VAHS Theatre & Music Department Present

Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's

MARY POPPINS

A Musical based on the stories of P.L. Travers and the Walt Disney Film

October 4th - 6th at 7:00 p.m.
October 7th at 1:00 p.m.

Original Music and Lyrics by
Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman

Book by
Julian Fellowes

New Songs and Additional Music and Lyrics by
George Stiles and Anthony Drewe

Co-Created by
Cameron Mackintosh

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Sam,
It’s hard to believe it’s been four years of working on sound, lights and the sets of VAHS Theatre. We are so proud of the work you’ve done behind the scenes to make the productions amazing.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Randy, and Hunter
P.S. You’ll always be my baby!

Good luck Caylee!
Love, your family.

“Break a leg but don’t sprain an ankle. We love you, ‘Jane’!”
Mom, Dad and Maria

Morgan,
We are very proud of you and all of the roles you play in theater and in life!!
Enjoy what you do, and do what you enjoy!!
Lots of love,
Mom, Dad, and Maddi
Elyse,
This is it! Your final high school musical is going to be practically perfect. We are so proud of you and are excited to see you portray Mary. Enjoy every minute. Always remember, anything can happen if you let it.
Love,
Dad, Mom and Ryan

Daphne,
Sometimes stars shine bright and sometimes they blend. The most important thing is for the star to remember who and what she is. Congratulations #SUPERSTAR!
Love Dad, Mom, & Drew

Abby,
So proud of you.
Can’t wait to see the show!
Love Dad

Dear Maddie, It is with tears of joy that we wish you one last “break a leg” for your high school show! We are so proud of what you have accomplished on the stage. Have the time of your life “Being Mrs. Banks”!
We Love you,
Mom, Dad, Jack and all your family
Nina

“Though she be but little, she is fierce!”
– William Shakespeare

We are profoundly blessed to have you in our lives.
All our love,
Mother,
Dad & Gma, Uncle Scott,
Sissy, Sam & Sage

We love you!
Mom, Dad, Maggie,
David and Nathan

Congratulations
Kate!

We love you!
Mom, Dad, Maggie,
David and Nathan
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NO photography or videotaping during the performance
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MARY POPPINS CAST (IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE)

Bert ................................................................. Brady Wagner
George Banks .................................................. Derek Argall
Winfred Banks ................................................... Maddie Vilker
Jane ............................................................... Anna Larson
Michael ......................................................... Brennen Pelletier
Katie Nanna ...................................................... Riana Kuenzi
Policeman ......................................................... J.R. Caulkins
Miss Lark ........................................................... Lauren Sandler
Admiral Boom ................................................... Sam Hartjes
Mrs. Brill ............................................................ Morgan Moll
Robertson Ay ..................................................... Anton Maslowski
Mary Poppins .................................................... Elyse Mancilla
Park Keeper ....................................................... Caylee Lawrence
Neleus .............................................................. Lydia Benz (Dance Captain)
Queen Victoria .................................................. Maddie Hoida
Bank Chairman ................................................ Nolan Braier
Miss Smythe ..................................................... Zaria Roller
Annie ................................................................. Riana Kuenzi
Fannie .............................................................. Erin Zenk
Van Hussler ....................................................... Ben Bradley
John Northbrook ................................................. Alexander Bajoon
Bird Woman ..................................................... Daphne Buan
Mrs. Corry ....................................................... Olivia Rose
Miss Andrew ..................................................... Kate Veak
Valentine .......................................................... Bella Becker
Dancing Toys .......... Rachel Erickson, Avery Goth, Riana Kuenzi, Rachel Neviaser, Zaria Roller, Olivia Rose, Lauren Sandler, Maja Tate, Julia Teixeira
Clerks .......... Nina Mansholt, Brooke Murphy, Anna-Sophia Tsiolis, Erin Zenk

Ensemble (Park-goers, Chimney Sweeps, etc.):
Abby Atwell, Abby Elson, Maya Greengus, Riley Kinoshita, Ben Meister, Anna Reekie, Sydney Sandler, Olivia Stacionis, Drake Tasch, Hannah Vandervest

