

# STARLIGHT

COMMUNITY THEATER



## HEATHERS

THE MUSICAL

Book, Music & Lyrics by Kevin Murphy & Laurence O'Keefe  
Based on the film written by Daniel Waters  
Produced by special arrangement with Concord Theatricals



# HEATHERS THE MUSICAL: Teen Edition

Directed by Megan Gardner

## ACT ONE

Beautiful..... Veronica, the Heathers, Martha, Ram  
 .....Kurt, Gowan, Ripper, Flemming, Ensemble  
 Candy Store.....Heather Chandler, Heather Duke,  
 .....Heather McNamara (the Heathers), cheerleaders  
 Fight For Me .....Veronica, Ensemble  
 Candy Store Playoff.....the Heathers  
 Freeze Your Brain..... JD  
 Big Fun .....Ram, Kurt, Veronica, the Heathers, Martha, Ensemble  
 Dead Girl Walking..... Veronica, JD  
 Hello Veronica ..... Veronica, Heather Chandler, Ensemble  
 The Me Inside of Me.....Heather Chandler, Veronica, JD, Cops, Fleming, Ensemble  
 You're Welcome..... Veronica, Kurt, Ram  
 You're Welcome *Reprise* (Chainsaw!) ..... Ram, Kurt, Preppy, Hipster  
 .....Heather Duke, Ensemble  
 Our Love Is God..... Veronica, JD, Ensemble

## ACT TWO

Prom or Hell?.....Veronica  
 My Dead Gay Son..... Ram's Dad, Kurt's Dad, Ensemble  
 Seventeen..... Veronica, JD  
 Shine A Light .....Ms. Fleming, Ensemble  
 Lifeboat..... Heather McNamara  
 Shine A Light *Reprise*.....Heather Duke, Ensemble  
 Hey, Yo Westerberg ..... Heather McNamara, Ensemble  
 Kindergarten Boyfriend ..... Martha  
 Yo Girl/Meant To Be..... JD, Heather Chandler, Ram and Kurt, Ensemble  
 Dead Girl Walking *Reprise*..... Veronica, JD, Ensemble  
 Finale (*Seventeen Reprise*) ..... Veronica, Martha  
 .....Heather McNamara, Heather Duke, Ensemble



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### 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.

**A Special Thank You to all who helped with this production, especially:  
North Pointe Prep for the use of the lockers**



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## CAST

Veronica Sawyer.....	Morgan Massey
JD .....	Isaac Greenland
Heather Chandler.....	Callie Crandall
Heather Duke .....	Mia Dybvig-Pawelko
Heather McNamara.....	Katie Kirsch
Martha Dunnstock.....	Baylee Horvath
Kurt Kelly.....	Carson Hayes
Ram Sweeney .....	Declan Massey
Ms. Flemming .....	Anyiah Smith
Principal Gowan .....	Makayla Kovac
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Veronica Dad/Big Bud Dean.....	Xander Billie
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Kurt's Dad/Officer McCord.....	Mars Rosendahl
Preppy Stud.....	Emily Dunn
Hipster Dork .....	Venice Sylvas
Stoner Chick/Veronica's Mom .....	Grace Wiggins
Republicanette.....	Kierra Crouch
Beleaguered Geek.....	Kennedy MacDonald
New Wave Girl .....	Makenzie Massey
Thespian.....	Sophie Bell
Cheerleader.....	Kendal Hooper
Cheerleader.....	Kessa Hancock

## PRODUCTION TEAM

Director .....	Megan Gardner
Music Director.....	Emily Freed
Choreographer.....	Rhiannon Cummings
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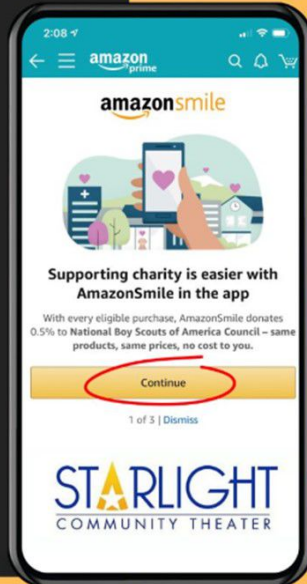
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## CAST

**Anyiah Smith (*Ms. Flemming*)** is so excited to have a debuting role at Starlight. Anyiah is excited to share all the hard work her and her casemates put into this show.

