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CAST (IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE)

Shrek .............................................................. Jacob Calgaro
Mama Ogre/Mama Bear ....................................... Liz Karpowitz
Papa Ogre/Papa Bear ........................................ Marshall Dove
Little Shrek/Baby Bear ........................................ Jack Berish
Fiona ............................................................... Sophie Henrichs
King Harold ...................................................... Danny Muntz
Queen Lillian .................................................... Emma Hietpas
Young Fiona ..................................................... Paisley Schroeder
Guard ............................................................... Josh Calgaro
Pinocchio ......................................................... Kaden Rhodes
Wolf ............................................................... Jacob Jarmuskiewicz
Little Pig 1 ....................................................... Noah Godfrey
Little Pig 2 ........................................................ Luis Cazarin
Little Pig 3 ........................................................ Anthony Bagley
White Rabbit ..................................................... Malcolm Larson
Fairy Godmother ............................................... Jasmin Erickson
Peter Pan ........................................................ Evan McGinnis
Ugly Duckling .................................................... Mikayla Mindiola
Sugar Plum Fairy ............................................... Regan Carter
Witch .............................................................. Kalina Wojcicka
Mad Hatter ........................................................ Ean McBride
Humpty Dumpty ................................................ Sierra Schuyler
Elf ................................................................. Lauren Meunier
Donkey ............................................................. Jared Dutelle
Captain of the Guard ......................................... Sam Holling
Lord Farquaad .................................................... Luke Merschdorf
Thelonius .......................................................... Nate Krohn
Gingy/Blue Bird .................................................. Elise Matson
Greeter .............................................................. Faith Gabel
Announcer ....................................................... Sophie Hauswirth
Teen Fiona ......................................................... Jaci Gabel
Knight 1 ............................................................ Jad El Dilati
Knight 2 ............................................................ Josh Calgaro
Knight 3 ............................................................ Sam Holling
Knight 4 ............................................................ Charlie Ortega
Dragon ............................................................ Kayla Henderson
Pied Piper .......................................................... Karl Magsig
Three Blind Mice ............................................. Aishu Nagasunder, Anna Flaherty, Ava Shuman-Messplay
Bishop .............................................................. Alex Malone

Dance Cast: Katie Swain (captain), Karl Magsig, Jaci Gabel, Isabel Visuri, Kendal Briscoe, Mackenzie Bristol, Cami Foote

Ensemble: Natalie Smith, Josie Holmstrom, Hazel Donovan, Josh Calgaro, Sam Holling, Nate Krohn, Faith Gabel, Laura McConnell, Alex Malone, Maddie Roubik, Danny Muntz, Liv Bonell, Elise Matson, Stefani Vandesand, Charlie Ortega, Emma Hietpas, Kylie Homar, Sophie Hauswirth, Melinna Posey, Jad El Dilati, Sarah Fullerton, Robert Engel, Ryan Howden, Nate Owens
PIT

Noah Polzin ................................................................. Piano
Nick Berghoefer ........................................................ Clarinet/Alto
Kaleena Montez .......................................................... Flute
Jen Mercier ............................................................... Flute
Katelyn Rothschadl ....................................................... Horn
Nicky Cameron .......................................................... Percussion
Anabelle Bonilla ........................................................ Percussion

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Danny,

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Love,
Dad, Mom, Laney and Erin
Molly Krewal (Choreographer) has always had a love for dance. Ever since she was a little girl she knew she wanted to be a dancer. In 2009 she graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee with a BFA in dance. Since then, some of her favorite works she has been in are Alwin Nicholai’s Waterstudies, Brigadoon, Luc Vanier’s Tryptich, Danceworks’s Art to Art and Too Much Trouble. She started choreographing for The WESTEND PLAYERS nine years ago. She loves working with the high schoolers and watching them grow into better actors, singers and dancers. She wants to thank her amazing husband Jim and her three beautiful children Mackenzie, Seamus and Barney.

