



Ryan Frank (playbill) - lives in Oronoco with his wife Sydney, 3 kids Aria (11), Brand (9), and Reyna (6), 2 dogs Link & Zelda, and cat Zuko. He has an MS in Biostatistics and is a statistician at Mayo researching Alzheimer's. Ryan enjoys hiking, biking, and climbing mountains. He's been in over 30 local productions, including roles as Daneil (*Irish Eyes*), Frederick (*Pirates of Penzance*), Benedick (*Much Ado About Nothing*), Mortimer (*Arsenic and Old Lace*), and Gaston (*Beauty and the Beast*). Viva la vida (long live life)!



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Artistic Direction by
 Aaron Rocklyn
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 Jaymi Wilson



Meet the Directors!



Aaron Rocklyn (Author, Artistic Director)

Aaron's credits as a writer, actor, designer, and director total over 300 shows. His favorite roles include John Proctor in *Crucible*, Valmont in *Dangerous Liaisons*, Benedick in *Much Ado*, Pirate King in *Pirates of Penzance*, Oberon and Bottom in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Tommy in *Brigadoon*, ten characters in *Greater Tuna*, Max in *Lend me a Tenor*, Lancelot in *Camelot*, and the roles of *Man of La Mancha*, *Macbeth*, *Hamlet*, and *The Foreigner*. Some of his favorite directing credits are *The Trip To Bountiful*, *Keely & Du*, *Romeo & Juliet*, *Foxfire*, and *Eleemosynary*. Other credits include *Shakespeare & CO.*, *Fanny Hill*, *The Phipps*, *The Ordway*, *The Carowinds*, *Houston Hollow*, *Canada's Wonderlands*, *Scarborough Fare* in Dallas, *Pheonix Players*, *Eden Prairie Arts*, *Theatre-in-the-Round*, *MN Opera*, *The Guthrie*, and *Epcot Center*. As a writer, his scripts have received 50-some productions; most recently *A Washington Irving Christmas*, *Flash Gordon: The Musical*, *A Musical Romeo & Juliet*, *When Irish Eyes Are Smiling*, *Much Ado About Nothing: The Musical*, *Shakespeare's Bloody Awful Christmas*, and *Three Musketeers: The Musical*.

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Jaymi Wilson (Musical Director)

Jaymi lives in Rochester and is a Project Manager for the City of Rochester. She graduated from Luther College. Jaymi found her passion for music at a young age, and has played piano for over 35 years. She wrote the music for *Loving Lorna Doone*, which premiered at the Repertory Theatre in 2011, and *A Musical Midsummer Night's Dream* in Mayo of 2017. Jaymi played Evelyn Scrooge in *Christmas Carol Rag* in 2011, and has been

the accompanist/musical director for over 50 shows since 2001. When she's not in the theatre, she loves to read, and traveling to explore new places



Kathy Littlefield (Costumer Extraordinaire) - lives in St. Charles, and has 4 children and grandchildren. Kathy loves sewing, reading, traveling, family, and reading and watching science fiction. She has a degree in elementary education, and is retired from running an in home daycare and kitchen manager at Kwik Trip. She has costumed for over 25 years for 9 different local theatres, including Once and Future Classics, St. Charles, the REP, and Stewartville Community Theatre. Thanks for all you do Kathy!



Julie McFarland (Asst Costumer / Photographer) - lives in Rochester with husband Chris, and is a teacher of toddlers at St. Charles Child Care for the past 10 years. She loves to read, watch movies, spend time with her husband Chris, live theatre, doing Cosplay, and traveling (many states, Costa Rica, and Japan twice). Julie has been active in theater since elementary school, and has been heavily involved in costumes and photography in all OAFc productions.



Chris McFarland (Light board operator) - lives in Rochester with his wife Julie, and has been a great addition to the Once and Future Classics staff. He has operated the lightboard the past four shows and we are so appreciative of his talents and time. Chris is an avid traveler, having visited over 28 countries (Barcelona, Istanbul, and Malta being favorites). Chris enjoys photography, skating, anime, supernatural television shows, and playing video games. Thanks again Chris for all you do for Once and Future Classics!