**Baylee Horvath (*Martha Dunnstock*)** just turned 14 and will be starting her freshman year at Valley Christian HS. She's excited to return to Starlight's Community Theater stage after receiving her first AriZoni nomination for Arizona's Rising Star in her first production here last year as Macy Parks in *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*. Baylee has done over 25 musicals valley-wide. Notable favorites: Patrice (*13 The Musical*), and 3 that were NYA nominations as Annie (*Annie*), Dorothy (*Wizard of Oz*) and Aunt Sponge (*James and the Giant Peach*). Baylee was just awarded 3rd place from Hal Leonard's National singing competition in Musical Theater for 13-15 year olds and placed 1st in CCM and 2nd in both Musical Theater and Classical in NATS Regionals. This is her second year placing in all 3 categories. Baylee would like thank Megan Gardner, Emily Freed, Rhiannon Cummings, Dan Ashlock and her incredible cast for the opportunity to be a part of this incredible experience that's Starlight Theater.

**Callie Crandall (*Heather Chandler*)** is 19 years old and currently enrolled at ASU with a major in Business Finance. She is so excited for the opportunity to be a part of *Heathers The Musical: Teen Edition!* Although this is Callie's first show at Starlight, she has been performing in musical theatre for 12 years. Some of her favorite credits include: Stella in *Bonnie and Clyde* (DST), Matilda in *Matilda the Musical* (MRHS), and Charlie Bucket in *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* (SDYT). Callie would like to thank Megan, Emily, Rhiannon, and the cast/crew for this amazing opportunity and all the support.

**Carson Patrick Hayes (Kurt Kelly)** - Carson or known to many as "Carson Patrick Hayes!" is excited to be a part of the *Heathers The Musical: Teen Edition* cast! This is his first time being a part of community theater ever! Though he isn't accustomed to the world around Starlight and community theater as a whole, he's glad he could have such friendly castmates all around. He loves being allowed to be an obnoxious jerk to everybody as Kurt Kelly. He wants to thank his mom for letting him use her car whenever he needed to so he could get to rehearsals.

**Declan Massey (*Ram Sweeney*)** is excited to be a part of the cast of *Heathers The Musical: Teen Edition*. He is a student at Arizona School for the Arts (ASA). This is his first show at Starlight, although he does musical theater across the valley. You may know him from *Into The Woods* at ASA (Mysterious Man), *Newsies* at Limelight (Albert/Roosevelt (u/s race)), and *Addams Family* at Chandler Youth Theater (Fester). Aside from theater, he also sings in choir. He would like to thank everyone who was involved in the creative process of *Heathers The Musical: Teen Edition* for making this show amazing.

**Emily Dunn (*Preppy Stud/Ensemble*)** is thrilled about making her debut at Starlight Community Theater as the Preppy Stud. She has had a passion for theater from a very young age, playing roles such as The Genie in *Aladdin*, and Minnie in *BINGO! The Winning Musical*. She is honored to have the opportunity to perform in one of her favorite shows and will forever cherish the memories she's made with her amazing cast and crew.

**Ghost Bravo (*Coach Ripper*)**. This is Ghost's first show at Starlight Community Theater! The experience of this summer show has been a thrilling experience and they are super excited

to participate in this production of *Heathers The Musical: Teen Edition* before returning to the land of the dead! (Get it? Cuz' they are a ghost?)

**Grace Wiggins** (*Stoner Chick/Veronica's Mom*) is thrilled to make her debut with Starlight Community Theater. Grace is a current student at Sandra Day O'Connor High School and has been doing musical theater for 11 years, with no plan on stopping. She would love to thank her family for supporting her in everything she does and her numerous directors who challenge her and push her to strive for the best. Grace can't wait to showcase the dance numbers and scenes she and her cast have put so much energy into.

**Isaac Greenland** (*JD*) is thrilled to be in this dream show. Some of his favorite roles include Marius - *Les Miserables* @ DFT, Dewy Finn - *The School of Rock* (NYA win) & Willy Wonka - *Willy Wonka* @ DST, Will Bloom - *Big Fish* (Zoni nom) & Zeke - *High School Musical* @ AFTC, Bert - *Mary Poppins* @ DBFRT, Linus - *You're A Good Man Charlie Brown* @ PTC. Thank you to the Creative Team and the rest of the cast & crew, as well as all who support him.

**Katie Kirsch** (*Heather McNamara*) is 14 years old. She attends Boulder Creek High School. You may have most recently seen her in Starlight Community Theaters productions of *Godspell* and *The Little Mermaid*. Katie has been doing theater for over 6 years and has loved every second of it! It has been such an honor working with such an amazing cast and crew. It is an experience she will never forget. "Enjoy the show!"