Nathan Berish (Director/Designer) is the director of the theater program at Waukesha West High School. He graduated from Augustana College in Illinois with degrees in Theatre, Political Science, and Speech Communication, and he received his Master’s degree in Theatre Education from Cardinal Stritch University. Outside of the classroom, Mr. Berish has acted with and designed for a number of Milwaukee area theaters. Recent shows he has directed or designed include The Wizard of Oz, Little Shop of Horrors, Noises off, Beauty and the Beast, The Hobbit, A Midsummer Night’s Dream, Dracula, and Phantom of the Opera. He currently serves as a board member of the Alliance for Wisconsin Theatre Education. Special thanks to his beautiful wife Jessica and his four terrific children for putting up with his long hours at school.

Zachary J. Moore (Musical Director) has been a music educator for the past two years. His career started at Saint Mary’s Springs Academy (Fond du lac WI) where he served as musical director for grades 5 - 12. Mr. Moore has participated in six productions and has directed two shows. He has served as an active board member of the Wisconsin Choral Directors Association since 2015.

Kali Granzow (Conductor) has been a band director at Waukesha West for the past 3 years. She works with the Blue Concert Band, Symphonic Winds and Percussion, as well as the Cadets of Waukesha West Marching Band. She graduated from UW Whitewater with a Bachelor of the Arts degree in Music Education. Mrs. Granzow has been the pit conductor for the past two years, conducting Peter Pan and now Shrek. Special thanks to her husband Gage and fur babies Hudson and Arya for being so understanding with all of the hours she has put in.

Jaci and Faith,

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SCENES

Act 1

Scene 1: A swamp
Big Bright Beautiful World ........................................ Shrek, Fiona, Mama Ogre, Papa Ogre, Little Shrek, King Harold, Queen Lillian, Young Fiona, Ensemble
Story of My Life ........................................................................................................................ Fairytale Creatures
The Goodbye Song ................................................................................................................... Fairytale Creatures

Scene 2: A forest path
Don't Let Me Go .................................................................................................................. Donkey

Scene 3: Farquaad’s torture chamber
Regiment #1 .................................................................................................................... Guards and Ensemble

Scene 4: Outside Duloc Castle
What's Up Duloc ........................................................................................................ Farquaad, Dance Cast, Ensemble

Scene 5: Fiona's Tower
I Know It's Today ......................................................................................................... Young Fiona, Teen Fiona, Fiona

Scene 6: A forest path
Travel Song .................................................................................................................. Donkey, Shrek, Ensemble

Scene 7: Dragon's lair
Forever .......................................................................................................................... Dragon, Donkey, Knights, Dance Cast, Ensemble
This is How a Dream Comes True ........................................................................ Fiona, Shrek, Dragon, Dance Cast, Ensemble

Scene 8: A cliff's edge
Who I'd Be .................................................................................................................. Fiona, Shrek, Donkey

There will be a 15 minute intermission between acts
Act 2

Scene 1: The forest
  Morning Person.................................................................Fiona, Blue Bird, Pied Piper, Dance Cast
  I Think I Got You Beat.................................................................Fiona, Shrek

Scene 2: Farquaad’s torture chamber
  Ballad Of Farquaad........................................................................Farquaad, Ensemble

Scene 3: An old barn
  Make a Move...........................................................................Donkey, Three Blind Mice
  When Words Fail........................................................................Shrek

Scene 4: Inside the old barn

Scene 5: Outside the old barn, the next morning
  Morning Person Reprise...............................................................Fiona
  Build a Wall................................................................................Shrek

Scene 6: The forest
  Freak Flag.....................................................................................Fairytale Creatures

Scene 7: Shrek’s swamp

Scene 8: The Cathedral in Duloc
  Wedding Procession....................................................................Ensemble
  Big Bright Beautiful World Reprise.............................................Shrek
  Finale..........................................................................................Company
  I’m A Believer..............................................................................Company
Queen Lillian,
You may have been voted class clown, Emma Hietpas, but you have always been our drama queen! From Creative Director to Alice Sycamore and everything in between, you have so much to be proud of over these last four years.

We love you,
Mom, Dad, Claire, and Sam

Jared,
Out of all the assorted classic characters you’ve assembled in your massive repertoire, we assume your role as Shrek’s sassy donkey associate will be unsurpassed!

