

# JERRY GIBSON MEMORIAL YOUTH SUMMER THEATRE



A (Socially Distanced) Cabaret



CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF  
JERRY GIBSON THEATRE!



July 24th -25th  
2020



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# director's note

## KATIE GORDON

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the world has recently been a place of fear, trepidation, and feelings of unsettlement as our daily routines and ways of life have been turned upside-down from this world-wide pandemic. So many traditions and norms have been uprooted to accommodate the global health crisis, and many of the things we love and care about, whether that be school, work, or family and friends, have been put on hold for the sake of our health. And yet, people still turn to the arts for comfort and solace during these trying times. No amount of panic or fear can keep people from gathering to create music, and that could not resonate more true at the Jerry Gibson Community Theatre.

Jerry Gibson has been providing meaningful and authentic theatrical experiences to the children of Florham Park and the surrounding area for thirty-nine consecutive years. While the program cannot produce a full-staged production this summer because of social-distancing protocols, Jerry Gibson can still provide children with opportunities to sing, dance, act, and interact with their peers no matter what is going on in the world. Therefore, the desire to have children participate in the arts while being socially-distant invented the following concept: Jerry Gibson will celebrate forty years of providing authentic and meaningful theatrical experiences to children by performing a virtual cabaret, where actors can commemorate the program by performing songs from previous Jerry Gibson productions.

After an online audition process, actors aged 10-19 were cast in several numbers from different Jerry Gibson shows that have been performed in the last forty years. Throughout the last two months, actors have been meeting daily through rehearsals on Zoom, a video conference platform, and have reenergized these famous numbers, reinvented them in new contexts, and worked tirelessly to build upon their singing, dancing, and acting skills. I am honestly astounded and inspired by these kids' resilience, determination, and hard work to make this production a reality. Not only have they spent the last two months working on their musical skills, but they have found ways to collaborate with each other through alternative means, especially through the use of technology, and have still created this outcome of performing meaningful and beautiful music together in a nontraditional fashion.

While we were prepared to present this cabaret via livestream or recorded performance, we were so excited to hear that the actors could share their hard work in person with Governor Murphy's recent allowance of up to five-hundred people at outdoor gatherings. Today, you will witness not only amazing singing, dancing, and acting, but you will see seventeen children's hard work from home be accumulated and exuded onto this stage. After working with these actors, I cannot emphasize enough their passion and ability to always rise to the occasion, and I am so excited to share with you all the wonderful things these kids have accomplished through this nontraditional rehearsal process.

I am sure past Jerry Gibson players never expected the fortieth anniversary show to be an online rehearsal process with a socially-distant, outdoor performance; but, I believe they would be so proud. Even forty years later, Jerry Gibson's mission to bring authentic and meaningful theatrical experiences to the children of Florham Park still stands, despite all that is happening in the world around us. And to me, I think that is an exceptional accomplishment.

# cast

**MARY KATE BOLSTER**

**FAITH BORDENABE**

**LINDA BRUNCAJ**

**JULIANNA CANZONIERI**

**JAIME CANZONIERI**

**MICHAELA CHIGWEDERE**

**MIA CICARELLI**

**ALLIE CIMAGLIA**

**AVA COSCARELLO**

**THOMAS GALDIERI**

**GABE FERRIERO**

**TORY HENNING**

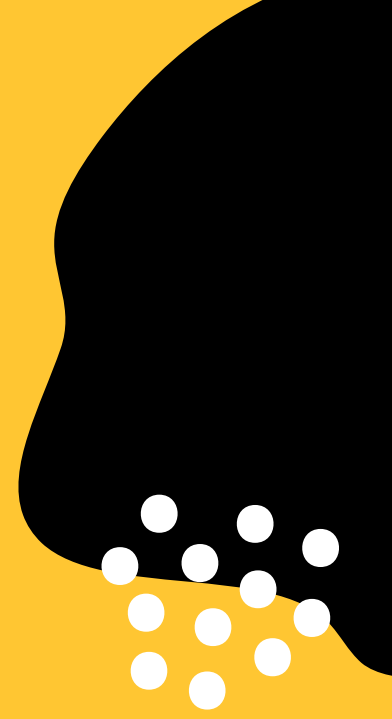
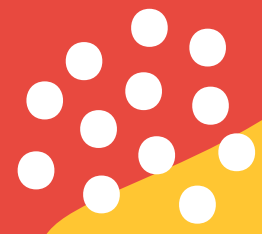
**RACHEL HENNING**

