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SUMMERSTOCK PRODUCTION OF

TARZAN[®]

THE STAGE MUSICAL

BASED ON THE Disney FILM

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PHIL COLLINS

Book by
DAVID HENRY HWANG

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P. Wade Thompson

Music Director

Sara Nelson

Set Designer &
Build Coordinator

Gayle Nevis

Choreographer

Brooke L. Howells

Costumes

Julia Pappendick

Props & Volunteer
Coordinator

Christina Allee

Stage Manager

Kaylee Johnson

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Director's Note
P. Wade Thompson



Leading up to auditions, and during the rehearsal process, I had many people say something like this to me, "TARZAN®? I didn't even know there was a stage version? Oh, the Disney movie?" Brooks Whiteford, our sound and lighting guru, has been begging us to do TARZAN® since he was involved in a production in Baltimore 10 or so years ago.

I loved Disney's animated TARZAN®! If memory serves, back in 1999, the movie soundtrack was released a few weeks before the movie. I've always been a sucker for a good movie soundtrack. I made one of my roommates seriously mad at me by buying the TARZAN® soundtrack the day it was released, before he knew it was out. He was a huge Phil Collins fan and couldn't accept that I had the album - and had listened to it - before he did.

I did not get to see TARZAN® on Broadway during its brief run (first preview on March 24, 2006 to closing night on July 8, 2007), but the fact that Disney turned their animated TARZAN® movie into a stage musical intrigued me. The characters in the movie don't actually sing the songs. I just didn't know how that was going to work.

Sometimes when I'm preparing to direct a show, I will avoid all opportunities to see other productions of the show, and sometimes I just need to see someone else's interpretation of a show to find my way into it. A couple of weeks before we started rehearsals, I drove to Virginia to see a high school production. It was a great production and I got a lot of inspiration from it. We actually bought a lot of the crates and soft goods (rope vines, fabric drops, etc.) you see onstage from that high school.



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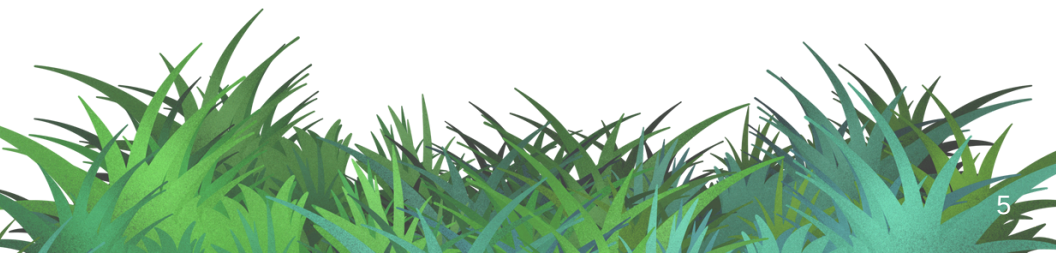


I love trying new things! One of my mantras is that when someone says, "we've never done it that way before," it's time to change! Sometimes those changes are dictated by outside forces. Summerstock has never been performed at Chopticon before. Great Mills was unavailable to us this year because they are doing some MUCH needed repair/replacement work to their HVAC system. Anyone who used one of the blankets we had available last year for Cinderella understands.

We've never used metal trusses for our set before! As I write this, we haven't even started rehearsing with them yet! They're being delivered a week from today! I hope they work out and enable us to do the things I want to accomplish. You'll find out tonight!

Summerstock would not be possible were it not for R&P staff, the Summerstock team of paid and volunteer staff, sponsors, parent volunteers, our dedicated live orchestra, and our incredibly talented Southern Maryland youth who chose to spend their summer with us so we could all put on a great show together! Thanks for supporting us by coming to see the show and encouraging your friends and family to do the same!

Summerstock Director
P. Wade Thompson



PRODUCTION STAFF

Producer	Chris Lengle
Director	P.Wade Thompson
Music Director	Sara Nelson
Set Designer & Build Coordinator	Gayle Nevis
Co-Set Designers	Cody Allee, JP Petitjean, Brooks Whiteford
Choreographer	Brooke L. Howells
Stage Manager	Kaylee Johnson
Costumes	Julia Pappendick
Props	Christina Allee
Fight Choreographer	Brooke L. Howells
Technical Production	Whiteford Systems
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Lighting Design	Sam Becraft
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CREW

Set Construction & Painting	Cody Allee, Carson Allee, Lileigh Carver Andrew Compton, Kyra Gieseler-Coppins Christopher Downey, Kori Downey, Crosby McGlothlin Lila Meisinger, Jamie Naluai, Gayle Nevis JP Petitjean, Preston Petitjean, Kim Rock, Charlotte Scott Tiger Thompson, Kelly Thurber, Dailante Wood
Props	Carson Allee, Christina Allee, Cody Allee, Piper Allee, Jennifer Baker, Kerah Bush, Linda Guzman, Aaron Meisinger, Jenny Meisinger, Gayle Nevis, Joseph Nevis, Kim Rock
Costumes	Kyra Gieseler-Coppins, Chelsea Dorn, Bella Guzman Linda Guzman, Julia Pappendick, Kelly Thurber Audrey Hupp, Mia Mildenstein, Ashley Ludlow Kylie Mesmer, Amber Gieske, Bryndley Dorn Julee Sours, Tiger Thompson



CREW

Continued

Makeup Designer

Julia Pappendick

Front of House

Christina Allee, Kerah Bush, Chelsea Dorn, Linda
Guzman, Julia Pappendick, Kim Rock, Kelly Thurber

