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# ISM SHOWCASE 2020

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UNDER THE DIRECTION OF MADY SIMANONIS

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## CREATIVE/PRODUCTION TEAM

Director.....	Mady Simanonis
Asst Director.....	Ethan Fazio
Stage Manager.....	Ellen Reckamp
Vocal Director.....	Lindsey LeBeda
Choreographer.....	Sara Dolins
Asst Choreographer.....	Jernie Saunders
Rehearsal Accompanist.....	Kevin Zhou
Graphic Designer.....	Alyssa Ceballos
Asst. Graphic Designer.....	Fiza Goyal

## CAST

### CAST A

Caroline Coyle  
Emily Dziengel  
Lexi Hillman  
Micky Horstman  
Caroline McKinzie  
Evan Neilson  
Maya O'Neil  
Jeremy Poynton  
Mitch Ryba  
Jack Weirshem

### CAST B

Sophia Byrd  
Catt Chrastka  
Lucy Economos  
Joe Grudt  
Owen Henderson  
Christine Millins  
Emma Mize  
Ramman Takhsh  
Shelbi Voss  
Brandon Young

### CAST C

Edwin Barranco  
Maya Cornejo  
Kelsey Handschuh  
Jessi Hendrickson  
Emily Naud  
Trevor Santiago  
Kayla Shaw  
Emma Stone  
Caitlin Towell



# SHOW DEDICATION

We dedicate this show to Greg Burdette. Greg was an indispensable friend to Illini Student Musicals. ISM would have never had the opportunity to grow and expand in the way that we did without him. The resources, access to rehearsal spaces, and guidance that Greg went out of his way to provide ISM with, paved the way for our organization to flourish.

One of our favorite Greg stories took place last Spring when we had planned to put on the show "A Chorus Line". As many know, two weeks before our show, we were told to go home because of the pandemic with no knowledge of when we would return. We

received this news the Thursday before Spring Break. That same day, we contacted Greg about possibly hosting rehearsal in our typical performance space, Lincoln Hall. All we asked for was the space. Not only did Greg ensure that we had that space, but he also set up microphones, lights, and even some props to give us the real essence of a show. Greg did not have to do any of this, but he was the kind of person that truly cared about each and every student he came into contact with, whether or not they even knew that it was him who made that night possible. The night we performed A Chorus Line was inspiring and a night that many of us will never forget.

Greg Burdette was the kind of person that goes above and asks for nothing in return. He has touched the hearts of every single member of Illini Student Musicals and we thank him for everything he has done for us. To celebrate Greg's life, instead of flowers the family asks that donations be made to the University of Illinois Emergency Dean Fund (<https://rb.gy/r0yygh>) or Special Olympics (<https://rb.gy/upvyrg>).







# DIRECTOR'S NOTE

## MADY SIMANONIS

Theatre during a pandemic is not something I thought I would even be a part of this semester, let alone create an entire showcase to be put on in front of a live audience. Right after *The Addams Family* had to be cancelled, the ISM Board approached me about directing some sort of performance (originally a talent show of sorts) and I thought, “why not?” Inspired by the Lyric Studio class I am a part of, I wanted to put together a show made up of songs from a number of different musicals. With the small idea of about five numbers that centered around a theme of “protest” and “sticking it to the man” we held auditions. After over thirty amazing auditions I knew five songs would no longer be enough. We separated our performers into three casts and created a show around their talent. It has been such an honor to be able to showcase the talents and special skills of everyone involved in this show. The show illustrates the events that humans might experience in their life as they grow. Falling in love, finding their passion, feeling alone, fighting for what they believe in, and so on. It has been most gratifying to create and direct this show, with the help of an incredibly intelligent and creative staff and an immense amount of talented artists. Thank you to the cast and staff for trusting me with this unique project and joining me in my directorial debut. A special thanks to Danny Owen and Ethan Fazio who jumped through hoop after hoop to make this show possible and for making my vision come to life. I have had so many inspiring and passionate directors and I hope that this show would’ve made them proud. Thank you to Jamee Kenney, Rachel Rockwell, Sarah Wigley, and many more. I hope that you enjoy this show, as there has been so much work put into this project from day one, right up until this very moment. I’d like to dedicate this show to my parents for their unwavering support, for their unconditional love, and for helping me grow into the woman that I am today. Thank you mom and dad, I will never be able to repay you for all that you have done for me and helped me to accomplish. I truly hope that you enjoy this special show and that it brings you some joy in an otherwise unfortunate time.





