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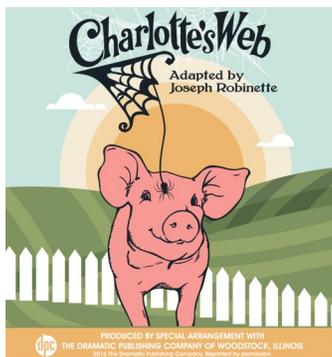
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**UPCOMING FALL 2024 PRODUCTIONS**



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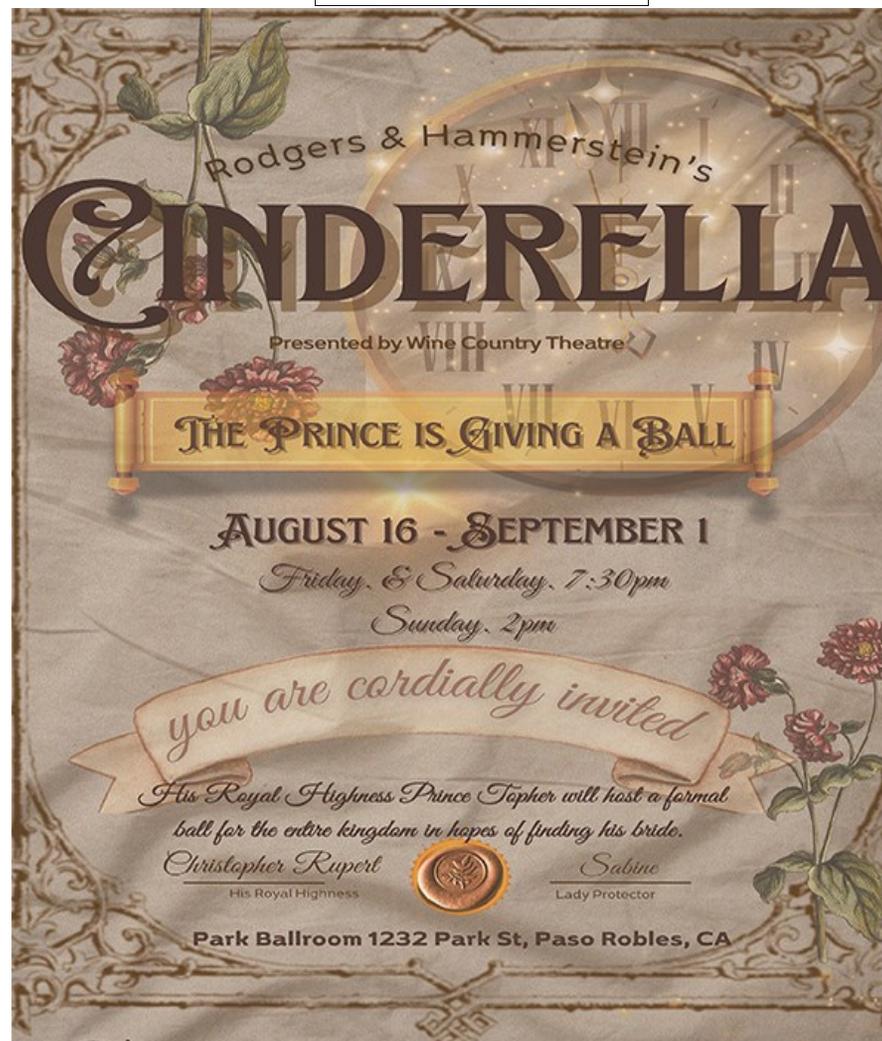
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**Presented at the Park Ballroom  
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## DIRECTOR NOTES

Thank you so much for choosing to support local artists by joining us today. Without your patronage and physical presence none of what you're about to enjoy would be possible. A round of applause for you!

It has been a distinct honor to direct this stellar cast and crew. The process has been enriched by the presence of so many familiar faces alongside a host of new ones, each contributing their unique talents to our shared vision. As we bring the timeless tale of Cinderella to life, our production stands as a testament to the power of collaboration and artistry.

In this rendition, we weave together the familiar music of Rodgers and Hammerstein with a contemporary twist to the fairytale of Cinderella, blending classic elements with a fresh narrative approach. This fusion aims to offer a new perspective on a beloved story, inviting the audience to embark on a journey that is both nostalgic and innovative.

At its heart, our story reveals that a little bit of kindness can completely change our reality. Through Cinderella's journey, we see how simple acts of compassion and generosity can transform lives and bring about profound change. We hope this message resonates with you as much as it has with us in the creation of this production.

