# STARBILL

VASSAR COLLEGE FUTURE WAITSTAFF OF AMERICA PRESENTS...



# 15TH ANNIVERSARY REVUE

CREATED/DIRECTED BY MOLLY JEANNE ASSISTANT DIRECTED/STAGE MANAGED BY TALIA LASKY

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# **Featuring Music By:**

Darren Criss, A.J. Holmes, Nick Gage, Scott Lamps, Jeff Blim, Clark Baxtresser, Pierce Siebers, Meredith Stephen, Mark Swiderski, and Kaley McMahon

### **Starring:**

Olivia Arenburg '26
Willa Davis '27
Molly Jeanne Freer '25
Julia Hoffman '27
Zoe Polinsky '27
Xander Shumaker '26
Ash Todd '26
Juli Torres '24
Brady Traugot '25
Jason Wong '27
Javi Wilson '27

# **Creative Team:**

Vania Workman von Ussar '27 Carolyn Worrall '27

Molly Jeanne Freer '25 - Creator, Director, Arranger Talia Lasky '27 - Assistant Director, Stage Manager

There will be one 15-minute intermission.

#### **SONGS**

#### ACT 1:

Goin' Back to Hogwarts (from A Very Potter Musical)

Zoe, Jason, Molly, Vania, Julia, Javi, Brady, Carolyn, Company

Rogues Are We (from Holy Musical B@man)

Xander, Molly, Jason, Javi, Olivia, Julia, Ash

Lost Without You (from The Trail to Oregon)

Willa

Nightmare Time (from Nightmare Time)

Carolyn, Ash, Julia, Olivia, Company

Show-Stoppin' Number (from The Guy Who Didn't Like Musicals)

Xander, Molly, Brady

Virginity Rocks (from Nightmare Time)

Zoe, Juli, Vania, Javi

The Coolest Girl (from A Very Potter Sequel)

Ash

Priceless (from VHS Christmas Carol)

Jason, Willa, Vania, Carolyn, Julia, Olivia, Brady, Zoe

When I Was (from A Very Potter Senior Year)

Vania, Xander

What If Tomorrow Comes (from Black Friday)

Molly, Company

ACT 2:

Climate Change (from Firebringer)

Willa, Zoe, Vania, Company

Granger Danger (from A Very Potter Musical)

Vania, Carolyn

Everything and More (from Twisted)

Olivia

Time Bastard/Axe-Man (from Nightmare Time)

Juli, Jason, Zoe, Vania, Julia

Kick It Up a Notch (from Starship)

Molly, Ash, Xander, Olivia, Javi

Just For Once (from Nerdy Prudes Must Die)

Carolyn

With My Own Eyes (from Ani)

Xander, Carolyn, Zoe, Brady

That Scrooge (from VHS Christmas Carol)

Molly, Javi, Ash, Olivia

Even Though (from Me and My Dick)

Zoe

No Way (from A Very Potter Sequel)

Zoe, Carolyn, Jason, Julia

Take Me Back (from Black Friday)

Willa, Vania, Company

Not Alone (from A Very Potter Musical)

Molly, Carolyn, Ash, Brady, Company

#### BIOS

Olivia Arenburg (she/her) is so excited to be in her sixth production at Vassar! Previous roles include Leanne in *Puffs* and Little Becky in *Urinetown*, and she is also super excited to be playing Mattie in *We Are the Tigers* next weekend! Outside of theatre, Olivia is an intern at the Women's Center, a member of Strong House Team, and a tap dancer in Vassar On Tap. She also is super excited to be studying abroad in London next fall. She wants to thank her family, friends, and the StarKid team for all their support!

**Willa Davis** (**she/they/he**) is thrilled to be involved in this concert! They first got obsessed with StarKid in 2019 and never imagined they'd have been in one of their shows and in an anniversary concert within the next few years. At Vassar College, Willa previously played Son in *The Trail to Oregon*. In high school, they played Portia in *Something Rotten*, Mike in *A Chorus Line*, and were in many ensemble roles.

Molly Jeanne Freer (she/her) is a junior film major with a music composition correlate, as well as a tour guide with the Vassar Admissions Office and a member of Beauty and the Beats. She has directed productions of *Urinetown* and *Puffs* at Vassar, and she has played guitar for many musicals on campus, including *We Are the Tigers* next week. On a road trip home from Nashville, she decided to watch a Harry Potter parody musical because she wanted to write a fanfiction based on a book series she had never read. That was seven years ago, and her love for that musical and the people who created it led to her dedicating over a year of her life to putting together this nerdy little concert that she hopes you enjoy very much. She would like to thank her parents for being wonderfully supportive, and also for taking road trips.

**Julia Hoffman** (she/her) is a first year student. This is her first theater production at Vassar College and she looks forward to being involved in more productions in the future.