# PROGRAM

## 1) Revolting Children ~ Matilda the Musical

**Bruce:** Emma Mize; **Kids:** Christine Millins, Catt Chrastka, Joe Grudt, Ramman Takshsh, Lucy Economos, Owen Henderson, Sophia Byrd, & Brandon Young

## 2) Getting Ready ~ 13

**Archie:** Micky Horstman; **Evan:** Evan Neilson; **Brett:** Mitch Ryba; **Pat:** Jeremy Poynton; **Eddie:** Jack Weirshem; **Lucy:** Caroline McKinzie; **Kendra:** Lexi Hillman; **Patrice:** Caroline Coyle

## 3) Mama I'm a Big Girl Now ~ Hairspray

**Tracy:** Emma Mize; **Penny:** Shelbi Voss; **Amber:** Lucy Economos; **Edna:** Owen Henderson; **Prudy:** Christine Millins; **Velma:** Catt Chrastka

## 4) Welcome to Wonderland ~ Wonderland

**Alice:** Caitlin Towell; **Company:** Edwin Barranco, Maya Cornejo, Kelsey Handschuh, Jessi Hendrickson, Emily Naud, Trevor Santiago, Kayla Shaw, & Emma Stone

## 5) First Date, Last Night ~ Dogfight

**Eddie:** Jeremy Poynton; **Rose:** Maya O'Neil

## 6) We're Not Gonna Take It ~ Rock of Ages

**Soloist 1:** Shelbi Voss; **Soloist 2:** Lucy Economos; **Soloist 3:** Joe Grudt; **Dancers:** Sophia Byrd, Christine Millins, & Catt Chrastka; **Protesters:** Owen Henderson, Brandon Young, Ramman Takshsh, and Emma Mize.

## 7) You Happened ~ The Prom

**Nick:** Jeremy Poynton; **Kaylee:** Caroline Coyle; **Guy:** Jack Weirshem; **Shelby:** Lexi Hillman; **Alyssa:** Maya O'Neil; **Emma:** Emily Dziengel; **Ensemble:** Caroline McKinzie, Emily Dziengel, Micky Horstman, Evan Neilson, & Mitch Ryba

## 8) Sincerely, Me ~ Dear Evan Hansen

**Connor:** Brandon Young; **Evan:** Ramman Takshsh; **Jared:** Joe Grudt

## 9) Dance With You ~ The Prom

**Alyssa:** Shelbi Voss; **Emma:** Lucy Economos

## 10) Candy Store ~ Heathers

**H. Chandler:** Caroline McKinzie; **H. Duke:** Emily Dziengel; **H Mac:** Lexi Hillman



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## 11) La Vie Boheme ~ RENT

**Mark:** Ramman Takshsh; **Roger:** Joe Grudt; **Waiter:** Brandon Young; **Mimi:** Sophia Byrd;  
**Angel:** Emma Mize; **Collins:** Owen Henderson; **Maureen:** Catt Chrastka; **Joanne:** Shelbi  
Voss; **Ensemble:** Lucy Economos & Christine Millins

## 12) Falling Slowly - Once

**Guy:** Edwin Barranco; **Girl:** Maya Cornejo

## 13) Omigod You Guys - Legally Blonde

**Margot:** Caroline McKinzie; **Serena:** Emily Dziengel; **Pilar:** Lexi Hillman; **Kate:** Caroline  
Coyle; **Lailani:** Maya O'Neil

## 14) The Negative - Waitress

**Jenna:** Kayla Shaw; **Dawn:** Emily Naud; **Becky:** Emma Stone

## 15) Carrying the Banner - Newsies

**Race:** Catt Chrastka; **Albert:** Emma Mize; **Specs:** Shelbi Voss; **Henry:** Christine Millins;  
**Finch:** Sophia Byrd; **Jack:** Brandon Young; **Crutchie:** Owen Henderson

## 16) Two Nobodies in New York - Title of Show

**Jeff:** Trevor Santiago; **Hunter:** Edwin Barranco

## 17) Let Me Be Your Star - Smash

**Karen:** Sophia Byrd; **Ivy:** Emma Mize

## 18) What You Own - RENT

**Roger:** Joe Grudt; **Mark:** Ramman Takshsh

## 19) This is Our Story - Shrek

**Fiona:** Caitlin Towell; **Shrek:** Trevor Santiago; **Donkey:** Edwin Barranco; **Fairy Tale  
Characters:** Maya Cornejo, Kelsey Handschuh, Jessi Hendrickson, Emily Naud, Kayla  
Shaw, & Emma Stone

## 20) Ex Wives - SIX

**Arragon:** Emma Mize; **Bolyn:** Christine Millins; **Seymour:** Lucy Economos; **Cleeves:** Catt  
Chrastka; **Howard:** Sophia Byrd; **Parr:** Shelbi Voss

