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Thank you for attending today's performance of *Ivy + Bean The Musical*. This play is an adaptation of a wonderful book series about two opposite girls who become best friends. Differences often lead to more fun together than separately. Today's play about adventures and disasters may inspire you, too. Celebrate your differences with your friends and make new ones who will join you in your adventures. Anything is possible with a pal beside you.

This season every production has been in the John Viars Theatre. We are all looking forward to experiencing theatre in new spaces with a whole world of possibilities. Next season the Kate Goldman Family Series begins November 2024 with four exciting trips: *Last Stop on Market Street*, *Diary of A Wimpy Kid*, *Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Musical*, and *Alice in Wonderland*. Each story will take you to someplace you've never been. Be a friend of the arts and join The Playhouse as a season ticket holder today.

I want to extend a special thank you to those who have brought youth to today's production. You understand the power of the arts and the joy of using your imagination to meet new people, see new worlds and experience new possibilities. The Playhouse is here today because individuals like you shared theatre with youth yesterday and become audiences in the future. Thank you for doing your part!

**ivy+
BEAN**

THE MUSICAL

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 **THE PLAYHOUSE**

Scan the QR code to tell us who your favorite performers were today!
Outstanding performances are recognized at the Dionysos Awards each September.



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Bean	Vivian Rosalie Coleman
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Zuzu	Chloe Byrd*
Mom/Ivy’s Mom	Shelby Kephart
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Eric	Blake Dreckman
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<i>Pancake Court</i>	Company
<i>Bean Hatches a Plan</i>	Bean
<i>When I'm a... (preprise)</i>	Ivy
<i>When I'm a Witch</i>	Ivy, Bean
<i>The Oath of Liquids</i>	Ivy, Bean
<i>Sports!</i>	Bean, Ivy, Leo, Sophie, Zuzu, Eric
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<i>Gotta Be Good</i>	Mom, Dad
<i>I'm in Charge Now</i>	Nancy
<i>S.O.S.</i>	Bean
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William Beebe (*Leo*) made his Playhouse debut as Boy with Purple Socks in *Harriet the Spy*. He is a ninth grader at Adel-Desoto-Minburn High School where he portrayed Nicely-Nicely Johnson in *Guys and Dolls*. In addition

to acting and singing, William plays the tuba, participates in speech competitions, and studies architecture. He is a server at Billy's Ice Cream.



Chloe Byrd (*Zuzu*) is an eighth grader in the West Des Moines School District Homeschool Program. While she is making her Playhouse debut, she has appeared as Princess Imogene in *Princess Impossible* and Chef in

Stone Dragon Stew, both at West Des Moines' Rex Mathes School. Chloe enjoys playing guitar, playing softball, and taking gymnastics when she's not singing.



Carson Clark (*Dad*) has been in numerous shows starting at age 12 when he auditioned for his first school play. Some of Carson's credits include Danny Zuko in *Grease* at Prairie City-Monroe High School, and Laurie in *Little Women*

and Nathan Detroit in *Guys and Dolls* at Simpson College where he earned his bachelor's degree in theater arts. He works as a logistics broker at WorldWide Logistics. In the fall, he will direct a show on the same high school stage where he fell in love with theatre.



Megan Clement (*Sophie*) is a seventh grader at Des Moines Christian School where she participates in Treble Choir, Joy Collective show choir, and band (clarinet). She is a member of Heartland Youth Choir and was

selected for OPUS Honor Choir the past two years. She has been in two musicals with Curtain Call Kids (Grimes). Megan loves to ski – both snow and water – and is an avid animal lover who aspires to become a veterinarian.



Vivian Rosalie Coleman (*Bean*) is an eighth grader at Johnston Middle School where she is in cheer and show choir. She is familiar to Playhouse audiences as Annie Carroll/Susan Walker in *Playhouse On the Air Presents:*

Miracle on 34th Street, the title role in *Harriet the Spy*, Lamb/Judge in *Charlotte's Web*, Alice in *Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical*, and Marta von Trapp in *Rodgers & Hammerstein's The Sound of Music*, her favorite role to date. Vivian is a PIP (pre-intern program) with The Playhouse's education program.



