THEATRE EAST PRESENTS



APRIL 20TH & 21ST 7:00 PM
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at EFHS Theater



Music by Mary Rodgers
Lyrics by Marshall Barer
Book by Jay Thompson, Dean Fuller and Marshall Barer
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DIRECTOR'S NOTE

We are fortunate that at Theatre East, in addition to having performers who can sing and act and dance, our performers are also <u>very funny</u>. These students make me smirk, smile, chuckle, or even chortle on a daily basis. Sometimes it is when they are performing, but other times it's just when they're having normal conversations with me or with each other. When it came to picking a spring musical for the 2022-2023 season, I really wanted us to be able to show off their humor.

As is usually the case, I racked my brain, did hours and hours of research, and read dozens upon dozens of scripts, and one show really jumped out. I thought the Theatre East students were ready for the singing, acting, and dancing challenges of ONCE UPON A MATTRESS, but could they tackle all of the comedy? Darn tootin'!

I especially thought our seniors could handle the challenges of the show and they have not disappointed! Nina is still loveable. Kevin is still huggable. Abigail is forever entertaining. And Hannah eternally delivers enchanting performances. You won't want to miss a moment from Sarah and her portrayal of King Sextimus. You literally can't miss Addison as one of the Knights. Helena brings her heart of gold every day and Dani captains with conviction and poise. And to bring it around to our original point, they are also very funny. (Honorable mentions to our sole senior techie, stage manager Selene, who guides all of the actors and technicians so that they never miss a punchline).

Thanks to the entire Cast and Crew of ONCE UPON A MATTRESS, regardless of grade! And thanks to you, our loyal patrons. I sincerely hope you enjoy the show. Oh, and I hope you laugh, too. A lot!

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DIRECTORIAL TEAM

directed by
ADDISON WALDEN

music and sound production by CORY SPEAKMAN

choreography by KYLEE BOWEN

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

dance captian

DANI BENEFIELD

scenic design

EASTON SIVER

costume design

SARAH GROVES



MINSTREL	KEVIN PARSONS
JESTER (PERFORMANCE 1-3).	ABIGAIL LLOYD
JESTER (PERFORMANCE 4)	RIA PARDUE
KING SEXTIMUS	SARAH GROVES
QUEEN AGGRAVAIN	HANNAH WAGNER
PRINCE DAUNTLESS	TANNER DECKARD
PRINCESS WINNIFRED	NINA VAIL
LADY LARKEN	BROOKE RHOBOTHAM
SIR HARRY	CHRISTIAN THOMAS
SIR STUDLEY	
PRINCESS NUMBER 12	ANDIE ACKER
WIZARD	ELISE HENDRICKS
LADY ROWENA	
LADY LUCILLE	KENZIE MILLER
LADY MERRIL	DANI BENEFIELD
LADY MABELLE	OLIVIA ENNS

LADIES-IN-WAITING

KAS GORE... SAVANNAH LIVINGSTON MOLLY MERCK... KENNA NICHOLS...
GRACE NISSEN...

RIA PARDUE AR PIRKLE NATHALI TORRES''

MAIDS

BAILEY ATKINSON

PRESLIE RAY

HELENA SAADAT

KNIGHTS

ANDIE ACKER
JASE AMES
PHILLIP JOHNSON

ADDISON KELL JONATHAN PEREZ

EASTON SIVER KAYDEN WILSON HUDSON WRAY



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ASST. STAGE MANAGER	OLLIE STACY
ASST. STAGE MANAGER	MADIAN VELASCO
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SPOTLIGHT OP	CARRINGTON DARST
SPOTLIGHT OP	GAUGE RUIZ
	CECILIA GROME
MIC OPERATOR	MAGGIE PARKER
COSTUME DESIGNER	SARAH GROVES
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PROPS MANAGER	KATE MITCHELL
RUN CREW	LUCY KING
RUN CREW	JACKLYNN LEWIS
RUN CREW	CANAAN PAYNE
RUN CREWQL	JINN SANCHEZ-FORSBACH



HANNAH WAGNER

Hannah Wagner is a senior at EFHS who you may have seen in OKLAHOMA as Aunt Eller, SPITFIRE GRILL as Shelby, and now ONCE UPON A MATTRESS as Queen Aggravain! She would like to thank her friends and family for supporting her ever since she started doing theatre in elementary school and she is excited to share the stage with her friends one last time!

