



CONEJO PLAYERS  
THEATRE



MEREDITH WILLSON'S  
**THE  
MUSIC  
MAN  
JR.**

Music & Lyrics by  
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**Oct 14 - 23, 2022**

Fri at 7:00pm • Sat & Sun at 1:00pm & 4:00pm  
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# Welcome to CONEJO PLAYERS THEATRE



I am thrilled to welcome you to the 64th season of the Conejo Players Theatre! As the only 100% volunteer-run community theater in Southern California, you have joined us in a truly special place. Our mission — “to share in providing the community with a year-round schedule of affordable live theatre produced to serve the cultural, educational, and entertainment needs of the community” — is deeply important to the wonderful people who give their time here.

As a lifelong theater lover, I have often felt the excitement of the shared live experience between performers and an audience. I have witnessed the power of great storytelling to touch, inform, (and even change) lives. Whether you are here to laugh, cry, or think (often all in one evening), we hope that this performance entertains as well as enlightens.

The theater is an amazing center of collaboration. Each production relies on directors, producers, performers, choreographers, designers, builders, crew members, ushers, and countless others. Working together creates a family of sorts. **We welcome anyone who would like to join our family of volunteers** - a truly generous and talented bunch. Try something new—we are happy to train! And, as we build back from lockdown, tax deductible donations are gratefully appreciated too. Feel free to contact me for more information and opportunities.

Thank you for joining us tonight, and enjoy the show!



*Dana Marley-Koltb*

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President

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## Mission Statement

The mission of Conejo Players Theatre is to share in providing the community with a year-round schedule of affordable live theatre produced to serve the cultural, educational, and entertainment needs of the community; and to welcome and provide an avocational opportunity for all volunteers interested in the theatre arts to participate in the many activities of community theatre.

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**Production STAFF**

Director .....	<b>Elena Mills</b>
Co-Producers.....	<b>Darrin Ingram, Mike Mills, Beth Eslick</b>
Set Designer.....	<b>Rick Steinberg</b>
Choreographer.....	<b>Susan Ingram</b>
Asst. Choreographer.....	<b>Paige Pensivy</b>
Music Director.....	<b>Scott Donohue</b>
Stage Manager.....	<b>Abigail Reeves</b>
Prop Master.....	<b>John Eslick</b>
Specialty Props.....	<b>Dick Johnson</b>
Lighting Designer.....	<b>Jack Allaway</b>
Asst. Lighting Designer.....	<b>Jim Diderrich</b>
Sound Designer.....	<b>Darrin Ingram</b>
Light Operator .....	<b>Rita McCaffrey</b>
Spot Operator.....	<b>Nate McDermott</b>
Spot Operator/Sound Asst. ....	<b>David Gietzen</b>
Sound Operator .....	<b>Carla Ames</b>
Photographers .....	<b>Dick Johnson, Mike Mills</b>
Script Supervisor .....	<b>Brandy Paolini</b>
Backstage Crew.....	<b>Darrin Ingram, Ezra Eels, Peter Umipig, Mia Brown</b>
Costume Crew.....	<b>Elena Mills, Penny Krevenas, Nicole Kolde, Jane Hammond,</b> <b>Amie Smith, Morgen Drasnin, Rachel Russo, Brandy Paolini, Liz Wise</b>
Milliners.....	<b>Kaitlin Malone, James &amp; Abby Cluster, Briana Marino, Maya Hizzey</b>
Wig Designer.....	<b>Rachel Russo</b>
Construction Crew .....	<b>Rick Steinberg, Lee Marks,</b> <b>Max Honigsberg, Shawn McCabe, John Holroyd</b>