## 21) You Will Be Found - Dear Evan Hansen

**Evan:** Evan Neilson; **Alana:** Maya O'Neil; **Jarad:** Jack Weirshem; **Zoe:** Caroline McKinzie;  
**Featured Dancer:** Lexi Hillman & Caroline Coyle; **Ensemble:** Emily Dziengel, Micky  
Horstman, Jeremy Poynton, & Mitch Ryba



# GENERAL INFORMATION

## BOARD OF ISM

President.....Daniel Owen  
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 Marketing Director.....Kelsey Handschuh  
 Secretary.....Ellen Reckamp  
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## ISM MARKETING COMMITTEE

### Social Media Team:

Emma Mize, Ethan Matteo Fazio, Andrew Xie, Maggie Beese, Trevor Santiago

### Design Team:

Alyssa Ceballos, Kaiya Scholl, Sara Kiel

### Outreach Team:

Joanna Riemer, Holly Handschuh, Lindsey LeBeda, Nicole Toloczko, Lily Perez





# CAST MEMBERS



## EDWIN BARRANCO

Edwin Barranco (Cast C Performer) is a freshman studying Mathematics with plans on minoring in French. This is his first year being in ISM and is thrilled to be a part of it. He is excited to be a part of the cast during this period of time and hopes everyone enjoys the show safely!

## SOPHIA BYRD

Sophia Byrd (Cast B Performer) credits include: *Otello* and *Carmina Burana*— Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Riccardo Muti; *Place*— Pulitzer prize nominee Ted Hearne; *The Good Swimmer*— Tony Award nominee Heidi Rodewald; *Crazy for You*— Lyric Theatre @ Illinois; *Songs for a New World*— Lyric Theatre @ Illinois; *Rev23*— New York Prototype Festival. Collaborations include: Yo-Yo Ma; Jennifer Hudson; Kurt Elling; Chance the Rapper. Her song "I See the Light" was featured in the Spike Lee original motion picture *Chiraq*. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Sophia has led social media campaigns, developed a photography business, and is working on her debut solo album to be released in 2021.



## CATT CHRASTKA

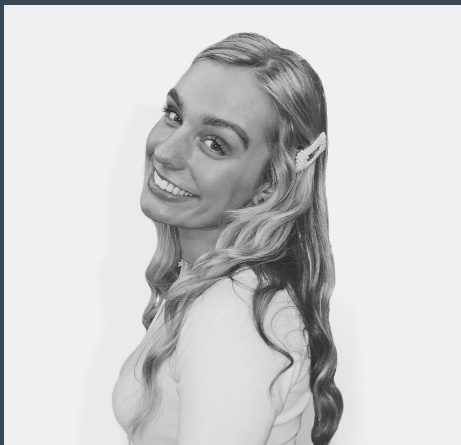
Catt Chrastka (Cast B Performer) is a senior obtaining a BFA in Theatre Studies and a minor in History. ISM credits include the Choreographer for *Footloose*, the Hair & Makeup Designer for *Carrie*, in the Cast of *Mamma Mia*, and was supposed to be the Choreographer for *The Addams Family* this fall. Catt is devastated that the fall musical was canceled, but she is incredibly excited that ISM has the opportunity to put on a fun and socially distant showcase. Performing is giving her a bit of light in these hard times and she hopes watching live theatre gives you some light as well.



# CAST MEMBERS

## MAYA CORNEJO

Maya Cornejo (Cast C Performer) is a Freshman studying Lyric Theatre. This is her first show with ISM, and she is thrilled to be working with such an incredible cast. She has previously performed in her high school theatre productions and been a part of Edge of the Wood Theatre in Chicago, Illinois. Some of her favorite roles include Sarah Brown (Guys and Dolls), Billie Bendix (Nice Work If You Can Get It) and Rosie (Mamma Mia). She is incredibly grateful to have the opportunity to perform in these unprecedented times. She hopes you sit back and enjoy the show



## CAROLINE COYLE

Caroline Coyle (Cast A Performer) is a junior studying Advertising with minors in Political Science and Public Relations. This is her first Illini Student Musicals show, and she is so excited to get the chance to perform.

## EMILY DZIENGEL

Emily Dziengel (Cast A Performer) is a freshman studying Psychology and this is her first show with Illini Student Musicals. She performed throughout high school and is so excited to continue in college with such a talented group of people! Emily wants to thank the staff for fighting for this show and her family for enduring her endless singing around the house.