NINA VAII

Carina Vail is thrilled to be apart of EFHS's production of ONCE UPON A MATTRESS! She has also been reckognized in shows such as SEUSSICAL JR.(Gertrude Mcfuzz),), INTO THE WOODS JR. (Cinderella), STEEL MAGNOLIAS(Clairee Belcher). She wants to thank her director, Addison Walden, music director, Corey Speakman, and Kylee for choreographing and making the show possible!

TANNER DECKARD

Tanner Deckard(Dauntless) is a junior at EFHS. He has worked on STEEL MAGNOLIAS(Run crew) & SEUSSICAL JR.(Mr. Mayor). He was also in the SPITFIRE GRILL(Joe Sutter). He is the president of the Improv club, and is in the tech and musical theatre classes at East. He looks forward to continuiung his theatrical career in the future. He is also interested in Paleontology. He would like to thank his benefactors got financing and transportation during his shows.

SARAH GROVES

Sarah Groves is a senior at EFHS and president of Theatre East's Thespian Troupe. You may have seen her in INTO THE WOODS JR. as Baker's Wife, the SPITFIRE GRILL as a feature soloist, OKLAHOMA and now King Sextimus in ONCE UPON A MATTRESS. She is so excited to be apart of both cast and crew for her senior spring show. She would like to thank her friends and family for supporting her through her theatre career. She hopes you enjoy this comedic and fun twist to a classic story!

CHRISTIAN THOMAS

Christian is in 10th grade and will be taking on the role of Sir Harry. He also portrayed the role of The Baker in Into The Woods Jr. which was his favorite and most memorable role. He also performed a solo in the Theatre East Spotlight. Christian would like to thank his girlfriend for making this already amazing cast so fun to work with! He would also like to thank his friends family for showing up to his performances!

BROOKE RHOBOTHAM

Brooke Rhobotham, a junior at EFHS, is so blessed to be playing Lady Larkin in this production of ONCE UPON A MATTRESS! She most recently played Percy in the SPITFIRE GRILL at EFHS. Her favorite past roles include Miss Adelaide in GUYS AND DOLLS, M'lynn in STEEL MAGNOLIAS, Annie in ANNIE, and Elsa in FROZEN JR. She plans to continue Theatre as her proffesion in the future. She wants to thank everyone who has supported her acting journey, and especially her Mom, who got her into theatre. This show has been a delight to work on and she hopes you enjoy this lighthearted and hilarious adventure!

ELISE HENDRICKS

Elise is a Junior at EFHS and this is her 5th production with Theatre East. In the past, you may have seen her as Shelby in STEEL MAGNOLIAS, Mayzie La Bird in SEUSSICAL JR., or most recently as the witch from INTO THE WOODS. She is also the Choir President and Junior Marketing chair here at East. Elise has also been involved in productions at Stipe Studio in Vickery Village and the Historic Holly Theatre in Dahlonega. Elise would like to thank her friends and family for their support for her love of acting. Now, sit back, relax, and enjoy the show!

ABIGAIL LLOYD

Abigail Lloyd is a senior at EFHS and you may have seen her as Ousier Boudreaux in STEEL MAGNOLIAS, Gertie in OKLAHOMA, Effy in the SPITFIRE GRILL, and as the Narrator in INTO THE WOODS JR. She would like to thank her friends and family for supporting her passion and dream job in life ever since she was a little girl and is grateful to be able to share one last show together with her friends!



KEVIN PARSONS

Kevin Parsons, who is playing the minstrel, is thrilled to be part of the cast for Once upon a mattress. He is one of the seniors in the cast and has been in theater for 2 years. Kevin would like to thank his family and everyone who helped make thus show happen

ANDIE ACKER

ONCE UPON A MATTRESS is Andie's 13th shoow she's done, and her 8th show at East. She is so excited to play Princess Number 12 and a Knight! Some of her earlier roles include Rapunzel in INTO THE WOODS JR. and Mrs. Mayor in SEUSSICAL JR. She would like to thank her parents and sisters for dealing with her busy schedule and supporting her. She would also like to thank her directors and cast mates and her fellow Knights fot making rehearsals entertaining!