Auditorium Decorating

Piper Allee, Lilliana Baker, Adri Barreto
Gianna Baummer, Andrew Compton
Finn Emerson, Pepper Emerson, Crosby McGlothlin
Mia Mildestein, Eli Thurber, Kayli Werner
Emme Wiegman, Dailante Wood

Auditorium Clean Up

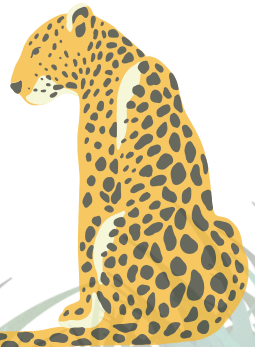
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CAST LIST

Father

Mother

Kerchak

Kala

Leopard

Young Terk

Young Tarzan

Terk

Tarzan

Jane

Porter

Clayton

Snipes

Tyler Ludlow

Kylie Mesmer

Garrison Smith

Kristen Kohler

Julee Sours

Jaxson Thomas

Eli Thurber

Piper Allee

Preston Petitjean

Madison Binkney

Carson Allee

Dailante Wood

Andrew Compton

Tropical Waves

Adri Barreto, Lileigh Carver, Kori Downey,
Amber Gieske, Cade Obedoza, Sarah Scott

Ape Ensemble

Carson Allee, Piper Allee, Lilliana Baker
Adri Berreto, Gianna Baummer, Madison Binkney
Kendra Bush, Lileigh Carver, Andrew Compton, Ainsley Dill
Pepper Emerson, Kyra Gieseler-Coppins, Amber Gieske
Bella Guzman, Audrey Hupp, Ashley Ludlow, Tyler Ludlow
Fiona Meisinger, Kylie Mesmer, Cade Obedoza
Preston Petitjean, Ben Schmalgameyer, Sarah Scott,
Tiger Thompson, Kayli Werner, Dailante Wood

Young Apes

Bryndley Dorn, Kori Downey, Finley Emerson
Lila Meisinger, Mia Mildenstein, Julee Sours
Jaxson Thomas, Eli Thurber, Wren Waters
Emme Wiegman

Plant Dancers

Bryndley Dorn, Amber Gieske, Bella Guzman
Audrey Hupp, Ashley Ludlow, Fi Meisinger
Kylie Mesmer, Mia Mildenstein, Julee Sours, Tiger Thompson

The Spider

Lilliana Baker, Gianna Baummer, Ainsley Dill
Pepper Emerson, Lila Meisinger, Ben Schmalgameyer
Wren Waters, Kaylie Werner, Emme Wiegman

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Explorers

Kendra Bush, Finley Emerson, Kyra Gieseler-Coppins
Ben Schmalgameyer, Tiger Thompson

Soloists

Andri Barreto, Kendra Bush, Alnsley Dill
Amber Gieske, Bella Guzman, Kylie Mesmer
Mia Mildenstein, Julee Sours, Tiger Thompson
Kayli Werner

Dance Captains

Vocal Captains

Ashley Ludlow & Kylie Mesmer
Kristen Kohler & Sarah Scott

Scenes and Musical Numbers

Act 1

Prologue - Coast of Africa

"Two Worlds"

Father, Mother, Kala, Kerchak, Apes

Scene 1 - Ape Nesting Grounds

"You'll Be in My Heart"

Kala, Apes

"Ten Years Pass"

Scene 2 - Jungle Clearing

"Who Better Than Me"

Young Terk, Young Tarzan

"No Other Way"

Kerchak, Kala

Scene 3 - Watering Hole

"I Need to Know"

Young Tarzan

Scene 4 - Jungle Clearing

"Son of Man"

Young Terk, Kala, Terk, Tarzan, Apes

"Sure as Sun Turns to Moon"

Kala, Kerchak

Scene 5 - Deep in the Jungle

"Human Invasion"

"Waiting for this Moment"

Jane, Ensemble

"Different"

Tarzan, Jane

Orchestra

Music Director/Conductor

Sara Nelson

Percussion

Jason Abney

Drums

Blaine Becker

Clarinet & Saxophone

Katherine Clinton

Trumpet

Jesse Cummings

Bass

Kevin Emerson

Percussion

Jason Gill

Flute

Linda Henry

Guitar

Jeff Kemper

English Horn & Oboe

Karen Roberts

Scenes and Musical Numbers

Act 2

Entr'acte

Scene 1 - Human Camp

"Trashin' the Camp"

Terk, Apes

Scene 2 - Deep in the Jungle

Scene 3 - Jungle Clearing

Scene 4 - Human Camp & Jungle

"Like No Man I've Seen"

Jane, Porter

"Strangers Like Me"

Tarzan

Scene 5 - Deep in the Jungle

Scene 6 - Human Camp & Jungle

"For the First Time"

Jane, Tarzan

"Who Better than Me" Reprise

Terk, Tarzan

Scene 7 - Ape Nesting Grounds

Scene 8 - Tree House

"Everything That I Am"

Young Tarzan, Tarzan, Kala, Ensemble

"You'll Be in My Heart" Reprise

Tarzan, Kala

Scene 9 - Human Camp

"Sure as Sun Turns to Moon" Reprise

Kala, Tarzan

Scene 10 - Beach

"Two Worlds" Finale

Ensemble

Bows

Orchestra (Continued)

Piano 1

Mary Jane Seanor

Trombone

Aldous Simms-Clark

Piano 2

Lisa Shamberger

French Horn

Desirée Smith

Piano 3

Nicole Thompson

Percussion

Nolan Wengerd

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Carson Allee, 17 (Porter, Ape)

Carson is excited to return to the Summerstock stage for his 8th season. Some of his favorite roles include *Cinderella* (Jean-Michel), *Mary Poppins* (Michael Banks), and *Newsies* (Mike). When not on stage for theatre, you will find him performing in choral concerts. He is an assistant stage manager at LHS where he performed in *The Music Man*. You will also find him racing his mountain bike, riding his OneWheel around town, or working on cars. Carson would like to take this opportunity to thank his family and friends for their love and support!



