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A message from SVCT's President



Welcome to our young performers' production of *The Little Mermaid Jr*. This joyful musical production is an evolution of the original tale, published in 1837. If you are familiar with the original story, you'll notice some interesting artistic changes that have occurred over the past 179 years. The most obvious is the music: Disney has always believed that music enhances storytelling, following the tradition of the theater in using music to enhance the story and the emotional message of the characters. In bringing the story to the stage, composer Alan Menken and lyricist Glenn Slater added many songs to those in the film to tell more of the back stories and enrich the tale.

Other changes over the years include giving the Little Mermaid a name--she had none in the original story--and changing the ending entirely. In the original tale, there is a royal wedding but it's not that of the Little Mermaid. Instead, the Little Mermaid throws herself into the ocean and evaporates into a spirit or a "Daughter of the Air" and will earn her own soul by doing good deeds. For some reason, Disney wanted a happier ending!

Hans Christian Anderson, the author of the original story, did not begin his creative career intending to be an author. He felt his destiny was to be a performer in the theater and aspired to be an actor, playwright, poet, dancer, or singer. While he did attend the Royal Theatre's Ballet School for a short time, he found more success as an author. The children you see on our stage, also love the thrill of the theater. South Valley Civic Theatre is somewhat unique among community theater groups in Santa Clara offering the youth of our community an opportunity to participate in live theater. For over 35 years, SVCT has included both youth and teen productions in its annual season, prioritizing the creation of high quality productions with our younger actors. As programs and funding for the arts in our schools and other community groups in the South Valley have come and gone, we have been steadfast believers in the value of the arts for our kids.

Our next production is the fun and heartwarming holiday musical, *The 1940's Radio Hour*. You, our audience, are transformed into the studio audience of for a live radio broadcast in 1942 of the "Mutual Manhattan Variety Cavalcade" celebrating that bygone era when the world was at war and pop music meant "Strike Up the Band" and "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy". This will be a wonderful way for you and your family to get into the holiday spirit!

Enjoy the show and please consider joining our theatrical "family" for opportunities to be on stage, backstage, or members so we can continue our tradition of over 48 years of quality theater.

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President, South Valley Civic Theater

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Act One:

Musical Numbers

Fathoms Below	Prince Eric, Grimsby, Pilot, Sailors
Daughters of Triton	Daughters
Human Stuff	Scuttle, Seagulls, Ariel, Flounder
Part of Your World	Ariel
Under the Sea	Sebastian, Fish Ensemble
Part of Your World (Reprise)	Ariel
She's in Love	Flounder, Daughters
Poor Unfortunate Souls	Ursula, Flotsam, Jetsam

Intermission

Please enjoy some delicious treats in our lobby.

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Act Two:

Musical Numbers

Les Poissons	Chef Louis, Wait staff, Chefs
One Step Closer	Prince Eric
Kiss the Girl	Sebastian, Fish Ensemble, Lagoon Animals
The Contest	Grimsby, Princesses
Poor Unfortunate Souls (Reprise)	Ursula, Flotsam, Jetsam
Part of Your World	Ariel, Prince Eric, Company
Under the Sea (Bows)	Company

Cast of The Little Mermaid JR

Ariel	Emily Pember
Prince Eric	Gannon Janisch
King Triton	Paul Maack
Ursula	Jenna Hernandez
Grimsby	Tim Piper
(Understudy Oct 9, 16	Isabella Beninger)
Sebastian	Tegan Leong
Flounder	Maya King
Scuttle	Catherine Drayton
Chef Louis/Jellyfish	Julia Millward
(Chef Louis understudy	Oct 9, 16 Leah Grifall)
Flotsam	Melanie Chipman
Jetsam	Caroline Drayton
Adella/Wait staff	Emily Deakin
(Understudy Oct 9, 16	Zoe Chamberlain)
Atina/Wait staff	Melodie Knappe
Aquata/Wait staff	Kendall Eves
Andrina/Wait staff	Kelsey Beard
Arista/Wait staff	Tessa Zhang
Allana/Wait staff	Leah Grifall
(Waitstaff understudy O	ct 9, 16.Luna Bobeda)
Pilot/Chef	Makayla Hoiberg
Carlotta/Jellyfish	Zoe Chamberlain
Seahorse/Chef	Ruby Salvatti
Princess/Trumpetfish	McKenzie Colbert
Princes/Humuhumu f	ish Emma Squires
Princess/Jellyfish	Lindsey Gangitano