Megan Beatty (Choreography) - lives in Rochester with her husband Joe, and 3 crazy kids, Ryan (9), Hannah (6), and Clara (3). She teaches ESL at John Adams. She loves to be outside with her kids, dance her way through most of life, and photography. She has been involved in theater and dance through Eagan HS, Children's Theatre Company, Lou Conte Dance Chicago, Stewartville Community Theatre, OAFc, and choreographs many middle school and community ed productions in town. Megan most recently has been on stage in *Beauty and the Beast*, *Little House on the Prairie*, *Romeo & Juliet*, and *Pirates of Penzance*.



Poppy Lear (Propmaster) - lives in Rochester and has been heavily involved in all OAFc productions. She has a BS in education and BA in theatre. Poppy is the middle school director for Rochester Public Schools. She enjoys directing kid's, her two children, Amy Oeth and Ben Crickenberger, and her three granddaughters, Avery, Brielle, and Kaitlyn. Poppy has been a keystone in over 100 productions, her favorites being *Pirates of Penzance* and *Fiddler on the Roof*. Poppy has been involved in nearly all OAFc productions, and we are so appreciative for it. Thanks so much Poppy!



Hannah Rudzik (Athens) - lives in Rochester with her dad Steve, mom Maren, brother Dylan, dog Finn & saltwater fish Yeti & Dotty. She is in 9th grade at John Marshall High School and enjoys dance, reading, singing, theater, art, cosplaying, running cross country, video games, laughing, piano, drums, scuba diving, exploring nature & cheese. She has been in productions at school, Rochester Civic Theater & OAFc including roles as Danielle (*Three Musketeers: The Musical*), Gramma Tala (*Moana, Jr.*), Wicked Witch (*Wizard of Oz*), a squirrel (*Percy Jackson & The Lightning Thief*), Desdemona (*Shakespeare's Bloody Awful Christmas*) & villager/candlestick (*Beauty & the Beast*).



Ruth Bakken (Sasha/Karla) - lives near Byron with her husband, Kirby, 3 cats and 8 alpacas. Ruth enjoys singing in various choirs and in musicals. Recent musicals include *Footloose* (in Stewartville) and *The Three Musketeers* (with OAFc). Ruth and Kirby make frequent trips to Utah to see Alan (son), Karen, Darleen (3-year-old granddaughter) and Ross (4-month-old grandson), a dog and 2 cats. They also enjoy going to Wisconsin to visit Marlow (son), Jo, 3 cats, a flock of ducks and a goose who thinks she is a duck.



Natalia Wojcik (Cynthia) - lives in Rochester with her mom (Lisa), dad (Michael), sister (Anna), and dog (Bader). Natalia is in eighth grade at John Adams Middle School. She recently made it to state science and got an award from the 3M Company. She enjoys rock climbing, traveling, reading, and spending time with her dog. Her favorite place she's been to is Portugal. She recently went to New York City and her favorite Broadway show was *Suffs*. She is really excited to be in another OAFc show! Natalia has also performed at the Civic Theatre and her middle school's Musicals.



Zee Ortiz (Mandy) - lives in Rochester with her cat Shirley & keeps herself busy by being in 2 choirs, and several doctors appointments a week, baking all the time, and writing poetry. She loves being in theater but hasn't had a chance since high school, so she is delighted to be part of a show again. She has worked diligently at being a background character for most of her career, but her favorite show was *Jungle Book*, where she played as Baloo. She is grateful to Once And Future Classics for the opportunity to perform again.

The Play

Act I

1. Prologue: Castle Dracula; Late 1300s
2. Whitby Park Grounds; The Present
3. A Whitby Park Bench
4. A Village in Transylvania
5. Lucy's Bedroom
6. Castle Dracula Interior
7. Westenra Hall
8. Whitby Park Cemetery at Midnight
9. The Asylum
10. Castle Dracula Interior
11. Lucy's Bedroom
12. Lucy's Bedroom; Afternoon
13. Lucy's Bedroom / Castle Dracula Interior; Evening
14. Lucy's Bedroom; Morning
15. Westenra's Front Door
16. A Whitby Park Bench
17. Westenra Hall; A Wedding

There will be a brief 12 minute intermission between acts

Act II

1. Castle Dracula Interior
2. Whitby Park Grounds
3. The Asylum
4. Whitby Park Picnic Grounds
5. Lucy's Tomb
6. Westenra Hall
7. Castle Dracula Exterior
8. A Village in Transylvania; Below the Borgo Pass
9. Castle Dracula Interior
10. Castle Dracula Exterior
11. The Borgo Pass

