DIRECTOR’S NOTES, TERE S A D R E W S

Children love the JUNIE B JONES books because they can empathize with the things that Junie goes through. In the musical, adults get an understanding of how profoundly children can feel things.

As I look at the show as a director, I can’t help but see it from working with children, and from the memory of having small children. Seeing the way events that may seem like little things to us as adults, can be huge for children.

Of my five children, my daughter was the one that I could really see felt things so deeply. I remember my daughter, Zoe D Drews, navigating first grade much like Junie B. Jones. I always hoped that, like the adults in Junie B’s six year old life, I was making the right balance so I didn’t over protect her, but still gave her the support she needed.

As I look now at my amazing, strong and kind daughter, I know that those ‘little things’ built her to the beautiful person she has become. I see all my incredible kids, and all the wonderful CUW students we’ve had the honor to work with over the past few years, and I know that all those little stepping stones in their lives, have given them what they needed to build the exciting roads that they are on.

I hope that as you watch JUNIE B JONES THE MUSICAL, you enjoy the incredible world of First Grade.

— Teresa Drews

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CAST OF JUNIE B. JONES, THE MUSICAL

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Junie B. Jones................................................................. Olivia Zimmermann
Lucille/Jose/Bobbie Jean/Piper...........................................Iesha Golden
Herb/Chenille...........................................................................Andrew Sear
Mother/May/Grace .......................................................... Maggie Fox
Sheldon/Lennie/Camille .........................................................John Robertson
Mr. Scary/Daddy/Gladys Gutzman/Mr. Woo/Corey.................Brady Wisniewski

Hurray Cast:
Junie B. Jones...........................................................................Talitha Marshall
Lucille/Jose/Bobbie Jean/Piper...................................................Marlia King
Herb/Chenille............................................................................Aidan O’Donnell
Mother/May/Grace ............................................................... Angela Penterman
Sheldon/Lennie/Camille .............................................................Jonah McGinnis
Mr. Scary/Daddy/Gladys Gutzman/Mr. Woo/Corey............... Ethan Karschnik

PRODUCTION TEAM FOR JUNIE B. JONES, THE MUSICAL

Producer/Artistic Director CUW Theatre.................................Prof. Lori Woodall-Schaufler
Directors/Choreographers....................................................Dean and Teresa Drews
Music Director ...........................................................................Luke Talen
Stage Manager ............................................................................Sarah Bremer
Assistant Stage Manager ..........................................................Faith Lensmith
Scenic Design and Construction .............................................Teresa Drews and Michael Landers
Costume Design .........................................................................Candy Polka
Lighting Design .........................................................................Mike Van Dreser
Sound Design and Engineering ..............................................Bradley Dunigan
Hair and Makeup Design ..........................................................Prof. Lori Woodall-Schaufler
Acting Coach ...............................................................................Karen Baker
Lighting Technician ..................................................................Hannah Arvis
Sound Technician ......................................................................Timothy Steinke, Christopher Dhuse
Running Crew ..........................................................................Mikayla Kennaugh, Eli Duero
Set Crew ..................................................................................Michael Landers, Teresa Drews, Asher Puls, Alex Kaboskey,
Joe Peck, Aaron Preston, Krista Ujcich, Ethan Boester

House Manager/Box Manager..................................................Courtney Richards
Photography .............................................................................Terry Clark-Bauman
Marketing and Public Relations .............................................Jeff Bandurski, CUW Marketing
Student PR and Graphic Designer .........................................Cassidy Mertzig
Dance Captain ...........................................................................Angela Penterman

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CAST BIOGRAPHIES

TALITHA MARSHALL
(Junie B Jones)
Talitha is delighted to return to the CUW stage for the third time! She is a Senior from Riverview, MI majoring in English with a minor in Theatre. She would like to thank the cast, crew, directors, production team, and all involved for their work on the show. Many thanks also to her family and friends for all their support, and to God for this amazing opportunity and all of the blessings in her life. Psalm 27:14.

OLIVIA ZIMMERMANN
(Junie B. Jones)
Olivia is a sophomore and is excited to be a part of her 5th production here at CUW! She is from St Charles, Illinois, and is majoring in Communication Sciences and Disorders with a minor in Theatre. Some of her favorite past shows include Beauty and the Beast (Belle), Mary Poppins (Mrs. Banks), and The Mousetrap (Mollie Ralston). When not on the stage, you can find Olivia playing her violin, singing in Kammerchor, or planning her next vacation with her family. She would like to thank the cast and crew for all the silliness, smiles, and support they offer every single day. She thanks you for coming, and hopes you enjoy the show! Psalm 28:7

ANGELA PENTERMAN
(May, Mom, Grace)
Angela is very blessed to be playing multiple roles in her ninth production at CUW. Her past favorite roles include Miss Adelaide (Guys & Dolls), M’Lynn (Steel Magnolias), and Cathleen (Long Day’s Journey into Night). She will also appear as Candace in the fifth season of the film drama Leaving Eden which will be released later this year, and she has choreographed with the West Bend Theatre Company. Originally from Kaukauna, Angela is a Senior studying Graphic Design with a minor in Theatre. She would like to thank the entire production team and cast for making this show so memorable and Prof. Lori Woodall for being the greatest mentor she could ask for. Special thanks to her loving mother and father who encourage her in everything she does. To God be all the glory! Psalm 86:11.