Love,
Mom and Dad
Anthony Bagley (3rd Little Pig) is a freshman at West, and is thrilled to be in his second production with the WESTENDPLAYERS as one of the Three Little Pigs. Past credits include, Donald in You Can’t Take It With You, A Charlie Brown Christmas, and Rudolph The Rednosed Reindeer. He is also involved in the music department, and participates in the marching band! Anthony would like to thank his dad for “carting him around” to rehearsals and for his support throughout this production, and his mom for the support and background in theater.

Emily Behrendt (House Manager) is a junior at West, and has been a part of the WESTENDPLAYERS family since the seventh grade. From Aladdin to Shrek, she has loved every moment with the program. She would like to thank her family and friends for always supporting her.

Jack Berish (Little Shrek/Baby Bear) is a fourth grader at Prairie View Elementary School and is having a great time in his first show at West. When he’s not busy being a great big brother to his three sisters, Jack enjoys football, taekwondo, reading, and video games.

Olivia Bonell (Ensemble) is a sophomore, and is very excited to be a part of Shrek. Previously, she has been in Peter Pan and You Can’t Take It With You. She would like to thank her parents for always supporting her involvement in theater.

Kendal Briscoe (Dance Cast) is truly delighted to be part of Shrek, her first production at West. Growing up, Kendal has performed at multiple theaters, including The Milwaukee Repertory Theatre, First Stage, and Waukesha Civic Theater. Besides her theater background, Kendal has been dancing for over five years (Poms and Ballet) and is currently the captain of her varsity dance team. Kendal is more than ecstatic to be doing what she loves with such a talented group of students during her senior year. Lastly, Kendal would like to thank her parents, Dave and Rhea, for supporting her through the thick and thin.

Mackenzie Bristol (Dance Cast) is a senior at West, and is super excited to be in her first musical. She has been on the gymnastics and track team for the past four years but is looking forward to being in the dance cast and getting involved in drama. Next year, Mackenzie will be attending Trine University in pursuit of a doctorate degree in physical therapy. She would like to thank her family for their continuous love and support.

Jacob Calgaro (Shrek) is a senior at West, and is beyond excited to be playing Shrek in Shrek the Musical, his 15th role as a WESTENDPLAYER. Favorite roles include Lloyd Dallas in Noises Off and Colonel Melkett in “Black Comedy,” for which he took home the 2016 Outstanding Actor
Congratulations on your first performance at West, Jack! We are so proud of you! Break a leg!

Love you,
Mom, Dad, Emma,
Sophia & Violet

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award at the WHSFA State One Act Festival. Jacob is also involved in West’s choir and band departments. He is very sad to leave his drama family behind as he continues his educational journey into the world of theatre and film. Jacob would like to thank his parents for all of their support, as well as his brother Stephen for being his biggest inspiration in the world of the fine arts. Jacob thanks Nathan Berish for the amazing opportunities he has been blessed with. Without him, Jacob never would’ve wanted to continue with drama outside of high school, and he is forever grateful for that influence.

Josh Calgaro (Guard/Ensemble) is a freshman at West and is incredibly excited to be in his first high school production. He has been involved in the Waukesha Summer Drama Academy at West and has appeared in the last few summer shows. He was in the ensemble in The Little Mermaid, Chi Fu in Mulan, and Maurice in Madagascar. Josh would like to thank his two older brothers for inspiring him to pursue drama.

Regan Carter (Sugar Plum Fairy) is a sophomore at West, and is excited to be playing Sugar Plum Fairy. Previously this season, she played Penny Sycamore in You Can’t Take It With You, and Susan Hendrix in the one act “Wait Until Dark.” Regan also does various local and regional productions throughout the year. Many thanks to Mom, Dad, and Elise for their support through this entire process!

Luis Cazarin (2nd Little Pig) is a senior at West, and is pumped to play one of the Three Little Pigs this spring. Luis has been involved in the drama program since his sophomore year, both on stage and off. He would like to thank everyone who has made his time in the shows memorable, and hopes to make one final memory in his last show.

