

Yorktown Stage 

PRESENTS



Directed and Staged by
August Abatecola

October 6 – 7, 2023
Yorktown Stage • Yorktown Heights, NY

The Yorktown Stage production of

XANADU

Book by

Douglas Carter Beane

Music and Lyrics by

Jeff Lynne & John Farrar

Based on the Universal Pictures film

Screenplay by Richard Danus & Mark Rubel

Originally produced on Broadway by Robert Ahrens, Dan Vickery,
Tara Smith/B. Swibel, Sara Murchison, Dale Smith & Cari Smulyan

“Xanadu,” “All Over the World,” “The Fall,” “I’m Alive,” “Evil Woman,” “Don’t Walk Away” and
“Strange Magic” written by Jeff Lynne, published by EMI Blackwood Music, Inc.

“Magic,” “Suddenly,” “Dancin’,” “Suspended in Time,” “Whenever You’re Away From Me,” “Fool”
and “Have You Never Been Mellow” written by John Farrar, published by John Farrar Music

Costume Design

Emerald City Theatrical Costumes

Props Supplied by

Yorktown Stage

Set Design

August Abatecola

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Melanie Leff

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Ricky Romano

Choreography

Carrie Silvernail

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Xanadu

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CAST

Kira/Clio	Ava Francesca Renne
Sonny Malone	Philip Podhurst
Danny Maguire	Peter Stoop
Calliope	Isabella Grace Campisi
Melpomene	Grace Capps
Thalia	Andre Possante
Euterpe	Jarrett Bruno
Erato	Kirsten Lillo
Terpsicore	Keira Beck
Aphrodite	Michelle Tsentsides
Medusa	Mia LaPicola
Young Danny	Lindsay McGirr
Cyclops	Alaina Stallings
Thetis	Sophia Lombardi
Eros	Kailey O'Connell
Hera	Samantha Burgio
Hermes/Zeus	Jack Keane
Sirens	Deanna DeCamp, Lindsay McGirr, Keira Beck, Jarrett Bruno, Jack Keane, Mia LaPicola
Muses	Deanna DeCamp, Michelle Tsentsides, Mia LaPicola, Lindsay McGirr, Keira Beck, Alaina Stallings, Sophia Lombardi, Kailey O'Connell, Samantha Burgio, Jack Keane, Kiera Irwin

MUSICAL NUMBERS

<i>I'm Alive</i>	Full Cast
<i>Magic</i>	Kira, Sonny
<i>Evil Woman</i>	Calliope, Melpomene, Sirens
<i>Suddenly</i>	Kira, Sonny
<i>Whenever You're Away From Me</i>	Danny, Kira, Young Danny
<i>Strange Magic</i>	Melpomene, Calliope, Sonny, Kira, Eros
<i>All Over the World</i>	Full Cast
<i>Don't Walk Away</i>	Full Cast

INTERMISSION

<i>Opening Act II</i>	Calliope, Melpomene, Thalia, Terpsicore, Euterpe, Erato
<i>Fool</i>	Melpomene, Calliope, Sonny, Kira, Sirens
<i>The Fall</i>	Sonny, Ensemble
<i>Suspended in Time</i>	Kira
<i>Have You Never Been Mellow</i>	Kira, Sonny, Melpomene, Calliope, Zeus, Hera, Aphrodite, Thetis, Cyclops, Medusa, Centaur
<i>Xanadu</i>	Full Cast

We are live! Yorktown Stage employs professional musicians who perform the show from the orchestra pit.

CAST BIOGRAPHIES

AVA FRANCESCA RENNE (*Clio/Kira*) is thrilled to be back at Yorktown Stage for *Xanadu*, having previously played Carrie in *Carrie*, Kelsi in *High School Musical*, Sour Kangaroo in *Seussical* as well as taking part in the upcoming film *Christmas Eve In Millers Point*. They want to thank this beautiful cast and crew for making this show possible.

