

# PLAYBILL

J.T. FINLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

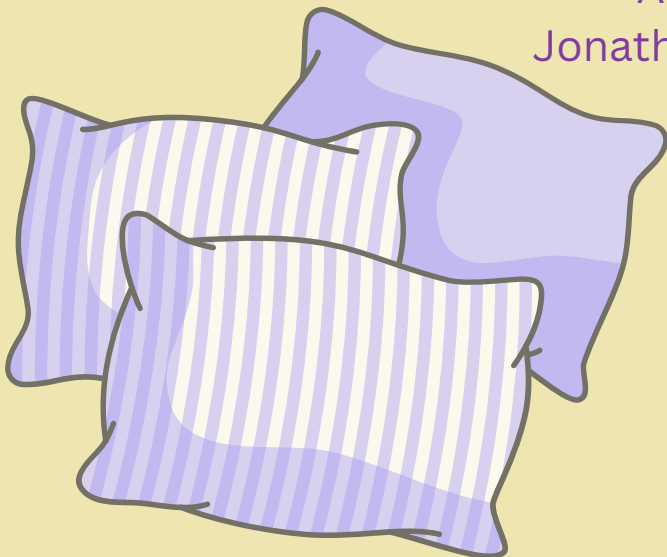
FINLEY PRESENTS

## ONCE UPON A MATTRESS JR.



# CAST LIST

Dauntless.....	Brady Duke
Minstrel.....	Celia LoPorto
Jester.....	Ella Triolo
Queen Aggravain.....	Elena Prior
King.....	Gregory Brandine
Princess #12.....	Gabriella Zielinski
Lady Larken.....	Harper Cohn
Wizard.....	Katharine Lyons
Lucile.....	Imogen Thaler
Rowena.....	Angelica Cunningham
Sir Harry.....	Billy Oliva
Winnifred.....	Helena Sullivan
Knight 1.....	London Martinez
Knight 2.....	Sarina Kapoor
Knight 3.....	Grace Gonzalez
Beatrice.....	Luna Ramirez
Harold.....	Jack Oswald
Knights/Ladies.....	Allison Aguilar, Kellen Anderson, Angelina Araujo-Raymundo, Elisabetta Arra, Abigail Byers, Sutter Flynn, Anna Matarese, Jonathan Naborre, Scarlett Phillips, Ava Tortora, Abigail Van Horn





# *CREW INFO*

## **Production Team**

Theatrical & Artistic Director - Susan Graber

Assistant Director - Jessica Simms

Director of Light and Sound - Frank Battista

Costume & Character Make-up Coordinator -  
Susan Graber, Cast Members & Crew

Program Design - Mia Marsala, Emily McCarthy, Emily Rodriguez,  
Gretchen Schmid, Katie Van Horn

Light and Sound - Mia Marsala, Emily McCarthy, Vivian Morrissey,  
Jaden Scott, Gretchen Schmid, Katie Van Horn

T-Shirt and Playbill Cover Design - Celia LoPorto

Backstage Crew - Amelia Brown, Annabel Cassato, Francesca D'Eloia,  
Olivia Guerrero, Franklin Mulvaney

### **Crew**

**Amelia Brown, Annabel Cassato, Mason Dasaro,  
Franny D'Elola, Olivia Guerrero, Mia Marsala,  
Emily McCarthy, Vivian Morrissey, Franklin Mulvaney, Anthony  
Naborre, Jaden Scott, Gretchen Schmid, Katie Van Horn**

Music by  
Mary Rodgers

Lyrics by  
Marshall Barer

Book by  
Jay Thompson, Dean Fuller and Marshall Barer

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Dear Finley Community,

Welcome to the 2025 Finley Drama Club Production! We have enjoyed such a collaborative season. This show has so many moments with the whole company coming together to tell the story of “The Princess and the Pea”. It has been a lot of fun working together as a team to create a visual performance full of singing and dancing. We hope you enjoy!