This show is a celebration of transformation and self-worth. It's for those who have ever felt overlooked or underestimated, those who long for validation and compassion and anyone who wants to look pretty in a dress. Through Cinderella's journey, we invite you to embrace the power of kindness and the strength that lies within each of us. As you experience this story, may you find that inspiration and empowerment, discovering that even the smallest acts of kindness can lead to profound changes. Welcome to a world where the goodness in people has been suffocated by selfish and ego driven legislation. Where every act of human decency has the potential to uplift and inspire. It is my hope that we all carry this message out into the world and prove once and for all that art, both its creation and its consumption, can enhance our culture and uplift society.

In Harmony,  
Jacob Shearer



### JACOB SHEARER— Director

Mr. Shearer is a versatile performer, director, writer, and producer based in California. His extensive experience includes singing with groups like The Cuesta Master Chorale and touring Europe. Notable roles include Emile de Becque in *South Pacific*, Javert in *Les Misérables*, and Tevye in *Fiddler on the Roof*. He has directed various productions, including *I*

*Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change* and *Man of La Mancha*.

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## MUSICAL NUMBERS

Music by Richard Rodgers. Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II.  
New Book by Douglas Carter Beane  
Original Book by Oscar Hammerstein II. Orchestrations by Danny Troob  
Musical Adaptation & Arrangements by David Chase  
Performance & rehearsal musical tracks  
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### ACT 1

*Prologue* .....Ella & Chorus  
*Who Am I?*..... Topher, Sabine, Lord Pinkleton, Knights  
*In My Own Little Corner* ..... Ella  
*In My Own Little Corner (Tag)*.....Ella & Topher  
*Your Majesty*.....Lord Pinkleton & Topher  
*The Prince Is Giving a Ball / Now is the Time*.....Sabine  
Jean-Michel, Lord Pinkleton, Madame, Crowd  
*Cinderella March*..... Madame, Gabrielle, Charlotte  
*In My Own Little Corner (Reprise)* ..... Ella & Marie  
*Impossible* .....Ella & Marie  
*It's Possible* .....Ella, Marie, Chorus  
*Ten Minutes Ago*..... Topher & Ella  
*Ten Minutes Ago (Reprise)* .....Ella, Topher, Lord Pinkleton, Guests

### INTERMISSION

### ACT II

*Stepsisters' Lament*.....Charlotte & Ladies of the Court  
*Call to Arms*.....Lord Pinkleton, Topher, Knights  
*He Was Tall*.....Ella  
*When You're Driving Through the Moonlight* ..... Ella, Charlotte,  
Gabrielle, Madame  
*A Lovely Night*.....Ella, Charlotte, Gabrielle, Madame  
*A Lovely Night (Reprise)*..... Gabrielle & Ella  
*Loneliness of Evening*..... Topher & Ella  
*The Prince is Giving a Ball (Reprise)*.....Sabine, Lord Pinkleton,  
Soldiers, Madame  
*There's Music in You*.....Marie  
*Now is the Time (Reprise)*.....Jean-Michel, Gabrielle, Marie  
*Do I Love You Because You're Beautiful* ..... Topher & Ella  
*Eight O'Clock and All is Well*.....Lord Pinkleton  
*Ella in Rags*.....Marie  
*The Proposal* .....Ella, Topher, Company  
*The Wedding (Finale)* .....Ella, Topher, Lord Pinkleton, Marie, Company

## CAST



### GRACE ANTHONY as CINDERELLA

Returning to the stage after ten years, Grace has been featured in numerous shows including *Little Shop of Horrors*, *The Secret Garden*, and *The Pirates of Penzance*. She has served backstage as Stage Manager and Wig Mistress, and is a Wine Country Theatre board member as well.



### JON ESTES as PRINCE TOPHER

Jon made his stage debut this past April with Opera SLO's *Beauty and the Beast*, performing in the ensemble, voicing the Narrator, and understudying the Beast. Mr Estes is excited to continue pursuing his lifelong dreams of musical theatre. He is the proud owner of Vineyard Kennels here in Paso Robles



### VERONICA SURBER as MARIE (Fairy Godmother)

Veronica has been a part of Wine Country Theatre since its beginning, appearing in one of its first shows: *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*. Since then, she has participated in five other WCT productions (*She Loves Me*, *Fiddler On The Roof*, *Next To Normal*, *Little Women: the Musical*, and *Back In The Saddle*.) Veronica is a proud kindergarten teacher at Lillian Larsen Elementary School and a mother to two wonderful children. To H - keep playing my heart strings.



