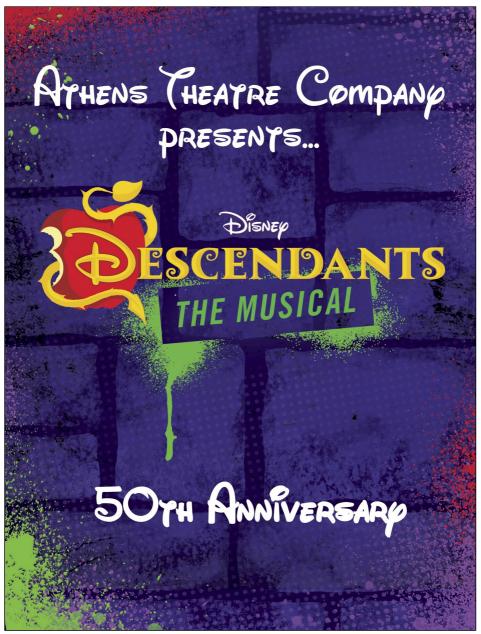
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Athens High School Troy, MI





### The Athens Theatre Company's production of

#### Disney's

#### **DESCENDANTS: THE MUSICAL**

Book by Nick Blaemire

Music Adaptation by Madeline Smith

Vocal and Incidental Arrangements by Madeline Smith Additional Lyrics by Nick Blaemire

Orchestrations by Matthew Tishler

Music Produced by Matthew Tishler

#### Songs by

Johan Alkenas, Adam Anders, Aristeidis Archontis, Antonina Armato, Howard Ashman, Peer Astrom, Stephen Mark Conley, Doug Davis, Charity Daw, Andrew C. Dodd, Josh Edmondson, Pipo Fernandez, Nikki Hassman, Samuel Hollander, Ben Hostetler, Tim James, Hanna Jones, Jack Kugell, Craig Lashley, Andrew Lippa, Jeannie Lurie, Alan Menken, Grant Phillip Michaels, Anthony Mirabella, Shayna Mordue, Chen Neeman, Susan Paroff, Shelly M. Peiken, Joacim Persson, James K. Petrie, Adam Schlesinger, Adam Schmalholz, Tyler Shamy, Jodie Shihadeh, Nikki Ann Sorrentino, Thomas Armato Sturges, Ali Dee Theodore, Matthew Wong, David Zippel

Based on the Disney Channel Original Movies written by Josann McGibbon and Sara Parriott

#### **Disney's Descendants: The Musical**

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November 4, 5, 11, 12, 2022 at 8:01pm November 13, 2022 at 3:01pm

#### PAST PRODUCTIONS

You Can't Take it With You (1973) Night of January 16th (1974) Night of One Acts (1975) Red, White & Blue Dinner (1976) Two by Two (Dinner Theatre 1977) The Man Who Came to Dinner (1977)

Bye Bye Birdie (1978) The Crucible (1978)

Don't Drink the Water (Fall 1978)

Dinner Theatre (1979) Guys & Dolls (1979)

Simon Scenes (Dinner Theatre 1980)

The Wizard of Oz (1980)

Couples Dinner Theatre (1981)

Anything Goes (1981)

Night of One Acts (Fall 1981)

Oliver (1982) Illusions (1982) Bad Seed (Fall 1983) Peter Pan (1984) Grease (1985) Pippin (1986) Dracula (Fall 1986) My Fair Lady (1987) Dinner Theatre (Fall 1987)

Singin' in the Rain (1988) A Chorus Line (1989) The Fantasticks (1990)

Little Shop of Horrors (1990) Senior Square (Fall 1990) Bye Bye Birdie (1991)

Robin Hood (Fall 1991)

Fame (1992)

Don't Drink the Water (Fall 1992)

Godspell (1993)

You Can't Take it With You (Fall 1993)

Mad Forest (Fall 1994) Peter Pan (1995)

Servant of Two Masters (Fall 1995)

The Wizard of Oz (1996) Rumors (Fall 1996) Brigadoon (1997) The Crucible (1997) The Wiz (1998)

Romeo & Juliet (Fall 1998)

