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# Charlotte's Web

Adapted by  
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## DIRECTOR NOTES

After performing for almost my whole life, participating in more than 25 musicals as an actor/singer, I felt ready to try something new. When our Wine Country Theatre board of directors and the Harris family settled on *Charlotte's Web* to be the next show at Harris Stage Lines, we needed a director. At first, I wasn't too serious when I blurted out that I would do it. I've never been a director of a play before! What was I thinking? I found myself feeling like I couldn't do it. I would fail and humiliate myself, sort of how Wilbur felt. I was in over my head but there was nothing I could do. I didn't want to let my team or my cast down. I needed my Charlotte. Wilbur had HIS Charlotte and I would find mine too, right? The funny thing is that my Charlotte was there all along.

I will be forever grateful to my fellow board members at Wine Country Theatre: my "Charlotte". Without their support, their belief in me, their willingness to help with whatever I need, their ability to lift me up when I am in doubt, I would have never been able to take this leap into the unknown. Thank you. To Geoff Higgins, my partner in crime and a fellow board member, I thank you for your patience and understanding. Thank you for helping me when I felt like the clock was ticking and you could fix everything. I love you.

Thank you to Selina Denton, who accepted the offer to costume the show. She took that job seriously and even had a Pinterest board started that very evening. Her attention to detail is truly remarkable; you have a natural gift! I am so grateful you took on the challenging task of costuming an entire show. You did it with positivity, kindness, and drive. I am so proud to call you my friend and fellow team member of *Charlotte's Web*.

To the cast: thank you for the laughs, the sweet moments, the silly warm-ups, and the willingness to take on a show with a new director. You've all made this experience so wonderful and seamless. It's been a pleasure working with you all and I know this won't be the end of our Wine Country Theatre journey together. I will leave this experience with the hope of finding more of that selfless little spider, Charlotte, within me and our community. I hope you, the audience, feels inspired to spread radiant, terrific, and humble acts of kindness on this fascinating road we call life.

Sincerely,  
Veronica A. Surber



Ticket sales alone do not cover our costs. We are a nonprofit, all volunteer organization. Every dollar donated helps to keep Live Theatre alive! Thank you for your support.

## TECHNICAL CREW

Director.....Veronica Surber  
 Board Producer.....Jacob Shearer  
 Costumer.....Selina Denton  
 Set Design and Builder.....Geoff Higgins  
 Light Design.....Ryan Flores  
 Sound and Light Operator.....Chris Hoover  
 Stage Hands.....Oliver and Jude Taylor  
 House Manager.....Jody Birks  
 Hair and Makeup.....Selina Denton  
 Tickets and Program Design.....Laurie Zenobio  
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## CAST

### GEOFF HIGGINS —Announcer/Judge/Set Designer & Builder



Geoff is thankful to be returning for his ninth year with Wine Country Theatre. He has been featured in 3 productions with the company and has built sets for WCT, OperaSLO, Central Coast Gilbert & Sullivan, Paso Robles High School, and Almond Acres Charter Academy. He would like to thank his lovely muse for providing both inspiration, encouragement and deepening his love for the stage. This is the third time sharing the stage with his beautiful and talented daughter. VS You definitely have your "moments", I wolf you.

### JACOB SHEARER— Uncle



Mr. Shearer is an established singer, director, writer and producer of theatre and film throughout California. He toured Europe as a singer. Some favorite theatrical roles include Emile de Becque *South Pacific*, Javert, *Les Miserables*, Pedro, *Man of La Mancha* and Tevye in *Fiddler on the Roof*. As a director, Mr. Shearer has been at the helm of WCT's productions of *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*, *Amadeus*, *Cinderella* and co-directed *Man of La Mancha* and *South Pacific* for the REC Foundation's annual Play in the Park.

### INEZ LARSON —Baby Spider 1/Fairgoer



Inez is excited to have her first-ever speaking part in a play! She is a second grader at Georgia Brown Elementary School here in Paso Robles. She enjoys reading books, playing with her basset hound Moose, and playing with her granny's beagle Buster. Inez would like to thank all the friends and family members who have come to watch her perform in *Charlotte's Web*. (Hi Rudd, Mom, Dad, Granny, Aunt Andrea, Uncle Nate, and Grandrea!)

