

Unionville High School  
Presents

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## The Musical

An original production

Based on

The Big Orange Splot

by

Daniel Pinkwater

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Created and Directed by  
Nicole Norton

Choreography by  
Sarah Breger and Nicole Norton

Costume Design by  
Mary Boeni

Stage Crew Director  
Mike Berkeheiser

Assistant Directors  
Sarah Breger and Siani Wheeler

Vocal Direction  
Sophia Cotrosious

Video Directors  
Luca Miceli and Siani Wheeler

Live Streaming  
Eddie Otto





Message from Nicole

I've never done anything like this. Telling the story of my crazy dreams, interwoven with the dreams and lives of my children, my family, my friends, my neighbors, my community, and these incredibly brave students. Usually I can only recall a moment of my dreams at night if someone asks. But I always remember my daydreams which mostly consist of responses to seeing something like a piece of art, or even a pair of scissors, or hearing a song, or watching a movie, or seeing a shadow, or listening to my children laugh.. And always what follows is... I can make a show out of that.

I've been saying THAT WOULD MAKE A GREAT SHOW my whole life. And this year, I decided that it would not be something I just think or say. This year offered a perfect time to finally do. What you will see this year is what comes from twelve months of isolation and all the daydreams that came of it. When we are forced to slow down, get bored, get cranky, rely on screens, it is inevitable that creativity will come to the rescue to pull us out and save us from ourselves. I brought these dreams to this amazing cast and crew and said: Help me. Let's make this a reality together. And so, with all heads in, and much courage and trust, this is what we made. We are back on stage where we love to be and it looks like all our dreams.

Enjoy the explosion.

## ACT I

CURTAINS

- Company

NEWS

- Siani, Jaime, Jeri, Aydan,  
Maddie, Company

HOME

- Sophia, Aydan, Company

FREEDOM

- Aurelius

THEATER

- Company

SCHOOL

- Tyge, Company

*INTERMISSION*

## ACT II

DREAMS

## CAST



Sarah Breger is a Senior and is excited to be performing and choreographing her seventh and final show at Unionville. Past roles include *Little Shop of Horrors* (Dream Crystal) and *Beauty and the Beast* (Enchantress). She loves theater and has been dancing for 15 years. This year's show was definitely a strange journey, but she has loved to work with and get to know this cast. Thank you to everyone who made this production possible. Have fun and enjoy the show!



Sophia Cotrosios is a 10th grader and is so excited to be in her second musical at UHS, especially after last year's musical, *Into the Woods* (Rapunzel (u/s)/Ensemble), had to be canceled due to the pandemic. Previous shows include *Newsies* (Bowery Beauty/Dance Core), *Beauty & the Beast, Jr.* (Babette), and *Little Mermaid, Jr.* (Ariel (u/s)/Adella). Sophia loves singing, playing the guitar and piano, and studies ballet and jazz at Rock School West. In her spare time, she likes to binge Netflix and sing karaoke with her little sister. She would like to thank Nicole and Sarah for their hard work and dedication in making this year's musical an amazing experience!



Aurelius Craig is a junior at UHS and has been involved in theatre since he was nine years old, first appearing in Margate Players' *The Little Mermaid* in 2013. Since then, he has been in 11 other productions, including 5 at his high school. Outside of theatre, he enjoys art, video games, and practicing Tang Soo Do.



Maddie Day is a sophomore and is thrilled to be performing in her first high school musical. Some of her past roles include Mrs. Potts (*Beauty and the Beast*), The Gingerbread Witch (*Hansel and Gretel*), and Andy Lee (*42nd Street*). She is also currently in the UHS May Play, playing Rona Lisa Peretti (*The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*). Outside of school, Maddie pursues her passions by dancing, playing music, and taking acting and voice lessons. She also enjoys when people name their dogs with human names. She wants to thank you for coming to the show and hopes you are as excited for it as she is to meet Harry Styles one day



Hi, my name is Brooklyn Dye. I've loved to sing & dance my whole life. I also do volleyball, snowboarding, & various other forms of music. Music has always been a way for me to express & create.



