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Director's Note,

At its essence, *Matilda, the Musical* is about the intersection of childhood and adulthood. Matilda is a child with wisdom beyond her years, caught in circumstances beyond her control that surround her with adults that act more like children. Miss Honey is an adult, who's confidence and agency has been stunted by traumatic events from her childhood.

People often assume that childhood is left in childhood. Adults are expected to "get over" events from long ago, but this turns out to be a more herculean feat than quips on social media to just "grow up" would have us believe. Likewise, we often assume that children don't have anything to offer in terms of wisdom or insight. As life has taught me and Matilda does a brilliant job of illustrating, both of these assumptions are far from true.

With *Matilda*, Roald Dahl, author of children's books *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and *James and the Giant Peach*, in his signature dark and quirky style, has written another story for children that refuses to talk down to kids. Dahl excels in telling stories that children can appreciate for its humor, fantasy elements and child protagonists, while dealing with very the realistic emotional and situational evils of the world.

It's this mixture of silliness and fantasy with honest reality that makes it an ideal musical to be performed by teenagers, who are themselves at a crossroads of childhood and adulthood. The cast and crew of Abilene High's production of *Matilda, the Musical* understand as well as anyone what it is like to feel adult like pressures, while still possessing childlike wonder and imagination. Having come through nearly two years of COVID and shutdowns these students have weathered much and have come through as resilient as ever, eager to display their talents and work ethic to the Abilene community.

My admiration for these students is great, and I can't wait for you to see the fruits of their hard work.

Kyle Martin, Director of *Matilda, The Musical*

Production Staff/Crew

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| Director..... | Kyle Martin |
| Music Director..... | Remel Derrick |
| Choreographer..... | Teri Wilkerson |
| Conductor..... | Dr. Jon Kraemer |
| Production Stage Manager..... | Xandra Tanner |
| Assistant Stage Managers..... | Sydney Spell Olivia Cabes |
| Dance Captains..... | Karissa Ward Samantha Connelly |
| Technical Director..... | Kyle Martin |
| Technical Assistant..... | Rob Taylor |
| Costume Designer..... | Mikayla Condra |
| Costume Assistants..... | Summer Walters Rachel Riley Kaelyn Pacheco |
| Scenic Designer..... | Kyle Martin |
| Lighting Designer..... | Rob Taylor |
| Light Console Operator..... | Jaxon Pietsek |
| Mic Board Operator..... | Dennis Irby |
| Sound/ Projection Operator..... | AJ Clever |
| Set Construction..... | Tech Theatre Classes |
| Box Office Manager..... | Rob Taylor |
| Costume Crew..... | Brandon Levis Christen Wuorinen |
| Hair & Makeup Crew..... | Rebeca Martinez |
| Spotlight Operators..... | Nathan Larance Ethan Neal |
| Running Crew..... | Red Wright Reagan Nickell Olivia Horn Deanna Brown Vivian Owinyo Jeremiah Davis Mo Carroll |

Cast

Matilda Wormwood.....Solya Lowe
Mr. Wormwood.....Jackson Riley
Mrs. Wormwood.....Karissa Ward
Michael Wormwood.....Austin Escobedo
Miss Honey.....Alexandra Shewmaker
Miss Trunchbull.....Leann Bailey
Mrs. Phelps.....Hope Fambrough
Lavender.....Carrie Mercer
Bruce.....Chloe Wester
Tommy.....Hope Arrazola
Amanda.....Ava Walters
Alice.....Bradie Flores
Nigel.....Kaelyn Pacheco
Hortensia.....Mira Savage
Eric.....Mallory Wildman
Big Kids.....Brooke Garduno
Ben Jeter
Parker Pacheco
Tarena Rodriguez
Hallie Wright
Little Kids.....Amy Neal
Gabby Nelson
Aubrey Palmer
Zoë Wilson
Snark Kid.....Cori Kissick
Scary Kid.....Eli Hauger
Rudolpho.....Caleb Irwin
The Escapologist.....Samantha Connelly
The Acrobat.....Lauren Scott
Dcotor/ Little Kid.....Molly Mercer
Nurse/ Big Kid.....Kelsie Patterson
Mum.....Elizabeth Murphee
Mum/ Big Kid.....Marly Gabriel
Ali McElhaney
Jaylynn Wilkins
Dad/Henchman.....Samuel Brooks
Big Kid/Henchmen.....Tate Eller
Juan Rocha
Nathan Wilson
Dad/ Big Kid/ Henchman.....Owen Horn
Children's Entertainer/ Sergei.....Gabriel McCracken