# CAST MEMBERS



## LUCY ECONOMOS

Lucy Economos (Cast B Performer) is a junior majoring in Lyric Theatre. She is absolutely ecstatic to perform for an audience! This is her 3rd production with ISM, and she is so excited to take part in this unique piece of theatre. Some of her favorite past roles include Maggie Winslow in ISM's A Chorus Line, Women 1 in Songs for A New World (Muncie, IN), and she recently performed at an outdoor socially distant event with Lyric Theatre at Illinois. She is incredibly grateful for the opportunity to bring so many different characters to life, and hopes you wear your mask and enjoy the performance!

## JOE GRUDT

Joe Grudt (Cast B Performer) is a junior Lyric Theatre major at U of I and has been involved with ISM since Mamma Mia. You may have seen Joe as Billy Nolan in ISM's Carrie: The Musical or Zach in ISM's A Chorus Line. He is so excited to get the chance to perform live again and hopes you enjoy the show!



## KELSEY HANDSCHUH

Kelsey (Cast C Performer) is a senior majoring in Business Management and Marketing. She is also the Marketing Board Member and has been a part of ISM since her freshman year when she was a pit member for Pippin. Since then, she's participated mostly on staff by being the Orchestra Director for Footloose, Assistant Orchestra Director for Mamma Mia, and Assistant Vocal Director for A Chorus Line. She's very excited to start off her last year with ISM by being back on stage with some amazing cast-members, shout out to Cast C!





# CAST MEMBERS

## **OWEN HENDERSON**

Owen Henderson (Cast B Performer) is a sophomore studying Journalism and pursuing minors in Spanish and Theatre. Owen's previous ISM involvement includes being in the casts of A Chorus Line (Gregory Gardner) and Carrie: The Musical (Stokes), as well as serving on the Board of Directors. Other favorite previous roles include Cosmo Brown (Singin' in the Rain) and Cinderella's Prince/The Wolf/Lucinda (Into the Woods). He would like to thank the cast, crew, and staff for pulling through and working so hard to still put on a show despite the uncertain times, and he hopes you enjoy the show.

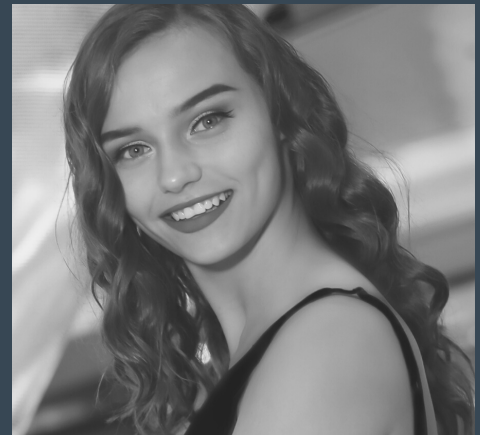


## **JESSI HENDRICKSON**

Jessi Hendrickson (Cast C Performer) is a sophomore studying Crop Sciences with a concentration in Plant Biotechnology and Molecular Biology. Previously, she was Kristine in ISM's production of A Chorus Line. She is so excited to be working with such a wonderful group of students and hopes you enjoy the showcase!

## **ALEXIS HILLMAN**

Alexis Hillman (Cast A Performer) is studying Political Science with a minor in business. Previously she was in Carrie as ensemble and A Chorus Line as a featured dancer. This is her second year in Illini Student Musicals and is super excited to perform with so many talented individuals.





# CAST MEMBERS



## MICKY HORSTMAN

Micky Horstman (Cast A Performer) is a sophomore studying Political Science and is excited to return to ISM this semester. Most notably he was apart of the Chicago Premier of Be More Chill at Stage 773. Some of his most recent productions have been: Carrie and A Chorus Line with Illini Student Musicals, Mamma Mia & Newsies at Stage Door Fine Arts; 1984 & The Addams Family at Hinsdale Central high school. Outside of theatre, he is involved in Kappa Alpha Pi- Pre-Law Fraternity on campus, and is a Wellness Support Supervisor at Krannert. He wants to thank his family and friends for always supporting him!

## CAROLINE MCKINZIE

Caroline McKinzie (Cast A Performer) is a senior Lyric Theatre major. Her last appearance with ISM was as Catherine in Pippin, first semester of her freshman year. She is very excited to be back performing with this exciting RSO! Other UIUC roles include Anne in A Little Night Music (cancelled due to Covid-19), Logainne Schwartzandgrubenierre in Spelling Bee, Patsy in Crazy For You, and ensembles of Cabaret, Take Flight, Cunning Little Vixen, She Loves Me, and Pirates of Penzance.