Blake Dreckman (*Eric*) is thrilled to be returning to The Playhouse where his previous credits include *Kinky Boots* (Young Charlie) and *Charlotte's Web* (Gander). He has also performed in the Des Moines Young Artists' Theatre production

of *Sister Act Jr.* (TJ). Blake is a seventh grader at Waukee's South Middle School where he is involved in choir, show choir, band (flute), jazz band, and theater. Blake also plays piano and tennis.



Shelby Kephart (*Mom/Ivy's Mom*) is a favorite with Des Moines audiences whose area shows include *Godspell*, *Disney's Freaky Friday One Act*, *Catch Me If You Can*, and *Elf The Musical* at The Playhouse; *The Drowsy Chaperone*

and *Bye, Bye, Birdie* at Urbandale Community Theatre; and *She Loves Me* at Ankeny Community Theatre. Shelby is an enrichment leader at Perkins Elementary School and directs Easter and Christmas dramas at Bethany Full Gospel Church. In her free time, she enjoys crocheting.



Natalie Padilla Sanchez (*Nancy*) is a sophomore at Southeast Polk High School where she is involved in choir, show choir, speech, and theatre. At Southeast Polk, she has been in the casts of *Seussical*, *Disney's High School Musical*

(Taylor McKessie), *Disney's The Little Mermaid*, and *Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical*. Natalie has also performed with CAP Theatre, Altoona, in *Shrek Jr.*

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Madison Stone (*Ivy*) is a freshman at Des Moines Area Community College, majoring in music education. She auditioned for this show to connect with new and like-minded people. Her dream is to portray Eurydice in *Hadestown*.

Madison works as a pharmacy tech for Hy-Vee. Her hobbies include dancing and reading.



Anne Arthur Frett (*Director*) has been a teacher at The Playhouse since 2005 and made her stage debut at the theatre in *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*. She's directed many Playhouse shows including *The Best Christmas*

Pageant Ever, *Disney's Alice in Wonderland Jr*, *Junie B. Jones The Musical*, *Fancy Nancy The Musical*, and *Charlotte's Web*. In addition, she directed *Pinkalicious* in the Friday Funday series and The Playhouse Performance Academy production of *Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical Jr*. Anne is an English/drama teacher at Dallas Center-Grimes High School and also coaches large group speech. She likes to travel, read a good book, and spend time with her husband, Stacey, and their three adult daughters, Emily, Sarah, and Audrey.



Eric Mohlis (*Music Director*) is a director of choral activities at Dallas Center-Grimes High School. His groups have received top honors and recognition throughout the state and Midwest. In 2021, he was selected as the Grimes

Educator of the Year. He is a sought-after clinician and guest director throughout Iowa. He has served as interim conductor for the Iowa Youth Chorus (2015) and the Des Moines Gay Men's Chorus (2020). He sings with the Des Moines Vocal Arts Ensemble and serves on their board of directors. When not working, Eric, his partner José, and their dog Moe like to try different restaurants throughout the metro.



Ellie Cole (*Choreographer*) is a senior at Dallas Center-Grimes High School where she has choreographed three shows with her team receiving two Outstanding Achievement awards from the Iowa High School

Musical Theatre Awards. She has been involved in

Des Moines area theatre, appearing as Sad Girl in *Bye, Bye, Birdie* (Urbandale Community Theatre) and choreographing *Singin' in the Rain Jr.* (CAP Theatre, Altoona). In her free time, Ellie enjoys crocheting, singing in the jazz choir, and tap dancing.



Anna McKernan (*Choreographer*) is a junior at Dallas Center-Grimes High School where she has choreographed productions of *Disney's The Little Mermaid* and *Footloose*. Her strong

dance background includes jazz, contemporary, tap, ballet, and her favorite, musical theater. After high school, Anna would like to teach dance or drama.



