

**ABILENE HIGH & COOPER FINE ARTS PRESENT:**

**nickelodeon.**  
**THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL**

**Based on the series by Stephen Hillenburg**

**FEBRUARY 2-4 @ 7PM**

**FEBRUARY 4 @ 1PM**

**ABILENE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

**\$10 ADMISSION**



**Original Songs by**

**Yolanda Adams | Steven Tyler and Joe Perry of Aerosmith | Sara Bareilles | Jonathan Coulton | Alex Ebert of Edward Sharpe & The Magnetic Zeros | The Flaming Lips | Lady A | Cyndi Lauper | John Legend | Panic! At the Disco | Plain White T's | They Might Be Giants | T.I. | And Songs by David Bowie | Tom Kenny & Andy Paley | Additional Lyrics by Jonathan Coulton | Additional Music by Tom Kitt | Book by Kyle Jarrow**

**Musical Production Conceived by Tina Landau**

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# TEXAS THESPIANS<sup>SM</sup>



## WHAT ARE THESPIANS?

A Thespian troupe is an honor society that recognizes and rewards excellence among the participants in the theatre arts program. In order to become a Thespian, a student must earn ten points, the equivalent of one hundred hours of work, which allows them to be inducted into the International Thespian Society.

### AHS THESPIAN OFFICERS

*President*

Samantha Connelly

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Mallory Wildman, Xandra Tanner,  
Caleb Irwin, Jackson Riley,  
Hope Fambrough, & Ava Walters

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*President*

Lily Kovac

*Board*

Alyssa del Castillo, Emily Whan,  
Zoey Klohn, Ashton Peterson,  
& Kamonie Ford

## THE TEXAS THESPIAN FESTIVAL

Our troupes provides many opportunities to experience and get involved in theatre both inside and outside of school. Each year, for instance, we attend The Texas Thespian Festival, held at the Gaylord Texan Resort in Grapevine, Texas. This opportunity allows thespians to participate in workshops, see shows, perform, compete, and attend lectures from experienced, working professionals in the theatre world. When competing, students have the opportunity to go and perform at the National Festival in the summer if they are ranked *Superior* by their judges. The following students all received *Superior* ratings and will have the opportunity to take their selections to Indiana!

### AHS NATIONAL QUALIFIERS

Carrie Mercer

Hope Fambrough

Austin Escobedo & Anicia Salyers

Xandra Tanner & Red Wright

Lillian Simpson

### CHS NATIONAL QUALIFIERS

Lily Kovac

Tivona Nguyen

Emily Whan & Kamonie Ford

Zoey Klohn & Alyssa del Castillo

*We are so proud of Troupe 1818 and Troupe 2332!*



# MUSICAL NUMBERS

## ACT ONE

BIKINI BOTTOM DAY.....	SPONGEBOB, COMPANY
NO CONTROL.....	PERCH, COMPANY
BFF.....	SPONGEBOB, PATRICK
WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH.....	PLANKTON, COMPANY
(JUST A) SIMPLE SPONGE.....	SPONGEBOB, COMPANY
DADDY KNOWS BEST.....	MR. KRABS, PEARL
HERO IS MY MIDDLE NAME.....	SPONGEBOB, PATRICK, SANDY
SUPER SEA-STAR SAVIOR.....	SARDINES, PATRICK
TOMORROW IS.....	SANDY, COMPANY

*THERE WILL BE A 15 MINUTE INTERMISSION*

## ACT TWO

POOR PIRATES.....	PATCHY, PIRATES
BIKINI BOTTOM DAY (REPRISE).....	SPONGEBOB
BIKINI BOTTOM BOOGIE.....	ELECTRIC SKATES, PEARL
CHOP TO THE TOP.....	SANDY, SPONGEBOB
(I GUESS I) MISS YOU.....	PATRICK, SPONGEBOB
I'M NOT A LOSER.....	SQUIDWARD, SEA ANEMONE
SIMPLE SPONGE (REPRISE).....	SPONGEBOB
BEST DAY EVER.....	SPONGEBOB, COMPANY
FINALE.....	COMPANY
SPONGEBOB THEME SONG.....	COMPANY



# CAST

SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS.....	CARRIE MERCER
SANDY CHEEKS.....	LILY KOVAC
PATRICK STAR.....	OWEN HORN
SHELDON J. PLANKTON.....	ZOEY KLOHN
SQUIDWARD Q. TENTACLES.....	KAMONIE FORD
EUGENE KRABS.....	JACKSON RILEY
PEARL KRABS.....	MALLORY WILDMAN
PERCH PERKINS.....	KELSIE PATTERSON
MAYOR.....	SAMANTHA CONNELLY
LARRY THE LOBSTER.....	GAVEN AGUIRRE
GARY THE SNAIL.....	ALEX HALL
BUSTER.....	EMILY WHAN
MRS. PUFF.....	CLAUDIA JACQUES
OLD MAN JENKINS.....	CORI KISSICK
KAREN.....	HOPE FAMBROUGH
THE ELECTRIC SKATES.....	AVA WALTERS HOPE ARRAZOLA AMELIA ROCKETT
PATCHY THE PIRATE.....	XANDRA TANNER