Jad El Dilati (Knight/Ensemble) is a foreign exchange student from Lebanon, and is a junior at West. He is thrilled to be in a production like Shrek for his first musical. Jad was involved with You Can’t Take It With You by doing lights and sound and has loved every second of his involvement with the
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Luke, it has been such a joy watching you perform these past four years. You are such a great talent and such a fine young man. We couldn’t be more proud.

Love, Mom, Dad, Taylor, Austin, and Mary
drama program. He has been involved with numerous plays in his home country Lebanon, so he’s familiar with the atmosphere. Jad has less than four months left in the US and feels like this is the best way to make the most of it. He would like to thank Mr. Berish for encouraging him to audition and his host parents for giving him rides everyday. He will join the Multinational Force when he returns to Lebanon.

**Hazel Donovan (Ensemble)** is a freshmen at Waukesha West High School. This is her first ever musical and she is thrilled about being a part of drama throughout her high school years to come. She appreciates the support from her family and friends.

**Marshall Dove (Papa Ogre/Papa Bear)** is a senior at West, and is very excited to participate in his very last musical. He gives a huge thanks to everyone who made this outstanding musical come together, as well as the support from friends and family. He will miss the drama and music department greatly as he continues his education at Winona State University.

**Jared Dutelle (Donkey)** is a junior at West, and is absolutely thrilled to be playing the role of Donkey in *Shrek the Musical*. This is Jared’s third year of being in the WESTENDPLAYERS, and he is looking forward to one more. Drama has been a huge part of Jared’s life throughout high school, and he is extremely grateful for every acting opportunity he has been given. This is Jared’s favorite role he’s played yet, and he’s very excited to be able to share that role with all of you. He’d like to thank his family for being supportive and encouraging, as well as his friends and the whole cast and crew of this production. Finally, he’d like to thank you for coming to see all the hard work that has been put into such a fun show.

**Robert Earnest Engel (Ensemble)** is a sophomore at West, and is excited to take on his first role in a WESTENDPLAYERS production. He has enjoyed his experience in multiple crews so far where he’s made many lasting friendships. He hopes to find love in his cast, and would like to thank the ladies.
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Jasmin Erickson (Fairy Godmother) is a sophomore at West and is happy to be Fairy Godmother, one of the fairytale creatures, in Shrek The Musical. This is her third production at West; she was in last year's musical as a pirate in Peter Pan and this year's one act "Wait Until Dark" as Gloria. She is very excited to be participating in the show!

Anna Flaherty (Blind Mouse/Ensemble) is a freshman at West and is thrilled to be performing in her first high school role as one of the Three Blind Mice. Anna has been involved with drama crews since her first day at West, and really enjoys being surrounded by the wonderful people in the cast and crew! She would like to thank her parents and her sister for their unwavering support as well as endless transportation. Anna would also like to thank Mr. Berish, Mrs. Krewal, Mr. Moore and Mrs. Messplay for their tireless contribution to this show. She looks forward to many more shows and great experiences.

Sarah Fullerton (Ensemble) is a sophomore at West, and is excited to take on her first ever musical. She previously enjoyed breaking down doors as an agent in You Can’t Take It With You, and would like to thank Taylor De Groot for staring at ceilings with her.

Cami Foote (Dance Cast) is a senior, and is thrilled to be in her first musical at West. She has been dancing since she was three and is currently captain of the pom and dance team, but is excited to be doing something different. Cami says she'd like to thank the cast. She loves being around these people because they're super fun and outgoing!! She would also like to thank her parents for everything they do for her!!

Faith Gabel (Greeter/Ensemble) is a freshman at West, and is so excited to be playing the giant-headed Greeter in her first production at West. Previously, Faith was a Narrator in St. Joe's production of Beauty and the Beast. She also played Jetsam in The Little Mermaid and was in the ensemble in Aladdin. Faith has enjoyed the past few months and can't wait to perform for everyone! She would like to thank her friends and family for their support in this production.

Jaci Gabel (Teen Fiona/Dance Cast) is a sophomore at West, and is overjoyed to be part of Shrek the Musical. Some of her previous roles at West include an Indian in Peter Pan and Flotsam in The Little Mermaid. She would like to thank her parents and siblings for supporting her throughout the year as well as all directors, cast, and crew involved in this production.
MALCOLM -

We can hardly believe you’re a senior already. You have been such a joy to watch on the stage.

