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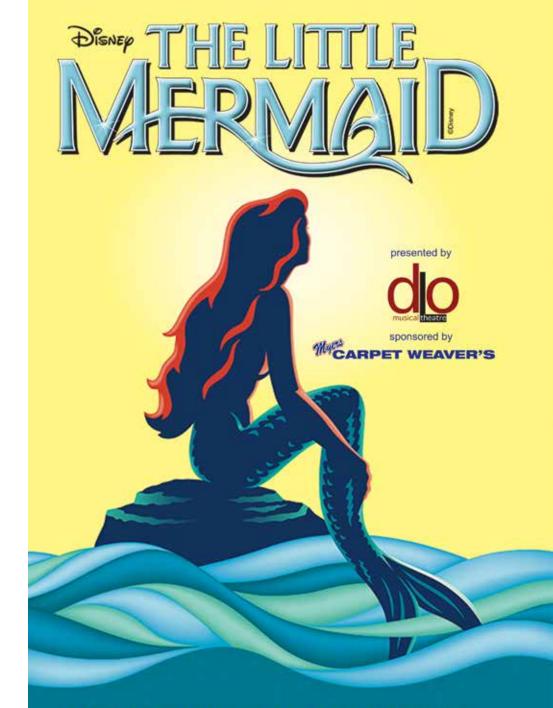


The madcap murder mystery musical from the songwriting team behind Chicago and Cabaret. Directed by Chelsea Zych, with Music Director David Zych, Auditions will be held in late November, with performances February 16-18. Visit the DLO website for more details, or follow us on Facebook.