### VICTORIA CLASSICK - Baby Spider 2/Fairgoer



Victoria is excited to be making her debut with Wine Country Theatre as a baby spider! In her free time she enjoys reading, being out on the soccer field, taking violin lessons, and dressing up her My Life As dolls. She loves her brother James and her pet bearded dragon, equally. Victoria is a second grader at Georgia Brown in Paso Robles.

### LUNA RODRIGUEZ-ALVAREZ —Baby Spider 3/Fairgoer



This is Luna's debut with Wine Country Theatre. She is currently a star student at Thrive gymnastics and dances at Class Act Dance. Luna loves coloring, crafting, and making her brothers laugh in her spare time.

### JACKSON ONTIVEROS - Fairgoer



Jackson is excited to be a part of *Charlotte's Web*! This is his first show with Wine Country Theatre, but was most recently Humpty Dumpty in Almond Acres Charter Academy's *Wonderland*. He first took to the stage last year as an Oompa Loompa in AACA's *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.

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### LINDSEY VILLANUEVA-TAYLOR —Charlotte



Lindsey Taylor, originally from San Pedro, California, lives in Paso Robles with her two sons, Jude and Oliver. She attended Hamilton Music Academy in Los Angeles and continued her dance and theater majors at AMIDA NY. She has performed, choreographed, and directed various regional theater productions; some of her favorites include, *She Loves Me* (Ilona Ritter), *West Side Story* (Anita), and *City of Angels* (Bobby/Gabby), *Seven Brides For Seven Brothers* (Director/Choreographer), *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* (Director/Choreographer). I would weave a million webs for you, nanners. Thank you for being my best friend.

### AMELIA BAKER —Wilbur



Amelia is excited and *humbled* to play Wilbur in *Charlotte's Web*. While this is her first Wine Country Theatre Show, it is her 13th full production. Her most recent roles were Absolem the Caterpillar in *Wonderland* and Captain Smollett in *Treasure Island* where she performed with AACA at the Templeton PAC. Amelia is a freshman at Paso Robles High School where she takes acting and dance classes. She would like to thank Ms. Veronica Surber for giving her the opportunity to play a very different character than her typical roles. Amelia hopes that you enjoy the show!

### EDGAR DE LA CRUZ —Templeton



This is Edgar's return to Wine Country Theatre. He was previously in *Fiddler on a Roof*, *Amadeus*, and *Little Women*. He's also recently done shows with the CCAT in Cambria. "I'm glad to be back with Wine Country and I'm glad to be playing a character that I can relate to so much like Templeton. I too enjoy sleeping, eating and doing nothing all day!!"

### LILLYANA DENTON —Fern Arable



Lillyana just turned 14 years old and she is definitely beyond her years with her confidence and fearlessness. She has been in many productions and roles in SLO County, including Applause Children's Theatre, PRYAC, AACA and Wine Country Theatre. She has also done a few commercials that have aired locally and nationwide. Playing Fern is her first major lead role and she is so excited.

### SABA JAHANZEB —Martha Arable



This is Saba's first theatrical performance. Her journey started when she saw Wine Country Theatre's production of *Cinderella*. Other than acting, Saba enjoys watching movies and trying out new foods. She is very grateful and excited for this adventure!

### CALEB COLE



Caleb Cole started having fun on stage a little later than most of the rest of the cast. He has performed with North County Dance and Performing Arts, Paso Robles Youth and Performing Arts, Dancing with the Stars Atascadero and Wine Country Theatre. He thanks the cast for their hard work and passion and the directors for their trust and patience.

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### **HARLEN BOGGS— Avery Arable**

This is Harlen's first time performing with Wine Country Theatre. He is super excited to be part of this production. He has performed in his school's plays for the last few years. Besides doing theatre he loves spending time playing the piano and exploring the outdoors.