Strike Crew..... Emily Bram, Eric Bram, Sophia Connolly, Scott Donohue, Olivia Enriquez, John Eslick, Beth Eslick, Matthew Evangelista, Christine .....Evangelista, Tate Hunzeker, Bridget Hunzeker, Lisa Hunzeker, Darrin Ingram, .....Susan Ingram, Kaelia Ingram, Skyler Ingram, Jeff Jensen, Jocelyn Jensen, ..... Dick Johnson, Caroline Malone, Kaitlin Malone, Rita McCaffrey, Mike Mills, ..... Elena Mills, Mack Murphy, Aiden Paolini, Liv Robertson, Linda Robertson, .....Chris Robertson, Sebastian Rodriguez, Danielle Romo, Jenna Romo, .....Rachel Russell, Gisele Russo, Kat Smith, Amie Smith, Hunter Smith, .....Rick Steinberg, Alexa Suttiruttana, Abigail Suttiruttana, Ava Tash, Isla Tash, ..... Kimberly Tash, Jili Vazquez, Jiselle Vazquez, Nathan Weinstein  
 Painting Crew ..... Dick Johnson, Elena Mills, Kimme Black, Nate McDermott, .....Carmen Hortiales, Joel Hortiales, Carmen Julia Hortiales, .....Alicia Hortiales, Rick Steinberg, Zoey Goldsmith

## From THE DIRECTOR

My dream came true – we finally have *The Music Man Jr.* on the CPT stage! We started to work on this show in 2020, but weren't able to finish. We were so devastated, we even tried to rehearse on Zoom. I always will cherish the sweet memories of this wonderful time with incredible people. Three long years passed, we had auditions again, and had to start all over. And we did it! I am very grateful to all who decided to stay with me and continue to work on the most beloved, as American as apple pie, so touching and beautiful musical. The musical which brings joy and happiness to everyone. The third of the original cast came back, they had to audition twice for the same show! They grew up and now almost everyone has a different part. And of course I am so happy to have new people in the cast, crew and the production team.

Everyone worked very hard to bring this show to you. I know you will enjoy all the wonderful dances and songs - the amazing work of our Music Director Scott and our choreographers Susan and Paige; enjoy the performances of our truly talented cast and I know you will appreciate the hard work of all people who graciously donated their time and talents. I was so lucky to have my original producers Darrin and Mike - their endless help and support are incredible. This time Beth joined the team of the producers, and together they made this production so astonishing. A very special thanks to the parents of our cast – they spent so much time and energy to help, support and encourage us!

I hope you will appreciate the story of *The Music Man* – the story of the people who are changed for good when they meet kind, caring and good-hearted people. That's the power of love! I think our world needs stories like this one, especially now.

It was an incredible journey for me – with all ups and downs, tears and laughter, doubts and hopes. With the best people in the world – kids, who can teach all of us how to live without hates and wars, how to be more tolerant, kind and happy. Please sit back, relax and experience the beauty of *The Music Man*!

- **Elena Mills**, Director

# The **SETTING**

River City, Iowa, 1912

# The **CAST**

<b>Aiden Paolini</b> .....	Constable Locke, Ensemble
<b>Alexa Suttiruttana</b> .....	Ensemble, Pick-A-Little Lady
<b>Alice Todd</b> .....	Alma Hix
<b>Alicia Hortiales</b> .....	Ensemble
<b>Arielle Friedman</b> .....	Ensemble
<b>Ava Paolini</b> .....	Ensemble
<b>Ava Tash</b> .....	Ensemble, Mrs. Paroo
<b>Bridget Hunzeker</b> .....	Zaneeta Shinn
<b>Carmen Hortiales</b> .....	Ensemble
<b>Caroline Malone</b> .....	Ethel Toffelmier
<b>Emily Bram</b> .....	Ensemble
<b>Eshan Lyall</b> .....	Marcellus Washburn
<b>Gisele Russo</b> .....	Ensemble, Pick-A-Little Lady
<b>Isla Tash</b> .....	Maud Dunlop
<b>Jack Goldsmith</b> .....	Mayor Shinn
<b>Jake McDermott</b> .....	Charlie Cowell
<b>Jenna Romo</b> .....	Gracie Shinn
<b>Jocelyn Jensen</b> .....	Ensemble, Farmer's Wife
<b>Joel David Hortiales</b> .....	Oliver Hix (Quartet)
<b>Kaelia Ingram</b> .....	Ensemble, Pick-A-Little Lady
<b>Kat Smith</b> .....	Eulalie Mackecknie Shinn
<b>Liam Cluster</b> .....	Conductor, Ensemble
<b>Liam Reyes-Ahern</b> .....	Ensemble
<b>Liv Robertson</b> .....	Mrs. Paroo
<b>Logan Filippi</b> .....	Ensemble
<b>Mack Murphy</b> .....	Salesman #5, Farmer, Ensemble
<b>Madelyn Friedman</b> .....	Amaryllis
<b>Matthew Evangelista</b> .....	Ewart Dunlop (Quartet)
<b>Olivia Enriquez</b> .....	Mrs. Squires
<b>Phoenix Reisser</b> .....	Jacey Squires (Quartet)
<b>Rosemarie Umipig</b> .....	Ensemble, Dance Captain
<b>Santiago Ramos-Ramirez</b> .....	Tommy
<b>Santi Rodriguez</b> .....	Winthrop Paroo
<b>Sebastian Rodriguez</b> .....	Olin Britt (Quartet)
<b>Skyler Ingram</b> .....	Harold Hill
<b>Sophia Connolly</b> .....	Ensemble
<b>Tate Hunzeker</b> .....	Marian Paroo