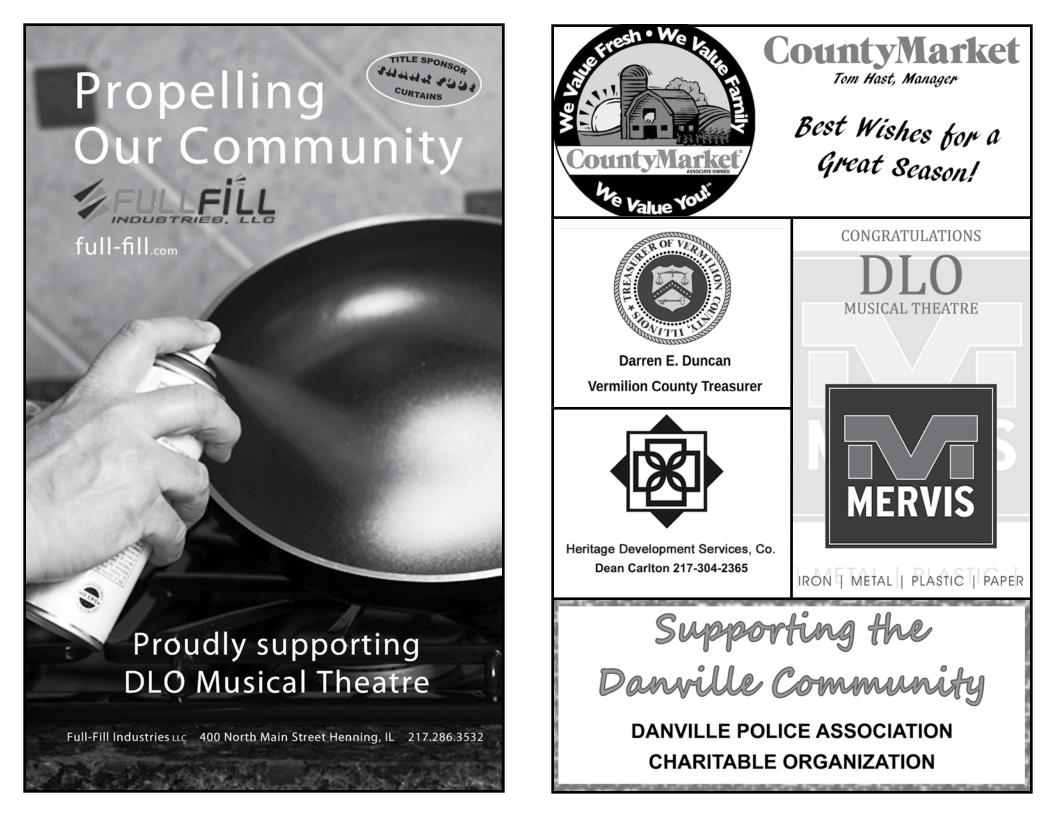


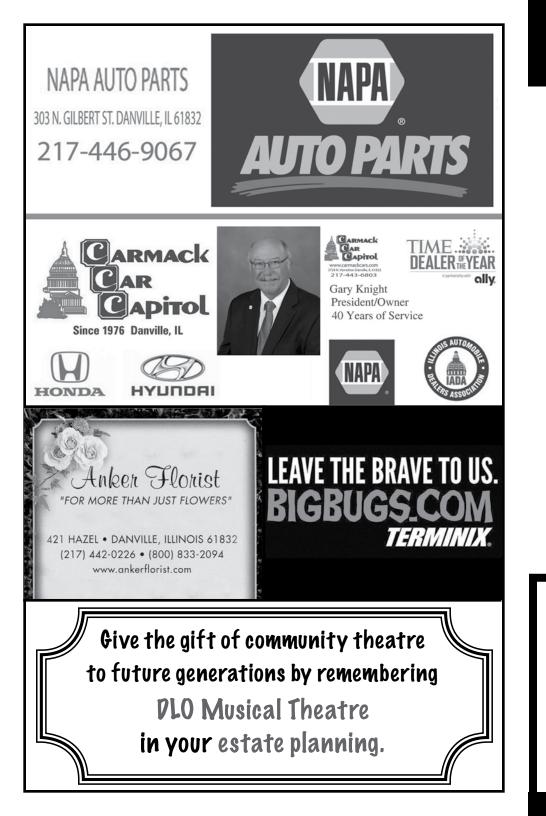
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We will be serving up fun, great music and delicious food. And, we are doing it all over Mother's Day weekend! What a great gift idea for all the special moms in your life. Get her tickets today!



OCTOBER 20 & 21, 7:30 PM OCTOBER 22, 2:00 PM DHS DICK VAN DYKE AUDITORIUM





Director's Note

Welcome to the magic of The Little Mermaid!

I have been enchanted with the story of The Little Mermaid since I saw the Disney film in a Des Moines movie theater in 1989. It has been a dream come true to be able to help bring the show to the stage here in Danville.

Directing our amazing cast of over 80 adults, teens and children, has been an incredible experience! What a privilege to work with some of the very best humans in our entire region! I could not be more proud of their commitment and dedication to bring the magic to the stage for you.

Directing a show is a little like making a mosaic. It involves attending to the detail of each little piece—and there are So Many Moving Pieces in this show—and then finally being able to experience the entire work of art in perspective. Like a puzzle, every piece matters. But this is a mosaic; it's art.

Every person, prop and piece of technology has a story of its own. Our actors not only learned and performed the parts you will see, but also gave many free previews for members of our community. Our incredible crew, production team and volunteers spent hundreds of hours creating an amazing foundation for our performance, much of it that will never been seen from the seats in the audience. Our music director and musicians provide the very glue that holds us all together. There is even a group of young leaders who led, mentored, and inspired children who are still younger, so that the love of theatre can grow beyond The Little Mermaid and impact their lives in future.

The funds for the special technology you will see during our performances were raised by our cast. We are so grateful to our many sponsors who generously supported us. Please seek them out and thank them with your business!

You, our audience, are the final pieces in the mosaic of performance art. Especially here with us, in The Little Mermaid.

With all the pieces in place, the final step to appreciating our mosaic is to step back and view the art in perspective. Say, from about the distance of the very seat in which you find yourself.

We appreciate you! Thank you for coming and participating in the magic of The Little Mermaid! We know you will enjoy being part of our world.

~Shannon Schroeder, Director

THE LITTLE MERMAID

Production of Disney's

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Alan Menken Howard Ashman & Glenn Slater DougWr Based on Hans Christian Andersen story and the Disney film produced by Howard Ashman & John Musker and written & directed by John Musker & Ron Clements

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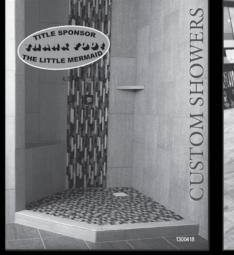




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Upcoming Events

CURTAINS

DLO Musical Theatre Auditions in November; Performances February 16-18, 2018 More information on website www.dlomusicaltheatre.com

ALL BECAUSE OF AGATHA

Red Mask Players Oct. 27-29, Nov. 3-5, 2017 Kathryn Randolph Theater www.redmaskplayers.com

FROM BYRD TO RUTTER

Vermilion Festival Chorus November 19, 2017, 2:00 pm St. James UMC

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Danville Municipal Band Dec. 2, 7:00 PM St. James UMC

