West Union High School Performing Arts Department Proudly Presents the 40th Annual Stage Production:



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

In Collaboration with Musical Theatre International

April 26, 27 & May 2, 3 @ 7:00p.m.

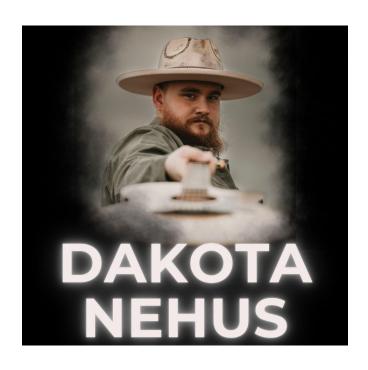
May 4 @ 3:00p.m.

The Little Mermaid

Act 1

Overture	Pit Ensemble
Scene 1 - The Water's Surface	
The World Above	
Fathoms Below	Pilot, Sailors, Grimsby, Prince Eric
Scene 2 - King Triton's Court	
Daughters of Triton	
If Only (Triton's Lament)	King Triton
Scene 3 - Ursula's Lair	
Daddy's Little Angel	Ursula, Flotsam, Jetsam
Scene 4 - Ariel's Grotto	
Part of Your World	Ariel
The Storm	
Scene 5 - Prince Eric's Ship/Se	ea Below/Beach
Part of Your World Reprise	Ariel
Scene 6 - Mersisters "Girl Cav	'e''
She's In Love	Mersisters, Flounder

DAKOTA NEHUS







2024-25 WUPAD Achievements...So Far

- Winter Percussion placed 2nd place at finals
- Chamber Choir performed the National Anthem at Girls' State Basketball Game
- Chamber Choir attended Morehead State
 University's Choral Festival Clinic
- Winter Percussion performed at C103 All-Star Game
- The Sixth Groove Performed at the Dragon Pride Dinner

The Little Mermaid

Act 1 Continued

Scene 7 - The Beach	
Her Voice	Prince Eric
Scene 8 - Open Water	
Under The Sea	Sebastian, Sea Creatures
After "Under The Sea"	Sebastian, Sea Creatures
Scene 9 - Ariel's Grotto	
If Only (Ariel's Lament)	Ariel
Sweet Child,	Flotsam, Jetsam
Scene 10 - Ursula's Lair	
Poor Unfortunate Souls	Ursula
Act One Finale	Ursula, Ariel
- 15 Minute (Intermissio	n)
The Little Merma	aid
Act 2	
Scene 1 - The Beach	
Positoovity	Scuttle
Scene 2 - King Triton's Court	

Scene 3 - The Palace, Ariel's Chambers
Beyond My Wildest Dreams
Scene 4 - The Palace Kitchen
Les Poissons
Scene 5 - The Palace Banquet Hall
One Step Closer
Scene 6 - Ursula's Lair
Daddy's Little Angel (Reprise)Ursula, Flotsam, Jetsam
Scene 7 - The Bay
Kiss The GirlSebastian, Sea Creatures
Scene 8 - The Apartment
Give Up Your DreamsPatty
If Only You Would Listen
Scene 9 - King Triton's Court
Scene 10 - Ariel's Chambers/The Ship/King Triton's Court
If Only (Quartet)Ariel, Prince Eric, Sebastian, King Triton
Scene 11 - The Ballroom
The ContestGrimsby, Princesses
Ariel Steps ForwardUrsula
Scene 12 - Ursula's Lair
Poor Unfortunate Souls (Reprise)Ursula
Ariel's TransformationMersisters
Scene 13 - The Beach
Scene 13 - The Beach Finale Ultimo



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EAGLE VALLEY CREATIONS

Upcoming Events in 2025

May 6th - Junior High and Elementary School Concert

May 7th - High School Concert

May 10th - Mason County Festival Steel Band and The Sixth Groove Performance

May 13th - Performing Arts Banquet @ 6:00 pm (All P.A.D Students Attend)

