

JUNE 27 - JULY 26
The Ideal Playhouse



Disney **THE LITTLE**
MERMAID



Heber Valley Entertainment presents

Disney THE LITTLE MERMAID

Music by
Alan Menken

Lyrics by
Howard Ashman &
Glenn Slater

Book by
Doug Wright

Based on the story by Hans Christian Andersen
and the film by Walt Disney

Director
Steve Anderson

Assist. Director
Ryan Jones

Music Director
Karyn Anderson

Choreographer
Jessica Beardall

Tech Director
Dave Bates

Set Design
Caden Tomlinson

Stage Manager
Darcie Jones

Costume Design
Kara Charlesworth

Hair and Wig Design
Lizzy Ricks

Makeup Design
Amy Asay

Ariel
(June 27, 30, July 11, 19, 21, 25)
Lizzy Ricks

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(June 28, July 5, 7, 14, 18, 26)
Marissa Haines

Prince Eric
(single cast)
Ethan Jones

Ursula
Kara Charlesworth

Sebastian
Jessica Beardall

Flounder
Lydia Evans

Scuttle
Brynn Hartley

Triton
Todd Christensen

Grimsby/Jetsam
Ryan Jones

Chef Louis/Flotsam
Caden Tomlinson

Pilot/Winward/Ens.
Camilla Curtis

Aquata/Ens.
Megan Grass

Arista/Ens.
Mila Brown

Adela/Ens.
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Marissa Haines

Ariel (6/28, 7/5, 7/7, 7/14, 7/18, 7/26)

Marissa is delighted to be in her very first production here at the Ideal Playhouse! Her recent credits include: Ozma (Ozma of Oz, UVU), Madeleine (The Divine, UVU), Christine Daae (The Phantom Breaks the Opera, The Angelus Theater), and various roles with Disney Cruise Line. She thanks her family for being ever supportive of her. She also thanks the creative & directive team at the Ideal for helping her realize a dream role and reuniting her with her favorite princess!



Lizzy Ricks

Ariel (6/27, 6/30, 7/11, 7/19, 7/21, 7/25)/Wig Design

Lizzy is so excited to be playing one of her absolute dream roles! Her favorite recent credits include Les Misérables, Annie, and Thoroughly Modern Millie. She's kicking off her BFA in Musical Theatre this fall, and recently made her film debut! When she's not performing, Lizzy shares her journey as a performer and passion for singing on social media @lizzy_ricks



Jessica Beardall

Sebastian/Choreographer

Jessica Beardall is 27 and lives in South Jordan, Utah. She received her BFA in Acting from BYU and participated in many productions and dance companies there. Some of her favorite shows include Singin' in the Rain (Kathy), The Last Five Years (Cathy), Finding Nemo (Nemo), and her BYU capstone performance of 12 Angry Jurors (Juror 5). When not performing, she loves being a wife and a mom to her 1 year old twin girls, Emilia and Hazel!



Todd Christensen

Triton

Todd is thrilled to once again grace the stage, where he can loudly emote without being asked to leave the grocery store. Over the years, Todd has made a habit of playing emotionally complex men with excellent posture and questionable coping mechanisms. From slicing throats as Sweeney Todd, growling through heartbreak as the Beast, to commanding children like a militant baritone as Captain Von Trapp, Todd has demonstrated a wide range of facial hair and feelings. When not on stage, Todd can be found practicing his brooding in front of mirrors, alphabetizing his tea collection, or attempting to whistle like a man who's seen some things. He would like to thank his patient family, and the community theater for once again letting him sing with excessive passion.



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Lydia Evans
Flounder

Lydia Evans (Flounder) is thrilled to be a part of The Little Mermaid at Heber's Ideal Theater! She has been performing on stage since kindergarten and has loved every minute of the journey. She was recently accepted into the prestigious Music Dance Theater program at BYU and is honored to continue pursuing her passion. Some of her favorite past shows include The Secret Garden (Rose), Anastasia (Lily), Cinderella (Stepsister), A Christmas Carol (Belinda Cratchit, HCTO), and portraying princesses such as Ariel and Cinderella. She sends gratitude to her family, teachers and professors, and many other loved ones. P.S. Why doesn't Flounder like parties on land? Too many shellfish jokes—he clam-s up.



Kara Charlesworth
Ursula/Costume Design

Kara is reveling in the chance to play one of her dream roles—the devilishly delightful sea witch herself, Ursula—in her debut at The Ideal Playhouse! She studied Music Therapy and Theater Education at Utah State University and has enjoyed past roles such as Belle in Beauty and the Beast, Little Sally in Urinetown, and Golde in Fiddler on the Roof. But let's be honest—being bad has never felt so good! Kara sends love to her favorite humans—Brian, Lyla, Everly, and Violet—for their endless support (and for tolerating her evil cackle at home). You poor unfortunate souls... enjoy the show!



Ethan Jones
Prince Eric

Ethan Jones is 20 years old. He has some experience in theatre. What he lacks in personality, he makes up for in his passions. He enjoys writing, music, and theatre.



Ryan Macgyver Jones
Grimsbys/Jetsam/Ensemble/Assistant Director

Ryan Macgyver Jones is thrilled to be part of Disney's The Little Mermaid! A senior in the BYU film program, Ryan has been involved in a variety of film and theatre projects. His theatre credits include Guys and Dolls, Hattie's Echo, Peter and the Starcatcher, You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown. As a filmmaker, he produced the award-winning short film Thanksgiving. He recently spent semesters abroad in Israel, Jordan, Greece, England, Belgium, and France to deepen his passion for meaningful storytelling.