Princess/Damsel FishIsabella Beninger
(Princess understudy Oct 9, 16Kendall Eves)
Princess/SailorKatie Hills
(Princess understudy Oct 9, 16Melodie Knappe)
Seagull/Flamingo/Wait staff.Riley Brown
Seagull/Palace FootmanJosh Watts
Seagull /Wait staffLexi Barnes
Seagull/ChefJillian Puente
Seagull/ChefSydney Hoiberg
Princess/Betta FishSammy Barnes
Silver Tarpon FishLuna Bobeda
Garibaldi FishKaruna Chou
Chub FishPaige DeRosa
Axolotl NewtKiera Gallagher
Lionfish/ChefZoe Hargreaves
Carp FishCooper Jardine
Sea snailMadelyn Keirstead
Angel FishSeleste Knappe
Moorish Idol Fish/DuckEthan Komrosky
Blue Tang fish/ChefCambria Pace
Blowfish/ChefLizzy Piper
(Blowfish understudy Oct 9, 16Cambria Pace)
(Chef understudy Oct 9, 16Karuna Chou)
Fluke FishAudrey Starink
Sailor/DuckAlexa Villafranca
Bass FishAngelina Villafranca
Fancy Guppyfish/ChefMakena Willis

Production Staff & Help

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Colleen Blanchard

Choreographers: Liana Kishi Jennifer Grifall

Vocal Director: Tami Piper

Costumes: Alice Gracey

Makeup Designer: Paige Wilson

Flight Director: Jason Chamberlain

Flight Harness Supervisor:

Mindy Brown

Properties Mistress:

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Larry Tom

Stage Manager: Bruce Pember

Rehearsal Pianist: Chris Eves

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Meet our Cast



Lexi Barnes - Seagull / Wait staff

The awesome Lexi is a seventh grader at Martin Murphy Middle School. This is her fifth SVCT production. She enjoyed her roles in *Mulan Jr., Seussical Jr., James and the Giant Peach*, and *Twelve Dancing Princesses*. She holds a second degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do and also enjoys drawing, listening to k-pop, and obsessing over the Joker from DC comics. She hopes you laugh out loud at the seagull's antics!



Sammy Barnes - Princess / Betta fish

The amazing Sammy is a ninth grader at Sobrato High School, where she is looking forward to joining the Drama Club. This is her fourth year in SVCT. She has performed in *Mulan Jr., Shrek*, and most recently, *Leader of the Pack*. In her spare time she likes to draw, laugh, eat food, and most importantly, sleep! "I hope you like the show! I had so much fun!!"



Kelsey Beard - Andrina / Wait staff

Kelsey fell in love with theater in preschool. She's been singing her heart out in musicals ever since. Kelsey is 13 and attends Martin Murphy. This is her 6th show at SVCT. She would like to dedicate her performance to Samantha Rogers for always being her guardian llama. She hopes you'll love the show!



Isabella Beninger - Princess / Damsel fish / Grimsby understudy

Isabella is an 8th grader at South Valley Middle School in the Duel Immersion program. Her passion is acting and singing in the theater and has been part of over 13 productions. Outside of theater, she is active in Girl Scouts and loves to read, sing and take dance lessons. She would like to thank the production staff for this amazing opportunity and her family for all their love and support.



Luna Bobeda - Silver Tarpon fish / Wait staff understudy

Luna is a 9th grader who joined SVCT this past year. She did lights for our previous production of *Mary Poppins* but has now decided to try out the stage. In her free time, Luna enjoys playing the ukulele and hanging out with her dog.



Riley Brown - Seagull / Flamingo / Wait staff

Riley is performing in her fifth production with SVCT and has done over a dozen musicals. She loves the stage and has been seen before in *Seussical Jr., Mulan Jr., Oliver!* and *Mary Poppins* with SVCT and in other productions as Annie in *Annie Jr.,* Jaq in *Cinderella Kids* and a Narrator in *Alladin.* She is 10 years old and a 5th grader at Gilroy Prep School. When not on stage, she enjoys Karate-Gymnastics classes, jumping on the trampoline with her sister and reading. She loves performing with SVCT and hopes you can splash your way on to your seat and have a good time.