### KATIE HOFFSTETTER as SABINE

Katie is excited to part of another Wine Country Theatre production. She has been a long time actress in community theatre on the Central Coast. One of her favorite roles was Tessie Turra from Wine Country's Theatre's production of *Gypsy*. Katie also likes to use her creativity by writing and performing Murder Mysteries. You can also catch Katie on stage at Cass Winery while she runs their Karaoke program. Mostly Katie is thrilled to be on stage with her daughter Aurora! She hopes you enjoy the show and the wine.



### CYNTHIA ANTHONY as MADAME

Since founding Wine Country Theatre ten years ago, Cynthia has been directing, producing and every other conceivable theatrical task. *Cinderella* represents her return to her first theatrical love – performing. Cynthia is married to the 'best man in the world', Andrew Anthony, M.D. Cynthia's vision for Wine Country Theatre is to develop a community of theatre artists dedicated to the enrichment and entertainment of Paso Robles and beyond.

## CREATIVE TEAM



### THOMAS GRANDOLI—Musical Director

Thomas, a Paso Robles native and Paso Robles High School alum, earned a Music Composition degree from UC Santa Barbara. He returned to Paso Robles, joining Wine Country Theatre, where he played roles like Perchik in *Fiddler on the Roof* and Tulsa in *Gypsy*, also serving as musical director. He teaches music and accompanies at St. Rose of Lima Church.



### GEOFF HIGGINS

#### Stage Manager/Set Designer/Builder (Etienne)

Geoff is thankful to be returning for his ninth year with Wine Country Theatre. He has been featured in three productions with the company and has built sets for WCT, as well as for OperaSLO, Central Coast Gilbert & Sullivan, Paso Robles High School, Almond Acres Charter Academy, and The Studio Theater at The Clark Center in Arroyo Grande. Geoff also serves on the Board of Directors with Wine Country Theatre. He would

like to thank his extended theatre family.

V. "You're out of your mind to think that I could keep you out of mine"



### RYAN FLORES —Lighting Designer

Ryan has extensive experience in theatre, particularly in technical direction and lighting design. Recently appointed as the Manager of the Templeton Performing Arts Center, he is working diligently to increase the facility's usage. He's thrilled to be part of the *Cinderella* team!



### LINDSEY VILLANUEVA– TAYLOR-Choreographer (Colette)

Lindsey has been on the stage and screen since she was a little girl accumulating a long list of credits as a performer, director, and choreographer. Lindsey proudly serves on the Wine Country Theatre board as Operations Director.



### RACHEL DOMASK —Costume Designer

Hailing from Houston, Texas, Rachel Domask performed for 7 years on cast at the Texas Renaissance Festival until receiving her BFA in Theatrical Design and Technology at Sam Houston State University in 2014 and taking an internship at PCPA. Now in San Luis Obispo, Rachel hustles as an event bartender, stagehand, seamstress, and personal stylist when she's not volunteering at LGBTQ+ community events or performing in drag and burlesque shows.

## PRODUCTION TEAM

Director.....Jacob Shearer  
Musical Director/Sound Operator.....Thomas Grandoli  
Producer.....Cynthia Anthony  
Stage Manager/Set Designer/Builder.....Geoff Higgins  
Lighting Designer/Operator.....Ryan Flores  
Costume Designer.....Rachel Domask  
Choreographer.....Lindsey Villanueva-Taylor  
Property Mistress.....Cynthia Anthony  
Dance Captain.....Olga Siebrass-Pauls  
Hairstyling.....Selena Denton  
SPECIALTY PROPS:  
Dragon Head.....Anita Hendry  
Buttercup (The horse).....Scott Cairney & Mary Alvarado  
Carriage Design Team.....Scott Cairney, Bill Jarest, & Mary Alvarado  
Poster Design.....Grace Anthony  
House Manager.....Jody Birks  
Ticket Coordinator & Program Design.....Laurie Zenobio

### SPECIAL THANKS:

Theresa Kerns, Marjorie Hamon, St. James Episcopal Church, Plymouth Congregational Church, Class Act Dance Studio, Cheryle Armstrong, James Brescia, Chad Stevens, Andrew Anthony, Raymond Fairchild (Vin 13), Tom Villa.