CHRISTMAS WITH LITTLE WOMEN

Darkhorse Theatre Company Dec. 8-10, 15-16, 2017 The Hidden Garden, Chrisman

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Danville Symphony Orchestra December 9, 2017, 7:30 pm DHS Dick Van Dyke Auditorium www.danvillesymphony.org

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The Cast

Ariel Prince Eric Grimsby	Michael Natt
Flounder	
Scuttle	
King Triton	
Sebastian	Brvan Schroeder
Windward	Landon Frazier
Leeward	Ashleigh Spence
Flotsam	Natalie Moreno
Jetsam	Brookelyn Powell
Ursula	Melanie Clark
Ursula Chef Louis	Liz Schiro
Aquata/Princess	Mackenzie Kizer
Andrina/Princess	Isabella Cooper
Arista/Princess	
Atina/Princess	Alison Johnson
Adella/Princess	
Allana/Princess	Savanah Baird
Pilot	Thomas Strain

Maids Ensemble: Mandy McCool, Ashley Meyer, Linda Polen, Brittany Powell, Sheryl Stelzer, Tamara Switzer, Brittni (Mac) Waites

Sailors Ensemble: Landon Frazier, Teddy Klein, Brian Morris, Liam Sherman, Donald Shumard, Gabe Smith, Bruce Stelzer, Brittni (Mac) Waites, Jaren West, Craig Krukewitt

Gull Ensemble: Amanda Brown, Mae Grace Medlin, Izzy Reed, Hannah Schroeder, Sarah Schroeder, Abby Strain, Madi Watson, Abby Hogg

Chef Ensemble: Landon Frazier, Teddy Klein, Brian Morris, Bruce Stelzer, Liam Sherman, Donald Shumard, Gabe Smith, Thomas Strain, Jaren West

Sea Creature Ensemble: Savanah Baird, Amanda Brown, Isabella Cooper, Landon Frazier, Kara Howie, Alison Johnson, Mackenzie Kizer, Teddy Klein, Mandy McCool, Mae Grace Medlin, Ashley Meyer, Brian Morris, Alexis Nichols, Isabelle Peters, Ja'Nyla Phipps, Jennifer Polen, Linda Polen, Brittany Powell, Liam Sherman, Donald Shumard, Gabe Smith, Ashleigh Spence, Bruce Stelzer, Sheryl Stelzer, Thomas Strain, Sara Switzer, Tamara Switzer, Brittni (Mac) Waites, Jaren West, Abigail Whiteman

Youth Leader Ensemble: Ian Borcz, Hayden David, Lucie Morris, Izzy Reed, Hannah Schroeder, Sarah Schroeder, Evelyne Sporluck, Abby Strain, Madi Watson, Abby Hogg, Aubrey Davis, Chase Ogle

Children's Ensemble: Ellie Miller, Christina Rao, Anna McCollum, Mina Stites, Airreol Meyer, Klohee Lappin, Amira Downing, Rylee Moody, Anthony Sookarry, Jackson White, Kylie-Jo Foote, Makenzie Pearcy, Lillian Brewer, Elliana Poggendorf, Lyla Totten, Blaize Carter, Collin Davis, Josiah Davis, Emma Davis, Mason White, Sophia Sporluck, Maia Carey, Malia Roberts, Ichita Kawabata, Brynn Ogle, Annalee Blair, Bella Ellison, Ava Ellison, Layla Page, Lilly Krause, Lexie Krause

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Musical Numbers

ACT 1

Scene 1 – THE WATER'S SURFACE The World Above Fathoms Below

Scene 2 – KING TRITON'S COURT Daughters of Triton If Only (Triton's Lament)

Scene 3 – URSULA'S LAIR Daddy's Little Angel

Scene 4 – ARIEL'S GROTTO Part of Your World The Storm

Scene 5 – PRINCE ERIC'S SHIP/SEA BELOW/BEACH Part of Your World (reprise)

Scene 6 – MERSISTERS' "GIRL CAVE" She's in Love

Scene 7 – THE BEACH Her Voice

Scene 8 – OPEN WATER Under the Sea

Scene 9 – ARIEL'S GROTTO If Only (Ariel's Lament) Sweet Child

Scene 10 – URSULA'S LAIR Poor Unfortunate Souls Act One Finale



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Musical Numbers

ACT 2 🦿

Scene 1 – THE BEACH Positoovity Positaggity

Scene 2 – KING TRITON'S COURT

Scene 3 – THE PALACE, ARIEL'S CHAMBERS Beyond My Wildest Dreams

Scene 4 – THE PALACE KITCHEN Les Poissons

Scene 5 – THE PALACE BANQUET HALL Les Poissons (reprise)