Please join me in saying “thank you” to:

- Mrs. Traci Roethel for always supporting our club and helping it happen in so many ways.
- Mrs. Mardella Edwards for helping us navigate all the financial aspects of the show.
- Mr. Jim Hoops and Mr. Darren Reed for the pictures and publicity on the website.
- The parents for getting their students where they needed to be and helping get them ready for the show.
- Ms. Kimberly Musial for her support.
- Mrs. McCarthy for helping with all the concessions shopping.
- Mr. Kevin Kuhner for his carpentry help.
- Ms. Gabby Caba for helping the painting team.
- The people at Booktix for a new streamlined ticket system this year.
- Mrs. Sullivan for the creative showcase.
- The security guards for keeping us company at night while we waited for our rides.
- The entire custodial and buildings staff for helping us with all our messes.
- The entire Hahn/Graber clan for holding things together at home while I’ve been busy, as well as helping with sewing, pickups, and shopping!
- Mr. Frank Battista for getting everyone seen and heard.
- Ms. Jessica Simms for all the amazing work with everything behind the scenes and finding so many ways for the students to take ownership over the creative process.
- The students! Thank you for sharing your ideas, time, and energy with our team.

Enjoy the show!

Sue Graber



# MEET THE CAST!



Sue Graber (Director): Mrs. Graber is excited to be a part of her seventh Finley Show. When she is not working with drama, she teaches chorus. She loves to spend time with her family playing games and enjoying the outdoors.

Jessica Simms (Assistant Director): Ms. Simms is an art teacher at Finley Middle School and is so excited to be a part of the play for the fourth year! She is a ceramic sculptor and loves to create new art in her free time at home. When not teaching or sculpting she can also be found hiking in national parks or listening to podcasts!





Brady Duke (Dauntless): Brady is an 8th grader who plays Dauntless in this year's musical. Outside of performing, he enjoys robotics and cross-country. Last year, he played Jack in "Into the Woods" and is grateful to his friends and teachers for their support.



Celia LoPorto (Minstrel): Celia LoPorto is an 8th grader at Finley Middle School. Some of her favorite past roles were Matilda in "Matilda" and Little Red in "Into the Woods." She enjoys drawing, listening to music, and singing.







Ella Triolo (Jester): Ella is a 8th grade student in Finley Middle School and is very excited to be a part of this play. Ella loves to sing, draw, and watch movies when she's not at school. Ella is very proud to be in the Drama Club. She has met many talented and nice people. This is Ella's fourth play and hopes to keep acting.

Elena Prior (Queen Aggravain): Elena is in 8th grade at Finley Middle School. She has met many new and amazing friends this year in drama. She would love to thank everyone who made this experience possible.





Greg Brandine (King): Gregory Brandine is playing the King and is so happy to be in this show. He likes to run around and play tag. When he's home in his free time he likes to play Marvel Rivals as Hulk.



Gabriella Zielinski (Princess #12): Gabriella was very excited to be in this play this year and thanks her family and friends for their support. She loves playing sports, especially hockey.





Harper Cohn (Lady Larken): Harper Cohn is an 8th grader who has always loved theatre. Some of her more notable past roles include Portia in “Something Rotten, Jr.” and Violet Beauregarde in “Willy Wonka, Jr.” In her free time, Harper loves to sing, write, and listen to music. She is ecstatic to be a part of this performance!

Kat Lyons (Wizard): Katharine Lyons is so excited to be in the play this year. She loves doing theater and is so happy she had this opportunity. In her free time you can find her at voice lessons or at dance.





Imogen Thaler (Lucille): Imogen is in 8th grade and has been dancing and singing since she was little. Imogen also enjoys drawing and painting. This is Imogen's second musical. She is very excited to be a part of "Once Upon a Mattress" and to continue theater in high school. She would like to thank the whole Finley theater department for this wonderful experience.



Angelica Cunningham (Rowena): This is Angelica's fourth play, and she is so excited to be in the show. Angelica is a viola player and a dancer.







**Billy Oliva (Sir Harry):** Billy Oliva is in 8th grade and is excited to be a part in this year's play! He has been in many shows including "The Lion King," "High School Musical," and "Annie." In his free time he enjoys watching movies, seeing his friends, and playing different video games. He hopes to stretch his acting ability this year with this new role.

**Lena Sullivan (Winnifred):** Helena is an optimistic 8th grade student. She has been in many different musicals like High School Musical (Sharpay), Beauty and the Beast (Belle), Into the Woods (Cinderella), Seussical the Musical (Gertrude) and now Once Upon a Mattress (Winnifred).

She loves performing and expressing herself along the way. She would like to thank Mrs. Graber, Ms. Simms, and her sister Josephine for supporting her and being an outstanding role model for her musical theater career. She is so excited to share her, and the whole cast's hard work.