May 17th - West Union High School Graduation @ 7:00 pm

May 20th - Steel Band and The Sixth Groove Courthouse Square

July 27th - August 1st - Performing Arts Camp @ SSU (Any Students 7-12)

Special Thanks To:

Kelsea McClanahan Mandy Armstrong Amy Hoop Matthew Armstrong The Informer Mckenzi Tolle Bonnie Harover C103 R.A.G.E.Melinda Taylor Coal McClanahan Kevin Cooper Wal-Mart Gary McClellan The Messenger Jay Cooper Alicia Sowards Timothy Snider The Peoples Defender Becky McCann Pepsi Julie Saunders Judy Bennington

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West Union High School Administration and Staff

WUHS PRODUCTION TIMELINE

1993 - Arsenic and Old Lace

- *Bye*, *Bye*, *Birdie*

1995 - The Sound of Music

1996 - The Wizard of Oz

1997 - Guys and Dolls

- Oklahoma!

1998 - You're A Good Man

Charlie Brown

1999 - *Throwing Smoke*

1999 - The Music Man

- *Nunsense*

- Children of Eden

- *The Odd Couple*

(Female)

- The Odd Couple (Male)

- A Night of One Acts

- *Bye*, *Bye*, *Birdie*

- *Snoopy*

- Annie

- *Li'l Abner*

- The Wizard of Oz

- Beauty and the Beast

- *Grease*

- The Sound of Music

- Children of Eden

- Steel Magnolias

2009 - Cinderella

- Seussical the Musical

- *Bye*, *Bye*, *Birdie*

- *Oklahoma!*

- The Wizard of Oz

2014 - Shrek the Musical

- *Grease*

- The Little Mermaid

- The Music Man

2018 - Beauty and the Beast

- Children of Eden

- COVID-19

- You're A Good Man

Charlie Brown

- The Addams Family

2023 - The SpongeBob Musical

2024 - The School of Rock

The Little Mermaid Cast

Ariel - Sadie Armstrong

Prince Eric - Samson Strong

Sebastian - Lydia Armstrong

Ursula - *Miley Smith*

King Triton - *Nathaniel Horsley*

Flounder - *TJ Armstrong*

Scuttle - Nina McCann

Grimsby - Gavin Rowe

Chef Louis - *Shane Taylor*

Flotsam (Eel) - MaKenna Taylor

Jetsam (Eel) - Aubree Hoop

Aquata - Ciara Young

Atina - Ellianna Young

Arista - Ally Fooce

Adella - Lea McNeilan

Andrina - Ariana Lungelow-Hehl

Allana - Amber Greenfield

Windward - Liam Purcell

Leeward/Pilot - Drew Creamer

Sailors - Zeke Akers, Kolton Applegate, Jack Armstrong, Darion Kalezis, Liam Purcell, Eli McCann, Phillip Colton Meade, Evan Thompson, Keith Sowards, Shane Taylor

Princes - Drew Creamer, Darion Kalezis, Eli McCann, Philip Colton-Meade, Evan Thompson

Princesses/Maids - Brenlynn Chamblin, Clare Cox, Anna Huxmann, Estelle Parks, Kyrah Hall-Weir

JH/HS Sea Creatures - Zeke Akers, Clare Cox, Ollie Fite, Darion Kalezis, Liam Purcell, Keith Sowards, Shane Taylor, Evan Thompson, Kyrah Hall-Weir

Elementary Student Sea Creatures - Kolton Applegate, Jack Armstrong, Easton Barlow, Maggie Bramblette, Morgan Burns, Wyatt Caldwell, Lexie Cantrell, Arca Carrington, Caylee Carter, Brenlynn Chamblin, Caylee Crocker, Madison Ferrell, Adelyn Grooms, Joselyn Hayslip, Addie Hoop, Adelyn Howard, Anna Huxmann, Eli McCann, Phillip Colton Meade, Estelle Parks, Izabella Simmers, Katelyn Thacker, Rachel Thomas, Wyatt Wagner

