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DESCENDANTS

THE MUSICAL

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Director's Note

Thank you for joining us today for our production of Disney's *Descendants!*

My journey with this cast, crew and creative team has flown by and I am going to miss them all. If I were to describe this cast in three words, they would be: talented, energetic, and kind. You'll experience the first two when you see the show, but what you won't see is how this cast and crew treat each other behind the scenes. They help each other, encourage each other, and support each other. They make me smile. I am so blessed to have the privilege of spending so much time with this fabulous group of human beings.

The cast really connected with the characters and embraced the challenge of bringing them to life. They were a true representation of the primary theme of the show. The entire team (cast & crew) worked together to bring you the production you will see today, proving we are "better together".

Part of the mission of Ovation Theatre Company is to educate, and we strive to do that in many different ways. With this production, for the first time, we hired student assistants for each professional creative team member. Each assistant was mentored by their respective team member and they were given opportunities to lead and teach. Their fingerprints are all over this production and we are so grateful to them for their commitment and dedication. Thank you Emma, Debrah, & Ryan!

Thank you also to Kevin and Miranda for sharing your talents and leadership, and to Maddy and Jenna for stepping up to help and support!

Thank you again to our cast families for being willing to lend a hand whenever needed, and to our patrons for choosing to spend time with us today! We truly appreciate your support of live theatre!

With gratitude,
Meg Gore

OVATION THEATRE COMPANY

proudly presents



DECEMBER 2-3, 2022

Book and Additional Lyrics by
Nick Blaemire

Music Adaptation by
Madeline Smith

Vocal and Incidental Arrangements by **Madeline Smith**

Orchestrations by **Matthew Tishler**

Music Produced by **Matthew Tishler**

Songs by

Johan Alkenas, Adam Anders, Aristeidis Archontis, Antonia Armato, Howard Ashman,
Peer Astrom, Stephen Mark Conley, Doug Davis, Charity Daw, Andrew C. Dodd,
Josh Edmonson, Pipo Fernandez, Nikki Hassman, Samuel Hollander, Ben Hostetler, Tim James,
Hanna Jones, Jack Kugell, Craig Lashley, Andrew Lippa, Jeanine Lurie, Alan Menken,
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Matthew Wong, David Zippel

Based on the Disney Channel Original Movies

written by Josann McGibbon and Sara Parriott

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Cast

ISLE OF THE LOST

MAL Alycia Leriche

EVIE Michaela Horan

CARLOS Ethan White

JAY Ryan Kaplan

MALEFICENT Jennah Gunawan

CRUELLA DE VIL Malia Smith

GRIMHILDE Avery Barcelos

JAFAR Abby Parnell

AURADON

BEN Jonathan Uber

QUEEN BELLE Alaina Anthony

KING BEAST Connor Burns

FAIRY GODMOTHER Lylah Chaffee

JANE Avenley Allen

AUDREY Hanna Carroll

CHAD Adam Day

DOUG Carter Blanco

MAURICE Sam Craigie

ROYAL PAGE Rebecca Eyre

ROYAL GUARD Quinn Snyder

COACH Cooper Jean

SNOW WHITE Lily McKinney

Cast

ENSEMBLE

Meg Carroll
Mckenna Duffy
Caileigh Fields
Brady Harlow
Noel Jerez
Audrey Labbe
Ava Leahy
Jenisys Oliver-Joseph
Marcella Smith
Sarah Snyder
Lizzie Sosa

DANCE ENSEMBLE

Ava Amaro
Ava Bicchieri
Audrey Malynowski
Natalie McCormick

Student Assistants



Scenes and Musical Numbers

A C T I

Scene 1	Auradon Castle “Better Together (Prelude)”	Ben
Scene 2	Isle of the Lost “Rotten to the Core” “Evil Like Me”	Mal, Evie, Jay, Carlos, Isle Ensemble Maleficent, Mal
Scene 3	Auradon Prep “Be Our Guest” “Good is the New Bad”	Auradonian Choir, Chad, Doug, Jane Fairy Godmother, Mal, Evie, Jay, Carlos, Auradonians
Scene 4	Auradon Prep Dorm	
Scene 5	Auradon Prep	
Scene 6	Auradon Museum “Evil Like Me (Reprise)”	Mal
Scene 7	Auradon Prep / Isle of the Lost	
Scene 8	Isle of the Lost “Rotten to the Core (Reprise)”	Maleficent, Jafar, Grimhilde, Cruella
Scene 9	Auradon Prep Tourney Field “Goal” “Good is the New Bad (Reprise)”	Jay, Carlos, Ben, Chad, Auradonians Auradonians
Scene 10	Auradon Prep Dorm “Ways to Be Wicked (Preprise)”	Mal, Evie, Jay, Carlos
Scene 11	Auradon Prep Courtyard “Did I Mention”	Ben, Auradonians