DAN STEINMAN

Dan will be joining us for the first time in the theatre for once upon a mattress! He has had experiences in other fine arts, but is very excited to try out something new. He's very thankful to his friends Jonny and Christian for inspiring him to join the production!

ASHLYN MONTGOMERY

Ashlyn is a sophomore at East Forsyth HS. You may have seen her as Jack in INTO THE WOODS JR. She would like to thank to thank her directors and friends for putting so much hard work and dedication to putting on this show!

KENZIE MILLER

Kenzie Miller(Lady Lucille) is a sophomore at EFHS. She has had a blast working on this show and is thankful for the new friendships it has brought her! You may have seen her recently as BAKERS WIFE in INTO THE WOODS JR., and FAIRY FORK-MOTHER in DEAR EDWINA. As always she wants to say a huge thanks to her family for their encouragement and support throughout the years. Kenzie would aslo like to give a special thanks to Shelbert for all the love! She hoped you can sit back, relax, and enjoy ONCE UPON A MATTRESS!!

DANI BENEFIELD

Dani Benefield is a senior at EFHS and is currently in the advanced musical theatre, acting, and women's chorus classes. You may have seen her this year as Hannah in the SPITFIRE GRILL and the wolf in INTO THE WOODS. In addition, she is graduating a year early and taking her senior classes at ACE. She would like to thank all her directors, but especially Mr. Speakman, who has not only been her teacher, but a loved mentor to her since 6th grade. She is super excited to share all her hard work, and hopes you enjoy her last show on the EFHS stage. Bravo!!

OLIVIA ENNS

Olivia Enns has been involved in chorus and theatre since elementary school. She has participated in numerous productions at the Forsyth Academy of Performing Arts and is thrilled to be in her first show with Theatre East as Lady Mabelle. She would like to thank her family for their support and Mr. Speakman for encouraging her to audition.

JASE AMES

Jase is freshman at EFHS and this is his first High School production, He would like to give a special thanks to his family and friends for always supporting him throughout his theatre journey. He hopes you enjoy the show!



PRESLIE RAY

Preslie is a Sophomore here at East. This is her 12th prediction in theatre since 5th grade. She is involved in Theatre, Color Guard, and FCA. She is very thankful for the support she gets from her peers at school.

HELENA SAADAT

Helena Saadat is an ensemble members in Once Upon A Mattress. She is a thespian and one of her favorite shows she has ever joined or participated in is once upon a mattress, last year she was one of our cast members as an ensemble in Oklahoma.

KAYDEN WILSON

Kayden is a junior this year at EFHS and this is his 4th year of doing theatre! You might have seen him as Vlad Vladikoff in East's SEUSSICAL JR. or as Cinderella's father in INTO THE WOODS JR. or as a farmer in OKLAHOMA. He is so excited to be apart of ONCE UPON A MATTRESS and hopes you enjoy the show!

HUDSON WRAY

Hudson is a 9th grader at east who has been involved with 4 shows in his freshman year at east Forsyth high school. He was mainly in Theatre Spotlight with a main role! Hudson is very excited to be apart of ensemble and thanks his family. He hopes you enjoy the show!

AR PIRKLE

Ar Pirkle is a senior at East Forsyth High School. They have been in a few shows involved with East Forsyth. They enjoy acting and dancing as well as makeup & painting. This is their first spring musical at EFHS and they are so excited to be apart of this wonderful cast and crew as they hope you sit back, relax, and enjoy the show!

BAILFY ATKINSON

Bailey is a sophomore this year at EFHS and this is her first year doing theatre! She hasn't been in any theatre productions yet but is very excited to be Emily and a lady in waiting in this year's production of ONCE UPON A MATTRESS!

PHILLIP JOHNSON

Phillip is a junior that has been in Theatre East productions such as Spitfire and Oklahoma, also part of productions at North Forsyth theatre such as the dining room. Phillip thanks his friends and family for supporting him.



ADDISON KELL

Addison Kell (Ensemble/crew). He is currently a senior in EFHS. This is Addison's first show as an ensemble he has been crew for the play Steel Magnolia, ensemble in Oklahoma, and a main character in Spitfire Grill. He is doing cross country, Swimming, Track and Field, and Boy Scouts. In his free time he likes to play video games, hangout with friends, watch shows, and Dnd. Some of the things he likes to do in school are art, history, and drama. Some people he would like to thank his family, friends, the Waldens, and anyone else that he did not mention that helped him get here.

