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# DIRECTORS NOTES



We are all familiar with the traditional fairytale adventure story tropes; the monsters are always evil, the knights are always handsome, brave, and there to save the day, and the Women are either ugly, wicked witches or beautiful maidens in need of rescue. It has been great fun to be part of a show that flips all of that on its head. We will learn that the monsters are not all out to get you, the witches are not always wicked, and the knights/princes are not always the hero (or even particularly bright).

Most importantly,  
while the damsels may be in distress, they can be capable of rescuing themselves,  
thank you very much.

Enjoy the ride while our heroines navigate a journey of adventure, danger, and personal growth through mountains, swamps and enchanted glades. They will encounter monsters, witches, fairies, and some extremely annoying people.

It is our pleasure to present to you The Epic Quest of the Damsels in Distress!

# The Epic Quest

## Garry Buzzard | Director



Garry is excited to be co-directing this fun and EPIC production! Past productions with Nose Creek include Anne of Green Gables (Matthew) and Charlotte's Web (Asst. Director), Seussical the Musical (Gen. Schmidt/Wickersham), and Alice in Wonderland (Director), and The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood (Sheriff of Nottingham). Other productions include Mousetrap with Torchlight Theatre, as well as several shows and costumed character appearances at Heritage Park.

I would like to thank you the cast and crew for their dedication, creativity, and hard work. It has been a privilege to work with my co-director Izzy, and I would like to give a shoutout to my wife Peggy (Mab, Queen of the Fairies) for going on this adventure with me.

## Izzy Jones | Director



Izzy Jones is excited to be with Nose Creek Players for her third season. She grew up in the theatre and film world and started her directing journey at the age of 15. Izzy has stage managed and directed many productions over the last decade! Additionally, she has spent the last 5 years focusing on helping a network of woman building their self confidence to feel empowered to accomplish their goals. She has a passion for the arts, as well as a deep love for working with the cast members. She hopes to work in this space for many years to come.

## Joey Moss | Stage Manager



Joey is so happy to be a part of the production The Epic Quest of Damsels in Distress. They want to thank the cast and crew for the incredible hard work that everyone has put into this show. It was such a blast working and laughing with everyone!

This is Joey's first time working as a Stage Manager and Lighting Designer, and is so thankful for the opportunity. They previously worked as the Assistant Stage Manager for the University of Calgary SCPA's production of The Bus Stop. Most recently, they worked with Untold Stories Theatre as the Assistant Lighting Designer for Into The Woods. Although they aren't onstage this year, you may recognize them around the theatre from Nose Creek Players production of The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood where they played Will Scarlet.

Joey would like to thank their friends and family for constantly supporting them both onstage, and backstage. Enjoy the show!

## Joyce Wall | Hair & Makeup



I absolutely love community theatre! Bringing characters to life and adding those final touches is such a joy. I've been involved in theatre for over seven years and have had the privilege of helping create some truly amazing productions. I'm always up for a challenge, and I can't wait for the next adventure



## Amanda Frost | Props Master

Amanda has been with NCP since 2015 and has enjoyed doing props for every show and helping with sets! Some of her favourite family shows include Anne of Green Gables, James and the Giant Peach, Charlotte's Web and Cindy Lou Saves Christmas. She hopes you enjoy the show!



## Justine Madge | Costume Designer

Justine Madge has been designing and creating costumes for stage since she was in high school, having fallen in love with the craft when she took a trip with her fashion class to New York. She is a graduate of The Fashion Institute by Olds College, and worked on Vertigo Theatre's production of The Three Musketeers for her practicum. This is her third production with The Nose Creek players, having also worked as designer for "The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood", and as a costumer for "Alice in Wonderland". Besides designing for stage, she has a passion for cosplay, and enjoys attending conventions in her newest creations.



## Vanessa Taylor | Costume Designer

Vanessa Taylor studied Professional Theatre Production in Montreal at John Abbott College. This is her second production with Nose Creek Players. To see more of her work visit @taylor.snips



## Robin McKittrick | Producer

Robin strives to elevate the perception of the arts in Airdrie through his work with the Nose Creek Players. He has worked on stage and off stage, upstage and down stage and relishes every moment! He is incredibly fortunate to have a creative outlet that he can share with his friends and family!





## Gary Parker | Storyteller

Gary is very excited to be a part of this production with Nose Creek Players. He has performed in many productions including Frankenstein, Alice in Wonderland, The Laramie Project and Miracle on 34th Street, to name a few. He would like to thank his wonderful wife for all of her support and patience. He hopes you enjoy this production of "The Epic Quest of the Damsels in Distress."



## Elise Marleau | Izzy/Isadora

SCPA: Our Town, Lights Out, A Monster Calls, Argonautika and Horse Girls  
Other projects: Elise has been in many other projects throughout her acting career she was a part of the 2024 student showcase (festival of animated objects) and Riverona (Full Circle Theatre)  
Further Interests: Elise is also a part of the University of Calgary chorus and has performed alongside the Bach choir and the Calgary Philharmonic.



## Beatrice | Elodie White

Elodie, who plays Beatrice, has been acting with Nose Creek Players since 2019. Though she is soon to become a full-time student, she hopes to continue to act with the group. She has enjoyed every moment of the play and hopes that you enjoy the show!



