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## Act 1

*Setting: Venice, California, 1980*

I'm Alive ..... Kira and the Muses  
Magic.....Kira, Calliope, Erato, Euterpe, Melpomene, Terpsicore, Thalia  
Evil Woman.....Melpomene, Calliope, the Sirens  
Suddenly .....Kira, Sonny  
Whenever You're Away From Me..... Danny, Kira  
Dancin' ..... Sonny, Danny, Andrews Sisters, The Tubes  
Strange Magic ..... Melpomene, Calliope, Kira, Sonny, Eros, the Sirens  
All Over the World .....Sonny, Kira, Danny and the Muses  
Don't Walk Away..... Sonny, Danny and the Muses

## Act 2

*Venice, California, 1980*  
*Mt. Olympus...time is irrelevant*

All Over the World (*Reprise*)..... the Muses  
Magic (*Reprise*)..... Kira, Melpomene, Calliope  
Fool.....Kira, Calliope, Erato, Euterpe, Melpomene, Terpsicore, Thalia  
The Fall.....Sonny and the Sirens  
Suspended in Time.....Kira and Sonny  
Have You Never Been Mellow.....Kira, Hera, Aphrodite, Thetis, Cyclops,  
..... Medusa, Centaur, Hermes, Eros, Minotaur, Athena  
Xanadu ..... Company



A Special Thank You to all who helped with this production.

Samantha Hartwell

Raquel L Jarvill

Michelle Johnston

Alison Rondone

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## CAST

Kira/Clio/Kitty .....	Kiley Bishop
Sonny.....	Michael Edward Lumb III
Danny/Minotaur.....	Ted Frumkin
Melpomene .....	Emma Jarvis
Calliope .....	Rhiannon Cummings
Thalia/Pegasus/Cyclops.....	Carson Hayes
Euterpe/Medusa .....	Cathy Merrill
Erato/Eros/Young Girl.....	Morgan Massey
Terpsicore/Hermes/Tube.....	Lorenzo Escudero
Siren/Hera/Muse.....	Maria Kovac
Siren/Thetis/Andrews Sister/Muse.....	Marisa Tualla
Siren/Aphrodite/Andrews Sister/Muse .....	Maggie Ciscomani
Siren/Centaur/Andrews Sister/Muse.....	Meghan Orner
Siren/Young Danny/Athena/Muse.....	Kelsey Kerber
Zeus/Drunk Californian/Tube/Muse.....	JC Kovac

## PRODUCTION TEAM

Director .....	Dan Ashlock
Music Director.....	Elise Kurbat
Choreographer.....	Rhiannon Cummings
Stage Manager.....	Phyl Deany
Properties Designer .....	Susan Tejera
Set Decorator/Designer .....	Michelle Johnston
Set Construction.....	Bob Taylor
Lighting Design .....	Jake Pascarella
Assistant Choreographer .....	Haizy Kovac
Costume Design .....	Mickey Courtney
Sound Design.....	Autum Kuhn
Hair and Makeup Design .....	Ian Rey Saucedo

Full bios of the cast can be found at  
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## COMMUNITY THEATER

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.....JC Kovac, Elise Kurbat, Marisa Tualla  
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Members Emeritus.....Raquel L Jarvill, Barbara Surloff

### OPERATIONAL DIRECTORS


Artistic Director.....Dan Ashlock  
Managing Director.....(Open)

### MISSION STATEMENT

Starlight Community Theatre is a 501c3 non-profit community theatre corporation dedicated to providing live theatre to entertain and enrich our community and to encourage youth and adult participation by providing growth and educational opportunities through a variety of theatrical experiences, both on and off stage.

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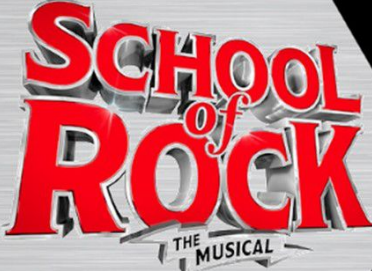
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## CAST

Rhiannon Cummings (*Calliope/Choreographer*) is so excited to be part of the *Xanadu* cast and crew! She was most recently seen in the *Hunchback of Notre Dame* (Choir) at Theaterworks. You may recognize her from her Starlight performances; *Elf The Musical* (Ensemble), *Godspell* (Day By Day), and *The Spongebob Musical* (Electric Skate/Ensemble). She also had the pleasure of choreographing *Heathers: Teen Edition* at SCT last summer. "Thank you to everyone who has supported me on this theater journey, but most of all my husband, Mark, for being my number 1 fan."