## THE DANCING ENSEMBLE

ALYSSA DEL CASTILLO, EMILY WHAN, GAVEN AGUIRRE,  
SOFIA BORRASSO, KRISHNA BOONE, CALEB IRWIN, CORI KISSICK,  
AVA WALTERS, GRACE EASON, AUBREY PALMER, BEN JETER,  
NATHAN WILSON, TARENA RODRIGUEZ, SHAELEIGH WILLIAMSON,  
JUAN ROCHA, PARKER PACHECO, MALLORY WILDMAN,  
KELSIE PATTERSON, SAMANTHA CONNELLY

## ADDITIONAL ENSEMBLE

ALEX HALL, OLIVIA SAUCEDO, KADENCE KURES,  
SYLER RICHARDSON, LILLIAN WEAVER, CHRISTINA SUTTON,  
MALAYA GILES, VIXEN HARBOUR, SAVANNAH BRUTON,  
KORBEN CHANEY, AMY NEAL, ZOE JETER, NICHOLAS VEGA,  
MERIT ALBRIGHT, RIGBY SAMUELS, ZOË WILSON, TATE ELLER,  
BLAKE WARE, RED WRIGHT, KADE WESTER





**Gaven Aguirre** (*Larry The Lobster / Dancing Ensemble*) is a Sophomore at Cooper High School and this is his second year doing the musical. He was last seen on stage in *Something Rotten* as a bard boy. Outside of theatre Gaven is a member of Student Council as well as Cooper Choir's ensemble: *Red, Rhythm, and Blues*. Gaven would like to thank his mom and dad for their support as well as his friends who have given him the confidence to be the performer that he is. Gaven's favorite memory came from the tap audition as he surprised himself by learning as much as he did.



**Merit Albright** (*Ensemble*) is a Freshman at Abilene High School and this is her first show ever! Outside of theatre, she is active in Choir and has been recognized by TMEA. Merit would like to thank her parents for encouraging her to do something outside of her comfort zone. She also thanks her friends and both theatre departments for being so welcoming. Her favorite part of the show has been watching the show come together little by little and learning all of the music.



**Hope Arrazola** (*Electric Skate / Dancing Ensemble*) is a Junior at Abilene High School and has been seen in the musicals *Little Women* and *Matilda*. Outside of theatre, she is involved with Pure Gold and Concert Choir. She has been named to the TMEA All-State choir Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior year. Hope is also a member of the National Honor society. She also received the Texas Music Scholar Award at the end of her Freshman and Sophomore years and competed at State UIL Solo and Ensemble contest. Hope would like to thank her family for supporting her and her fellow cast mates for being amazing. Her favorite part of the show has been getting to skate around!



**Darcy Bell** (*Assistant Stage Manager*) is a Junior at Cooper High School and has been involved in shows such as *Fools*, *12 Angry Jurors*, and *Something Rotten*. Outside of theatre, she is a member of the NHS and is involved with Photography, for which she received an award from the Texas Art Association. Darcy would like to thank her director, Mr. Taylor for giving her a great experience in theatre. Her favorite memory during the show was hanging out with all the Stage Managers.



**Krishna Boon** (*Dancing Ensemble*) is a Junior at Cooper High School and this is her first year doing the musical. Krishna was last seen on stage last year in *Day of Shows*. Outside of theatre, Krishna serves as a trainer. She would like to thank the cast for all of their hard work in the show, as well as her mom for being the best! Krishna's favorite experience so far has been learning all of the dances in the show.



**Sofia Borrasso** (*Dancing Ensemble*) is a Junior at Cooper High School and has participated in the ensemble and tech for many shows. Sofia is a member of the NHS and her favorite part of the show has been the dance rehearsals!



**Savannah Bruton** (*Ensemble*) is a Sophomore at Cooper High School and this is her second year doing the musical. She has been seen on stage in *Something Rotten* and *Beauty and the Beast*. Outside of theatre, she is involved with Martial Arts and is a member of the NHS. Savannah would like to thank her mom and her friends. Her favorite memory from the show came from the first (very messy) run through.





**Alyssa del Castillo** (*Dancing Ensemble*) is a Junior at Cooper High School and has been involved in theatre since her time at Clack. She has been seen in shows such as *This Random World*, *12 Angry Jurors*, and *Freaky Friday*. Outside of theatre, Alyssa is involved with TAFE. Alyssa also serves as the theatre Secretary and Vice President for Troupe 2332. Alyssa also qualified for Nationals at the Texas Thespian Festival in November. She would like to thank her parents for being so supportive and has had an absolute blast working on *I'm Not A Loser* in the show.