Once and Future Classics Staff

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| Artistic Director | Aaron Rocklyn |
| Musical Director & Accompanist | Jaymi Wilson |
| Costume Design | Kathy Littlefield & Julie McFarland |
| Set Design & Construction | Aaron Rocklyn |
| Choreography | Megan Beatty |
| Lighting Design | Kirby Bakken and Aaron Rocklyn |
| Lightboard Operator | Chris McFarland |
| Sound Design | Jaymi Wilson |
| Props | Poppy Lear and Julie McFarland |
| Playbill | Ryan Frank |
| Publicity | Jaymi Wilson & Ryan Frank |
| Original Program Art | Abigail Sievers & Joe Beatty |
| Website | Scott Nelson |
| Photography | Julie Littlefield |



Nora Fong (Eve, Anna) -- was born in Rochester, and lives with her parents and her beloved and cute dogs, Lucky and Icy. She is currently a 9th grader at Mayo High School. Nora enjoys reading books and spending time with her friends. She has a passion for acting, singing, and attending Broadway shows. Some of her favorite musicals include *Hamilton*, *Hadestown*, and *The Great Gatsby*. Nora has previously performed in *Annie* and *Beauty and the Beast* at John Adams Middle School, and in *Percy Jackson* with the Civic Theater's summer camp. She is thrilled to be part of *Once and Future Classics* for the first time!



Heather Breen (Delilah) -- lives in Rochester, and is a dog trainer at Courteous K9. When not on stage, you can find Heather cooking for friends and family, camping, hiking, reading a good book, and enjoying a great cup of coffee. Heather's previous credits include *Loving Lorna Doone*, *Man of La Mancha*, *Beauty and the Beast*, and *Shakespeare's Bloody Awful Christmas*.



Melissa Kloempken (Elizabeth) - lives in Rochester, enjoys spending time with her family (parents, siblings, and nieces) and discovering new books and stories. She has been involved in many theater productions around SE Minnesota, most recently *The Winter Wonderettes* (Missy), *Beauty and the Beast* (Mme. de la Grande Bouche), and *Twelfth Night* (Maria).



Jocie Dewhirst (Raven/Wolf) - Jocie lives in Rochester with her mom Heather, dad Chad, 2 older brothers and dog Gus. Jocie is in 8th grade in Stewartville, and enjoys tennis, rock climbing, alpine skiing, playing the flute, and traveling (Disney World, Yellowstone, Alaska, California). Jocie has enjoyed performing in multiple O AFC productions having appeared previously in *Three Musketeers*, *Shakespeare's Bloody Awful Christmas*, *When Irish Eyes are Smiling* and others. She has also performed in school productions, her favorite being *Romeo & Juliet*, *Together (and Alive) at Last!* Jocie is excited to be in another O AFC production!



Madi Teal (Willow) - lives in Rochester with her mom (Danielle) and misses her sister, Destiny who is now in college. Madi loves all things fashion, skincare and basketball but especially loves doing theatre with mom and Destiny. Madi loves Disney and wants to go back soon. She's an extreme extrovert, so you can usually find her being a social butterfly hanging out with her cast friends. Previous credits include *When Irish Eyes Are Smiling*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Shakespeare's Bloody Awful Christmas* and *Three Musketeers*.

Director's Notes

Thank you so much for joining us in this unique time slot just before and after Halloween! We have a classic tale for you that closely follows the plot of Bram Stoker's original novel, but it's loaded with plenty of modern music that should make it feel very contemporary. The setting of the show has also been updated to the present, as the 1897 novel can now seem a little stiff and formal, but hopefully the changes will only serve to enhance your enjoyment of the musical! And while the book did not have a lot of humor in it, we hope to hear you laughing often during the play, even though the story is not exactly what you'd call a romantic comedy. Anyway, it's been a great pleasure for us to explore and share this timeless tale of grand dreams, star-crossed lovers, and ultimately, forgiveness. A haunting story that, like Dracula himself, refuses to die.

~Aaron Rocklyn



Cooper Reed (Dr. Seward & Capt. Darien) - lives in Stewartville with his mom and dad Jennifer and Rick, and 2 dogs. "Super Cooper" has 2 dogs and 7 siblings, was born in a hospital, works at an employer. He has a BA in Business Administration and a minors in Sales & Marketing, enjoys pickleball, being lazy, the occasional oxymoron, Rubik's cubes, and telling jokes. Cooper has been in over 30 productions, including appearances as Dogberry (*Much Ado About Nothing*), Paris (*Romeo and Juliet*), Eddie (*Mamma Mia*), Thun (*Flash Gordon*), Officer Brophy (*Arsenic and Old Lace*), *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, and *Jesus Christ Superstar*.