Ted Frumkin (*Danny Maguire*) is thrilled to be in his first show with Starlight. He is so grateful to be part of this fantastic cast and production. He dedicates his performance to Olivia who he has had a crush on since he was 13. Past roles were Lazar Wolf (*Fiddler*), George Hay (*Moon Over Buffalo - AriZoni Nominee*), King Arthur (*Spamalot*) and Fagin (*Oliver*). Much thanks goes to his theater besties Lynn and Dan who keep him performing. Most of all, Ted wishes to thank his wife, Beverly and sister Jody, for loving and supporting him every day.

Carson Hayes (*Thalia, Pegasus, Cyclops*) is thrilled to be a part of *Xanadu* and thinks this is such a fun musical. He also thinks the songs are 'absolute bangers' with his favorite being either The Fall or *Xanadu*. Carson is excited to be working at Starlight again after he made his community theater debut in Starlight's *Heathers The Musical*. He would like to thank Phyl, the stage manager, for working harder than she should have to, Dan, the director, for leading the whole cast and making this whole experience super fun, and his mom, for supporting him through the entire process.

Cathy Merrill (*Euterpe, Medusa*) is excited to be a part of another musical here at Starlight! She's been seen here previously in *The Little Mermaid*, *Mamma Mia*, and *Murder's in the Heir*. She admits to some trepidation as her "coaches/managers", her identical boys, Alec and Joshua, aren't here to pull her through this. But she marches on as all parents of "kidults" must. She is grateful for her husband, Randy, for putting up with it all and to Dan Ashlock for the opportunity to find her *Xanadu*.

Kiley Bishop (*Clio, Kira*) is thrilled to play her dream "roll" and combine her two biggest passions in life: roller skating and performing! Her performance highlights include Scuttle in *The Little Mermaid* (Starlight, 'Zoni nomination), Miss Shields in *A Christmas Story: the Musical* (DST), Electric Skate in *The Spongebob Musical* (Starlight), Miss Gardner in *Carrie* (Brelby), and ASU's sketch and improv comedy teams. She would like to thank Dan and Elise for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, Lauren for her invaluable instruction, and her family and friends for joining in her quest for the greatest gift of all... for *Xanadu*!

Maggie Ciscomani (*Siren, Andrews Sister, Aphrodite*) is thrilled to be in her second production with Starlight Community Theater and back on the stage again. Some of her favorite past roles include Wife in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, Chava in *Fiddler on the Roof*, and Shelley in *Hairspray*. She would like to dedicate this performance to her incredibly supportive husband, Pablo, for always being her biggest cheerleader and to her two daughters Eliza and Aurora. "This one is for you, fam!"

Meghan Orner (*Siren, Andrews Sister, Centaur*) is thrilled to be in her second show at Starlight Community Theater! She was most recently seen in Starlight Community Theater's production of *The Little Mermaid* as Andrina, and some of her favorite past roles include Beth (*Little Women* – musical), Cosette (*Les Miserables*), and Gretl (*The Sound of Music*). Meghan would like to thank the production team for this opportunity and the entire cast and crew for making this such a fun experience. "Break a leg, everyone!"

Emma Jarvis (*Melpomene*) is ecstatic to be in her first Starlight Theater production! Emma recently moved to Arizona from Vermont and is thrilled to be taking the stage for the first time since 2019. Some of her favorite past roles include Fraulein Schneider in *Cabaret* and Mrs Vernon-Williams in *Cry-Baby the Musical*. She would like to thank the entire *Xanadu* team for the warm welcome and all of their hard work. She would also like to thank her incredible roommates, Nick, Kailin, Pearl, Ben, and sweet little Hermie for their ongoing love and support.

Lorenzo Escudero (*Terpsichore, Hermes*) is thrilled to be gracing the stage for his third time here at Starlight. He is excited to be playing a character like none he has done before. He is looking forward to showing off this other side of him. He would like to thank Dan, Rhiannon and Elise for this opportunity. He just wants to remind the audience to remember, you have to believe we are magic.