### **CHRISTIAN ALBERS-Homer Zuckerman**

Christian Albers, a Paso Robles High School alum and ASU graduate in Music Education, is a chef with a passion for the arts. He recently made his debut with Wine Country Theatre, blending his culinary skills and musical expertise into a unique creative experience.



### **ALLIE HOOVER —Edith Zuckerman**

Allie has been involved in theater for most of her life. She began dancing at a very young age and started singing and acting in middle school and high school. However, she took a break from both after high school to pursue other interests resulting in three college degrees, two of which are in Psychology. This will be her fifth production with Wine Country Theatre.



### **GEOVANI RENDON—Lurvy**

Geovani is a senior at Paso Robles High School. This will be Geo's first production with Wine Country Theatre!! Geo has previously performed in *Wonderland* with Almond Acres and the Templeton PAC. Geo would like to thank his family and loved ones for supporting his passion. He hopes that you enjoy *Charlotte's Web* as much as he does!!



### **BRIANNA ONTIVEROS**

#### **Goose/1st Spectator/1st Fairgoer**

Brianna is thrilled to be a part of Wine Country Theatre's telling of *Charlotte's Web*! Most recently part of the ensemble in *WCT's Cinderella*, she was ready to jump into another show as a supporting role. Brianna's has also been Brooke in *WCT's Noises Off*.

Enjoy our terrific, terrific, terrific show!



#### **WILL SCHULTE—Gander/2nd Spectator/2nd Fairgoer**

Will Schulte is a 26 year old Paso Robles childcare worker. They've been doing theatre since elementary school, and have done shows in both high school and community theatre. This is their third show with Wine Country Theatre; you may have seen them in the latest production of *Cinderella* where they portrayed the Fox, and a soldier. They've enjoyed working with the small cast of *Charlotte's Web*, and their favorite part has been the friendly community created by everyone involved. Enjoy the show, show, show!

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### **GRACE ANTHONY—Sheep/Judge/2rd Fairgoer**

Grace recently returned to the stage as the title role in Wine Country Theatre's *Cinderella*. She has been featured in numerous shows, favorites including *Little Shop of Horrors*, *The Secret Garden*, and *The Pirates of Penzance*. Grace has worked backstage as Stage Manager, Wig Mistress, and makeup artist. Her passion for theater extends beyond performance, as she is now a WCT board member. Thank you for joining us and supporting art in our community.



### **CARA VIERRA—Lamb/Judge/Fairgoer**

Cara is a 6th grader at Templeton Middle School. She got her start with acting in *The Elves and the Shoemaker* at Vineyard Elementary with their amazing drama program. Since then she has performed three times in two talent shows; two comedy skits she wrote herself and once singing "How Far I'll Go" from *Moana*. Cara loves exploring tide pools and hiking along the coast with family, playing flag football, being with her friends, and paddleboarding. She is excited for her roles in *Charlotte's Web* and can't wait to see where this takes her in her acting career.



### **WHITNEY ADAMS - Narrator 1**

Whitney Adams is excited to take part in her fourth production with Wine Country Theatre. Her past productions with Wine Country Theatre include *Fiddler on the Roof* (ensemble), *To Gillian on her 37th Birthday* (Kevin), and her most recent show, *Cinderella* (Raccoon/ensemble). Outside the theatre, she also regularly performs with the Atascadero Community Band as a flute and piccolo player.



### **LIBBY HIGGINS—Narrator 2**

Libby is currently a senior in high school and is excited to be in her 11th year with Wine Country Theatre. Since she was six, she's been involved in almost every production, performing in *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Gypsy*, and *Little Women*, and working tech for shows like *Brighton Beach Memoirs* and *Next to Normal*. This show has been filled with so much joy and laughter, shared with her fellow cast members. Libby thanks her family for all of their support and to Veronica for this special opportunity. She hopes you enjoy the performance!



### **CONNOR PLALE—Narrator 3**

Connor is a new member with Wine Country Theatre and is very excited to be a part of this amazing cast. He has participated in a couple of school productions last year and found his love for the stage. During the day Connor attends one of our local elementary schools and is in the 3rd grade. He would love to thank his family and friends for all the love and support.