## Special Thanks

**Dick Johnson, Chad & Erica Reisser, Don Johnson, Shawn McCabe  
Dana Marley-Kolb, Jennifer Bliman Carmichael  
Jiselle Vazquez, Barbara Mazeika, and all our amazing parents**

## Meet THE CAST



**Aiden Paolini** (Constable Locke/Salesman) is very excited to be in another Conejo Players show! He is so happy to be a part of this wonderful show and talented cast. Some of his previous shows with Conejo Players were *The Phantom Tollbooth Jr.*, *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Jr.*, *Home for the Holidays*, and *Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr.* Aiden has also performed as Rooster in *Annie Jr.* with his school and Hansel in *Fairy Tales in the Park's Hansel and Gretel*. "I would like to thank my family and my mom for driving me to all the rehearsals."



**Alexa Suttiruttana** (Pick-a-Little Lady) is incredibly excited to be making her Conejo Players debut in *The Music Man Jr.* She has been in love with theatre since 6th grade and has performed in *Guys and Dolls Jr.*, *A Christmas Carol*, and *Chicago - High School Edition*. She wants to thank her family, the cast, and the production team for all their kindness and support throughout this adventure. Enjoy the show!



**Alice Todd** (Alma Hix) is so excited to be in *The Music Man Jr.*! This is her first show at Conejo, but you may have seen her as Eric in *Matilda* (Mainstage) or as Rafiki in *The Lion King Jr.*, both at HSAC. She also played the Queen of Hearts in *Alice in Wonderland Jr.* at her school. She would like to thank Katie, her parents, friends and family as well as the cast and production team. "Thank you five and enjoy the show!"



**Alicia Hortiales** (Pick-a-Little Lady, Alice Davis) loves acting and being on stage in any way. She is thrilled to be back in Conejo Players Theatre after having an amazing time in my first and previous show here, *Bye Bye Birdie YPE* (Mom and Ensemble). Great thanks to Elena, our director, who always teaches me new things every day. Also a shout out to cast, crew, and everyone who helps makes this show possible and an amazing production to be in.



**Arielle Friedman** (Ensemble) is ecstatic to be sharing the stage with her sister, Madelyn, and so many friends! Theater kids are the best! Arielle was recently a featured villager in *Beauty and the Beast Jr.* and can't wait to enjoy more roles! As a 2nd grader at Aspen Elementary, Arielle loves art, dancing, singing, and creating Lego masterpieces. Thanks to all the creative geniuses at Conejo Players, family and friends for the fun and support, and to you, the audience, for enjoying live theatre!



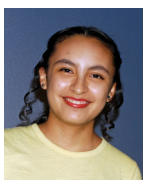
**Ava Paolini** (Ensemble) is very excited to be in her first musical and Conejo Players show! She has really enjoyed having fun with her castmates. Ava has also performed with Fairy Tales in the Park as Little Red Riding Hood in *Hansel and Gretel*. "Thank you to my family for helping me get to rehearsal."