A C T II

Scene 1	Auradon “Better Together (Prelude)”	Ben, Mal
Scene 2	Auradon Prep Dorm “Space Between” “Chillin’ Like a Villain”	Evie, Mal Evie, Carlos, Jay, Ben
Scene 3	Isle of the Lost	
Scene 4	Auradon Prep “Good is the New Bad (Reprise)”	Auradonians
Scene 5	Isle of the Lost “If Only”	Mal, Ben
Scene 6	Auradon Prep Courtyard “Ways to Be Wicked”	Audrey, Chad, Mal, Evie, Jay, Carlos, Ben, Maleficent, Jafar, Grimhilde, Cruella, Auradonians
Scene 7	Auradon Castle “Go the Distance” “Evil Like Me (Reprise)” “Better Together” “Break This Down”	Ben Maleficent Company Company

Production Team

Director	Meg Gore
Music Director	Kevin Fisher
Choreographer	Miranda Winward
Assistant to the Director	Emma Durand
Assistant Music Director	Debrah Hernandez
Assistant Choreographer	Ryan Carrigan
Production Assistant	Maddy Buchanan
House Managers	Shawna Carroll and Michelle Leriche
Costumes and Props Coordinator	Meg Gore
Costume Alterations	Natalie McCormick Celina Vegas Janice White
Set Design	Meg Gore and Justin Millis
Set Construction	Justin Millis Carter Blanco Tony Blanco Dan Gore Joseph Smith
Set Artwork	Emma Durand Melissa Jerez Jess Millis
Scenic Painting	Cailleigh Fields Colleen Fields Ava Leahy Krista Leahy
Makeup	Jenna Sullivan
Cast Photographers	Pam Burroughs and Meg Gore
Lighting and Sound	Jim Browne and Olivia Beliveau
Business Manager	Dan Gore

The Cast



AVENLEY ALLEN | JANE

Avenley Allen is currently a sophomore at The Derryfield School. She has been involved with musical theatre since second grade. Avenley has been in many musicals but *Descendants* has been one of the most fun! She would like to thank Meg and the whole team for making this such a great experience. Avenley has loved being involved at Ovation and is so excited for the opportunities to come.



AVA AMARO | DANCE ENSEMBLE

Ava is very excited to be performing in *Descendants!* She's currently a sophomore at LHS and recently got cast in *My Fair Lady* with the drama club. Ava would like to thank her family for their support and the creative team for all their hard work. Enjoy the show!



ALAINA ANTHONY | QUEEN BELLE

Alaina has been in theater since the fourth grade, when she played Ti Moune in *Once on This Island*. The following year she was Ariel in *The Little Mermaid*. Since then she has participated in Ovation theater camps and shows. She also takes voice lessons, plays the guitar, and is a song writer. Alaina is super excited to be in this production with the Ovation cast, and hopes you enjoy the show!



AVERY BARCELOS | GRIMHILDE

Avery is excited to be in this production of *Descendants!* She is currently a sophomore in high school and in her free time enjoys singing, acting and crocheting. This is her third show with Ovation and hopes you enjoy the show!



AVA BICCHIERI | DANCE ENSEMBLE

Ava is in 8th grade and goes to Londonderry Middle School. Ava has been in 7 shows and she loves theatre! Ava loves Ovation and all the performances that they put on! In Ava's free time she likes to hang out with her friends and family. She is in Pop-Stars at the Middle School. Ava is so excited for you to see the show!

The Cast

CARTER BLANCO | DOUG

Carter is currently in seventh grade at Londonderry Middle School. He loves singing and acting, but when not performing he plays both piano and violin. He also enjoys reading, and listening to musicals. Carter is so excited to play Doug in *Descendants the Musical*, and can't wait for you to see the show!