Have a great last production! We’re so proud of you! Break a leg!

WE LOVE YOU!
-Mom & Dad

Mikayla,

Your four years at West have been fun, frustrating, and challenging. You’ve learned a lot and grown into a talented and motivated young person. Soon you’ll fly away on your own! We can’t wait to see where you go. We wish you all the best!

Love,
Mom, Dad and Family

P.S. Harley will miss you
Shrek the Musical

Noah Godfrey (1st Little Pig) is a sophomore at West, and is cautiously optimistic about being in his first show, Shrek The Musical. Noah is a member of Concert Choir and the Master Singers at West. Noah would like to thank his wonderful parents for supporting him throughout the production. He also wants to thank his amazing Challenge 1 class, as they are a joy to learn alongside (especially Aaron Beay, for putting up with all of us).

Sophie Hauswirth (Head Performer/Ensemble) is a sophomore at West and is super pumped to be in her first ever West musical. Sophie has been involved in the plays at West, and is not just an actress, but an adoring fan of theatre. Sophie has enjoyed the last couple months being surrounded by the hilarious and welcoming cast and crew that created this show. She would like to thank her family and friends for always supporting her and helping her do her best to achieve her dream of becoming a famous actress.

Kayla Henderson (Dragon) is a senior at West, and is excited to participate in her first WESTENDPLAYERS production as the Dragon. Kayla has been involved in choirs inside and outside of West, and had the opportunity to travel overseas to perform. Kayla is very gracious to have been blessed with such an amazing cast and crew. She would like to thank her parents and her siblings for always believing in her. Kayla will be attending Columbia College of Chicago next year, majoring in music, and hopes to stay involved in musicals there.

Sophie Henrichs (Fiona) is a junior, and is extremely excited to be playing Fiona. You may recognize her from one of her previous roles as a WESTENDPLAYER, such as Dotty in Noises Off, Olive in The Female Old Couple, and Robert Anne in Nunsense. She would like to thank her parents for their endless support, and her friends for providing moral support. She would also like to thank Berish, Molly, and Moore for pushing her to work as hard as she can.

Emma Hietpas (Queen Lillian/Ensemble) is a senior and is delighted to be involved in this production of Shrek the Musical. Some of Emma's highlight roles have been Betty Andrews from Inspecting Carol and Alice from You Can't Take it With You. Emma is proud to be the Creative Director of the drama program and is so thankful for all the people who work alongside her. Emma wouldn't be able to succeed if it were not for her amazing parents and siblings.

Sam Holling (Captain of the Guards/Knight/Ensemble) is a freshman here at West, and is very excited to play the role of Captain of the Guards in Shrek The Musical. Previously, Sam played Tony Kirby in You Can't Take it With You. He would like to personally thank his parents and grandparents, and all his great friends who have supported him this whole time.
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Josie Holmstrom (Ensemble) is a freshman at West, and is excited to be a part of her first production with the WESTEND PLAYERS. Josie has been involved in Varsity Choir at West. She has been surrounded by the many members of the show and has loved the production and seeing it come together like this! She would like to thank anyone that comes and supports her at the show.

Kylie Homar (Ensemble) is a freshman at West, and is really excited to be a part of the ensemble for Shrek. She would like to thank the wonderful crew and creative team as well as the amazing cast for this opportunity. Kylie loves theater, and has been involved in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Candy Cane Tales and Holiday Carols, and Cat in the Hat. Kylie would also like to thank her family for their support.

Ryan Howden (Ensemble) is a sophomore at West, and is excited to be in his first musical. Ryan has enjoyed being in Drama for his first two years of high school and plans to keep participating for the rest of his high school career.

Jacob Jarmuskiewicz (Big Bad Wolf) is a junior at West, and is very excited to be a part of Shrek the Musical. He is thankful for everyone involved in this terrific production. He would also like to thank his family for all they have done to support him. After working on Shrek for the past couple months, it has become a part of his life, and Shrek is now his ultimate love.