**Ava Tash** (Mrs. Paroo) is very excited to be in her first production at Conejo Players! Ava has performed as a competitive dancer and enjoys singing and tumbling, sketching, and crocheting, and is known for her flexibility and tumbling feats. She has previously been seen in productions of *High School Musical Jr.*, *Thoroughly Modern Millie Jr.*, *Bugsy Malone Jr.*, *Aladdin Jr.*, and *Annie Jr.* Ava would like to take this opportunity to extend her thanks to *The Music Man, Jr.*'s talented cast and production staff.



**Bridget Hunzeker** (Zaneeta Shinn) is thrilled to finally be back to Conejo Players Theater for the production of *The Music Man Jr.*! Some other favorite roles include Matilda in *Matilda*, Brigitta Von Trapp in *The Sound of Music*, Zazu in *The Lion King Jr.*, Flounder in *The Little Mermaid Jr.* and Young Eponine in *Les Mis*. She would like to thank her family, friends, vocal coach and the amazing cast and crew for supporting her in this experience. Enjoy the show ... Ye Gads!



**Carmen Julia Hortiales** (Pick-a-Little Lady) is 13 years old and recently started theater. She loves to perform and play piano and handbells. In her free time, she likes to play with her dogs and bake. She is super happy to be in *The Music Man Jr.*! She would like to thank the cast, crew, director, producers, and everyone who made this show possible, for making this a wonderful and fun experience!



**Caroline Malone** (Ethel Toffelmier) is so excited for her second show with CPT (previously Ursula in *Bye Bye Birdie YPE*). She's also been in several plays with Hillcrest Players' Group: *Beauty and the Beast Jr.* (Lumiere), *Polly Wants a Curtain Call* and *Crypid Catchers*. She'd like to thank her vocal coach Dawn Walters, dance instructor Maddi Fluxman, brother Dillon, plus family & friends who always support her. She's thankful for this talented cast and the production crew who have poured hundreds of hours into rehearsals! When Caroline is not acting, dancing, or singing you will find her on the basketball court or with her head in a good book.



**Emily Bram** (Ensemble) is so excited to be in *The Music Man Jr.* She has been cast as Helena in *Midsummer Camp's Dream*, The Bulletin Board in *The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley*, Interplanet Janet in *Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr.*, and *Home for the Holidays*. Emily loves musical theater, acting, and singing. She is so grateful for this fantastic opportunity.



**Eshan Lyall** (Marcellus) caught the musical theatre bug last spring when he was cast as Timon in the Inner City Shakespeare Ensemble's production of *The Lion King Jr.* This summer, Eshan was thrilled to meet the President, Vice President, and other dignitaries when he participated in the opening ceremonies for the Summit of the Americas. When he's not Shipooopi-ing, Eshan loves singing, reading, magic and D&D.



**Gisele Russo** (Pick-a-Little Lady/Ensemble) is thrilled to be in *The Music Man Jr.* and her first production with Conejo Players! Other plays she's been in are *Les Miserables* (Gavroche), *Freaky Friday* (Savannah), *The Lion King* (Young Nala), *The Little Mermaid* (Flounder), and *Shrek the Musical* (Donkey). She can't wait to perform with her new Conejo Players family and is grateful for the opportunity. She hopes you enjoy the show.



**Isla Tash** (Maud Dunlop) is thrilled to be a part of this production of *The Music Man Jr.*! Previously Isla has performed in a multitude of roles including Hortensia in *Matilda*, Hei-Hei in *Moana Jr.*, Michael Darling in *Peter Pan*, Young Elsa in *Frozen Jr.* and, most recently, as Timon in *The Lion King Jr.* This is her first production at Conejo Players, and she is thrilled to be here. Isla would like to thank the wonderful cast and crew for their guidance and friendship.



**Jack Goldsmith** (Mayor Shinn) is 14, and he is so proud to be part of the production *The Music Man Jr.* Jack has been in two past productions with Conejo Players, and he is very excited to do his first in-person production at the theatre. He likes to play basketball, dance, and hang out with his friends. Jack would like to thank everyone involved in this show for all their hard work to make this production possible.



**Jake McDermott** (Charlie Cowell) is so excited to be back on the CPT stage with such amazing and talented friends! Jake has performed in many musicals including *13 The Musical*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *The Sound of Music*, *Bye Bye Birdie* YPE, and *A Christmas Carol*. He has also done a little work on television and films. Jake sings in the National Children's Chorus and is a part of 5 Star Theatricals' Starlight Kids. He also loves to swim, play tennis, and spend time with his friends, family, and animals. Jake would like to thank everyone at Conejo Players for being so supportive and wonderful!





