

The Children's Theatre Workshop's production of



Book and Lyrics by Anthony Drewe

Music by George Stiles

Based on Hans Christian Andersen's "The Ugly Duckling"

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The Ohio Theatre
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Honk Jr

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Welcome to our performance of Honk, Jr!

The state of Ohio has issued guidelines for theatre performances, and the Lucas County Health Department is enforcing them. To ensure we can focus all our attention on celebrating these amazing students, please help us observe the following requirements:

- Audience members will be seated one group at a time, as they arrive, to ensure 6 ft distancing from the rest of the audience. Your actor may sit with you when they are not

performing; please let us know they will need a seat before we help you find seats.

-Audience members must remain masked the entire time, even during the play while they are seated. Children 2 yrs and younger are exempted, as per the stated guidelines. We have disposable masks, free and available for your use.

-Audiences are welcome to use our bathroom facilities; please clean your hands before and after bathroom use in order to cut down on contact.

-When the performance has concluded, CTW staff will release the audience a few groups at a time. We encourage you to take a few minutes to celebrate with your actor, take a photo, etc., then take your leave so we can dismiss the next groups of audience members. We are not permitted to allow the audience to congregate in large groups and must keep you all distanced as possible.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING THEATRE WITH US!

Cast of *Honk Jr*

(In order of appearance)

DRAKE.....Jayden Armitage
TURKEY.....Andrew Winkler
HENRIETTA.....Lily Mather
IDA.....Rebecca Lanham
MAUREEN.....Mia Beck
CAT.....Madelyn Miller
GRACE.....Ahmarah Mays
BILLY.....Blake Lehman
BEAKY.....Isabella Lynn
FLUFFY.....Izzy Sears
DOWNY.....Amelia Miller
UGLY.....Owen Close

JAY BIRD.....Andrew Winkler
 GREYLAG.....Andrew Winkler
 DOT.....Emily Lynn
 BARNACLES.....Jayden Armitage
 PINK FOOT.....Isabella Lynn
 SNOWY.....Izzy Sears
 PENNY.....Lily Mather
 MOTHER SWAN.... Ahmarah Mays
 BEWICK.....Blake Lehman
 BULLFROG.....Liam Close
 FROGLET SOLO.....Amelia Miller
 BLIZZARD SOLO.....Emily Lynn
 FATHER SWAN.....Liam Close
 BOY (VOICE).....Blake Lehman
 GIRL (VOICE).....Amelia Miller
 FARMER (VOICE).....Liam Close

Production Team for *Honk, Jr*

Director.....Aimee Reid
 Choreographer.....Rebecca Schmidt
 Set Designer/Deck Crew...Corinne Blake and "Eight" King
 Set Painting.....Spring 2021 Tech Theatre Class,
 Carol Cierniak, Trina Friedberg, Aimee Reid, Evelyn Bush
 Lighting Designer/Spot Op/Mic Op.....Jackie Cierniak
 Light Board Operator.....Autumn Brown
 Lighting Supervisor.....Bob Walters
 Sound Board Operator.....Anna "Amana" Dec
 Deck Crew.....Jay Schoch and Jack Walsh
 Costumes.....Anna "Amana" Dec, "Eight" King,
 Trina Friedberg, and Carol Cierniak
 Props.....Spring 2021 Tech Theatre Class
 Singers' Masks.....Trina Friedberg

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-Carol Cierniak for costume and set volunteerism, and cups
 of tea

- Rick Bush for lighting and mic volunteerism
- Trina Friedberg for being a constant source of help and problem-solving
- Actor's Collaborative Theatre of Toledo (ACT) and Black Swamp Players for their collaboration
- Mental Health & Recovery Services Board of Lucas County for their wellness grant for our Winter and Spring 2021 programs



Biographies for *Honk, Jr* (Alphabetical Order)

Jayden Armitage (Drake, Barnacles) is a sixth grader at Timberstone Junior High. This is his second year being involved with theatre at CTW. He has previously appeared as Eddie in *The Yellow Boat*, Ghost/Ponius in *Piglet*, Owen in *Who Are You Really*, and Ollie in *You Only Live Nine Times*. Jayden has also performed with the Sylvania Arts Commission and with The Toledo Young Rep. Jayden enjoys playing with friends and his brothers, playing drums in his school band, acting and is so

excited to participate in his first musical. He would like to thank his parents for their support and Aimee/Becca for their hard work, support and encouragement putting this show on.

Mia Beck (Maureen) is in sixth grade at St. Pius X, and has been with CTW for five years. Some of her previous roles include Babs in "Action News," Goatrude in "Piglet," Cinderella in *The Adventures of Rose Red*, and Maid in *The Mysterious Case of the Missing Ring*. Thanks to Eight and my parents!