MAGGIE FOX
(May/Mother/Grace)
Maggie is very excited to be part of drama in her first year here at CUW! She is from Mequon, Wisconsin, and is an Elementary Education Science Major with a Minor in Theatre. Her past favorite shows include Oklahoma (Ado Annie), and Camelot (Queen Guenevere) at Living Word Lutheran High School. She would like to thank her family, friends and teachers for all their support through the years and everyone involved in the show for making it such a welcoming and fun experience. She would also like to thank God who has blessed her with this extraordinary opportunity to use her God-given talents toward his glory. 1 Peter 3:4

MARLIA KING
(Lucille/Bobby Jean Piper/Jose)
Marlia is ecstatic to be in first grade once again! This will be her fifth performance on the CUW stage as playing various bratty children in Junie B. Jones’ class. She is now a sophomore majoring in Liberal arts, and minoring in theater and has kept her dramatic like first grade presence all the way till now! Past favorite roles include Marmee in Little Women, and Mitzi in Agatha Christie’s A Murder is Announced at Milwaukee Lutheran High School. Marlia also enjoys having movie nights with friends on campus and hanging out with cast members after practice. She’d like to thank the directors for giving her the opportunity to showcase her talents once again, the
CAST BIOGRAPHIES cont.

Iesha Golden
(Lucile/Jose/Bobby Jean Piper)
Iesha is excited to be a part of the CUW theatre program. She is a senior from Milwaukee Wisconsin, Iesha has enjoyed being apart of many of the CUW productions, Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory, The Lion Witch & a Wardrobe, A Raisin In The Sun & many more. She has an individual major in theatre and minor in psychology. She would like to thank her family and friends whom supported her acting journey and she is grateful to have had the opportunity to work with Prof. Lori Woodall, Teresa Drews and Dean Drews.

Brady Wisniewski
(Mr. Scary/Daddy/Mr. Woo/Mrs. Gutzman)
Brady is a junior from Thorp, Wisconsin, studying Elementary Education with a minor in Mathematics. This is his second performance with CUW, having appeared as Grandpa in Meet Me in St. Louis. He would like to thank his family for their wonderful love and support as well as his fellow cast members for their fantastic personalities and God for the incredible blessings He provides. 1 Thessalonians 5:16.

Ethan Karschnik
(Mr. Scary/Daddy/Mr. Woo/Mrs. Gutzman)
Ethan is ecstatic to be performing in his 10th (!!!) show with the Concordia University Wisconsin Players. Previous favorites include Sky Masterson in Guys and Dolls, James Tyrone in Long Day’s Journey into Night, and George Gibbs in Our Town. He’d like to thank his cast, crew, and Professor Lori Woodall for their constant support over the years and their help in bringing Ethan back to first grade.

Andrew Sear
(Herb/Chenille)
Andrew is ecstatic to be a part of his third show here at CUW. He is from Asbury, IA and is a sophomore with a Major in Psychology, and a Minor in Theatre. Some of Andrew’s past favorite shows have been Guys and Dolls as “Harry the Horse” and Meet Me in St. Louis as “Warren Sheffield”. Andrew would like to thank his family, friends, and supporters for always being there and encouraging him to pursue his dreams and passions! Joshua 13:1

Aidan O’Donnell
(Herb/Chenille)
Aidan is very excited to be in his third show here at CUW and can’t wait to travel back to the world of first grade! You might have seen Aidan as John Truitt in Concordia’s most recent show, Meet Me in St. Louis. Aidan would like to thank all of the people who have supported him throughout his years in theater especially his family, friends Sam, Gena, and Sarah, and directors Woodall and Timm. Hope you enjoy the show!

Jonah McGinnis
(Sheldon/Lennie/Camille)
Jonah is a 5th year senior, participating in his 5th show at CUW. He is very grateful to all those who enabled him to pursue a life in the theater. Specifically his family for supporting him and coming to see all his performances. He would like to thank Billy J McGuffery who was his inspiration. Acts 20:9
CAST BIOGRAPHIES CONT.