EASTON SIVER

Easton Siver is a Junior at EFHS and is the Vice President of East's Thespian Troupe. He is a knight, student set designer, and student tech director for this show and is excited for his first time performing! He is proud of Stage Managing INTO THE WOODS JR. and Assistant Stage Managing the SPITFIRE GRILL and OKLAHOMA! He would love to shout out his incredibl parents for always supporting him!

KAS GORE

Kas is a sophomore at East Forsyth High School. This is her first venture into theatre and she is loving it. She is a part of Mr. Walden's Acting class and is really enjoying being a featured dancer. She would like to thank her mom for giving her rides and being supportive. Kas hopes you enjoy the show!

MOLLY MERCK

Molly Merck(Lady in Waiting) is in the 10th grade at EFHS. This is her third year of being in theatre and she's so glad to have had all these different opportunities to preform! She has been in HILL BILLY HANKRIN(Betty), HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL(Gabriella) at NFMS, Into the Woods Jr. (Narrator), and SUESSICAL(Bird Girl) at East. Molly is also involved in advanced women's chorus and two cheer teams at her school as well as taking multiple honors classes. She has been so excited to be apart of all these activities at her school! She would like to thank everyone who helped her get this far in what is hopefully just the beginning of her theater career!

KENNA NICHOLS

Kenna Nichols is currently involved in her 4th high school production. She started to get involved in theatre her 8th grade year and has loved it since! Everyone in the Theatre East department is super sweet and makes her really happy and motivated to continue performing.

GRACE NISSEN

Grace is a junior at East Forsyth High School, and she is ecstatic to be performing in ONCE UPON A MATTRESS. She is concluding her first season at Theatre East and has thoroughly enjoyed her time. Grace wants to thank her sweet family and friends for their unending love and support.



NATHALI TORRES

Nathali is in 10th grade at East this year. This is her first year of doing theatre with East and she is so excited to be apart of our spring musical, Once Upon A Mattress and hopes you enjoy the show!

SELENE BISHOP-O'BYRNE

Selene is a senior at EFHS. She has been doing theatre since 5th grade and has been doing sound up until last year when she stage managed. She would like to thank Mr. Walden for the opportunity to stage manage this show. She would also like to thank her family for supporting her.

OLLIE STACY

Ollie is a sophomore at East Forsyth High School. She has previously been involved at Theatre East as a performer but has since decided to try her hand a teching. She is in Mr. Walden's Tech Theatre class and is really liking the role of ASM. Ollie hopes you enjoy the show!

MADIAN VFI ASCO

Madian Velasco is a sophomore at EFHS. You may have seen her on the costume crew for The Spitfire Grill and Oklahoma! She is currently an assistant stage manager. She would like to shoutout her best friend Grace Mitchell for her supporting her throughout her successful pro wrestling career.

GAUGE J RUIZ

Gauge J Ruiz is a ninth grade rising tenth-grader student at East Forsyth Hight school. He is active in Theater east because of mrs norwood at little mill middle school. He has done shrek the musical jr. He was camera operator and is now active spotlight operator for OUAM and he is very exited to be in OUAM.

HIRO BONCHEVA

TJ is working as a technician in Once Upon a Mattress, and is a sophomore in high school. He has been doing theatre for about nine years, and would like to pursue acting further into college and possibly as a career. He would like to thank his friends for being his wallflowers, and always being there for him.

CARRINGTON DARST

Carrington Darst is a ninth-grade rising to tenth-grade student at East Forsyth High School. He has worked on Spitfire Grill, Theater Spotlight, and Shrek Jr shows. He is active in Theater East because of Ms. Norwood from Little Mill Middle School. Carrington is the current spotlight operator for OUAM and he was the spot for the previous shows above. Carrington is also a part of beta club and is learning to be a pilot this summer.



JACKSON HOWELL

This is Jackson's first performance with Theatre East and he is very excited to bring this production to life. Jackson has been an actor in multiple shows at his middle school and can't wait for everyone to watch ONCE UPON A MATTRESS.

PEYTON HALL

Peyton is a sophomore at East Forsyth High School, She is involved in cheer but really enjoys the opportunity to work on costumes! Peyton hopes you enjoy the show!

