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Disney's The Little Mermaid

Music by Alan Menken, Lyrics by Howard Ashman & Glenn Slater, Book by Doug Wright

Based on the Hans Christian Andersen story and the Disney film produced by Howard Ashman & John Musker and written & directed by John Musker & Ron Clements.

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Director's Note

The Little Mermaid is such a great show. It's a wonderful combination of beautiful and funny moments with larger than life characters and some amazing songs that have become life-long favourites for Disney-lovers. It's also an enormous show, packed with huge full-cast numbers like "Under the Sea" and "Kiss the Girl" as well as massive set locations. I am immensely grateful for the colossal amount of work that all of the staff and volunteers working behind the scenes have put in to support our cast. A show of this size and scope isn't possible without the dedication and care of a lot of people.

The teenage cast of this production has been incredible. It is no small feat to bring a show like this to life. Under the help and guidance of the team here at Stage 3–Bailey, Mark, Natalie, and Aliya–this group of young performers has created something truly remarkable. When you put on a Disney show, you know that your audience will have certain expectations for the characters you are putting in front of them. I am very proud of our students and the work they have done to create their own original take on well-known and loved characters that are believable, interesting, and evocative. Additionally, a show like *The Little Mermaid* rests squarely on the shoulders of our massively talented ensemble cast. The ensemble of this production is constantly shifting to make a huge, lively, and exciting world. What is "Under the Sea" without an entire ocean full of fish to support Sebastian? These performers have made something grand that I know will entertain and delight you.

Please enjoy the show! Sam Frisk Director

Season Note

Welcome to Theatre Ancaster's 2024-25 Season! This season, our productions resonate with the universal theme of finding one's place in the world - growing up, claiming an identity, finding true love, understanding one's purpose, and knowing the security of belonging to a family or a community. Each performance promises to delve deep into the human experience, offering poignant reflections and inspiring narratives.

We invite you to join us as we navigate the complexities of these themes of discovery and exploration through the magic of theatre. Whether you are a long-time supporter or a new face in our community, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for your presence and support. Here's to a season filled with captivating stories, thought-provoking moments, unforgettable performances and, hopefully, some smiles along the way.

For those who want to deepen their own journeys and discover new ventures, Theatre Ancaster is always looking for new participants and volunteers who understand the importance of the arts to the human experience. Come "Grow, Delight, Shine" with us by visiting **www.TheatreAncaster.com** for a variety of opportunities to contribute to our multifaceted company!

Sincerely, Krys Croxall President

Musical Numbers

ACT ONE

The World Above	Ariel
Fathoms Below	Pilot, Sailors, Eric, Grimsby
Daughters of Triton	Mersisters
	Triton
•	Ursula, Flotsam, Jetsam
	Ariel
	Sailors
	Ariel
	Mersisters, Flounder
	Eric
	Sebastian, Mersisters, Flounder, Sea Creatures
	Ariel
	Flotsam, Jetsam
	Ursula
	Ursula, Ariel

Please Enjoy a 15 Minute Intermission

ACT TWO

Positoovity	Scuttle, Gulls
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Beyond My Wildest Dreams	Ariel, Maids, Grimsby
Les Poissons	
Les Poissons (Reprise)	
One Step Closer	Eric
Daddy's Little Angel (Reprise)	
Kiss the Girl	Sebastian, Scuttle, Flounder, Animals
If Only (Quartet)	Ariel, Eric, Sebastian, Triton
The Contest	Grimsby, Princesses
Poor Unfortunate Souls (Reprise)	
Ariel's Transformation	Mersisters
Finale Ultimo	Triton, Ariel, Eric, Ensemble