Zoe Chamberlain - Carlotta / Jellyfish / Adella understudy

Zoe is ecstatic to be in *The Little Mermaid Jr.!* However, this is not her first performance. Most recently, she was a dancing statue, chimney sweep, and bird in SVCT's *Mary Poppins*. Zoe dances ballet on pointe, Ukrainian folk dance, and modern dance with South Valley Dance Arts. Other things she has a passion for include math, science, Boston Terriers (like her Terrier, Mikey), fashion and American Girl Dolls. She hopes this performance has you "blowing bubbles!"



Melanie Chipman - Flotsam

Melanie made her theatrical debut in SVCT's *Wizard of Oz* in 2012. Since then she has enjoyed doing shows with her friends and family, including her role as The Baby Kangaroo in *Seussical Jr.* Her first appearances onstage were her cameo roles as a baby in SVCT's *Music Man & Annie* in 2006. Melanie is excited to be starting her 5th grade year at school in Mr. Garcia's class. She in an aspiring author who hopes to continue her future education at Hogwarts. She wants to dedicate her performance to her little brother, Hamilton, and her kitten, Nimbus.



Karuna Chou - Garibaldi fish / Chef understudy

Karuna loves piano and drawing. She has participated in the plays *Seussical* and *101 Dalmations*. This is her debut performance with SVCT. She would like to thank her Mom, Dad, Tegan, Chloe and Mimi.



McKenzie Colbert - Princess / Trumpetfish

McKenzie is 13 and an 8th grader at Solorsano Middle School in Gilroy. She has done many plays with SVCT including *Leader of the Pack* (ensemble), *Mulan Jr.* (ancestor) and *Oliver!* (Fagin's boys). She has also participated in the Gilroy plays *Beauty and the Beast Jr.* (narrator), and *Peter Pan Jr.* (Hop). When not doing theatre, McKenzie plays with her pets, plays the trumpet in band, and sings in the choir. She would like to thank everyone who helped her get to rehearsals!



Emily Deakin - Adella / Waitstaff

Emily Deakin is 11 years old in 6th grade at Martin Murphy Middle School. She is enjoying being on stage for her 2nd production with SVCT. Most recently she performed as Chi Fu in *Mulan, Jr.* Emily is excited to be learning to play the flute this year. She dedicates her performance to her pet Guinea pig, Ginny. Enjoy the show!



Paige DeRosa - Chubfish

Paige is excited to be in her 3rd production and 2nd with SVCT. She previously performed in *Mulan Jr.* and *Peter Pan*. Paige is in 4th grade at El Roble and loves reading Harry Potter. She is very happy to be on stage again and letting her imagination run wild! She would like to thank the Directors, Producers, and Crew for putting on a great show and a special thanks to her friends and family who are here to cheer the cast on!



Caroline Drayton - Jetsam

Caroline is in the sixth grade at Charter School of Morgan Hill. *The Little Mermaid Jr.* is her fourth SVCT show. Like her big sis, she has appeared in numerous Advent Lutheran CMT shows since age four, and she's been in Gilroy Children's Theatre's production of *Wizard of Oz*, playing the Barrister. Her past SVCT shows include *Twelve Dancing Princesses* (Princess Florinda), *Oliver!* (Orphan) and *Mulan Jr.* (Daughter, Mushu Dancer, Dressmaker and Chinese Army). She enjoys bell ringing, singing, drawing and coding. She wants to be a veterinarian someday and thanks everyone who helped on and off stage to make this show happen!



Catherine Drayton - Scuttle

Catherine is in the eighth grade at Charter School of Morgan Hill. The Little Mermaid Jr. will be her fifth SVCT show. Other credits include numerous Advent Lutheran CMT productions and Gilroy Children Theatre's production of The Wizard of Oz playing Miss Gulch. Past SVCT shows include Twelve Dancing Princesses (Youngblood), Oliver! (Orphan), Mulan, Jr. (Mother, Mushu Dancer, Chinese Army) and Leader of the Pack (Mickey). When not acting, Catherine enjoys bell ringing in the St. John's Divine Bell Choir, coding and photography. She hopes you enjoy the show...squawk!



