



TOWN HALL THEATRE

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James & the Giant Peach

Bellbrook

Ethan Lavarney	Bellbrook MS	8 th
Dana Raber	Bell Creek IM	4 th
Abbey Knupp	Bellbrook MS	7 th

Centerville

Madison Calhoun	Magsig MS	7 th
Emily Caruso	Bellbrook MS	7 th
Sarah Crump	Homeschooled	5 th
Jordan Davis	Normandy ES	3 rd
Nikole Donmoyer	Normandy ES	5 th
Samantha Donmoyer	Normandy ES	5 th
Michelle Johnston	Incarnation	4 th
Jacob Kusnerik	Town Heights	7 th
Claire Pitrof	Incarnation	4 th
Emily Whitehead	Weller ES	2 nd
Rachel Whitehead	Weller ES	2 nd
Michael Wasser	CHS	9 th

Dayton

Anita Ambalavanan	Weller ES	4 th
Alyssa Burritt	Bell Creek IM	5 th
Tatum Burritt	Bellbrook MS	7 th
Sophia Holmes	Weller ES	3 rd
Rhea Dhingra	Cline ES	4 th
Amanda Shamp	Five Points ES	3 rd
Ashley Shamp	Five Points ES	2 nd
Kara Jobe	Watts MS	6 th
Torie Striebel	Incarnation	7 th
Lauren DiMario	Incarnation	7 th
Sean Brown	Incarnation	8 th

Springboro

Mary Mangual	Bishop Liebold	5 th
Abbey Monsour	Bishop Liebold	6 th
Megan Hunter	Shark/Onlooker	2 nd
Payton Johnson	Five Points ES	3 rd
Grace Winters	Bishop Liebold	3 rd



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Cast Bios

Anita Ambalavanan (Second Officer) is currently in her 2nd show here at THT. She is in the 4th grade at Weller Elementary. She was previously in *Mulan Jr.* When Anita is not acting she likes to read, draw and play with her friends.

Sean Brown (Grasshopper) is ecstatic to be in his 12th production at THT. Some of his previous roles include Billy in *Where the Red Fern Grows* and Ralph in *Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. Sean is in the 8th grade at Incarnation. When not acting he enjoys biking, playing video games, basketball, and Tae Kwon Do.

Alyssa Burrirt (First officer) is pleased to make her THT debut with this production. Currently in the 5th grade at Bell Creek Intermediate in Bellbrook, she is involved in soccer, volleyball, softball, golf, Math Pentathlon, S.T.E.P. and piano. Alyssa would like to thank all of her cast mates for helping her have a very fun first show at THT.

Tatum Burrirt (Aunt Sponge) is pleased to make her THT debut with this production. Currently in the 7th grade at Bellbrook Middle School, Tatum is active in cheerleading and band. When not at school, she's pursuing her pop star dreams by singing with the Spotlight Kidz/Center Stage performing group, dancing at Bellbrook Dance Academy and performing with the Muse Machine.

Madison Calhoun (Narrator) is thrilled to be in her 2nd THT play. She made her debut here in *101 Dalmatians*. Madison is in the 7th grade at Magsig Middle School. Madison is an avid reader and loves playing with her 5 dogs and 1 cat!

Emily Caruso (Silkworm) is pleased to perform with THT again. Emily is currently a 7th grader at Bellbrook Middle School. She performed in *101 Dalmatians* and *the Arisocats* last fall. When not on stage, Emily likes reading, playing softball, skiing, performing in the choir and hanging out with her friends and family.

Sarah Crump (Little Old Man) makes her dramatic stage debut as the "Little Old Man" in *James and the Giant Peach*. Until this year, Sarah's performance experience has been in dance. Enjoy the show.

Jordan Davis (Glowworm/Onlooker) is excited to be in her 2nd production at THT. She is in the 3rd grade at Normandy. She appeared as the Tortoise in *The Stinky Cheese Man*. Jordan also enjoys gymnastics and playing piano.

Rhea Dhingra (Cloud Person/Onlooker) is thrilled to make her THT debut with this production. She is at Cline Elementary in the 4th grade. She enjoys ballet, jazz and playing the piano. She is a TaeKwonDo blue belter as well!