Maria Kovac (*Siren, Hera*) is excited to make her Starlight Community Theater Musical debut - after years of watching her daughters light up the stage. She was last seen in the Adult Ensemble of *Christmas Story: The Musical* (Desert Stages) and was recently seen on the Starlight stage in *Done to Death*. She would like to thank Dan, Elise and Rhiannon for this opportunity, as well as the support from her family - JC, Haizy and Makayla.

JC Kovac (*Zeus, Beach Bum*) is thrilled to be back on the Starlight stage for this rockin' production. He was recently seen as Jean Shephard in *Christmas Story: The Musical* (Desert Stages). Some of his recent credits at Starlight include *The Little Mermaid* (Chef Louis), *Godspell* (John the Baptist/Judas) and *Spongebob* (Perch Perkins). He would like to thank his family; Maria, Haizy and Makayla for their support on this journey - and thank Dan, Elise and the entire crew for this opportunity. "Now sit back, get those leg

warmers on and turn up that volume!”

Marisa Tualla (*Siren, Andrews Sister, Thetis*) is excited to join this amazing cast on the Starlight stage. Marisa has previously performed in *A Christmas Story* (Desert Stages Theater), *Puffs* (Ghostlight Community Theater), *The Little Mermaid*, *Godspell*, and *Spongebob the Musical* (Starlight Community Theater). Marisa has enjoyed her first year stepping into the community theater world. When not at the theater, Marisa works as a Math Specialist for the Arizona Department of Education and travels as much as she can.

Morgan Massey (*Erato, Eros*) is 16 years old and a junior at Arizona School for the Arts. Some of her favorite roles include Veronica Sawyer (*Heathers*), “Turn Back O Man” soloist (*Godspell*), and The Chaperone (*The Drowsy Chaperone*). This is her third show here at Starlight and she has loved every moment so far! She would like to thank her parents for their endless support, all of her friends and family for always being there for her, and everyone involved with this process for this opportunity!

Michael Lumb (*Sonny*) began performing as a child in Northern California. Some of his favorite roles include Tarzan, Tom Sawyer, Rumpelstiltskin, Lysander (*A Midsummer Night's Dream*) and Rocky (*Rocky Horror Show*). Michael was 'Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival' nominee for playing Charlie Bucket in *Willy Wonka* at Santa Rosa Junior College and 'San Francisco Bay Area Theatre Critics' nominee for his performance in *Gypsy* as Tulsa. He was last seen playing Ed Boone in *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time* here at Starlight Community Theater. He's grateful to be on this stage with this incredible cast!

Kelsey Kerber (*Siren, Athena*) Kelsey is 24 years old and originally from Pittsburgh, PA. She is so excited to be a part of another show with Starlight! This is her 3rd show with Starlight and she has made so many amazing friends in each show. She wants to give a huge thank you to Dan, Phyl, Rhiannon, and Elise for their hard work on *Xanadu*!

## PRODUCTION

Dan Ashlock (*Director*) – Dan is the Artistic Director for Starlight Community Theater. For Starlight, his directing credits include *The SpongeBob Musical*, *...Spelling Bee*, *Mamma Mia*, *The Year of Magical Thinking*, *Holy Matrimony!*, *A Christmas Story*, and *The Pajama Game*. At Desert Stages Theater, Dan has directed *Damn Yankees*, *Puffs!*, *Oliver*, *Spamalot*, *Seussical*, *Moon Over Buffalo*, *A Christmas Story, The Musical*, and *Agatha Christie's Spider's Web*. He has performed in productions in Arizona, Kansas, Pennsylvania and Maryland including *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* and *Murder In the Heir* at Starlight. Dan earned a BS in Speech Communication/Theater from NAU and a MS in Counseling at CCSU. He lives in Phoenix with his wife, Renee, and they are the proud parents of two adult children, Nathan and Quinlyn.

**Elise Kurbat (*Music Director*)** Elisa is thrilled to be back at Starlight Community Theater! Elisa grew up in Cleveland, Ohio where she went to Kent State University for Criminology and then Baldwin Wallace Conservatory for piano and voice. While in Ohio, Elisa played piano professionally for Mansfield Orchestra, while maintaining a full piano and vocal studio. Elisa currently works full time at Arizona School for the Arts in the Theatre Arts Department where she teaches musical, and continues to maintain her private vocal studio. Elisa's love for musical theatre was realized when she first music directed *Cinderella*. Since then, her favorites include *Oklahoma*, *Into the Woods*, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, *Cabaret*, *You're A Good Man Charlie Brown*, *Footloose*, *Spring Awakening*, *Addams Family*, and *The Lightning Thief*. "Many thanks to Dan, Rhiannon and Phyl for all you do. It's been a joy working with each of you!"