ORCHESTRA

Conductor .......................................................... Eric Anderson
Reed 1 ............................................................... Megan Diller
Reed 2 ................................................................. Max Beardsley
Reed 3 ................................................................. Luquant Singh
Trumpet 1 ......................................................... Rachael Stein
Trumpet 2 ........................................................... Jacob Mortimore
Horn ................................................................. Natalia Aparicio
Trombone 1 ....................................................... Rose Cantrell
Trombone 2 ....................................................... Jack Zheng
Keyboards ......................................................... Jeff Krueger, Joe Ross
Guitar ............................................................... JJ Brandon
Cello ................................................................. Noah Jannusch
Bass ................................................................. Scott Vandermeuse
Drums ............................................................... Jared Voss
Percussion ......................................................... Grace Thiesenhusen, Jesse Peterson
CREW

Stage Crew............................... Sam Kessenich, Parker Minderman, Collin Anderson, Kyle Dove, Rebekah Hoard, Jaday Grossnickle, Patrick Colquhoun, Sabrina Vivian, Ethan Mueller, Claudia Rush

Spotlights ...........................................Mira Deutsch, Collin Anderson

Flying Crew ............................................Brian Benz, Steve Duestch, Toshi Kinoshito

Hair and Makeup ................................................Leslie Frank

Costume Assistants.......................................Jackie Kinney, Virginia Bessert

Other Costume Help.................. Heather Reekie, Jo-Ell Carson, Lynn Vilker, Tonya Benz, Lydia Benz, Gail Braier, Amy Argall, Kathy Erickson

Tickets...............................................................Lynn Vilker, Julie Murphy,

Ushers/Concessions/Front of House Volunteers:
Amy Almond, Jenny Bradley, Heidi Buan, Dia Caulkins, Sharon Hammer, Shannon Hoida, Cindi Krause, Pam Larson, Colleen Mancilla, Jodi Moll, Lisa Pelletier, Heather Reekie, Emida Roller, Sara Sandler, Margier Tsiolis

PRODUCTION STAFF

Director ..........................................................Steven J. Nibbe

Music Director ..................................................Heather Thorpe

Orchestra Conductor ...........................................Eric Anderson

Choreographer ................................................Sara Bartlett

Producer ........................................................Lauri Halminiak

Set Design/Graphic & Construction ..................................Steven J. Nibbe

Sound ...............................................................Kyle Sprading

Student Sound Assistant .........................................Patrick Colquhoun

Fly Operators ................................................. Brian Benz, Steve Duestch, Toshi Kinoshita

Lighting .............................................................John Dolphin

Student Lightboard Operator/Assistant .......................Parker Mindermann

Costume Design ................................................Leslie Frank

Hair And Makeup Design .................................Leslie Frank

Rehearsal Accompanists .................................Mephan Proper, Jeff Krueger

Student Stage Manager .....................................Kylie Zenz

Student Assistant Stage Manager .......................Elisabeth Busk

Tickets ...............................................................Lynn Vilker/Julie Murphy

House Manager/Concessions ..........................Lynn Vilker

Program Editor ................................................Paula Mansholt

Properties Manager ............................................Emily Malarski

Student Props Assistant ................................ Sabrina Vivian

Fundraising /Advertising .........................................Paula Mansholt
SCENES AND MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT ONE

SCENE 1 Cherry Tree Lane & Parlor
Prologue ....................................................................................................................................................Bert
Cherry Tree Lane Part 1 .................. Winifred, Mrs. Brill, Jane, Michael, Robertson Ay & George
The Perfect Nanny .................................................................................................................................Jane & Michael
Cherry Tree Lane Part 2 .......... Winifred, Mrs. Brill, Jane, Michael, Robertson Ay & George

SCENE 2 Nursery
Practically Perfect .................................................................Mary Poppins, Jane & Michael