Orchestra

Conductor
Dr. Jon Kraemer

Keyboard (rehearsals only):
Remel Derrick

Keyboard 1:
Marc Sanders

Trumpet 1:
David Amlung

Trumpet 2:
Jay Lester

Trombone 1:
Clay Johnson

Reed 1:
Alanna Curley

Reed 2:
James Loera

Cello:
Molly Amlung

Guitar:
Brian Lester

Bass:
Stacey Nash

Percussion:
Drew Young
Mason Einkauf
Sam Thomas

Musical Numbers

Act I

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| Miracle..... | KIDS, PARENTS, MATILDA ENSEMBLE |
| Naughty..... | MATILDA |
| Acrobat Story I..... | ACROBAT, ESCAPOLOGIST |
| School Song..... | KIDS |
| Pathetic..... | MISS HONEY |
| Naughty Reprise (Superglue)..... | MATILDA |
| Chokey Chant..... | KIDS |
| Loud..... | MRS. WORMWOOD, RUDOLPHO, MISS HONEY, ENSEMBLE |
| The Hammer..... | TRUNCHBULL, KIDS |
| This Little Girl..... | MISS HONEY |
| Bruce..... | KIDS |

15 Minute Intermission

Act II

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| All I Know..... | MR.WORMWOOD |
| When I Grow Up..... | KIDS, MISS HONEY, MATILDA |
| I'm So Clever..... | MR.WORMWOOD |
| Acrobat Story IV (I'm Here)..... | ESCAPOLOGIST, MATILDA |
| Quiet..... | MATILDA |
| My House..... | MISS HONEY, ESCAPOLOGIST |
| Revolting Children..... | KIDS |
| Priyatna Paznakomitsa..... | SERGEI |
| Bows..... | COMPANY |

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Dr. Jon Kraemer

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Alanna Curley

Assistant Band Director/ Percussion Instructor
Drew Young

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Remel Derrick

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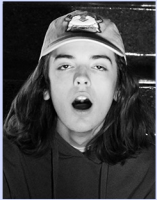
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Hope Arrazola (*Tommy*) is a Sophomore at Abilene High and was last seen in *Little Women* last year. Outside of theatre, they are involved with Pure Gold and Concert Choir. She was named to the TMEA All-Region Mixed choir. She would like to thank her grandmother and father for always being there when she needs them.



Leann Bailey (*Miss Trunchbull*) is a Senior at Abilene High and was last seen on stage as Marmee in *Little Women* last year. Leann is also a member of Pure Gold and Concert Choir here at Abilene High School. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has received a one every year for U.I.L. Solo and Ensemble since the 6th grade. Leann would like to thank her parents for encouraging her to keep singing.



Samuel Brooks (*Dad/Henchmen*) is a Senior at Abilene High and this is his first production at Abilene High School. In band, Samuel plays the bassoon and the marching symbols. Outside of theatre, Samuel is heavily involved with band and art. In his free time he likes to draw and make music. He is very proud of his headshot for the show.



Olivia Cabes (*Assistant Stage Manager*) is a Sophomore at Abilene High and is super excited to be working on her first AHS musical! She previously worked on *Inherit The Wind* here at Abilene High School. Outside of AHS, Olivia has worked on shows such as *Macbeth* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. She would like to thank the entire company of *Matilda* as well as Mr. Martin and Miss Condra.



(*) **Samantha Connelly** (*The Escapologist/Co-Dance Captain*) is a Junior at Abilene High School and has been seen in many AHS productions such as *Oklahoma!*, *Little Women*, *Hamlet*, and *Inherit The Wind*. She is also involved with the school newspaper, tech theatre, and has been dancing at Dance Discovery for 13 years. She has also been participating in a bowling league for six years. Samantha would like to thank her friends for being encouraging, and always being there for her when she needs them.



Tate Eller (*Big Kid/Henchmen*) is a Junior at Abilene High School and this is his first AHS Musical! He is also active in the AHS Band, and in his free time, enjoys playing Minecraft and skating. Tate is also a member of the National Honor Society here at AHS, and would like to thank his siblings, who have done musicals at Abilene High, and made it seem so fun!



(-) **Austin Escobedo** (*Michael*) is a Junior at Abilene High School and was seen on stage last year in *Hamlet* and *The Flu Season*. For his work in *The Flu Season*, he was awarded an Honorable Mention at the JV OAP Contest last year. Outside of school, Austin is heavily involved with Martial Arts and teaches children during the week.



(*) **Hope Fambrough** (*Mrs. Phelps*) is a Junior and this will be her 6th show to perform at Abilene High. Aside from acting, she has also served a few technical roles like being Stage Manager for *The Flu Season* and has operated Aux Lights for *Wit*, which she has earned All-Star Crew Award for. She is a member of the AHS Varsity Choir and has competed multiple times for All-State Choir. She would like to thank her family and friends for supporting her in all the things she does.



Bradie Flores (*Alice*) is a Junior at Abilene High School and was last seen in the AHS production of *Little Women*. Outside of theatre, she is heavily involved in choir and is a member of Pure Gold. Bradie would like to thank her sisters for persuading her to get involved with theatre because she has grown to love it so much.



(-) **Marly Gabriel** (*Mum/Big Kid*) is a Junior at Abilene High and has been involved with shows such as *The Flu Season* and *Hamlet*. Outside of theatre, Marly is involved with the Color Guard. In her free time, she likes to draw and collect things such as bones or rocks. Marly would like to thank all of her friends for making her happy.