## CHRISTINE MILLINS

Christine Millins (Cast B Performer) is a senior studying Marketing with a minor in Microeconomics. She was involved in Illini Student Musicals' production of Mamma Mia, Footloose, and Carrie. Additionally, this is her second year being on the Illini Student Musicals Board as the Outreach Coordinator. She is beyond grateful to be a part of this show, and wants to thank her family and friends for supporting her!





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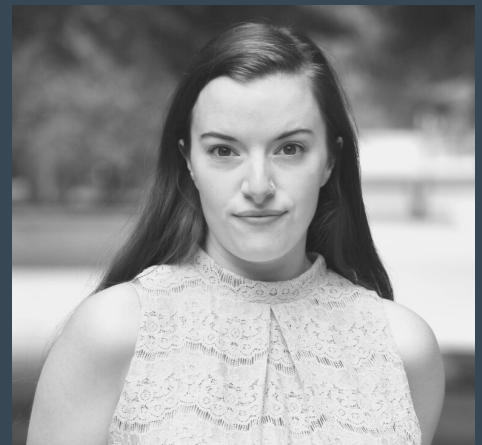


## EMMA MIZE

Emma Mize (Cast B Performer) is a sophomore Lyric Theatre major who is thrilled to be a part of her second ISM production. Recently she was in Lyric Theatre @ Illinois' Lyric Under the Stars, ISM's A Chorus Line as Connie, and a new work by Stella Stage Productions called The Perception of Red as Mayor Gorkin. She's also on the ISM Marketing team. She is under the instruction of Professor Dawn Harris and would like to thank her for her teaching. She would also like to thank her family, friends, dog, AOII, and especially her mother for their continued support.

## EMILY NAUD

Emily Naud (Cast C Performer) is currently a senior in the Lyric Theatre program at the University of Illinois. This is her third production with ISM, her first being Rocky Horror and Heathers back in 2017-2018. In the fall of 2018, she was in A Funny Thing Happened to the Forum with Illinois Theatre at the Krannert Center. She is from Ann Arbor, MI and spends her summer baking bread and hanging out with her dog/family. In her spare time, she likes to listen to musicals (of course) and drink coffee. Enjoy the performance!



## EVAN NEILSON

Evan Neilson (Cast A Performer) is a junior studying History with a minor in Secondary Education. His past involvement with ISM includes playing Mark Anthony in A Chorus Line and Willard in Footloose. Outside of ISM, he plays sousaphone in the Marching Illini, performs with Potted Meat Sketch Comedy, and is a COVID-19 Wellness Ambassador. He is so grateful for the opportunity to perform with such a talented group in a time where (safe) live theatre is so deeply needed, and wants to thank the production staff for all of their hard work that made this possible. I-L-L!





# CAST MEMBERS

## MAYA O'NEIL

Maya O'Neill (Cast A Performer) is so excited to be a part of ISM's showcase this fall! She is a sophomore Choral Music Education major, and she did her first show with ISM last spring, where she played Judy Turner in A Chorus Line. She is also currently involved in a virtual performance at the Krannert Center that will happen later in November. She is so happy to be performing again and would like to thank Mady and all of the staff for making this happen. Enjoy the show!

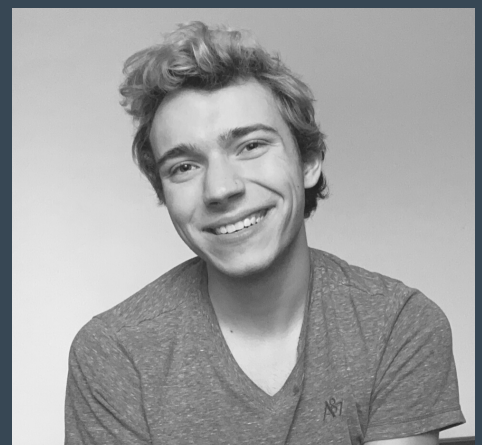


## JEREMY POYNTON

Jeremy Poynton (Cast A Performer) is a senior studying Computer Science. This is his fourth year as a member of ISM. Outside of theater, he sings with No Strings Attached a cappella and is a member of the Illinois Cybersecurity Scholars program. He is grateful for the dedication of the staff and board of ISM to make such a performance possible.

## MITCH RYBA

Mitch Ryba (Cast A Performer) is a sophomore currently Undecided but pursuing Advertising. Previously, he was in the ensemble for Illini Student Musicals' productions of A Chorus Line and Carrie last year. He wants everyone to enjoy the variety of numbers and incredibly talented casts.