**Talia Lasky** (she/her) is excited to be working with everyone here on this hilarious and moving concert! Some of her favorite shows she has been a part of include *Puffs*, *The Play that Goes Wrong*, *The Little Mermaid*, *Shrek the Musical*, and so much more. Talia's favorite color is burgundy, she loves to knit and crochet, and she loves dark chocolate more than anything else! She is so thankful for this opportunity and wants to shout out everyone in the audience from the midwest!

**Zoe Polinsky** (she/her) is a freshman with very little idea what to major in. She didn't know much about StarKid going in but is now super excited to take on her various roles. Zoe has recently played Mrs. Peacock in *CLUE*, the Baker's Wife in *Into the Woods*, and Paulette in *Legally Blonde*, but this will be her first show at Vassar. She looks forward to many more!

**Xander Shumaker** (he/him) is a sophomore music major. He has performed in *It's Something For Sure, Urinetown*, and *Puffs* at Vassar, and he sings in the Vassar College Choir and Chamber Singers and plays horn in the orchestra. When not in **P**oughkeepsie (A 'Very Good City Wonderful" according to the incomparable Guy Who Sings About Cities and Towns), Xander lives in Traverse City, **M**ichigan, also known as the wilderness, apparently. Xander just realized he's talking in the third person, and will now use the first person like normal people that aren't **trapped in a program**. I would like to thank Molly, and Eli, and Austin, and Betsey, and Yar, and Cecil, and Chad.

**Ash Todd (they/she)** is absolutely thrilled to be a part of this StarKid celebration as the coolest girl in the world;) Previously at Vassar, they have performed as Megan in

*Puffs*, ensemble for two productions of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, and are a member of H.E.L. sketch comedy. They would like to thank their friends for supporting them through every performance and their parents for always finding time to listen to their rants. Finally, of course, they want to thank Molly for putting together this amazing tribute!

**Julianna Torres** (she/they) is a senior media studies major. She's so excited to be a part of this silly good time in her last semester of college and would like to thank the whole team, as well as all her friends and family.

**Brady Traugot (he/him)** is a junior psychology/music double major from New York City. Outside of loving to sing and play guitar, he is the captain of the Vassar Fencing Team, on the Student Athletic Advisory Committee executive board, and is the treasurer for Chabad Jewish Community.

**Javier Wilson** (he/him) is a freshman economics and psychology double major from the Dominican Republic. He is a research assistant for the Hispanic Studies department, an usher for the Dance Department Box Office, a member of Flypeople, a member of the Axies, and a frequent actor since middle school. Acting credits include *Footloose* (Ren), *Grease* (Sonny), *High School Musical* (Ensemble), *Thoroughly Modern Millie* (Ensemble), *Annie* (Ensemble), and *Into the Woods*. At Vassar: *Skin* (Police 2) and StarKid Revue. He would like to thank all his friends and family for supporting him.

**Jason Wong (he/him)** is a freshman from Singapore planning to major in either film, drama, or both. He's a member of Vassar College Vassar Improv, but rest assured that he'll be doing zero improv in this show. His most recent acting credit is the upcoming Vassar Filmmakers short film *Kick It!* (Scott). He wants to thank all of the Wong family back home for their endless support, his wonderful director Molly and stage manager Talia for their hard work and dedication to the show, and the entire cast for being the best, most talented performers around. He also wants to thank you for reading this bio and coming to the show. Enjoy!

Vania Workman von Ussar (she/her) is from Brooklyn, New York. Having grown up around theater, she is excited to be playing in her first musical at Vassar! Last semester, she played Susie Bones and Harry Potter in Vassar Philaletheis Society's *Puffs*, also directed by Molly. Vania is also in Beauty and the Beats, participates in Challah for Hunger, works at Skinner Hall, and watches Gilmore Girls on repeat in her free time. She would like to thank her parents, brother, her dog Nola, and everyone who has helped her get this far! And of course Molly, who took a chance on a Harry Potter fan last semester.

Carolyn Worrall (she/her) is excited for her second show at Vassar! She debuted last semester in Philaletheis's production of *Puffs* as Ernie Mac (as well as Second Headmaster, A Certain Potions Teacher, and more). This is her second show with amazing director Molly Freer and she can't wait for many more. She has past musical experience in shows such as *The Music Man* and *Little Women*. She would like to thank her family for making the trip up for this show (Hi Maggie!).

#### Get to Know StarKid!

A Very Potter Musical - It's the greatest time in history to be Harry Potter. He's got killer friends, he's planning on asking out his crush, and he's got a chance to become the House Cup Champion. But his plans change when the evil Voldemort returns, backed by an army of Death Eaters and plagued by the funny feeling that his grab at power wasn't worth it. Can Harry defeat the most terrible wizard of all time, and can he sing some totally awesome songs while doing so?