Steel Band - *Drew Creamer, Nathaniel Horsley, Samson Strong, Shane Taylor, Evan Thompson, Alexia Zimmerman, Nina McCann, Hunter Davis*

The Little Mermaid Crew

Sets, Paint & Props	Light and Sound	Pit Ensemble	Stage Hands
Sets/Props - Julie Saunders, Dakota Nehus, Tristine Newman, Ben	Sound - Hunter Davis, Parker Lewis	Piano - Nancy Schneider, Sarah Meyer	Stage Captain - Tristine Newman
Kreml, Tim Snider, Brady Hackworth, Brody Hall, Hadyn Jaeger, Mason	Lights - Parker Spires	Drumset - Dakota Nehus	Stage Crew - Wren Richards, Ashtyn Applegate, Jaylee Crum, Zoe Horsley,
Vance, Jaylee Crum, Ollie Fite, Alexia Zimmerman, Zoe Horsley, Ashtyn	Zimmerman, Barrick, Michael Ashtyn Skinner, Mason Zilie Vance la Seitz,	Trumpet - Benjamin Kreml Horns - Aaron VanPelt	Videographer - Eva DeMint T-Shirt Design - Aaron McCann
Appletgate, Ellie Robinson, Ella Seitz, Khloe Vinson, Emma		Trombone - James Davis	
Seitz, Aaron VanPelt		Flute - Lily Randolph	Photographer - Amy Hoop
Costumes - Mandy Armstrong, Karen Young, Katelyn Vanhoose,		Saxophone - Alexia Zimmerman	
Amanda Powell, Rebecca Simmers, Beth McNeilan,		Auxiliary - AJ Cooper, Alexia Zimmerman	
Alicia Sowards, Jay Cooper, Dorothy Davis, Stacy McCann, Kyra Akers		Bass Guitar - Leeland Barry	

Directors & Staff:

Directors - Dakota Nehus, Carl Schneider

Pit Ensemble Director - *Aaron VanPelt*

Assistant Director - *Timothy Snider*

Music Director - Dakota Nehus

Rehearsal Accompanist - Nancy Schneider

Stage Manager - Miley Stephenson

Stage Captain - Tristine Newman

Technical Director - Coal McClanahan

Artistic Director - Julie Saunders

Choreographer - *Marci Nehus, Jennifer Griffis*

Concessions - Amanda Newman, Kevin Cooper, Jay Cooper, Mandy Armstrong, Becky McCann, John Newman, Jessi Sanders, Lana McFarland, Stacey Purcell, Jennifer Applegate, Erin Lewis, Rob Lewis, Diana Guillerman, Michael Guillerman, Victoria Vogler, Rebecca Simmers, Makaila Newman, Amber Chamblin.

DIRECTOR'S PAGE



<u>Dakota Nehus</u> is an alumnus of West Union High School; graduated in 2018. He has received a Bachelor's Degree in Vocal Music Education from Morehead State University. He currently teaches High School and Junior High Choir along with other various classes and is Director of the Steel Band, Winter Percussion, Chamber Choir, The Sixth Groove and Spring Musicals. This is his third year teaching but has been around the West Union Performing Arts Department for many years. He was involved in the Band, Choir, Chamber Choir, All-County Band, All-County Choir, Steel Band, Winter Percussion, Handbells, Spring

Musicals, Beta Club and Media Arts. This is his third musical as director but his thirteenth musical overall with the WUHS Productions. He is very excited for this musical and is very happy to be working at his home high school where he can share the experiences and enjoyment of music with the students. He has had background roles in 2008 Children of Eden, 2010 Seussical the Musical, 2013 The Wizard of Oz, and 2014 Shrek the Musical. He was Danny Zuko in 2015 Grease, Prince Eric in 2016 The Little Mermaid, Professor Harold Hill in 2017 The Music Man, Gaston in 2018 Beauty and the Beast, and Judas in the alumni 2019 Godspell. He has been an instrumentalist in the Pit Ensemble since 2022, Directed 2023 The Spongebob Musical, 2024 School of Rock and 2025 The Little Mermaid. Dakota is a member of the WUHS Performing Arts Hall of Fame. He appreciates the continued support of the department and hopes everyone enjoys the musical!!!



