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The Cast

(in order of appearance)

Narrator	Josh Watson
Cinderella	Stella Allen
Jack	Mabry Smith
Milky White	Katy Mayhan
Baker	Thomas Earl
Baker's Wife	Genevieve Moore
Cinderella's Stepmother	Roxie Hood
Lucinda	Lucy Ledford
Florinda	Lilly Temple
Bird / Hen / Sleeping Beauty	Ella Joyner
Jack's Mother	Connie Black
Little Red Riding Hood	Elizabeth Yeager
The Witch	Brittnye Aven
Cinderella's Father	Sam Blanton
Cinderella's Mother / Snow White	Annelise Self
Mysterious Man	Benton Donahue
The Wolf	Bradley Davis
Rapunzel	Mahri McLean
Rapunzel's Prince	Charlie Earl
Granny	Emma Ellard
Cinderella's Prince	Omari Daniels
Steward	Kyle Austin
The Giant	Parker Montgomery

Breakdown

ACT I

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ACT II

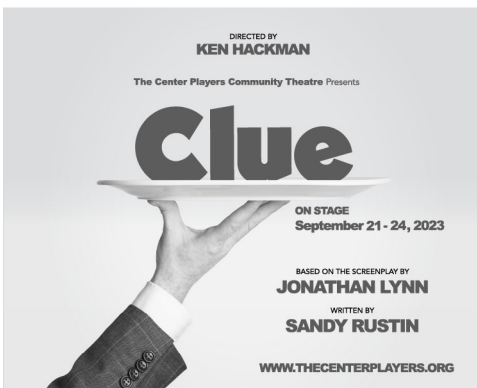
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The Crew

Directors	Mandy Hackman, Megan Mayhan
Music Directors	Benton Donahue, Brittnye Aven
Choreographer/Assistant Director	Bradley Davis
Technical Director	Callie Jackson
Lights	James Covington, Katy Mayhan, Lucy Blaylock
Stage Manager	Nora Werne
Assistant Stage Manager	Cannon Bosarge
Technical Assistant	Emma Schirmer
Costumes	Ellen McCarley, Dawn Blanton, Brayden Young
Set Design	Benton Donahue, Mandy Hackman
Set Construction and Painting	Wyatt Wilson, Samuel Smylie, Ken Hackman, Deanna Backel, Anthony Mayhan, Cast and Crew
Graphic and Media Design	James Covington
Photography	Ashlee Britt

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Meet The Cast



Stella Allen - Cinderella

Stella is the daughter of Jennifer and Leigh Allen. She is a 2023 graduate of Jackson Academy and will attend the University of Mississippi in the fall. Recent roles include Maria in *West Side Story*, Katherine in *Newsies*, Marie in *Cinderella*, Nadine Davis in *The Girl in the White Pinafore*, Chloe Custardine in *While the Lights Were Out*, Lisa in *Mamma Mia!*, and Feste in *Twelfth Night*.



Kyle Austin - Steward

Kyle is a rising senior at Germantown High School, who participates in many extracurricular activities including choir, marching band, and concert wind symphony. Kyle is an all A student as well as a member of the National Beta Club, Interact Club, National Honor Society, and World Culture Club. Kyle is a member of New Hope Baptist Church where he is active in the usher and youth/music departments.



Brittnye Aven - The Witch

A graduate of Mississippi College with a degree in Music Education, Brittnye has had the privilege of teaching in multiple school districts in Mississippi and serving as serving as Worship Associate at First Baptist Ridgeland, where she and her family are members. She is currently the Visual and Performing Arts Department Chair at Madison Ridgeland Academy where she teaches vocal ensembles, choreography, and Praise Band, among other performance and production techniques. For the past 17 summers, Brittnye has been involved with Summer Arts Camp at Madison Square Center for the Arts, and she looks forward to directing *SpongeBob* this year. Brittnye resides in Madison with her husband Ross and their two children, Ro and Rayley.



Connie Black - Jack's Mother

Connie is a retired music teacher who recently moved to Madison from Greenwood. Connie is making her Center Players debut, but has played a plethora of roles at Greenwood Little Theater and Mid Delta Arts Association in Indianola. Some favorites include Aldonza, Eliza, Anna, Guinevere, Yum Yum, Adelaide, Maggie the Cat and Blanche. She is eternally grateful for the true joy that she has received from a lifelong association with community theatre.