**Jenna Laurén Romo** (Gracie Shinn) is grateful to be back on the Conejo Player's stage after waiting two years to perform in this production of *The Music Man Jr.* First cast as Winthrop, she's grown a bit and gets to trade her slacks for a skirt as the major's youngest daughter. You may have seen her previously on the CPT stage as an Advisor to King Azaz in *The Phantom Tollbooth Jr.* or a Marionette in production of *Disney's My Son Pinocchio Jr.* Jenna would like to thank her fabulous family and fantastic friends for their ongoing support, and her talented cast mates and every incredible production staff and crew member for making this production possible!



**Jocelyn Jensen** (Farmer's Wife) is so excited to be back and onstage at Conejo Players! Previous shows she has done include *The Phantom Tollbooth Jr.*, *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Jr.*, *Jungle Book* and many more! She can also be seen dancing or reading in her spare time. She would like to thank her family as well as the wonderful production team that put this show together. She hopes you enjoy the show!



**Joel David Hortiales** (Oliver Hix), an 11-year-old boy, is a very funny kid who likes to play video games and card games. He loves to be on stage with his sisters and has been in plays before, like *Bye Bye Birdie YPE*. *The Music Man Jr.* cast is nice to be around. Enjoy the show!!



**Kaelia Ingram** (Pick-a-Little Lady, Ensemble) is excited to return to the CPT stage! Prior CPT credits include *The Phantom Tollbooth, Jr.* (Lethargarian) and *My Son, Pinocchio Jr.* (Ensemble). She's trained at several dance studios including Farmington Dance Company and Terpsichore Dance Theater. Most recently, she performed in *Paulie's Picnic* (Featured Singer/Improv) as well as *Christmas Magic* at HSAC and was Assistant Director for *West Side Story*. She would like to thank her family for their love and support.



**Kat Lillian Smith** (Eulalie Mackecknie Shin) is thrilled to perform for the first time at Conejo Players in this production of *The Music Man Jr.* Previous credits include *Evie* in *Descendants Jr.* and *Sour Kangaroo* in *Suessical Jr.* w/ ARTS Blackbox Theatre. Kat would like to thank her family, friends and best friend Jenna Romo for their ongoing love and support and the production staff for this incredible opportunity!



**Liam Cluster** (Conductor, Ensemble) is so excited to be in his first OFFICIAL show at CPT! He made a cameo in *Picasso at the Lapin Agile* as a baby. Past credits include *Hei Hei* in *Moana Jr.*, *Elf #1* in *Elf Jr.*, and *Jack* in *Into the Woods Jr.*! He is thankful to his supportive family, his incredible cast, and the amazing staff for making this such an amazing experience! Enjoy the show!



**Liam Reyes-Ahern** (Ensemble) is excited to be back to Conejo after having performed in *Bye Bye Birdie YPE*. Liam has enjoyed his time with *The Music Man Jr.* cast and crew and would like to thank Elena, Beth, Scott, Susan, and Darrin for this opportunity. Liam loves that he gets to be in another show with his friends from *Matilda* where he played Tommy at High Street Arts Center. Liam has been in *Frozen Jr.* as Kristoff/Sven, as well as a Who in *Seussical the Musical*. He would like to thank his parents for their love and support. Enjoy the show everyone!!!!



**Liv Robertson** (Mrs. Paroo) has been doing theater for seven years and has been in productions such as *Mary Poppins* (Bert & Mary Poppins), *Aladdin* (Genie), *A Christmas Carol* (Ghost of Christmas Present) and *Chicago - High School Edition* (Hunyak). She is absolutely delighted to participate in this classic production, and would like to thank her incredible cast members, and her parents for enduring all the driving every night. Enjoy the show!