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Brynn Hartley **Scuttle**

Brynn Hartley is so excited to be on stage again in her second production at the Ideal Playhouse—a company she's wanted to work with ever since she found out just how close it is to some of her biggest fans: her grandparents. As the favorite grandchild, she considers performing nearby her civic duty. Some of her favorite past roles include Polly Baker in *Crazy for You*, Eve in *Children of Eden*, and Bottom in Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Brynn wants to give an enormous thank you to Steve and Karyn for this opportunity, and to the incredible cast and crew for making this experience such a joy. And of course, endless love to her friends, family, and grandparents. Enjoy the show, thank you for coming!



Caden Tomlinson **Chef Louis/Jetsam/Ensemble/Set Design**

Caden Tomlinson is a sophomore at BYU, currently studying Commercial Music. He has been dabbling in theater for the a few years now, and has previously played the role of Enjolras in *Les Misérables*, and ensemble in the *Hunchback of Notre Dame*. He is excited to be a part of *The Little Mermaid* and hopes you enjoy the show.



Camilla Curtis **Pilot/Windward/Princess/Ensemble**

Camilla Curtis is thrilled to be in The Ideal Theater's production of *The Little Mermaid*. A graduate of Brigham Young University, she is a classically trained opera singer with a diverse career spanning both opera and musical theater. Most recently, Camilla captivated audiences as Glinda in *The Wizard of Oz*. Her previous roles include Despina in *Così fan tutte*, Marta in *Company*, and Giannetta in *The Elixir of Love*. Camilla is excited to bring her passion for performance to a new audience.



Madison Stensrud **Adela/Princess/Ensemble**

Madison is super excited to be performing with the Ideal Playhouse this summer for the first time! She is a Musical Theatre BFA student at Southern Utah University and is going into her third year. Some of Maddie's favorite past roles have been in *Anastasia* (Any), *She Kills Monsters* (Agnes), and *Alice by Heart* (Clarissa/Queen of Diamonds). "Thank you to all my friends, family, and teachers for your constant support, I love you all!"



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Mila Brown

Arista/Princess/Ensemble

Mila Brown is ecstatic to be on stage again. Past favorite roles of hers include Belle in Beauty and the Beast, Anya in Anastasia (YE), and Audrey in Little Shop of Horrors. Mila would like to thank this amazing cast for being so fun and supportive, and for being the best carpool buddies.



Megan Grass

Aquata/Princess/Ensemble

Megan is thrilled to be performing at The Ideal Playhouse! She is a graduate of Marymount Manhattan College with a BFA in Musical Theatre. Megan has performed at some of New York City's most iconic venues, including Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center. She has been featured in the Earth Day Times Square Concert Series and has taken on a variety of exciting roles, including Jo in 'Little Women', Elle Woods in 'Legally Blonde', and Anastasia in a Disney cabaret at 54 Below. Endless love and thanks to her mom, dad and family.



The Heart of Rock and Roll July 22

America's #1 Huey Lewis & The News tribute! Spot-on vocals and iconic '80s hits like "Power of Love," and "Hip to Be Square," and nonstop energy. Don't miss this!



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Steve Anderson

Director

Steve Anderson is an award-winning television producer, theater director, and theme park ride designer. Some of his favorite past projects include producing a tv event with Britney Spears, directing “Bugsy Malone” (Greasepaint), and theming the Van Helsing rollercoaster at Movie Park Germany. Steve is also our creative director at the Ideal Playhouse and is excited to see live shows back on the stage at this wonderfully historic and magical 110-year-old theater.



Dave Bates

Technical Director/Sound/Lighting

Dave is a pioneer in projection mapping and has been winning awards for his projections for the past 25 years! He has a well-known Halloween house (Bates Haunt) that was featured on Good Morning America as one of the country's best and has thousands of visitors each year. Dave has done projection for theaters and events all over Utah. He loves to go on adventures and to create whatever crazy things he imagines. By day, he works as a website designer. He lives in Taylorsville with his wife and 5 kids.



Karyn Anderson

Music Director

Karyn has been involved in music since she can remember. Her family sang together at events around the Salt Lake Valley for over 30 years. She was a member of Salt Lake Harmony Singers and spent several years directing local choirs. Karyn is also a special education teacher and attorney (and suddenly a digital marketer) and she has 7 kids. She loves living in the Heber Valley and is so excited to play a part in bringing this old theater back to life!



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The Everly Brothers Experience August 2

Zachary and Dylan Zmed bring the unforgettable sound of Don and Phil Everly to life in this heartfelt tribute with spot-on harmonies and top-tier musicianship. Don't miss this nostalgic trip through rock 'n' roll history!



Frank Sinatra & Marilyn August 23

Enjoy a nostalgic evening with Brian Duprey performing his legendary Frank Sinatra show, with special guest star, Marilyn Monroe. Come listen to ol' blue eyes serenade you, tell jokes, and schmaltz up the joint. This dynamic duo will knock your socks off!



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Coming soon...

Aug 2 - The Everly Brothers Experience

Aug 23 - Frank Sinatra & Marilyn Monroe

Sept 19 - Oct 27 - Big River: the live musical

Sept 23 - Ronstadt Revival

Oct 18 - Who Are You: a tribute to The Who

Nov 7 - The Traveling Wilburys Revue

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