

# OVATION

Theatre Company LLC



# THE AUDITION



# Directors' Note

Welcome and thank you for coming!

We'd like to take a moment to recognize all of the wonderful people who have made this show possible. First, this cast is super amazing and fantastic, and have been so great throughout this entire process! Obviously these are trying times for the arts, but despite all of that, we still came together to put on a stellar production. Infinite thanks goes out to our cast, my co-director (Tim or Garrett, depending on whose voice you're reading this note in), and the operations at Ovation behind the scenes helping us out along the way.

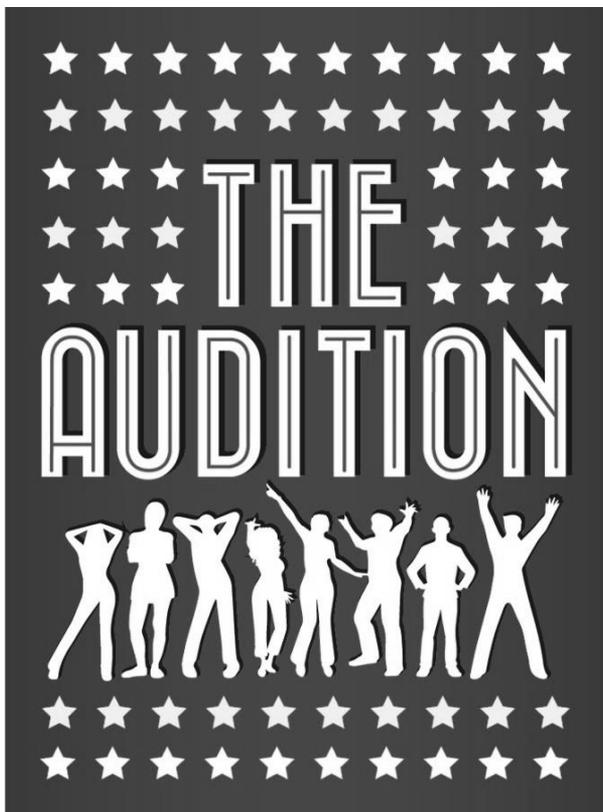
We chose to present this wonderful script (from the creative talents of Don Zolidis) because we believe its message is particularly relevant today (like, *today* today). In a time when the arts are struggling to maintain footing, when large events such as theatrical performances are greatly restricted, many young thespians (including ourselves) are struggling with the absence of this artistic outlet. And as arts funding and relief is deemed less valuable than other industries, we felt this show was a perfect way to showcase what theatre means to so many young people across the nation, and what society misses without it. We believe that this script incorporates all of our love for theatre and encapsulates the magic (and the stress) that it can still hold for us even in this pandemic.

The rehearsal process has brought us so many laughs, headaches from said laughing, and a reinvigorated sense of community that theatre has provided all of us with for many years. Even in this unorthodox format, we were still able to learn, experiment, and perform to the best of our abilities, and we hope that you enjoy this show as much as we did putting it together.

Tim Gore and Garrett Olsen

# OVATION THEATRE COMPANY

proudly presents



# JANUARY 29-30

Written by Don Zolidis

Produced by special arrangement with Playscripts, Inc.

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**If possible, we recommend turning your  
cell phones completely off.**

# Cast

Ms. Torrance ..... Julia Dowd  
Carmen ..... Cecilia Lomanno  
Yuma ..... Madison Campbell  
Cassie ..... Cailean Anderson  
Anthony ..... Tony Gallo  
Jill ..... Genevieve Martin  
Marisol ..... Hanna Carroll  
Gina ..... Abigail Parnell  
Carrie ..... Evelyn Duggan  
Alison ..... Avery Barcelos  
Elizabeth ..... Betsy Brown  
Soleil ..... Michaela Horan  
Sarah ..... Avenley Allen  
Tommy ..... Ryan Kaplan  
Mother / Father ..... Madison Finocchiaro

# Production Team

Directors ..... Tim Gore and Garrett Olsen  
Producer ..... Meg Gore  
Choreography by ..... Cecilia Lomanno  
Shakespeare Coach ..... Garrett Olsen

# Special Thanks to...

Nick Brandt  
Kevin Fisher  
Pam Sternberg  
The Carroll Family  
Dan Gore

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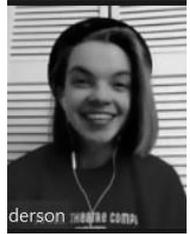
## **Avenley Allen, Sarah**

Avenley is 14 years old and has been involved in theatre since she was 8. Avenley has participated in all of Ovation's summer camp opportunities but this is her first full production with the theatre company. She is so grateful for this opportunity to perform even though it's a bit unconventional. She can't wait to see y'all in person but for now click that zoom link and enjoy the show.



## **Cailean Anderson, Cassie**

*The Audition* marks Cailean's fourth Ovation performance! You may have seen her as Little Red in *Into the Woods*, Eva Hellerová in *And a Child Shall Lead*, and Connie in *A Chorus Line*. Cailean was also a counselor at innOvation camp this past summer. Cailean enjoys playing piano, reading fantasy, and submitting her bio one day past due. She hopes you enjoy the performance!



## **Avery Barcelos, Alison**

Avery Barcelos is so excited to be playing the character Alison. This is Avery's first show with Ovation and she is so excited to be working with the cast in this production. In Avery's free time she loves singing, drawing and writing stories.