NORA PACK

Nora is greatful to have the opportunity to participate and contribute to the show of Once Upon a Mattress as a part of costume crew. She has had a lot of fun learning from and with everyone in the cast and crew of Once Upon a Mattress! Nora cannot wait for the next theatre season!

JAMIELYNN DICKERSON

JamieLynn Dickerson, one of the props managers, is very excited to be part of the crew for Once upon a mattress. This is JamieLynn's 5th year in theater and 2nd year on crew. She would like to thank her family and her best friends peyton and jackson who are on the crew as well.

KATE MITCHELL

Kate Mitchell is a sophomore at East Forsyth. You may know her as tech from East's previous production of Oklahoma and Spitfire Grill! Kate would like give a shoutout to her sister, whose dedication to wrestling team is her #1 inspiration.

LUCY KING

Lucy is part of the run crew for Once Upon A Mattress. This is her first time working on a play for theatre and it has been one of the best experiences in her high school year. She is so excited to be apart of this cast and crew and hopes you enjoy ONCE UPON A MATTRESS.

JACKLYNN LEWIS

Jacklynn is greatful to have the opportunity to participate and contribute to the show of ONCE UPON A MATTRESS as a part of deck crew. Jacklynn also participated in the fall play of The Spitfire Grill. She has had a lot of fun learning from and with everyone in both shows! Jacklynn cannot wait for the next theatre season!



CANAAN PAYNE

Canaan Payne has been doing theatre for about 4 years and discovered her love for tech theatre during INTO THE WOODS. Although she is run crew for this show, you may have seen her as Jack's Mother in INTO THE WOODS or Ensemble in OKLAHOMA. In her free time, Canaan likes listening to Harry Styles and Taylor Swift. She wants to thank her family for their support and give a special thanks to Cadence and Kate for mental and emotional support. She hopes you enjoy the show.

QUINN SANCHEZ-FORSBACH

Quinn Sanchez-Forsbach (run crew) is a sophomore at EFHS. They have been involved with theater since 7th grade. This is their first time doing crew since 7th grade, quarantine hitting before the show could premiere. They play bass clarinet, Bb clarinet, and alto saxophone. They are in Jazz band and the Speech & Debate Club. They would like to thank their mom for always being supportive of them

KYLEE BOWEN

This is Kylee's third time working on a production with Theatre East. She previously choreographed All Together Now and Oklahoma last year! Kylee is extremely grateful for all the hard work these students have put into this show! She would like to give a shout-out to Dani for being a fabulous dance captain!

CORY SPEAKMAN

Cory Speakman is the choral/musical theatre director at EFHS. This is his 16th year in education. Mr. Speakman has a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Music Education from the University of West Georgia. He is also the director of worship arts at New Hope UMC and a performer/music director at the Holly Theatre in Dahlonega. Mr Speakman has performed in THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME(Frollo) and NEWSIES(Pulizter) and has directed FOREVER PLAID, THE WEDDING SINGER, WILLY WONKA JR., THE MARVELOUS WONDERETTES, DEAR EDWINA JR., OKLAHOMA, and GUYS AND DOLLS. He would like to thank his wife Katie for all her support, and the amazing cast/crew for this amazing experience!

ADDISON WALDEN

Addison Walden is in his thirteenth year of teaching. Mr. Walden grew up in Forsyth County then went to school at Georgia College and State University where he earned a BA in Theatre and an MAT in Education. He then went on to teach 3 years in Fulton County and 8 years at North Forsyth High School. He has been at East since it opened in 2021. He would like to thank his wife April, without whom he would not be able to do this job. He is proud of her for running East's Media Center while also going back to school for her Masters. She also raises their 2 daughters, for months at a time on her own, and handles their 2 energetic boston terriers all while keeping the house from falling apart.

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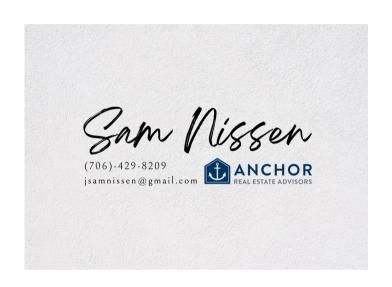
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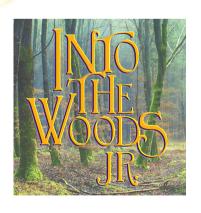
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