

2023

Mill Mountain Theatre Presents



Charlotte's Web

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May 4 - May 14

PRODUCTION TEAM

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Director	Victoria Buck
Assistant Director & Choreographer	Josh Polk
Stage Manager	Francesca Reilly
Assistant Stage Manager	Spencer Wade
Music Director	Seth Davis
Set & Lighting Designer	Matt Shields
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WHO'S WHO

3rd Spider/Ensemble	Catherine Hester Addington
Gander/Uncle/Ensemble	Ben Armstrong
Edith Zuckerman	Grace Cordle
Bat/Ensemble	Kamryn Cox
Goose/Announcer	Campbell Duff
Owl/Ensemble	Keeli Emery
Avery Arable	Drayven English
2nd Spider/Ensemble	Kayla Ford
Templeton	Gabby Harig
1st Spider/Ensemble	Harper Klein
Fern Arable	Emily Mower
Sheep/Ensemble	Andi-Grace Novell
Homer Zuckerman	Will Richardson
Lurvy	Ellen Riegger
Owlet	Brielle Smith
Charlotte	Ruby Spence
Wilbur	Lily Stanley
Martha Arable	Bella Turner
Lamb/Ensemble	Charlie Villier
John Arable	DeMarion Williams

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"Charlotte's Spinning Song"

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Catherine Hester Addington (3rd Spider/Ensemble) is enjoying her first production with Mill Mountain Theatre. She has done *The Little Mermaid* with Summer Musical, *Scrooge the Musical* with New River Stage and for Virginia Children's Theatre, *Mary Poppins, Jr.*, *Cinderella*, *Peter Pan, Jr.*, *Brand New Day: A Celebration of Unity* and *Willy Wonka, Jr.* Catherine Hester is a 6th grader at Shawsville Middle School and enjoys basketball, volleyball, track and is a member of the Beta Club. She has been dancing with New River Academy of Dance for 9 years. She is excited to be with MMT and thanks her family for their support for allowing her to enjoy this valuable experience.



Ben Armstrong (Gander/Uncle/Ensemble) is in 11th grade. His favorite credits include: *Cinderella* (Prince Topher), *The Secret Garden* (Dickon), *The Addams Family* (Lucas Beineke), at Virginia Children's Theatre, *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* (Schroeder) at P&HCC, as well as *High School Musical* (Chad Danforth) You most recently saw Ben in *Best of Broadway* as a featured vocalist here at Mill Mountain Theatre. Ben is also a member of Conservatory here at MMT. This past summer he had the opportunity to go to NYC and study with Broadway stars and veterans at BroadwayEvolved's summer intensive. Ben is also this year's Sarabeth Hammond Scholarship recipient at Virginia Children's Theatre. Ben would like to thank his mom, the cast, and the entire Mill Mountain Theatre staff for their continued love and support.



Grace Cordle (Edith Zuckerman) is a high school junior at a private classical school. Her theatre credits include *The Botetourt Project*, *As You Like It* (Celia), and *Write Stuff! 2023* (Trudy/Elderly Women) at MMT. Outside of theatre and school, Grace enjoys editing a student newspaper, singing in the Roanoke Valley Children's Choir, keeping active at her church, teaching and playing piano, writing poetry and story ideas whenever inspiration strikes, and reading in every spare second. She is grateful to her family for their continual support and to MMT for giving her this opportunity! Soli Deo Gloria!



Kamryn Cox (Bat/Ensemble) is a 6th grader at James Madison Middle School. She has been taking acting classes through MMT for several years and she is thrilled to be performing for Mill Mountain Theatre for the first time! Recent credits include *Peter Pan, Jr.* (Nana, Brave Girl) and *Aladdin, Jr.* (Jewelry Seller) and she looks forward to participating in many more productions. When not performing, Kamryn enjoys reading, writing, creating, soccer, and cross country. Huge thanks to the cast and tech crew of *Charlotte's Web* and to her friends and family for their constant love and support in all her endeavors. She hopes everyone has an amazing time and enjoys the show!