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Lauren DiMario (Earthworm) is very excited to be in this production. This is her 7th production with THT. Her past credits include *Trumpet of the Swan*, *The Stinky Cheeseman*, *Mulan Jr.*, *How to Eat Like a Child*, *The Brave Little Tailor*, and most recently she played Simone in *Madeline's Christmas*. Lauren is currently a 7th grader at Incarnation School. Enjoy the show!

Nikole Donmoyer (Cloud Person/Onlooker) is pleased to perform in her 2nd THT production. She participated in this summer's production of *The Wizard of Oz* with Epiphany Lutheran church. She is currently in 5th grade and enjoys taking voice and piano lessons after school, playing board games with her family, and spending time with friends.

Samantha Donmoyer (Cloud Person/Onlooker) is pleased to perform in her 2nd THT production. She recently performed with the with the Epiphany Lutheran Church production of *The Wizard of Oz*. After school, where she is currently in 5th grade, she enjoys taking voice and piano lessons, playing with friends, and reading. She hopes you enjoy the show.

Sophia Holmes (Shark/Onlooker) is excited to make her debut appearance. She is currently in the 3rd grade at Weller Elementary and dances with Dayton Ballet. She enjoys dancing, singing, acting and reading. Sophia would like to thank her family and friends for their encouragement and support.

Megan Hunter (Shark/Onlooker) is pleased to make her Town Hall debut with this production. She is currently in second grade at Dennis Elementary in Springboro. When she is not acting, she enjoys playing soccer, swimming and playing with her friends.

Kara Jobe (Auntie Spiker) has had 5 parts in summer acting camps during the past two summers. Her past roles include; Daphne Blake *Scooby Doo*; Betty *The Flintstones*; Supergirl, Evil Plant Sister and Terolt. This will be her debut full production part. She currently is a 6th grader at Watts Middle School. In her spare time she takes piano and voice lessons and skis.

Michelle Johnston (Little Girl in Red Dress/Cloud Person/Onlooker) is pleased to be in her 2nd production with THT as the Little Girl in the Red Dress and Cloud Person. Michelle is in the 4th grade at Incarnation and has performed in *Bridge to Terabithia* as Maybelle. She enjoys reading, sports and playing with her brothers.

Payton Johnson (Ladybug) is thrilled to be in her 3rd production at THT. She was previously seen in *101 Dalmatians* as Spot, *Aristocats*, and *Mulan Jr.* Payton is a 3rd grader at Five Points ES. Her other interests include swimming and reading, playing piano and violin. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Abbey Knupp (Centipede) is very excited to be in her 3rd performance at THT. She was last seen in last season's production of *Aristocats/101 Dalmatians*. She is currently in 7th grade at Bellbrook MS and when not acting, she enjoys playing soccer, hanging out with friends and listening to music.



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Jacob Kusnerik (Captain) is excited to be returning in his 5th production with THT. He has played Ling in *Disney's Mulan*, Quillow in *The Great Quillow*, both Lee and Ranger (the other dog) in *Henry and Ramona*, and several roles in *Dr. Dolittle*. He has been active in local theater for several years, appearing in the Playhouse South productions of *Secret Garden* and *The Three Musketeers*. Jacob enjoys reading, TV and video games. He is currently in the 7th grade at Tower Height MS. He hopes you enjoy the show.

Ethan Lavarney (Narrator) is ecstatic to be in his 6th THT production. Currently in the 8th grade at Bellbrook Middle School, he has performed in THT's productions of *Bridge to Terabithia* and *The Great Quillow*. When not acting, Ethan likes working out at the gym, playing World of Warcraft, and hanging out with his friends.

Mary Mangual (Cloud Person/ Mother) is thrilled to be in her 2nd THT production. She was in *Trumpet of the Swan*. Mary is also a Girl Scout, a cheerleader and a cantor in the school choir. When she is not studying or at a meeting or rehearsal, she loves to read.

Abbey Monsour (Father/Onlooker/Cloud Person) is thrilled to be a part of her production at THT. She is in 6th grade at Bishop Liebold School. When not acting, she enjoys dancing, cheering and reading.

Claire Pitrof (Cloud Person/Onlooker) is pleased to make her 2nd appearance on the THT stage. You many have seen her in *Mulan Jr.* Currently, Claire is in the 4th grade at Incarnation School. When she's not acting, she likes to write, read and hang out with friends. She hopes you enjoy the show.