Meet The Cast



Sam Blanton - Cinderella's Father

Sam is returning to the stage for the first time since high school. Some of his previous roles include Joseph in *Joseph... Dreamcoat*, Prince Topher in *Cinderella*, Simba in *The Lion King Jr*, Maurice in *Beauty and the Beast*, Ryan in *High School Musical*, Leroy in *Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, and Ensemble in *Bye Bye Birdie*. Sam is a Network Administrator at Madison-Ridgeland Academy and is currently pursuing a degree for Computer Science/Software Engineering from SNHU.



Omari Daniels - Cinderella's Prince

Omari is a 2023 graduate of Madison Central High School and will be attending Holmes in the fall. During his time at Madison Central, Omari was a member of Madrigals and a performer and dance captain for Reveille Show Choir. He also appeared on the MC stage as Sebastian in *The Little Mermaid*, Donkey in *Shrek*, and Troy in *High School Musical*. Omari is thrilled to be making his Center Players debut as the charming Prince.



Bradley Davis - The Wolf

Bradley is an international man of mystery. He was born and raised in Mississippi, where he participated in show choir and musical theater at Madison Middle School and Madison Central High School. Bradley then studied Vocal Performance at Tougaloo College and the University of Southern Mississippi. After taking a gap year to focus on his recent signing to Nettwerk Music Group, Bradley is now a full-time recording artist. He is also the founder of Davis Dance Demonstrations, where he does professional choreography for musicals and show choirs all over the state of Mississippi. He is also the Dance Instructor/Choreographer for Madison Summer Arts Camp. Bradley was most recently seen on the Center Players' stage as Conrad Birdie in *Bye Bye Birdie*.



Benton Donahue - Mysterious Man

Benton is a Music Education major with a Vocal emphasis at the University of Mississippi, where he serves as the rehearsal pianist for Ole Miss Men's Glee and is a member of the Concert Singers. He has worked with Center Players as music director and rehearsal pianist for several productions. Some of Benton's past roles include Crutchie in *Newsies*, Lord Farquaad in *Shrek*, Lumiere in *Beauty and the Beast*, and Feargal in *Back to the 80s*. He is a collaborative pianist and conductor for several all-superior choirs at contests and concerts, and he secured his American Guild of Organists membership this year.

Meet The Cast



Emma Ellard - Granny

Emma is delighted to be making her Center Players debut in *Into the Woods!* Emma is a rising junior at Mississippi College, where she performs with MC Theatre and studies English & Journalism. Her favorite past role is Mary Bailey in MC's production of *It's a Wonderful Life*.



Charlie Earl - Rapunzel's Prince

Charlie is a recent graduate of Jackson Academy and will attend the University of Mississippi this fall. Charlie is making his Center Players debut, but he was most recently seen on the JA stage as Action in *West Side Story*. While at JA, Charlie was a member of Encore Show Choir and played drums in the band, occasionally while spinning upside down on a gyroscope.



Thomas Earl - The Baker

Thomas is a rising senior at Jackson Academy who is making his Center Players debut. At JA, Thomas participates in Encore Show Choir, ultimate frisbee, and Thespians. He will be appearing in the title role of JA's fall musical *Peter Pan*, and he looks forward to flying to Neverland with the help of some pixie dust.



Roxie Hood - Cinderella's Stepmother

Roxie is a board member of the Mississippi Theatre Association and has been seen locally in shows with Fondren Theatre Workshop, Actor's Playhouse, New Stage, New Stage Unframed, and Center Players over the last 14 years. When not on stage, her husband, two children, and two dogs fill whatever time and energy she has remaining after a full day of teaching math at Jackson Academy. She is excited to be back on stage for the first time in Jojo's life, and extends a heartfelt thanks to David and her in-laws for all the rascal-wrangling needed to allow her return to happen.



Ella Joyner - Bird / Hen / Sleeping Beauty

Ella is a rising junior at Madison Central, where she is a member of the Madrigals. She is also a student in MC's Academy of Multimedia & Communications, and this spring she was honored to win Best Original Screenplay at Madison Central's Academy Awards. Ella has been training at Ballet Magnificat School of the Arts for eleven years and is part of the Magnificat Youth Ballet.