Brooke Garduno (*Big Kid*) is a Senior at Abilene High and was last seen on stage in *Oklahoma!* Brooke is a drum major in the band, President of Crime Stoppers, Secretary for Key Club, and is a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, and U.I.L. Academics - Math and Science. Brooke has also been dancing for 15 years and would like to dedicate this performance to Creed Parrish who embodies everything that is love and friendship.



(-) **Eli Hauger** (*Scary Kid*) is a Sophomore at ATEMS and has been involved in productions such as *Hamlet* and *The Flu Season*. For his work in *The Flu Season*, he was awarded a technical award at the JV OAP Contest last year. Outside of school, Eli likes to walk around town. Eli would like to thank Mr. Martin and Mr. Taylor for guiding him. Eli would also like to thank his friends for their support.



Owen Horn (*Henchmen/Big Kid/Dad*) is a Junior at Abilene High and this is his first production. However, he has participated in Christmas shows with Church's in the past. Owen is also involved in band and is a member of the National Honor Society. He enjoys making music and videos in his free time. He would like to thank Samuel Brooks for inspiring him everyday.



(-) **Caleb Irwin** (*Rudolpho*) is a Sophomore at Abilene High and has been seen on stage in *Hamlet*, *The Flu Season*, *Little Women*, and *Inherit The Wind*. For his work in *The Flu Season*, he was awarded All Star Cast at the JV OAP Contest last year. Caleb is also involved in Band, and outside of school he likes to play hockey and the guitar. Caleb would like to thank all of the people in theatre for how much they care and to his directors for all they've given to the program.



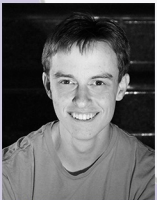
Ben Jeter (*Big Kid*) is a Sophomore at Abilene High and this is his first AHS Musical. However, Ben has performed in shows such as *The Paramount's Fiddler on the Roof*, CTE's *Bestest Bedtime Stories As Told By Our Grandpa*, and Abilene High's *Inherit The Wind*. Outside of theatre, Ben is a trombone player in the Eagle Band, and is an attorney for mock trials in Law I. Ben is also an Eagle Scout and would like to thank his parents for their support.



(-) **Cori Kissick** (*Little Kid*) is a Sophomore at Abilene High School and this is her first AHS Musical. Even though this is her first musical she has performed many times in shows at Abilene High such as: *Hamlet*, *The Flu Season*, *Inherit The Wind*. Outside of theatre, Cori is a Varsity cheer manager, and in her free time likes to draw and paint. She would like to thank her parents for allowing her to explore and do the things she loves.



(-) **Solya Lowe** (*Matilda*) is a Sophomore at Abilene High and has been seen in productions such as *Little Women*, *Hamlet*, *The Flu Season*, and *Inherit The Wind*. Outside of AHS, Solya has also performed at The Paramount in shows such as *Our Town*, *Legally Blonde*, *Elf*, and *Fiddler on The Roof*. She is also involved in Concert Choir here at AHS. Her hobbies include guitar, piano, and dancing. Solya would like to thank her parents for their support and encouraging her to pursue theatre.



Gabriel McCracken (*Children's Entertainer/Sergei*) is a Senior at Abilene High and was last seen on stage in *Little Women* last year. They are also involved with Choir, Band, and Steel Band. In his free time he writes music for the marimba. Gabriel was awarded "Most Outstanding Percussionist" their Freshmen and Junior year. He would like to thank his parents for encouraging him as a performer.



Ali McElhaney (*Mum/Big Kid*) is a Senior at Abilene High School and this is her first show at AHS! Outside of the musical, Ali is active in Concert Choir and participates in community service with Pioneer Drive Baptist Church. She is also a member of the National Honor Society and would like to thank her friends for pushing her to do the musical!



Carrie Mercer (*Lavender*) is a Freshman at Abilene High and was last seen in the fall production of *Inherit The Wind*. Outside of AHS, Carrie has performed at The Paramount and with Big Country Children's Theater. Carrie is also a cheerleader and is in choir. Carrie will also be competing at the National Thespian Festival this summer after receiving a superior rating at the Texas Thespian Festival. She would like to thank her grandpa Jimmy who always supports her in everything and loves music and performing just as much as she does.



(-) **Molly Mercer** (*Doctor/Little Kid*) is a Senior at Abilene High School and she has been seen on the AHS stage in productions such as *Inherit The Wind*, *Senior Directs 2021*, and *Little Women*. Outside of theatre she is actively involved in Concert Choir, *Ready Set Teach*, and *TAFE*. Molly has also been recognized as a Texas Music Scholar and All-State Choir participant and is a member of the National Honor Society. She will be attending Abilene Christian University in the fall to pursue Choral Musical Education. Molly would like to dedicate this to Creed Parrish.



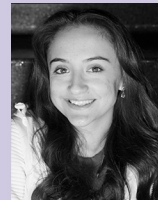
Elizabeth Murphee (*Mum*) is a Senior at Abilene High and this is their first production. She is also involved with the band and key club. Cheyanne is also involved with the Abilene Youth Orchestra. Cheyanne would like to thank her aunt and uncle for giving her a better life.