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Cast

ArielBoe Warwick
PilotRandell Browne
Eric Noah Pace
Grimsby Ben Pickles
Flounder
Scuttle Gabrielle Schiau
WindwardJosh Matijasich
Triton Liam Blevins
Sebastian Cooper McAdam
AquataClaire Brdarevic
AndrinaOlivia Pickering
Arista
AtinaCate Slack
Adella
AllanaTaite Bowman
FlotsamMarissa Elliott
JetsamAyla Outtrim
Ursula Michaela Mathurin
Chef LouisOwen Greenway
Ensemble Sophia Atkinson, Brooklyn Beaudoin, Lydia Brown, Olivia Cadet,
Ashe Chadwick, Nathan Daez , Sloane Davren, Gracie Domenichini Violo,
Madeleine Hastings-Speck, Sophie Hickerson, Paige Johnny, Norah Laursen,
Cayleigh Lennox, Ruby Loomis, Tee Padyk, Mina Saeed, Madysen Schiau,
Emily Snell Allison, Amelia Verginella

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Creative and Production Team

Director	Sam Frisk	
Choreographer	Bailey Dalton	
Music Director	Mark Reese	
Stage Manager	Natalie Burtch	
Assistant Stage Manager	Aliya Burtch	
Apprentice Stage Manager	Craig Heath	
Costume Designer and Lead Sewer	Emma Borsellino	
Costume Team and Sewers Maxine Borsellino, Sophia H	loffman, Alex Hummell,	
	a Lapsley, Julie Marriott	
Front of House Sandra Gibel (Coordinator), Dianne	·	
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Cast



Sophia Atkinson

Sophia is excited to be celebrating her fourth show with Theatre Ancaster! Sophia is no stranger to the Peller Hall stage, most recently performing in *GLEE 2024*. Before that, Sophia played the role of Edith in *The Pirates of Penzance JR*, and appeared in *GLEE 2023!* Sophia goes to Glendale Secondary School, where she is a vocal and drama major! Sophia hopes you enjoy the show as much as she does!



Brooklyn Beaudoin

Brooklyn is a high-achieving grade 10 student at Bishop Ryan Secondary School. She has been involved in a number of local musical theatre productions, such as *Matilda*, *Descendants* and *Delayed*. Brooklyn is elated to be cast in the Theatre Ancaster production of *The Little Mermaid*. Brooklyn would like to thank the *Little Mermaid* cast/team for this amazing opportunity, and her family and friends for their unwavering support!



Liam Blevins

Delighted to make his Stage 3 debut as King Triton, Liam is a seasoned performer with iconic roles like Prince Eric in *The Little Mermaid*, Lumière in *Beauty and the Beast*, Ernie in *Mac Puffs*, and Ensemble in *Jekyll and Hyde*. With a passion for musical theatre, he would like to thank his family for supporting him through his career and his teachers at Triple Arts! Up next: Squidward in *SpongeBob the Musical*!



Taite Bowman

Taite is a grade 10 student at Glendale Secondary School in the Performing Arts Program majoring in Vocals and Drama. Select credits include: *Frozen JR* (Elsa), *Oliver* (Fagin's Gang), and *Newsies JR* (Medda Larkin). Taite was recently awarded the highest mark at the OVAF Festival in the Classical Voice Category. Taite is very excited to perform in Theatre Ancaster's production of *The Little Mermaid*.



Claire Brdarevic

Claire is so excited to be performing in *The Little Mermaid*. She is a grade twelve student, and this is her third show with Stage 3. Previously she has appeared in *We Will Rock You* as Oz and *Matilda* as Mrs. Wormwood. She was a competitive dancer for ten years and competed with Steps Performing Arts Centre. Claire would like to thank her family, friends and the cast for making this experience so wonderful! Enjoy the show!



Lydia Brown

Lydia is very excited for her Theatre Ancaster debut under the sea! She is a grade 10 student who has loved to sing and dance for as long as she can remember. Lydia is thrilled to be in this show and can't wait for opening night.



Randell Browne

Randell has played a part in three shows for Theatre Ancaster's Stage 3 program, including *We Will Rock You*, and as Rudolpho in *Matilda*. He would like to thank his family and friends for their support, and he hopes you enjoy the show!

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Olivia Cade

Olivia is excited to be in this production of *The Little Mermaid*. Olivia is no stranger to the stage, especially Theatre Ancaster's. Olivia has been involved in the Junior Broadway Programs (x3), GLEE (x2), and *Oliver* (Mainstage). Olivia hopes you enjoy this production and have a fantastic time!