Campbell Duff (Goose/Announcer), an 8th grader at Cornerstone Classical Academy, is excited to make her Mill Mountain Theatre debut. She is a student of MMT's Music Theatre Conservatory, as well as the Youth Professional Ensemble with Virginia Children's Theatre. Campbell's favorite productions include *Willy Wonka Jr* (Vercia Salt), *The Secret Garden* (Mary Lennox) and *Peter Pan Jr* (Wendy Darling). Campbell loves performing for young audiences and hopes to encourage them to find their own creative outlet. She would like to thank her voice instructor and mentor, Brynn for her continued support, and always seeing beyond the surface. You can follow Campbell on her theatre journey @campbell.duff_theatre.



Keeli Emery (Owl/Ensemble) is in 7th grade at William Byrd Middle school. She plays flute and saxophone as well as running track. She has participated in many acting classes at VCT and MMT over the last several years.



Drayven English (Avery Arable) is a humble, hard-working, and talented young person with a big heart and lover of music and arts. He is an enjoyable person with a great sense of humor. He is also a deep thinker and visionary that seeks new experiences while embracing the challenges that come with learning new things. At a very young age Drayven showed interest in music and arts and enjoyed narrating stories on and off camera. Any given day, you could catch him "performing" a favorite song, or researching a phenomenon he stumbled upon while reading about the world around us. Drayven continues his love for learning as a student. In school, he is on the honor roll and takes all advanced classes. He enjoys science, mathematics, geography, reading, singing, musical instruments, and martial arts. In his leisure time, he enjoys traveling, swimming, fishing, bike riding, basketball, baseball, soccer, and spending time with family and friends.

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Kayla A. Ford (2nd Spider/Ensemble) is a third grader at The Community School. She plays piano, enjoys spending time with friends, and loves stuffed animals. This year, she started musical theatre classes at Mill Mountain Theatre, and is excited for her first production, *Charlotte's Web*. Kayla will also perform this year at Hollins University in Community School's Arts Festival in the upcoming production of *Possibilities: A Celebration of Life!*



Gabby Harig (Templeton) is a freshman at Patrick Henry and is excited to make her debut with Mill Mountain Theatre. Most recently she had the privilege to serve as the Assistant Director for James Madison Middle School's production of *Peter Pan*. This fall she also made her debut with PH Players in the production of *She Kills Monsters (Evil Gabby)*. Gabby is proud of her performances with Virginia Children's Theatre in *Peter Pan, Jr. (Peter Pan)*, *Madagascar: A Musical Adventure (Lyn / Ensemble)*, *Cinderella (Townsperson)*, *The Addams Family (Ancestor)* and with Woodrow Wilson Middle School in *Annie, Jr. (Miss Hannigan)* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream (Puck)*. Gabby attributes her love of all things musical to the nurturing guidance and inspiration she receives from her study of voice at Brynn Scozzari Studios. As Templeton she is looking forward to finding the right words to enact change!



Harper Klein (1st Spider/Ensemble) is very excited for her first performance with MMT! She is a 6th grader at Cornerstone Classical Academy. In her free time she enjoys swimming, painting, playing sports, and reading. Harper has three siblings she loves very much. Harper thanks her mom and dad for driving her to and from rehearsal, and she thanks MMT staff for giving her the opportunity to be on stage! Enjoy the show!



Emily Mower (Fern Arable) is thrilled to return to Mill Mountain in this wonderful musical. She is currently a 7th grader at Roanoke Catholic School. Some of her past performances include *Peter & Wendy (Queen Lily)*, *High School Musical (Cyndra)*, *A Christmas Story (Helen)*, *Annie Jr. (Annie)*, *Matilda (Alice)*, and *Into the Woods Jr. (Jack)*. In her spare time she enjoys reading graphic novels and beating her Dad in MarioKart. She would like to thank her family for always supporting her love of theatre.