**Logan Filippi** (Ensemble) is delighted to be performing again with the Conejo Players! He was last seen on the CPT stage as Randolph in *Bye Bye Birdie*. He is grateful to his family and friends for supporting him and is so thankful to the cast, crew, and everyone who comes to see the play! Past credits include *The Lion King Jr.*, *Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr.*, *A Midsummer Camp's Dream*, *The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley*, and *Disney's Frozen Jr.*



**Mack Murphy** (Salesman #5, Farmer, Ensemble) is so happy to be in her first show with Conejo Players! She has appeared in junior productions of *Into the Woods*, *The Music Man*, *Once Upon a Mattress*, and more. When not on stage, she enjoys writing, reading, and watching Saturday Night Live. She would also like to thank the crew and cast for making her feel welcome.



**Madelyn Friedman** (Amaryllis) is thrilled that *The Music Man Jr.* train is finally making its stop at Conejo Players! Previous: *The Sound of Music* (Marta von Trapp), *Matilda* (Amanda Thripp), *Beauty and the Beast Jr.* (Belle), *The Little Mermaid Jr.* (Flounder), *Annie Jr.* (Lily St. Regis), and various short films and commercials. Madelyn is in 6th grade at Redwood Middle School and loves writing stories, acting, and singing. Thank you to the entire *MMJr* team and CPT friends! Love to the family! Say hello on Instagram: @madelynfriedman



**Matthew Evangelista** (Ewart Dunlop) is thrilled to be in his first production with Conejo Players Theatre! This is his seventh musical and his most fun role to date has been Caractacus Potts in *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Jr.* Matthew also enjoys playing the piano and being involved in student body leadership. He thanks his parents for their support, and the wonderful cast and production team for their hard work. You can find him on Instagram at @itsmattevangalista.



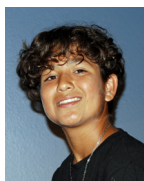
**Olivia Enriquez** (Mrs. Squires) is so excited to be performing in *The Music Man Jr!* She has been seen as Babette (*Beauty and The Beast*) and Rosie (*Bye Bye Birdie YPE*) Olivia loves to dance and read on her free time, shopping is her hobby. She would like to thank her family for always driving her to rehearsal, especially her little baby sister Eliza and her Great Grandfather "Pom Pom." Enjoy the show!



**Phoenix Reisser** (Jacey Squires) likes participating in musical theatre because he enjoys making new friends, learning new things about the art of theatre, and performing on stage. Some of his roles include Harvey Johnson/Randolph MacAfee (*Bye Bye Birdie YPE*), Grimbsy (*The Little Mermaid*), and Michael (*Mary Poppins*). Phoenix also loves session singing, playing his guitar, baseball and video games. In his spare time, he can be found playing with his little sister Theo. He is excited for this opportunity to learn how to sing barbershop-style music and would like to thank the production team for investing their time and talent in his musical development.



**Rosemarie Umipig** (Rose Peterson, Ensemble) loves to dance! She has been a featured dancer in many musicals, including *Alice in Wonderland Jr.* and *Bye Bye Birdie YPE*, where she was also given the pleasure of choreographing. Rosemarie also plays the piano and violin, most recently with the Southern California High School Honor Orchestra. She has been invited to play at the Santa Barbara Youth Symphony. In her spare time, she competes with Moorpark Community College's speech and debate team, where she earned a bronze medal in the California state finals. She would like to express her gratitude to her *The Music Man Jr.* family for making the musical memorable to her and for being such a supportive family.



**Santiago Ramos-Ramirez** (Tommy Djilas) is thrilled to be in *The Music Man Jr.* This is his first play at Conejo Players Theatre! He has appeared at High Street Arts Center in *Aladdin Jr.* as a Guard, *Frozen Jr.* as a Butler and Oakens family, *Peter Pan Jr.* as John Darling, *Moana Jr.* as Pua and *Shrek the Musical Jr.* as Pinocchio. Santiago has also participated in *Christmas Magic* at the High Street Arts Center. Santiago also enjoys working and helping backstage. On his spare time, he likes to play soccer and video games. Santiago would like to thank his family for all the support, the wonderful cast, and the production team for giving him this great opportunity. Enjoy the show!