Kendall Eves - Aquata / Waitstaff / Princess understudy

Kendall is 13 years old and in eighth grade at Brownell Middle School. Kendall has been in seven previous shows: Wizard of Oz, Fiddler on the Roof, Twelve Dancing Princesses, Oliver!, Seussical Jr., Mulan, Jr., and Mary Poppins, making this her eighth show. Kendall loves being outside and listening to music in her free time. She is excited to be in the show and hopes you have a good time.



Keira Gallagher - Axolotl Newt

Kiera is 9 years old and attends Nordstrom Elementary. This is her 3rd play with SVCT (*Seussical Jr., Mulan Jr.*) and she is having a lot of fun! She loves soccer, basketball, roller coasters and going to the beach.



Lindsey Gangitano - Princess / Jellyfish

Lindsey is in 9th grade at Sobrato High School. This is her first show and she is thrilled to be a part of it. She would like to thank her best friend and family for all the support and the whole cast and crew for making her feel so welcome.



Leah Grifall - Allana / Wait staff / Chef Louis understudy

Leah is 11 years old and is in the 6th grade at Charter School Morgan Hill. She was previously cast with SVCT as Valentine in *Mary Poppins*, Laozi in *Mulan Jr.*, and an Orphan in *Oliver!* Leah has always been a mermaid at heart and is truly enjoying the opportunity to play one on the stage. She would like to thank the director and staff for giving her the opportunity and for helping her to learn and grow, as well as her parents for their support. Leah has performed with *New Dimensions* choir, in school plays and with CMT's Summer Theater Program. She also enjoys drawing, softball, mountain biking and backpacking.



Zoe Hargreaves - Lionfish / Chef

Zoe is a 4th grader at CSMH. She is having a wonderful time performing in her 3rd SVCT children's musical. (*Seussical Jr.* and *Mulan Jr.*) Outside of performing, Zoe enjoys soccer, math, art, singing, and playing with her friends and sister. She is grateful to her family for their support and happy her little sister enjoys listening to the music over and over. Thank you for coming and supporting Zoe and SVCT. Enjoy the show!



Jenna Hernandez - Ursula

Jenna is in 8th grade at Britton Middle School. Some of Jenna's previous performances include: *Robin Hood, Twelve Dancing Princesses, Willy Wonka, Beauty and the Beast* and MANY dance recitals. Jenna loves musical theater and dance. She would like to thank the whole production team for this opportunity and all of their help. Jenna is SUPER excited to be playing the role of Ursula! She hopes you enjoy the show.



Katie Hills - Princess / Sailor

Katie loves to sing, act, and draw. She also loves to laugh with friends. Katie is very excited to be a part of this play!



Makayla Hoiberg - Pilot / Chef

Makayla is 11 years old and in the 6th grade. This is her fifth musical she's been a part of, but the first one with SVCT. You may have seen her recently as a Silly Girl in *Beauty and the Beast* or as Anastasia in *Cinderella*. Makayla loves to dance ballet, sing and also enjoys reading. She loves all things Disney and fostering kittens. She would like to thank her family for making it possible for her to perform and to the production staff for this wonderful opportunity!



Sydney Hoiberg - Seagull / Chef

Sydney is 9 years old and in the 4th grade. This is her fifth musical she's been a part of, but the first one with SVCT. You may have seen her recently as Marie, the baker's wife in *Beauty and the Beast* or as a mouse in *Cinderella*. Sydney also does ballet and Ukrainian dance and has performed in the Nutcracker. She loves to read and play Pokémon. She would like to thank her family for making it possible for her to perform and to the production staff for this wonderful opportunity!



Gannon Janisch - Prince Eric

Gannon is a Freshman at St Francis High School in Watsonville. Gannon is no stranger to the stage. From a Chihuahua in 101 Dalmatians at the age of 8 to Lumiere in Beauty and the Beast at 14, he has "Gannified", adding a bit of his personality to each character. Gannon is happy when you are happy. He would like to thank Mrs. Hoiberg for all the fun car rides to and from rehearsal.