Grease (1999) God's Favorite (Fall 1999) West Side Story (2000)

You Can't Take it With You (Fall 2000) Into the Woods (2001)

Our Town (Fall 2001) Oklahoma (2002)

Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 (Fall 2002)

Man of La Mancha (2003) Blithe Spirit (Fall 2003) Les Miserables (2004)

Arsenic and Old Lace (Fall 2004)

Godspell (2005)

The Man Who Came to Dinner (Fall 2006)

Little Shop of Horrors (2006)

Miracle on 34th Street (Winter 2006)

Once Upon a Mattress (2007)

Rumors (Fall 2007)

Disney's High School Musical (2008)

Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 (Fall 2008)

Oliver (2009)

A Christmas Carol (Winter 2009) Disney's Beauty and the Beast (2010)

The Crucible (Fall 2010) The Wizard of Oz (2011) Into the Woods (Summer 2011) Lend Me A Tenor (Fall 2012) Little Shop of Horrors (2012) You Can't Take it With You (2012)

Bye Bye Birdie (2013)

Willy Wonka (Summer 2013)

Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 (Fall 2013)

Seussical (2014)

Emma! A Pop Musical (2014)

Cinderella (2015)

Hairspray (Summer 2015) Arsenic & Old Lace (2015)

Oliver (2016)

The Outsiders (2016)

Disney's High School Musical (2017) The Three Musketeers (2017) Night of January 16th (2017) Once Upon a Mattress (2018)

Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 (2018)

West Side Story (2019) Newsies (2019) The Crucible (2020)

10 Ways to Survive Quarantine (2020)

Elf the Musical (2021)

Rumors (2022)

**DISNEY'S DESCENDANTS (2022)** 

#### **DIRECTOR'S NOTES**

As I begin my 50th year directing in Troy, I selected Disney's DESCENDANTS (I love the music and energy of the show) because of the message. We all need to look at our "sameness" and not our differences. We need to teach our children respect and love for each other as human beings. As parents, we all want a better world for our "children". The multi-cultural casting in this show allows these "children" in the cast and crew to live this message daily. Hopefully this performance will inspire us to find love for each other as human beings, and make the world a better place for all of us.

Thank you to Disney for making this message so joyous to perform.

Please enjoy the show,

Krista Manfredi

Descendants premiered on July 31, 2015 on Disney Channel and received immediate commercial success. Prior to its premiere, it was viewed more than one million times on the Disney Now app. On its premiere night, the film received 6.6 million viewers, becoming the most-watched broadcast on the network of 2015, and the highest-rated broadcast on the network since 2013. The film later went onto become the fifth most-watched original movie on cable television. The film's soundtrack debuted atop of the US Billboard 200, becoming the first Disney Channel original movie to do so since High School Musical 2 achieved the same feat in 2007.



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#### **PRODUCTION**

#### **Production Staff**

Producer/Director	Krista Manfredi**
Vocal Director	Ashley Rozanski*
Choreographer	Laura Sak*
Assistant Director	Marilyn Persichetti
Tech Director	Gino Minchella
Business Manager	Marilyn Persichetti
Stage Managers	Keegan Parsell, AJ Miller
Set, Lighting, & Sound Design	Gino Minchella
Lighting Tech	Maaz Ali
Media Tech	Gino Minchella
Lead Carpenter	Steve Dunneback
Costumer	Karen Klitzke
Costume Crew	Rihanna Tufaili
Makeup	Sophia Keil*, Kendall Burns*
Program, Promo Video, & Photography	Thomas Butcher*
Poster & Ticket Form	Roseann Sparbeck
Props	Connor Creech, Susann Hurl
Box Office	Karen Klitzke, Marilyn Persichetti
Concessions	Karie & Steve Dunneback, Janie Kirchler
House Manager	Nicole Wilson
Dinner Coordinator	Marilyn Persichetti
Dinner Catered by	Lukich's Family Dining
Nail Tech	Isabel Thomack
Flowers	Yvonne Persichetti
Web Master (www.athenstheatrecompany.weebly.com)	Gino Minchella
Theatre Mascot	Franklin Delano Manfredi, R.I.P.