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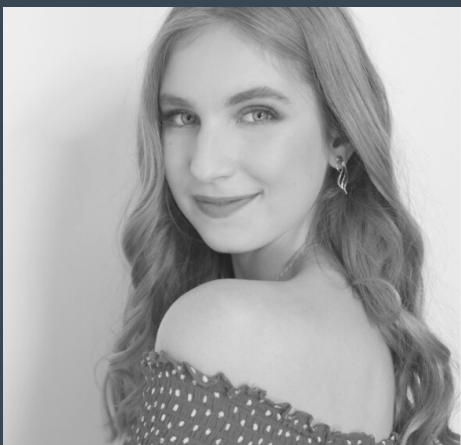
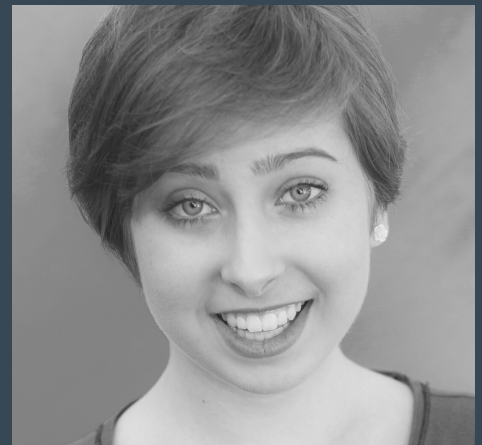


## TREVOR SANTIAGO

Trevor Santiago (Cast C Performer) is a sophomore studying Communication with minors in Business and Psychology. He made his debut with ISM this past spring as Al Deluca in A Chorus Line. On top of performing, he also serves on the Marketing Committee. He wants to thank all of the dedicated performers, artists, crew members, and go-getters alike for helping put together this event during these unusual times. He hopes you (safely) enjoy the showcase!

## KAYLA SHAW

Kayla Shaw (Cast C Performer) is a freshman Lyric Theatre major. This is Kayla's first show with ISM and they are so excited! Previously they have played Velma (Hairspray) at Arts and Learning Conservatory, Bitter Geek (Heather's) Saddleback College, Rapunzel (Into the Woods) Saddleback College, and many more. They would like to thank their parents for always supporting them, their director, choreographer, Stage Manager, and crew for putting together such an awesome showcase during these troubling times. They would also like to thank God for guiding them through these tough times.



## EMMA STONE

Emma Stone (Cast C Performer) is a junior studying Communications and Theatre. She was previously featured in ISM's A Chorus Line (Tricia), Carrie: The Musical (Carrie), and Footloose (Cowboy Bob). She is so happy to be a part of this production, and grateful for the ability to preform live this semester!



# CAST MEMBERS

## RAMMAN TAKHSH

Ramman Takhsh (Cast B Performer) is a freshman studying Lyric Theatre. This is his first show with Illini Student Musicals, and he is incredibly grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this production.



## CAITLIN TOWELL

Caitlin Towell (Cast C Performer) is a freshman majoring in Lyric Theatre. This is her first show with Illini Student Musicals. Previously, she has participated in high school and community theatres with parts in *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder* (Phoebe), *Big Fish* (Sandra), and *Les Miserables* (Cosette). She is delighted to be a part of ISM's showcase and cannot wait to be back on stage.

## SHELBI VOSS

Shelbi Voss (Cast B Performer) is a senior studying Journalism with a minor in Theatre. Some previous credits include *Carrie: The Musical* (Sue Snell), *Mamma Mia* (Sophie Sheridan), *Once On This Island* (Ti Moune), and *Newsies* (Medda Larkin). She also served as Assistant Choreographer for Philip Lynch Theatre's production of *Young Frankenstein* in 2017. During the 2018-19 school year, Shelbi was Vice President of Chapter Wellness for Alpha Gamma Delta sorority and currently produces *Good Morning Illini*, a TV news broadcast. She would like to thank her family for their continued support, and the staff for this opportunity.







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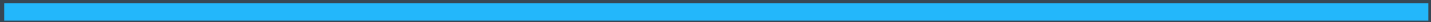


## **JACK WIERSCHEM**

Jack Wierschem (Cast A Performer) is a senior in Advertising at the University of Illinois this year and performing in his 5th show with Illini Student Musicals. After several months of not performing, he is thrilled to be back with his pals to put on a show once again. Outside of theatre, Jack enjoys LEGOs, Star Wars, LEGO Star Wars, and bingeing television in his free time!