Cooper Jardine - Carp fish

Cooper is a 10 year old 5th grader who loves being on stage performing. His prior performances include *Seussical Jr., Mulan, Jr., Cinderella*, and, most recently, *Broadway Movie Musical*. He also enjoys video games, hanging out with friends, and developing skits for YouTube, but musical theater is definitely his favorite thing to do! Cooper hopes you enjoy the show and like what you "sea"!



Madelyn Keirstead - Sea snail

Madelyn is 8 years old and attends 3rd grade at Paradise Valley Elementary School. Madelyn has performed in several musicals at her church, however, *The Little Mermaid Jr.* is her first live theater experience. Madelyn has a love for music and singing and enjoys her weekly gymnastics classes. Madelyn would like to thank her parents, family and friends for all their support and the entire SVCT production staff for giving her this wonderful opportunity!



Maya King - Flounder

Maya is thrilled to play Flounder – it was the very first role she ever played onstage! She is excited to finally share the stage with her good friend Tegan (Sebastian). Previous roles include Silly Girl (Beauty & the Beast), Fairy Godmother (Cinderella), Annie (Annie), Cat (Honk), Tinkerbell (Peter Pan), Toto (Wizard of Oz), Princess Kristin (12 Dancing Princesses) and Flounder (The Little Mermaid). Maya is a 6th grader who loves sports, reading and painting. Her performance is dedicated to her family.



Melodie Knappe - Atina / Wait staff / Princess understudy

Melodie is an eighth grader at Oakwood School. She enjoys fangirling over Doctor Who, Hamilton, and Sherlock, reading, singing, and theatre. This is her fourth musical with SVCT, but she has had the privilege of participating in many other musical performances outside of SVCT. If you come on Sundays, you can see Melodie going undercover as a princess for the Marine Bureau of Investigation (shh...). Please enjoy the show and make sure to buy Melodie a candygram during intermission.



Seleste Knappe - Angel fish

Seleste is a fourth grader at Oakwood School. She likes playing sports and hanging out with her friends. Seleste was recently in *Seussical Jr*. with SVCT, and this is her second musical. You can catch Seleste as a harp bass while she sings under the sea. Enjoy the show!



Ethan Komrosky - Moorish Idol fish / Duck

Ethan is in 4th grade at Shadow Mountain Baptist School. Ethan's acting experience includes playing a Chinese Soldier in *Mulan Jr*. and a Who in *Seussical Jr*. with SVCT. Ethan would like to send a big thanks to his parents for supporting him and to the director, Colleen and choreographer, Liana for helping him with his dancing! Ethan hopes *The Little Mermaid Jr*. makes a big splash with you too!



Tegan Leong - Sebastian

Tegan is a 6th grader at Oakwood School. She has previously been seen in SVCT's *Mary Poppins* (Annie/Teddy Bear), *Mulan Jr.* (Mushu), *Seussical Jr.* (JoJo) and *Oliver!* (Oliver). Special shout out to Scuttle Catherine and Flounder Maya for being the best trio buddies a crustacean can have, and to Director, Colleen, for her expert guidance and support, and to her favorite big brother Tyler for always being there for her.



Paul Maack - King Triton

Paul is...um...what exactly is he? Well, he is in band...and attends Sobrato, and he really likes reading. Paul is 14 and loves food. This is Paul's 6th play straight with SVCT. *The Little Mermaid* in the fall which will be his last kids play. On the weekends, Paul likes to bake cookies and knit sweaters for his grandbabies.



Julia Millward - Chef Louis / Jellyfish

Welcome to *The Little Mermaid Jr.* This is Julia last Young Performers play with SVCT. Some of her favorite past shows include *Seussical Jr.* as the Cat in the Hat, *Mulan Jr.* as Mulan, and *Lion King Jr.* as Scar. Unfortunately, there is no part of the bio for her personal life available. If needed, you may contact her llama lawyer, Sammy Rogers, to whom she dedicates this show, to receive this information. Enjoy the show!!