Ashe Chadwick

Ashe is a student at Glendale Secondary School and is in the audition based performing arts program. She has participated in various shows with another performing arts company including: *The Wizard of Oz, Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief*, and *The Little Mermaid JR*. Ashe would also like to say thank you to her mom for always supporting her dreams and doing everything she can to help Ashe achieve them.



Nathan Daez

Nathan has some experience with acting but this is his first big production with Theatre Ancaster's Stage 3. He enjoys hobbies like video games and Dungeons and Dragons.



Sloane Davren

Sloane is a passionate performer currently in her fifth production with Theatre Ancaster. She has been part of *Frozen, Newsies, GLEE*, and *Matilda*. She has been accepted into the ArtSMART program beginning in semester 2 of grade 10. Sloane is focused on developing her talents and continuing her journey in theatre.



Kaitlyn den Ouden

Since she was old enough to join the Stage 2 Summer Camp program, Kaitlyn has spent most of her summers either performing or volunteering with Theatre Ancaster. She was also a part of the Junior Broadway production of *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory!*



Gracie Domenichini Violo

Gracie is a grade 9 student who has had a passion for music for as long as she can remember. Gracie has taken part in *GLEE 2024* and *GLEE 2023* with Theatre Ancaster, and she is absolutely thrilled to be back for another fantastic show!



Marissa Elliott

Marissa is a Grade 12 student from Sherwood Secondary School in her last year of Stage 3. Marissa has also appeared in ArtSMART's *Seussical* (Jojo), Theatre Ancaster's *Oliver* (Featured Dancer) and *Matilda* (Amanda Thripp), and Sherwood's *Mamma Mia* (Sophie). Marissa also takes voice lessons and coaches competitive gymnastics. While Marissa is sad to say goodbye to Theatre Ancaster's youth programs, she is excited to see what's next and can't wait to portray a villain for you in her final show.



Owen Greenway

Owen, a grade 12 student attending DVSS, is glad to be back for his last year of Youth Programming. Owen's TA experience includes Mike TeeVee in *Willy Wonka*, Khashoggi in *We Will Rock You*, and Mr. Wormwood in *Matilda*. Most recently Owen appeared as Rolf in TA's latest Mainstage show, *The Sound of Music*. Thanks to his friends and family for their endless love and support! Enjoy the show! Instagram: @synchroncity.band.official



Madeleine Hastings-Speck

Maddie is thrilled to be back with Stage 3 for another great year of singing and dancing!



Sophie Hickerson

Sophie is a Grade 12 student at Dundas Valley Secondary School. A talented painter, she has recently gained admission to OCAD University for their fine arts degree program. In addition to her participation in the show, Sophie has contributed behind the scenes doing set painting and puppet creation. Sophie would like to thank her cast mates for making her first year at Stage 3 truly memorable.



Paige Johnny

Paige Johnny is a grade 9 student at Westdale HS. She has been participating at Theatre Ancaster since she was six years old. She loves singing, dancing, acting, and sports, including soccer, basketball and hockey. She especially loves the friends she has made along the way.



Chase Kovacs

Chase is a grade 10 student in the performing arts program at Glendale. He has been performing since he was 9 years old. Some past performances include *Newsies JR*. (Jack Kelly), *Oliver!* (Charley Bates), *Frozen JR*. (Hans), *Matilda* (Eric), *Sister Act* (Joey) and most recently, *Fame JR*. as Schlomo. Chase is excited to perform with such an incredible cast and hopes you enjoy the show!



Norah Laursen

Norah is thrilled to be a part of Theatre Ancaster's production of *The Little Mermaid*. She has taken part in other Theatre Ancaster productions such as *Frozen JR., Newsies JR.* and *Matilda*. Norah can't wait to join this amazing cast as they bring "Under the Sea" to the stage!



Cayleigh Lennox

Cayleigh Lennox is a Grade 11 student at DVSS. Previously, she has been in *Frozen JR*, *GLEE*, *We Will Rock You* and *Matilda*. She would like to thank her family and friends for all their support during the show's run. Outside of theatre, Cayleigh has released 6 original songs under the name Cay Leigh and she strongly encourages you to take a listen. She hopes you have a fantastic time under the sea with her and the cast!