Liz Karpowitz (Mama Ogre/Mama Bear) is a junior at West, and is very excited to be playing Mama Ogre and Mama Bear in her 5th show with the WESTEND PLAYERS. Some of her recent roles include Brooke Ashton/Vicki in Noises Off and Essie Carmichael in You Can’t Take It With You. She is also a member of the West Color Guard. She would like to thank the production staff for all of their hard work.

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Ali, it has been wonderful watching you these past few years doing something that you enjoy. We are very proud of the time and effort you give to each show you are involved with. Keep doing what you love. You are braver than you believe, stronger than you know, smarter than you think, and shorter than most. This journey is YOURS.

Love, Mom, Dad, and Natalie

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LOVE,
MOM, ADDY, AND GABBY

Karl – We can’t believe you’re in your last show at West! Where have the last four years gone? We are so proud of everything that you have accomplished and can’t wait to see what God has planned for you!!

We love you!! Break a leg!!

Love
Mom, Dad, Kim, and Gus
**BIOGRAPHIES**

Nate Krohn (Thelonius) is a sophomore at West, and is excited to be acting in his second mainstage show and first musical. Before playing a J-Man in the winter production of *You Can't Take it With You*, Nate had only participated in sets crew. He’s happy that he has many friends in the drama program who are also participating in *Shrek*, and he’d like to thank everyone involved for being great friends and actors.

Kassy Kuhn (Props) is a junior at West, and is very excited to be doing her first musical as props manager. Kassy has been in drama for three years now and is also involved in Color Guard. Kassy has enjoyed her past years with drama because each year her drama family has gotten bigger. She would like to thank her family and friends for pushing her to do the impossible and supporting her the whole way through.

Malcolm Larson (White Rabbit) is proud to be in *Shrek the Musical* as the White Rabbit. He is sad though, as it will be his last production with the WESTENDPLAYERS. Malcolm has enjoyed all eleven shows he has been a part of throughout his high school years, and will always treasure the friends and memories he has made. Malcolm would like to thank director Nathan Berish, choreographer Molly Krewal, his friends, and his family for their continued love and support. He hopes you will enjoy the show and remember not to be late!

Karl Magsig (Pied Piper/Dance Cast) Karl is thrilled to be in his seventh show with the West End Players. Some of his favorite roles include Mr. McQueen in *Urinetown* (LCP), Tim Allgood in *Noises Off* (WESTENDPLAYERS), as well as Willy Wonka in *Willy Wonka* (Trinity Players). Karl is very honored to be Production Manager of the WESTENDPLAYERS and hopes to attend college for theater performance. He would like to thank his parents for their support and God for blessing him with all the wonderful opportunities he’s been granted.

Alex Malone (Bishop/Ensemble) is a freshman at West, and he is very excited to be in the ensemble for his first ever musical. Outside of drama he is in orchestra, and his main hobby is writing. His dream is to become a professional author.

Riley Matchan (Special Effects Coordinator) is a senior at West, and over the past four years has been a part of every production. He started by building sets before moving to sound design last year and becoming Special Effects Coordinator this year. Next year, Riley will be continuing to work toward an Associate’s degree, and plans to be a machinist. He would like to first thank Berish, for not only being an amazing teacher, but also one of the best influences in his life. Second, he’d like to thank all the amazing people he’s had the pleasure of working with through the years. He wishes them the best of luck in their future endeavors.
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Elise Matson (Gingy) is a senior and so excited to be playing Gingy in Shrek the Musical! Some of her favorite West roles include Christine in The Phantom of the Opera, Florence in The Odd Couple, and Belinda in Noises Off. Elise is very grateful for all of the incredible people she has met in her four years in the program and for the opportunities she has been given (thank you, Mr. Berish!). She’d especially like to thank the cast and crew of Shrek for their hard work and dedication, and her family for always supporting her. Elise will be attending UW-Whitewater next fall to pursue a major in History Education, but hopes to continue to be involved in theater there.

Ean McBride (Mad Hatter) is a sophomore at West, and is quite excited to take part in Shrek the Musical as the fairytale creature, The Mad Hatter. Ean has played multiple parts, some of which include, Alex the Lion in Madagascar and Selsdon Mowbray in Noises Off.