Cambria Pace - Blue Tang fish / Chef / Blowfish understudy

Cambria is thrilled to be part of your world in this production of *Little Mermaid*, *Jr*. In her twelfth show, she is as happy as a clam on stage! Her previous shows include: *Cinderella Jr*. (Oakwood and Gilroy Children's Theatre), *The Magic in Me* (Oakwood), *Mulan Jr*. (SVCT), *Seussical Jr*. (SVCT), *101 Dalmatians* (Oakwood), *Readin'*, *Ritin' and Rockin'* (Oakwood), *Wizard of Oz* (GCT), *Oliver!* (SVCT), *Aladdin Jr*. (GCT), *Twelve Dancing Princesses* (SVCT) and other choral performances. Cambria attends Oakwood School where drama and music are two of her favorite classes. Enjoy!



Emily Pember - Ariel

Emily is 14 and a freshman at Live Oak High School. She was last seen in SVCT's *Leader of the Pack*. In her free time, Emily enjoys watching Titanic over and over again while eating cereal and pickles. She would like to thank everyone that is involved in the show for this amazing opportunity as one of her dream roles, as well as her family for being great! Enjoy the show and thanks for caring!



Lizzy Piper - Blowfish / Chef

Lizzy is a 3rd grader at Oakwood. She loves playing with her friends, singing, and gymnastics. She loves animals and would like to be a vet when she grows up. She has sung in the Oakwood Holiday Choir for three years and just started taking piano lessons. Lizzy has played a duck in *Swamped!*, Gus in *Cinderella Kids*, and a mean Hun/stylish hairdresser in *Mulan Jr*. This is her second show at SVCT and is sure not to be her last!



Tim Piper - Grimsby

Timothy just started 8th grade at Martin Murphy Middle School, where he is looking forward to being part of the wrestling team. He is in his fourth year of gymnastics and is constantly trying new tricks. Timothy loves drawing, playing football, comic books and dogs. This is Timothy's third show with SVCT, having played Chen in *Mulan, Jr.*, and Ricky in *Leader of the Pack*. He would like to thank his mom for tricking him into auditioning for *Mulan Jr*. and for introducing him to the world of theater!



Jillian Puente - Seagull / Chef

Jillian adored being a part of SVCT's *Mary Poppins* and *Mulan Jr.* and is excited to join SVCT for another amazing show. A 5th grader in Gilroy, Jillian has also participated in Gilroy STAR and GCMT. She thanks her family for their support as she pursues her love of performing. Jillian dedicates her performance to her Grandma Carr (Ni-Ni) and to the memory of her Grandpa Carr who always loved watching her shine onstage.



Ruby Salvatti - Seahorse / Chef

Ruby is 10 years old and in 5th grade. She is ecstatic to be joining the cast of *The Little Mermaid Jr.*! This is her second show with SVCT. She was the monkey with cymbals in *Mary Poppins*. Aside from her new found love of theatre, Ruby enjoys reading, dancing, drawing, spending time with friends, and playing with her dog Trixie. She is very grateful for the opportunity to be on stage again. The seahorse hereby declares that she hopes you enjoy the show!



Emma Squires - Princess / Humuhumunukunukuapua'a fish

Emma is 14 years old and a 9th grader at Live Oak High School. She has also been in two of SVCT's plays, *Mulan Jr.* and The *Leader of the Pack*. Emma has enjoyed her time in the theatre and plans to continue participating in more plays. She would like to thank her family for supporting her throughout the show and her fellow cast and crew members for bringing their best to the stage. Hope you enjoy *The Little Mermaid Jr.*!



Audrey Starink - Fluke fish

Audrey is in 5th grade at Valley Christian Elementary School. Audrey has been enjoying theatre since Kindergarten and has been in over 10 shows, including a movie. This is her first show with SVCT and she is really excited. Thank you for supporting her and coming to the show!



Alexa Villafranca - Sailor (boatswain) / Duck

Alexa is 12 years old and attends Jackson Academy of Math and Music. She loves to play sports especially softball. Her first play was *Miracle on 34th Street*. Prior to that, she played a part in her school play, *Charlotte's Web*. Some of Alexa's favorite things are listening to music, skate boarding, and hanging out with friends.



Angelina Villafranca - Bass fish

Angelina is 10 years old and attends Jackson Academy of Math and Music. She loves to sing and dance, as well as play sports. She enjoys soccer, softball and loves to swim. Her first play was *Miracle on 34th Street* and her last play at school was *Jack and the Bean Stolk* where she played Bossy the cow.