## **BRANDON YOUNG-ELEAZAR**

Brandon Young-Eleazar (Cast B Performer) is a Freshman pursuing a major in Chemical Engineering. This is his first year in ISM and he is ecstatic to be a part of this community and is grateful for the friends he's made thus far. Brandon was involved in both school and community theatre for all four years of high school. Some of his favorite roles have been Nick Bottom in *Midsummer Night's Dream* and Juror #7 in *Twelve Angry Men*. He hopes you enjoy the show and do your part by saying six feet apart!





# PRODUCTION STAFF

## **MADY SIMANONIS**

Madysen Simanonis (Director) is a junior at UIUC, pursuing a BMA in Lyric Theatre. The ISM Showcase will be Mady's directorial debut. She's learned so much being on the other side of the casting table. She's currently studying voice with Sarah Wigley. Previous roles with ISM include Sheila (A Chorus Line) and Ali (Mamma Mia!) You could've also seen her as Louise in LTI's Crazy for You and more recently as a soloist in Lyric Under the Stars at Allerton Park. She's grateful to be involved in so much safe theatre this semester and for this brand new experience.

## **ETHAN FAZIO**

Ethan Fazio (Assistant Director) is a sophomore studying Advertising with minors in Theatre and Public Relations. Previously, Ethan was the assistant director for Illini Student Musicals' production of A Chorus Line, was in the cast for Carrie and has served on the Marketing Committee for three semesters. Additionally, this is his first semester serving on the Illini Student Musicals Board of Directors as the organizations Treasurer. He has had an amazing experience working on this show and wants to thank the cast, staff, and board of directors for creating art on stage through difficult times.

## **ELLEN RECKAMP**

Ellen Reckamp (Stage Manager) is a senior studying English with a minor in Secondary Education and an endorsement in History. Previously, she was the stage manager for Illini Student Musicals' production of A Chorus Line, the assistant stage manager for Carrie, and the assistant choreographer for Mamma Mia. Additionally, this is her second year being on the Illini Student Musicals Board, but her first one holding the position of secretary. She is thrilled to be putting on a show in such uncertain times and hopes you have a safe fun-filled evening

## **AVA BOOYDEGRAFF**

Ava BooydeGraaff (Assistant Stage Manager) is a freshman studying Industrial Design. This is her first production with Illini Student Musicals. After many years of being involved backstage in theater on the props committee and as a stage manager in high school, Ava is excited to be involved in theater again by joining the staff for the ISM Showcase.

## **LINDSEY LEBEDA**

Lindsey LeBeda (Vocal Director) is so excited to be back making music with ISM! Previously she has served as the vocal director for ISM's production of A Chorus Line, and more recently has been involved as a member of the marketing committee. Lindsey is so grateful for the opportunity to be involved in this unique experience and feels incredibly fortunate to get to work with a cast, crew, and staff that exemplifies perseverance and passion during these unprecedented times. She hopes you enjoy the show!



# PRODUCTION STAFF

## **SARA DOLINS**

Sara Dolins (Choreographer) is a senior majoring in Communications. This is the sixth ISM show that Sara has been involved in. She is also a general board member on the ISM board. Sara is so excited to have choreographed her first ISM show! Her favorite roles at U of I have been Margaret in Carrie, Tanya in Mamma Mia, Val in A Chorus Line and Mitzie in Crazy For You at the Krannert Center. Sara is very excited to be involved in ISM's first Showcase.

## **JERNIE SAUNDERS**

Jernie Saunders (Assistant Choreographer) is a sophomore majoring in Psychology and minoring in Theater. This is her 3rd show with ISM. She was in the ensemble of Carrie the Musical last fall and Richie in A Chorus Line in the spring. She has loved working with such an amazing and talented group of people. It's such a privilege to have live theater right now and she can't wait to watch everyone shine on stage- doing what they love!

## **KEVIN ZHOU**

Kevin Zhou (Rehearsal Accompanist & Musical Director) is excited to be involved in this semester's production of the ISM Fall 2020 Showcase. This is his third semester of being the rehearsal accompanist for ISM, with involvement in previous productions of Carrie: The Musical and A Chorus Line. He has played piano for 15 years and has started learning bass and guitar during the summer. He is pursuing a major in Computer Science and Music, and is also involved in the Illinois Ultimate Frisbee team. He loves cooking and baking in his free time.

## **JONATHAN BROWN**

Jonathan Brown (Drummer) is playing the drums for ISM's showcase.

## **ALYSSA CEBALLOS**

Alyssa Ceballos (Graphic Designer) is a sophomore studying English. This is her first time with ISM and she has had so much fun working with the marketing committee. Although it is not an ideal semester to start, she is very excited and has already met so many talented people. She has been making art for over five years and is grateful that ISM has given her the opportunity to grow as an artist.

