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PERFORMANCES MARCH 11-17 7 PM in the RHS auditorium

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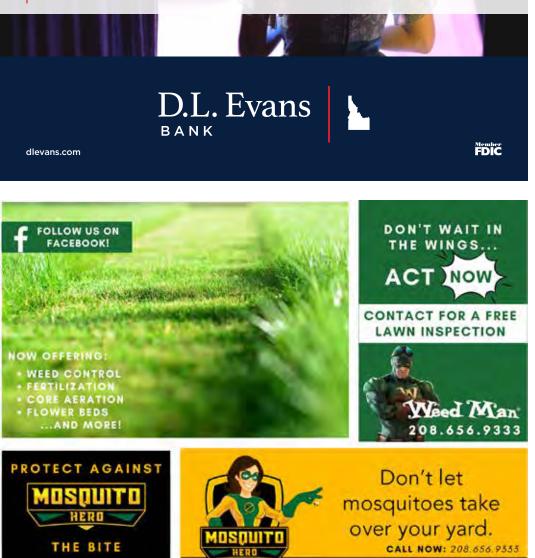
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# DIRECTOR'S NOTE

"A dreamer is one who can find his way only by moonlight and his punishment is that he sees the dawn before the rest of the world." -Oscar Wilde

Nearly three years ago to the day (April 7, 2018), I sat inside of the Broadhurst Theatre in New York City waiting for the Broadway production of Anastasia to begin. Prior to seeing the Broadway production, I read about the various changes they'd made from the animated film to not only fit the stage but to honor the historical accuracy of the story. Keeping an open mind, not only did I willingly accept the changes, but I loved this whole new take on a familiar story.

This is not the movie. This is a musical which honors its historical roots while playing with the magical realism of the famous legend and paying homage the critically acclaimed movie. This is a story of a young woman who is a fighter. A young woman who fought her way across Russia in search of "home, love, family." A young woman who forges a new identity for herself while searching to uncover her past.

While we may not have forgotten our origins and background like Anya, at one point or another we have all grappled with the question "Who am I?" And, like Anya, we can pave our own way rather than becoming a victim to circumstance. Our journeys may be a lot less physical and literal than that of Anya, but in this journey of life we make choices that define who we are and create our own identities.

While this has been quite the ambitious undertaking, there are many people whom I would like to thank for making this the least stressful production I've worked on so far: My friend and colleague Corbin Rasmussen for his expert musical direction. Lura Coyne for her masterful set design and Taylor and Chree Eastin for making it a reality. Our lighting designer, Eric Radin, for all his hard work and expertise. Our costume queens, Debbi Butterfield and Erin Davis, for the countless hours they spent making the cast look fantastic. Assistant director Ky Trupp for stepping in and doing anything that needed to be done. Cortney Morgan, stage manager, for all of her organization and coordination. And, of course, our fantastic cast and crew. It has been a remarkable journey bringing this production to life with all of you!

Jesse Arnold, MA



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Director: Jesse Arnold

Assistant Director: Ky Trupp

Music Director: Corbin Rasmussen

Choreographer: Michelle Summers

Set Design: LURA COYNE

Costume Design: DEBBI BUTTERFIELD ERIN DAVIS

Light Design: ERIC RADIN

Sound Design: JACOB ANDERSON

Marketing Director: **KENDRA STOWELL** 

MIKELLE BRONSON

Hairstylist:

Promotional Artwork: **KYTON NUFFER** 

Set Construction **REX BUTTERFIELD** LURA COYNE CHREE EASTIN TAYLOR EASTIN

Stage Manager: CORTNEY MORGAN



#### (M)aroon Cast Performs March 11, 13 & 16 (G)old Cast Performs March 12, 14 & 17

Little Anastasia	Kayci Kinghorn
The Dowager Empress	Nadine Pepcorn (M) Alexia Lovell (G)
Tsarina Alexandra	Hailey Crawford
Tsar Nicholas II	Kyton Nuffer
Olga Romanov	Camille Stucki
Tatiana Romanov	Cecilia Bateman
Maria Romanov	Ilzay Stowell
Alexei Romanov	Logan Davis
Gleb Vaganov	Gunnar Charles
Dmitry	Cameron Williams (N Boston Klingler (G)
St Petersburg Soloists	Savannah Gessel Sydney Decker Kody Killpack Jaxon Hill Connor Moore Liberty Porter
Vlad	Spencer Barber
Anya	····· Shae Phillips (M) Lily Butterfield (G)
Marfa	Emily McKenna
Paulina	Emma Hill
Dunya	Sydney Watson
Comrade	Preston Staley



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#### CAST LIST

continued	
Drunks	<ul> <li>Andy Galvan</li> <li>Connor Moore</li> <li>Kody Killpack</li> <li>Owen Bronson</li> </ul>
Count Ipolitov	. Matthew Black
Smoker	. Alize McCallon
Policeman #1	. Connor Moore
Policeman #2	· · Kyton Nuffer
Gorlinsky	. Tyler Nebeker
Countess Lily Malevsky-Malevitch	Mary Anderson (M) Melia Dotson (G)
Count Leopold	. Owen Bronson
Sergei	Spencer Smith
Count Gregory	Jaxon Hill
Countess Gregory	- Fiona Spencer
Exiled Russian	. Jacie Walker
Solo Ballet Dancer	Lauren Seedall
Drees Conference	

Press Conference Soloists



Nicole Bates Rose Chandler Isabella Cochrane Mikayla Ellsworth Alexia Gravatt Emma Hill Jaxon Hill Riker Reeves Madison Williams

#### BALLROOM DANCE ENSEMBLE

Mary Anderson, Spencer Barber, Owen Bronson, Lily Butterfield, Savannah Gessel, Saige Grover, Boston Klingler, Alexia Lovell, Connor Moore, Tyler Nebeker, Shae Philips, Ryker Reeves, Preston Staley, Cameron Williams, Madison Williams

#### PARIS DANCE ENSEMBLE

Mary Anderson, Spencer Barber, Lily Butterfield, Savannah Gessel, Alexia Gravatt, Saige Grover, Emma Hill, Avery Howard, Kody Killpack, Kayci Kinghorn, Boston Klingler, Alexia Lovell, Alize McCallon, Connor Moore, Tyler Nebeker, Kyton Nuffer, Maggie Pettingill, Shae Philips, Liberty Porter, Ryker Reeves, Spencer Smith, Preston Staley, Ilzay Stowell, Ashlyn Stucki, Camille Stucki, Jacie Walker, Sydney Watson, Cameron Williams, Madison Williams, Kimberlyn Youngstrom

#### ENSEMBLE

Eva Ball, Cecilia Bateman, Nicole Bates, Matthew Black, Owen Bronson, Zona Bronson, Ethan Burton, Rose Chandler, Isabella Cochrane, Hailey Crawford, Logan Davis, Sydney Decker, Aubrey Egan, Mikayla Ellsworth, Andy Galvan, Elizabeth Gessel, Savannah Gessel, Alexia Gravatt, Saige Grover, Isabelle Harris, Emma Hill, Jaxon Hill, Avery Howard, Selina Jacobson, Anna Lindstrom, Kody Killpack, Kayci Kinghorn, Rylie Makowiak, Emily McKenna, Connor Moore, Tyler Nebeker, Kyton Nuffer, Maggie Pettingill, Liberty Porter, Kadence Reeder, Spencer Smith, Fiona Spencer, Preston Staley, Ilzay Stowell, Ashlyn Stucki, Camille Stucki, Sydney Watson, Andrea Whitaker, Paige Willis, Kimberlyn Youngstrom, Jacie Walker

> SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE RHS ADMINISTRATION AND THE R<sup>3</sup> COMMUNITY THEATRE BOARD FOR SUPPORTING THE SHOW