Catelyn Holm (Van Helsing) - was born in Rochester, and lives in Winona. She graduated from WSU, and is an IT developer at Fastenal. Catelyn enjoys healthy doses of granny activities - knitting sewing, canning - and "modern" activities - D&D, video games, and traveling (Japan!). She has been in over 10 local productions, including Ariel (*A Musical Romeo and Juliet*), Gwen (*Flash Gordon*), *Young Frankenstein*, *Cinderella*, *Wizard of Oz*, & *Loving Lorna Doone*.



Kirby Bakken (Renfield) - lives near Byron with his wife Ruth, 3 cats, and 8 alpacas. He has two kids, Alan and Marlow. Kirby has a BS in electrical engineering and worked at IBM for 32 years. Kirby enjoys cycling, pickleball, water VB, and games. Kirby has been involved with OFAC from its beginning, either on stage, stage setup, or stage lighting. Kirby volunteers much of his spare time for Peace United.



Kelly Ahern (Amy) - hails from Tulsa, OK, but moved to Rochester in 2021 (by way of St. Louis) to attend medical school at the Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine. Currently in her final year, she is applying to psychiatry residencies. This is her second OAFS show, having previously played "Sassy" in *When Irish Eyes are Smiling*. In her free time, she enjoys Irish dancing, hiking, skiing, and spending time with her loved ones. She would like to thank all of her family and friends (including the wonderful folks at OAFS) for making the frozen north a little warmer.



Danielle Teal (Pandora & Minister) - lives in Rochester and has two daughters, Madison (middle schooler) and Destiny (college student), a pair of cats, Skol and Ember and two puppies, Oreo and Takeo. Danielle is a Senior Program Coordinator at the Mayo Clinic, a correspondent and host at KSMQ PBS, and has an MA in Organizational Leadership. She is currently pursuing a Doctorate in Behavioral Health. She enjoys gardening, hiking, reading, and spending time with her family. Danielle previously played Precious (*When Irish Eyes Are Smiling*) and Lady Coverdale (*Three Musketeers*). She also has extensive experience doing stand up comedy, but retired as the kids needed her to become a role model.

Our Superbly Talented Cast

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| Dracula | Dave Stepan |
| Mina | Katie Eberhard |
| Quincy | Randy Peterson |
| Jane | Ella Ashlin |
| Jonathan | Brian Webb |
| Lucy | Nora Purrier |
| Arthur | Santiago Martinez & Travis Dockter |
| Sorina | Jennifer Reed |
| Dr. Seward / Captain Darien | Cooper Reed |
| Van Helsing | Catelyn Holm |
| Renfield | Kirby Bakken |
| Amy / Wolf | Kelly Ahern |
| Pandora / Minister | Danielle Teal |
| Eve / Anna | Nora Fong |
| Delilah | Heather Breen |
| Elizabeth / Lady Rhiannon | Melissa Kloempken |
| Raven / Wolf | Jocie Dewhirst |
| Athens | Hannah Rudzik |
| Willow | Madi Teal |
| Sasha / Karla | Ruth Bakken |
| Swales | Aaron Rocklyn |
| Cynthia | Natalia Wojcik |
| Mandy | Zee Ortiz |





Dave Stepan (Dracula) - is a Direct Support Professional with 4th Avenue homes INC. Dave likes to bowl, play pickle ball, bike, river tube, karaoke, yoga, volunteer, and spend time with friends and family. His biggest fans are his sisters, Trista and Jessica, and his mom Kathy. Dave has appeared in over 25 local productions, including as Rum Tum Tugger (*Cats*), Readmes (*Aida*), Mercutio (*A Musical Romeo and Juliet*), Charlie (*Brigadoon*), Quasimodo (*The Hunchback of Notre Dame*), Dracula (*Dracula The Rock Musical*), Jesus (*Jesus Christ Superstar*), The Beast (*Beauty and the Beast*), Jonathan (*Arsenic and Old Lace*), and Joseph (*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*).