London Martinez (Knight 1):  
London is excited to be a part  
of this year's play.



Sarina Kapoor (Knight 2):  
Sarina fills their spare time by  
painting, singing, and listening  
to music. They are very open  
minded and creative. They  
also really like hanging out  
with their friends. They thank  
their good friend, Grace, for  
making the experience ten  
times more fun.





Grace Gonzalez (Knight 3): Grace is happy to be in the play this year. She is creative and loves to sing.

She is also obsessed with all animals except spiders. She has a five year old dog named Cody and a goldfish named Darwin. Her sister has taught her how to play many instruments. She thanks her for staying up and dealing with her all night to practice for the play.

Luna Ramirez (Beatrice): Luna Ramirez is a 7th grader who has played as a part of the “Annie, Jr” ensemble and Aquata in “The Little Mermaid, Jr.” She is delighted to be included in this production, “Once Upon a Mattress!” Luna is an artsy student, and can be often seen making crafts and art, listening to and playing music, and more when not acting.





Jack Oswald (Harold): Jack Oswald is in 8th Grade and is very excited to be in this year's play! He loves playing baseball, violin, and acting as his hobbies. In his free time he loves to play video games and boxing with his brothers.



Allison Aguilar (Lady): Allison is a 7th grader and has enjoyed being in many shows, including "Beauty and the Beast," "The Little Mermaid," and "Annie, Jr." So far she has enjoyed every production she has done, and always has so much fun with cast members. Outside of Drama Club, she can often be seen listening to music, hanging out with friends and more. She can't wait for the opening show and hopes everyone else has just as much fun as her.





Kellen Anderson (Lady): Kellen is a student at Finley Middle School and is so happy to be a part of her second show here! She loves playing field hockey, softball, and drawing. When she is not playing a sport, she can be seen working on her studio art projects. She loves her dog, Clyde, and her sister, Riley. She is super excited to take part in this year's show and hopes you love it!

Angelina Araujo-Raymundo (Lady): Angelina is excited to be a part of this year's play!





Elisabetta Arra (Lady): Elisabetta is so excited to be in the musical this year! She has been in many musicals including “Annie” as Miss Hannigan, and “Suessical” as the Sour Kangaroo. She has also done NYSSMA and SCMEA. When she is not singing she is playing volleyball and baking.



Abbie Byers (Lady): Abigail is a student at Finley Middle School and is excited to be participating in the play this year! She is a very dedicated student and loves to participate in plays such as “Annie, Jr” and “Into the Woods!” When not acting or in school she loves to practice new skills and do gymnastics!







Sutter Flynn (Lady): Sutter is a 7th grader and she is thrilled to be in the production this year, "Once Upon a Mattress." Her previous two shows she has held roles in "Annie" and "The Little Mermaid." She has enjoyed all the previous productions she has been a part of. Sutter is happy to be working alongside such a wonderful cast and crew.

Anna Matarese (Lady): Anna is so excited to be in the play this year! She loves musical theatre and is very happy to be in this production. When she isn't at Drama Club, you can find her playing violin or at voice lessons!





Jonathan Naborre (Knight): Jonathan Naborre is an 8th grader that decided to do the play this year. Jonathan loves animals, he has three dogs and two birds. He has fostered one of his dogs since March and he owns one dog as well!



Scarlett Phillips (Lady): Scarlett Phillips has been in 2 shows: "The Little Mermaid" and "Once Upon a Mattress." Scarlett was nominated for SCMEA 2 years in a row and recorded "Kwanza's Pure Light" with Yocontalie Jackson and The Jennifer Tibbetts Singers. She loves to sing and act out scenes. She is very excited to be a part of this extraordinary show. Scarlett is grateful for her friends and family for supporting her dream of singing and acting on a big stage. She is so grateful for Mrs. Graber and Ms. Simms for making this possible!







Ava Tortora (Lady): Ava is glad to be a part of the show this year. She has been in many shows before this one and loves to do theater.

Abigail Van Horn (Lady): Abigail has been in 3 shows: "Annie, Jr.," "The Little Mermaid" and "Once Upon a Mattress." She loves to be in the Drama Club and is very excited to be in this amazing production. Abigail loves to sing and dance. She is very grateful for all the support her friends and family have given her.





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