Running Crew Chelsea Laskowski, Stephan Shea, Corynn Lewis, Sally Zhu

#### **CAST**

#### **Cast Members**

Mal	Sophia Keil*
Evie	
Jay	Troy Fulkerson
Carlos	Derek Dunneback
Maleficent	Grace Cafagna*
Grimhilde	Cassandra Wilson*
Jafar / Coach	Julian Kirchler*
Cruella de Vil	Sofia Estrella
Cruella de Vil	Elise Gordon
Ben	Matthew DiPerna
King Beast	Matteo Candelieri
Queen Belle	Madeline Paige*
Fairy Godmother	Elise Kilbride*
Jane	Lindsey Manning
Chad	Nathaniel Sakmar
Audrey	Sydney Jacey
Doug	Sean Sanders
Royal Page	Kate Myke
Royal Guard	Nolan Sackrison
Maurice	Michael Vostokov

Dance Solo (Goal) Lila Simpson

Cheerleaders Lila Simpson, Miko Agatsuma, Kate Myke, Sydney Jacey

#### Ensemble

Miko Agatsuma, Makenna Barker, Mateo Berti, Elise Gordon, Vanessa Hunt, Claire Kilbride, Faith Phillips, Madison Schilke, Lila Simpson, Abbyclaire Soriano

- \* Members of Thespians Troupe #3729
- \*\* Member of Thespians Troupe #1005



#### Sophia Keil\*

as Mal

This is Sophia's 6th show on the Athens stage + her senior musical, she could not be more excited! Consider this part 4 of her playing an extremely questionable, sarcastic, and sassy woman- Abigail Williams, Jovie, Claire Lenz, and now... Mal! Sophia enjoys harassing Julian Kirchler with an abundance of love and affection + breaking and entering into his home. She is also very fond of a good ol cup of LOADED BAKED POTATO SOUP on a mediocre Monday. I truly do hope you enjoy the show and leave this experience feeling rotten to the core;)



#### Katie Redmond\*

as Evie

Katie is a senior this year and is extremely excited to be playing the flirty, secretly smart Evie. Katie has been performing in youth and community theater roles since she was 7 years old. Descendants will be Katie's 5th show on the Athens stage. She would like to thank Ms. Manfredi, and the entire cast, production team, crew, and volunteers for being so supportive, and making this show such an amazing experience! Katie enjoys a nice cup of FRENCH ONION soup while watching Julian down his HUNGARIAN MUSHROOM soup through his bedroom window. We hope you enjoy the show!!



#### **Troy Fulkerson**

as Jay

This is Troy Fulkerson's third show on the Athens High School stage and he couldn't be more thankful for the opportunity he's been given. Troy will miss his besties, the senior squad, and doesn't know who will drive him home. He will be playing Jay- more importantly, Julian's son! Speaking of which, he was trying to sneak into Julian's house and is now stuck in the chimney. He's running out of soup. If you see any CHICKEN NOODLE, please pour it down!



#### **Derek Dunneback**

as Carlos

Derek is very excited to be playing the roll of Carlos in his 6th show with the Athens Theatre Company. Derek's favorite show that he did was Newsies in 2019. Derek is not fond of soup but he is a POT PIE kinda guy. He hopes you enjoy the show.



#### **Grace Cafagna\***

as Maleficent

"Descendants" is Grace Cafagna's eighth show on the Athens stage and her first as a senior playing a senior citizen! You heard it hereonce a notorious fiend on the street, now scaring you out of your seat. She's delighted to have been given this wonderful opportunity and wants to thank everyone involved for such an absolutely fantastic experience! You'd likely catch her wallowing over a bowl of WATERCRESS SOUP on a wet, winter Wednesday, waiting for her "daughter" to parade her around in her Jeep Compass (the second one) and watching Sean, watching Katie, watching Julian eating soup. Has he worked out recently?



#### Cassandra Wilson\*

as Grimhilde

This is Cassandra's fourth show with the Athens Theatre Company, and she is so excited to play the evil queen Grimhilde. She would like to tell her cast and crewmates to break a leg and the audience to enjoy the show! She is fond of CHICKEN GNOCCHI soup on a brisk November evening.