Katie Eberhard (Mina) - lives in Rochester with her dog Rinna. She has a BS in Wildlife & Wildlands Conservation, a M.A. in Educational Studies, and is a Special Education preschool teacher. Katie enjoys camping, hiking (visited 66/66 MN state parks), reading, & traveling (Ecuador, Mexico, Sweden, England, South Africa, Peru, Thailand, Australia, New Zealand, Japan). She's been in over 15 productions, including roles as Narrator (*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*), Eliza (*My Fair Lady*), Beatrice (*Much Ado About Nothing*), Ado Annie (*Oklahoma!*), and Donna (*Mamma Mia!*).



Randy Peterson (Quincy) - owns his own business renting vacation property, and enjoys singing, theatre, fishing, cross-country skiing, boating, working out, and family (Alex & Josey, Mak & Matt, and grandkids Jovi, Cameron, Cody, Jace, and Max). He has performed in 40+ local productions, including roles as Leonato (*Much Ado About Nothing*), Sam Carmichael (*Mamma Mia!*), Judas (*Jesus Christ Superstar*), Captain Phoebus (*Hunchback of Notre Dame*), Pirate King (*Pirates of Penzance*), King Arthur (*Camelot and Spamalot*), Emile De Becque (*South Pacific*), Tommy Albright (*Brigadoon*), & Juan Peron (*Evita*).



Ella Ashlin (Jane) - is so excited to be back on stage with Once and Future Classics! When not doing theater, she loves to spend time with family and her two purrfect cats! She also teaches voice and piano lessons at Pure Rock Studios of Rochester. Recently, she has been exploring the world of film and is so grateful to have been involved in a number of fantastic films including Downtown Owl! Her first show with OAFC was "A Musical Midsummer Nights Dream" and she is so excited and grateful to be back again for Dracula!



Brian Webb (Jonathan) - has a BS in engineering from the University of Michigan, and works as a technical support engineer for Fujifilm Medical Systems. He and his wife Millie have three children, Griffin (28), Robin (27) and Erin (24). Brian enjoys singing, working out, and theatre. Some of Brian's previous credits include *Beauty and the Beast*, *Little House on the Prairie: The Musical*, *Pirates of Penzance*, *HMS Pinafore*, *The Gondoliers*, *The Mikado*, *Yeoman of the Guard*, *Princess Ida*, and *Oliver*.



Nora Purrier (Lucy) - lives in Stewartville with her husband Evan, and two wonderful kids Tobias (8) and Caroline (5). Nora recently graduated from nursing school and is now a practicing RN at the Mayo Clinic. She previously did plays during high school, being a part of the shows *Annie* and *Wizard of Oz*, and has enjoyed picking it up again. Nora recently appeared in STCs *Footloose*. This is her first Once and Future Classics production, and we are thrilled to have her! Nora enjoys theater for all the joy it brings herself and others.



Santiago Martinez (Arthur on 10/25-11/1) - lives in Rochester, and works for Pheonix Academy as a Paraprofessional in Rochester. He graduated from Mayo High School, and has been involved with the Civic Theatre since 2019, including *Night of the Living Dead* (Jonny), *Willy Wonka* (Mr. Gloop), *A Christmas Carol* (Ghost of Christmas Present), *Peter and the Star Catcher* (Smee), and *Newsies* (Oscar Delancy). Santiago enjoys being on stage, and is thankful for the support of his family for his budding acting career



Travis Dockter (Arthur on 11/2-11/9) - Travis is excited to participate in his first rock musical! He is truly grateful to join this amazing cast and crew. Travis was last seen as Wiesel in *Newsies* at the Rochester Civic Theater. He was also involved in *Peter and the Starcatcher*, *A Christmas Carol*, and *The Little Mermaid* at the Rochester Civic Theater, and *Twelfth Night* with Rochester Shakespeare Theater. When not acting, Travis is a supervisor for biostatisticians at Mayo Clinic, and enjoys running and playing board and video games.



Jennifer Reed (Sorina) - lives in Stewartville with her husband Rick, son Cooper, and works as an RN at the Mayo Clinic. Jennifer enjoys dancing, spending quality time with friends and family, and doing theatre with Cooper and Rick. Jennifer has performed in over 10 local productions at Stewartville community theatre and OAFC, including as Potiphar's Wife (*Joseph*), Martha (*Arsenic and Old Lace*), Tanya (*Mamma Mia!*), Raven (*Dracula*), Fria (*Flash Gordon*), Princess (*A Musical Romeo and Juliet*), and Ursula (*Much Ado About Nothing*).