SCENE 3 Park
All Me Own Work .................................................................................................................................Bert
Jolly Holiday ........................................Bert, Mary Poppins, Jane, Michael, Neleus & Ensemble

SCENE 4 Parlor
Let’s Hope She Will Stay .........................................................George, Winifred, Jane & Michael

SCENE 5 Cherry Tree Lane & Kitchen
Winds Do Change .................................................................................................................................Bert
A Spoonful of Sugar ................................Mary Poppins, Jane, Michael, Robertson Ay & Winifred
Spoonful Playoff .................................................................................................................................Winifred

SCENE 6 The Bank
Precision & Order ......................Ensemble, Chairman, George, Von Hussler & Northbrook
A Man Has Dreams ...............................................................................................................................George

SCENE 7 Cathedral Steps
Feed the Birds .................................................................................................................................Bird Woman, Mary Poppins & Ensemble

SCENE 8 Park
Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious.........................Mary Poppins, Bert, Mrs. Corry, Jane, Michael & Ensemble
Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious Reprise/The Winds May Blow ..................Bert & Ensemble

SCENE 9 Parlor
Twists & Turners .................................................................................................................................Bert

SCENE 10 Nursery
Playing the Game ..................................................Mary Poppins, Valentine, Teddy Bear, Doll & Toys

SCENE 11 Rooftop of #17 Cherry Tree Lane & Nursery
Chim Chim Cher-ee ...............................................................................................................................Bert & Mary Poppins
ACT TWO

**SCENE 1** Parlor
Cherry Tree Lane Reprise .. Winifred, Mrs. Brill, Robertson Ay, Jane, Michael & George
Brimstone and Treacle Part 1 .......................................................................................... Miss Andrew

**SCENE 2** Park
Let’s Go Fly a Kite .................. Bert, Parkkeeper, Michael, Jane, Mary Poppins & Ensemble
Good For Nothing/Being Ms. Banks ................................................................. George & Winifred

**SCENE 3** Parlor
Brimstone & Treacle Part 2 ................................................................. Mary Poppins & Miss Andrew

**SCENE 4**
Practically Perfect Reprise .................................................. Jane, Michael & Mary Poppins

**SCENE 5** Rooftop
Step in Time ............................................. Bert, Mary Poppins, Jane, Michael & Sweeps
Down the Chimney Bert & Sweeps

**SCENE 6** Parlor
A Man Has Dreams Reprise/A Spoonful of Sugar Reprise .................... George & Bert

**SCENE 7** Nursery, London Street and Bank
Anything Can Happen Part 1 ................ Mary Poppins, Bert, Jane, Michael & Ensemble

**SCENE 8** Park & Heavens
Anything Can Happen Part 2 ................ Mary Poppins, Bert, Jane, Michael & Ensemble

**SCENE 9** Nursery
A Spoonful of Sugar Reprise ................................................................. Mary Poppins

**CURTAIN CALL**
Bows ........................................................................................................ Full Company
**STAR CONTRIBUTORS**

**FRIEND ($1 - $99)**
- Amy Argall
- Brian Benz
- Jennifer Bradley
- Allison Heil
- Kathryn Jaschinski
- Lisa Pelletier
- Marcy Wright

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- Lynn Vilker
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- Kelly Kloepping
- Brian Benz
- Toshi Kinoshita
- Steve Duetsch

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Colleen Almond (Sophomore, Tech)
This is Colleen’s third show with the high school. She is excited to start her sophomore year with the show.

Collin Anderson (Sophomore, Tech)
Collin is excited to be a part of his third show with VAHS, and working tech. He’d like to thank his family and friends for their support.

Derek Argall (Junior, Mr. Banks)
Derek Argall is super duper pumped to be playing Mr. Banks in his second VAHS production during his Junior year. Some of his favorite credits include Pippin in “Pippin” (VAHS), Action in “West Side Story” (VACT), and Ensemble in “Tuck Everlasting” (CTM) as well as a member of the Overture Centers “Jerry Ensemble.” He would like to thank his family and friends for their unwavering support!