Josh Watts - seagull / Palace Footman

Josh is a 6th grader at St. Mary School in Gilroy. He was most recently in Gilroy's *Beauty and the Beast Jr*. as LeFou, and has enjoyed theater for the past few years. When not on-stage, you will find him practicing his saxophone, playing basketball, cooking or reading. Josh would like to thank the entire production staff for helping him to have such a great time in his first SVCT show!



Makena Willis - Fancy Guppy fish / Chef

Makena is in 4th grade. This is her 2nd show with SVCT after her debut onstage in *Mulan Jr*. Earlier this year she performed as Gus in *Cinderella Jr*. with the City of Gilroy. She also likes to perform on stage with her ballet company. When Makena is not acting or dancing she loves to read, draw, and make movies. She would like to thank her family and friends for all the support!



Tessa Zhang - Arista / Wait staff

Tessa is a freshman at Sobrato HS. She is a cheerleader and enjoys musical theater and dance. Her most recent show was *Leader of the Pack*. This will be her 6th SVCT production. She also loves to play tennis, hang out with friends, and travel. Tessa is looking forward to fun times under the sea and hopes you enjoy the show!

Meet our Production Staff



Colleen Blanchard – Director / Set Designer / Lighting Designer

Colleen is honored to be working with such a talented group of young actors for The Little Mermaid Jr. She has directed over 30 productions for SVCT, SBSC, Rucker Elementary, Gavilan College and various local schools over the past 16 years. She has also enjoyed working in the theater arts as a lighting designer, performer and occasionally as a choreographer alongside her husband, Travis. Colleen is very proud of this dedicated group of actors and the hard work they put in. She would like to extend a special thanks to the amazing staff who helped to create this wonderful show.



Kathy Tom - Producer

After starting in theater many years ago as a youth actress, Kathy is delighted to once again be working with an SVCT Youth production! She is thrilled to be sharing this show with her granddaughter, Melanie, and her daughter, Colleen. She has spent the last 15 years with the stage company in many different roles: Actress, Producer, Stage Director, Costumer, and Board Member. She has had the good fortune to be involved here with many of her favorite Broadway shows, among them *Into the Woods*, 1776, Peter Pan, and the Wizard of Oz. She was last seen on the SVCT stage as Mrs. Sowerberry in Oliver! When not involved with one of our shows, you'll probably find Kathy running around Disneyland with her family!



Pam Drayton - Producer

Pam is thrilled to co-produce her third SVCT show with *The Little Mermaid*, *Jr.* She has also co-produced SVCT's *Oliver!* and *Leader of the Pack*. Additionally, Pam holds a B.A. in Theatre Arts from Pepperdine University and currently serves on SVCT's Board of Directors. When she is not doing Marketing Communications and Program Planning for High Tech firms in Silicon Valley, Pam enjoys participating in Cisco Singers gigs and Zen doodling. She sincerely thanks her family and friends for their support, and hopes you enjoy the show!



Jason Leong - Producer / Set Designer / Graphics

Little did he know that when he picked up a brush to help Pat Thompson paint a few streaks of woodgrain for SVCT's Oliver! in 2014, it would spark an interest in the world of set design. He dedicates this show to the staff and all the family volunteers who have put in countless hours with their unique talents on and off the stage. He especially feels blessed with the support of his lovely wife, Liana, two kids, Tegan and Tyler, and dog, Pixel. Outside of theater, Jason has worked in the video game industry as a digital artist for 24yrs, loves 3D movies, Spam musubi, and all things Star Wars.



Tami Piper - Vocal Director

Tami is happy to be part of the wonderful staff of *The Little Mermaid Jr.*! She has been onstage and behind the scenes with SVCT since 2004. Some of her favorite onstage roles have been Ado Annie in *Oklahoma* and The Witch in *Into the Woods*. She has been part of the staff for shows such as Noises Off, *Fiddler on the Roof*, and *Mulan, Jr.* Currently, she co-directs the Oakwood Middle School show choir, The Harmonettes. Tami truly enjoys sharing her love of music and theater with the next generation and feels privileged to work with such a talented group of kids! She would like to thank her ever supportive Jeff and five fabulous kids for making life so much fun!