CONNOR BURNS | KING BEAST

Connor is a 5th grade student at Matthew Thornton Elementary School in Londonderry. This is Connor's seventh play. He loves the thrill of being on stage. Connor also enjoys playing flag football, playing baseball, and learning about history and geography on YouTube. Connor has loved rehearsing for *Descendants* and hopes you enjoy the show as much as he has enjoyed being part of it.



HANNA CARROLL | AUDREY

Hanna is a sophomore at Londonderry High School. In addition to *Descendants*, she has been in a number of shows but her favorite one to date has been *Mamma Mia* with OTC. Hanna also plays basketball. She wants to thank everyone that has been a part of making this show possible, all of you are amazing!



MEG CARROLL | ENSEMBLE

Meg is so excited for you to see this amazing show! Everyone has worked so incredibly hard to put this show together for all of you to see. Along with theater, Meg loves designing, art, skiing, swimming, learning guitar, volleyball, dancing, singing... Meg would like to thank the cast and crew for this show; it has been an amazing journey. Get ready V.K.'s and Auradonians; enjoy this magical show!



LYLAH CHAFFEE | FAIRY GODMOTHER

Lylah Chaffee is so excited to perform in *Descendants* as the Fairy Godmother! While this is her Ovation debut, Lylah is no stranger to the stage and has performed in various shows such as *The Little Mermaid* (Andrina, KCT) and *Schoolhouse Rock Live* (Soloist, LMS). Aside from acting, she loves to draw and read in her free time. She hopes you enjoy the show!





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SAM CRAIGIE | MAURICE

Sam is excited to play Maurice in *Descendants*. This is his 8th show with Ovation. Some other plays Sam has performed in include *Elf Jr.*, *Cut*, & *The Little Mermaid*. Sam enjoys being with his friends. He thanks Meg and all staff involved in *Descendants* for helping to develop his character.



ADAM DAY | CHAD

Adam is a junior at Pinkerton Academy and enjoys playing sports and volunteering. *Descendants* is Adam's first show back in theatre after a three year break. It is also his first Ovation performance ever! He is very excited to work with this amazing cast, and he hopes you enjoy this exciting, and upbeat production!



MCKENNA DUFFY | ENSEMBLE

Mckenna is a freshman at Londonderry High School and has been involved in a number of Ovation camps and shows. Of course, Mckenna loves singing and acting, as well as horseback riding, soccer, and hanging out with friends. She is the only child of proud parents, Matt and Aaron Duffy.



REBECCA EYRE | ROYAL PAGE

Rebecca Eyre is excited to be in *Descendants* playing the Royal Page! Rebecca is 11 years old. This is her first show with Ovation but she has done 3 shows with another theatre company. Her favorite show she has done so far was *Shrek the Musical*, where she played Young Fiona. She hopes you enjoy the show!



CAILEIGH FIELDS | ENSEMBLE

This is Caileigh Fields first show at Ovation, she is really excited to be a part of this amazing production. She has also done many shows in the past at Majestic Theater. Some of her favorite shows in the past are *Lucky Stiff*, *Three Pigs and a Wolf*, and *Frozen!*

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JENNAH GUNAWAN | MALEFICENT

Jannah is so excited to be a part of Ovation's *Descendants*. Jannah is an 8th grader and is homeschooled. Jannah has been in past shows like *Frozen* (Sven), *Charlotte's Web* (Wilbur) and *3 Pigs and a Wolf* (#1 Pig). Outside of theatre she loves ice skating and DIY. Jannah would like to thank the Ovation cast and staff for giving her this exciting experience.



BRADY HARLOW | ENSEMBLE

Brady is excited to make his mainstage debut with Ovation after appearing in 3 summer camp shows (Lord Farquaad in *Shrek Jr.*, JoJo in *Suessical Jr.*, Pua in *Moana Jr.*). He will be playing Pans in South School's production of *Peter Pan* in the spring. Brady thanks the directors, cast, and crew for an amazing experience and his family and friends, especially his mom, dad, and sister, for all their support.



MICHAELA HORAN | EVIE

Michaela has been doing shows with Ovation since its inaugural production of *Les Mis*. She is the author of the *Rolling Hills* series, the first of which was published in 2021. Outside of theater she enjoys writing music and reading. She is so proud and excited for you all to see *Descendants*. She hopes you enjoy chillin like a villain!



