

KANKAKEE VALLEY THEATRE ASSOCIATION

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PETER AND THE STAR CATCHER

A Play by, Rick Elice Music By Wayne Barker

Based on the novel by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson

Originally Produced on Broadway by Nancy Nagel Gibbs, Greg Schaffert,
Eva Price, Tom Smedes, and Disney Theatrical Productions.

Directed By:

Beth Sutter &

Josh Hedding-Hess

Saturday, February 5 & 12 at 7pm

Sunday, February 6 & 13 at 2pm



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A Note from the Directors . . .

Thank you for coming to Peter and the Starcatcher! I'm delighted to share this play with you, it's been one of my favorites and I'm so grateful to get to Co-Direct it. Our hilarious cast has done such a great job becoming these characters and are sure to make this a memorable experience.

I want to thank Beth for Co-Directing with me, you didn't know what you signed up for but are so helpful and I truly appreciate it! Kayla, I appreciate your help and went above what was expected. Thank you. Erin, you have filled in all of the cracks to make this show what it is, and I cannot thank you enough for everything you have done. To Chelsea & Heather, thank you for finding the time to make us sound good! To Mark & Matt, thanks for bringing my vision to life. To the cast, thank you for the laughs and making this a great show!

My hope is that you enjoy this adventure and let the real world melt away for the evening. Clap if you believe!

-Josh

"For to have faith, is to have wings". I took a leap of faith and stepped out of my comfort zone a bit. This has been such a great learning experience for me. I would like to thank Josh for letting me tag along on this journey with him and to Kayla for joining our crew as Assistant Director. To the cast and crew, thank you for all your hard work and dedication to this production. I didn't know this story as well as others, but seeing it brought to life has been so rewarding and I can't wait for you, the audience, to experience this amazing show of how an orphan became the boy "who never grew up", Peter Pan.

-Beth

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Scene Synopsis

Setting: It is 1885 during the reign of Queen Victoria and two ships from the British Empire set sail on the high seas for the imaginary kingdom of Rundoon.

ACT ONE:

Prologue.....	A Bare Stage
	Sailors and Seamen
Scene 1.....	<i>The Neverland</i> - On Deck
Scene 2.....	Molly's Cabin
Scene 3.....	Bowels of the Ship
	Molly Descends
Scene 4.....	Bilge Dungeon
	Grempinkin Flashback
Scene 5.....	<i>The Wasp</i> - Captain's Cabin
Scene 6.....	<i>The Neverland</i> - Passageway
Scene 7.....	<i>The Wasp</i> - Captain's Cabin
Scene 8.....	<i>The Neverland</i> - Bilge Dungeon
Scene 9.....	<i>The Neverland</i> - On Deck
Scene 10.....	<i>The Neverland and The Wasp</i>
	Hurricano
	Swim On

15 Minute Intermission

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ACT TWO:

Prelude:.....Mollusk Island - Shore
Mermaid Outta Me

Scene 1:.....Mountaintop, Mollusk Island
Coming Down the Mountain

Scene 2:.....Jungle

Scene 3:.....Mollusk Territory

Scene 4:.....Mr. Grin's Cage

Scene 5:.....Beach

Scene 6:.....Jungle's Edge

Scene 7:.....Up the Mountain

Scene 8:.....Grotto

Scene 9:.....Mountaintop

Scene 10:.....Beach

Ukulele Smee

Cast

Boy/Peter.....	Andy Beasley
Prentiss.....	Amy Winkle
Ted.....	Michaela Richey
Lord Leonard Aster.....	Jeff Schneider
Molly Aster.....	Danette Guest
Mrs. Bumbrake.....	Dana James
Captain Robert Falcon Scott.....	Arthur Meyer*
Gremppkin.....	Paige Stillabower*
Bill Slank.....	Scott Christensen*
Alf.....	Molly Kennedy
Greggors/Smee.....	Tyler McMahan
Black Stache.....	Thomas Erhardt
Fighting Prawn.....	Joel Knapper
Hawking Clam/Teacher.....	Abby Colbert
Sanchez.....	Madison James
Mack.....	Lai Jen Lozano

* denotes first time in a Kankakee Valley Theatre Association production

Meet the Cast

Andy Beasley (Boy/Peter) Andy currently lives in Chicago and is a Junior at Columbia College Chicago. He was previously seen in the Limelight production of *The Outsiders* as Ponyboy. Andy says, “I want to thank my parents for being very supportive and being my pit crew with this production.”

Scott Christensen (Bill Slank) Scott, his wife Sara, and their children Ruby and Zoey live in Kankakee. He is an Adult Protective Services Supervisor and was on the stage crew for the KVTA production of *Disney’s Beauty and the Beast JR*. Scott adds, “Thank you to Ruby, who forcefully encouraged me to try out.”

Abby Colbert (Hawking Clam/Teacher) Abby is from Bradley and was previously seen playing Glory in KVTA’s *Almost, Maine*. They add, “Thank you to my family and friends for constantly supporting me in acting and dealing with my crazy schedule.”