### WINE COUNTRY THEATRE MISSION STATEMENT:

Wine Country Theatre is dedicated to building a community of artists and audiences. Community theatre has the special power to bring us together, to help our towns become communities through the participation in, and the enjoyment of, professional-caliber community theatre.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Cynthia Anthony, Grace Anthony, Thomas Grandoli, Geoff Higgins, Beth Marshall, Jacob Shearer, Veronica Surber, Lindsey Villanueva-Taylor, and Laurie Zenobio

## CAST



### BRIANNA MENDOZA PACHECO as CHARLOTTE

Brianna has been acting for seven years now! This is her first time doing community theatre. Her favorite band is Arctic Monkeys. She hopes you enjoy the show!



### AINSLEA DECOSTER as GABRIELLE

Ainslea De Coster is a recent graduate from Atascadero High School, where she acted in the theatre program. Feeling blessed to have this opportunity alongside such amazing people, she is beyond thrilled to be performing in her first community theatre production. She hopes you enjoy the show! Bye!!



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## CAST



### **TOM VILLA as JEAN-MICHEL**

Thomas Villa is a ninth generation San Luis Obispo County native. Some past roles include "Pat Swoone"- *Refried Elvis*, "The Padre"- *Man of La Mancha*, "Samuel"- *Pirates of Penzance* and "Ladislov Sipos"- *She Loves Me*. This is his second show with Wine Country Theatre.



### **JAMES BRESCIA as LORD PINKLETON**

Tenor James Brescia has performed with Pioneer Players, Wine Country Theatre, Orchestra Novo, Opera SLO, and a dinner theatre group he formed called "Carmen Couldn't Make It." Recent productions include: *Die Fledermaus*, *Beauty & the Beast*, *Back in the Saddle*, *Little Women*, *She Loves Me*, and *Stay Tuned*.

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It is a thrill to be sharing the stage with  
my Grandson,  
**Jack Hamon**  
May this be the beginning of many  
shows together.

Marjorie Hamon



*Congratulations Grace! My beautiful princess.*

*Congratulations Jacob on making dreams come true!*

*Congratulations Cynthia on dreaming the dream  
and making Wine Country Theatre a reality.*

*With love and admiration - Andy Anthony*



**Break a leg, Tracy!**

## CAST



### **OLGA SIEBRASS-PAULS** **(Antoinette/Dance Captain)**

Olga is thrilled to be putting back on her dancing shoes and being a part of this magical show. She has participated in other Wine Country Theatre productions such as *Eleemosynary*, *Guys and Dolls*, and *Man of La Mancha*. She has also performed at

SLO REP for several years. A special shoutout to her parents for all their theatrical support. Enjoy the show.



### **ZEA SMILEY (Ensemble)**

Zea is very excited to be a part of his first Wine Country Theatre show! Zea was born in Templeton, CA and is an artist and drummer who has been doing theater since 3rd grade. Some of his roles include Athena Sinclair (*Suite Surrender*), Witch (*Macbeth*), and Davey (*Newsies*). In addition to acting, they have designed costumes for *Macbeth* and *Beauty and the Beast*. He would like to thank his family and friends for all the support over the years.



### **LAURA WILLIAMS-GUTIERREZ (Anne)**

Laura is delighted to make her debut with Wine County Theatre. What started out as an audition for her daughter, became a fun adventure in musical theater for the whole family. Laura enjoys homeschooling her children, family beach trips, and spending time with friends over coffee and crafting.



### **GRETCHEN WINTER (Jeanne)**

Gretchen is a local hospital physician who started learning to sing at age ten. She studied music throughout her youth and now enjoys singing with community groups. She recently added dancing to her theatre repertoire and performs with the Central Coast Follies. Gretchen is most grateful for the opportunity to perform in her second show with Wine Country Theatre.

**Ticket sales alone do not cover our costs. We are a non-profit, all volunteer organization. Every dollar donated helps to keep Live Theatre alive!**

**Thank you for your support.**

## CAST



### **WHITNEY ADAMS (Juliet)**

Whitney Adams is delighted to be back on the theatre stage. Her most recent role was playing Kevin in Wine Country Theatre's production of *To Gillian on her 37th Birthday*. Outside the theatre, she also regularly performs with the Atascadero Community Band as a flute and piccolo player.



### **CHRISTIAN ALBERS (François)**

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.