Abby Atwell (Sophomore, Ensemble)
Abby Atwell is a sophomore and this is her first theater production. She’s excited for the show and thanks her friend for encouraging her to join. She hopes you all enjoy the show.

Alexander Bajoon (Senior, John Northbrook)
Alexander Bajoon, a senior, is ecstatic to be apart of his first musical, Mary Poppins. He has previously assumed roles in the performances of ‘Almost, Maine’ and ‘Henry the IV.’ Alexander knows that you will enjoy the show just as much as he enjoyed working on it.

Bella Becker (Freshman, Valentine)
Bella Becker is very excited to be participating in her first VAHS production. She has previously been seen onstage as Rosie in Bye Bye Birdie YPE (VACT), Debbie in Billy Elliot (VACT), and Imogene in The Best Christmas Pageant Ever (VACT). Bella would like to thank her family and all of her music and dance teachers for supporting her and helping her to chase her dreams.

Lydia Benz (Sophomore, Neleus/ Dance Captain)
Lydia Benz is delighted to be performing with the cast of Mary Poppins. Recently she has been seen as Lou Ann in Hairspray (VACT), Gayle in Almost Maine (VAHS), and featured dancer in Pippin (VAHS). She has also Assistant Choreographed Bye Bye Birdie Jr, Legally Blonde Jr, and served as a dance captain for Willy Wonka (all VACT). “Much love to my friends and family for always supporting me. Enjoy the show!”
BIOGRAPHIES CONT.

Ben Bradley (Sophomore, Von Hustler) Ben is very excited to play the role of Von Hustler in this production of Mary Poppins. Ben is a Sophomore at VAHS, and this is his first in VAHS drama. He has partaken in many other shows over the years at VACT and BRMS Drama. Such as; Troy Bolten -High School Musical, Ken Beardsley -How to Kiss a Girl, and many others. He would like to thank his friends and family for all the support.

Nolan Braier (Senior, Bank Chairman) Nolan Braier, a senior, is proud to finish his last high school musical with Mary Poppins. This will be his 6th musical with VAHS since 5th grade. Nolan's first musical appearance was in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat with the children's choir which sparked his drive for theater. He would like to thank his parents and grandparents for not missing a single musical.

Daphne Buan (Junior, Bird Woman) Daphne Buan, a junior, is excited to be participating in her third musical at Verona Area High School! Credits include: Catherine (Pippin), Rapunzel (Into the Woods), Belle (Beauty and the Beast), and most recently Gargoyle (The Hunchback of Notre Dame). Daphne would like to thank her family and voice teacher for their endless support and love. Enjoy the show!

Elizabeth Busk (Senior, Assistant Stage Manager) Elizabeth/Eli Busk, a senior, has been part of the high school theatre community for two years and continues on to the third year as a senior. This year, Eli participates with the techie group as Assistant Stage Manager.

Nolan Braier (Senior, Bank Chairman) Nolan Braier, a senior, is proud to finish his last high school musical with Mary Poppins. This will be his 6th musical with VAHS since 5th grade. Nolan's first musical appearance was in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat with the children's choir which sparked his drive for theater. He would like to thank his parents and grandparents for not missing a single musical.

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JR Caulkins (Freshman, Policeman/Ensemble) Freshman JR Caulkins is excited to join the amazing cast and crew of Mary Poppins. Dedicted to his love of theatre, JR has played the Baker in an adaptation of Into the Woods, Mr. Bumble in Oliver, and, one of his favorite roles, Nick Bottom in Midsummer’s Night’s Dream. JR thanks his sisters who keep him zany, his brother who keeps him musical, and everyone who believes in him and helps him achieve his dreams.

Patrick Colquhoun (Junior, Tech) Patrick Colquhoun, a junior has done many plays and has only done tech. He will also be doing tech for VACT this year.