## Winnifred | Brenna Perlinger

Brenna is excited to be part of this production. Her previous performances include Alice in Wonderland, Robin Hood, and The Juggler. As a mother of two daughters, she hopes they—and all audiences—are inspired by the damsels on their journey of self-discovery, empowerment, and finding community. Brenna recently re-enrolled in university to study psychology, is an active member of her daughter school community, and is happiest with a hot coffee and a good book. She is thrilled to share this magical journey with her fellow cast members and the audience.



## Talia | Karalee Braun

Karalee is thrilled to be playing the role of Talia in this wild and zany adventure, and this cast and crew have certainly kept her on her toes, while making her laugh at their crazy antics! Previous stage credits include (select) with NCP; The Universal Language, Words, Words, Words and Charlotte's Web. Other; Daddy's Girl (Symons Valley Players) She hopes that you enjoy this adventure and will always stay true to yourself



## Sir Bartleby the Brave | Kal Isaiah

Kal Isaiah is making his NCP debut! Having dazzled audiences as the Scarecrow in "Wizard of Oz" (yes he really did need a brain) and charmed them as Sam Carmichael in "Mamma Mia" (channeling his inner Greek Dad), Kal is no stranger to the theatre. Not only does Kal enjoy stage acting, but he's also been the star of numerous local short films. If you look closely, you might even spot him doing some top-notch professional extra work on hits like "The Last of Us" and "My Life with the Walter Boys" (blink and you'll miss him!). He is absolutely thrilled to share this Epic Quest with the audience and the cast – strap in for an unforgettable ride!



## Brixby/Guard Captain | Trevor Cameron

Always a "theatre kid" (and superhero fan) at heart, Trevor didn't catch the acting bug until he was...several decades old. After getting to play the iconic Commissioner Jim Gordon in a Batman universe fan film, Gordon was hooked and decided to audition for his first play. He is beyond excited to be making his stage acting debut with the NCP in "The Epic Quest of the Damsels in Distress" and hopes he can find his place amongst all of the amazingly talented people there. Engineer by day, actor by night, husband and father full time...maybe he's been a superhero all along?



## Prince Hugo | Jordan Cote

Jordan has been involved in the arts from a young age. An avid guitar player, singer and actor, he is thrilled to be back on stage with Nose Creek Players. From concerts at Airdrie Fest to Christmas charity events for The Giving Tree, you might have seen him on stage in last years production of Robin Hood as Allan Adale. He's excited to be here and hopes you enjoy the show!



## Sherry/Carrie/Terry/Gaurd | Jessica Gardner

Jessica is very excited to be a part of "The Epic Quest of the Damsels in Distress." Jessica has previously studied acting with Calgary Actors Studio, Company of Rogues and Airdrie Acting Academy. In her spare time, Jessica enjoys writing and drawing. She would like to thank her kids, Cali and Ashland and her parents Betty and Patrick, for all of their support throughout this endeavour.



## **Rosemary/Rose/Rosary/Guard | Kayla McTavish**

Kayla is grateful to be a part of this amazing show. She has worked with the Nose Creek Players twice before, making this her third show with them. She was a part of Seussical the musical as ensemble, and Malalia in When the Sun Loved the Moon at the Airdrie Woodwind Festival.



## **Benny/Kenny/Lenny/Guard | Warren Jones**

Warren has been working in TV, film and on-stage productions for many years, and is excited to be once again returning to performing in this fun show. Warren is thankful for the opportunity to work with such a hard working and talented cast and would like to thank his wife and family for their patience and support throughout the process.



## **Clark/Bark/Flark/Gaurd | Keyra Hoffman**

Actor and musician, Keyra Hoffman is excited to be in another Nose Creek Players production, especially as a character different from what she's used to. She hopes to make more bold choices and enhance her comedy skills with this play. The villagers are ready to make their supposed "backstory" characters into bigger personalities in this story.



## **Quartz/Whippersnapper | Darrah Martin**

Darrah is thrilled for her first play with Nose Creek Players! After performing in a few high school productions and anywhere else she can find a spotlight, she is looking forward to bringing this adventure to life. Always showing up to rehearsal with a smile, she is so thankful for all the friends she's made through out this production



## **Maximus/Ipswich | Andy LePage**

Andy is thrilled to be back for his sixth performance with Nose Creek Players, having previously performed in Frankenstein (2019), Finding Claus (2021), one of his greatest theatrical thrills, Seussical the Musical (2022), Alice in Wonderland (2023) and The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood (2024). Andy is an avid lover of the theatre, having majored in Drama at the U of C many years ago. Big thanks to the amazing cast and crew for all of your amazing hard work! And a shout out to his fiancé Victoria for all her love and patience while he works on these shows.

## Mab | Peggy Buzzard

Peggy is so grateful to be a part of this epic quest! This is her eighth production with Nose Creek Players. Her most recent production was assistant stage manager for The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood. She hopes you are inspired in your own epic quest. Special love to Emmy, Sadie, Kielan, Adam, Jason, and Garry as well as her theatre family and Paris and Jo-Ann who have been to every one of her shows.



## Breezy/ Producer Mentee | Haley Day

Haley Day has been a dedicated member of Nose Creek Players since 2016, contributing to the theatre community in a variety of roles. She has directed, acted, and stage-managed numerous productions, bringing her passion for storytelling and collaboration to every project. This production marks Haley's debut as a producer, where she is excited to dive deeper into the behind-the-scenes work of theatre. On stage, Haley will be playing Breezy, a mischievous fairy whose playful antics bring magic and mischief to the story. With a strong foundation in both creative and logistical aspects of theatre, Haley continues to grow and learn, always striving to bring fresh energy and a love for the craft to every show.





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