Thomas Erhardt (Black Stache) Thomas and his fiancé, Tyler, currently live in Bradley. He is a Paraprofessional for the Bourbonnais School District. He was on staff as the Choreographer for KVTA’s *The Music Man* in 2021. He shares, “Thank you to everyone, including my fur children Nox, Cooper, and Phoenix, who continues to support me in all of my endeavors in life. I hope to keep making you all proud.”



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Danette Guest (Molly Aster) Danette, her husband Aaron, and their daughter Natalie live in Bourbonnais. Danette works for Silva International, Inc. as an Accounting Clerk. Most recently she performed in KVTA's *The Beast of Gévaudan* alongside the quirky alchemist (who encouraged her to audition for this production). Danette adds, "I dedicate this performance to my loved ones in Never Never Land, where there's never any pain, never any tears, and never any goodbyes. I'll see you someday."

Dana James (Mrs. Bumbroke) Dana and his wife, Kayla, live in Kankakee where he works in Environmental Health at the Kankakee County Health Department. He appeared in the 2021 KVTA production of *The Beast of Gévaudan*. He has also worked backstage on various shows. Dana shares, "It's been great working with such a talented and fun cast and crew, especially our super-creative and hard working Assistant Director."

Madison James (Sanchez) Madison lives with Dana and Kayla James in Kankakee, where she is a Sophomore at KHS. She was last seen in KVTA's *The Beast of Gévaudan*. Madison adds, "This whole journey I cannot say enough thanks to my directors and fellow cast members. My family is one of the biggest supporters, as well as my friends."

Molly Kennedy (Alf) Molly and her husband Eddie reside in Aroma Park. Molly is a Child Welfare Specialist for Lutheran Child and Family Services. She last performed as a Moderator in KVTA's *The Beast of Gévaudan*. Molly says, "Thank you to the directors for the opportunity, my dad, Joel Knapper, for encouraging me to try out, and my husband for supporting me."

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Joel Knapper (Fighting Prawn) Joel and his wife Dawn live in Bourbonnais. He is a Support Director for Applied Systems. Joel has been involved in several KVTA productions, both on and off-stage. Joel shares, “Thank you to the Directors for casting me. Also, it was fun to be in a production with my daughter, Molly Kennedy!”

Lai Jen Lozano (Mack) Lai Jen currently lives in Kankakee. One of her recent KVTA productions was *Almost, Maine* in 2020. Lai Jen adds, “Thank you for casting me! I would like to say thank you to my family and friends for supporting me.”

Tyler McMahon (Greggors/Smee) Tyler and his fiancé, Thomas, live in Bradley. He works as a Teaching Assistant at BUGC. Tyler recently directed KVTA’s *The Music Man* in 2021. Tyler would like to thank Thomas for all of his love and support.

Arthur Meyer (Capt. Robert Falcon Scott) Arthur and his wife Casey live in Kankakee, along with their children Margie and Artie. Arthur works for Court Street Ford in Bourbonnais. He has previously worked on the Set Crew for *Disney’s Beauty and the Beast JR*, but this is his first time on stage for a KVTA production!



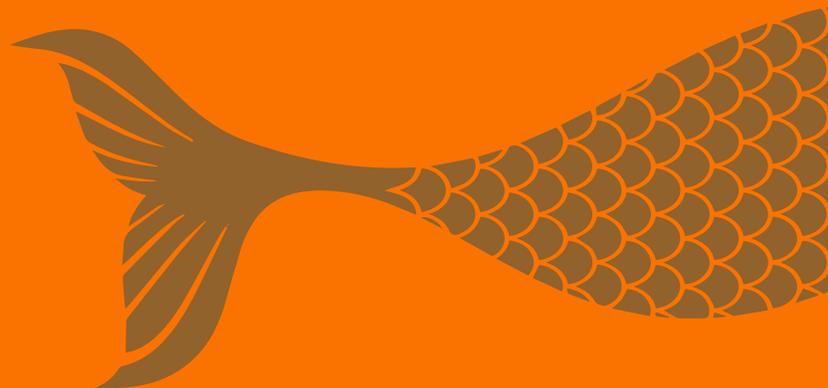
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Michaela Richey (Ted) Michaela lives with her parents, Erin and Shannon Richey, in Kankakee where she is a Senior at Bishop McNamara Catholic School. She was previously on stage for KVTA's production of *Disney's Beauty and the Beast JR.* Michaela exclaims, "I'd love to thank KVTA for giving me this awesome opportunity and to my parents who have always supported me!"

Jeff Schneider (Lord Leonard Aster) Jeff currently lives in Bradley and is an Information Protection Supervisor at Evernorth (Cigna). Jeff most recently created and directed KVTA's production of *The Beast of Gévaudan.* He adds, "Thank you to the directors and staff for casting me, and thank you to Heather for encouraging me when I doubted I could find the time. It's been a great experience!"