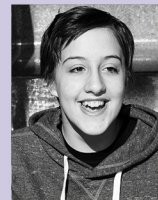
Amy Neal (*Little Kid*) is a Freshman at Abilene High School and this is her first musical. She was in many productions at Craig Middle School such as *Alice and Wonderland*, *Kowabunga Killer*, and *Greek Mythology Olympiaganza*. She also served on the tech crew for *Inherit The Wind*.



Gabby Nelson (*Little Kid*) is a Freshman at Abilene High School and this is their first time to be in a play! In their free time they enjoy drawing and art. Gabby would like to thank their friend Kade, because she is always funny and communicates well with everyone.



Kaelyn Pacheco (*Nigel*) is a Senior at Abilene High school and was seen in last year's musical, *Little Women*. Kaelyn was also the stage manager for the fall show, *Inherit The Wind*. Kaelyn is also in Concert Choir and is a senior class representative. Before moving to Texas she was named an All State Soprano twice. Kaelyn would like to thank her parents for their support. Kaelyn would also like to thank Mr. Derrick and Mr. Taylor, for being mentors to her and helping her with her college auditions, and Mrs. Weeks for helping her become more confident.



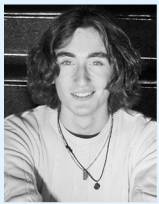
Parker Pacheco (*Big Kid*) is a Freshman at Abilene High and was last seen on stage in *Inherit The Wind*. Parker also performed in the show *Dark Road* in the 8th grade. In his free time, he likes to draw. Parker would like to thank his sister and friends for inspiring him.



Aubrey Palmer (*Little Kid*) is a Freshman at Abilene High and this is her first musical at AHS! Aubrey has been seen in *Inherit The Wind* at AHS, *Willy Wonka* and *Alice in Wonderland* with BCCT, and *Frozen* at the Paramount. Outside of theatre, Aubrey is involved with Tennis and takes dance classes through APAC.



Kelsie Patterson (*Nurse/Big Kid*) is a Sophomore at Abilene High and has been seen on stage in *Little Women* and *Inherit The Wind*. Outside of theatre, Kelsie is active in Choir, Tennis, and Debate. In her free time, Kelsie plays guitar, ukulele, and likes to embroider. Kelsie received first place in the regional congressional debate and is advancing to state. Kelsie is also a top 10 region TMEA chair. She would like to thank her mom and her dad.



(-) **Jackson Riley** (*Mr. Wormwood*) is a Sophomore at Abilene High School as has been seen on stage in Senior Directs 2021, *Little Women*, and *Inherit The Wind*. Outside of AHS, he has performed in ACU's homecoming productions of *The King and I*, *Les Miserables*, and a few summer productions at APAC. Last year he was given the "Swaggiest Swag Award." Jackson would like to thank his parents for helping him memorize his lines and for helping him get to rehearsals.



Juan Rocha (*Henchmen/Big Kid*) is a Junior at Abilene High School and this is his first production! He is involved with the Abilene High Band and is a member of the National Honor Society. Outside of school Juan loves to skateboard and practice Brazilian jiu-jitsu. Juan would like to thank his family and friends for convincing him to audition for the musical.



Tarena Rodriguez (*Big Kid*) is a Freshman at Abilene High School and this is her first High School Production. At Mann Middle School, she was seen in *Little Women*, *#Unheard*, and *Orange is the New Glass*. Outside of school she is a youth leader at her Church and enjoys making earrings in her free time. Tarena would like to thank her father for encouraging her, and God for helping her through hard times.



Mira Savage (*Hortensia*) is a Junior at Abilene High and this is her first production here at AHS. Outside of Abilene High, Mira was seen in *Elf* at The Paramount and *Little Women* at Mann Middle School. Mira is also in Concert Choir, Pure Gold, a Gold Rush Officer, and Junior Class Officer. Mira is also a member of the National Honor Society and was named Gold Rush's Sweetheart. She would like to thank her mom for her support and Mr. Derrick, Mrs. Weeks, and Mrs. Allison for helping her with anything she needs.



(-) **Lauren Scott** (*The Acrobat*) is a Senior at Abilene High and was last seen in *Oklahoma!* and *Big Fish*. Outside of theatre she is also thoroughly involved with the school's visual art program, and is also a senior editor for the school's literary journal, the Gallimaufry. Lauren would like to thank her family for continuing to support her interests and passions, and always encouraging her to do her best. She'd also like to thank her boyfriend for sticking with her and laughing with her.



(*) **Alexandra Shewmaker** (*Miss Honey*) is a Senior at Abilene High and has been seen in many AHS productions such as *Inherit The Wind*, *Hamlet*, *Wit*, *Big Fish*, and *Oklahoma!* Outside of AHS Theatre, Alexandra has participated in many of the JR musicals at the Paramount. She is also in Choir and a member of the National Honor Society. Alexandra would like to thank Mr. Martin and Mr. Taylor for being the best directors ever. This performance is dedicated to Creed Parrish.