Dana Raber (Shark/Onlooker) is pleased to make her debut here at THT. Currently she is in the 4th grade at Bell Creek Intermediate. Dana enjoys art, swimming, jewelry making, and vacations.

Amanda Shamp (Cloud Person/Onlooker) is happy to be making her 2nd appearance at THT. She previously performed in *The Aristocats* and *101 Dalmatians*. Amanda is currently in the 3rd grade at Five Points Elementary. When not on stage she enjoys playing tennis and playing with friends and reading.

Ashley Shamp (Shark/Onlooker) is very excited to return to THT after her debut in *Aristocats* and *101 Dalmatians*. She is currently in the 2nd grade at Five Points Elementary. When not acting, Ashley enjoys playing tennis, TaeKwonDo and playing with friends.

Torie Striebel (Spider) is excited to be in her 5th play here at THT as Miss Spider. Other productions she has starred in are *Mulan Jr.* as Mulan and *101 Dalmatians* as Cruella DeVil. In her spare time she likes to do gymnastics, cheerleading, and play basketball. She hopes you enjoy the show.



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Michael Wasser (James) is to the extreme of happy to be playing James in THT's production of *James and the Giant Peach*. He is a 4'9" 14-year-old freshman in high school. He recently appeared in Centerville High School's new PAC Theater portraying Howard in *Inherit the Wind*. Michael would like to express his profuse gratitude toward Mr. Lavarney, Anita and Melanie for their most awesome direction and guidance. Please, enjoy the show.

Emily Whitehead (Shark/Onlooker) is excited to be making her 2nd appearance at THT and has recently played a poodle in the THT production of *101 Dalmatians*. Emily is currently in the 2nd grade at Weller Elementary. She enjoys playing soccer, basketball and the piano. Emily hopes you enjoy the show!

Rachel Whitehead (Shark/Onlooker) is thrilled to be making her 2nd appearance at THT and has recently played a Scottie dog in the THT production of *101 Dalmatians*. Rachel is currently in the 2nd grade at Weller Elementary. She enjoys playing soccer, basketball and the piano, and she loves to read.

Grace Winters (Shark/Onlooker) is pleased to make her debut appearance at THT. She attends 3rd grade at Bishop Liebold School. She enjoys art and singing when she is not performing.

Production Bios

Becky Barrett-Jones (Music Director) is the proud owner of *The Music in Me* voice and piano studio and is the music director at Town Hall Theatre, where she recently worked on *Aristocats/101 Dalmatians, Mulan, Jr* and *High School Musical* and where she received a Day/Tony for music direction of *Stuart Little*. She also enjoys performing and some of her recent stage credits include Fanny Brice in *Funny Girl*, Miss Nelson in *Miss Nelson Has a Field Day*, Gertrude in *Seussical*, and Tammy Faye in *The Gospel According to Tammy Faye*. She is also the wife of the talented actor and director, Alan Bomar Jones. Becky is thankful to be back for another season at Town Hall and to work with the amazingly talented performers in this show.

Melanie Crump (Assistant Stage Manager) is extremely pleased to be backstage once more at THT. She is currently a sophomore at Centerville High School, where she was recently seen as Mrs. Loomis in the Centerville Theatre Company's production of *Inherit the Wind*. Melanie would like to thank her family, and wishes the entire cast and crew to break a leg! Please enjoy the show.

Amanda M. Egloff (Technical Director) graduated from the University of Cincinnati with her B.F.A. in Technical Design and Production in 2003. Some of her most memorable Technical Direction credits there included *Pelleas et Melisande, The Marriage of Figaro*, and *Stop Kiss*. During her summers she has worked for the Williamstown Theater Festival, most notably during the 2001 season for which they received a Tony for Best Regional Theatre. Locally, Amanda has taught at Clark State, designing the 2006 production of *Rumors*, and La Comedia Dinner



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Theatre as props master on *Beauty and the Beast*. This marks Amanda's 3rd season at Town Hall. She has overseen 20 productions so far, and is looking forward to more! She wishes to thank and family and friends for their love, support, and patience.