Piper Allee, 15 (Terk, Ape)

Piper is excited to be performing in her 6th Summerstock show! Previous shows include *Cinderella* (Lady in Waiting) and *School of Rock* (James the Bouncer). At LHS, she has appeared in *The Curious Savage* (Fairy May) and *High School Musical* (Kratnoff). You may have seen her in the CPCS productions of *Cinderella Youth Edition* (Cinderella!), Disney's *Frozen JR* (Olaf), and *The Magical Land of Oz* (Wicked Witch). When not on stage or singing in chorus, she is racing trails on her mountain bike with the Three Notch Trailhawks. She thanks her family and friends for their support!



Lilliana Baker, 16 (Spider, Ape)

Lilliana is so happy to be a part of *TARZAN*! She appeared last fall in SMR's production of *Alice@Wonderland* (Tweedledum/Rose). Lilliana is a rising junior at St. Mary's Ryken High School and writes stories and poetry in her free time. She would like to thank her parents for being so supportive of her and dreams.

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Adri Barreto, 16 (Tropical Wave, Soloist, Ape)

Adriana is very excited to be performing in her fourth Summerstock show! She has been doing theater for years and loves being on stage. Her past shows include *Annie* (Mrs. Hannigan), *Beauty and the Beast* (Lumiere) and *Willy Wonka* (Veruca Salt) at KC, and *Children of Eden* (Storyteller) and *School of Rock* (Tomika). Adriana would like to thank her family and friends for all their love and support and hopes you enjoy the show!



Gianna Baummer, 16 (Spider, Ape)

Gianna is excited to be in her first Summerstock production this year. She is a homeschooled sophomore and has loved doing theater since 4th grade. Some of her roles include *The Music Man* (Marian), *The Wizard of Oz* (The Wicked Witch), and *Little Women* (Amy) with New Direction Community Theater. Gianna loves hanging out with friends, running, hiking, and playing her flute. She thanks the production team for their hard work, as well as her family for their love and support, and, finally, she would like to thank God for giving her these amazing talents.



Madison Binkney, 20 (Jane)

Madison is excited to be participating in her first Summerstock! She has previously been in shows such as *Godspell JR* (Beautiful City soloist), *Footloose* (Rusty), *Puffs* (Sally Perks), *Conflict* (Woman #2), *Beauty and the Beast* (Mrs. Potts), and many others! Madison can't wait to perform this wonderful show and make new memories! She would like to thank everybody who supported and helped produce this musical, as well as thank her family for the support she receives from them!

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Kendra Bush, 15 (Explorer, Ape, Soloist)

Kendra is excited to be returning to Summerstock for *TARZAN* after performing in *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child* (Polly Chapman, Ensemble), *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown* (Violet Gray), Summerstock's *Cinderella* (Horse, Ensemble), *Frozen* (Queen Iduna, Ensemble), CPCS's *Cinderella* (Ensemble) and more at GMHS and CPCS. She is a sophomore at GMHS and enjoys singing and spending time with her friends! Kendra would like to thank her family for pushing her to do what she's passionate about. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Lileigh Carver, 17 (Tropical Wave, Ape)

Lileigh is super happy to be in Summerstock's rendition of *TARZAN* this year after performing in *The Curious Savage* (Ms.Paddy), *High School Musical* (Ensemble), and *Three Bags Full* (Genevieve's Understudy) at LHS just to name a few! This is Lileigh's 4th Summerstock show! She would like to thank her friends and family for always being supportive of her endeavors. She is so grateful to have you all in her life. Now let the show begin!



Andrew Compton, 14 (Snipes, Ape)

Andrew is excited to be making his Summerstock debut. Past shows include *The Lion King* (Pumba), *Twelve Angry Jurors* (Juror #7), and *Fools* (stage crew). Andrew is a freshman at Patuxent High School and will be playing Peter Cratchit in *A Christmas Carol* this fall. He would like to thank his parents for being supportive of his theater journey.

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Ainsley Dill, 12 (Spider, Ape, Soloist)

Ainsley is excited to be returning to Summerstock for her second show after last year's *Cinderella* (Mouse Puppeteer). A rising 7th grader, Ainsley will continue her education this fall at SRMS as part of the STEM Academy. She would like to thank her friends, family, and teachers for being so supportive this year, and hopes everyone enjoys the show!



Bryndley Dorn, 10 (Plant Dancer, Young Ape)

Brynnny is thrilled to be trying out Summerstock as one of the youngest members of the cast. You may have seen her flapping around as Scuttle in *The Little Mermaid Jr.* (Evergreen ES). When she's not monkeying around on stage, you might find her at a dance class, Cub Scouts, or writing a creative tale. She sends her love and thanks to Mr. Wade, Ms. Nelson, Ms. Brooke, and everybody else who's helped her through the show. She sends special love to her family, especially her mom. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Kori Downey, 15 (Tropical Wave, Young Ape)

Kori is so excited to be in this production of *TARZAN*! This is their 8th show in total, and their third with Summerstock. You may have seen Kori in *Harry Potter* (wizard/muggle). They also stepped into the lighting crew for the first time this year, something they enjoyed more than expected. Kori hopes you enjoy the show, and we hope this show will be in your heart, always.