COOPER JEAN | COACH

Cooper is a 13 year old in middle school. He started with Ovation in 2021 and has since performed in 5 productions, most notably shared a lead role as Shrek in *Shrek Jr.* He has been inspired by the other cast members and started taking voice lessons. He thanks you for your support and hopes you enjoy the show!



NOEL JEREZ | ENSEMBLE

Noel is very excited for his first show. He reminds you to "be fearless, try something new today!"



The Cast



RYAN KAPLAN | JAY

Ryan is thrilled to be working with Ovation once again! He has previously appeared in roles such as Charlie Brown (*You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*), Jack (*Into the Woods*), and Buddy (*Elf: The Musical Jr.*). Ryan is the Founding Artistic Director of The Fletcher Family Theatre, where he has produced twelve shows over the past two years. He thanks Meg and the whole production team for all their support!



AUDREY LABBE | ENSEMBLE

Audrey Labbe is a 14 year old freshman at the Derryfield school in Manchester. This will be her 3rd involvement with Ovation and her 21st overall performance. When she is not on stage or helping out backstage she loves to play field hockey and spend time with her friends and family. She is so excited to be a part of the ensemble in *Descendants* and she hopes you enjoy the show!



AVA LEAHY | ENSEMBLE

Ava is very excited to be performing in her first big show as a member of the ensemble. She's enjoying her time with her cast mates, making new friends and memories. In her spare time she enjoys running, singing, dancing and playing with her dog Duncan.



ALYCIA LERICHE | MAL

Alycia Leriche is a 16 year old sophomore at Pinkerton Academy and is thrilled to be a part of her first show with Ovation. Some of her favorite roles include Campbell in *Bring It On* and Aquata in *The Little Mermaid*. She is so excited for you to see this production of *Descendants* and hopes you enjoy the show.



AUDREY MALYNOWSKI | DANCE ENSEMBLE

Audrey loves performing. She has been performing since she was three. She loves dancing and singing and all things musical. She is very excited and grateful to be in her first Ovation show! She is very excited for the performance and her time being rotten to the core!

The Cast

NATALIE MCCORMICK | DANCE ENSEMBLE

Natalie is excited to be in another Ovation production. She is a sophomore and in her free time she enjoys working at the barn, taking dance lessons, and reading. This is her third show with Ovation. She has previously been in *13 the Musical* and *Cut*. She is thankful to the cast and the production team for working so hard for this show, and for all the friends she's made.



LILY MCKINNEY | SNOW WHITE

Lily McKinney is extremely excited to be part of Ovation's *Descendants* playing the role of Snow White. Lily is a thirteen year old from Londonderry, New Hampshire. She enjoys writing, reading, drawing, and being part of theater productions. Now sit back, relax, and enjoy the show.



JENISYS OLIVER-JOSEPH | ENSEMBLE

The moment Jenisys has been waiting for! A time to dance, sing, and live out her theatrical purpose while being a part of this amazing musical and cast family!



ABBY PARNELL | JAFAR

Abby Parnell is super excited to be playing Jafar in OTC's own *Descendants*! This will be Abby's 15th production, and 7th show with Ovation! Her past roles include Drake (*Annie Jr.*) and Macy's Manager (*Elf Jr.*). When Abby is not on the stage, she is probably stage managing a show! Abby is currently a sophomore at Pinkerton Academy, and hopes you have a wicked time!!



MALIA SMITH | CRUELLA DE VIL

Malia Smith is an eighth grader who loves to sing, perform, and lives for musical theater. She has worked with Ovation on a variety of productions prior to her participation in *Descendants*. Malia is extremely excited for the performance of *Descendants* because Cruella has become one of her favorite roles. She hopes you enjoy this WICKED musical!



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MARCELLA SMITH | ENSEMBLE

Marcella has recently found her love of theater. After participating in Ovation's performance of *Shrek* last summer, Marcella decided she wanted to be on stage again. She is so excited to take part in *Descendants* as a member of the ensemble. Enjoy the show!



QUINN SNYDER | ROYAL GUARD

Quinn is 13 years old and has a passion for theater. He has been in *Elf*, *Annie*, *Legally Blonde*, *13* and attended Ovation's summer camp for 2 years. Quinn loves being a part of the Ovation family. He loves to sing, dance, act, spend time with friends and family. He's very excited for you to see the show!!