### PRODUCTION CREW

Assistant Stage Managers	<ul> <li>Preston Bradshaw</li> <li>Madison Silcock</li> </ul>
Sound Board Operator	Jacob Anderson
Light Board Operator	Kale Heppler
Spotlight Operators	Lucy Bowser Jago Coyne
Stagehands	Noah Adams Thomas Barber Levi Bingham Garrett Embree Keean Gravat Emma Manning Jenny Manning Tennyson Miller Cameron Stailey
Scenic Painters	<ul> <li>Lily Butterfield</li> <li>Gunner Charles</li> <li>Lura Coyne</li> <li>Saige Grover</li> <li>Shae Phillips</li> <li>Sydney Watson</li> </ul>
Costume Construction	<ul> <li>Mardie Bradshaw</li> <li>Tamara Boyle</li> <li>Lisa Cook</li> <li>Brittany Honken</li> <li>Trisha Phillips</li> <li>Kendra Stowell</li> <li>Loretta Sudweeks</li> </ul>







Countess Lily (G) - Melia Dotson

Melia Dotson is a senior at the ripe young age of 17 and will be graduating in May of 2021. Melia loves theater and has been participating in shows of all kinds since she was eight. She has been working hard to improve her acting and singing prowess in Troyplayers and looks forward on continuing to hone her skills. Melia loves working with people and on creative projects and dreams to incorporate those interests in her future career. Some of her other interests include: Drawing, writing, public speaking, and telling really bad jokes. This is Melia's 3rd and last musical in high school, but she plans to continue her drama background after she graduates. Melia is very excited to play the role of Lily, and she hopes you all enjoy the show!

Mary is thrilled to end her high school acting career by playing Countess Lily! Her theater craze began six years ago when she was cast as Mrs. Clause in her middle school musical. With ten musical theater productions under her belt, Mary is still finding joy in the fine arts. When she isn't singing along to her favorite Broadway show tunes or plotting out her novel, she can be found daydreaming, hanging out with friends, or watching The Great British Baking Show. She also enjoys participating in Troyplayers and Trojan Ringers. After graduation, Mary plans on moving to the far, far away land of Rexburg, where she'll attend BYU-Idaho. She is excited to share the accumulation of all her hard work with you tonight and hopes that you will enjoy the show as much as she enjoys performing it!



Countess Lily (M) - Mary Anderson



Every little girl dreams of being a princess and for Lily, this dream has come true! This is Lily's senior year at Rigby high school and she has been in many productions throughout her high school career: *Fiddler on the Roof, Annie, Guys and Dolls, Willy Wonka,* and *Footloose.* This year Lily has also enjoyed being a part of Troyplayers, Rigby High School's advanced acting group. She was a state finalist in the musical theatre category in drama this year. Lily also loves to sing in Choir and currently sings with Chamber Singers at Rigby High school. Last year she was able to attended All-State and sing in the All-State Jazz Choir. Lily is absolutely thrilled to be playing Anya and hopes you enjoy the wonderful story that is *Anastasia*.

Anya (G) - Lily Butterfield



Shae has been doing theatre for what seems like ages and is still loving every second of it! Excluding her theatre competitions she has participated in 19 shows since middle school. When she's not on the stage, she's embraces art in all its forms; painting, drawing, and even

sculpting! She has absolutely loved being apart of this production

and hopes she can do the character Justice. Along with that, she hopes

that you enjoy the show as much as we did putting together for you :)

Anya (M) - Shae Phillips



Dmitry (G) - Boston Klingler

Boston Made his acting debut at one month old as baby Jesus in his ward's nativity. After a short hiatus, Boston resumed acting as Gaston in *Beauty and the Beast Jr*. He has been performing ever since, both in winter musicals and on the Varsity Speech and Debate team. He is absolutely charmed to perform in his senior musical as the Gold Dmitry and an ensemble dancer, as this will likely be the last stage performance of his life. Boston is ready to be done with high school and looks forward to serving an LDS mission starting this autumn. He doesn't know where life will take him yet, but he will eternally be grateful for the people he met and learned to love and respect in the musical community. Take it easy and enjoy the show.