Carl Schneider is an alumnus of Newfane High School; graduated in 1978. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Instrumental Music Education from Mount Union College and has received a Master Teacher Certification, National Board Certified Teacher, and was OVLS Teacher of the Year. This year makes forty-three years of teaching and he has taught at West Union High School for forty-one years and has had a lot of success with the department. He teaches Elementary, Junior High and High School Band, is the director of the Steel Band, Winter Percussion, and Spring Musicals. He is the High School Boys Golf Coach and Vice President of the Tri-State Marching

Arts Circuit. He has been directing and putting on productions and performances since the very first production in 1993, Arsenic and Old Lace, 40 shows in total. Throughout his career he has received many awards and certifications and plans to continue teaching and doing what he loves. Last year he was inducted into the State of Ohio Golf Coach Hall of Fame. He hopes everyone enjoys the show and continues to come and support the students and department.



Aaron VanPelt is an alumnus of Piqua High School; graduated in 2012. He has received a Bachelor's Degree in Instrumental Music Education from Wright State University. He currently teaches Elementary, Junior High and High School Band and is the director of the Steel Band, Winter Percussion, and Handbells. This is his seventh year teaching at West Union High School and is his sixth year of being Pit Ensemble Director of WUHS Productions. He has been the Pit Ensemble Director for 2019 Children of Eden, 2021 You're A Good Man Charlie Brown, 2022 The Addams Family and 2023 The Spongebob Musical, 2024 School of Rock and 2025 The Little

Mermaid. He hopes everyone enjoys the show and tells their friends and family to come and watch

Who's Who?



Zeke Akers is a Freshman and his portrayal as Sailor/Sea Creature marks his third year being involved in WUHS productions. His school activities include Archery, Chamber Choir and Concert Choir. He would like to thank his parents and sister for giving him inspirational advice and motivation to do everything to his best ability.



Lydia Armstrong is a Sophomore and her portrayal of Sebastian marks her fifth year being involved with WUHS musical productions. Her school activities include Choir, Band, FFA, All-County Band, Pep Band, Beta, Cross Country, The Sixth Groove, Volleyball, and Track. She would like to thank all gingers around the globe.



<u>Sadie Armstrong</u> is a <u>Senior</u> and her portrayal of <u>Ariel</u> marks her <u>seventh</u> year of being involved in WUHS musical productions. Her school activities include, Choir, The Sixth Groove, FFA, Track, and Cross Country. She would like to thank her parents for being so supportive.



<u>TJ Armstrong</u> is an eighth grader and her portrayal as Flounder marks her fourth year involved in WUHS productions. Her school activities include Basketball, Band Track, Choir and Cross-Country. She would like to thank her family, friends for supporting her.



<u>AJ Cooper</u> is a **Junior** and his role as **Light Designer** marks his **fourth year** being involved in the WUHS musical productions. He also has played in the pit orchestra and has had small roles the past two years. His school activities include Choir, Band, Chamber Choir, Steel Band, Pep Band, Winter Percussion, The Sixth Groove, All-County Band and Choir, Track, and Golf.



<u>Drew Creamer</u> is a **Junior** and his portrayal as **Pilot/Leeward** marks his **fourth** year being involved in WUHS Productions. His school activities include Band, Choir, Chamber Choir, Steel Band, All-County Band and Choir, Winter Percussion, Handbells, The Sixth Groove, Pep Band, Archery and Beta.