Laura McConnell (Ensemble) is a freshman at West, and is super excited to be in the ensemble for her third show at West, Shrek the Musical. Some of her favorite roles include being Gloria the Hippo in Madagascar and being on the costumes crew for You Can’t Take It With You. She would like to thank her parents for supporting her, as well as the director, Mr. Berish.

Becca McDaniel (Scene Shop Supervisor) is a junior at West, and has enjoyed the challenges of Shrek the Musical. She has participated in many shows over the past three years and is sad that this will be her last musical. Some of her favorite shows she has worked on would be Noises Off, Peter Pan, and “Black Comedy.” She wants to thank her friends and family, especially her sister, who encouraged her to join the drama club freshman year.

Evan McGinnis (Peter Pan) is a junior at West, and is excited to be playing Peter Pan, a year late, in West’s production of Shrek the Musical. Earlier this year, he had the joy of playing Boris Kolenkhov in You Can’t Take It With You and Roat in the fall production of “Wait Until Dark.” He is very excited to continue pursuing his drama interest and hopes to put on a stunning show.

Lauren Meunier (Elf) is a sophomore at West, and is excited to be the Elf, one of the fairytale creatures in Shrek the Musical. She has been involved in drama since her freshman year and hopes to continue in the program. She would like to thank her family and friends for pushing her to pursue theater.

Luke Merschdorf (Farquaad) is a senior at West, and is beyond excited to play the role of Lord Farquaad in this production of Shrek the Musical, as it is one of his most cherished
Marshall, we are so incredibly proud of you! Make great memories! Thank you for bringing us so much happiness!

Paisley,
Even though you’ve never really liked princesses,
You sure make a great little one!

Love,
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Sophie—
You will always be our princess! Break a leg.

Love,
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roles. You may have seen Luke in a multitude of shows, including *Phantom of the Opera*, *Odd Couple*, "Black Comedy," *Peter Pan*, *Noises Off*, "Wait Until Dark," and *You Can't Take it With You*. Luke wouldn’t give up the opportunities he has been given by the WESTEND PLAYERS for the world, and is considering continuing theatre in college due to his wonderful experiences. Luke would like to thank his friends, family, Director Nathan Berish and Choreographer Molly Krewal for all of the continuous support and guidance.

**Mikayla Mindiola (Ugly Duckling)** is a senior, and is elated to be playing the Ugly Duckling in her last high school show. You may have seen her soaring across stage last year as the Peter Pan in the WESTEND PLAYERS production of *Peter Pan*. Other favorite roles as a WESTEND PLAYER include Lily Belle in *The Curious Savage* and Gay Wellington in *You Can’t Take it With You*. When not on stage, Mikayla enjoys diving and singing arias; she is planning on pursuing a vocal performance degree. She would like to thank her family for the endless love and support, as well as her faithful dog Harley.

**Danny Muntz (King Harold/Ensemble)** is very excited to be in his first musical at West. As a freshman, he is very thankful for how the upperclassmen in the drama program have accepted him and the other freshmen into the social circle. Danny is glad that he was cast in such a fun show, playing parts like King Harold and a Duloc Dancer. All in all, he is ecstatic that he is a part of a show with such a fun cast, and can’t wait for next year so he can join even more of these fantastic shows.

**Aishu Nagasunder (Blind Mouse/Ensemble)** is a freshman at West, and is excited to be one of the fairytale creatures and a part of the ensemble for *Shrek the Musical*. She has also been involved in many other shows outside of West, including Nala from *The Lion King Jr*, and Kira from *Xanadu Jr*. She had a great time working with the cast and crew of this show, and can’t wait to be a part of more West shows. Aishu would like to thank her parents and sister for supporting her, as well as her director Mr. Berish for putting on an amazing show.

**Charlie Ortega (Knight/Ensemble)** is a freshman at West, and is really excited to be a Knight/Guard. Charlie has been a part of one other show, “Beauty and the Beast Jr.” as Lefou. He has had such a remarkable time getting to know all of the WESTEND PLAYERS. He is also excited to be a part of such a talented cast. Charlie thanks Kaylyn Wagner and Margaret Mueller for the inspiration to start acting.