Ruby Loomis

Ruby is so excited to be back in Stage 3 for *The Little Mermaid*! Last year, she was in the sold-out performance of *Matilda*, playing a school kid. Previous shows include *Newsies JR*, *Frozen JR* and *Willy Wonka JR*. Enjoy the show!



Michaela Mathurin

Michaela is a 15-year-old singer who began her vocal career at 6 years old. She is in Grade 10 at Glendale Secondary School, where she was introduced to the world of Musical Theatre. She has performed in *RENT, Alice in Wonderland* and *The Sound of Music*. She has been cast in the spring production of *Mary Poppins*. She is thrilled to have the opportunity to perform in *The Little Mermaid*.



Josh Matijasich

Josh is a 17-year-old high school student with a passion for the arts. In the past, Josh has been in three Theatre Ancaster musical productions: *Matilda, We Will Rock You*, and *Willy Wonka JR*. Even outside of Theatre Ancaster, Josh loves to explore the world of theatre through high school theatre as well as the National Theatre School Drama Festival.



Cooper McAdam

Cooper has been in very few productions, but he loves theatre! He was in Theatre Ancaster's *Matilda* as the Escapologist. He is also in his school's production *THE LAMB* which is written and directed by one of Cooper's fellow students. He has loved art his whole life, and he hopes to share that love with you! He loves working with the cast and he hopes you enjoy this show!



Kari Ostermeier

Kari is excited to be in *The Little Mermaid* again after performing it for her first Theatre Ancaster show. She is a grade 10 student at Westmount and is looking forward to her first high school production in the spring. Recent credits include: Carmen (*Fame JR.* - 20PAA), Matilda (*Matilda* - Theatre Ancaster), Davey (*Newsies JR.*). Kari wants to thank her family, friends, and teachers who continue to support her on the stage. Enjoy the show!



Ayla Outtrim

This is Ayla's 10th season with Theatre Ancaster and she could not be more excited about what the future has in store. She is thrilled to bring you into the world she is so passionate about. She hopes you love the show as much as she does. She would like to thank the cast, crew, and everyone else who made her love for theatre possible.



Noah Pace

Noah is overjoyed to be a part of *The Little Mermaid*! His previous credits with Theatre Ancaster include *The Sound of Music, Matilda, The Full Monty* and *Oliver*! He would like to thank his vocal coach, Matt Wagman, and his first choir conductor, Dave Anderson, for all their help and encouragement. Noah would like to thank the production team for giving him this opportunity. He hopes you enjoy the show!



Tee Padyk

Tee is delighted to be in this under the sea adventure. She's extra pumped because this was her first show when she started performing and is now also her last. She has previously appeared in Theatre Ancaster's productions of *The Little Mermaid JR, Willy Wonka JR, We Will Rock You* and *Matilda*. She would like to thank her cast for this incredible show and her family. Tally ho!



Olivia Pickering

Olivia, who plays Andrina, is a passionate person with a love for theatre. *The Little Mermaid* is Olivia's first show with Theatre Ancaster but definitely isn't her last. She has previously performed as Matilda in *Matilda*, Ms Hannigan in *Annie*, Bulga in *Frozen* and hopes for many more. She would like to thank her friends and family for their support through her career in theatre.



Ben Pickles

Ben spent last winter explaining to confused friends and family that "yes, there IS a Russian mobster in *Matilda*". This winter, he's jogging their memories of a parochial white-haired Englishman in *Disney's The Little Mermaid*. Ben enjoys acting, singing, and discussing the political malfeasance of the Mike Harris government. (Although he has not yet tried all three at the same time.) He plans to start at Carleton University in September.

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Mina Saeed

Mina is thrilled to be a part of this year's Stage 3 production of *The Little Mermaid*! Mina has previously been in *Matilda* and *We Will Rock You* with Stage 3, as well as in *Mean Girls* as Gretchen and most recently in *Mamma Mia* as Sophie! As this is her third and final performance with Stage 3, Mina would like to thank all of her cast-mates who truly make this experience the most fun ever. Mina hopes you enjoy this mer-mazing show!