### **TARA BRINKMAN (Genevieve)**

Tara Brinkman works as a music therapist. Favorite roles include Sarah Brown in *Guys and Dolls* (Wine Country Theatre), Meg in *Little Women* (Wine Country Theatre), Hope Harcourt in *Anything Goes* (North County Theatre Works),

Grace in *Annie* (Kelrik Productions), and Jenny in *Company* (Cambria Center for the Arts).



### **CALEB COLE (Henry)**

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.



### **LILYANA DENTON (Louise)**

Lilyana Denton is 13 years old and has been acting since she was seven years old. She has worked with Applause Children's Theater, Paso Robles Youth Art Center, Almond Acres Charter Academy Theater productions & Wine Country Theatre. Lilyana has also done a few commercials nationally & locally. She is beyond her years, lights up every room, is fearless, and absolutely loves the stage.



### **LUCY FERRERIA (Clare)**

Lucy is excited to be in her first production in Wine County Theatre and is hoping to be in more productions in the future and loves the positive environment.

## CAST



### LUNA GUTIERREZ (Madeline)

Luna, 7, is thrilled to play a part in *Cinderella*. This is Luna's second performance as she previously portrayed both Grumpy Toad and Wise Owl in a *Pete the Cat* play through SLO Repertory. Luna is an avid reader and loves unicorns, fairies, mermaids and playing with her younger brother.



### DANIEL GUTIERREZ (Knight)

Daniel is excited to be back in musical theatre with Wine Country Theatre. He has experience starting from high school and even starring in *Teen Wolf*. Daniel has appeared in multiple game shows, including proposing to his amazing, smart, kind and beautiful wife on *The Price is Right* in 2014.



### RIVER GUTIERREZ (Emil)

River, 5, is making his acting debut this year. A self proclaimed "marine biologist," River can tell you anything and everything about sea creatures. River loves playing with his sister and wants to be a police officer, construction worker, and a dad when he grows up.



### JACK HAMON (Philippe)

Jack's first theatre experience was back in 4th grade. Ever since then he has fallen in love with theatre, He has been in a lot of school productions and has made a lot of friends. But this show is his first show out side of school. He has also done destination imagination, a creative and acting competition, but that was also through school. He has had an amazing experience and truly

hopes to be a part of theatre for as long as he can.



### MARJORIE HAMON (Terese)

Marjorie has come back to an early love, the theater after a 40 year hiatus. Though too old to be a stepsister (she waited too long) she is thrilled to be in the ensemble and work with these talented people.



### AURORA HOFSTETTER (Marta)

Aurora is a five year old who is thrilled to make her musical debut in this production of *Cinderella*! She has been in Jazz and ballet since she was three. She most recently was in MADA's production of *The Nutcracker* as a Little Ginger. Aurora hopes you feel the same magic from this production as she does!



### ALLIE HOOVER (Sophie)

Allie has been involved in theatre all her life. She began dancing at a young age and started singing and acting in middle school and high school. She took a break to pursue other interests resulting in three college degrees. This will be her fourth production with Wine Country Theatre.



### TRACY MAYFIELD (Jaques)

Tracy Mayfield, formerly from a small Montana ski town where he ran a movie theater and founded a theater group, now resides in California. He has performed with Wine Country Theatre and Pewter Plow Players and humorously claims to be older due to stage makeup. He thanks his wife for her support and patience.



### BRIANNA ONTIVEROS (Suzanne/Dragon)

As the young daughter of the Pioneer Player's house manager, *Cinderella* was Brianna's first theatre experience and started her love of theatre. Brianna's first main role was with WCT as Brooke in *Noises Off* but often participates in ensemble or offstage roles. "Thanks Mom for always dragging me along!"



### WILL SCHULTE (Soldier/Fox)

Will (Julia) Schulte is a 25 year old Paso Robles childcare worker. They've been doing theatre since elementary school, and have done shows with Paso High Theatre Company and Wine Country Theatre. Their favorite part of *Cinderella* is the ensemble vocal and dance numbers. Enjoy the performance!



### KATIE SCHULTE (Denise)

Katie did her first ever show in second grade, and is happy to be back into theatre in her first show since Covid, and her first production with Wine Country Theatre. She is glad for the chance to perform with two of her siblings, together in the ensemble.



### RUTH SCHULTE (Helene)

Ruth Schulte is a 16 year old junior at Paso Robles High School. She performed in plays in elementary school and this is her second musical production with Wine Country Theatre. Her favorite part of *Cinderella* has been singing and learning beautiful music and meeting so many talented people.