Sydney Spell (*Assistant Stage Manager*) is a Sophomore at Abilene High and this is her first musical at Abilene High. Sydney did tech for *Inherit The Wind* this year. Outside of theatre, Sydney is also involved with Band and debate. Sydney has been awarded the Duke Scholars, Solo and Ensemble, and Region Band. She would like to thank her family for encouraging her to be her best self.



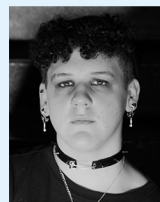
Xandra Tanner (*Production Stage Manager*) is a Junior at Abilene High and has worked on many shows here including: *This One Thing I Do*, *Oklahoma!*, and *Inherit The Wind*. Outside of school Xandra works, and in her free time loves cooking and art. She would like to thank her sister, Kira for inspiring her to be in theater, as well as her graduated friends, who convinced her to step out of her shell and act.



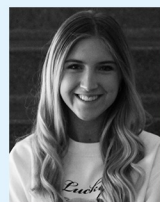
Ava Walters (Amanda) is a Junior at Abilene High and this is her second year doing the musical after appearing in *Little Women* last year. Outside of theatre Ava is a cheerleader, a member of the National Honor Society, a TAFE officer, and is the Junior Class President. Ava enjoys spending time with family and friends, taking pictures, and making Spotify playlists. Ava would like to thank her parents for their encouragement and for their credit card. She would also like to thank Pierson and Sadie for making her feel cooler than she really is.



(*) **Karissa Ward** (*Mrs. Wormwood/Co-Dance Captain*) is a Senior at Abilene High School and this is her fourth year to do the musical. She has been seen in *Big Fish*, *Oklahoma!*, *Little Women*, *Hamlet*, *Wit*, and *Inherit The Wind*. Karissa is the principal clarinetist and Head Drum Major in the Abilene High Band. Karissa also dances at APAC, and will have the opportunity to compete later this year at Nationals for the International Thespian Society. She would like to thank her family. Karissa would like to dedicate this performance to Creed Parrish.



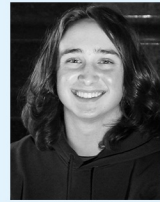
Chloe Wester (*Bruce*) is a Freshman at Abilene High and this is her first production! Outside of theatre Chloe likes shopping for clothes, drawing, fashion designing, and most importantly singing. They are really excited to have this opportunity especially since she gets to perform with so many talented people. Chloe has always been a theater kid at heart since she was little.



Mallory Wildman (*Eric*) is a Junior at Abilene High and this is her first musical here at AHS. She was seen on stage last year in *Crazytown*. Outside of theatre, Mallory dances at APAC and is a member of the National Honor Society. Mallory would like to thank her parents for supporting her in everything that she does.



Jaylynn Wilkins (*Mum/Big Kid*) is a Senior at Abilene High School and has been involved with many productions since moving here last year such as *Little Women*, *Crazytown*, Senior Directs 2021, and *Inherit The Wind*. At her previous school she was involved with *Proof* and *Over The River and Through The Woods*. Outside of theatre they are involved with Speech and Debate and Choir. Her hobbies include art, music, directing, and video editing. Jaylyn would like to thank Mr. Martin and Mr. Taylor for pushing her to do what she loves.



Nathan Wilson (*Henchmen/Big Kid*) is a Junior at Abilene High School and was last seen in *Little Women* last year. Nathan is also involved with Band, Choir, and the Steel Band. He is the drum captain for the drumline. He also likes to skateboard and play guitar. Nathan would like to thank Gabriel McCracken for being the best.



Zoë Wilson (*Little Kid*) is Freshman at Abilene High and this is her first production at AHS. Outside of AHS, Zoë performed in The Paramount's production of *The King and I*. In addition to theatre, she is also involved in tennis, choir, orchestra and art. For orchestra, she has received many solo and ensemble awards. She would like to thank Taylor Swift for making music.



Hallie Wright (*Big Kid*) is a Senior at Abilene High and has been seen on stage in *Little Women*, *Crazytown*, and *Inherit The Wind*. Hallie is involved with the Gallimaufry, the school's literary journal, and is a dancer at Key City Dance Center. Hallie received the National Math & Science Initiative Award, The Outstanding Ensemble Member Award and Outstanding Newcomer Member Award. Hallie would like to thank her mom for working around her very busy schedule.



Kyle Martin (*Director*) has been teaching theatre for 19 years and is in his fifth year as the head director of Abilene High Theatre. He is a 2001 graduate of Abilene Christian University where he earned a BFA in Acting and Directing. His favorite shows that he has directed include *Polish Joke*, *Bubble Boy*, *Shakespeare's Land of the Dead*, *Godspell*, *James and the Giant Peach*, *The Drowsy Chaperone*, and *Hamlet*. As an actor Mr. Martin has appeared on stage at Abilene Community Theatre as the Dentist in *Little Shop of Horrors* and as Falstaff in the 2018 Abilene Shakespeare Festival Production of *The Merry Wives of Windsor*. He has two daughters who attend AISD schools and his wife, Amanda, is a 1997 graduate of AHS and teaches at Bonham Elementary.