Andi-Grace Novell (Sheep/Ensemble) is in 9th grade and is thankful to be performing with MMT. Some of her favorite credits include *Beauty and The Beast* at VCT (Dance Ensemble), *It's a Wonderful Life (Young Violet Bick)*, and *Freaky Friday (Monica)*. Andi-Grace is a member of the Youth Professional Ensemble at VCT as well as the Musical Theatre Conservatory at MMT. From 2019-2021 she was a member of Bay Area Performing Arts and Casting in Tampa Bay, Florida, where she competed at Musical Theatre Competitions of America (MTCA). She would like to thank her close friends and family for their continued support.



Will Richardson (Homer Zuckerman) is a sophomore at Cave Spring High School and Arnold R. Burton Center for the Performing Arts. His favorite credits include *Oceans*, a musical revue (*Story 1 Lead*), *High School Musical (Ryan and Coach Bolton)*, *Godspell (Soloist)*, *Into the Woods (Cinderella's Prince)*, *Frozen (Olaf)*, and *Mary Poppins (John Northbrook)*. He enjoys being a part of the MMT Conservatory classes and would like to thank Victoria for being a great mentor and teacher. He would also like to thank his family and friends for their support and encouragement.



Ellen Riegger (Lurvy) is thrilled to be returning to The Waldron Stage for *Charlotte's Web*! She is currently a sophomore at Blacksburg High School and in her free time participates in competitive cheerleading, track and field, and works at Blacksburg Country Club and Little Leapers Dance Studio. Ellen's previous credits include *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (Charlie)* with New River Stage, *Annie (Annie)* with Blacksburg Middle School, *As you like it (Audrey)* with MMT, *Brand New Day (dance core)*, and *Beauty and the Beast (Silly Girl)* with VCT. Ellen is also a student of MMT's musical theatre conservatory and studies with Brynn Scozzari Studios. Ellen would like to thank her family for their continuous support and the hours they've spent driving her to and from Roanoke. Enjoy the show!

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Brielle Smith (Owlet) is an 8-year-old second grader from Salem, Virginia. She has been participating in theater academy for four years in the Roanoke Valley. Brielle loves to shine on stage-whether it's theater, competitive cheer, dance class, or pageants.



Ruby Spence (Charlotte) is thrilled to be in another production with Mill Mountain Theatre! She is excited share and experience the wonderful story of Charlotte's Web with the cast and audience! She would like to thank her supportive friends and family, along with the amazing staff and cast at MMT for making this all possible. Enjoy the show!



Lily Stanley (Wilbur) is so thrilled to be in Charlotte's Web with MMT! Lily is a freshman at Hidden Valley High School, a Conservatory student with MMT, and a long time camp member of Miss Moana's Drama Camp. Some of Lily's previous credits include As You Like It (Silvius/ Charles) Write Stuff! and The Botetourt Project with MMT and High School Musical Jr. (Taylor McKessie) with HVHS & CSMS. When she's not performing Lily likes to read, sing, watch movies, and hang out with friends and family. Lily would like to thank her family, friends, and all of her wonderful teachers at MMT for making this all possible. Enjoy the Show!



Bella Turner (Martha Arable) is currently a sophomore at Cave Spring High School. She enjoys photography, reading, and writing along with acting in local theater. Her favorite credits include Lift Every Voice (VCT), As You Like It (MMT), Cinderella (VCT), The Botetourt Project (MMT), Frozen Jr. (CSMS), The Fakes (VCT), and Matilda (VCT). Bella is also taking classes with The New York Film Academy, UNC School of Arts, and Mill Mountain Conservatory. Bella is thrilled to be a part of this production, and she thanks her family and friends for always supporting her as well as her instructors for constantly pushing her to do her best.



Charlie Villier (Lamb/Ensemble) is in 4th grade at Community School. After playing Toto in The Wizard of Oz last year, she fell in love with theatre and is so excited to be making her MMT debut! She would like to thank Victoria and the rest of the MMT team for giving her this opportunity, her teachers, Gina & Kim for helping prepare her for auditions, and her parents for all of their love & support. Enjoy the show!



