendee)

My name is Percy Campbell and I am in 10th grade. I was in the department last year doing "Life is a Double Cheeseburger" and the musical "Back to the 80's" and last fall in "See My Shorts." Being in the department has been really fun, especially the musical. I am very energetic most of the time and I'm always ready for work.

## MICHA WALKER (The Old Shepherd)

I'm in the 9th grade and I have been in plays such as Annie as a police officer, Soultrain musical as Marvin Gaye, and Goldilocks on Trial. I am very excited to be apart of these amazing plays and be around other talented actors and actresses, I would like to give thanks to my family for coming to my other plays and supporting me all the way to this moment and I would also like to thank my grandma for taking time to get me to every practice I've had and helping me open up to other new things and I hope that I can continue to be apart of all the plays coming forward.

## KAI PEGRAM (Little Miss Muffit)

Daughter of Amber Pegram. She is a Junior at Eastland Career Center has previously been in *Back to the 80's* and *See My Shorts*. Kai is in a culinary program and likes to bake and write plays and novels. She wants to have a career in culinary, specifically baking. She thanks her culinary friends and mama for being so supportive. "I dedicated this to my mama and my aunt."

## BRITHANY DISLA (Fairy Godmother)

Brithany is a overenthusiastic Junior at WYHS. She was one of the writers os last fall's "See My Shorts." And currently played in last year's play, "Life is like a Double Cheeseburger," and the musical, "Back to the 80s." Playing up to 4 roles in the play and staring at the main love interest in the musical, this inspired her tremendously to continue pursuing theater. She is a lover for all things art, but also very smart. If you ever need someone who's full of smile's she's your gal. She's a newly older sister and loves Hamilton.

## IZAYAH BRIGGS (Big Bad Wolf)

I am a freshman at WHYS. This is my second show with the WYHS Theatre Department. This is my only after school curricular that I have real interest in. I am 14 years of age but I do not have a job yet, I will be getting one sophomore year. I dedicate this performance to my family for always believing that I can do anything I put my mind to.

## KAYLIE NASH (Sydney Grimm)

Hi my name is Kaylie Nash. I've was one of the playwrights of "See My Shorts" and I was in the musical "Back to the 80s" and now I'm so excited to be in the musical "Big Bad Musical." I'm in other extracurriculars too such as Model UN, Band, and the Legacy Project! I dedicate all of my hard work to my family and friends. I wouldn't be able to have much energy and not as much experience if it weren't for them and they're overall just amazing people. I hope you all enjoy the show!

## ELIJAH HOLCUMB (Follow Spot Operator)

My name is Elijah Holcomb, I am in the 9th grade. This is my first year in a theater program. I am a crew member .

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## **EMMA WOLFF (Grandmother Hood)**

Emma Wolff is a freshman and was in last fall's production of "See My Shorts." She also participated in a small after school activity in elementary school called "React" that taught rudimentary acting skills. She is very happy to be here, and glad to be participating in this show! She is unbelievably thankful for all the love and support from family, friends and teachers!

## **JAMES WRIGHT (Sound Operator)**

James Wright lives in Whitehall and they're in the ninth grade at Whitehall Yearling high school. James performed a monologue in the Rosemore Drama Showcase and was one of the playwrights for last fall's "See My Shorts." James is really excited to be a part of the high school theater program this year!

## **AURORA RUBIN (Judge)**

Aurora Rubin in the 12th grade. Past performances include, *Suessical the Musical*, *Done to Death*, *Cats* (cancelled due to Covid), *Life is Like a Double Cheeseburger*, and *See My Shorts* (also one of the playwrights). I am in choir and the national honors society. I have been in choir for 7 years and I got recruited by the NHS last year. I dedicate this performance to the brilliant, James Blackmon, as this will be the last play I get to share with him.

## **KARINA TERFORD (Two)**

Karina Terford is a sophomore at Whitehall Yearling high-school. She was in theater last year and was stage crew for *Life is Like a Double Cheeseburger*, did sound for the musical *Back To The 80s*, and acted in *See My Shorts*. She also participates in band, choir and model UN. She has dedicated this show to her mother, father, and her best friend.

## **TAFFY CORREA (Lighting Designer/Light Board Operator)**

Taffy is in the 11th grade. This is Taffy's second year in the Theatre Department. Her hobbies include sleeping, eating and playing video games. Taffy's future plans to go to trade school to become a auto mechanic.

## **OKOKON ITA (Woodcutter)**

Okokon is in the 11th grade. This is his second year in the Theatre Department. Okokon is in the band, runs track & field and cross country. His hobbies include painting, and sketching

## **ZALEAH PALMER (One)**

Zal is in the 11th grade. This is her second year in the Theatre Department. She bowls and plays softball. Her hobbies include painting, binging tv shows and drawing. Zal wishes to thank her mom, Cole Sprouse and Lili Reinhart.

## **ARYIA STOVER (Courtroom Attendee)**

Aryia is in the 9th Grade. This is her 1st production with the WYHS Theatre Department.

## **SAI PATEL (Crew - Lights)**

Sai is in the 10th grade. This is his 1st production with the WYHS Theatre Department.