## **Betsy Brown, Elizabeth**

Betsy Brown is a senior at LHS who is so excited to be playing Elizabeth! Betsy absolutely loves theatre and has been a part of 21 productions. Some of her favorite roles include The Witch in *Into The Woods*, ensemble in *Les Mis*, and Specs in *Newsies*. She would like to thank her directors and the rest of the cast and creative team who have worked so hard to make this show happen (especially Ceci who introduced her to this little face :O look it's so funny)! She hopes that you enjoy the show. And remember... Shakespeare is for all time ;)



## **Madison Campbell, Yuma**

Madison is excited to be playing Yuma in this production of *The Audition*. Theatre has been a part of her life since she was eight years old. Madison has done 19 productions with several theatre companies across the state. She is a freshman at Pinkerton Academy and loves to code in her free time. She hopes you enjoy the show!



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## **Hanna Carroll, *Marisol***

Hanna is very excited to be performing in this play, especially during these difficult times. In addition to theatre, she also loves basketball, and anything sports related. She has performed in *Annie Jr.*, *Wizard of Oz*, *Moana*, and more. Hanna is thankful to Tim, Garrett, and the many others that have helped make this show possible. Enjoy!



## **Julia Dowd, *Ms. Torrance***

Julia is thrilled to be in her first show with Ovation this winter! You may have seen her preform with Andy's Summer Playhouse in shows such as *Thank You For Listening*, *String Theory*, and *Ghost House*. Though she is most often on stage, she also enjoys crewing, directing, writing, and building sets. In her free time, she also enjoys listening to audiobooks, singing, and using atrocious British accents around the house with her sister. She'd like to thank the cast and directing team for welcoming her into their community. She hopes you enjoy the show!



## **Evelyn Duggan, *Carrie***

Evelyn Duggan is very excited to be playing Carrie in *The Audition* for her debut performance with Ovation Theatre Company! She would like to thank her talented directors, Tim and Garrett, and her cast mates for putting in so much time and effort to make this show amazing. Enjoy!



## **Madison Finocchiaro, *Mother / Father***

Madison, a senior at Pinkerton Academy, is very excited to be returning to Ovation Theatre Company and to be trying out the virtual theater experience! She hopes that you all can sit back, relax, and enjoy the show!



## **Tony Gallo, *Anthony***

Tony is very excited to work with Ovation again, and is grateful for the chance to do theatre even during such extraneous circumstances. He wishes you good health, and hopes you enjoy the show!

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## **Michaela Horan, *Soleil***

Michaela has always loved theater, and she's excited to bring this reimagined show to you, even in these crazy circumstances. Michaela is a fantasy author, and she has always loved the arts. Both in acting, and writing her books and music. With everything that's happened in the past year, she hopes this show can give you some light to kick off 2021, and to remember that "Sometimes life is like a dark tunnel, you can't always see the light, but if you keep moving, you will come to a better place." She wishes you a happy new year, enjoy the show.



## **Ryan Kaplan, *Tommy***

Ryan has loved working with this talented group of people! His favorite past roles include Jack (*Into the Woods*), Christopher Boone (*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time - Reading*), and Tiny Tim/Rick (*A Virtual Christmas Carol - Off-Off-Broadway*). He is the Founding Artistic Director of the Fletcher Family Theatre, having produced 6 productions since May. Catch Ryan in *The Penelopiad* at FFT this March! Enjoy the show!



## **Cecilia Lomanno, *Carmen***

Cecilia is a junior at Pinkerton Academy. Some of her favorite roles include Jo in *Little Women*, the Snake in *Children of Eden*, and Sally in *Puffs*. She would like to thank the directors Timoney and Gmoney, and her good pal Betsy for making this a fantastic time. She hopes you enjoy the show!



## **Genevieve Martin, *Jill***

Genevieve Martin is 14 and loves theater. She has done theater for 4 years! Genevieve has never done an online show so she is thrilled to be a part of it. She would like to thank her directors for always making rehearsal a blast. She wishes that you all stay safe and enjoy the show!



## **Abigail Parnell, *Gina***

Abby Parnell is very excited to be playing the role of Gina. Abby is in 8th Grade and is 13 years old. This is Her first named role and she is enjoying being involved in the production of *The Audition*. Abby has been cast in 6 shows, this being her 7th. In her free time Abby enjoys singing, dancing and just having fun!



We will be following strict safety protocols for all of our summer programming.  
For more information, visit [ovationtc.com/covid.htm](http://ovationtc.com/covid.htm).



July 1-3, 2021

## Snow Angel

When the quiet town of Deerpoint, Vermont is hit by the biggest blizzard in 107 years, a mysterious girl named Eva steps out of a snow bank and into the lives of 15 confused teenagers who are asked to help her in her search. What Eva's searching for — and who she truly is — becomes a mystery that baffles, divides, and energizes the teens of Deerpoint. Told through journal entries and interactions among the students over the course of a single snow day, Snow Angel is a funny and eerie tale of teen angst, discovery, and the power of believing.

June – July 2021



**Session A:** Join us for a fun week of theatre games that will teach campers about many aspects of acting and performance. All levels of experience are welcome.

**Session B:** Students will audition, rehearse for, and present a production of *Seussical Jr.* Transporting audiences from the Jungle of Nool to the Circus McGurkus, the Cat in the Hat narrates the story of Horton the Elephant, who must protect the Whos from a world of naysayers and dangers. Although Horton faces ridicule, danger, and trial, the powers of friendship, loyalty, family and community emerge triumphant.



Register for our summer camps now at [OvationTC.com](http://OvationTC.com)!



July 30 – August 1, 2021

## Musical (TBA)

Ovation hits the stage at the end of July with an energetic mainstage musical! We are unfortunately unable to announce the show at this time, but follow us on Facebook and Instagram @ovationtc and join our mailing list to be the first to know!