**Phyl Deany (*Stage Manager*)** is happy to be back at Starlight stage managing for *Xanadu*. Phyl moved to Arizona four years ago from Houston with her husband, Sam, to be closer to family. She is so thrilled to have found a new theater home. Phyl loves stage managing shows, it appeals to her sense of order. Although, her heart is really in performance. Some of Phyl's favorites on stage have been Lucille in *Cemetery Club*, Nancy in *Oliver*, and Phyllis Gold in *Twilight of the Gods*. Phyl wants to thank the staff at Starlight for the kind welcome she has received.

**Michelle Johnston (*Set Design*)** has been a part of Starlight for over 9 years now when she painted her first set for *Beauty and the Beast*. When not designing enchanted woods or stately living rooms or sneaking in the occasional role on stage she's an investigator at MUFG Union Bank. She's been in the field of financial crimes for over 20 years and retired from the US Army reserves in 2016 after 26 years of service.

**Susan Tejera (*Props Design*)** is very happy to be designing props for *Xanadu*. Working on shows since 2014, Susan has found a true passion for props. She has gained recognition for her works on properties design by receiving an AriZoni nomination for *Curtains the musical* as well as an AriZoni Award for her work on *Miracle on 34th Street*. Susan would like to thank the cast and crew of this production for helping her remember her teenage years.

**Bob Taylor (*Set Builder*)** built and painted the set for *Seussical Jr.*, *The Sunshine Boys*, *Bleacher Bums* - all at Desert Stages. He will soon build the set for *Loving Lives* at Starlight. Bob directed the postponed thriller *MISERY* for Starlight, which will now run Jun 30-July 2. He retired to Arizona three years ago and has performed in over 150 shows throughout the years. Bob's favorite part ever was playing Doc (*Mister Roberts*) where he met his wife, the love of his life. His favorite quote is "There is nothing like live theater, you don't get a second take" and every show is a new experience.

**Ian Rey Saucedo (*Hair/Makeup Design*)** is thrilled to be using her skills as a makeup artist to help throw some sparkle onto this fabulous show! She has worked on hair and makeup designs for past Starlight shows such as *Heathers* & *Alice in Wonderland*, and hopes to work on many more! She would like to give a big thank you to Dan Ashlock for believing in her talents, her boyfriend

Kane for his support, and all of her newfound Starlight Family!

Haizy Kovac (*Asst. Choreographer*) is excited to return to the Starlight Production Team in this fantastic production. Some of her favorite roles include Queen of Hearts in *Alice in Wonderland* (Starlight Community Theater) Day by Day/By My Side Soloist in *Godspell* (Starlight Community Theater), Owl in *Winnie the Pooh, Jr* (Theaterworks), Ugly in *Ugly, Jr* (NYA nomination, Desert Foothills Theater), and JoJo in *Seussical, Jr* (Annie nomination, Desert Foothills Theater). She is also a member of the Arizona Broadway Theater performance troupe – HyRev. She would like to thank her family and the production crew for this great opportunity.

Mickey Courtney (*Costume Designer*)

Jake Pascarella (*Lighting Design*)

Autumn Kuhn (*Sound Design*) Autumn is thrilled to be a part of her tenth production at Starlight; she has recently served as the sound designer for *Elf*, *Heathers*, and *The Little Mermaid*. She wants to thank all of her friends at Starlight for welcoming her back time and time again.



**Starlight Community Theater's 2023-2024 Season**

**Mainstage:**

Captain Fantastic! (teen play)	Aug. 11-20
James and the Giant Peach Jr. (youth musical)	Sep. 8-17
Young Frankenstein (adult musical)	Oct. 13-28
She Loves Me (teen/adult double cast musical)	Dec. 1-17
13 (young teen musical)	Jan. 12-21
Camelot and Camelittle (youth play)	Mar. 1-10
Murder on the Orient Express (adult play)	Apr. 5-14
teen/adult musical TBA in August 2023	

**Limited-Run Special Events:**

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