**Santiago Rodriguez** (Winthrop Paroo) is 8 years old and is thrilled for his acting debut with the amazing cast and crew of *The Music Man Jr.* Santiago enjoys playing piano, reading, and playing video games. He's been singing with the Los Robles Children's Choir for two years and he was just accepted into the CVYO Youth Strings Orchestra playing the violin. He would like to thank his big brother Sebastian for teaching him the theater ropes. "I hope it thumpin thpethyal!"



**Sebastian Rodriguez** (Salesman #1/Olin Britt) is excited to be working again with CPT in this year's production of *The Music Man Jr.* Favorite past credits include *The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley*, Brundibar Children's Opera and *Bye Bye Birdie YPE*. Sebastian enjoys playing the piano, cello at CVYO Symphony Orchestra, and singing with Los Robles Children's Choir. He would like to thank Rouse Music Studio and his wonderful parents for all the support. Enjoy the show!



**Skyler Ingram** (Harold Hill) is excited to return to the CPT stage after appearing in *My Son Pinocchio Jr.* (Marionette) and *The Phantom Tollbooth Jr.* (Milo). Previous credits also include *West Side Story* (Baby John), *Peter Pan* (John), *Mary Poppins* (Michael Banks), *The Bickersons* (Kid) as well as numerous appearances on Paulie's Online Variety Show. An avid gamer, musician, and Anime aficionado, Skyler would like to thank his family, the cast, and the production team for their support.



**Sophia Connolly** (Ensemble) loves to perform on stage. She has appeared in *Matilda* (Lavender), *The Lion King Jr.* (Pumbaa), *Moana Jr.* (Moana), *The Little Mermaid Jr.* (Flounder), *Peter Pan Jr.* (Michael). She is excited to be a part of this talented cast for *The Music Man Jr.* She would like to thank her family and friends for always supporting her!



**Tate Hunzeker** (Marian Paroo) is so excited to be performing in *The Music Man Jr!* This is her first show at Conejo Players and she is so happy to be a part of this amazing production. Other favorite roles include Bruce Bogtrotter in *Matilda*, Louisa Von Trapp in *The Sound of Music*, Miss Hannigan in *Annie Jr.*, Ursula in *The Little Mermaid Jr.*, and Pumbaa in *The Lion King Jr.* She would like to thank the incredible cast and crew, her phenomenal vocal coach as well as her amazing family, friends and pets for supporting her.

## Meet THE STAFF

**Elena Mills** (Director) is thrilled to be able to direct one of the best American musicals! Elena is an Honorary Life Member and current Vice President of the theatre. During 16 years with CPT she has been a set painter and designer, assistant director, an actress, costume designer, House Manager Coordinator, producer and director, worked in the box office, been an usher and House Manager - basically did everything to help her beloved theatre to thrive. Elena is so happy to have such a crazy talented cast, an amazing production team and incredible crew. And she can't thank everyone enough for this wonderful three month of rehearsals and run – one of the best times in her life. It takes a village to put the show on stage – and her village is the best!!! Thank you, Scott, for your amazing work with kiddos, thank you Susan and Paige for such beautiful and outstanding dances, thank you Rick, John, Shawn, Lee and Max – the set pieces are incredible! Thank you Jack and Rita, and David and Nate – your lighting is beautiful; thank you John for all the great props, they look so wonderful; thank you all seamstresses and hat designers – costumes are so lovely! Our terrific Stage Manager Abigail and her crew – you rock!!! Special thanks to my producers Darrin and Mike (who still tolerate me after 3 years!) and Beth – you all worked so hard to make my job easy and joyful. The biggest thanks to the parents – without your help, support, cooperation and patience we can't do this show! And a very special thanks to my dear husband and daughter, my dear friends who love me, believe in me and help me all the time!!! You give me strength and encouragement, support and love – the feelings are mutual.

**Scott Donohue** (Music Director) This will be Scott's 4th production in a row at CPT, starting back in November of 2021 with Harvey. Scott is pleased to be back in the Music Director chair for *The Music Man Jr.* (which he has affectionately dubbed "Music Boy"). Much love to his wife and infant son, without whom his life would be Boring with a Capital B and that rhymes with T which stands for Theatre!