Corinne Blake (Set Designer, Deck Crew) is in 7th grade at Toledo Technical Academy and this is her seventh year at CTW. She previously played Granny in *The Trial of Goldilocks*, Gypsy Rose in *The Mysterious Case of the Missing Ring*, Angelique in *Be Careful What You Wish For*, Pippa in *The Disappearance*, and Melanie in *Who Are You, Really?* She also enjoys Minecraft. She wants to thank her parents for being her chauffeur. She is excited to be part of the tech crew for the first time!

Autumn Brown (Light Board Operator) is in 9th grade at Start High School, and this is her first year with CTW. She previously played Van Brune in *No Body To Murder*. "I like reading, spending time with family, making people smile, and spending time with my friends."

Jackie Cierniak (Lighting Designer, Spotlight Operator, Microphone Operator) is in 7th grade and is homeschooled. This is her sixth year with CTW, and her 15th show! She also has been performing aerial acrobatics with Bird's Eye View Circus for four years.

Liam Close (Bullfrog, Father Swan, Farmer Voice) is in 7th grade at Toledo Technology Academy. He has been with CTW for six years, in roles such as Wickersham Brother in *Seussical*; Grasshopper in *James and the Giant Peach*; Officer Devon in *Who Are You, Really?* (also a co-author of *WAYR*); Tom in *You Only Live Nine Times* (also a co-author of *YOLNT*); as well as

tech for several Players' Company shows including *Trio*. He also performed in *Frozen Jr.* with Act 2 Productions as Hans. Liam enjoys programming video games on Roblox. He also enjoys singing. He would like to thank everyone who made this production possible.

Owen Close (Ugly) is homeschooled and in 5th grade. This is his fifth year with CTW; some of his previous roles include Walter Schwartzbuckle in *Rapunzel*; Papa Bear in *Trio*; Red Beard in *Silver's Secret*; and Floyd in *The Entire American Revolution in 40 Minutes (or Less!)*. He also played Oaken in *Frozen Jr.* with Act 2 Productions. Owen enjoys playing Minecraft and other video games. He would like to thank his mom and dad for driving him to the rehearsals. He would also like to thank Ms. Aimee, Ms. Becca, and the tech crew for bringing the show to life and Ms. Trina for the awesome singing mask.

"Amana" Dec (Costumes, Sound Board Op) is a senior at Bedford High School and has been with CTW for six years. Recent roles and tech positions include Red in *Once Upon a Teen* and Unhappy Person in *I Hate Shakespeare*, as well as sound board operator for *Trio*. Amana has also worked prop crew for *Arsenic and Old Lace* and stage crew for *Pink Panther* at Bedford. "I like writing, singing, sewing, playing video games, DnD, theater, and baking. I would like to thank Dolly Parton and the tech crew/Aimee for my new nickname."

"Eight" King (Costumes, Set Design, Charge Artist) is in 7th grade at Connections Academy. This is their first year with CTW. Previous plays at CTW include "The Silent Ones" as Letter C, "Action News: Now with 10% more action!" as Don Thickstache/Patrick Pollman/Broke Person/Joseph Santos, and "The Haunted Sentient Store that Kills People" as Mr. Owner/Milk Guy. "Some of my greatest interests are art, writing, crafting, and anything that has to do with plants. I thank Aster, for all the fruit snacks, hugs, and kindness they have supplied me. I thank Jack Walsh, for letting me throw his sandwich at the wall. And I thank all my other friends and my

family for supporting my love for the arts. I especially thank my sister, who has been a tremendous help for me when I'm dealing with anything theatre-associated. Lastly, I thank the 1930s and frogs for existing. If anyone happens to have cheese or fruit snacks, feel free to loan them to me."

Rebecca Lanham (Ida) is in seventh grade and is homeschooled. This is her first production with CTW—welcome, Rebecca!! Her previous credits include *Lion King Jr.* (Scar), *Annie Jr.* (Annie), *Into the Woods* (Little Red Ridinghood) and *Peter Pan Jr.* (Peter Pan). She is thrilled to be making her CTW debut. Apart from theater, she also enjoys learning American Sign Language and all things anime. She would to thank the directors, fellow cast and crew for putting together this amazing show. She would also like to thank her family and friends for all their love and support.

Blake Lehman (Billy, Boy voice) is in 5th grade and has been with CTW for three years. Some of his plays here include *The Entire American Revolution (in 40 Minutes or Less)* as Colonist #2, *Silver's Secret* as Black Beard, *You Only Live Nine Times* as Mouse, as well as Online Plays. When not at theatre rehearsal, Blake enjoys jamming on the piano, playing lacrosse, shooting hoops with his brothers, swimming, playing with friends and taking care of his two pet ducks - Waddles & Puddles! Blake would like to thank his family for their support and the amazing Miss Aimee for organizing and directing yet another fantastic performance!