Scene 6 – THE PALACE BALLROOM One Step Closer

Scene 7 – URSULA'S LAIR Daddy's Little Angel (reprise)

Scene 8 – THE BAY Kiss the Girl

Scene 9 – KING TRITON'S COURT

Scene 10 – ARIEL'S CHAMBERS/THE SHIP/KING TRITON'S COURT If Only (Quartet)

Scene 11 – THE PALACE BALLROOM The Contest Ariel Steps Forward

Scene 12 – URSULA'S LAIR Poor Unfortunate Souls (reprise) Ariel's Transformation





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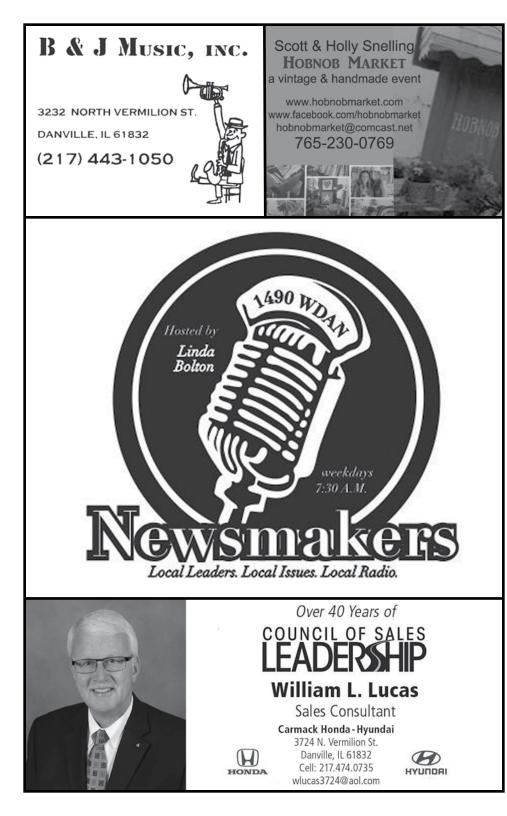
Savanah Baird (Allana) This is Savanah's 4th DLO show and the 10th production she has been in. Savanah is 14 and a Freshman at Westville High School. She is excited to be a part of your world.

Melanie Clark (Ursula) Melanie lives in Chrisman with husband Steve and their two Boston Terrier boys, Max and Corky. She is mother to Sarah and her husband Damien, and to Josh who watches over them all. XOXO.





Isabella Cooper (Andrina) Isabella is a 16 year old junior at Danville High School. She is very active in the school's drama and music programs. This is her third DLO show, and fourth show overall. She loves acting and looks forward to being in more DLO productions.



Production Team

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Director	Shannon Schroeder
Music Director	Jeff Davis
Technical Director	Paul Strain
	Nancy Keener
Props	Cat Natt
Costumes	Brian & Cookie Morris
Set Design & Consultation.	Ed Sant, David Woodrow
Set Construction	Dan Strader, Gary Lickfett
Set Dressing	Little Mermaid Cast & Crew
Rehearsal Accompanist	Jennifer Woodrow
Producer	Suzzen Borcz
Program Design	Jenny Taylor
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Orchestra

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Conductor		Jeff Davis
Keyboard		Jan Voorhees
Keyboard		Karen Grove
Keyboard		Christine Sparks
Oboe		Jennifer Szott
Flute		Dottie DeTorres
Bass		Mitchell Killough
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Jeff Davis



Liam Sherman



Mae Grace Medlin







Kara Howie

Theodore Klein

Sarah Switzer



Tamara Switzer



Bruce Stelzer



Jaren West





Amanda Brown



Brittany Powell



Gabe Smith







Ja'Nyla Phipps

Landon Frazier (Windward) Landon is a freshman at Westville High School. He has been involved in theatre since 5th grade. This is his fourth DLO production. He would like to thank his family and friends for always supporting him.





Alison Johnson (Atina) is excited to be in her second DLO show! Alison has always dreamed of doing musical theatre, and is grateful to be performing in her first production. She has many years of involvement in solo vocal performance and dance throughout high school and college. Outside of the theatre, she is a veterinary oncologist at VCA Aurora Animal Hospital and a children's writer.

Mackenzie Kizer (Aquata) Mackenzie is a 15 year old sophomore at Danville High School. This is her third year of theatre and fifth year of show choir. She is super excited to be playing Aquata and to be able to act with so many talented people!



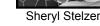
Donald Shumard



Linda Polen







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Aaron Martin (Scuttle) Aaron would like to ask that you don't ask about either his or Scuttle's business. Thank you very much!