Remel Derrick (*Music Director*) Since 2015 Mr. Derrick has served as the Assistant Director of Choirs, as well as the AP Music Theory Teacher. Mr. Derrick is a graduate of Southwestern Christian College as well as Abilene Christian University, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music. Mr. Derrick owns a choral music publishing company called *Summit Music Publishing*, and he composes choral music of all types, particularly for schools and churches. He is fortunate enough to be married to his lovely wife Angela, and they have a wonderful daughter Caylie. *Matilda* marks the seventh year and eighth musical production. His AHS musical directing credits are *Inherit The Wind*, *Little Women*, *Oklahoma!*, *Bubble Boy*, *Big Fish*, and *The Drowsy Chaperone*.



Dr. Kraemer (*Orchestra Conductor*) Dr. Kraemer began teaching in 2006. A native of the DFW metroplex, he graduated from Waxahachie HS in 1998. He went on to East Texas Baptist University where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education in 2002, and then to Texas Tech University where he earned both a Master's of Conducting in 2004, and a Ph.D. in Fine Arts: Musicology in 2009. Dr. Kraemer is now in his 15th year teaching. Prior to coming to Abilene, Dr. Kraemer was the Director of Bands for Pampa ISD for 3 years and the Director of Bands at Roosevelt ISD for 7 years before that. Dr. Kraemer was an Assistant Director at Abilene High during the 2017-18 school year before assuming the role of Director of Bands at AHS. Dr. Kraemer's specialty is brass with an emphasis in Trumpet. Dr. Kraemer is also a member of the adjunct teaching faculty of the Hardin-Simmons University College of Fine Arts. Dr. Kraemer and his wife are co-authors of the book, "The Band Director's Guide to Success", a 2016 Oxford University Press publication. Dr. Kraemer's family includes his wife, Michelle, their three children, and their adorable West Highland White Terrier.



Rob Taylor (*Assistant Theatre Director*) is in his third year teaching, with this year being his second at Abilene High School. Rob obtained his BFA in Theatre Education from Hardin-Simmons University in 2019 and completed his student teaching here at Abilene High as well. His past directing credits include: *Inherit The Wind*, *The Flu Season*, *Little Women*, *A View From The Bridge*, and *Middletown*. Outside of directing theatre, Rob is very active in the community theatre scene having appeared in multiple shows with Abilene Community Theatre and The Paramount, including: *Clue*, *Almost, Maine*, *Other Desert Cities*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *The Robber Bridegroom*, and *Into The Woods*. In his free time he loves watching baseball, singing, playing guitar, and playing piano.



Teri Wilkerson (*Choreographer*) is the owner of Dance Discovery Studios and the Artistic Director of Chameleon Performing Arts Company, which combines all styles of dance and theatre for original productions for the stage. She received her Dance Masters Certification in 1985, and opened Dance Discovery the same year. Since 1992, she has directed and/or choreographed over 180 musicals for HSU, ACU, McMurry, Abilene High, Abilene Cooper, Wylie High School, the Abilene Opera Association, and the Historic Paramount Theatre. She has received the Excellence in Choreography Award from the American College Theatre Festival, as well as the Presidential Teaching Award from the United States Department of Education. She is a former artist with Young Audiences and is an adjunct Instructor of Dance at HSU. Previous directorial credits with HSU include *Sweet Charity*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *This Random World*, *Anything Goes*, *The Wedding Singer*, *The Addams Family*, *A Christmas Carol*, and *The Elaborate Entrance of Chad Deity*. Teri has one daughter, Kirby, who shares her passion for teaching and performing.



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Abilene High School is home of Troupe #1818, a chapter of the International Thespian Society. ITS is an honor society for theatre students that exists to provide resources for learning about theatre, scholarship opportunities for those wishing to study theatre in college, and better the community through service projects and arts education. To be inducted into ITS students must accumulate at least 10 points. Points are earned by participating in theatre activities, either as an actor or in a behind-the-scenes capacity.

Ice Cream

(*) Denotes Officer
(-) Denotes Member



Alexandra Shewmaker, Troupe President
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Hope Fambrough, Officer

Program Art by Greyson Sloane & Cori Kissick
Animation created by Kelsie Patterson, Jonas Cargile, Gabby Charo, Maya Morrell, Star Neff, Johnny Nguyen, David Robertson, Juan Rocha, Britton Sechrist, Jada Stoots, Lancaster Taylor, & Felipe Villarreal.