DeMarion Williams (John Arable) is ecstatic to be playing John Arable in Charlotte's Web! He's been seen in Burton's Production of "Godspell Jr." as John the Baptist, Burton's "Oceans: Stories of Sea, Sand & Sky", Attic's "Treasure Island" as Captain Long John Silver and Attic's "Annie, Get Your Gun" as Tommy Keeler. He's also appeared as Mike Teavee in "Willy Wonka Jr. the Musical." He is a sophomore at William Byrd High School. DeMarion thanks his family for supporting his Performing Arts dreams and he thanks all his teachers for making him the young man that he is. DeMarion hopes that you enjoy the show!

CREATIVE TEAM

Victoria Buck, Director Victoria is originally from Columbus, Georgia, where she spent her childhood acting, singing, and dancing in local theaters and studios. After graduating from high school, her passion for the performing arts and theatre education led her to Greenville, South Carolina, where she received her Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Theatre Arts from Furman University, and then on to Staunton, Virginia, where she received both her Master of Letters (MLitt) and her Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Shakespeare and Performance from Mary Baldwin University. In her time as an artist, Victoria has worked primarily as an educator and actor, serving several theaters and educational institutions in Georgia, South Carolina, and Virginia, including the Springer Opera House, the Warehouse Theatre, and the American Shakespeare Center. Victoria is happy to be serving as the Director of Education at Mill Mountain Theatre as well as the Acting Teacher at the Burton Center for Performing Arts, and she loves seeing the wonderful work of all the students she is fortunate enough to teach.

Francesca Reilly, Stage Manager Francesca Reilly is a performer and educator whose love for theatre began at 9 years old after seeing the Broadway musical, *Wonderful Town*. A few of her favorite acting credits include Mouse from *Goodnight Moon the Magical Musical*, and more recently Junie from *Junie B. Jones the Musical*. A Northern Virginian turned Roanoke native Francesca moved to the star city after graduating from Hollins University where she received her Bachelor's in Music with a focus in Vocal Performance. This year Francesca decided to continue her studies and is currently working on her Master's of Music Education from Shenandoah University. Other accolades include a certificate in Music Theatre Performance. Francesca loves being a part of the MMT family as a member of the education team.

Josh Polk, Assistant Director and Choreographer Josh is a performer, educator, and musician currently based in Virginia. You may remember him from his days as a conservatory student, but he recently completed his B.A. in Musical Theatre at JMU. Some of his favorite onstage credits include Musidorus in *Head Over Heels* and Antonio in *12th Night the Musical*. Offstage, he has had experience directing, music directing, and costume designing. As a teaching artist, Josh values collaboration and is committed to empowering all of his students. He is incredibly excited to be returning to MMT as a member of the education team and cannot wait to get started!

Seth Davis, Music Director is a Georgia native who is very excited to be a part of the Mill Mountain family after first serving as Associate Music Director for Mill Mountain's 2013 production of *The Sound of Music*. Seth is a music director and musician in both the musical theater and classical music realms, in addition to being a teacher, clinician, and coach for performers and musicians of all ages. Regional credits include *Kiss of the Spiderwoman*, *Spring Awakening*, *See What I Wanna See (Actor's Express)*, *Illyria: A Twelfth Night Musical (Georgia Shakespeare)*, *Time Between Us*, *A Diva's Christmas*, *Hair (Serenbe Playhouse)* and *The Andrews Brothers (Stage Door Players)*. Seth has also served as musical director for Georgia Tech and Oglethorpe University in addition to teaching at The Alliance Theatre, Aurora Theatre and judging many regional music and theater festival competitions.

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– **Elise LeGault, 2022 Recipient** –
- The **John Sailer Scholarship Fund** is in memory of a scenic and lighting designer whose creativity impacted productions at many theatres, including MMT, for decades. The award was created by his family to enable students interested in technical aspects of theatrical productions to attend MMT classes.
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