Meet The Cast



Lucy Ledford - Lucinda

Lucy Ledford is the daughter of Leah and Bryan Ledford of Madison. She is a rising sophomore at Madison Central High School, where she is a member of Reveille Show Choir. Lucy has previously appeared in the title role of *Matilda the Musical* at New Stage and as Nancy in *Oliver! Jr.* at Madison Middle School. Lucy is also a veteran of Summer Arts Camp where she appeared in *Footloose*, *Descendants*, and *All Shook Up*.



Katy Mayhan - Milky White

Katy is a rising senior at Madison Central, where she is a member of Reveille Show Choir and 30+ Club, Vice President for Thespian Troupe 5251, and an alum of Renown and Radiance Show Choirs. Katy is also a Mississippi Thespian State Officer, as well as an active member of Mayor's Youth Council and Madison Civinettes. Katy was most recently seen onstage as Scuttle in *The Little Mermaid* at Madison Central.



Mahri McLean - Rapunzel

Mahri is thrilled to make her Center Players debut in *Into the Woods!* Hailing from Denver, Colorado, Mahri is senior at Belhaven University and will graduate with a BA in Theatre Performance this December. Other credits include Shelby Thorpe (*The Spitfire Grill*), Millie Dillmount (*Thoroughly Modern Millie*), and Shelby Eatenton-Latcherie (*Steel Magnolias*).



Genevieve Moore - The Baker's Wife

Genevieve is thrilled to be back on the Center Players stage where she was first seen in 2014 as a caroler in *Miracle on 34th Street*. She is a graduate of Pearl High School and will attend Southeast Missouri State University in the fall pursuing a BFA in Musical Theatre. Genevieve would like to thank the entire production team for this opportunity to reprise one of her favorite roles – with the second act this time!



Annelise Self - Cinderella's Mother / Snow White

Annelise is a student at Hinds, returning to the stage for the first time since high school. She has previously appeared as the title role in *Anastasia*, the Narrator in *Joseph... Dreamcoat*, Madame in *Cinderella*, and Nala in *Lion King Jr.*, all at Madison-Ridgeland Academy. Annelise has also performed with Center Players as Ursula in *Bye Bye Birdie* and Charlotte in *Charlotte's Web*, as well as Zelda in the Summer Arts Camp production of *Singin' in the Rain Jr.* Annelise works at The Mississippi Man and is a worship leader at Christ United Methodist Church.

Meet The Cast



Mabry Smith - Jack

Mabry is a 2023 graduate of Brandon High School and will attend Belmont University this fall for a BFA in Musical Theatre. He has been a member of Brandon Show Choir for six years and part of the BHS Theatre Program for four years. Mabry was most recently seen on the Center Players stage as Jack Kelly in last summer's production of *Newsies*.



Lilly Temple - Florinda

Lilly is the daughter of Steve and Mary Margaret Temple and a rising sophomore at Madison Central. She is a member of Reveille Show Choir. With a passion for music and the performing arts, Lilly has also been active in many school and community musical productions. Recent roles include Flounder in *The Little Mermaid* and Les in *Newsies*.



Josh Watson - Narrator

Josh is a recent graduate of Jackson Academy and will attend the University of Mississippi this fall. Josh is making his Center Players debut and was most recently seen on the JA stage as Tony in *West Side Story*. While at JA, Josh also was on the Academic Quiz Bowl Team and captain of the color guard.



Elizabeth Yeager - Little Red Riding Hood

Elizabeth is a rising sophomore at Madison Central High School and is a member of Reveille Show Choir. She was previously in Renown Show Choir, and was honored to receive the award for Renown's Best Performer for the 2022-2023 school year. Elizabeth made her Center Players debut in last summer's *Newsies* and she is so thankful for the opportunity to be in this production.

Meet The Crew

Cannon Bosarge - Assistant Stage Manager

Cannon is the son of Chris and Kellie Bosarge. He is a pre-med student at University of Alabama. Cannon's love for theater began at seven years old on the Center Players stage as the King of Hearts in *Alice in Wonderland Jr.* At eleven years old, he starred as Ralphie in *A Christmas Story* at New Stage Theater. He was most recently seen on the CP stage as Davey in *Newsies*.