**Korben Chaney** (*Ensemble*) is a Freshman at ATEMS and has been seen in shows such as *Beauty and the Beast*, *Lafayette No.1*, and *A Christmas Carol*. In middle school, he received an *Honorable Mention* award. Outside of theatre, he is involved with Orchestra and Robotics. Korben would like to thank his friends for their support. His favorite memory has been when he cut open his nose while head butting someone during rehearsal.



**Samantha Connelly** (*Mayor / Dance Captain*) is a Senior at Abilene High School and has been seen in shows such as *Inherit The Wind*, *Shipwrecked*, and *Hamlet*. For her work in *Shipwrecked*, she earned an *All Star Cast* award and an *Honorable Mention* award. Outside of theatre, she has been dancing for 15 years at Dance Discovery, and is Co-Editor-In-Chief for the AHS newspaper. Sam would like to thank her mom and Oma for their support. She would also like to thank Teri Wilkerson and Riley Arnold for being there throughout the years. Her favorite memory from the show has been when Mr. Derrick finished teaching a song and said "And that's Tenor I."



**Grace Eason** (*Dancing Ensemble*) is a Freshman at Abilene High School and this is her first musical to do. She has been seen in *Appropriate*, *Anne of Green Gables*, and *#UNHEARD*. For her work in *Anne of Green Gables*, she was awarded *Best Performer* at the Middle School One Act Play contest last year. Outside of theatre, she is also involved in Art. Grace would like to thank her parents and older siblings for their support. Her favorite memory during the show has been having fun at all of the dance rehearsals.



**Tate Eller** (*Ensemble*) is a Senior at Abilene High School and this is his second year to do the musical. He was last seen on stage last year as a Henchmen in *Matilda*. Outside of the theatre, Tate is involved with band where he has advanced to Phase Two Region and Received division ones at Solo and Ensemble. He is also a member of the NHS and would like to thank his family and friends for encouraging him. His favorite memory of the show has been hanging out with his friends after rehearsal has ended.



**Hope Fambrough** (*Karen*) is a Senior at Abilene High School and has been involved in theatre all four years. Some of her favorite shows include *Hamlet*, *Matilda*, and *Alice in Wonderland*. Outside of AHS theatre, Hope has also performed for BCPAC and APAC. Outside of theatre, she is active in Choir and TAFE, as well as serves as the school's mascot. Hope qualified for Nationals at the Texas Thespian Festival for the second year in a row in November. Hope would like to thank her parents for supporting her! Hope will be attending Tarleton State University and major in Theatre Education after graduation.



**Kamonie Ford** (*Squidward Q. Tentacles*) is a Junior at Cooper High School and has been in shows such as *Something Rotten*, *Fools*, and *12 Angry Jurors*. Outside of theatre, Kamonie takes dance classes at Dance Discovery and is involved with Super Crew and S2S. He is also a member of the NHS. Kamonie would like to thank his mom for being his biggest inspiration. He also thanks his theatre friends, for their growth motivates him as well. His favorite part of the show has been learning to tap and getting to show everyone what he's got!





**Malayah Giles** (*Ensemble*) is a Sophomore at Cooper High School and this is her first time performing in a show! Outside of theatre, she is involved with the Curly Coogs. Malaya would like to thank her family for their support, her friend Julia for always being there, and the cast for making this show an amazing experience. Her favorite memory during the show was when Siri interrupted Mr. Westman in the middle of a rehearsal.



**Alex Hall** (*Gary The Snail*) is a Sophomore at Cooper High School and has been seen in shows such as *Beauty and the Beast* and *This Random World*. He would like to thank Darcy for driving him around to rehearsals and letting him talk about Transformers, even though she covers her ears sometimes. His favorite part of the show has been music rehearsals, because the Tenors like to act a little silly during them.



**Vixen Harbour** (*Ensemble*) is a Junior at Cooper High School and this is his first time to be on stage! Outside of theatre, Vixen is a member of the yearbook leadership team. Vixen would like to thank his mom and dad for their support and for believing in him. Vixen also thanks Mark Fischbach, for being a role model, and because his videos have helped Vixen through his darkest times. Vixen's favorite memory of the musical has been hanging out backstage with all of the other ensemble.



**Owen Horn** (*Patrick Star*) is a Senior at Abilene High School and has been seen on stage in shows such as *Matilda* and *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940*. Outside of theatre he is involved with Band and is a member of the NHS. Owen thanks Samuel Brooks, Kaelyn Pacheco, and his parents. Owen's favorite part of the show was when Mr. Taylor got a "doinky haircut."



**Caleb Irwin** (*Narrator / Dancing Ensemble*) is a Junior at Abilene High School and has done the musical every year at AHS. His favorite shows to have performed in have been *Matilda*, *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940*, and *Shipwrecked*. Outside of theatre, Caleb is involved with Hockey and Band. He is a member of the NHS and was awarded *All Star Cast* his Freshman year. Caleb would like to thank everyone in theatre for their friendships, and his favorite memory has been making jokes with Mr. Derrick alongside the Tenor and Bass sections during music rehearsals.