Cameron is very excited to play the role of Dmitry for you tonight! He is a senior and this will be his 5th musical experience. He has been in multiple shows such as *Beauty and the Beast, Fiddler on the Roof, Guys and Dolls*, and he played Chuck Cranston in last year's musical, *Footloose*. Cameron has been singing his whole life and has gained a love for musical theatre these pastfew years. Cameron has been a part of the choir programs in Rigby since middle school, and just this year, he joined the Troyplayers here at Rigby High School and has enjoyed every moment of it. He would like to thank all his friends and family for supporting him through this and hopes you all enjoy the show as much as he does.

Dmitry (M) - Cameron Williams

Starring in her high school debut as the Dowager Empress, please welcome Nadine! Nadine has loved performing ever since she was a child. After starting her singing career in her fourth-grade youth choir, she has grown to love making others happy with her talent. Performing in shows including *Bugsy Malone Jr*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, and more. Outside of musical theater, Nadine can be found singing in the Chambers Choir or playing her heart out in Trojan Ringers. When she's not performing, she's hanging with her friends, serving others, or playing video games with her little brother. After graduation, Nadine plans on finding her way to BYU-I to pursue an adventurous life. She hopes that you love the show as much as she does!



Dowager Empress (M) - Nadine Pepcord



Alexia is a dedicated participant in the fine arts. She has performed in many musicals including classics like *Fiddler on the Roof, Beauty and the Beast,* and *Guys and Dolls.* She is also highly involved in Rigby High School's choir program. She has participated in every choir class offered and is currently serving as choir president. Alexia is overjoyed to debut in her first lead role as the Dowager Empress. *Anastasia* is one of her favorite musicals and has loved working with this incredible cast. When she isn't at play practice or choir events, she plays piano, hangs out with friends, and works hard to maintain her 4.0 GPA. After high school, she plans to attend BYU-I and get her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. Now sit back, relax, and enjoy the show!

VELLOWSTONE RV PARK Welcome to Anastasia! This is Spencer's third year at Rigby High School and has been able to be in a variety of performances, playing many roles. From Peter in The Diary of Anne Frank, to dancing his heart out in Guys and Dolls, Spencer has been heavily involved in the theatre program. He hopes you enjoy his performances as Vlad and is ecstatic to be able to have worked with this cast! In his free time, he writes, paints, draws and studies for his classes, maintaining his 4.0 through every trimester. Before living in Idaho he lived in Arizona, where he began his theatre career, starring in *Beauty* and the Beast, A Christmas Carol and others! Spencer is planning to study stage management in college and continue to work in the performance industry after college. Once again, Thank you for coming to the show!



Vlad - Spencer Barber



**Director - Jesse Arnold** 

Jesse Arnold is in his sixth year of teaching theatre at Rigby High School. He received his bachelor's degree in Theatre and Speech Education from Brigham Young University - Idaho and his master's degree in Theatre Arts from Idaho State University. His favorite productions he's directed at RHS are *Thoroughly* Modern Millie, Fiddler on the Roof, Harvey, The Diary of Anne Frank, and Footloose. His students have won various regional and statewide acting awards at Drama Districts, Drama State, and ISU One Act Competition. When he's not teaching or working on a production, he can be found cooking, reading, hiking, and planning the novel he will probably never write.



Matthew is an aspiring musician playing the part of Count Ipolotov. He has been working for 6 years to get to where he is now, playing roles in middle school as Lefou and Chef Louis, and even in High School as a select few parts in Guys and Dolls and Annie. Matthew keeps music all around him; he plays piano, trombone, and tuba, as well as singing Bass in Rigby's Chamber Singers Choir. "I hope you all love this performance of Anastasia as much as I have loved working on it!!"