#### Julian Kirchler\*

as Jafar / Coach

Julian Kirchler is euphoric to be playing the roles of Jafar and The Coach in Disney's Descendants. That's right, baby! Two roles. Count 'em. This is Julian's fifth show with the Athens Theatre Company and senior musical. He would like to thank everyone who has encouraged him along the way, especially his mother for getting him into theatre in the first place. Julian's favorite soup is a good HUNGARIAN MUSHROOM, cozied up on the couch with his dog watching Breaking Bad reruns. He hopes you all enjoy the show!

p.s. Katie, I can see you.



#### Sofia Estrella

as Cruella de Vil

Sofia is a hardworking student. She's a determined person and is excited to do her second show! Sofia is involved in many extra curricular activities. Such as, French club, Badminton club, Social Justice, and many others including theatre. Watch out for the crazy, helicopter mom, Cruella De Vil! Sofia's favorite soup is Tortilla Soup. Enjoy the show:)



#### **Elise Gordon**

as Cruella de Vil

Elise Gordon is so excited to be playing in the ensemble in her first ATC show! She is also very excited to be playing Cruella the second weekend of the show while also sad that Sofia will not be present to play her. ELISE LOVES TOMATO SOUP, church and the beach. She never stops singing and is excited to get all her energy out in such a fun way! She also loves the friends she's made in theatre and hopes you enjoy the show! It's gonna be gnarly.



#### **Matthew DiPerna**

as Ben

Matt is performing in his first ATC musical, Descendants, as Ben. Matt likes to write songs or work on game design when bored and Matt really loves to get pepperoni bread. Matt wants to be an actor when he grows up and is wishing this show can help get him into college for theatre. Matt enjoys TOMATO SOUP with bread and butter.



#### **Matteo Candelieri**

as King Beast

This is Matteo's third production with Athens Theatre Company after playing a mall Santa and Chadwig in ELF and being crew in Rumors. He hopes that you enjoy the show and his performance as King Beast. His favorite soup is SPAGHETTIOS AND MEATBALLS.



#### Madeline Paige\*

as Queen Belle

Madeline is in her senior year of high school and she has been in the Athens Theatre Company all four years. Outside of theatre, Maddie loves learning new things and making a positive impact on her community. On behalf of ATC, she is welcoming the audience to be our guest of this show! She would like to give a special thanks to the director, stage managers, crew, cast, and everyone else who helped this show go on. Madeline hopes you all enjoy seeing Queen Belle and the awesomeness of Descendants the Musical! <3 ps my fav soup is CHICKEN AND DUMPLING



#### Elise Kilbride\*

as Fairy Godmother

Elise is beyond thrilled to play yet another character on the Athens stage, in Disney's Descendants! She is no stranger to the Athens Theatre Company, and was last seen as Emily in Elf. She is fond of LOBSTER BISQUE on a frazzled Friday evening. This show brings a lot of heart (especially from our collective soul, Kate Myke), and Elise couldn't be more grateful for an incredible cast. Elise would like to thank Ms. Manfredi for the opportunity, and she hopes you enjoy the show!



#### **Lindsey Manning**

as Jane

As a senior in the Athens Theatre Company, Lindsey is very excited to share with you her role of Jane. She really resonates with this character and hopes that you will love her just as much as she does! Lindsey is always singing and dancing, as those are her passions, and her favorite soup is MRS. GRASS EXTRA NOODLES. She is so grateful to have been a part of such an amazing production, as well as her past productions from the last four years on the Athens stage. She would like to thank everyone involved in the show, and everyone in the audience! Thank you and enjoy the show!



#### **Nathaniel Sakmar**

as Chad

Nathaniel just finished the football season and is rushing to perform in his first musical on the Athens stage as Chad, the son of Prince Charming. He would like to thank Ms. Manfredi for allowing him to do football as well as the musical. He hopes you enjoy the show!