Hunter Davis is a Senior and his role as Sound Designer marks his fourth year of being sound designer and third year of involvement with the WUHS musical productions. His past and current school activities include Band, Choir, Steel Band, Winter Percussion, The Sixth Groove, National Beta Club, All-County band, All-County Choir, and Pep Band.



<u>Ally Fooce</u> is an **eighth grader** and her portrayal as **Arista** marks her **second year** being involved in WUHS Productions. Her school activities include Band and Choir.



<u>Amber Greenfield</u> is a Freshman and her portrayal as Allana marks her first year being involved in WUHS Productions. Her school activities include Beta Club, Student Senate and Steel Band.

Jennifer Griffis is a past alumna of WUHS; graduated in 1996. Her role as Choreographer marks her twenty-ninth year being involved in the WUHS productions. She is currently in her twenty-first year of teaching second grade. During her time, she was heavily involved in the Performing Arts Department, having been involved in Band, Choir, Marching Band, Color Guard, and the Musicals. She has had background roles in 1994 Bye, Bye, Birdie, and 1995 Sound of Music and she was Dorothy in the 1996 The Wizard of Oz, Pirate in

2023 The SpongeBob Musical, and Teacher/Parent in 2024 The School of Rock.

Jennifer is a member of the WUHS Performing Arts Hall of Fame



<u>Aubree Hoop</u> is an **eighth grader** and her portrayal as **Jetsam** marks her **third year** being involved in WUHS productions. Her school activities include Cheerleading, Cross-Country, Track and Choir. She would like to thank her mom and dad for allowing her to be a part of WUHS productions.



<u>Nathaniel Horsley</u> is a **Senior** and his portrayal as **King Triton** marks his **first year** being involved in WUHS Productions. His school activities include Band, Choir, Chamber Choir, Steel Band, Winter Percussion, Archery and The Sixth Groove.



<u>Ariana Lungelow-Hehl</u> is an eighth grader and her portrayal as Andrina marks her first year involved in WUHS Productions. Her school activities include choir and band.



Nina McCann is a Junior and her portrayal of Scuttle marks her fifth year being involved in the WUHS musical productions. Her school activities include Band, Choir, Chamber Choir, Winter Percussion, Steel Band, Pep Band, All-County Choir and Band, Handbells, Sixth Groove, Basketball, Volleyball, Golf, National Beta Club, NHS, and Student Senate. Outside of school, she is involved in 4-H, and Private Piano Lessons. She would like to thank her mom for helping her out in every way possible.



<u>Lea McNeilan</u> is a **Junior** and her portrayal as **Adella** marks her **first year** involved in WUHS Productions. Her school activities include Band, All-County Choir, Choir and Chamber Choir.



Marci Nehus is an alumna of WUHS; graduated in 2014. Her work with this show marks her twenty-first year of being involved with the WUHS productions. She is currently in her seventh year of teaching at WUES. She teaches fifth grade math and writing. During her time she was heavily involved in the Performing Arts Department having been a part of Band, Choir, All-County Band and Choir, Steel Band, Winter Percussion, Color Guard, and the Musicals. Her past roles include background roles in 2002 Annie, 2005

Beauty and the Beast, 2007, Sound of Music, 2008 Children of Eden, 2009 Cinderella, 2010 Seussical the Musical, and 2011 Bye, Bye, Birdie. She was Stage Manager in 2008 Steel Magnolias, 2012 Oklahoma, 2012 Odd Couple, and 2013 The Wizard of Oz. She was Pinnochio in 2014 Shrek the Musical, Marci in 2019 Godspell and Pirate in 2023 The SpongeBob Musical. She is also the Musical Choreographer for all current and past shows, the Head Color Guard Instructor, and Girls Golf Coach. Marci is a member of the WUHS Performing Arts Hall of Fame.



