

STARLIGHT
COMMUNITY THEATER

A Limited-Run Special Event

THE LAST FIVE YEARS



Directed by
JC Kovac

Feb 2nd-4th
2024

Book, Music and Lyrics by Jason Robert Brown

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Still Hurting.....	Cathy
Shiksa Goddess	Jamie
See, I'm Smiling	Cathy
Moving Too Fast	Jamie
I'm A Part Of That	Cathy
The Schmuel Song	Jamie
A Summer In Ohio.....	Cathy
The Next Ten Minutes	Jamie/Cathy
A Miracle Would Happen	Jamie
Audition Sequence.....	Cathy
If I Didn't Believe In You	Jamie
I Can Do Better Than That.....	Cathy
Nobody Needs to Know	Jamie
Goodbye Until Tomorrow/I Could Never Rescue You.....	Cathy/Jamie

Cast

Jamie.....	Matthew Eads
Cathy.....	McKenzie Jessen

Crew

Director.....	JC Kovac
Music Director, Choreographer, Light Design	Haizy Kovac
Assistant Director, Sound Design	Harleigh Irizarry
Production Assistant.....	Maria Kovac
Joshua Merrill	Producer

A Special Thank You To All Who Helped With This Production!



- Desert Financial Credit Union
- Sam Cope
- Phyl Deany
- Samantha Hartwell
- Raquel Jarvill
- Autumn Kuhn
- Elise Kurbat
- Audra Little
- Jake Pascarella

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McKenzie Jessen (*Cathy*) is a Zoni nominated actress in the valley. Her most recent credits include Aunt Eller, *Oklahoma!* at Spotlight Youth Theater and Ensemble in *American Idiot!* at Scottsdale Community Players (Greasepaint). She is beyond excited to be sharing and telling this beautiful story with her best friend, Matthew. She would like to thank all her friends and family, especially her mom. "I love you mom! It's truly a dream to be playing Cathy, thank you JC, Haizey and Harleigh. Enjoy the show!!"

Matthew Eads (*Jamie*) has nothing but amazing things to say about this show, which has been a dream, a challenge, and an emotional whirlwind! Matthew would like to thank all who have supported him on this journey, and pushed him to make Jamie more dynamic, heartfelt, honest, and open to love! The warmest thank you to this production team, that Matthew considers to be family! A special thanks to Kenzie for being the best Cathy to fall in love with and share these core memories with!

Production Crew

JC Kovac (*Director*) is excited to return to the Starlight stage in a new capacity. He was last seen on the production side rockin' out assistant directing *School of Rock* at Starlight. He is excited to work with such fantastic talent and although some nights at rehearsals things were "Moving Too Fast" he knows you will enjoy, not only the "Next Ten Minutes" but the next 90! "Enjoy the show!"

Harleigh Irizarry (*Assistant Director*) is incredibly thrilled to step into the role of an assistant director for the first time! Harleigh can usually be seen either on stage or working behind the scenes, stage managing. She wishes to express her deepest gratitude to JC for allowing her to join this project and her family for their endless love and support. She'd also like to congratulate Mckenzie and Matthew, for bringing such a beautiful and unique light to this production. "Feel free to cry and enjoy the show!"

Haizy Kovac (*Music Director*) is a prodigious music director, at just 14, breathing life into this Jason Robert Brown musical. With an innate ability to interpret Brown's intricate compositions, Haizy orchestrates a symphony of emotions, captivating audiences with each note. Haizy brings a fresh, youthful energy to the music director role and is excited for you to see the show!

Maria Kovac (*Production Assistant*) is excited to continue her production experience with this incredible show. Maria has been the Starlight stage manager for several shows including *She Loves Me* (teens), *Captain Fantastic*, *Loving Lives* and *School of Rock*. She enjoys helping this team out with whatever the need and is sure you will love this show!

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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.

Starlight Community Theater Presents

Camelot and Camelittle



Mar. 1-10, 2024

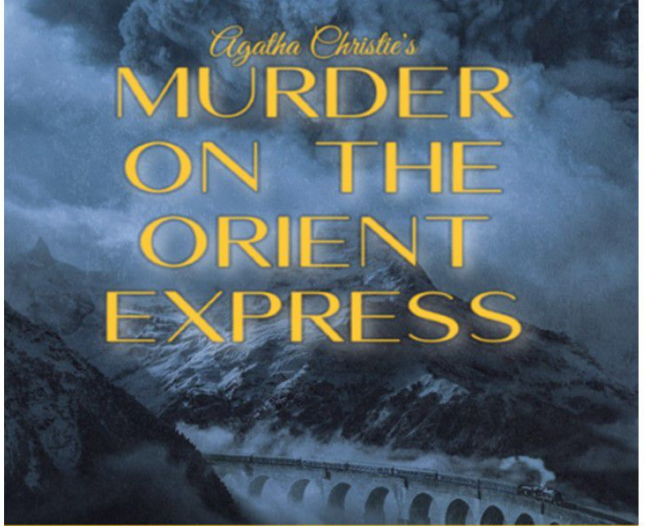
Directed by
Nicole Thompson

By Stacey Lane

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Dramatic Publishing

Starlight Community Theater Presents

Agatha Christie's MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS



Apr. 5-14, 2024

Directed by
Joey Whelan

By Agatha Christie
Adapted for the stage by Ken Ludwig

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Starlight Community Theater Presents

a limited-run special event

A Bench in the Sun



Apr. 26-28, 2024

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Dan Ashlock

By Ron Clark

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Starlight Community Theater Presents

the PROM

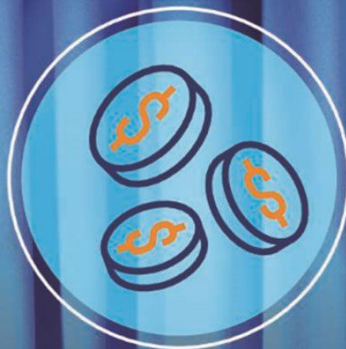


Jun. 7-23, 2024

Directed by
George Canady

Music by Matthew Sklar
Book by Bob Martin, Chad Beguelin
Lyrics by Chad Beguelin

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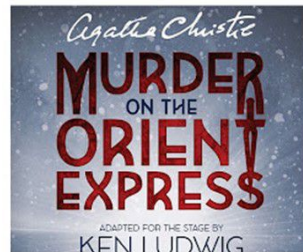
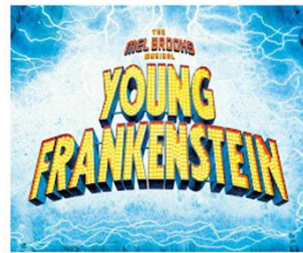
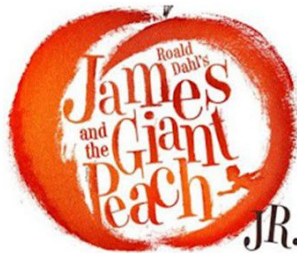
Auditions for *THE PROM*, Sunday, February 18, 6-10pm

Starlight Board of Directors Meeting, Sunday, Feb 18, 2-4pm

MURDER MYSTERY PARTY, Friday, March 22, 7-9pm

Tap Dance Class, Mondays in April, 6-7pm

Jazz Dance Class, Mondays in April, 7-8pm



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
The Prom (teen/adult musical)	Jun. 7-23

Limited-Run Special Events:

All in the Timing (adult play)	Nov. 10-12
The Last Five Years (adult musical)	Feb. 2-4
A Bench in the Sun (adult play)	Apr. 26-28