Paul Strain (King Triton) I am performing this role in honor and memory of Matt Brown, fellow DLO Musical Theatre veteran, pictured (left or right). Matt passed away on September 9, 2016 at the age of 45. When we first announced Little Mermaid I thought of Matt, and how great he would be as King Triton. It is he who should be up here, knocking this role out of the park. I hope I do you justice, my friend. You are missed.

Ron McDaniel (Grimsby) has appeared in more than 50 community theatre shows. Recent DLO roles include Horace Vandergelder in *Hello, Dolly!*, Mr. Brownlow in *Oliver!*, and the Bishop in *Les Misérables*. Ron has directed six shows, appeared in five independent films, and served on the Theatre Advisory Panel of the Illinois Arts Council. In 2014, he was one of three in the nation to be honored with the Robert E. Gard Superior Volunteer Award from the American Association of Community Theatre. He is a past president of DLO and a current board member.



Natalie Moreno (Flotsam) is thrilled to return to the stage after a 7 year hiatus! She has worked on many musicals and other productions. Her favorites were *Cabaret* and *Anything Goes*. She graduated in 2010 from Southern Illinois University Carbondale with a double degree in Psychology and Theater. Natalie is now a teacher's aide at Mark Denman Elementary. She is grateful for this amazing performance opportunity. **Matt Brown** appeared on the DLO stage in *Les Misérables* (Babet/Fauchelevant), and in *Oliver!* (ensemble). His biggerthan-life presence made an impression on many and we were lucky to work with him.





Thomas Strain (Pilot) Thomas has been active in theater for 5 years in many school and DLO Musical Theatre productions. He spent this summer as Chuck Cranston in *Footloose*. He would like to thank his family and friends for their support!

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Michael Natt (Prince Eric) 17, a senior at South Vigo HS, is thrilled to be making his debut with DLO. He has appeared in numerous productions on local stages, including Maple Avenue UMC's Summer Dinner Theatre and Community Theatre of Terre Haute. Most recently, Michael appeared as Adult Simba in *Disney's The Lion King Jr.* Other favorite roles include *Rocky Horror Show* (Dr. Frank-N-Furter), *Spunk* (Sweetback), *Guys and Dolls* (Nathan Detroit), and *Hairspray* (Seaweed). Michael is grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this fantastic production and hopes you enjoy the show. He thanks the best chauffeur for all the trips to and from home. Thanks Mom!





Alexis Nichols (Adella) Alexis is 17 years old. This is her 4th DLO show; her 6th show in total. Her favorite role was playing Sandy in *Grease* last summer. She wishes everyone the best of luck on stage!

Isabelle Peters (Arista) Isabelle is a sophomore at Schlarman Academy this year. This is her 10th DLO production, and she was most recently seen as Ariel in *Footloose*. She loves singing, dancing, acting, and drinking coffee. She would like to thank her family and friends for their loving support.



The Cast



Brookelyn Powell (Jetsam) Brookelyn is a sophomore at Danville High School. She is active in show choir and Madrigals. This is Brookelyn's 13th show with DLO. Her most recent shows include *Footloose*, *Grease*, and *The Addams Family*. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Liz Schiro (Chef Louise) Liz is far too busy cooking up this fun for you to take time to write a bio. But, since we know her so well, we are sure she hopes you enjoy the show and thanks everyone involved!



Molly Smith (Ariel) is 17 and a senior at DHS. She is a DLO veteran and has done several shows with them, including *Grease*, where she starred as Rizzo and *Footloose* as Rusty. But DLO is not the only company she has been with. She performs for companies around the community and even outside. She is incredibly excited, and would like to thank Jennifer Woodrow, Liana Alcantara, and her own mother and director Shannon Schroeder.



Asleigh Spence (Leeward) is a junior at Unity High School and is very excited to be in her first show with DLO! Previous shows include *Hairspray, Footloose,* and *Shrek.* Thanks to her parents, Ms. G., and Jerry Strain!



Bryan Schroeder (Sebastian) is excited to be back onstage at DLO. Looks like he survived the "wife as the Director" situation! Last seen in *Promises, Promises* with his wife Shannon (they had to practice...a lot!), and as Judge Turpin in *Sweeney Todd*, Bryan was assured that his role in this show, an uptight crab, was not typecasting. **Jerry Strain (Flounder)** Jerry has been active in theater for 5 years in school, CUTC, and DLO Musical Theatre productions. He enjoys building/creating props. This will be Jerry's first production with his family since 2012. He hopes you enjoy the performance tonight and would like to thank his family and friends for their support!