Me and My Dick - Joey Richter is madly in love with Vanessa, who just got out of a long-term relationship. But his very best friend...Dick...has other plans, as he starts to develop feelings for Joey's neighbor Sally, who's had a crush on him for years. Through science projects, teenage jealousy, and a bit of crying in the choir room, Joey manages to find the high school love of his life by listening to his heart.

A Very Potter Sequel - Harry Potter has won. Voldemort is dead. There is literally no way to move forward from this point. Until Lucius Malfoy finds a Time-Turner and brings the remaining Death Eaters back to Harry's first year, with impeccably choreographed Quidditch matches, female power ballads, and a professor so awful that one time a dementor kissed her and it died.

**Starship** - Bug is...well, a bug. He lives on Bug World, he has bug friends, and he does bug things. Except he's dreamed about being a human for ages - specifically a Starship Ranger, a group of space explorers who travel where no man, woman, or data dog has ever gone before. But what lengths will Bug go to in order to get the life he's always wanted?

Holy Musical B@man - Batman is lonely. The town of Gotham fears him, Superman makes fun of him, and his parents are...well, you know. When he meets Dick Grayson, he realizes that his vicious crime-fighting exploits are only worth it if he has someone by his side. Together, Batman and Robin become a dynamic duo - and Batman may just find the super friend he's dreamed of.

A Very Potter Senior Year - It's time for Harry Potter and his friends to graduate from Hogwarts, and Harry is determined to close out his time at the wizarding school with a bang - and there's a new crisis for him to solve, with the last trace of Voldemort making its way into the school. The only problem? Nobody cares about him anymore, and his efforts to remain cool push him away from his best friends. Can Harry save the school before everything ends and he has to leave the only home he's ever known?

**Twisted** - You never thought Ja'far had a tragic backstory, did you? The story of Aladdin is retold through a different point of view, as the infamous royal vizier attempts to stop a war with a neighboring kingdom and a rapscallion terrorizing the streets (and the kingdom's selfish princess) as he mourns the loss of his wife, the storyteller Sherrezade.

**Ani** - Ani is a sports movie in musical format, telling the story of Ani - otherwise known as the famed Anakin Skywalker. He's nostalgic for the good old days, hating

his job and missing his family - but his life changes as he prepares for a critical pod race at the same time as a war is about to break out within the galaxy.

**The Trail to Oregon** - A family of poor farmers decides to make the journey down the Oregon Trail to find a better life. Unbeknownst to them, several obstacles line the path, including the dangerous Bandit King, the testing of their family bonds, and the potential to catch dysentery, one of the most popular of diseases. Can they make it to the other end of the Trail alive?

**Firebringer** - Zazzalil doesn't fit in with the rest of her caveman tribe. Whereas Jemilla, the Peacemaker at the head of the tribe, preaches routine and caution, Zazzalil is an inventor at heart. One day, she stumbles upon a crucial human discovery: fire. When her new discovery turns dangerous, Zazzalil must find a way to protect the tribe from harm while encouraging them to find new ways to make the most of their time here.

The Guy Who Didn't Like Musicals - Paul doesn't like musicals. That's kind of his whole deal. Which is fine (if a little annoying) until the tiny town of Hatchetfield is swept up in a musical pandemic, with everyone in the town falling victim. It's up to Paul and his friends from work, plus one kooky reclusive biology professor, to find the cause of the musical mania and save the world as we know it.

**Black Friday** - The Tickle-Me Wiggly is the newest toy to cause a Black Friday stir in the town of Hatchetfield. Tom Houston wants one for his son Tim; Becky Barnes wants one for the kids at the hospital where she works; and Lex Foster just wants one to sell so that she can get to California and become an actress. But Hatchetfield brings out the horror in every situation, and everyone starts going mad for Wiggly - quite literally.

**Nightmare Time** - Hatchetfield is an island town in the middle of Lake Michigan. It's also the home to some of the most horrifying and weirdest people and situations that could ever be conceived. From a summer camp dedicated to abstinence from sex at all costs, to a theme park based around a creepy character who watches your every move, to a sentient car who drives its owner into madness, anything that can be perverted into a story out of your wildest imagination will do just that.

VHS Christmas Carol - The immortal story of Ebeneezer Scrooge and the spirits who turn him from a greedy capitalist into the merriest man you ever found, all over the course of a single night, is given an 80s twist. The only things that Scrooge likes are making money and work, but that's about to change as he's haunted by three spirits on a mission, introducing him to the magic of Christmas electricity and reminding him that family and love are priceless.

**Nerdy Prudes Must Die** - Stephanie Lauter asks Peter Spankoffski to help her cheat on a test. This simple request spirals into an accidental dark ritual that turns their school bully into a literal monster on the loose in Hatchetfield. They have to join up with Grace Chasity, the nerdiest prude there is, in order to defeat their classmate before high school kills them all.

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Or

We Are the Tigers

Rodeo and Juliet

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