#### **Sydney Jacey**

as Audrey

Sydney Jacey is ecstatic to be participating in this musical, as her first ATC show! She is a sophomore this year, and has participated in multiple other shows outside of school. She is so happy she is getting to play Audrey throughout the show. Sydney loves to read and sing nonstop! She is on the cheer team here at Athens as well. She loves all of the friends she has made in the cast through this experience. SYDNEY LOVES BEEF BARLEY SOUP!!! Enjoy the show!



#### **Sean Sanders**

as Doug

This is Sean's return to the Athens stage since he was 7- this time a sophomore with a reputation to fill. He hopes to succeed as Doug, the love-struck dwarf. He thanks all of ATC for welcoming him back with open arms. Sean got abducted by the seniors (Julian Kirchler) and now struggles with co-dependency. Mostly, he's afraid when they leave, he's the next lead. If you want to see him on a bumpin' Saturday night, you can find him caressing a cold CLAM CHOWDER soup in a bush watching Katie watching Julian down his soup. If Grace is wondering, yes, yes i have. Enjoy the show.



#### **Kate Myke**

as Royal Page

Kate is a senior and this is their first show on the ATC stage. They worked tech for both Elf and Rumors. They are jazzed to be playing the roles of the Royal Page, Snow White, and various ensemble characters! They would like to thank their friends, family, and teachers for their support and understanding. They are fond of CHICKEN AND STARS soup [manufactured by Campbell's] served in a little, tiny, baby thermos <3. Kate encourages you all to stay bad to the bone but kind to the core! (P.S. - Elise Kilbride is the collective mother). Sit back, relax, and enjoy the intensity of the quirky tension of the Disney children.



#### **Nolan Sackrison**

as Royal Guard

Nolan is excited to be performing his first show on the Athens stage. He is happy to be playing multiple roles, and thanks Ms. Manfredi for all the costume changes. Enjoy the show!



#### **Michael Vostokov**

as Maurice

Michael Vostokov plays Maurice, Belle's father, who is a chemistry teacher in Auradon. He is very excited for his first musical at Athens, and hopes to help out the Athens Theater Company in the future even more.



#### Miko Agatsuma

Miko is an exchange student from Japan. She is a sophomore and it's her first time doing a show with ATC. She is very excited to do Descendants because she loves the Disney movie. Miko loves dancing and singing and she will be in the ensemble in several roles (look out for the green bow!). She says to try a Japanese soup called MISO SOUP!! Please enjoy the show:)



#### Makenna Barker

This is Makenna's second ATC production, her first one was ELF as part of the ensemble. For Descendants she is still part of the ensemble, but is just as excited about it as if she had a lead role. Her favorite soup of the small amount she has had is FRENCH ONION. Makenna hopes you enjoy the show and thanks you all for coming!!



#### Mateo Berti

Mateo is really exited to perform his first part in an ATC production. Mateo has been acting in different plays since he was six years old. He enjoyed rehearsals with the cast and they are so nice to him. He is hoping that everybody will enjoy the show. He said that he loves theatre as much as he loves CHICKEN NOODLE soups!!



#### Vanessa Hunt

This is Vanessa's third show with the Athens Theatre Company. She will be playing an Isle of the Lost kid, a Auradonian, and a person in the crowd. Previously, she played a New Yorker/Macy's Customer in ELF and helped out with props for Rumors. She loves playing on her phone, listening to music, crafting, and CHICKEN NOODLE soup. She hopes you enjoy the show feeling excited to go watch the 3 Descendants movies with the fourth one being in production and to tell you remember, we're the best you ever had!



#### **Claire Kilbride**

Claire Kilbride is a sophomore, and is very excited to be in her third show with the Athens Theatre Company. In her free time she enjoys playing her cello, eating CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP while watching Friends, and running.



#### **Faith Phillips**

Faith is a junior at Athens High School and this is her first theatre production. She is very excited to be in the ensemble for the musical Descendants. Break a leg everyone!



#### **Madison Schielke**

Madison is a senior and her favorite class is theatre. The reason she tried out for this musical is because she watched all of the Descendants movies and they were so good. She is very excited to be in this show.