**Claudia Jacques** (*Mrs. Puff*) is a Sophomore at Cooper High School and has been seen on stage in the musical *Something Rotten*. Claudia has also worked with APAC in the past. Outside of theatre, she is involved in Choir as well as Art. Claudia is also a member of the NHS, and would like to thank her parents. Claudia's favorite part of the show has been hanging out with friends after rehearsal has ended.



**Ben Jeter** (*Dancing Ensemble*) is a Junior at Abilene High School and has been seen on shows such as *Matilda*, *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940*, and *Anatomy of Grey*. For his work in *Anatomy of Grey*, he received an *All Star Cast* award at the JV One Act Play contest last year. Outside of theatre, he is active in Band. Ben would like to thank his family for supporting him in theatre. His favorite part of the show has been learning all of the music.





**Zoe Jeter** (*Ensemble*) is a Freshman at Abilene High School and has been seen in shows such as *The Traveling Lady*, *Miss Nelson is Missing*, and *Wiley and the Hairy Man*. Zoe is very active in the theatre community having performed for The Paramount, McMurry University, APAC, BCPAC, and Herman's Ghostlight Theatre. Outside of theatre, she participates in Choir and Gold Rush. For Gold Rush, she received the Star Dancer award. She would like to thank her parents and her dog, Ginger. Her favorite part of the show has been hanging out on the scaffolding making jokes with Blake, Kadence, and Gaven.



**Cori Kissick** (*Old Man Jenkins / Dancing Ensemble*) is a Junior at Abilene High School and has been seen in shows such as *Appropriate*, *Matilda*, and *The Flu Season*. Outside of AHS Theatre, she has been involved with ACT and APAC. Outside of theatre, she serves as a Cheer Manager. Cori thanks her family and friends for driving her to rehearsal. She promises to get her license some day. Her favorite part of the show has been messing around backstage with her friends.



**Zoey Klohn** (*Sheldon J. Plankton*) is a Junior at Cooper High School and has been involved with shows such as *This Random World*, *12 Angry Jurors*, and *Something Rotten*. Zoey also serves as the thespian troupe's Event Coordinator. Outside of theatre, she is active in TAFE, Yearbook, and is a member of the NHS. She thanks the cast for creating an open and exciting environment. Zoey's favorite part of the show was the first week of rehearsals when the *Big 6* got together to work on their characters.



**Lily Kovac** (*Sandy Cheeks*) is a Senior at Cooper High School and has proudly served as the department's President the last two years. Lily has been seen on stage in shows such as *Freaky Friday*, *Something Rotten*, and *12 Angry Jurors*. For her work in the latter, she earned two *All Star Cast* awards as well as an *Honorable Mention* award. She also qualified for Nationals at the Texas Thespian Festival in November. Outside of theatre, Lily is a member of the NHS and Student Council. Lily would like to thank her family, friends, and teachers who have encouraged her wildest dreams. She plans to study Government at The University of Texas in Austin after Graduation.



**Kadence Kures** (*Ensemble*) is a Sophomore at Cooper High School and has recently been seen in *Crazytown*. Kadence also served on the running crew for *This Random World*, and performed in *Newsies Jr* with APAC. She would like to thank her mom for supporting her, and Kadence's favorite memory from the show has been making new friends.



**Carrie Mercer** (*SpongeBob Squarepants*) is a Sophomore at Abilene High School and is no stranger to the stage having appeared in shows such as *Matilda*, *Suessical*, and *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940*. Outside of AHS Theatre, Carrie is a regular at The Paramount Theatre and BCPAC. Outside of theatre, Carrie is involved in Choir and takes classes at Dance Discovery. Carrie is a National Qualifier for the second year in a row for the Texas Thespian Festival, and won *Best Performer* for her work in *Anatomy of Grey* last year. She is a member of the NHS and advanced to State for Solo and Ensemble in Choir. Carrie would like to thank Paige Sproles and Teri Wilkerson for pushing her to be her best.



**Amy Neal** (*Ensemble*) is a Sophomore at ATEMS and this is her second year doing the musical. She was last seen on stage last year in *Matilda*. Amy is a member of the NHS and she would like to thank her family for supporting her. Amy's favorite memory during the show has been getting to know all of the Cooper students.





**Parker Pacheco** (*Dancing Ensemble*) is a Sophomore at Abilene High School and this is his second year to do the musical after he was the burp in *Matilda*. Other than theatre, Parker is involved in Choir. They would like to thank their sister, Kaelyn for inspiring them to do theatre. Parker's favorite moments of the show have been the dance rehearsals and the videos Owen has of Mr. Taylor on his phone.



**Aubrey Palmer** (*Dancing Ensemble*) is a Sophomore at Abilene High School and has been seen on stage in shows such as *Inherit The Wind*, *Shipwrecked*, and *Matilda*. She has also worked with BCPAC and dances with APAC outside of her work at AHS. Aubrey would like to thank her parents for their support and her favorite memory has been learning the *I'm Not A Loser* dance.