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Finley Emerson, 12 (Young Ape, Explorer)

Finley is so happy to be making his Summerstock debut in *TARZAN* after performing in *Matilda* (Nigel) at NTP and *Mary Poppins* (Ensemble) at CPCS. He is a 6th grader at CPCS, and loves animating and skateboarding in his free time. Finley is so grateful he got to be a part of this, and would like to thank his friends and family for encouraging him. He is a “son of man,” and hopes you enjoy the show!



Pepper Emerson, 14 (Spider, Ape)

Pepper is thrilled to be in her third Summerstock production after performing in *School of Rock* (ensemble) and *Cinderella* (ensemble). She was also a part of the last three CPCS productions, most recently in *Mary Poppins* (Winifred Banks). Pepper is a rising freshman at LHS and when not onstage, she loves singing, reading, and hanging out with friends. She would like to thank her fellow castmates, family, friends and directors for believing in her. She hopes you enjoy the show, and that it'll “be in your heart” long after you leave.



Kyra Gieseler-Coppins, 15 (Explorer, Ape)

Kyra is so incredibly excited for her third Summerstock production. This program has really helped her step out of her shell to explore new and different theaters. Kyra has previously appeared in *Addams Family Jr.* (Ancestor Bride), *Shrek Jr.* (Mama Bear), *School of Rock* (Student), *Fools* (Lenya), and *Cinderella* (townsperson/mouse puppeteer.) Kyra would like to thank her family and friends for supporting her and Wade for being such a joy to work with!

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Amber Hope Gieske, 21 (Plant Dancer, Ape, Soloist)

After a brief hiatus from the Summerstock stage, during which she spent a summer lost in the jungle of nature summer camp counseling and finished her B.A. in Environmental Studies at SMCM, Amber is ecstatic to be ape-ing around in *TARZAN!* Amber is grateful for the wonderful friends she's made during this production. She thanks her parents for encouraging her artistic exploits. To Tequila the dog: You'll be in my heart - Always.



Bella Guzman, 17 (Plant Dancer, Soloist, Ape)

Bella is excited to perform in her fourth Summerstock show. You may have seen her at LHS in *High School Musical* (Ensemble), *The Curious Savage* (Miss Willie), *2024 One Acts* (Jane), *Three Bags Full* (Jeanette Understudy), or in Summerstock's *Cinderella* (Gabrielle), *School of Rock* (Ms. Ward), or *Children of Eden* (storyteller). Bella would like to thank her friends and family for all of their support. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Audrey Hupp, 16 (Plant Dancer, Ape)

Audrey is excited to be a part of *TARZAN!* Previously, she performed with us in *Cinderella* and *School of Rock*. Outside of theater, Audrey is passionate about music and dance. She would like to thank her family and friends for their love and support!

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Kristen Kohler, 21 (Kala)

It is bittersweet for Kristen to be performing her very last show with Summerstock. Previous Summerstock shows include *Mary Poppins* (Queen Victoria), *Newsies* (Ensemble), *Broadway Brevities*, *School of Rock* (Patty), and *Cinderella* (Vocal Captain). Other non-Summerstock shows include *Something Rotten* at NTP and *The Prom* at CSM. She would like to thank her family and friends who supported her and came to see the show.



Ashley Ludlow, 16 (Dance Captain, Gorilla, Plant Dancer)

Ashley is excited to be in her second show with Summerstock! You may have seen her in other shows like *Shrek Jr* (Duloc Dancer) *Addams Family School Edition* (Ancestor), *The Curious Savage* (Florence Williams), *High School Musical* (Cyndra), or in the LHS one acts *Our Place* (Beth) and *The Chips are Down* (Molly). Ashley is a rising junior at LHS. She would like to thank her family for supporting her, and all her teachers-whether it is choir, theater, or dance-who have helped her realize her love for performing.



Tyler Ludlow, 20 (Father, Ape)

Tyler is excited to be performing in his fourth Summerstock show, playing Sergeant in *Pirates of Penzance*, Cain in *Children of Eden*, and an ensemble guard in *Cinderella*. He is a rising junior at the University of Maryland and enjoys engaging in all things pop culture. Tyler would like to thank his parents and director Wade for allowing him to participate in this performance.

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Fi Meisinger, 13 (Plant Dancer, Ape)

Fi is thrilled to be a part of Summerstock's production of TARZAN! You may have seen them in previous shows such as *Mary Poppins Jr.* (Bert), *School of Rock* (Katie), and many more productions. When not causing showbiz shenanigans, Fi is reading, writing, listening to music, and most of all, making a fool of themselves. They would like to thank their friends and family for being so supportive of their middle school journey. Fi hopes you enjoy the show.



Lila Meisinger, 13 (Young Ape, Spider)

Lila is so excited to be a part of the Summerstock cast. This is not her first show; you may have seen her in *Sound of Music* (Marta) at NTP, *School of Rock* (Sophie) at Summerstock, *Much Ado About Nothing* (Ensemble) NTP, and most recently *Mary Poppins Jr.* (Robertson Ay, and Mrs. Corry) at CPCS. She is a 7th grader at CPCS and in her free time she enjoys relaxing with her cat. She would like to thank her friends and family for all their support throughout the whole process of the thing. She hopes you enjoy the show.