SARAH SNYDER | ENSEMBLE

Sarah is 11 years old and is in 6th grade. This is Sarah's first acting experience aside from Ovation's summer camp. She is so excited to be a part of this wonderful cast. Sarah is learning so much and wishes to be in more Ovation productions. She hopes you enjoy the show!



LIZZIE SOSA | ENSEMBLE

Lizzie Sosa is super excited to be in *Descendants!!* She is currently a sophomore at Londonderry High School and cannot wait for everyone to see this wicked show! Lizzie thanks everyone that made this show possible and hopes you enjoy the show!



JONATHAN UBER | BEN

Jonathan is a 16 year old junior at Pinkerton Academy. This will be Jonathan's 8th show with Ovation and has enjoyed the ride since day one, learning new things and meeting new people every day. Jonathan can't wait for you to see this one!

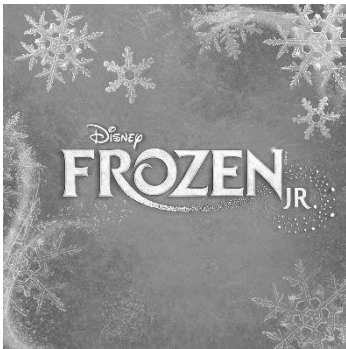
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ETHAN WHITE | CARLOS

Ethan is thrilled to be playing Carlos in Ovation's production of *Descendants*. Other roles include Cat in the Hat in *Seussical*, Oaken in *Frozen*, Mr. Bumble in *Oliver Jr.*, and Pugsley in *The Addams Family Young at Part*. A junior at GDRHS, he is a tenor in Chamber Choir, and member of the Anti-Defamation League and the Dungeons and Dragons Club. Ethan thanks his family for their love and support.



Don't miss Summer Camps 2023!



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Summer Theatre Camps

Session A: Students will audition, rehearse for, and present a production of *Frozen Jr.* With a cast of beloved characters and loaded with magic, adventure, and plenty of humor, *Frozen Jr.* is sure to thaw even the coldest heart.

Session B: Join us for a fun week of theatre games that will teach campers many aspects of acting and performance.

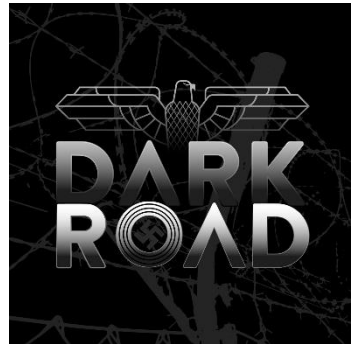
Session C: Participants will work in small groups with their peers to devise their own original show.

Register for our summer camps now at ovationtc.com!

Two Week Intensive – Spring 2023

Dark Road

When Greta, a young girl living in Nazi Germany, reads that the nearby women's concentration camp is hiring guards, she sees it as a chance to find her place in the world and provide for her sister Lise. But soon she learns the reality of her duties, and so too does she learn how to justify her crimes, heading further and further down the dark road laid by the Third Reich. Kind-hearted Lise is shocked at what her sister becomes, and though the two drift apart, their fates remain inextricably and dangerously linked. A powerful drama about the choices that allow evil to become ordinary.



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Hard work and dedication to your art has truly paid off. It is our great privilege to see you realize your dream bringing characters to life on stage. The joy you express when performing is contagious. Thank you for bringing us on this journey with you!

*With love,
Mom, Dad, Graeme,
Grandma and Grandpa*

Congratulations to you, Ethan, and the entire cast and crew of *The Descendants*!

"It's important to say that the more challenging a scene is, in a way, the more fun it is because the more of my job I get to do"
Daniel Radcliffe



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*Lylah
Chaffee!*

We're so proud of all your hard work! From the first time you stepped on stage as Gracie Shinn, to now when you'll share your magic as the Fairy Godmother -

you always put 100% into every show!

We love you so much!

xoxo,

Mom, Dad, and Colin

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Mary Hoegen

Pat Pettengill

Kenzie Goode

Danielle Melendez & Kids Coop Theatre

Pam Sternberg

...and all of our incredible volunteers!





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