**Kelsie Patterson** (*Perch Perkins / Dancing Ensemble*) is a Junior at Abilene High School and has been seen in shows such as *Appropriate*, *Matilda*, and *Anatomy of Grey*. Kelsie is also active in Choir and Debate, and is a NHS member. She would like to thank her parents for their support and thanks Paige Sproles for helping her on the music. Her favorite part of the show has been the very first time she blasted *Simple Sponge* with her friends at Sonic.



**Ashton Peterson** (*Stage Manager*) is a Junior at Cooper High School and has been involved in shows such as *This Random World*, *12 Angry Jurors*, and *Something Rotten*. Ashton is also a student at Holland and is a member of the NHS. He would like to thank his mother and his father and his favorite memory during the show has been attending all of the dance rehearsals.



**Syler Richardson** (*Ensemble*) is a Freshman at Abilene High School and has been seen in shows such as *The Little Mermaid Jr*, *Charlie and The Chocolate Factory*, and *Aladdin*. In the sixth grade, he received an *All Star Cast* award and in the seventh grade he received *Best Performer*. Outside of theatre, he is involved with Tennis. Syler would like to thank his parents, Elon Musk, and energy jelly beans. He also thanks his favorite theatre teacher ever, Mrs. Nelson. His favorite memory from the show has been getting sturdy on top of the scaffolding during rehearsal.



**Jackson Riley** (*Eugene Krabs*) is a Junior at Abilene High School and has done the musical every year that he has been at AHS. Some of his favorite shows include *Matilda*, *Shipwrecked*, and *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940*. He was awarded Honorable Mention and All Star Cast last year during One Act Play at District and Bi-District respectively. Jackson would like to thank his family for supporting him and his hectic schedule. His favorite memory comes from hanging out with his friends backstage.



**Juan Rocha** (*Dancing Ensemble*) is a Senior at Abilene High School and this is his second year to do the musical after performing in *Matilda* last year. Outside of theatre, Juan is active in Band and Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. He is also a member of the NHS. Juan is thankful for the support system he has, and has loved getting to hang out with his friends during the rehearsal process. Juan will be attending ACU after graduation.





**Amelia Rockett** (*Electric Skate / Dancing Ensemble*) is a Freshman at Cooper High School and has been seen in shows such as *The Wizard of Oz*, *Into The Woods*, and *This Random World*. She is very active in the theatre community having credits with APAC, Paramount, and BCPAC. Outside of theatre, she is involved in Choir, Dance, Tennis, Church, and Belles and Beaus. Amelia has been awarded Abilene Women's *Student of the Month*, *All Star Cast* x2, and Tennis Girl MVP. She would like to thank her parents and Emily Whan for driving her around. Her favorite memory has been learning the dances in the show.



**Tarena Rodriguez** (*Dancing Ensemble*) is a Junior at Abilene High School and this is her second year to do the musical. Tarena has been seen on stage in shows such as *Anatomy of Grey*, *Matilda*, and *Just Another High School Play*. Outside of theatre, she is a member of TAFE, with which she has had the opportunity to compete at State. Tarena is also a member of the NHS. Tarena would like to thank her parents for believing in her, and God for leading her. Tarena's favorite memory has to be the inspiration that has come from all the schools coming together to put on a show.



**Anicia Salyers** (*Assistant Stage Manager*) is a Senior at Abilene High School and has been involved in theatre since Middle School. She has been seen onstage in *The Curious Savage*, *Shipwrecked*, *Inherit The Wind*, and *Senior Directs*. Outside of theatre, Anicia has been involved in Sports Medicine all throughout High School and is a member of the NHS. She would like to thank her parents, her Middle School theatre director, Amber Barber, and the head of the AHS Sports Gym Medicine Department, Mr. Green. Her favorite memory has been bonding with the Cooper Stage Managers.



**Rigby Samuels** (*Ensemble*) is a Senior at Abilene High School and this is her first show ever! Outside of theatre she is active in choir, art, creative writing, and ninja training with Tibetan monks. She has been juried into the young masters art competition where she got a notable mention from a judge, and won third place for adult fiction writing in the Abilene Writer's Guild National Writing Contest. Rigby would like to thank her family, friends, dog, and the Tibetan monks that she's been training with. Also for Cornelius Swartwout, because without his brilliant work, we would not have the waffle makers that we do today.



**Olivia Saucedo** (*Ensemble*) is a Junior at Cooper High School and has appeared in shows such as *Carousel*, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, and *Fools*. Olivia has also performed at McMurry University in productions as well. She is a member of the NHS and would like to thank her mom for her support and for introducing her to many musicals.



**Sydney Spell** (*Stage Manager*) is a Junior at Abilene High School and this is her second year to do the musical after Stage Managing *Matilda* last year. Outside of theatre, she is very active in band where she has participated in All Region Band for the last three years, as well as Solo and Ensemble. Sydney is also a member of the NHS. She would like to thank her family and friends for their support, and her directors for giving her this opportunity. Sydney's favorite memory from the musical was when she met Ashton, because he fell down when running too fast in the auditorium.