**EMMY HENNING**

**TOMMY HILDEN**

**MOLLY MCHUGH**

**BRENNA THORNTON**



# PRODUCTION TEAM

*director & co-producer*

**KATIE GORDON**

*executive producer*

**MARY HUPCEY**

*technical producer*

**JOSEPH HUPCEY**

*sound director*

**RANDY HERTZOG**

*assistant director*

**CHRISTINA CANNILLA**





# show order

**I COULD BE HAPPY WITH YOU, THE BOYFRIEND**

Brenna Thornton and Tommy Hilden

**I KNOW THINGS NOW, INTO THE WOODS**

Mia Cicarelli

**NOTICE ME HORTON, SEUSSICAL**

Tory Henning

**I CAIN'T SAY NO, OKLAHOMA!**

Linda Bruncaj

**STEPSISTER'S LAMENT, CINDERELLA**

Jaime and Julianna Canzonieri

**CORNER OF THE SKY, PIPPIN**

Tommy Hilden

**THERE ARE WORSE THINGS I COULD DO, GREASE**

Molly McHugh

**ANYTHING GOES, ANYTHING GOES**

Emmy Henning

**PEOPLE WILL SAY WE'RE IN LOVE, OKLAHOMA!**

Ava Coscarello and Gabe Ferriero

**FABULOUS, HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 2**

Rachel Henning

**HOME, BEAUTY AND THE BEAST**

Michaela Chigwedere

**IF I WERE A BELL, GUYS AND DOLLS**

Julianna Canzonieri



# show order

(Continued)



## **AGONY, INTO THE WOODS**

Gabe Ferriero and Tommy Hilden

## **FAR FROM THE HOME I LOVE, FIDDLER ON THE ROOF**

Mary Kate Bolster

## **MARIA, WEST SIDE STORY**

Gabe Ferriero

## **ON THE STEPS OF THE PALACE, INTO THE WOODS**

Brenna Thornton

## **BEAUTIFUL CITY, GODSPELL**

Faith Bordenabe

## **A BOY LIKE THAT/I HAVE A LOVE, WEST SIDE STORY**

Linda Bruncaj and Allie Cimaglia

## **LITTLE GIRLS, ANNIE**

Jaime Canzonieri

## **KIND OF WOMAN, PIPPIN**

Ava Coscarello

## **BY MY SIDE, GODSPELL**

Emmy, Rachel, and Tory Henning

## **LAST MIDNIGHT, INTO THE WOODS**

Allie Cimaglia

## **WE GO TOGETHER, GREASE**

Full Cast



# cast bios

## MARY KATE BOLSTER

is a rising 10th grader at Oak Knoll High School. She is so excited to be in her 5th Jerry Gibson Performance. Her previous roles include: Lost Boy (Peter Pan), Wizard of Oz (Wizard of Oz), ensemble (Cinderella and Shrek). When she isn't performing, she plays volleyball and takes part in her church chorus. She's so thankful that the cast and crew of Jerry Gibson was able to make a performance happen even during this different time.

## FAITH BORDENABE

is a rising Junior at Hanover Park High School. She is very grateful to everyone who has made her first Jerry Gibson production so welcoming and special. She recently played the role of Lisa in Hanover Park's production of Mamma Mia. When she isn't performing, she plays volleyball, swims, and likes to read. She would like to thank Katie and the rest of the Jerry Gibson team for all of their hard work and support this summer.

## LINDA BRUNCAJ

is very excited to be part of the Jerry Gibson 40th Anniversary Cabaret. She has been in shows the past 2 years and would like to thank everyone involved especially Katie, who has put in so much work to make this show amazing!

## JULIANNA CANZONIERI

is thrilled to be in this Cabaret. She has been in Jerry Gibson shows the in past and had lots of fun! She wants to thank Katie for being a great leader and for doing a great job of directing!

## JAIME CANZONIERI

is really happy to be singing with her sister in this Cabaret! Jaime stole the show as a mouse in Cinderella and can't wait for you to see the show! Jaime would like to give a special thank you to Katie for being an amazing teacher and for making this summer so fun!!



# cast bios

## MICHAELA CHIGWEDERE

is an upcoming freshman at Hanover Park High School, and she is very excited to be performing a solo this year for the JGT Virtual Cabaret! This is her third Jerry Gibson Theatre production. Michaela has also done theatre at her previous school, Ridgedale Middle School. Her past roles include: Mrs. Phelps (Matilda) Mother O'Hanlon (Yes Virginia, There is a Santa Clause), The Enchanted Vixen (Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs), Annie Moffat (Little Woman), Adella (Little Mermaid). When she isn't on stage, she plays travel volleyball and participates in the local Girl Scouts. Michaela would like to thank the production team, cast, and crew for all their hard work and support this summer. She would also like to thank her older sister, Ruva, for always believing in her, helping her practice, and lifting her up when her spirits were down.