Ashley Kientoff (*Stage Manager*) received their B.A. in theatre arts from Simpson College. While at Simpson, their theatre career included box office manager, prop and deck crew member, and costume crew member. They

stage-managed numerous shows at Simpson, including *Virtuous Burglar*, *Cabildo/Cendrillon*, *The Undercurrent*, *Prospera's Island*, and, their favorite, *Trouble in Tahiti/Gallantry: A Soap Opera*. In their free time, Ashley likes to read, exercise, and spend time with their partner, Sid, and Sid's cat, Sho.



Brooke Krug (*Assistant Stage Manager*) first became involved with The Playhouse in the pre-intern program (PIP), working with the Performance Academy production of *Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical Jr*. She

later volunteered on the painting crew for *Guys and Dolls*. A senior at Dallas Center-Grimes High School, Brooke was in school productions of *Clue* and *Disney's The Little Mermaid* and served as an assistant stage manager for productions of *Radium Girls*, *Footloose*, and *How I Became a Pirate*. She enjoys theatre, film, music, and traveling.



Abbie Stern (*Assistant Stage Manager*) previously worked as a stage manager for Large Group Speech at Dallas Center-Grimes (DCG) High School where she is a senior, and from that experience, discovered she liked the job.

She worked on props and sets for DCG shows

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including *Disney's The Little Mermaid*, *Radium Girls*, and *Footloose*. When she isn't in school or at the theatre, she enjoys reading, listening to music, watching movies, and spending time with her friends.



Sam Stephen (*Scenic Designer*) has a B.A. in live entertainment design and technology from North Central College (Naperville, IL). This is their first scenic design for The Playhouse but they designed lights for *All is Calm*:

The Christmas Truce of 1914 and *Once* earlier this season. They have most recently been scenic designer for *Beowulf* (Third Eye Opera, Chicago), *Shrek Jr* and *Disney's Camp Rock The Musical* (Bravo Performing Arts, Oak Park, IL), and *A Year With Frog and Toad* (Ovation Academy, Oak Park, IL). www.DesignsBySamuelStephen.com



Jessica Van Essen (*Costume Designer*) has spent much of her career in schools as a professor/costume shop manager and working with professional theatres as a costume designer and technician. Before moving

back to Iowa, Jessica spent three seasons with the American Shakespeare Center in Staunton, VA, as their costume designer and shop manager designing such shows as William Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew*, *The Winter's Tale*, and *The Comedy of Errors* among others. She is delighted to bring the joy of live theatre to younger audiences as well.



Virgil Kleinhesselink (*Lighting Designer*) has been involved in approximately 355 Playhouse shows in the past 44 years. In those shows, he has held at least 17 different positions, including stage manager, properties crew

member, dresser, ticket office volunteer, scenic designer, sound designer, run crew member, and actor. Virgil discovered The Playhouse when he moved to town and drove by the theatre on the way to look at an apartment. He was involved in theatre in high school and went to college on a debate scholarship, so he thought he'd give The Playhouse a try. The first show he saw was *A Little Night Music* in 1979. His first volunteer experience was building sets and hanging lights for *Man of La Mancha* that

same year. As Virgil put it, "It was the easiest way to become a part of a community."



Allyson Braun (*Properties Designer*) returned to the world of props design – an art she had done for four years at North Central College (Naperville, IL) – with The Playhouse's summer tent theatre productions of *Godspell*,

Plaza Suite, and *Polkadots: The Cool Kids Musical* and later with the world premiere of *Escaping the Labyrinth*. An actress as well, her most recent Playhouse stage role was Ella in *Ella Enchanted*. Allyson is COO of Merkle Retirement Planning and lives in Beaverdale with her husband, Ian, and their two cats.