JOHN ROBERTSON
(Sheldon/Lennie/ Camille)
John is so excited to be in his second show here at CUW. He first appeared in last fall's Meet Me in St. Louis. He is from Random Lake, Wisconsin, and is a K-12 Music Education Major with a Minor in Theatre. He would like to thank his family and friends for all their support through the years and the production team for making this a wonderful and memorable experience! Matthew 11:28-30

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PRODUCTION TEAM BIOGRAPHIES

PROF. LORI WOODALL-SCHAUFLER
(Producer/Artistic Director, CUW Theatre)
Lori brings 30 years professional theatre experience as a performer, director, writer, and choreographer to CUW, where she has taught Theatre for almost 14 years and has led the program in the last 7. Past favorite directed CUW shows are Meet Me In St. Louis, Steel Magnolias, Guys and Dolls, The Women of Lockerbie, Macbeth (outdoor), Hairspray, Godspell, and a Raisin in the Sun, to name only a small few of the over 20 she has directed there. She is a proud graduate of the MFA Acting program of the California Institute of the Arts, and received her BA in Theatre (Acting Specialist) and African-American Studies from UW Madison. She has worked regionally and internationally as a performer, voice over artist, onscreen TV and film actor, and director. She has worked with children for a very long time, having taught previously with First Stage, Children's Theatre of Madison, Performing Arts LA, and, for the last 13 years with Above the Clouds, Inc. Lori enjoys drama ministry endeavors with her husband and two kids, Abby and Josiah, who bring her much joy. All glory and praise be to God! Philippians 4:8

TERESA DREWS,
Director and Choreographer
Teresa Drews has been involved in over 50 productions either as director, choreographer or performer. Some of her favorite roles are Fraulein Schneider in CABARET, Miss Hannigan in ANNIE, and Gooch in MAME. As Weil as working with the terrific students at CUW, Teresa has worked with children, teens and young adults through MPS, Danceworks, Modjeska Youth Theater. She loves working with youth and is grateful to have been able to be a part bringing the arts, which is such an important part of their education and lives, to so many of them.

DEAN DREWS,
Director and Choreographer
Dean Drews holds a BS in Education and an MFA in Dance from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He completed his dance teacher certification program through Alverno College. He has studied with members of the Milwaukee Ballet, Martha Graham Dance Company, Bill T Jones/Arnie Zane, Alvin Alley, Jose Limon, Joseph Holmes Dance Theatre, Milwaukee Dance Theater, and Bauer Contemporary Ballet. His professional dance and theatre performance
BRADLEY DUNIGAN,  
*Sound Design and Engineering*

Bradley Dunigan is excited to be back working with the Concordia Players for yet another show. Bradley has been working in the Milwaukee area as an Audio Visual Professional for 5 years. This is his 9th season with the Concordia players as he spent 4 with them as an actor while getting his degree at Concordia. While giving thanks to Professor Woodall-Schaufler for this opportunity, his wife for putting up with the long days away, and God for his never ending love. He would like to congratulate the Cast and Crew on a great show.

CANDY POLKA,  
*Costume Design*

Candy is please to return as Costume Designer and as she has enjoyed working with the CUW students for over 20 years. Past shows include: *Meet Me in St. Louis*, *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*, *Raisin in the Sum*, *Hairspray*, and *The Importance of Being Earnest*, to name only a few. Thanks to Lori and the team for the opportunity to work with them again. Candy also does design work for Heritage Designs, and enjoys time with her family and grandkids, and helping out at church. God bless!

MICHAEL LANDERS,  
*Scenic Construction*

Michael has worn many hats in a career that expands nearly 40 years: Director, Actor, Producer, Fight choreographer, Stunt Man, Set Designer, and more. He has directed a few shows at CUW including, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, and has designed and built several. His current favorite acting role is his ongoing radio drama role of “Jack” in the "The Brinkman Adventures. He gives all glory and honor to God.
MIKE VAN DRESER, Lighting Design
Mike is a graduate of University of Wisconsin-Whitewater in 2004. He was the Lighting Designer for both Mousetrap and Steel Magnolias last season at Concordia, and last fall’s Meet Me in St. Louis. Mike also started in the spring of 2019 his production company called Stage Right Designs. His company mission statement is to bring professional level technical support to all levels of theatre from elementary schools up thru professional theatre. In 2018 Mike was nominated for a Jerry award for Lighting design for Bye Bye Birdie and a Foot Lights Award for Lighting design on Next to Normal, and in 2019 was again nominated for a Jerry for Little Shoppe and two Foot Lights awards for Mille and Hedwig. Mike wants to thank his wife Julie for being his number one supporter of his company. When Mike is not in the theatre he enjoys relaxing and spending time with his wife and two beautiful kids. Mike looks forward to working at Concordia in the future.

MIKA KENNAUGH, Crew
This is Mika’s second show being crew for CUW. She is excited to see the kids’ faces with this familiar character from her childhood.

TIMOTHY STEINKE, Sound Tech
Tim hails from Brookfield, WI, and attended Milwaukee Lutheran High School where he ran tech for 4 years. He is a Freshman and an Environmental Studies major with a Theatre minor.
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