Kylie Mesmer, 19 (Mother, Plant Dancer, Ape, Soloist)

Kylie is excited to be a part of Summerstock's production of TARZAN. You may have previously seen her in *Urinetown* (Soupy Sue), *Doubt: A Parable* (Sister James), *Radium Girls* (Diane Roeder), *Paper or Plastic* (Tabloid Woman), *Grease* (Patty), *School of Rock* (Mrs. Hathaway, Ensemble), *Pride and Prejudice* (Elizabeth Bennet), *Dark Road* (Lise), *One Stoplight Town* (Sally), *The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical* (Luke), and *Cinderella* (Ensemble). She wants to thank her family for supporting her in all her endeavors!

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Mia Mildenstein, 12 (Plant Dancer, Young Ape, Soloist)

Mia is so excited to make her Summerstock debut. She attends MBMS. You might have seen her in *Newsies Jr* (ensemble) at Margaret Brent, *Matilda the Musical* (Hortensia) or *The Sound of Music* (Gretl) with the Newtowne Players. Mia is grateful for the opportunity and would like to thank her parents and sister Mayzie for all of their support.



Cade Obedoza, 17 (Tropical Wave, Ape)

This is Cade's fifth show with Summerstock and their eighth show overall. You may have seen them in *Newsies* (Newsboy), *Children of Eden* (Snake), *School of Rock* (Security Guard), or last year's production of R+H's *Cinderella* (Marie). You may have also seen them in the LHS production of *The Music Man* (Ensemble), *Three Bags Full* (Jenkins Understudy), or in *25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* (Mitch Mahoney/Leaf Dad). Cade hopes everyone in the audience can enjoy the show as much as they enjoyed being a part of it.



Preston Petitjean, 17 (Tarzan)

Preston is overjoyed to be performing in his second Summerstock musical! A rising senior at LHS, Preston has embraced roles in the following shows: *The Curious Savage* (Titus), *High School Musical On Stage!* (Jason), and *Bedtime Stories* (Dad). Preston extends sincere gratitude to his parents for their support and encouragement throughout the busy year, and the Summerstock cast, crew, and pit for their indefatigable effort towards creating an excellent production. He hopes you enjoy the show's heartfelt story of connection and identity!

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Ben Schmalgameyer, 17 (Spider, Ape)

Ben is excited to make his Summerstock debut in **TARZAN**! He is a rising senior at LHS where he has performed for the ROSE Players since his freshman year. A proud member of the LHS International Thespian Society, Ben has performed in *Macbeth* (Siward), *The Music Man* (Ensemble), *Zap!* (Konstantin and Prince Edward), *The Curious Savage* (Samuel Understudy), *High School Musical* (Alan), and *The Chips Are Down* (Herb). He would like to thank his family and friends for their endless amount of love and support.



Sarah Scott, 17 (Tropical Wave, Ape)

Sarah can't wait for you to see our production of **TARZAN**! You may have previously seen Sarah in *High School Musical* (Sharpay), *Cinderella* (Ella), *School of Rock* (ensemble/soloist), *Shrek JR* (Gingy), *Children of Eden* (ensemble), and other past Summerstock productions as well! Sarah attends LHS and enjoys being a part of the all female chamber choir Bella Voce. Sarah would like to thank her mom for always being her biggest fan and the cast for making this such a fun experience!



Julee Sours, 16 (Leopard, Young Ape)

Julee is a rising senior who is excited to be in this year's production of **TARZAN**! She has performed in Summerstock's *Cinderella* (Ensemble) and in Real Life's musical, *A Rockin' Royal Christmas* (lead librarian). In her free time, Julee enjoys baking, singing in her church's youth band, and hanging out with her friends. She'd like to thank the production team for all their hard work, her family for always supporting her, and her friends who, by now, have listened to the **TARZAN** soundtrack dozens of times.

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Garrison Smith, 21 (Kerchak)

Sadly, TARZAN will be Garrison's eighth and final Summerstock, but there is No Other Way he would spend his summer anywhere else. Garrison plays Kerchack, the gruff leader of the gorilla tribe, who fears what Tarzan, the Son Of Man, may become. For The First Time, these gorillas will Be In Your Hearts long after the performance, for they, too, are excitedly Waiting For This Moment. Garrison assures the Two Worlds of theater and "monkeying around" showcase Everything That He Is.



Jaxson Thomas 14 (Young Terk, Ape)

Jaxson is excited to be in TARZAN and make new friends. Previous shows include *The Lion King*, *Shrek* (his favorite show!), *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, and *Esther*. Jaxson is amazed that he has had a lead role in each of these shows. In his free time he likes to play video games, exercise, and hang out with friends and family. Jaxson has three brothers, a great mom, and an awesome dad! He hopes you enjoy the show!



Tiger Thompson, 16 (Plant Dancer, Explorer, Soloist, Ape)

Tiger is thrilled to be performing in his second Summerstock show! You may have seen him in *Cinderella* (Lord), *Guys and Dolls* (Crapshooter), *Legally Blonde Jr.* (Dewey), *She Kills Monsters* (Bugbear), *Sister Act Jr.* (Mary Lazarus), or *Shrek* (Mad Hatter). Tiger is an upcoming junior at CHS. He is in AVPA and enjoys singing, dancing, and acting. He would like to thank his best friend, Mattie, for always showing up for him and encouraging him to do his best!

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Eli Thurber, 10 (Young Tarzan, Ape)

Eli is excited to be in Summerstock for the first time. His first play was *The Little Mermaid* (Sebastian) at EES this year. He is a rising 5th grader and loves math and running. Eli would like to thank his brothers for cheering him on and practicing lines with him. He would also like to thank his parents for driving him to rehearsals.