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## **NEVEAH MCCONAHA (Red Riding Hood)**

Neveah is a sophomore. This is her second year in the Theatre Department. She is in the Marching Band/Concert Band, and sings in the Treble Chorus and Nova Choir. Neveah is also involved with bowling, softball and is a wrestling team statistician. She is also a part of the WYHS Legacy Project. "I wanna thank my best friend Caz and my director, James and my co-stars for always pushing me to be my best and pursue my dream in acting, little by little. This is only the beginning, I have had a lot of fun these past couple of months putting this show together and I'm very proud of how far we've come and how far I've come."

## **MASON ANDERSON (Three)**

Mason is in the 11th grade. This is his first year in the Theatre Department.

## **AZZY ROBINSON (Evil Stepmother)**

Azzy is a senior at WYHS. This is her first year in the Theatre Department.

## **ZIL PATEL (Stage Manager)**

Zil is in the 10th grade. This is her 1st year with the WYHS Theatre Department

## **BRAYLON NASH (Follow Spot Operator)**

Braylon is in the 10th grade. This is his 2nd year with the WYHS Theatre Department.

## **PRESTON J. SCOTT (Set)**

Preston is in the 10th grade. This is his first production with the WYHS Theatre Department

## **JAMES BLACKMON (WYHS Sr. Drama Director)**

Although James has been at Whitehall since the spring of 2018, initially as music director, James has been the Sr. Drama Director since 2020. James began his theatre career as an 11-year-old kid playing a "General In The Ozian Army" in a local children's theatre production of The Wizard Of Oz. Since then, James has played many roles in numerous productions, including, chorus parts in Showboat, Hello Dolly, Oliver, Peter Pan, Sweet Charity and Hairspray, "Cal" in The Little Foxes, "Vladimir" in Waiting For Godot, "Jim" in Huck Finn, "Crooks" in Of Mice And Men, "Asagai" in A Raisin In The Sun, "Neal Tilden," and "Johnny Cantone" in The 1940's Radio Hour and "Daddy Warbucks" in Annie. James has also directed both musicals and plays, including, Dreamgirls, The 1940's Radio Hour, Annie, Drag Queens In Outer Space, Love Letters, Steel Magnolias, Doubt: A Parable, 12 Angry Women, and Cats, and music directed several musicals, including, Dreamgirls, The 1940's Radio Hour, Annie, Cats, Seussical, Mr. Burns, A Post Electric Play and Flashdance. James is a past president of the Central Ohio Theatre Roundtable, runs his own award winning community theatre JB3Entertainment, and is the Interim Artistic Director of Mad Lab Theatre in downtown Columbus.



In loving memory of WYHS Theatre Department Alum

D'Andre Layne

January 7, 2001 - March 22, 2023



James A. “Herk” Soteriades grew up in Whitehall. There was no school district in Whitehall at that time so students had to choose where they wanted to attend school. He graduated from Bexley High School in 1953.

Herk was one of the first paid firefighters for the Whitehall Division of Fire. He achieved the rank of Captain and served as Chief Officer of the Fire Prevention Bureau for 29 years. He retired in 1995 but continued to serve the people of Whitehall as Councilman-At-Large. He served in this position from January 1, 1997, until his death on May 7, 2000.

Herk spent many hours teaching our school children about fire prevention and safety. He and his wife, Amalee, were very supportive of the performing arts and enjoyed attending the WYHS Department of Theatre productions.

In 2005, the Whitehall Education Foundation established the James A. “Herk” Soteriades Scholarship fund to help students pursue careers in the performing arts and safety services. Two \$1,000 scholarships are awarded annually in Herk’s memory to two Whitehall-Yearling High School graduating seniors.

For more information on the Soteriades Scholarship or the Whitehall Education Foundation, contact the Office of the Superintendent or the WYHS Guidance Department.



### **WEF Scholarship Recipients to Date:**

- 2005—Christa Lynne Harper & Lucy Olney
- 2006—Brooke Lovelace & Aleksandar Cerepnolkoski
- 2007—Margaret Ann Noel & Matthew David Hausmann
- 2008—Amanda Heintzelman & Alyssa Burgett
- 2009—Deja Franklin & Alisha Crosier
- 2010—Amber Lynn Eck
- 2011—Amy Nash & Ryan Hix
- 2012—Brian Smith & Michelle Conison
- 2013—Michaela Jones
- 2014—Chanse James-McDuffie & Noah Jay
- 2015—Abbigayle Castaneda & Seth Garrett
- 2016—Shawn Barnes
- 2017—Martha Bennett & Gloria Rubin
- 2018—Emma Riley & Estefany Turcios
- 2019—Kadiatou Amadou & Christopher Charles, Jr.
- 2020—Sydney Weatherby
- 2021—Jaelyne Craft-Eickemeyer & Hailee Franklin
- 2022—Carley Hickey & Brendan O'Brien

# **Thank You**

You play an important part in preserving the vitality of the Performing Arts program in Whitehall. Your support of the WYHS Department of Theatre ensures that the arts will continue to enrich the lives of these and other young men and women and the quality of life within our community. Thank you so much for your continued support and patronage.

The Whitehall-Yearling High School Department of Theatre would like to give special thanks to the following whose support has helped to make this production a success:

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