Stacy Gear (Choreographer) has over 20 years of teaching and performance experience. *James and the Giant Peach* marks Stacy's 37th show as choreographer for THT. Stacy earned her BFA in Dance from Wright State University. In addition to being on staff for THT, she is also the Dance Area Coordinator for WTRC. She has choreographed for Miami University, Beavercreek Community Theatre and Dayton Playhouse. Shows include *State Fair*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Hair*, *Seussical*, *Bat Boy*, and this September *The Rocky Horror Show*. Stacy is a certified Pilates instructor and is currently teaching Pilates at Sinclair Community College, as well as teaching dance to show choirs and other studios throughout the area.

Miranda Gullion (Costume Assistant/Wardrobe Supervisor) graduated from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, where she received a B.A. in Art History. She has worked on wardrobe and hair crews for touring productions of *Hairspray*, *Evita*, and *Cats*. She also designed and styled wigs for LSU productions of *Candide*, *The Heidi Chronicles*, *The Living and The Miser*. This is her 2nd season at THT and looks forward to another season of successful shows and fun times.

Anita Jackson (Production Stage Manager) graduated from Ohio University with her B.F.A. in Stage Management. Some of her stage managing credits include working with the Ohio Valley Summer Theatre in Athens, OH, Westport Country Playhouse in Westport, CT, and Templeton Blackburn Alumni Memorial Auditorium in Athens, OH. Currently you can now find her backstage managing the numerous shows that THT produces, which happen to be full of incredibly fun and enthusiastic actors. Anita is very glad to be returning to THT for her 3rd season and hopes to enjoy many more.

Robyn E. Joyce (Lighting Designer) is thrilled to be returning to THT this season. She last designed *A Year with Frog & Toad* and *Mulan Jr.* with THT this past spring. Since graduating from American University in 2005, she has worked for Walt Disney World, spending 2 years in the night clubs at Pleasure Island (R.I.P.), was lighting director for Pleasure Island's Waterfront Stage for both New Year's Eve 2006 & Valentine's Day 2007, was an electrician for *Spectacle of Dancing Lights* at Hollywood Studios, and has worked on various special events throughout the parks. Currently, Robyn is a pyrotechnician for *Wishes!* and *Dream Along with Mickey* at Magic Kingdom. Other theatrical works include lighting designer *Pinder's Kids* and *Fame!* for People's Theater in Orlando, and *Godspell* and *Metamorphoses* with Interlochen Center of the Arts in Michigan, and sound designer for Hangar Theater's 2004 summer season & Red Barn Playhouse's 2003 summer season. She resides in Florida with her amazing husband, Rick, her daughter, Eowyn, her new son, Lucas, and her two cats, Bailey & Emmy.

Briley Lambert (Costume Designer) recently completed 2 years at Wright State University studying Costume Design. She designed costumes for *The Tempest* and the dance piece



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...transcending tides.... She was also the assistant costume designer for *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*. Briley holds a B.S.E. in Chemical Engineering from Calvin College. As a member of the Calvin Theatre Company, she sewed costumes and worked on the wardrobe crew for many shows including *A Funny Thing...Forum*, *Return of the Prodigal*, and *As It Is In Heaven*. For the past year, she has served as the Director of Dramatic Support for Patterson Park Church. Briley is excited to start her 1st season as Costumer for THT! She'd like to thank her Mom and Dad for their love and support.

John Lavarney (Director) is proud to be directing his 11th production for Town Hall. Other notable productions include *Bridge to Terabithia*, *Dr. Doolittle*, *Robin Hood*, *Wind in the Willows*, the Daytony Award winning *Hunchback of Notre Dame*, and *The Snow Queen*, for which he won a Daytony for Special Achievement in puppetry. Favorite turns on stage for John include Athos in *The Three Musketeers*, Mssr.D'Arque in *Beauty and the Beast*, and Barnaby in *Babes in Toyland*. John has a master's degree in directing from Binghamton University and has been the property master at Wright State University for the last 17 years as well as one of the summer theater camp directors for the last 7 years.

Michelle Leigh (Set Designer/Painter/Props Master) is excited to be back at THT for her 2nd season. Michelle graduated from Wright State University in 2007 with a B.F.A. in Theater Design and Technology. She has worked with various organizations including the Dayton Playhouse, the Way Off Broadway Theatre Co., Stivers School for the Arts, and the Encore Theatre Co. Michelle would like to thank her husband Adam for his constant love and support and her amazingly talented Town Hall family