#### Lila Simpson

Lila is a freshman at Athens, and this is her very first show here! She is in the ensemble, and she is so incredibly overjoyed to be a part of the fall Athens musical. Lila has been doing theatre at the TCC since she was 4, and has been singing/dancing since she could talk. In her free time, she does competition dance, voice lessons, songwriting, and guitar. Although, Lila is very fond of a nice bowl of TACO CHILI SOUP while she chokes Julian with hugs while he is downing Hungarian Mushroom while half the cast is either inside Julian's home or staring intensely at him through his bedroom window. Enjoy the show!



#### Abbyclaire Soriano

Abbyclaire Soriano has been involved with ATC since last year. This is her second show since she was a part of Elf the Musical. She is wickedly excited to be in Disney's Descendants on the Athens Stage. She would like to thank Ms. Manfredi and the rest of the cast for this awesome opportunity. But while she is watching Julian Kirchler coaching all of the tourney players, she's enjoying some fresh LEMON RICE SOUP from the bleachers. Lastly, she hopes you have a wickedly good time watching the show!



#### **Keegan Parsell**

Keegan Parsell is very excitied to participate in her 3rd show stage managing the Athens Theatre Company. She enjoys sharing a bowl of POTATO DUMPLING soup with her dog while watching RuPaul's Drag Race. She hopes you enjoy the show!



#### **AJ Miller**

On a nice Sunday, AJ enjoys a nice CREAM OF CHICKEN SOUP sitting on the beach watching the sun go down, wondering what the world would be like if everything was made of soup.



#### Rihanna Tufaili

Rihanna is a sophomore, and is hyped to be helping out in her third show of her high school career! She enjoys playing games, eating BROCCOLI HAM AND CHEESE soup, and talking with her friends. She is part of the costume crew for Descendants.



#### Maaz Ali

Maaz is a sophomore and is part of the Tech Crew. This will be his third production with ATC. According to him, "This show's special effects will be very cool." He has run lights and sound before, this year he is coming back to lighting and taking on a bigger role in helping set up and run lighting for the show. He would like to give a huge thanks to Mr. Gino Minchella for teaching him so much about the technical aspects of theatre productions.

#### **Athens Theatre Company Officers**

#### **President**

Cassandra Wilson

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Grace Cafagna, Sophia Keil, Julian Kirchler, Katie Redmond

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**ADS** 

## Troy Theatre Ensemble



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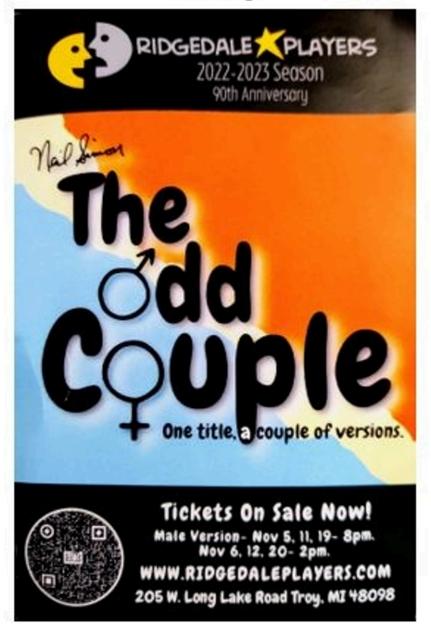
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Three couples around a university campus have their lives changed forever when they discover each of the women are pregnant. The first couple is Lizzie and Danny: two college students who have just moved in together and are shocked to discover Lizzie is pregnant; Pam and Nick, two 30-something sports coaches who have been trying to get pregnant for two years; and Alan and Arlene, two middle-aged parents who are looking forward to starting a new chapter in their lives without children when a romantic anniversary leads to an unexpected pregnancy, Baby shows the ups and downs of pregnancy and how the news of a new life can change a relationship forever.



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Matthew Barber's Enchanted April, based on Elizabeth Von Arnim's beloved novel of the 1920s, is a gentle and romantic comedy of manners. Against the backdrop of a country still reeling from World War I Enchanted April offers to its characters, and viewers, a necessary balm of sunshine and renewal.

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