<u>Tristine Newman</u> is a Senior and her role of Stage Captain marks her fourth year of involvement in the WUHS play productions. Her school activities include Band, Choir, All-County Band and Choir, Steel Band, Handbells, Winter Percussion, Chamber Choir, Pep Band, Sixth Groove Contemporary Band, Morehead Choral Fest, Prom Committee, Beautification Committee, Academic Team, she is the Senior Class President, Captain of the Archery Team and UBMS.



<u>Liam Purcell</u> is a **Junior** and his portrayal as **Sailor/Windward** marks his **first year** being involved in WUHS Productions. His school activities include Band, Choir, Chamber Choir, Winter Percussion, and All-County Band and Choir.



<u>Gavin Rowe</u> is a Freshman and his portrayal of Grimsby marks his third year being involved with WUHS productions. His school activities include Basketball, Soccer, Band, Choir, Golf, and Sr. Beta.



<u>Miley Smith</u> is a **Senior** and her portrayal of **Ursula** marks her **fifth year** of being involved in WUHS musical productions and **third year** of having a lead role. Her school activities include Band, Choir, Chamber Choir, Steel Band, All-County Band and Choir, Pep Band, Sixth Groove, Winter Percussion, Student Senate, NHS and FFA.



<u>Timothy Snider</u> is an alumnus of WUHS; graduated in 2015 and is working at GE Aerospace as a mechanical engineer. This show marks his ninth year being involved in WUHS productions. He was involved in the Performing Arts Department having been a part of Band, Choir, Pep Band, Chamber Choir, All-County Band, All-County Choir, Basketball, Cross-Country, National Honor Society, Beta Club and the Musicals. He has had background roles in 2005 Beauty and the Beast, and 2008 Children of Eden. He was Judd in 2012 Oklahoma, Lion in 2013 The Wizard of Oz, Donkey in 2014 Shrek, Kenickie in 2015 Grease and Patchy the Pirate in 2023 The SpongeBob Musical. Timmy is a member of the WUHS Performing Arts Hall of Fame.



<u>Samson Strong</u> is a Freshman and his portrayal as Prince Eric marks his third year involved with WUHS productions. His school activities include Archery, Band, Choir, Pep Band, Steel Band, Winter Percussion, Chamber Choir, Handbells, All-County Band and Choir, The Sixth Groove and Beta Club. He would like to thank his mom and dad.



<u>Miley Stephenson</u> is a **Sophomore** and her role as **Stage Manager** marks her **first year** being involved in WUHS Productions.



<u>Parker Spires</u> is a Sophomore and his role as Light Designer marks his second year involved in WUHS Productions. His school activities include band and pep band, and FFA.



<u>Makenna Taylor</u> is an **eighth grader** and her portrayal as **Flotsam** marks her **third year** involved in WUHS productions. Her school activities include Softball, Cheerleading, Volleyball, 4-H Club, Band, and Choir.



Shane Taylor is a Freshman and his portrayal as Chef Louis marks his third year being involved in WUHS productions. His school activities include Band, Choir, Handbells, Winter Percussion, Archery, Steel Band, FFA, and is the President of his 4-H Club. He would like to thank his mom and dad.



<u>Evan Thompson</u> is an **eighth grader** and his portrayal as **Sailor/Sea Creature** marks his **third year** involved in WUHS productions. His school activities include Winter Percussion, Steel Band, Band, Choir, and Pep Band.



<u>Ciara Young</u> is a **Sophomore** and her portrayal as **Aquata** marks her **first** year being involved in WUHS Productions. Her school activities include Choir, Chamber Choir and All-County Choir. She would like to thank her mom for getting her into the performing arts and motivating and supporting her throughout her career.



Ellianna Young is a Sophomore and her portrayal as Atina marks her first year being involved in WUHS Productions. Her school activities include Choir, Chamber Choir, All-County Choir and Beta Club. She would like to thank her mom for getting her into the performing arts and motivating and supporting her throughout her career.