Artwork Provided by the students of Abilene ISD

Stafford Elementary

Kindergarten

Kobe Barnes
Cayson Casady
Zaedyn Crain
Scarlett Diaz
Lillian Durant
Lane Flores
Za'Kiyaa Lamb-Jackson
Josiah Lara
Lukas Luckenbaugh
Ja'nyre Muhawenimana
Orion Petrosky
Aaliyah Quinones
Ophelia Ramirez
Adeleena Rodriguez
BriLin Salgren
Meiko Wyatt-Jones
Aubrey Cruz
Isaac Cruz
Asa Driggs
Luke Evans
Gabriel Garcia
Casey Johnson
Liam Lara
Yescenia Martinez
Kaydence Mooney
Abel Pena
Alaze Peralez
Angel Quinones
Lilah Ramirez
Jacob Reyes
Bralin Salgren
CaitLynn Spraggins
Zoey Wrightson
Zane Bassen
Nova Block
Ja'Bella Booker-Smotherman
Taylor Denson
Arrianna Esparza
Anastasia Garcia
Otto Jackel
Marcus Moore
Addison Nelson
Lydia Parks
Ellie Ramirez
Kaylissa Robillard
Gwyn Smith
Lisa Spivey
Enzo Stribling
Jace Williams
Anson Dickerson
Elaine Earnest
Kenny Fariala
Nova Foster
Sky Garcia
Boston Glaze
Zendayia Jones
Judah Large
Avery Mason
Waylon Matthews

Santos Mobley-Estrada
Ellieana Narvaez
Cameron Owens
Bentley Range
Nikolas Reyna
Liliana Segovia-Estrada
Jax Smith
Vincent Velasquez
Jaylon Velasquez

First Grade

Joshua Bahekelwa
Shea Beltran
Dante Bobo
Alice Crone
Aurora Davila
Zaiden Durden
Ellianna Esparza
Serenity Green
Dixie Harris
Terreall Johnson Jr
Elijah Kirvin
Lailah Limones
Joaquin Medina
Sebastian Moore
Adrian Munoz
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Jose Ramirez Jr
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Xavier Martinez
Jasiah McLendon
Yvette Mwema
Daisy Ramirez
Nolan Reyna
Jordyn Valenzuela
Kymberlyn Vernon
Everly Woodward
Nyyella Acosta
Archer Akers
Cierra Campos
Da'rion Clayton
Danielle De La Vega
Nia Guerrero
Salter Ingram

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Luke Martinez
Alejandro Padilla
Ruben Reyes
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Catilaya Carmona
Rylin Ditmore
Jabez Freeman Jr
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Kyson
Gutierrez-Nieto
Ava Harris
Jasmine Jones
Lucas Langkiet
Karrigan Lee
Diego Martinez Jr
BrodinPierce
Hazel Tutt
Jeremiah Valasquez

Second Grade

Isaiah Bien
Zailee Cantu
Savonne Cleghorn
Teagan Durant
Lynnlee Fedro
Avery Jackson
Emmalyn Jay
Christopher Lopez
Lily McClintock
Blake Peters
Liam Reyes
Riley Reynolds
Maryana Rocha
Hayden Self
Elias Shabani
Eli Stokes
Logan Ussery
Ava Valenzuela
Cetlali Vasquez
Miraeya Alvarado
Kenas Amani
Ta'kayla Artis
Miguel Cervantes
Zayne Crain
Alanna Davila
Jackson Dodson
Everly Fields
Serenity Filorio
Chloe Fry
Juan Garcia Jr
John Helmick

Justin McGarity
Ethan Moore
Hayden Nichols
Aleyah Nino
N'Riah Norris
Gabriella Ramirez
Sa'Nyia Smith
Fox Walton
Styles Williams
Angelyah Bingham
Gabriella Brown
Clarissa Campos
Derion Collins
Amari Ellis
Dorian Ferger
De'Mikal Foster
Natalia Garcia
Zolay Gonzales
Caleb Hancock
Kaylee Hatley
Jackson Kirkes
Kendall Martin
Adrian Martinez
Raelee Pittman
Elora Rouse
Alizelya Saucedo
Jonah Simonsen
Terry Walker
Serenity Winters

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Isabella Bellman
Joe Reese Flores III
Katalina Garcia
Da'Niyya
Ghant-Brooks
Madelyn Jornd
Jaxon King
Angelica Landin
Luna Lopez-Jaimes
Safi Lubala
Ryan Maldonado
Jose Mares
Lorenzo Peralez
Caiclyn Peters
Jennica Tavera
Roy Thompson Jr
Emma Valenzuela
Maria Valengamina
David Akers
Nathan Alvarado
Yareli Arrazola
Adrian Benavidez
Harlee Boalts
La'Nisha Clayton
Jackson Giddings
Braylon Goodman
Lucas Hancock
Kayden Holder
Asher Johnson

Gemma Knight
Andrew Maxfield
Genovi Reyes
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Day'Tona Clayton
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Leilani Dorsey
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Deandrea Hester
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Terrance Kirk
Justin Langkiet
Jayceon Lattimore
Christopher Montelongo
Emily Owen
Rudy Palomar
Noah Reyna
Elexiah Sanchez
Iris Tucker
Emanuel Becerra
Jayla Clark

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Bryce Burkett
Spencer Colwell
Arianna Conner
Isabella Gonzales
De'Cember Harrell
Travon Hill
Brandon Martinez
Roxana Miranda
Isaac Perez
Kasin Pierce
Quorra Salmon
Carson Schmittling
Michael Silva