**Christina Sutton** (*Ensemble*) is a Junior at Cooper High School and has been seen in shows such as *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *The Little Prince*, and *The Elf on The Shelf Must Die*. Christina is a member of the NHS and is involved with TAFE. She would like to thank her family and friends for their support. Her favorite part of the show has been getting to know the people that don't go to the same school as her.





**Xandra Tanner** (*Patchy The Pirate / Dancing Ensemble*) is a Senior at Abilene High School and has been seen on stage in *Anatomy of Gray*, *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940*, and *Rabbit Hole*. Xandra was awarded *All Star Cast* for her work in *Anatomy of Gray* last year at the JV One Act Play festival. Outside of theatre, Xandra is involved with art. She would like to thank her cat, who she thinks would like the show if he didn't sleep all day. Xandra's favorite memory was when she discovered that Mr. Derrick saw the TikTok edit she made of him.



**Nicolas Vega** (*Ensemble*) is a Senior at Abilene High School and this is his first show ever! Outside of theatre, Nicholas is a viola player for the orchestra, and is a member of the NHS. He would like to thank his mom for allowing him to be a part of this production. His favorite memory has been getting to see all of his friends and hang out with them at rehearsal. Nicolas will be attending ACU and major in Elementary Education after Graduation.



**Ava Walters** (*Electric Skate / Dancing Ensemble*) is a Senior at Abilene High School and has been seen in shows such as *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940*, *Matilda*, and *Squad Goals*. Ava also performed in *Hello, Dolly* at The Paramount last summer. Outside of theatre, Ava has been involved in Cheer, Art, TAFE, and Student Government. She is also a member of the NHS, and an officer for her thespian troupe. Ava would like to thank her mom and grandma for costuming the show. Ava's favorite part of the show has been learning how to tap and skate!



**Blake Ware** (*Ensemble*) is a Freshman at Abilene High School and this is her first show ever! Blake also participates in Tennis outside of theatre. Blake has been awarded Student of the Month, First Chair in Orchestra, and is on the A Honor Roll list. She would like to thank her parents for supporting everything she does. Her favorite part of the show has been the stumble through and getting to watch everyone perform.



**Lillian Weaver** (*Ensemble*) is a Sophomore at Cooper High School and has been seen on stage in shows such as *Something Rotten* and *Fools*. She is also a member of the NHS. Lillian would like to thank her mother for her support and encouraging her when things were tough. Her favorite part of the show has been getting to know the students at Abilene High School, and talking about the shows that they have done.



**Kade Wester** (*Ensemble*) is a Sophomore at Abilene High School and was last seen on stage in *Matilda* in the role of Bruce. Outside of theatre, they are a member of the Chess club. Kade would like to thank their parents, their brother, Jasper Kennedy, and everyone in the cast. Their favorite part of the show has been seeing everything come together and the amazing work done by the costumer, Summer Walters.



**Emily Whan** (*Dancing Ensemble*) is a Junior at Cooper High School and has been involved in theatre since middle school, and has appeared in shows such as *Peter Pan*, *Freaky Friday*, and *12 Angry Jurors*. Outside of theatre, Emily is involved with Yearbook and is a member of the NHS. She also serves as the Social Media Specialist for Troupe 2332 and became a National Qualifier at the Texas Thespians Festival in November. Emily would like to thank her parents, and her favorite memory during the show has been being surrounded by so many people who love theatre.





**Mallory Wildman** (*Pearl Krabs*) is a Senior at Abilene High School and has been seen in shows such as *Matilda*, *Appropriate*, and *Shipwrecked*. Outside of theatre, Mallory is a dancer at Dance Discovery and is a Class Officer. She is also a member of the NHS. Mallory would like to thank her friends for all of their love and support. Her favorite memory during the show is celebrating the success of others because it created a positive environment during the rehearsal process.



**Shaeleigh Williamson** (*Dancing Ensemble*) is a Freshman at Cooper High School and this is her first High School Musical! Shaeleigh has been seen on stage in shows such as *A Christmas Carol*, *Voices from the Fire*, and *Lafayette No.1*. She has also done shows with The Paramount and APAC. Shaeleigh would like to thank Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson, and her favorite part of the show has been all of the fun costumes!



**Nathan Wilson** (*Dancing Ensemble*) is a Senior at Abilene High School and this is his third year doing the musical. He has been seen on stage in *Matilda* and *Little Women* at AHS. He was seen onstage last summer in *Rabbit Hole* directed by AHS Theatre alumni, Jordan Mathis. Outside of theatre, Nathan is involved in Band, Choir, and Music Theory. He is also a member of the NHS. Nathan would like to thank Gabriel McCracken for being “the man.” Nathan has enjoyed getting closer to all of the individuals that have made this show what it is.