**Kendal "KiKi" Hooper** (*Cheerleader*) is an entering freshman at Thunderbird High School. As a competitive athlete in soccer and basketball, KiKi recently found her love for musical theater. Her first production was her school's *Beauty and the Beast* (Enchantress, Ensemble, Choreographer). At Phoenix Theatre this summer, she was cast as Gretchen in *Mean Girls*. KiKi is also a cheerleader in real life and dreams to be a choreographer owning a studio for the arts. Fun fact: she is TikTok famous for her digital art.

**Kennady MacDoanld** (*Beleaguered Geek*) is in her first show at Starlight theater and is excited to preform with the fellow cast. She is 18 years old and will be attending CU Denver next fall for the singer songwriter program. Her past roles include Paulette in *Legally Blonde* (NYA & Zoni nominated), "Schwartz" in *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, an Ancestor in *Addams Family*, Mama in *Bye Bye Birdie*. She hopes you enjoy the show!

**Kessa Hancock** (*Cheerleader*) has a passion for the arts, has enjoyed dancing for over 15 years, along with acting and most recently, singing. When not in stage, you can find her volunteering with local non-profits or reading her favorite book. Kessa is beyond excited to be a part of this amazing production and hopes you enjoy!

**Kiera Crouch** (*Republicanette*) is going into her senior year at SDOHS and plays the synthesizer in the marching band, and enjoys the choir and theater programs. She has been a performer in the valley for nearly 10 years. Shows including Lauren in *School of Rock* (SYT), 3 years of *A Christmas Carol* (ABT/Herberger) and most recently here at Starlight as Jesus in *Godspell*. She thanks Megan and the cast and hopes you enjoy the show!

**Makayla Kovac** (*Principa*) is 19 years old and currently attends AMDA in NYC majoring in musical theatre. She was last seen on the Starlight stage as Rusty in *Footloose!* Some favorite past credits include: *Disaster* at DFT, *Christmas Story* at ABT, and *Bye Bye Birdie* at DFT. "Special thank you to the cast and crew. Enjoy the show!"



**Makenzie Massey (*New Wave Girl*)** is super excited to show the hard work put into this amazing *Heathers The Musical: Teen Edition* production. She is going into Junior year of high school at Arizona School for the Arts. Makenzie has had lots of experience with music from doing PCC for about six to seven years and doing voice lessons since then. *Heathers The Musical: Teen Edition* is her debut show to Starlight Community Theater and she hopes to do more. Some of her favorite roles she's done are Sandy from *Grease*, and Rapunzel from *Into The Woods* at Chandler Youth Theater. She may not be the smartest, but she's also not that stupid.

**Mars Rosendahl (*Kurt's Dad/Ensemble*)** is really excited to be making his Starlight Community Theater debut! He has been in 8 other shows and just played Papa Ogre/Papa Bear in *Shrek Junior* at Musical Theater of Anthem. He has been in 7 other shows including playing Jojo in *Seussical the Musical* at North Pointe Prep. He hopes you enjoy the show!

**Mia Dybvig-Pawelko (*Heather Duke*)** is a senior at Cactus Shadows High School. She is excited to be doing another show with Megan! Mia loves to dance and has served as dance captain and assistant choreographer for her last two school shows. In her free time, Mia enjoys improv, hanging out with friends, and spending time with her family. Mia would like to thank Megan, Emily, Rhiannon, and the rest of the cast and crew.

**Morgan Massey (*Veronica Sawyer*)** is 15, a Junior at Arizona School for the Arts, and is so thrilled to be in her second show here at Starlight Community Theater! You might have seen her in one of Starlight's previous shows as a disciple in *Godspell*. Other roles she's played include The Witch in *Into the Woods* and Annabeth Chase in *The Lightning Thief* at Chandler Youth Theatre. Before she started theatre and voice lessons, she was a member of the Phoenix Children's Chorus for 6 years which basically taught her how to sing because she was completely tone deaf when she was young.

**Sophie Bell (*Thespian*)** is a Sophomore at Shadow Mountain High School, appearing there in *The Little Mermaid* (Andrina), *The Crucible* (Ensemble), and *Up the Down Staircase* (Sylvia Barret). She has also appeared in *Frozen* at DST. She wants to thank her parents for allowing her to do this, and Jessica Wells for her endless encouragement.

**Stan Knox (*Ram's Dad/Officer Milner*)** has always enjoyed the arts, including but not limited to theatre and loves shows that are able to push the expectation of what a musical can be. *Heather The Musical: Teen Edition* was one of the first shows that introduced him to the darker comedy side of such and he has loved it since he first saw it.