Tyler Tedford
Iathan Torres
Deshawn Swalker
Melody York
Dante Almendarez
Meike Beck
Jordan Blount
Michaela Bogart
Serena Esparza
Abigail Flores
Elijah Gabat
Jaxon Hooper
Jayden Jimenez
Ryker Lee
Alyssa Luera
Umuhoga Mangaza
Dalia Paradez
Kimberly Patterson
Ayden Pena
David Rios
Alyssa Villarreal
Adrianna Willet
Laila Benavidez
Dixie Clifton
Jayce Dorsey
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Alexia Garcia
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Ja'Lissa Garcia
Emerson Gutierrez-Nieto
Javon Hill
Adrienne Johnson
Serena Jornd
Jose Lopez III
Aubreyanna Martinez
Nyla Rios
Zariah Robles-Navejas
Ashton Self
Alliana Valerio

David Webster
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Silas Diaz
Makenna Dickinson
Jacob Doherty
Socrates Islas Jr
Eva Karst
Jayden Lopez
Junior Mahosso
Roman Martinez
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Lilyanna Pachicano
Alondra Parades
Paisley Quiroz
Paxton Ramos-Toler
Coleman Reynolds
Sol Salmon
Trameon Sanchez Jr
Hope Simonsen
Sarai Smith
Andre Winters I
Elias Benavidez
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AZavion Essix
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Miracle Seay
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Addilay Valerio
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JL Brawley
Nerriah Cantu
Dalylah Crews
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Kali Greer
Taylor Griffith
Chloe Hancock
Jeremiah Hodges-Early
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Caleb Luera
Layla Luna

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Brendley
Sims-Mallard
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Aryanna
Benivamondez
Karter Bennett
Amyria Blanton
Muriel Carreno Jr
Victor Carreno
Maya Delgado
Colten Dell
Alex Escamilla
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Cyria Graves
Nevaeh Howard
Nickolas Jackson
Winter Marines
Josiah Martinez
Kelsie Patterson
Abigail Patterson
Anabella Peralez
Josiah Sanchez
Violet Silva
Jamarius Spotwood
Jasmine Villarreal

Ortiz Elementary

Second Grade

Julian Jaquez

Fourth Grade

Kailee Nowlan

Ward Elementary

Second Grade

Pacey Beasley
Neviah Joseph
Dallen LeChot
Shayla Ward
Tressin Grisham
Jane Heck
Emma Rosenquist
La'Niyah
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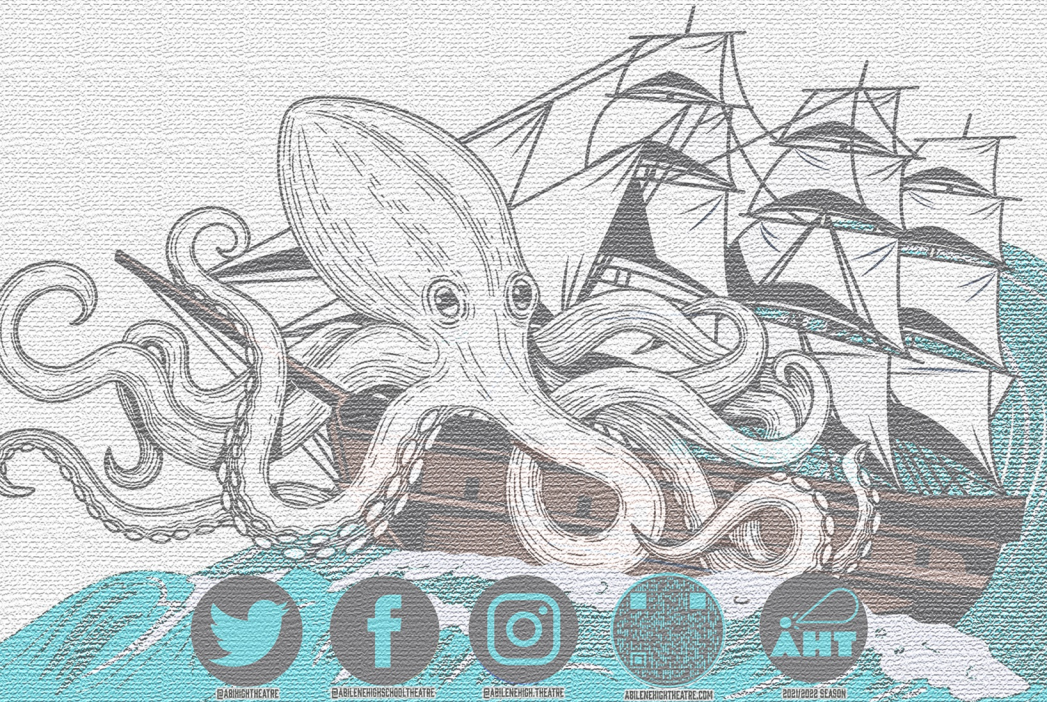
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