Paige Stillabower (Gremplin) Paige lives in Kentland, IN and is a USPS Postmaster. She last appeared on stage as Brenda in *Pajama Game* with Carnegie Players. This is Paige's first production with KVTA!

Amy Winkle (Prentiss) Amy is engaged to Nick and lives in Bourbonnais. She previously appeared as Marvalyn in KVTA's *Almost, Maine.* Amy shares, "First and foremost I thank God for my talents, Nick and my family for being so supportive and encouraging, and the directors for giving me this opportunity."



Production Staff

Co-Directors.....Josh Hedding-Hess, Beth Sutter
Assistant Director.....Kayla James
Production Coordinator.....Paula Sutter
Costumer.....RoseAnn Labriola
Tori Harle, Amanda Ringler
Set Builder.....Mark Sutter
Set Decorator.....Matt Hedding-Hess
Properties/Stage Manager.....Erin Thomas
Abigail Davis
Piano Accompaniment.....Charlie Worth
Box Office.....Tricia Kohan
House.....Rebecca Routson
Split-the-Pot.....Jim Kravat
Program.....Heather Crooks, Chelsea McKay
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Beth Sutter, Courtney Stephens
Publicity.....Debbie Emling
Josh Hedding-Hess, Chelsea McKay, Rebecca Routson,
Jeff Schneider, Courtney Stephens, Beth Sutter
Lights.....Brooke Minnich, Grace Soucie
Sound.....Owen Sound, Kevin Norden
Angel Mirkov

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Josh Hedding-Hess (Co-Director) Josh is an Optician at Dunlap Vision. He lives in Kankakee with his husband, Matt and son RJ. Josh has been involved with KVTA productions for 22 years, and last directed *Almost, Maine*. Josh comments, “Thank you to Matt & RJ for giving me the time to produce this show.”

Beth Sutter (Co-Director) Beth works at Applied Systems as a Support Tech and resides in Bonfield. You may have just seen Beth working as Assistant Director for KVTA’s *Disney’s Beauty and the Beast JR*. She says, “Thank you to Josh for letting me be a Co-Director with him. I am learning a lot from him. And thanks to Kayla for being our Assistant Director.”

Kayla James (Assistant Director) Kayla is a Teaching Assistant in the Bourbonnais Elementary district and lives in Kankakee. She is married to Dana and has four daughters: Kristina, Madison, Lily and Abigail. She has had many backstage roles for KVTA. Kayla says, “Thank you to my family, and especially my Mom who kept Abigail throughout the productions. Thank you to Dana and Madison who joined me in this production.”

Paula Sutter (Production Coordinator) A happily retired Paula lives with Mark in Bonfield. She recently directed her 28th show for KVTA, *Disney’s Beauty and the Beast JR*. Paula exclaims, “Congratulations to a great cast, dedicated directors and staff. Thanks for presenting this fun show!”

Matt Hedding-Hess (Set Decorator) Matt, his son RJ, and his husband Josh are residents of Kankakee. He works as a therapist at Transformative Growth Counseling and Clove Alliance. Matt has been involved in many KVTA productions on stage and backstage. He exclaims, “Congratulations to Joshy and his cast and staff on a magical show!”

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RoseAnn Labriola (Costumer) RoseAnn, a resident of Bourbonnais, works as a Novel Writer. She has been with KVTA for 19 years and has been a part of over 38 productions. She says, “Thank you to Amanda and Tori for all your help.”

Mark Sutter (Set Builder) Mark lives with his wife, Paula, and his daughter, Beth, in Bonfield and is happily retired from Sherwin Williams. He says, “Thanks to Josh and Beth for making this one of the quickest and easiest sets I’ve had to build!”

Erin Thomas (Props) Erin and her husband, Mike, live in Bourbonnais, and she has two children, Vincent and Mordecai Soper. She works as a Groundskeeper at Kankakee South KOA. Erin just completed her staff position as Set Decorator for KVTA’s *Disney’s Beauty and the Beast JR*. She gives a huge thanks to Beth and Josh for inviting her to be a part of this hilarious production. “It is always a pleasure to work with you guys!”

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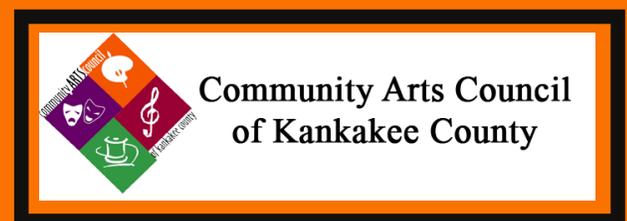
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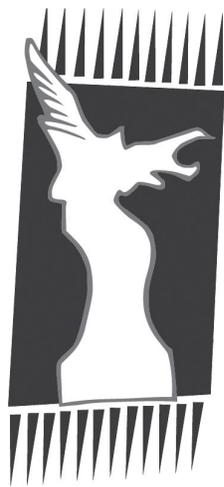
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