Wren Waters, 15 (Young Ape, Spider)

Wren is a rising sophomore at GMHS and is excited to be monkeying around with her friends in Summerstock's *TARZAN!* This is her third year in Summerstock. She's been seen most recently on stage at GMHS in *Charlie Brown* (Linus) and *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child* (Ensemble). She's excited for opening night and hopes you enjoy the show!



Kayli Werner, 16 (Spider, Ape, Soloist)

Life is such a gift, and Kayli wants to get everything she can out of it by leaping through each door Christ opens for her. In drama, Kayli wants every word, line, and song to be delivered in praise, and every gesture, every move that she makes to be an outpouring of her joy in the Lord. Kayli performed in *Cinderella* (ensemble) with Summerstock and *Kingdom's Dawn* (Tess) with the Academy of the Arts. A fun fact about Kayli is that she can play the piano upside down and backwards.

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Emme Wiegman, 12 (Young Ape, Spider)

Emme is excited for her second Summerstock production! Her performance in *TARZAN* follows her other performances in *Newsies* at MBMS, *Maximum Conflict: Eternal Strife* at Creede Repertory Theater, *Beanstalk! The Play!* and *Goldilocks* at CSM La Plata, and *School of Rock* with Summerstock. Emme is in 7th Grade at MBMS and in addition to theater, she participates in Western Horseback riding and Roller Derby with 301 Junior Rollers.



Dailante Wood, 16 (Clayton, Ape)

Dailante is excited to be making his Summerstock debut in *TARZAN* after previously being in *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child* (Amos Diggory & Voldemort), *The Curious Savage* (Titus Savage understudy) & the senior one act *Endgame* (Hamm). He is a sophomore at Great Mills High School. He gives his thanks to God for getting him to where he is, and thanks his family and friends for supporting him.

Abbreviations Guide

AVPA	Academy of Visual and Performing Arts	ITS	International Thespian Society
CCT	California Christian Tutorial	KCA	King's Christian Academy
CHS	Chopticon High School	LHS	Leonardtwn High School
CPCS	Chesapeake Public Charter School	LMS	Leonardtwn Middle School
CSM	College of Southern Maryland	NTP	Newtowne Players
CTSMD	Children's Theater of Southern Maryland	PTP	Port Tobacco Players
EMS	Esperanza Middle School	SMRHS	St. Mary's Ryken High School
GMHS	Great Mills High School	SRMS	Spring Ridge Middle School

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Christina Allee (Props & Volunteer Coordinator)

Christina is returning for her 7th Summerstock production. She loves supporting the cast, crew and appreciates all of her fellow volunteers. It takes a village, and Summerstock is an amazing village that makes the stories come to life. She appreciates all of the support from her husband to help with the set and making a lot of her props and the patience with all of the time commitment. Thank you to the amazing crew for all of the collaboration and support as we made the transition to Chopticon. Thank you for supporting our show and all of our front of house activities.



Brooke Howells (Choreography)

Brooke is excited to spend her third year with Summerstock! She has choreographed and directed over 50 musicals and plays in the Southern Maryland area, most recently choreographing *School of Rock* and R&H's *Cinderella* for Summerstock, and *The Prom* and *The Addams Family* for CSM. Brooke is the CEO of Power Tots, Inc. and resides in La Plata with her husband, daughter, and two cats.



Kaylee Johnson (Stage Manager)

This is Kaylee's second year as our Stage Manager. At GMHS, she appeared in *The Little Mermaid* (Seagull, Princess, Maid), *Grease* (Jan understudy/ensemble), *Percy Jackson and The Lightning Thief* (Annabeth). She is a Speech-Language Pathology Major heading into her second year at Towson University (Go Tigers!). She hopes you enjoy TARZAN, as much as she has enjoyed watching and being a part of all the hard work everyone in the cast and crew has put in!

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Crosby McGlothlin (Assistant Stage Manager)

Crosby is excited for his first Summerstock Production, **TARZAN!** Crosby is an Assistant Stage Manager, and has been a crew head at GMHS for *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child* and *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*.



Sara Nelson (Music Director)

Sara is so excited to be a part of Summerstock and wants to thank you for coming to see this Summerstock production of **TARZAN**. She would like to give a special thanks to her family for always supporting her, especially her husband, Brian, and children, Drake, Bryan, Derek, and Skyliya. Enjoy the show!



Gayle Nevis (Sets)

Gayle is excited to be participating in her 5th Summerstock show. She was previously involved with *Newsies*, *Children of Eden*, *School of Rock*, and *Cinderella*. She has also designed and built sets for Great Mills High School and the Newtowne Players. She thanks her husband, daughter, and friends for their support, and hopes you enjoy the show!

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Julia Pappendick (Costumes)

Julia is returning for her fourth Summerstock show. *TARZAN* has been a favorite movie of hers and quickly became one of her favorite musicals, as well. She has previously created costumes for *Children of Eden*, *School of Rock*, and *Cinderella*. She has been working and performing in theater for many years. She is grateful every day for the support from her loving husband and family, as well as her Summerstock family. "Trust your heart, let fate decide, to guide these lives we see."



Rylee Polk (Assistant Stage Manager)

Rylee is excited to be making her Summerstock debut as Assistant Stage Manager (ASM) for *TARZAN* after performing in *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child* (Ensemble), *The Lightning Thief* (Grover), *Annie* (Ensemble), and *Beauty and the Beast* (Belle) at KCA and Great Mills. She is a rising senior at Great Mills and enjoys playing volleyball and being active in theatre!