Liana Kishi – Choreographer

Liana has become a regular to SVCT ever since discovering this gem of a theatre 2 years ago as an ensemble member in the production *Oliver!* She enjoys being inspired and amazed by the many talented people that work tech and crew, design, staff, and act in all of the wonderful SVCT shows. Over the past year, she choreographed *Mulan Jr.* and kicked up her heels in *Mary Poppins*, but you'll most likely see her dodging around a darkened stage dressed in slimming black schlepping those set pieces. She sends a big heartfelt thank you to the kids of *The Little Mermaid Jr.* for their kindness, sincerity, energy, and open hearts.



Jennifer Grifall - Choreographer

Jennifer is honored to work with Liana Kishi on choreography for this show. "She's In Love" with the kids and has very much enjoyed working with them. She dusted off her dancing shoes after nearly 30 years when she performed with SVCT's *Mary Poppins* earlier this year. She would like to thank her daughter, Leah, for encouraging her to join the fun at SVCT, and her husband, Mike, for all his support. She also thanks Liana and *The Little Mermaid Jr.* production team for giving her the opportunity to experience the magic "Under The Sea"! She manages Grifall Family Chiropractic in Morgan Hill and enjoys mountain biking, camping, and backpacking with family and friends.



Alice Gracey - Costumes

Alice has been working with SVCT since 2001. Since then she's had the opportunity to work on some fantastic shows such as *Noises Off!*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, and *Mulan*, *Jr*. An avid cosplayer the last five years, she's learned a lot about costuming and enjoyed applying that to her work on *The Little Mermaid Ir*.



Larry Tom - Master Carpenter / Set Designer

Larry has been involved with SVCT since 2000 as a performer, stage manager, producer, set designer, and master carpenter. He also served on the Board of Directors for eight years, including two as President. Among the many SVCT shows for which he designed the set are *Company*, *Into the Woods*, *Peter Pan*, and *Seussical*, *Jr*. Larry has also performed with other theatrical companies such as Lyric Theatre, West Bay Opera, and Center REP of Walnut Creek.



Paige Wilson - Makeup

Paige is a Junior at Live Oak High School. She has done two shows with SVCT and she enjoyed both of them very much. This is her first time working behind the scenes for a show and she is so excited she was given such a big job at such a young age.



Bruce Pember - Stage Manager

As a member of SVCT with two very theatrical children, Bruce has worked back stage on 15+ shows. He is very grateful for the opportunity to work on yet another amazing Colleen directed show with his daughter, Emily, as well as all of the other wonderfully talented, sweet children. He hopes you enjoy the show as much as he has enjoyed watching the children put it together. He would also like to thank all of the parents who stepped up to help sling set pieces about in the dark.



Jason Chamberlain – Flight Director

Jason is a mountain bike engineer by day who got his first taste of theater when he worked with the flight crew of SVCT's *Mary Poppins*. He thoroughly enjoyed it and was very excited to help fly *The Little Mermaid Jr*. Jason recently met his favorite Broadway star, Teal Wicks, who he first saw as Elphaba in *Wicked*. Jason hopes you enjoy our trip under the sea.



Lisa Maack - Props Mistress

Lisa is an education specialist who has worked for MHUSD for 10 years. She likes to support students with learning challenges, and has a special place in her heart helping students with Autism. She is married with four boys and has lived in Morgan Hill for 25 years. Paul is the youngest and has gotten her involved with helping out in theater.



Kelly Lovell – *Wrangler / Set Painter / Sound Engineer*Kelly is an all around rock star of theater arts.

Tech Crew

Top Row:

Bruce Pember, Richard Janisch

Middle Row:

Liana Kishi, Kelley Barnes, Jarad DeRosa

Bottom Row:

Tyler Leong, Lauren DeRosa

Not shown:

Howard Barnes, Dylan Maack, Dylan Starink





Flight Crew

Top Row:

Matt Deakin, Brian Komrosky, Jason Chamberlain, Matt Cogswell

Bottom Row:

Chris Hills, Alex Salvatti, Jeff Piper, Devin Pace

Not shown:

Stephen Beard

Flight Harnessers

Left to Right: Veronica Salvatti Mindy Brown Joyce Bedard Not Shown: Sheri Barney



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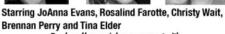


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