Meet The Crew

James Covington - Graphic and Media Design

James is a rising sophomore at Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA, pursuing a BFA in Musical Theatre with minors in Vocal Performance and Dance. This past year, he appeared in Liberty's productions as Randy Dexter in *Curtains* and Phillip Elton in *Emma The Musical*, and made his professional debut with the Alluvion Stage Company as Teen Ensemble/Tommy Djilas understudy in *The Music Man*. This summer, he will be performing at Dollywood Theme Park in Pigeon Forge, TN, as part of their Smoky Mountain Summer Celebration cast.

Mandy Hackman - Director

Mandy has been active with the Center Players for over 20 years, and has worked in various onstage and backstage roles in that time. Some of her favorite onstage appearances include Winnifred (*Once Upon a Mattress*), Katisha (*The Mikado*), and Olive (*The Odd Couple, Female Version*). Mandy received undergraduate degrees in English and Theatre and a master's in education from MSU, and she previously taught in Madison County Schools for nine years. Mandy lives in Madison and works for the Mississippi Department of Education.

Callie Jackson - Technical Director

Callie is daughter of Gil and Edie Jackson. This is her fifth year as Sound Technician/Playback Specialist at Center Players. Her most memorable moments at Center Players consist of throwing off her shoes and running backstage to save a hot mic moment. Currently Callie shares custody (90/10) of her daughter GeeGee with Choreographer/Assistant Director Bradley Davis.

Megan Mayhan - Director

Megan is a cat mom, dog mom, girl mom, and wife to Anthony. Megan is the Director of the City of Madison's Summer Arts Camp. Megan's favorite pastime is telling people what to do. In her spare time, Megan loves going to the gym and watching all things Bravo.

Emma Schirmer - Technical Assistant

Emma is a rising senior at Germantown High School. She likes playing golf, reading, and hanging out with friends. She has been active with Center Players for many years, both on stage and in the tech booth.

Nora Werne - Stage Manager

Nora is a rising senior at Madison Central, where she is a member of Reveille Show Choir and manager for the volleyball team. She was also previously a member of Madison Central's Renown and Rosa Scott's Radiance Show Choirs. Nora can always be found with a book in her hand.

Lucy Blaylock - Light Board Operator

Lucy Blaylock recently finished her sophomore year as a Theatre for Youth major at Samford University. While at Samford some of her favorite credits include *Constellations* (Marianne), *Orphie and the Book of Heroes* (Persephone), *Matt & Ben* (Ben), and *The Laramie Project* (Aaron Krifels/Romaine Patterson).



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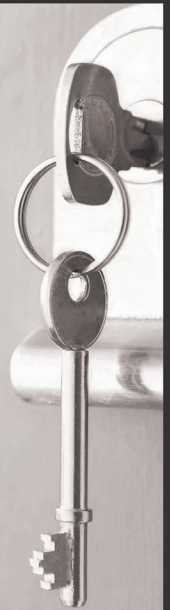
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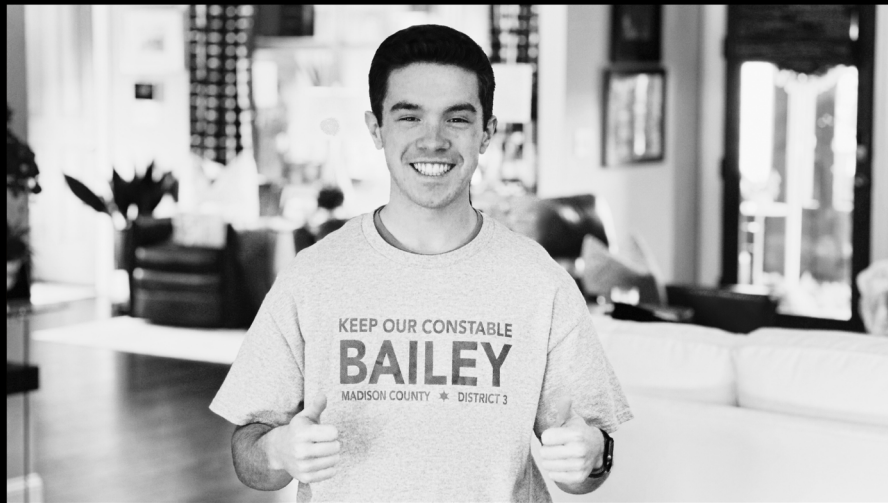
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it's time to let the
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