## MIA CICARELLI

is an incoming freshman at Hanover Park Highschool. Her previous roles include Matilda Wormwood (Matilda), Virginia O'Hanlon (Yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus!), Pinocchio (Shrek), Wednesday Addams (Addams Family Musical), Sarge (Snow White), Flounder (The Little Mermaid), and ensemble roles for Cinderella and The Wizard of Oz. She is so excited to be a part of this 40th anniversary performance with Jerry Gibson. When Mia is not on stage, she enjoys making Tik-Toks, volunteering, cooking and hanging out with her friends. Mia would like to thank her family and friends for their endless support and love no matter what. She would also like to thank Katie, Christina, and the Hupcey's for making this production possible during this difficult time.

## ALLIE CIMAGLIA

is a rising sophomore at Sacred Heart University, double majoring in musical theatre and media arts. This past year's credits include: The Great American Trailer Park Musical (Betty), Chess (Arbiter), & Richard III (multiple roles). She had the pleasure of playing the Dragon in Jerry Gibson's 2019 production of Shrek the Musical. Allie thanks her supportive parents, as well as Katie for her guidance and the Hupcey's/Gordon's for making this possible. She'd like to dedicate her performance to the memory of her friend Ryan.



# cast bios

## AVA COSCARELLO

is going into 9th grade at Hanover Park High School and loves to perform and act on stage. Ava has been playing viola for 10 years and has been involved in Select Choir for 3 years and Chorus for 9 years. This will be Ava's 20th performance throughout her time in school. Ava has had the pleasure of performing in two previous Jerry Gibson Productions, Cinderella as Horse/Assistant Dance Captain and Shrek the Musical as the White Rabbit. In addition, Ava has been studying Musical Theater at the Morristown Performing Arts Center and has been featured as Gabriella Montez in High School Musical, Paulette in Legally Blonde, Bertha in Pippin, and Cynthia in DEH. Musical Theater is a true passion for Ava and wishes to learn and grow as an actress. Ava would also like to thank her family for their support.

## GABE FERRIERO

is a rising senior at Seton Hall Prep and he has loved performing his whole life. This is his 5th Jerry Gibson production. Previous roles include Dean Hyde (All Shook Up), the Lion (The Wizard of Oz), Linus (You're a Good Man Charlie Brown), and Chip (Spelling Bee). He would like to thank Katie for all her hard work, and the Hupcey's for supporting this production.

Gabe is so grateful for the entire cast and their families for putting together such an incredible show during such a trying time. Gabe is so excited to share this cabaret with friends and family of the whole cast.  
Enjoy the show!

## TORY HENNING

will be a sixth grader at Ridgedale Middle School. This is her third year participating in the Jerry Gibson Summer Theater Program. Last year, in Shrek she was, (Young Fiona, Ugly Duckling, & Dancer), in Cinderella she was, (Mouse, and a Townsperson). Tory's previous acting credits at Brooklake school include: Grease, (Sandy), Aladdin, (Iago Entourage), Beauty and the Beast (a Rose Dancer). In second grade, she was (Cinderella), in Briarwood School's production of The Mixed Up Fairy Tale.

In addition to acting and singing, Tory is very active in sports. She has taken dance lessons at The Theatre Next Door, and the YMCA. She also takes piano and voice lessons. Tory wants to thank her sisters for helping her out in hard times, and to all her older classmates a huge thank you for believing in her!

# cast bios

## RACHEL HENNING

is in 9th grade and excited to be a part of this year's unique cabaret version of the Jerry Gibson theatre. Rachel has participated in the summer performances of Jerry Gibson for the last four years, including last year's performance of Shrek, where she portrayed (teen Fiona and the fairy God Mother). Rachel also participated her 7th grade summer as (young Cinderella) in Cinderella, and her 6th grade summer as (the Lullaby League) in the Wizard of Oz. On the RMS stage her roles have included Mary Lou, in Yes Virginia there is a Santa Claus, and the Maid in The Little Mermaid. In addition to acting and singing, Rachel is very active in sports. She has taken dance lessons at The Theatre Next Door, and the YMCA. Rachel thanks her Mom, Dad, and siblings for always being there to love and support her!

## EMMY HENNING

is a rising Senior and has been part of Jerry Gibson for a long time! Emmy loves to sing and perform and she has loved getting to be part of all the amazing productions Jerry Gibson has done. Emmy would like to thank Katie for always inspiring her and pushing her to be her best!

## TOMMY HILDEN

is a 2019 graduate from Hanover Park High School. He is honored to be welcomed back after playing Donkey (Shrek the Musical) last year. When he's not on stage, he's pursuing some other form of musical expression such as playing ukulele, saxophone, singing or writing music. He can't thank everyone involved enough for being the silver lining in these unfamiliar times.