PHILIP PODHURST (*Sonny Malone*) is thrilled to be joining this incredible cast and team in *Xanadu*! Roles he has previously played include Basilius in *Head Over Heels*, Jack Scott in *High School Musical* and Percy Jackson in *The Lightning Thief*. He is honored to join YTS in another production. He thanks Yorktown Stage for giving him this opportunity, and Star2B Performing Arts for teaching him everything he knows. Enjoy the show!

ISABELLA GRACE CAMPISI (*Calliope*) is thrilled to be performing in the Yorktown Stage production of *Xanadu*. She has performed in many productions including *High School Musical* (Martha Cox/Ensemble), *Cinderella* (Ensemble), *Carrie* (Frieda), *Seussical* (Jojo), *Heathers* (Ensemble), *The Lion King* (Simba), *Frozen* (middle-aged Anna) and *Annie* (Tessie). Many thanks to Yorktown Stage cast and crew for another amazing production.

GRACE CAPPS (*Melpomene*) is thrilled to be part of *Xanadu*! She has been part of Yorktown Kids since 2016 when she was eight years old and is so excited to have been nominated as President of the YS Kids Council. She thanks her cast mates, Augie, Ricky, Casey and Carrie for such an amazing experience!

ANDRE POSSANTE (*Thalia*) is a 17 year-old senior attending Somers High School. Although he has spent many summers at Yorktown Stage as a camper and counselor, this is his first time participating in one of the stage productions. He couldn't be any more excited to be part of this show, he absolutely loves everything about it, from the spectacular music to the exhilarating choreography. His past experiences in theatre include playing Tim Allgood in *Noises Off* and Dennis in *All Shook Up*, both at Somers High School. Musical theatre has always been a favorite hobby of his since a young age, and he's extremely glad to be making new memories with the experience of *Xanadu* at Yorktown Stage.

JARRETT BRUNO (*Euterpe*) a young actor and dancer, he has performed in numerous Yorktown Stage Productions including *Suessical*, *The Aristocats*, *Pinocchio*, *The Jungle Book*, *101 Dalmatians*, *The Lion King*, *Aladdin* and *Winnie the Pooh*. Each production he has been involved in has added to his love of theater. Thank you to his friends, family and everyone at Yorktown Stage for their continued support!

KIRSTEN LILLO (*Erato*) is a senior and this is her third and final show with Yorktown Stage. Recent roles include the baker's wife in *Into the Woods*, Janis in *Mean Girls* and Logainne in *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*. She hopes you enjoy *Xanadu* and thanks the cast and crew who helped put this together!

KEIRA BECK (*Terpsicore*) is excited to be a member of the *Xanadu* cast as singing, dancing and musical theater are a few of her favorite things. For the past five years, Keira has been dancing ballet, modern, jazz and hip hop at Westchester Dance Artists. In her younger days, Keira appeared in a number of shows in the Westchester area, including *Seussical the Musical* (JoJo), *Matilda Jr.* (Ms. Honey), *James and The Giant Peach* (Earthworm), *Beauty and the Beast Jr.* (Belle), *Annie Jr.* (Annie) and *The Lion King Jr.* (Scar).

MIA LAPICOLA (*Medusa/Siren*) has been acting since age five and has appeared in many shows at Yorktown Stage. Some of her roles include Jasmine in *Aladdin*, Young Anna in *Frozen* and Molly in *Annie*. This production experience has been the best and I will miss it so much.

LINDSAY MCGIRR (*Young Danny, Muse, Siren*) is insanely excited to be performing in this Yorktown Stage production. She has been dancing for 10 years at Just Dance! at Yorktown Stage. Continuing her dance career, she was selected to be the dance instructor at Yorktown Stage Summer Camp. Her parents and siblings have been by her side for her entire journey.

ALAINA STALLINGS (*Cyclops*) is very excited to be a part of *Xanadu* at Yorktown Stage as Cyclops! Her recent credits include *Mean Girls Jr.* (Gretchen), *Peter Pan Jr.* (Peter Pan), *Aladdin Jr.* (Ensemble), *The Little Mermaid Jr.* (King Triton) and more. She thanks her family and friends for always supporting her, and the cast and crew for making this show possible!