P. Wade Thompson (Director)

Wade is excited to be directing *TARZAN* as his 15th Summerstock show! He also serves on the production committee for the Newtowne Players where he recently directed Agatha Christie's classic *Witness for the Prosecution*. Wade is passionate about theatre and encourages you to check out his website where he tries to keep track of all of the theatre going on in Southern Maryland and beyond: somedtheater.com. Wade can be heard on the Original Broadway Cast Album of Disney's production of Menken & Rice's *King David* (in the audience, clapping and cheering).

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Phil Collins (Music and Lyrics)

Phil Collins' ascent to the status of one of the most successful pop and adult contemporary singers of the '80s and beyond was probably as much a surprise to him as it was to many others. Balding and diminutive, the Genesis drummer-turned-vocalist was almost 30 years old when his first solo single, "In the Air Tonight," became a number two hit in his native U.K. (the song was a Top 20 hit in the U.S.). Between 1984 and 1990, Collins had a string of 13 straight U.S. Top Ten hits.

Long before any of that happened, however, Collins was a child actor/singer who appeared as the Artful Dodger in the London production of *Oliver!* in 1964. (He also has a cameo in *A Hard Day's Night*, among other films.) He got his first break in music in his late teens, when he was chosen to be a replacement drummer in the British art rock band Genesis in 1970. (Collins maintained a separate jazz career with the band Brand X as well.)

Genesis was fronted by singer Peter Gabriel. They had achieved a moderate level of success in the U.K. and the U.S. with elaborate concept albums, before Gabriel abruptly left in 1974. Genesis auditioned 400 singers without success, then decided to let Collins have a go. The result was a gradual simplifying of Genesis' sound and an increasing focus on Collins' expressive, throaty voice. And Then There Were Three... went gold in 1978, and Duke was even more successful.

Collins made his debut solo album, *Face Value*, in 1981, which turned out to be a bigger hit than any Genesis album. It concentrated on Collins' voice, often in stark, haunting contexts such as the piano-and-drum dirge "In the Air Tonight," which sounded like something from John Lennon's debut solo album, *John Lennon/Plastic Ono Band*.

During the '80s, Collins was enormously successful in balancing his continuing solo work with his membership in Genesis. In 1992, Genesis released *We Can't Dance* and began an extensive tour. Upon its completion, Collins released *Both Sides* in 1993, and the record became his first album not to produce a major hit single or go multi-platinum. In 1995, he announced that he was leaving Genesis permanently.

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The following year, he released *Dance Into the Light*. Although the album didn't chart highly, its subsequent supporting tour was a success. The *Hits* collection followed in 1998, and a year later Collins made his first big-band record, *Hot Night in Paris*. The song cycle *Testify* arrived in 2002, and his next studio-recorded solo release was 2010's *Going Back*, which saw him revisiting the Motown hits that so influenced him and featured three of the surviving Funk Brothers -- guitarists Eddie Willis and Ray Monette, and bassist Bob Babbitt.

After some time spent out of the spotlight, much of it spent recovering from physical ailments, Collins returned in 2014 to play a couple of songs at his sons' school and to write songs with Adele. Soon after he began work on reissuing his solo albums, sorting through the archives for demos and live recordings to flesh them out. Beginning in early 2016, Warner Music Group began releasing the discs in pairs, with new portraits of Collins on the covers in place of the original images. While rumors of autobiographies and world tours swirled, Collins did actually return to the stage in March of 2016, performing at Little Dreams Foundation Benefit Gala in Miami.

David Henry Hwang

David Henry Hwang's stage works includes the plays *M. Butterfly*, *Yellow Face*, *Chinglish*, *Kung Fu*, *Golden Child*, *The Dance and the Railroad*, and *FOB*, as well as the Broadway musicals Elton John & Tim Rice's *Aida* (co-author), *Flower Drum Song* (2002 revival) and Disney's *TARZAN*. Hwang is a Tony Award winner and three-time nominee, a three-time OBIE Award winner, a Grammy Award winner who has been twice nominated, and a three-time Finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in Drama. Opera News called him America's most-produced living opera librettist. He co-wrote the Gold Record "Solo" with the late pop icon Prince and was a Writer/Consulting Producer for the Golden Globe-winning television series *The Affair* from 2015-2019. Hwang is currently creating *Empress*, a TV series for Netflix; the live-action musical feature film *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* for Disney Studios; and a movie to star actress Gemma Chan. Hwang serves as Head of Playwriting at Columbia University School of the Arts and sits on the Board of the American Theatre Wing, where he recently completed his term as Chair. His newest work, *Soft Power*, a collaboration with composer Jeanine Tesori, premiered at Los Angeles' Ahmanson Theatre, where it won six Ovation Awards. Its subsequent run at the Public Theatre in NYC received a 2020 Grammy nomination for Best Musical Theatre Album and was a Finalist for the 2020 Pulitzer Prize in Drama.