**Zoë Wilson** (*Ensemble*) is a Sophomore at Abilene High School and this is her second year to do the musical after participating in *Matilda* last year. She has also done work with The Paramount and Patty Harper Dance Studio. Zoë is also active in art, choir, and orchestra. She has won many awards for solo and ensemble competitions, where she has received a 1 for every audition. She has also been inducted into the region treble choir twice. For art, She placed in the top for the VASE art competition last year, and is a NHS member as well. She would like to thank her cats for being adorable.



**Red Wright** (*Ensemble*) is a Junior at Abilene High School and has been seen on stage in *Anatomy of Grey* and *Appropriate*. Outside of theatre, they are a member of the NHS and are involved in Band. Red would like to thank their mom, sister, and Samantha Connelly for their support. Red’s favorite memory during the show has been being one of the security guards during the show.



**Rob Taylor** (*Director*) is in his fourth year teaching, with this year being his first as the Head Theatre Director at Cooper High School. Rob obtained his BFA in Theatre Education from Hardin-Simmons University in 2019 and completed his student teaching at Abilene High School, where he served as the Assistant Theatre Director the previous two years. His past directing credits include: *This Random World*, *Anatomy of Grey*, *Inherit The Wind*, *The Flu Season*, *Little Women*, *A View From The Bridge*, and *Middletown*. His direction of *Anatomy of Grey* won First Place in the JV One Act Play contest at Wylie High School last May. Outside of directing theatre, Rob is very active in the community theatre scene having appeared in multiple shows with Abilene Community Theatre, The Paramount, and McMurry University including: *Chicago*, *Hello, Dolly*, *Clue*, *Almost, Maine*, *Other Desert Cities*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *The Robber Bridegroom*, and *Into The Woods*. Rob thanks the entire cast and crew for their hard work, for they made this show what it is. His favorite part of the show has been watching all the new friendships be made and grow as a result of the combined musical effort.





**Remel Derrick** (*Music Director*) Since 2015 he has served as the Assistant Director of Choirs, as well as the AP Music Theory Teacher. Remel is a graduate of Southwestern Christian College as well as Abilene Christian University, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music. Remel also 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. The SpongeBob Musical marks his eighth year and ninth musical production. His AHS musical directing credits are *Matilda*, *Little Women*, *Oklahoma!*, *Bubble Boy*, *Big Fish*, and *The Drowsy Chaperone*.



**Kyle Martin** (*Technical Director*) has been teaching theatre for 20 years and is in his sixth 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 he 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*. This past summer he played the role of Shrek in BCPAC's production of *Shrek: The Musical*. He has two daughters who attend AISD schools and his wife, Amanda, is a 1997 graduate of AHS and teaches at Bonham Elementary.



**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 ACU. 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.



**Summer Walters** (*Costume Designer*) has been involved in a variety of careers over the past twenty years including teaching English, Art and developing a Maker Space program. She worked as a special events coordinator for Highland Church for ten years and ran a small business teaching art camps and workshops for children. Additionally, Summer and her sister developed and ran My Sister's House, a local pop-up consignment sale for twelve years. Many of the costume pieces for this show were donated from the sale. She currently works as a student success manager in the Art & Design and Journalism & Mass Communication departments at ACU. Summer participated in AHS theatre as a student in the 90's and helped costume the Abilene High production of *Matilda* last year. While dabbling in a variety of creative endeavors over the past twenty years, she is most proud of the family she and her husband, Chad, have created. They have been married for 22 years and have three great kids, Sadie, Pierson and Ava. Ava is a Senior and SpongeBob cast member. Summer would like to thank her mom, Sandra, for all of her assistance sewing.



**Josh Westman** (*Conductor / Music Director*) is in his fifth year as Assistant Choir Director at Cooper High School. Josh grew up in Abilene and began his career as a musician at a very young age. Heavily involved in his craft as a multi-instrumentalist and songwriter, He studied piano, percussion, voice, guitar, and music production. He is graduate of Hardin-Simmons University in 2018 with a Bachelor of Music Education. He also teaches AP Music Theory, teaches the music and directs the pit orchestra for CHS Musicals. An avid songwriter and producer, Josh loves to create and perform his original music. In 2020 Josh was invited to open for American Idol runner up, Clark Beckham, and is currently self-producing an EP in collaboration with other musical artists. Josh appreciates the privilege he has to use his love for music theory, singing and music production to help guide other students along the path to success. Josh lives in Abilene with his wife, Allison and their two dogs, Tucker and Oakley.