Mira Deutsch (Junior, Tech) Mira Deutsch is a junior, and this is her third musical at VAHS. Mira was on tech crew for Into the Woods and Pippin, and is behind the scenes again this year for Mary Poppins. She also has done costumes for various shows with Fair Verona Area Shakespeare Company. She would like to thank her family for supporting and encouraging her pursuits.
Kyle Dove  
(Sophomore, Tech)  
Kyle is having a great first time on tech and plans to be involved in more shows in the future. He wants to thank his friends for encouraging him to join in and his mom for all she has done to make it happen.

Abby Elson  
(Freshman, Ensemble)  
Abby Elson is thrilled to be a part of the Mary Poppins ensemble. She is a freshman, participating in her first VAHS musical. She has been in about 10 shows, and is planning on many more. Some favorite roles include Orpheus from Greek Mythology Olympiaganza, the Clerk from Trial of Goldilocks, and Jonas’s mother from The Giver. She wants to thank her father, fellow castmates, family and friends for supporting her as she pursues what she loves. Abby wants to give a special shoutout to Nate Campbell. She wouldn’t be up here without his direction. “Spit spot!”

Avery Goth (Junior, Dancing Toy)  
is very excited to play as a dancing toy in this years production of Mary Poppins. The role she is most known for is Glinda from The Wizard of Oz, she has also done many shows with VACT, her favorites include, Hairspray, Bring It On, and The Little Mermaid. She hopes everyone enjoys the show.

Maya Greengus  
(Senior, Ensemble)  
Maya’s recent shows she has been in are High School Musical where she portrayed Jack Scott & Hairspray with VACT. Maya would love to acknowledge Kiana Leeder and Erin Zenk for their endless support in what I do with my acting abilities. Have fun watching this “practically perfect” show.

Rachel Erickson  
(Junior, Dancing Toy)  
Rachel Erickson is thankful for her mother and family for all the encouragement and support.

Jadyn Grossnickle  
(Sophomore, Back Stage Crew)  
In middle school I participated in Improv, one act plays, forensics and the productions of The Wizard of Oz and Annie and I continued forensics in high school.

Sam Hartjes  
(Sophomore, Admiral Boom)  
Sam Hartjes, a sophomore, is playing Admiral Boom in this years production of Mary Poppins. He was also in the musical “Pippin” last year as a part of the ensemble. He would like to thank the cast for making this production so much fun.
Rebekah Hoard (Sophomore, Tech) This is Rebekah’s first show with the high school. She is excited to become a part of the drama program at VAHS.

Maddie Hoida (Freshman, Queen Victoria) Maddie Hoida, a freshman, is so excited to be playing Queen Victoria for her first ever high school show. Maddie is also known for her role as Rosie Alvarez in Bye Bye Birdie Jr. through VACT. She would like to thank her friends and family for being so supportive every step of the way.

Sam Kessenich (Senior, Tech) Sam Kessenich, a senior, is very excited to be in tech for his fourth and final year in this production of Mary Poppins.

Riley Kinoshita (Sophomore, Ensemble) Riley Kinoshita, a sophomore this year, is excited to be in his first theater production.

Rianna Kuenzi (Senior, Katie Nanna/ Dancing Toy) Rianna feels bittersweet about her last show with Verona Area High School—though she is so excited to be portraying Katie Nanna and Annie in Mary Poppins. She would like to recognize her family for pushing her to continue theater and the vocal director, Mrs. Thorpe, for pushing her to her vocal potential through theater and other mediums.

Anna Larson (Sophomore, Jane) Anna is thrilled to be playing Jane Banks in her second high school musical. She is a sophomore, and has been doing theatre since she was 9. Her favorite roles have been Narrator 1 (Greek Mythology Olympiaganza), Grace (Annie), Marcie (Almost, Maine ), and Francis (Henry IV). She hopes you enjoy the show!