**Nathan Owens (Ensemble)** is a junior at West, and is excited to be in his second show, *Shrek the Musical*! Last year, Nathan was cast in *Peter Pan* as a pirate.

**Alison Parker (Associate Costume Designer)** is a junior at West, and is excited to be taking part in her first musical as Associate Costume Designer. She has been
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involved in drama since her freshman year and has worked on shows such as Peter Pan and Noises Off. Outside of drama Alison is also a part of the Color Guard in West’s award winning marching band. Alison would like to thank her parents, Molly, Mrs. Messplay, and Mr. Berish for all the help and guidance these past few shows.

**Melinna Posey (Ensemble)** is a sophomore at West, and she is very excited to be in the ensemble for her first show, Shrek the Musical. Melinna would like to thank her parents and everyone involved in the production for their support and hard work. She would also like to thank Mr. Moore and Mr. Berish for pushing her to be the best she can be.

**Maddie Roubik (Ensemble)** is a sophomore at West, and is excited to be in the ensemble for Shrek the Musical. She has been involved in many plays, including Vera from The Odd Couple, Ensemble in Peter Pan, and the Ladybug from James and the Giant Peach. Maddie would like to thank her family.

**Kaden Rhodes (Pinocchio)** is very excited to be playing the part of Pinocchio in his 5th show at West! Kaden is a junior at West and aside from being in drama club is a part of the Student Council. He would like to thank his family for their love and support.

**Paisley Schroeder (Young Fiona)** is a 4th grader at Rose Glen Elementary School. She has enjoyed her roles in the Waukesha Summer Drama Academy the past 3 years. Paisley is so grateful for this opportunity to work with the high school performers she looks up to.

**Sierra Schuyler (Humpty Dumpty)** is a sophomore at West, and is very excited to be playing the one and only Humpty Dumpty in her third show. She would like to thank everyone who helped out with this amazing production.

**Ava Shuman-Messplay (Blind Mouse/Ensemble)** is a freshman at West, and is excited to be a part of a West production as a high schooler. She has also enjoyed working with the Waukesha Summer Drama Academy for the past couple years. She has had a really great time practicing and performing with the wonderful cast and crew of Shrek. Ava would like to thank everyone who was a part of the production for putting on such an amazing play, and would like to thank her friends and family for coming and supporting her during this time.

**Natalie Smith (Ensemble)** is a freshman at West, and has been involved in the Waukesha Summer Drama Academy for four years. She’s had
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roles in *Aladdin*, *The Little Mermaid*, *Mulan*, and was Zookeeper Zelda in *Madagascar*. She’s excited to be part of *Shrek the Musical*!

Katie Swain (Dance Captain) is a junior at West and is ecstatic for her role as Dance Captain for *Shrek*. She has been involved in many shows since her freshman year and this will be her third musical. She also dances outside of drama on West’s varsity dance team. She’d like to thank the cast and crew for this opportunity and is looking forward to what is still to come.

Stefani VandeSand (Ensemble) is a senior at West, and is excited to join the rest of the cast for her first onstage production in the ensemble. She has helped backstage for previous shows, including *Phantom of the Opera*, and *Inspecting Carol*. She is involved in many extracurriculars, and is currently the president of the Treble Choir here at West. Stefani has enjoyed the time in rehearsal alongside the rest of the cast and crew who have helped to make this production possible. She would like to thank her parents and sister for supporting her and her busy rehearsal schedule. Stefani plans on attending UW- Green Bay next year to study Early Childhood Education and hopes to be a part of a choir or theater program.

Isabel Visuri (Dance Cast) is a senior at West, and is excited to be a part of dance cast for the second year. This is only her second high school production, but she has been dancing for eight years. She wants to thank her family for tolerating her tap dancing all around the house.

Kalina Wójcicka (Wicked Witch) is a foreign exchange student from Poland and currently a junior. She is very excited to perform in her first show at West! Acting has always been one of her passions, as well as ballet and music. Kalina has been involved in theatre back home and is happy that she is doing it here in the US. The last few months spent working on *Shrek* were amazing. Living in America has been an incredible experience for her and the West Drama Program is only making it better.

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