SOPHIA LOMBARDI (*Thetis*) remembers her first performance at St. Patrick's School, singing at age four, and has not stopped since. She has performed at the Paramount in *The Nutcracker*, and in *Frozen Jr.* and *Robin Hood* at St. Augustine School. She has experience in ballet and piano, and her passion is singing.

KAILEY O'CONNELL (*Eros*) is excited and ready to be in her senior show at Yorktown Stage. She previously appeared in *Carrie*, *Heathers* and *Urinetown*. She intends to continue theater in college while majoring in communications. She thanks her mom for always supporting her shows and everyone who made this production possible.

SAMANTHA BURGIO (*Hera*) *Xanadu* is Samantha's third show with Yorktown Stage and she is happy to be back! She has been doing theatre for 10 years. Some of her favorite shows include *Heathers* (Ensemble), *Carrie* (Ensemble), *Addams Family* (Puglsey) and *Into the Woods* (Cinderella's stepmother). She thanks her family and friends for supporting and being there through her journey, and Yorktown Stage for another great show. Break a leg everyone!

JACK KEANE (*Hermes/Zeus*) is thrilled to be in this production of *Xanadu* playing Hermes and Centaur. Jack recently made his Radio City Music Hall debut as a singer with SpotlightKidz, opening for the Rockettes. Other credits include *Aladdin Jr.* (Kassim), *Winnie the Pooh* (Tigger), *Aladdin Kids* (Iago), the original cast of *A Christmas Carol: A Story of Hope* (Young Scrooge) *Cinderella* (Ensemble) and many more. Many thanks to the cast and crew for making this show possible!

DEANNA DECAMP (*Dance Captain/Muse/Siren*) is delighted to be performing at Yorktown Stage again. Deanna is an avid dancer, training for the past thirteen years at the Country Academy of Dance. She has also been the dance instructor for the Yorktown Stage Summer Camp for the past two summers. She thanks her family for always supporting her on stage.

MICHELLE TSENTIDES (*Aphrodite*) is happy to be part of Yorktown Stage for her fifth year where she participated in the productions of *Lion King Jr.*, *Guys and Dolls*, *The Aristocats*, *Urinetown*, *Heather* and *Carrie*. She has also appeared in the Disney Cabaret, Actor Showcase and Just Dance recitals, and enjoyed being part of Yorktown Stage's theatre camps for the last two years. She is a sophomore at Yorktown High School. Last year, she made her high school theater debut by playing Murphy in the *Suite Surrender* Fall Drama and Lucinda in the *Into the Woods* Spring Musical. Michelle is bilingual and performed in Greek at the Hellenic School of Rye's theatre performances. She thanks her parents for always supporting her music and theater passions.

KEIRA IRWIN (*Muse*) is a freshman at Yorktown High School and very excited to be part of *Xanadu*. Her past performances include *Aladdin* (Jasmine), *Descendants* (Carlos), *School of Rock* (Lawrence) and *Carrie* (ensemble). In addition, Keira loves volunteering at Yorktown Stage theatre camps and children's productions. She also enjoys dance, acting, and voice lessons at Yorktown Stage.

PETER STOOP (*Danny McGuire*) is thrilled to be a part of this amazing cast. Favorite YTS credits include *Jack and the Beanstalk* (Jack), *Carrie* (Tommy) and *Urinetown* (Officer Barrel). Peter thanks the cast and creative team for all the long lasting memories at YTS!