Emily Lynn (Dot, Blizzard Soloist) is in seventh grade at Emmanuel Christian School, and has been with CTW two years. She previously played Mom in *The Disappearance*, Erin in "No Talking Allowed!," and B in "The Silent Ones." Her interests include music, certain video games, reading, and drawing. "I would like to thank my mom for getting me into theatre as well as the cast of *Honk! Jr* for making me feel included."

Isabella Lynn (Beaky, Pink Foot) is in fifth grade at Emmanuel Christian School, and has been with CTW two years. She played Pearl/Typhona in *Silver's Secret* and Principal in "No Talking Allowed!" She is interested in music and video games. "Thank you for my directors and the cast and crew for making the show possible."

Lily Mather (Henrietta, Penny) is in her first CTW production, and attends Stranahan Elementary. Welcome, Lily!! "Thanks to CTW for all of the hard work and time to help all of the students!"

Amarah Mays (Grace, Mother Swan) is in 7th grade at Beverly Elementary and this is her first full show with CTW! Welcome, Amarah!!

Amelia Miller (Downy, Frog Soloist, Girl voice) is in third grade at Northwest Ohio Classical Academy. This is her first CTW play—welcome, Amelia! She enjoys piano, reading, art, and a love of all animals. "Thank you to Ms. Aimee to all me to participate even though I was too young."

Madelyn Miller (Cat) is in fifth grade at Northwest Ohio Classical Academy. This is her fifth year with CTW, and some of her previous roles include Headless Horseman in "Chaos in Fairyland," Renee in *Rapunzel*, Mermaid in *Silver's Secret*, and Delcues in *Snow White*. She enjoys theatre, robotics, computing, and making jewelry. "Thank you to Ms. Aimee for her unending patience and encouragement."

Aimee Reid (Director) is celebrating her ninth year as the Executive Artistic Director of Children's Theatre Workshop. She holds an MFA in Theatre for Youth and a Masters Certification in Nonprofit Leadership and Management from Arizona State University. She serves as the Treasurer for the American Alliance for Theatre and Education and received the Ann Elgood Youth Theatre Director award in 2018. At CTW, she teaches devising, Ensemble and Teen Classes, the Collective,

and the Creative and Brave Company. She would like to thank the amazing cast and technical crew, Rebecca, Carol, Trina, Bob, and her fantastic and capable husband Rick.

Rebecca Schmidt (Choreographer) Becca has been an instructor at CTW for two years and she is really looking forward to a fun-filled summer of theatre camps! She is also the musical director at St. Rose School, where she has directed *Mary Poppins Jr.*, *The Music Man Jr.*, *The Little Mermaid Jr.*, and is currently working on *Godspell Jr.* When she is not directing musicals, she enjoys performing in them. Her favorites include *The Christmas Carol* and *Chess* with The Toledo Rep. She'd like to thank her mom (also a former CTW student) for enrolling her in CTW theatre classes last century.

Jay Schoch (Deck Crew) is in 8th grade at Christ the King and this is her first year with CTW. She will also be designing and teching "Action News" with her theatre class later this month. "This is the most joy I've had in an activity in a while. I very much enjoy working with a team that gets along so well. I wanna thank the entire tech crew for dealing with each other, my parents for letting me do this, and Robbie LeBlanc and Tori Stokes for introducing me to CTW. 😊"

Izzy Sears (Fluffy, Snowy) is in 6th grade at Toledo School for the Arts. Previously a participant in CTW summer camps, we're glad to have her in her first show with us! "I love riding my Heelys, making Easy Bake Oven creations, and watching YouTube & TikTok videos. I'd like to thank my parents for driving me back and forth to all of my practices to pursue my theater passion!!!"

Jack Walsh (Deck Crew) is in seventh grade at St. John's Jesuit, and has been with CTW for two years. He most recently performed in *The Yellow Boat* as a member of the chorus. He also played the Mad Hatter in *Alice In Wonderland* at his school. "I would like to thank Jay and Corinne for helping me not go insane backstage."

Andrew Winkler (Turkey, Jay Bird, and Greylag) attends Perrysburg Junior High and this is his first year with CTW; previously, he worked on "A Murdered Mystery." He also performed in *Elf, JR* at his school as Michael. "I want to thank my mom and step mom for taking time out of their days to drive me to my rehearsals."

Director's Note

There's nothing normal about doing theatre in these times, but the joy we've had while making theatre together has been refreshingly creative and joyful. Some things don't change. We worked hard, cracked jokes, rehearsed that one section "Just one more time," and now we're ready to show you our musical!

Honk, Jr seemed appropriate. The theatre field created these singers' masks as a way to meet the pandemic requirements of masking while providing the comfort and ease needed to sing. Of course, people scoffed and dubbed them "duck bill masks," frustrated that the masks' appearance was too jarring for a believable performance.

Well, we're theatre kids and we're used to having fun when presented with obstacles. So we said, "Duck bills, hm? Well...let's do a show where everyone is ducks....or swans." Hence: *Honk Jr*. We hope you have fun with us!