## MOLLY MCHUGH

is a rising sophomore at Villa Walsh Academy. This is her third Jerry Gibson production after being in Cinderella (Ensemble) and Shrek (Thelonious/Pied Piper). Other roles include The Sound of Music (Liesl) and Wizard of Oz (Munchkin/Winkie). Molly wants to thank everyone, especially Katie and the Hupeys, who put on the cabaret this year!

## BRENNA THORNTON

will be a freshman at Northeastern University in the fall. She is so excited to be returning to Jerry Gibson for her fourth production after appearing in Cinderella (Cinderella), The Wizard of Oz (Scarecrow), and Peter Pan (Mrs. Darling). She would like to thank the entire company, especially Katie, for all their hard work on this show!

# PRODUCTION TEAM BIOS

## *katie gordon*

is a recent graduate of NYU Steinhardt (Class of 2020), and has just received her B.M. in Music Education. Katie is thrilled to return back to the Jerry Gibson Theatre after serving as music director for their productions of Cinderella in 2018 and Shrek the Musical in 2019. Her previous music directing credits include co-music directing A Class Act NYU's 2018 production of Into the Woods and 2019 production of A Chorus Line. In the fall, Katie plans to work at the Washington Heights and Inwood Music Charter Elementary School in Manhattan as their Vocal Music Teacher, and she cannot wait to start her career as an educator in New York City! Katie would like to thank everyone who has helped with this production and believed in her ideas from the start - from her incredibly supportive family, to her amazing production team, and finally to the fantastic kids who worked so hard over Zoom and now in person - I am so proud of all of you and break legs!!

## *christina cannilla*

is a rising Junior at Salve Regina and prior to working on this show, she worked as Stage Manager for Salve Regina University Theatre's Gypsy, Peter and the Starcatcher, Into the Woods as well as working on Twelfth Night and Spring Awakening. She was Assistant Director for SRU Stagefright's The Addams Family. She worked at the Jerry Gibson Theatre the past few summers as Stage Manager for Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella and Shrek: The Musical. Christina was an active participant of Morristown High School Theatre as Student Director, Dramaturge, Hair & Makeup Crew, and a Head of Costumes. Christina is so glad that she got to share this experience with her family: the Henning girls. Christina would like to thank her friends Abbie Burchard and Maggie Corbutt for always inspiring her with their talent and drive as well as Katie Adams for being her role model and constant support. She would like to thank Katie for being an amazing leader and amazing friend! Enjoy the show!

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# past shows



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| 1981 | <b>THE BOYFRIEND</b>                                      | 2000 | <b>HELLO DOLLY!</b>          |
| 1982 | <b>ANYTHING GOES</b>                                      | 2001 | <b>ANYTHING GOES</b>         |
| 1983 | <b>OLIVER</b>   | 2002 | <b>WEST SIDE STORY</b>       |
| 1984 | <b>BYE BYE BIRDIE</b>                                     | 2003 | <b>GODSPELL</b>              |
| 1985 | <b>OKLAHOMA!</b>  | 2004 | <b>PIPPIN</b>                |
| 1986 | <b>NO, NO NANETTE</b>                                     | 2005 | <b>OKLAHOMA!</b>             |
| 1987 | <b>GUYS AND DOLLS</b>                                     | 2006 | <b>OLIVER!</b>               |
| 1988 | <b>GREASE</b>   | 2007 | <b>BYE BYE BIRDIE</b>        |
| 1989 | <b>A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON<br/>THE WAY TO THE FORUM</b> | 2008 | <b>HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL</b>   |
| 1990 | <b>GIVE MY REGARDS TO<br/>BROADWAY</b>                    | 2009 | <b>BEAUTY AND THE BEAST</b>  |
| 1991 | <b>ANYTHING GOES</b>                                      | 2010 | <b>HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 2</b> |
| 1992 | <b>BABES IN ARMS</b>                                      | 2011 | <b>ANNIE</b>                 |
| 1993 | <b>BYE BYE BIRDIE</b>                                     | 2012 | <b>SEUSSICAL</b>             |
| 1994 | <b>OKLAHOMA!</b>  | 2013 | <b>INTO THE WOODS</b>        |
| 1995 | <b>SOUTH PACIFIC</b>                                      | 2014 | <b>SOUTH PACIFIC</b>         |
| 1996 | <b>GUYS AND DOLLS</b>                                     | 2015 | <b>MARY POPPINS</b>          |
| 1997 | <b>NO, NO NANETTE</b>                                     | 2016 | <b>PETER PAN</b>             |
| 1998 | <b>L'IL ABNER</b>   | 2017 | <b>WIZARD OF OZ</b>          |
| 1999 | <b>FIDDLER ON THE ROOF</b>                                | 2018 | <b>CINDERELLA</b>            |
|      |   | 2019 | <b>SHREK THE MUSICAL</b>     |
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