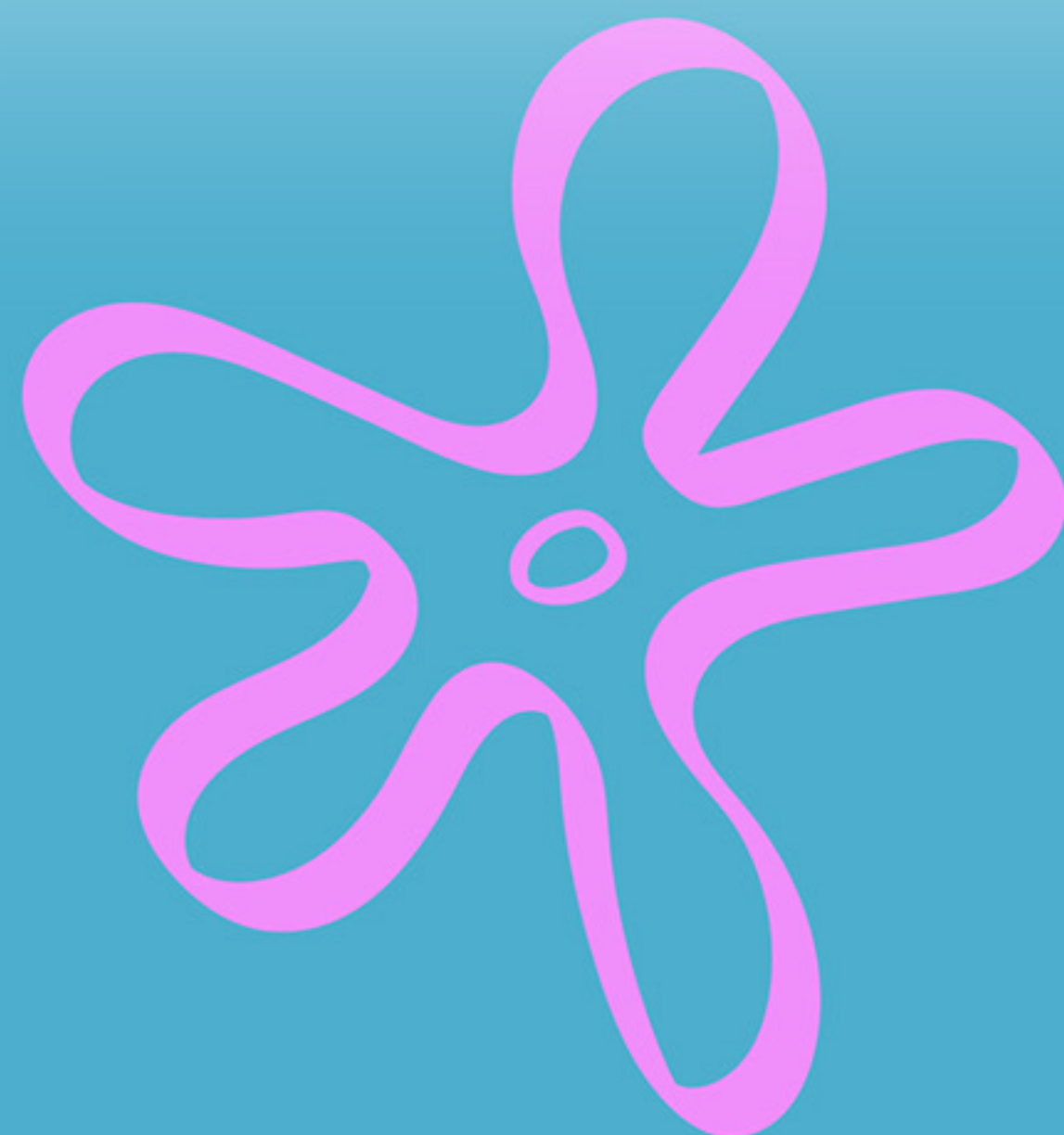
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CHOREOGRAPHER.....	TERI WILKERSON
CONDUCTOR.....	JOSH WESTMAN
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DANCE CAPTAIN.....	SAMANTHA CONNELLY
TECHNICAL DIRECTOR.....	KYLE MARTIN
TECHNICAL ASSISTANT.....	CODY FREE
COSTUME DESIGNER.....	SUMMER WALTERS
SCENIC DESIGNER.....	KYLE MARTIN
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# ORCHESTRA

Conductor .....	Josh Westman (Cooper)
Keyboard 1 .....	Marc Sanders (ACU/PDBC)
Keyboard 2 .....	Fred Grigg (Cooper)
Guitar 1 .....	Thomas Roberts (PDBC)
Guitar 2 .....	Reece Kingcade (Cooper)
Violin 1.....	Ethan Dunn (Abilene)
Violin 2 .....	Brennan Spiker (Cooper)
Viola .....	Libby Herring (ATEMS/Cooper)
Viola .....	Zoe Prescott (Abilene)
Cello.....	Dathan Dillinger (ATEMS/Cooper)
Bass .....	Kaden Miller (Cooper)
Reed 1 .....	Cynthia Mixon (FBC)
Reed 2 .....	Pearl Gonzales (Clack)
Reed 2 .....	Owen Bailey (Cooper)
Trumpet .....	Jay Lester (AISD)
Trombone .....	John Landin (Cooper)
Drum set .....	Patrick Stevenson (Cooper)
Percussion .....	Drew Young (Abilene)





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Have a great rest of your Freshman year!