Jamie Gallop is a veteran of community theatre, with performances for the Kennett Amateur Theatrical Society, Swarthmore Players Club, Hedgerow Theatre of Media, PA, and Missoula Community Children's Theatre. Jamie is a Unionville High School senior, who will be attending Penn State in the fall. She writes for the school paper and is a 10 year member of the Oscar Lasko Dance Company. Jamie is looking forward to her first UHS musical performance and doing another show with her sister Jeri.





Hi! My name is Jeri Gallop and I am a freshman! I am doing the musical this year with my sister, Jamie. It has been a really fun time. Besides being in the musical, I like to watch soap operas with my mom. Our favorites are Days of Our Lives and The Bold and The Beautiful! I hope you enjoy the show!



Hello! My name is Hailey Gates and I am in 9th grade. I love singing, writing/playing music, drawing, coding and editing, playing sports, and going outside. I've been in a few plays from Limelight Performing Arts Center and other camps/organizations.



Aydan Heilman is so excited to be participating in her first ever musical. She has been dancing for most of her life, but has recently become involved with singing and acting through the UHS musical. Outside of school, Aydan enjoys playing the ukulele, songwriting, and drawing. She thanks her parents and the cast and crew for supporting her in this new experience. Enjoy the show!



Sarah Linskens is a senior and is so excited to be performing in her last high school musical. Her past shows here include Little Shop of Horrors (Dream Audrey) and Almost, Maine (Shelley). Sarah loves to dance and has been for 14 years. She also loves French, singing, and moms who wear the same outfits as their babies. Sarah is sad to be leaving Unionville theatre behind and still doesn't know what college she is going to. She has had a great time preparing for this show and hopes you think it's as much of a hoot as she does.



Abigail Mangan is a 9th grader this year at Unionville High school. She loves swimming on the Jennersville YMCA team & UHS swim team, playing music, and participating in musical theater. Most recently, Abby was Jasmine in Patton Middle School's Aladdin in 2019. She has also acted in Mary Poppins, Godspell, Willy Wonka, Shrek, Sleeping Beauty, Lion King, Ghost Tale for Mr. Dickens, Seussical, Annie, Aristocats, and Aladdin in the JPAC program at JY as well as at Octorara. Abby looks forward to participating in many more musicals at UHS!



Michael McDonald - Mike is happy to be making his debut on the Unionville stage. He currently performs in the Chorale and Concert Choir, and is a member of the UHS Marching Band. Mike has performed in youth theater and community theaters across the region. Favorite performances include Godspell (Jesus), Sweeney Todd (Judge Turpin), Heathers (Ram Sweeney), RENT (Benny) and 13 the Musical (Archie). Best of luck to the cast and crew.





Tyge Thomas is a 9th grader at UHS this year. He made his musical debut at UHS as Louis in *The King and I* in 6th grade. Most recently, he performed as Aladdin last year for the Patton Middle School. He's excited to come back to UHS for his return to musicals after such a long break!



Elijah Schwab loves acting and singing. This would have been his second performance at UHS had last year's musical, *Into the Woods*, not been canceled due to COVID (he was the wolf understudy). In the past, he's had parts in *Wizard of Oz* and *HS Musical* at summer theatre camps. In his free time, he takes voice lessons and enjoys live theatre, all types of music, movies, running, hiking and hanging out in nature. He thanks Nicole for the opportunity, Becca, his voice coach, for always pushing him to reach his potential, and his cast-mates for encouraging him to work on his awareness and focus.



Siani Wheeler is a freshman performer and member of the sound crew. This is my first High School Musical and I can say for sure the trailer didn't disappoint. People do randomly burst in song and dance.

## **STAGE AND TECH CREW**



Connor Biederman is the assistant stage manager for the musical. Connor is an avid fan of Gibby Gibson and looks to him as a role model in life. In his free time he likes to crochet and appraise Arby's on Yelp. His favorite TV show is The Boss Baby: Back in Business. He is in his junior year and hopes you enjoy the show.



Emily Bourdreau is a sophomore at Uniondale High School...blah blah blah...she hopes you enjoy the show.



Aidan Breger is a 9th grader on sound crew. This is his first show at UHS. Previously he was on stage crew at Patton for two years and was on the stage for The Little Mermaid (Flotsam) in 6th grade. Outside of school, Aidan has performed in numerous shows at Carousel Performing Arts Center including, The Lion King (Young Simba), Beauty and the Beast (La Fou), Hansel and Gretel (Frack). Aidan loves to game, skate, spin vinyl, and overall just chill. He hopes you enjoy SPLOT.