Scott Elmegreen (*Book/Music/Lyrics*) is a writer and composer whose work has premiered on Broadway and television as well as Off-Broadway, regionally, and internationally. In addition to *Awesome Allie*, *First Kid*

Astronaut, his shows include *Magic School Bus Live! The Climate Challenge* (music and lyrics; national tour), *Thucydides* (Samuel French Off Off Broadway Festival winner), *College The Musical* (NYMF Award for Excellence; Richard Rodgers Award Finalist), *Vote for Me: A Musical Debate* (New York Musical Theatre Festival), and *Straight* (developed by Tony Award-winning producer Andy Sandberg). Scott has scored numerous plays including *Colin Quinn Long Story Short*, directed by Jerry Seinfeld (Helen Hayes; HBO; national tour), *What I Took in My Hand* (Ontological-Hysteric Incubator; Brick Theater), *Daguerreotype* (Abingdon Theater), *We Can't Reach You*, *Hartford* (Fringe First nomination), and Joyce Carol Oates' *Tone Clusters* (Fringe Report Award, Best Play), and he has orchestrated *'Swonderful: The New Gershwin Musical* (national tour) and others. Scott is also a published author of young adult fiction. www.scottelmegreen.com



Annie Barrows (*Author*) was born in San Diego, CA, in a year with a six in it. Also a two. You figure it out. When she was three weeks old, her family moved to a little town in Northern California. If you must move, it is ideal to do

it when you are three weeks old. If you're older,

even just a little older, they'll make you help, and you'll miss your friends and get lost in your new house. She has one sister, Sally, who is two years older and always did exciting things before she did. Her best friend lived next door in a big house with a pool, 32 plastic horses and one real horse, four older brothers and sisters, and a whole freezer full of popsicles. Her best friend could watch TV anytime she wanted and kept her things in plastic pencil boxes. The only thing wrong with her best friend's life was that everyone called her Babe. After Annie learned how to ride a bicycle, she went to the children's library at least twice a week. Annie was terrible at spelling. Grownups were always talking about it: "She's such a good reader! How can she not spell?" It was very embarrassing. Girls couldn't wear pants to school until Annie was in fourth grade. On the very first day she was allowed, she wore a turquoise blue pantsuit. The best thing that happened to Annie in junior high school was this: the day before a week-long camping trip, she broke her toe and couldn't go. Her French teacher must have weighed 350 pounds. He wore clogs, too. Mrs. Marian gave Annie a job at the library. She put the clear plastic jackets over the regular ones and re-shelved the books. She also read a lot. All the regular things happened in high school, and a few other things, too. In college, Annie turned out to be a good student. She thought she was going to study English literature but didn't because the first English class she took scared her to death. She ended up studying medieval history. She liked to read about saints, especially the ones that stood on the tops of pillars for years and years. After she graduated from UC Berkeley, she became an editor. She edited (not all at once) art criticism, textbooks for high-school students, a fiction and poetry magazine, short stories, and then, finally, books. After she had edited a couple hundred books, she decided that she could probably write one herself. So she went to writing school (that was a lot of fun) and wrote a bunch of books for grown-ups. Annie also got married and had two daughters, Clio and Esme. When Clio was little, she was the kind of person who wanted to hear the books she liked at least 14 times in a row. Luckily, Annie is the kind of person who likes to read books 14 times in a row. While Annie was reading all those kids' books she paid a lot of attention to how they were made and what made some terrific and some crummy. She remembered the books she loved when she was young and she remembered how important they were to her. And she thought: "I want to write children's books."



Katy Merriman (*Artistic Director*)

has been an active member of the local theatre community since moving to Des Moines in 2013. Her Playhouse directing credits include *Go, Dog. Go!*; *Guys and Dolls*; *The Sound of Music*;

the world premiere of *Escaping the Labyrinth*; *A Love Offering* (co-directed with Tiffany Johnson and Pyramid Theatre Company); and *I and You*. Other local performance and directing credits include *Once* (Girl) at The Playhouse and *The Glass Menagerie* (Laura), *King Lear* (Cordelia), *Our Town* (Emily), and *Fun Home* (director) with Iowa Stage Theatre Company. Prior to her time in Des Moines, Katy worked with numerous theatres in the Midwest as a performer, director, musician, and administrator.

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