Caylee Lawrence (Junior, Park Keeper) Caylee Lawrence will be performing her third VAHS Musical this year, with both of her past roles being a member of the ensemble in Into the Woods (2016), and Pippin (2017). Caylee is very excited to be playing Park Keeper, a featured role, in this production Mary Poppins.
Elyse Mancilla (Senior, Mary Poppins) Elyse Mancilla, a senior, is extremely excited to be portraying Mary Poppins this year at VAHS. She has recently been seen as Bethe in Pippin (VAHS) and Alana in Little Mermaid (VACT). She would like to thank her family, her amazing castmates, as well as the entire production staff for making this dream role a reality. Thank you to VAHS theatre for a great four years, and she plans to attend college next fall. Enjoy the show!

Anton Maslowski (Senior, Robertson Ay) Mary Poppins is Anton’s third musical at VAHS. He is a senior this year, and he is glad to end his high school musical theatre career on a high note. As Robertson Ay, he gets to be everything he loves to act: an awkward human of unspecified origins seemingly incapable of maintaining control over his own body’s movements. The character, and the cast which surrounds him have truly been a joy.

Nina Mansholt (Senior, Clerk) Nina Mansholt is very excited to participate in this fantastic production of Mary Poppins as a clerk. She first caught theatre fever while in the ensemble of last year’s exquisite production of the musical Pippin. Nina first participated in the choir at middle school, where her love of singing took hold. Honing her skills in Statewide Solo and Ensemble competitions as well as at the UW Summer Music Clinic. Nina would like to thank her mom, GDad & GMa, Uncle Ahab for helping her achieve her goals through “Planning the Flight and Flying the Plan,” her extraordinary friends for their kindness and support, and Mrs. Thorpe for her enthusiasm and diligence as her Choir Director. You’ve all made it possible for Nina to chase her dreams.

Benjamin Meister (Junior, Ensemble) Benjamin is partaking in the ensemble for Mary Poppins. Some favorite classes are choir, gym, and science.

Parker Mindermann (Junior, Tech) Parker is excited to use his past knowledge of musicals such as “Into The Woods” and “Pippin”, to make “Mary Poppins” one of the best shows you’ve seen in awhile.

Morgan Moll (Junior, Mrs. Brill) Morgan Moll is very excited to be appearing in her 3rd VAHS production! Her favorite credits include Violet Beauregarude in “Willy Wonka” (VACT), Margot in “Legally Blonde” (CTM) and a dancer in “Pippin”. She would like to thank her parents for their support & all of her friends for making this production so fun!
**Ethan Mueller (Junior, Stage Crew)** I am a hard working, dependable person. I am a down to earth and friendly guy. I am always optimistic and forward thinking.

**Brook Murphy (Junior, Clerk)** Brook Murphy, a junior, is thrilled to be portraying a clerk in *Mary Poppins!* She has previously been involved with many music department activities and is pleased to be making her debut on the Verona Area High School stage. Enjoy the show!

**Rachel Neviaser (Sophomore, Dancing Toy/Clerk)** Rachel Neviaser is a Sophomore at VAHS. This is her first production with the high school, however she has participated in multiple productions such as *Singing in the Rain*, *Fiddler on the Roof* etc. with other theater programs. She’s very excited to be in *Mary Poppins* this year, and thanks her family and friends for all their love and support.

**Brennen Pelletier (Freshman, Michael)** Brennen Pelletier is an incoming Freshman who is extremely excited to be playing the role of Mikeal Banks in this production of *Mary Poppins*. You may have seen Brennen play roles from other shows such as; “Willy Wonka”, Harvey Johnson in “Bye-Bye Birdie”, and Armand in “Once on this Island”. Brennen would like to thank his parents for supporting him and allowing him to do what he loves most.

**Anna Reekie (Sophomore, Ensemble)** Anna Reekie, a sophomore, is excited to perform in the ensemble of *Mary Poppins*. Anna also appeared in VAHS’s *Pippin* and as Hope in *Almost Maine*, as well as several VACT musicals. Anna would like to thank her family and friends for supporting her and wishes that you may always find your spoonful of sugar whenever you need it.