Gabrielle Schiau

Gabrielle Schiau is a grade 11 student performing her third show with Theatre Ancaster. Gabrielle was previously in *We Will Rock You* and *Matilda*. Gabrielle loves theatre and has been singing her entire life. She spends her free time performing for film and TV and appeared in a short film last summer.



Madysen Schiau

Madysen Schiau is a grade 9 student. This is her first show with Theatre Ancaster. Madysen swims competitively and loves the arts. She paints creatively, dances and sings. Madysen wants to become a lifeguard and is currently in the process of getting her bronze cross.



Cate Slack

Cate is a Grade 10 dance and drama student at Glendale SS. This is her fourth year with Theatre Ancaster and she has had so much fun performing in previous roles as the Scariest Snowflake (*Frozen JR*), Ethel (*Newsies JR*) and most of all as Bruce (*Matilda*). In her role as the Mersister, Attina, Cate is most excited about the challenge of dancing in a mermaid costume. Enjoy the show!



Emily Snell Allison

Emily is so thankful for getting to be a part of this wonderful show with this incredible cast! She is currently a grade 10 student in the arts program at Glendale Secondary School. Previous credits include: *Newsies* (Les), *Matilda* (Hortensia), *Fame JR* (Iris), *Newsies JR* (Katherine), and *Oliver* (Fagin's gang). Thanks to her family for their support! Enjoy the show!



Amelia Verginella

Amelia is a high school student at Brantford Collegiate Institute and has been involved in theatre productions since they were very young. They started with Theatre Ancaster in 2021 with their "Back to Broadway" show, then moved on to do Newsies JR, GLEE, Matilda the Musical, and now The Little Mermaid. Amelia is thrilled to be involved with this incredible show and is looking forward to what is to come.



Boe Warwick

Boe, a grade 11 student passionate about live theatre, has enjoyed performing in various musical productions at Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School. She is excited to bring Ariel to life in her first show with Theatre Ancaster. Grateful for the opportunity to be part of this beloved production, Boe extends a heartfelt thank you to her family and everyone who has supported her musical journey along the way.

Creative Team



Aliya Burtch Assistant Stage Manager

Aliya is a graphic design student at Mohawk College and has been assistant stage managing for Stage 3 since 2017. She'd like to thank her family, shout out Eric Lessa Fratini (5'7), and she hopes you enjoy the show!



Natalie Burtch Stage Manager

Natalie is a graduate of Sheridan College, with an Advanced Diploma in Technical Production, and Mohawk College & Six Nations Polytechnic, Social Service Work. Natalie's love of Stage 3 has brought her to her 16th year with the program. She loves watching the cast grow and work through the making of a show. When not at rehearsal, she works at Woodview Mental Health & Autism Services. Big thanks to Aliya for her hard work, and to her fiancé for his loving encouragement.



Bailey Dalton Choreographer

Bailey is excited to have choreographed *The Little Mermaid* during her fifth year with Theatre Ancaster's Stage 3 program. A graduate of Randolph Academy, she loves sharing all aspects of musical theatre with students each week. She is grateful for the chance to collaborate with such a talented cast and creative team. Enjoy the show and dive into the magic of the sea!



Sam Frisk Director

Sam has been working away at Theatre Ancaster since 2006, and the opportunity to make theatre with the students of Stage 3 remains the best part of his year. Sam serves as the Director of Programming at Theatre Ancaster, so he enjoys the opportunity to help make the magic happen with all of our productions. Away from the theatre, he is lucky enough to spend his life with Natalie and Erin.



Mark Reese Music Director

Mark is delighted to be collaborating once again with Sam, Bailey, Natalie, Aliya & the rest of the Stage 3 crew. His teaching career highlights include introducing the use of a full-book musical to teach a musical theatre course in Ontario and co-creating the ArtSMART program. Former Theatre Ancaster productions include *Aida, The Wizard of Oz, Shrek* & *The Producers*. As always, Mark's deepest love and appreciation go out to his precious Janice & Annie.







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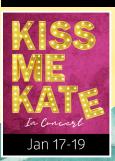
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