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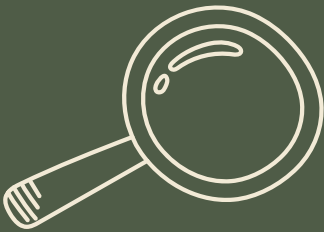
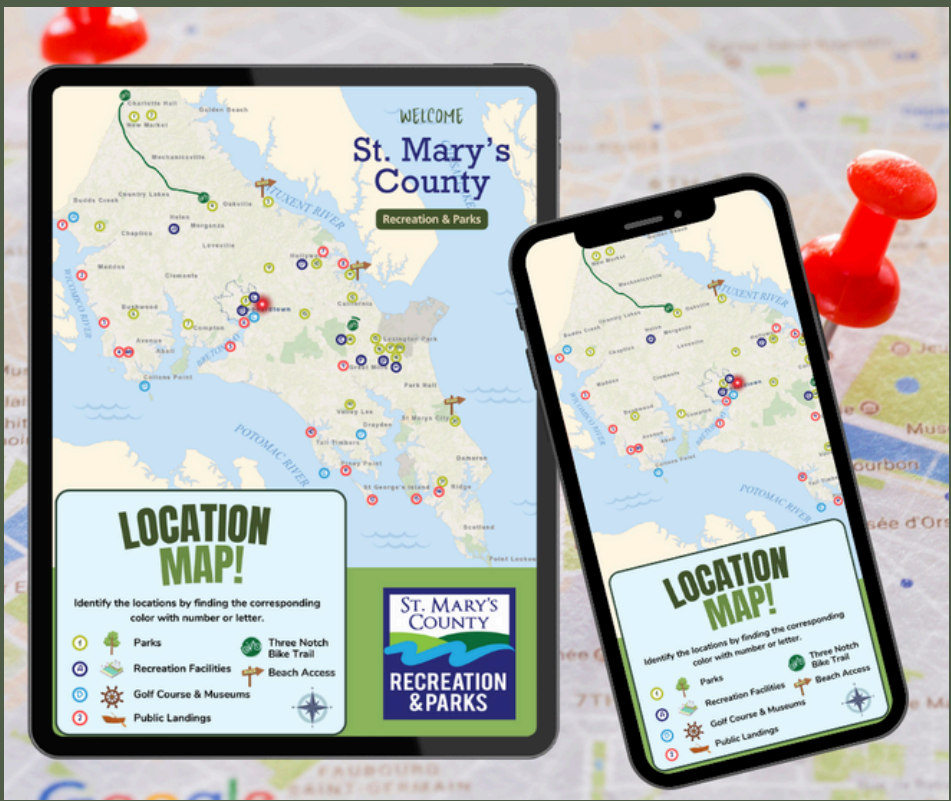
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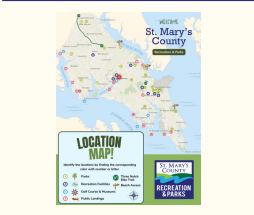
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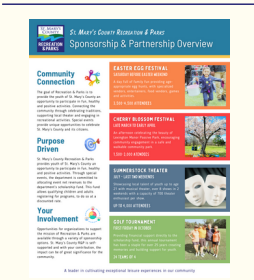
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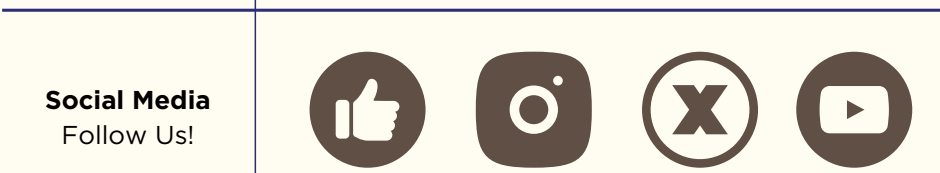


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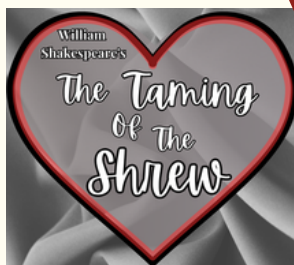
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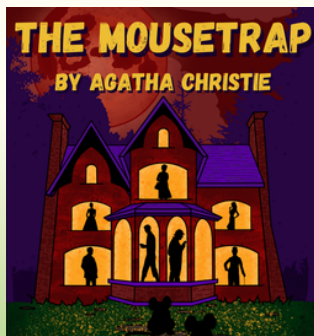


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1970-73

<i>Gypsy</i>	1971
<i>Oliver</i>	1972
<i>Man of La Mancha</i>	1973

1986-89

<i>Guys and Dolls</i>	1986
<i>Once Upon a Mattress</i>	1987
<i>Annie Get Your Gun</i>	1988
<i>Oliver</i>	1989

1990-99

<i>Grease</i>	1990
<i>The Wizard of Oz</i>	1991
<i>Godspell</i>	1992
<i>Annie</i>	1993
<i>Lil' Abner</i>	1994
<i>The Sound of Music</i>	1995
<i>Into the Woods</i>	1996
<i>Grease</i>	1987
<i>Bye Bye Birdie</i>	1998
<i>Little Shop of Horrors</i>	1999

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2000-09

<i>Oliver</i>	2000
<i>Joseph...Dreamcoat</i>	2001
<i>The Wizard of Oz</i>	2002
<i>Les Miserables</i>	2003
<i>HONK!</i>	2004
<i>Beauty and the Beast</i>	2005
<i>Guys and Dolls</i>	2006
<i>Crazy for You</i>	2007
<i>Seussical</i>	2008
<i>Ragtime</i>	2009

2010-19

<i>Cinderella (Enchanted)</i>	2010
<i>The Music Man</i>	2011
<i>The Wizard of Oz</i>	2012
<i>Hairspray</i>	2013
<i>Grease</i>	2014
<i>Joseph...Dreamcoat</i>	2015
<i>The Little Mermaid</i>	2016
<i>Oklahoma!</i>	2017
<i>Mary Poppins</i>	2018
<i>Newsies</i>	2019

2020-PRESENT

<i>Broadway Brevities</i>	2020
<i>Pirates of Penzance</i>	2021
<i>Children of Eden</i>	2022
<i>School of Rock</i>	2023
<i>Cinderella (Broadway)</i>	2024
<i>TARZAN</i>	2025