**Susan Ingram** (Choreographer) is thrilled to be bringing this timeless classic to life on the Conejo Players Theatre stage! A life-long dancer, teacher, and award-winning choreographer, Susan has had the honor to work alongside Gregory Hines, Barbra Streisand, Savion Glover and many more. She'd like to thank Elena and Scott for their partnership, the cast for their relentless work ethic, her family for their limitless love, and the community for continuing to support the arts.

**Paige Pensivy** (Asst. Choreographer) is so happy to assistant choreograph her first show at Conejo Players Theatre. Paige has been on stage at Conejo and is now so excited to help all the kiddos excel from the staff side. Paige has 15 years of dance and theatre experience and has help choreograph shows such as *Thoroughly Modern Millie* and *The Drowsy Chaperone*. Paige hopes everyone breaks a leg and enjoys dancing to the music!

**John Eslick** (Prop Master) has designed and constructed props for many CPT productions, the last being *25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*. John has many years experience as a prop and model maker for special effects and entertainment companies. He is the Props Custodian for the theatre. Keep shining, Sunshine!

**Darrin Ingram** (Co-Producer) is honored to be co-producing this wonderful hallmark of theater. An award-winning director, playwright, and actor, Darrin has been involved in theater since he began performing professionally as a pre-teen. Most recently, he directed *West Side Story* and was Captain Hook in *Peter Pan* at HSAC and is actively developing a main stage production of his acclaimed play, *Sage*. He is forever grateful to Skyler for teaching him to laugh from the belly, Kaelia for teaching him to sing from the heart, and Susan for teaching him to love from the soul.

**Mike Mills** (Co-Producer) has been a member of the Conejo Players since 1970 and has received the Conejo Player's Lifetime Membership Award. He has recently retired from his career at major aerospace and pharmaceutical companies as project and facility manager. As CPT's Director of Facilities he looks after our Theatre building. In his spare time he attends to the Theatre's archive, does home improvements and travels with his wife. Mike is so appreciative of the younger generation and the enrichment they bring to this show and Theatre. And to his wife Elena, our show's director, "thanks and love to you."

**Beth Eslick** (Co-Producer) is so very grateful that we are able to have so many of our youth performing on CPT's stage again! Thank you to all the parents who are working hard to help their children live out their dreams. Enjoy the show!

**Abigail Reeves** (Stage Manager) is a musical theatre performer, sound designer, stage manager, Shakespeare geek, choreographer, guitarist, writer, iced coffee person, owner of too many bracelets, and lover of all things regenerative agriculture and soil microbiology. She also likes to talk. She was mostly recently seen as Ursula in CPT's *Bye Bye Birdie*. Favorite past credits include *Macbeth* (*Macbeth*), *Hermia* (*A Midsummer Night's Dream*), and *Lucinda* (*Into the Woods Jr.*) Much love to the Broadway dads. "Enjoy the show!"

**Rita McCaffrey** (Light Operator) I am happy to be part of *The Music Man Jr.* working on lights. I have had the pleasure of working in many roles here at the Conejo Players Theatre. I have enjoyed acting, prop work, painting, ushering and being a happy audience member. I love contributing to the successful performance of these gifted young people.

**David Gietzen** (Spotlight Operator) is honored to be working with Conejo Players. David has done sound production for the Conejo Players production of *Bye Bye Birdie YPE*, as well as lighting and sound for Camarillo Skyway Playhouse in *Elf Jr.* David's favorite subjects are math, history, and chemistry. He plays the piano and the trumpet and is on a competitive swim team. David enjoys building computers and playing video games in his spare time.

**Nate McDermott** (Spotlight Operator) likes to paint and draw, paint sets for theatre shows, and play golf and chess. He also loves game shows, animals, and eating sushi. He has appeared in *Beauty and the Beast Jr.*, and *The Little Mermaid Jr.!* Nate would like to thank Miss Elena for letting him be a part of *The Music Man Jr.!*

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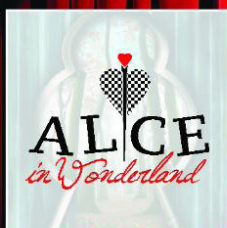
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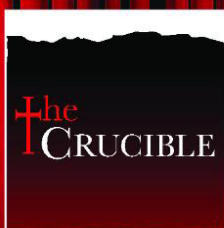
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