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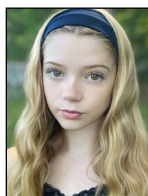
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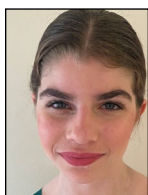
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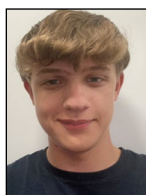
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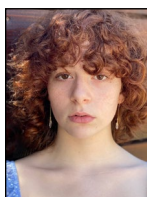
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ARTISTIC STAFF

BARRY LIEBMAN (Producer/Artistic Director) Barry has been a theatre professional for more than 50 years, producing director at Yorktown Stage for the past 20 and director of all Yorktown Stage productions from 1998 - 2012. Previously: producer of the musical revival of *Golden Boy* for Broadway; producer/director of entertainment, Holland American Cruise Line; director/choreographer of musical productions at The Theatre Place, Mahopac Farm Playhouse, North Stage Dinner Theatre and Pleasantville Music Theatre. As an actor: J. Pierpont Finch *How To Succeed in Business...*, Chuck Baxter *Promises Promises!*, Vernon Gersh *They're Playing Our Song*, Allan Felix *Play It Again Sam*, Eddie Goldberg *Conversations With My Father* and Pseudolus/Hysterium in seven different productions of *A Funny Thing...Forum*. He is a proud graduate of Penn State University musical theatre and Suffolk University Law School. Thank you all for your patronage and support!

AUGUST ABATECOLA (Director) welcomes you to Yorktown Stage and this wonderful production! As the Artistic Director of the theatre August has been an integral part in the founding and development of several new programs here at the theatre. He has directed over fifty productions,

more than twenty here, throughout the tri-state area in the last decade. Favorites include *Spamalot*, *Gypsy*, *Shrek* and *All Shook Up*. August has worked alongside and directed some of the best local, youth and award-winning Broadway talent to bring the magic of theatre to Westchester County. Onstage, August has starred in productions at the Westchester Broadway Theatre, the Mac-Haydn Theatre and the Cohoes Music Hall. He toured internationally on the AMA: America in Concert production and made his Off-Broadway debut in *The Gayest Christmas Pageant Ever*. August wishes to thank the Town of Yorktown for their continued support in the arts and of course, you, our loyal patrons who believe in the magic of the theatre.

CARRIE SILVERNAIL (Choreographer) Carrie Silvernail is the resident choreographer here at Yorktown Stage. She trained with the Marya Kennett Ballet Company in Goshen, New York. Some of Carrie's favorite credits here at Yorktown Stage include *Spamalot* (2013), *The King and I* (2014), *All Shook Up* (2015) and *Xanadu* (2016) with the Yorktown Stage Kids. She is a dance teacher with Just Dance at Yorktown Stage. Carrie is also the choreographer at LYT in Armonk and for Nyack High School.

CASEY BREHM (*Stage Manager*) Casey is excited to help tell one of her favorite stories. When's she's not scurrying around Yorktown Stage, she's working with The Theatre Project where she is a founding member of their classic theatre ensemble TP&Co. Recent credits include *Xanadu* (Yorktown Stage Kids), *Movin' On Up* (NYC Fringe Festival) and *The Secret Garden* (Friends in Theater Company). Many thanks to Barry, Augie, Carrie, Ricky and the cast and crew for all the magic.

RICKY ROMANO (*Music Director*) is a Music Supervisor, Music Director, and pianist based in the New York Metropolitan Area. Recently, he shifted over to the recording side of the industry and was an Associate Producer for the cast recording of Broadway's *The Music Man*, starring Hugh Jackman and Sutton Foster, which has reached

the #1 position on Billboard's Cast Albums chart. He was also an Associate Producer for the cast recordings of Off-Broadway's *Fiddler on the Roof* (A Fidler Afn Dakh), Off-Broadway's *Desperate Measures*, and Courtney Love's *Kansas City Choir Boy*. Outside of the recording studio, Ricky has served as a Music Director for several productions, cabarets, workshops, and industry readings, including Off-Broadway's revival of *Ruthless the Musical*, Salgado Production's *AIDA* (starring Ace Young) at the Axelrod Theatre, and Jaime Lozano and Nancy Chester's *Present, Perfect*. Ricky has earned a Masters Degree with distinction in Music Business from Berklee College of Music and is currently a Senior Rights Management Coordinator at The Orchard (Sony Music).

PRODUCTION STAFF

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Dance Captain Deanna DeCamp
Theatre Manager Stephen Wolf
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