**Zaria Roller (Senior, Ms. Smythe)** Zaria, a senior, is thrilled to be playing Mrs. Smythe in her fifth VAHS theater production. Her recent roles include Little Inez in *Hairspray*, Gail in *Almost Maine*, and Thea in *Pippin*. Zaria would like to thank her parents for supporting her many theater ventures over the past 11 years.

**Olivia Rose (Senior, Mrs. Corry)** Olivia Rose, a senior, is very excited to be portraying the role of Mrs. Corry in this production of *Mary Poppins*. Olivia is also known for her roles as Alice in *The Little Old Lady* and Zebulun’s Wife in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Olivia would like to thank her family and friends for their continuous support.
Claudia Rush (Sophomore, Tech) This is Claudia’s third show in high school. She is glad to start off her sophomore year doing tech for “Mary Poppins”.

Lauren Sandler (Junior, Miss Lark) Lauren Sandler is a junior, and this is her 3rd show put on by Verona Area High School. Her past roles have been ensemble in Into The Woods and Pippin. Lauren is very excited to be playing the character of Miss Lark in this years production of Mary Poppins.

Sydney Sandler (Freshman, Ensemble) Sydney Sandler has been in four musicals Annie, Wizard Of Oz, Once On This Island, and Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory. Sydney has done one and a half years of choir. As well as one in a half years of violin. Sydney got her first lead roll in 2017 as a storyteller.

Olivia Stacionis (Sophomore, Ensemble) Olivia Stacionis, a sophomore, looking forward to participating as part of the ensemble in this production of Mary Poppins. She was in last years production of Pippin and looks forward to working with the high school theater department in years to come. Olivia would like to thank her parents and Anna Larson’s parents for carting around her and Anna to and from practice.

Drake Tasch (Freshman, Ensemble) Drake is excited to be in the ensemble in his very first musical with Verona Area High School. He performed as Daniel in Once On This Island for BRMS last year. He would like to thank the his fellow cast members for being very helpful and caring and also his mom for encouraging him.

Maja Tate (Sophomore, Dancing Toy) Maja Tate is a sophomore and is ecstatic to be in Mary Poppins. Previous roles have been an Oompla Loompa in Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, and Ensemble for Hairspray, Pippin and The Hunchhack of Notre Dame. Maja would like to thank her family for always supporting everything she pursues.

Julia Teixeira (Freshman, Dancing Toy) Julia Teixeira is very excited to start off her high school year in Mary Poppins. Previously, Julia has played the part of Miss Hannigan in Annie and Asaka in Once On This Island. Taking on the role of a Dancing Toy, a pure dancing part, will be a exciting change. Because what fun is life if there aren’t challenges?
Anna-Sophia Tsiolis (Sophomore, Clerk)
Anna-Sophia Tsiolis, a sophomore, is excited for her first production with Verona Area High School. She has a many ensemble roles in various Verona Area Community Theatre productions such as, West Side Story, The Sister Act, The Hunchback of Notre Dame and most recently Hairspray which won the Jerry Award for best musical. Tsiolis thanks her family and friends for their support.

Hannah Vandervest (Freshman, Ensemble)
Hannah Vandervest, a freshman, is excited to start her VAHS drama career with the production of Mary Poppins. She has previously been in Bye Bye Birdie, Guys and Dolls, and also portrayed Aunt Em in The Wizard of Oz. She'd like to thank her older brother Ben for inspiring her to pursue the preforming arts.

Kate Veak (Senior, Miss Andrew)
Kate is so excited to be playing Miss Andrew in her last VAHS musical! Past favorite roles include Leading Player in Pippin (VAHS), Anita in West Side Story (VACT) and the Witch in Into the Woods (VAHS). She would like to thank Mr. Nibbe and Mrs. Thorpe for always believing in her, her wonderful family for their support, and her vocal coach Gail Becker. Kate plans on pursuing a BFA in Musical Theatre in college. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Maddie Vilker (Senior, Winifred Banks)
Maddie Vilker is ecstatic to be apart of Mary Poppins, and is feeling bittersweet to see her VAHS theatre experience coming to an end. Previous roles include Velma Von Tussle in Hairspray, Cinderella in Into the Woods, and Fastrada in Pippin. She'd like to thank everyone who’s helped her in her journey, especially VACT, the teens, and her family!