Jacob Cannon is the assistant stage manager for the musical. He is in his junior year and this will be his eighth production on stage crew. Outside of school he enjoys playing guitar and making music. He hopes you enjoy the show.



Salutations, Emily Clark is a senior, volleyball player, Head of Sound Crew, Unionville Fashion Icon, member of the gals, and ready to be done with this year's musical. In her free time, Emily enjoys making bad puns and bullying Annie(it's mutual). This year's show is her fifth musical with UHS and her 15th overall production; she's been at it for a while. Emily C hopes you enjoy this year's amazing performance and expects lots of candy-grams.



Hiya, Grace d'Arcy is light crew, a senior, NAHS member, lover of all animals, 9-inches taller than Annie, member of the gals, and missing musicals with her sister. Outside of crew, Grace spends her time drawing and preventing Olivia Mitchell from crying. This year Grace is a co-head of Lights crew, and she has left her legacy in the tidiness of the dungeon, the names of the spotlights, and the focus of her partner Abby. She hopes you enjoy our brand new conceptual mash-up, and would much appreciate candy-grams.



Howdy, Annie Dao is a senior, NAHS secretary, 8-inches shorter than Grace, mic wrangler, member of the gals, pun enthusiast, and super excited about this year's musical. In her free time, Annie loves to paint and bully Emily(it's mutual). Currently she is backstage distracting the crew for her second musical, as she has for over a year. She hopes you enjoy UHS's rendition of a brand new form of entertainment, and will gladly accept candy-grams.





Darla Haberl (stage crew)

I'm Darla Haberl. I'm a freshman and I like long walks on the beach. I loveee dogs and cats. I guess you could also say I'm a silly goose. WAHHHHHHH



Yell-o', senior, Kylie Harlan, inhaler of cosmic brownies, creator of lemons, master procrastinator, slap sound effect specialist, wearer of hoodies, lover of video gamer, doggos, and owner of square brain is stressing about her fourth musical for UHS, but her first as a member of sound crew. She hopes you fall in love with our crazy cast for this crazy show and dreams of receiving candy grams.



My name is Mason Kolman. I have six siblings, and I was born in California. I enjoy playing video games and the piano in my free time.



Elizabeth McMunn (stage crew)



**Luca Miceli (Sound Crew)**

Luca is a 11th grader, on sound crew, who's first musical was *Little Shop of Horrors (Mic Wrangler)*. He did the sound effects for *The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui*, and is currently sound head in training. Longboarding, playing games, and spending time with friends are all activities he enjoys. He is overjoyed to be able to see all of his second family of tech and stage crew and work with them on the show.



Claire Rawlins is in 10th grade and this is her second time doing the school musical. She loves participating in theatre and can't wait for next year.





Gabe Rodriguez is a sophomore on sound effects and music. He planned on being a mic wrangler for *Into The Woods* before the musical was canceled. In his free time he likes to play games and cook. He sends thanks to his friends and family.



Hey y'all, Abby Taylor is a senior, unsung singer, constant smiler, precious cargo, member of the gals, and glad she's part of crew for this musical. In her time away from crew, Abby loves to draw, play beat saber, and catch up on her favorite anime's. This year's talent-filled musical is Abby's 10th production with Unionville and her first musical without her brother Josiah. She has spent her time with the lights crew learning everything she can to be the best co-head with Grace d'Arcy this year. Abby would very much love a candy gram, and she hopes you enjoy the show

**Crew Not pictured:** Makayla Burnett-McBride, Julia Carobressi, Zoe Chadwick, Avha Farhi, Christina Gilroy, Ava Hopkins, Griffin Lacy, Ben Reardon, Yash Rotkar, and Henry Sanders.

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**CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS** - We wish you all the best as you prepare to graduate and take on new challenges in life You are a wonderful, wacky group of kids and you will be missed!



Left to right: Kylie Harlan, Emily Clark, Zoe Chadwick, Jamie Gallop, Sarah Linskens, Sarah Breger, Abby Taylor, Grace d'Arcy, and Henry Sanders.  
Not Pictured: Anne Dao