**Xander Billie (*Dad / Big Bud Dean*)** has been doing musical theater for 4 years and non-musical plays even longer. He has played several beloved characters such as Dobby and Gaston, as well as headlining an improv style spoof of the Harry Potter series called *Puffs*. He is excited to put on his first production at Starlight, and hopes to keep coming back. He would like to thank everyone who came to see the show, as well as everyone who helped to put it on behind the scenes.

## PRODUCTION CREW

**Megan Gardner (*Director*)** is so proud to showcase these amazing teens and all their hard work! As a high school theater teacher, it is always so fun to break free from traditional theater and tackle something new! These teens are all so talented and funny, and we thank you for joining us!

**Emily Freed (*Music Director*)** is honored to join Starlight for the first time as the *Heathers The Musical: Teen Edition* Vocal Director. She is especially grateful to have been able to work with such skilled and hardworking vocalists. Some previous stage accomplishments include *Ms. Andrew (Mary Poppins)*, *Patriot Productions*, *Marian Paroo (The Music Man, Mozart)*, and working as a director for various youth productions. Emily currently teaches music and choir at North Pointe Prep, where she also acts as the music director for the Falcon Players theater troupe. “Huzzah and break a leg, everyone!”

**Rhiannon Cummings (*Choreographer*)** is honored to be choreographing *Heathers The Musical: Teen Edition*. She took dance lessons as a child, but really learned choreography as a Junior Olympic Jump Roper. She studied vocal performance in opera at the University of Arizona. She was last seen at Starlight as an Electric Skate in *The Spongebob Musical* and a disciple in *Godspell*. When not at the theater, Rhiannon is a secretary for the tech department at DVUSD. “Special thanks to Megan and Emily for being such an amazing team to work with, and my husband Mark for being my number one fan.”

**Marisa Tualla (*Stage Manager*)** is excited to stage manage her first show and wants to thank Megan for providing opportunities to be a part of this amazing production. Marisa has previously performed in *The Spongebob Musical*, *Godspell*, and *The Little Mermaid* on Starlight’s stage. She has recently been voted in as a board member at large for Starlight Community Theater. When not at the theater, Marisa works as an elementary math education specialist and enjoys working with the youth.

**Dan Ashlock (*Producer*)** is the Artistic Director for Starlight Community Theater. For Starlight, his directing credits include *The SpongeBob Musical*, *The 25th Annual Putnam County 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*, *6 RMS*, *RIV VU*, *Dark at the Top of the Stairs*, 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.

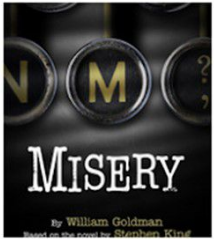
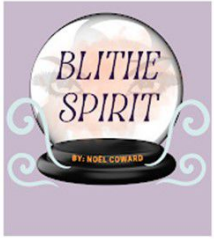
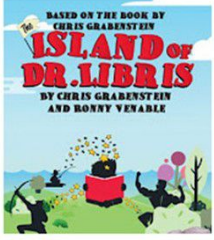
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**Heathers: Teen Edition (Jul. 29-Aug. 14)**

*a teen musical directed by Megan Gardner*

**The Island of Dr. Libris (Sep. 9-18)**

*a youth play directed by Kelly Swope & Dan Ashlock*

**Blithe Spirit (Oct. 14-23)**

*an adult play directed by Eric Schoen*

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*an all-ages musical directed by Susan Oberg*

**The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time (Jan. 13-22)**

*an adult play directed by George Canady*

**Alice in Wonderland (Feb. 17-26)**

*a youth musical directed by Christina Clodt & Josh Hengst*

**Xanadu (March 31-April 8)**

*an adult musical directed by Dan Ashlock*

**Loving Lives (May 5-13)**

*a teen/adult play directed by Nicole Thompson & Barbara Dalmazzo*

**School of Rock (Jun. 2-18)**

*an all-ages musical directed by Bertha A. Cortez*

**Misery (Nov. 4-6)**

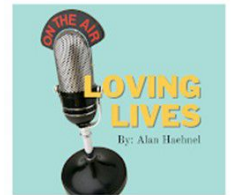
*a special event adult play directed by Bob Taylor*

**The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged) (Jan. 27-29)**

*a special event adult play directed by Abeth Spencer*

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# 2022-2023 Season



# UPCOMING AUDITIONS

## Blithe Spirit

an adult play directed by Eric Schoen  
Saturday, August 20, 9am-12pm

## Elf The Musical

an all-ages musical directed by Susan Oberg  
Saturday, September 24, 9am-12pm

## The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time

an adult play directed by George Canady  
Saturday, October 15, 9am-12pm