**Count Ipolitov - Matthew Black** 

...it's the uniform and the office that make the bad impression, he's really not so bad!!! But in all seriousness, he is very excited to be able to act and sing for such an audience and hopes that you will remember and enjoy the show!!!



Gleb Vaganov - Gunnar Charles



Mr. Rasmussen oversees the choir program at Rigby High School which serves around 300 students annually. He has always been heavily involved in the musical theatre, and in November was seen portraying Buddy the Elf in IFYAC's production of Elf: The Musical. Mr. Rasmussen received his bachelor's degree in Music Education from BYU-Idaho. He has been a guest conductor/ clinician both locally and abroad. His choirs have toured Seattle, Anaheim, and New York City. He was invited to Beijing, China as a special guest to help conduct and teach music to students during the summer of 2016. When he isn't conducting, performing, or teaching, he enjoys playing and expanding his collection of board games, and spending time with his wife and two sons. Music Director - Corbin Rasmussen





**Choreographer - Michelle Summers** 

Michelle grew up dancing, all styles. While attending Rigby High School, she did choreography for multiple musicals, Jr. Miss routines, and for the Show Choir. She later went to Ricks College and toured with the Ballroom Tour team to New Zealand and Fiji, competed in Florida becoming a National Ballroom Champion, and directed the ballroom back-up tour team. Michelle owns and directs Dance Fusion Studio in Rigby. She has nationally ranked ballroom teams and amazing competitive and performance dance teams. Her teams have performed all over including Disneyland and on a Carnival Cruise. Michelle also teaches in the Dance Department at BYU-I and loves the joy it brings to others. In her rare but fabulous spare time, she enjoys shopping, cooking, taking family trips and soaking up the sun. Michelle has absolutely enjoyed working with the cast of Anastasia!

# PIT

Violin (Concert Master) - Marc Baxter Violin - Sydney Dean Violin - Rhya Nuffer Violin - Carson Dungan Violin - Ally Clements Violin - Kyree Bowman Violin - Grace Leslie Violin - Kaleigh Squires Violin - Lucy Barney Viola - Paige Smith Viola - Sydney Linsenmann Cello - Jarom Beasley Cello - Brian Baxter Bass - Payson Kent Bass - Veronica Law Flute, Clarinet, Alto Sax - Sarah Warner Flute, Bari Sax - Levi Beasley Clarinet - Emma Christensen Clarinet - Sariah Swainston Bass Clarinet - Julia Dazey Oboe, English Horn - Ben Schank

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Mr. Baxter has taught orchestra for fifteen years in Idaho, Utah, and Kansas. He has been participating in musicals as a violinist, actor, or conductor since the fifth grade. The highlights were playing Don Lockwood in Singing in the Rain and working as an actor/fiddler at the Mack's Inn Dinner Theater. He studied music education at Ricks College and Utah State University and orchestral conducting at BYU. His hobbies include playing the violin, basketball, crossword puzzles, and playing games with his family.





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The Rigby High School Theater Program is an elite group of student actors dedicated to performing their craft and are committed to professionalism and providing the city of Rigby and outlying areas with high quality art, culture, and entertainment. Many RHS Theater Program alumni go on to major or minor in theatre and the university level, and those who do not apply skills they learned in the Theater Program such as a resilient work ethic, creative problem solving, and communication to succeed in the field they choose. RHS Theater Program students have won various local and state awards at District Drama Competition (2 nd Place), State Drama Competition (3 rd Place in Pantomime, 1 st Place in Ensemble Musical Theatre), Idaho Thespian Festival (Idaho Thespian Scholarship, multiple qualifiers for International Thespian Festival), and Idaho State University One Act Competition (Best Actor, Best Ensemble, and Top Three). Proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards furthering the RHS Theater Program's mission of filling Rigby with high quality art and entertainment.





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