## **FIZA GOYAL**

Fiza Goyal (Assistant Graphic Designer) is a junior in Computer Science. She has been a part of the Graphic Design team for Illini Student Musical's productions of Mamma Mia!, Footloose, and Carrie the Musical. She is super excited to be virtually working as the Assistant Graphic Designer for ISM's Showcase (and hopefully she'll actually be in town to see it!)





# PRODUCTION STAFF

## **DANIEL OWEN**

Danny Owen (Co-Technical Designer) is a Junior studying Bioengineering with a concentration in cell and tissue engineering here on campus. This is his 5th show on the lighting design team with Illini Student Musicals and he is so excited to be creating art with his friends yet again. Additionally, he is the President of the Illini Student Musicals Executive Board, where he is fortunate enough to work with an amazing group of talented and driven individuals. He would like to thank his amazing fellow lighting design team members, executive board members, as well as the cast and staff who made this show fantastic!

## **KENNETH TOCHIHARA**

Kenneth Tochihara (Co-Technical Designer) is a junior studying Aerospace Engineering with a minor in Computer Engineering. Previously, he was the co-lighting designer for Illini Student Musicals' production of A Chorus Line, Carrie, and Footloose, and the assistant lighting designer for Mamma Mia. He is also Vice President of the general board this year and is ecstatic to be providing wonder space to perform in such unprecedented times. He would like to thank his dearest friends and family for their continued support.

## **MADELINE MCFADDEN**

Madeline McFadden (Co-Lighting Designer) is a sophomore in Agricultural and Biological Engineering pursuing minors in Natural Resource Conservation and the SEE Fellows Program. Last spring they were an assistant stage manager for ISM's production of A Chorus Line. Outside of ISM they are involved in the executive board for Illini Urban Farmers and ASABE and are a member of Women of Pride and Illinois InterVarsity. They love plants, cooking, art, and dogs and are so excited to be on for another ISM show!

## **ZOE MIHEVC**

Zoe Mihevc (Co-Lighting Designer) is a freshman pursuing a major in Bioengineering (currently in DGS). Previously, she was a part of seventeen productions at her high school theatre, but she is excited to be working on something new with ISM and hopes you enjoy the show!

## **MICHAL SZCZEPANIAK**

Michal Szczepaniak (Assistant Stage Manager) is a freshman studying English with a focus in Secondary Education. Michal is beyond excited to be working with ISM for the first time. Though he is new to the ISM team, Michal is not a stranger to theater. He was recently seen as Amos Hart in Chicago: The Musical at the Oak Lawn Park District, as well as The Old Man in A Christmas Story, and Wadsworth in Clue: Onstage at Victor J. Andrew High School. Michal is thrilled to be involved with the ISM Showcase, and he hopes you have a blast watching this talented cast.



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## **JOANNA (JO) RIEMER**

Joanna Riemer (Sound Designer) is a junior studying Speech Pathology and German. In past Illini Student Musical productions she has been an assistant sound designer for Carrie, Footloose, and Mamma Mia. In addition to working on staff, this is her second year being on the Illini Student Musicals Board, serving both years as a general board member. Jo is also involved in the marketing committee. She is so, so happy that ISM has been able to provide this opportunity for so many great people to come together in person this semester. She hopes you enjoy the show!

## **AIDAN GARDNER**

Aidan Gardner (Assistant Sound Designer) is a freshmen studying Sound Design & Technology through the College of Fine & Applied Arts. Aidan was previously the sound designer and board operator at his high school working on shows such as Little Women, Radium Girls, and Big Fish. This is Aidan's first year with ISM and he is excited to get to work and be able to put on a show during this time!

## **ANISHI PATEL**

Anishi Patel (Assistant Sound Designer) is a freshman theatre studies major. This is her first year with Illinois Student Musicals. She is very excited to be working on this show and she hopes you enjoy!

## **BRIGID YOUNG**

Brigid Young (Assistant Sound Designer) is a junior studying Music Technology with a minor in Communications. This is her second show with Illini Student Musicals, she previously was an assistant sound designer for A Chorus Line. She is excited to be able to be able to work on a show this semester, and hopes everyone enjoys the performance!

## **MAGGIE BEESE**

Maggie Beese (Costume Director & Assistant Stage Manager) is a sophomore studying Advertising. Previously, she was a Costume Designer for A Chorus Line. She is thrilled to be working with ISM this year and would like to thank her dog for her continuing support.

## **KYLE CONDON**

Kyle Condon (Assistant Lighting Designer) is a senior majoring in Lighting Design with a minor in ECE.