Sabrina Vivian (Freshman, Crew Member) Sabrina Vivian, a freshman, has never been in a performance. This is her first time being on stage and backstage. She would like to thank her parents and her friends for giving her an opportunity to enjoy her time backstage with the crew.

Brady Wagner (Senior, Bert) Brady Wagner, despite his VAHS theatre career coming to a close, is beyond excited to take part in the school’s production of Mary Poppins. Previous roles include Jetsam (The Little Mermaid), Snowboy (West Side Story), and Rapunzel’s Prince (Into the Woods). Brady would like to thank Mr. Nibbe and Mrs. Thorpe for guiding him along the production process and for making his Mary Poppins experience one to remember. Also, Brady would like to extend one final acknowledgment to his teens, for being not only supportive and encouraging, but the reason he has continued with theatre to his senior year.
Erin Zenk (Sophomore, Fannie/ Bank Clerk) Erin is a sophomore at VAHS who is extremely excited to be performing the roles of Fannie, a bank clerk, and ensemble in Mary Poppins. Erin has also played the role of Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz and the short-tempered Queen of Hearts in Dorothy in Wonderland. Erin would love to thank her supportive family who always encourages her acting career. Thank you for coming to see our fantastic show!

Kylie Zenz (Senior, Stage Manager) Kylie Zenz, a senior, has been in backstage theater since 8th grade (6 shows in total.) One of her favorite movies is Mary Poppins, so she is very excited to be stage manager for it.

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Who here this evening has not enjoyed the characters and music of Mary Poppins? I doubt there is one individual that cannot sing at least one of the songs from the show. We grew up with Mary and Bert and the Banks family. We remember dancing penguins, the characters who appear and disappear on the wind, and chimney sweeps who turn a roof top into a stage for song and dance. Mary Poppins is a part of our history. Mary Poppins brings us joy. But Mary Poppins is also a story of sadness, redemption, and family unity. Mary arrives in a time of need and changes the lives of those who are fortunate to meet her. Perhaps, all of us have had the same experience. Is it possible we are better off because of Mary?

What a pleasure it has been to work on this project with so many talented students and colleagues. More than any other show I have worked on in recent years, Mary Poppins is easily one of the most enjoyable and challenging. None of what you see and experience tonight would be possible without the contributions of so many talented individuals. Leading the list of hard working individuals are the students who are bringing these characters and songs to life. Starting last May with auditions, continuing through summer with several dance clinics, and finally a two-week long theatre camp, these young performers and backstage workers have given nothing but their best. The fruit of their efforts will be on full display this evening. One of the benefits is that they make me look very good!

My sincere thanks to Heather, Eric, Sara, John, Leslie, Lauri, Kyle and so many others for helping to bring this show to the stage. None of this is possible without you. Finally, thank you to everyone who is supporting these students with your attendance this evening. The arts matter. Music matters. Theatre matters. Hopefully, what we create here tonight will linger long after the final curtain falls. I know it will for me.

— Steve Nibbe
Elyse,
We are thrilled to see you play Mary. We are so proud of you!
Love,
Grandpa and Grandma Dangelo

Ben,
You are always reaching new heights in everything you do and we are so proud of you. Can’t wait to see the show! Break a leg.
Love, Mom, Dad, and Josh
Elyse,
We are excited to watch you play Mary. Enjoy and break a leg!
Love,
Grandpa Jack and Grandma Mary

Olivia,
You’ve shown us how truly talented you are and now it’s time to show everyone else. We are so proud of you!
Love Mom, Dad, and Will
Break a leg, a digit, or an appendage!

Nolan
Glad you caught the theater bug with your debut in Joseph. Always fun seeing you on stage having a blast!
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