

# Talent A La Zoom UpStage Players February 13, 2021

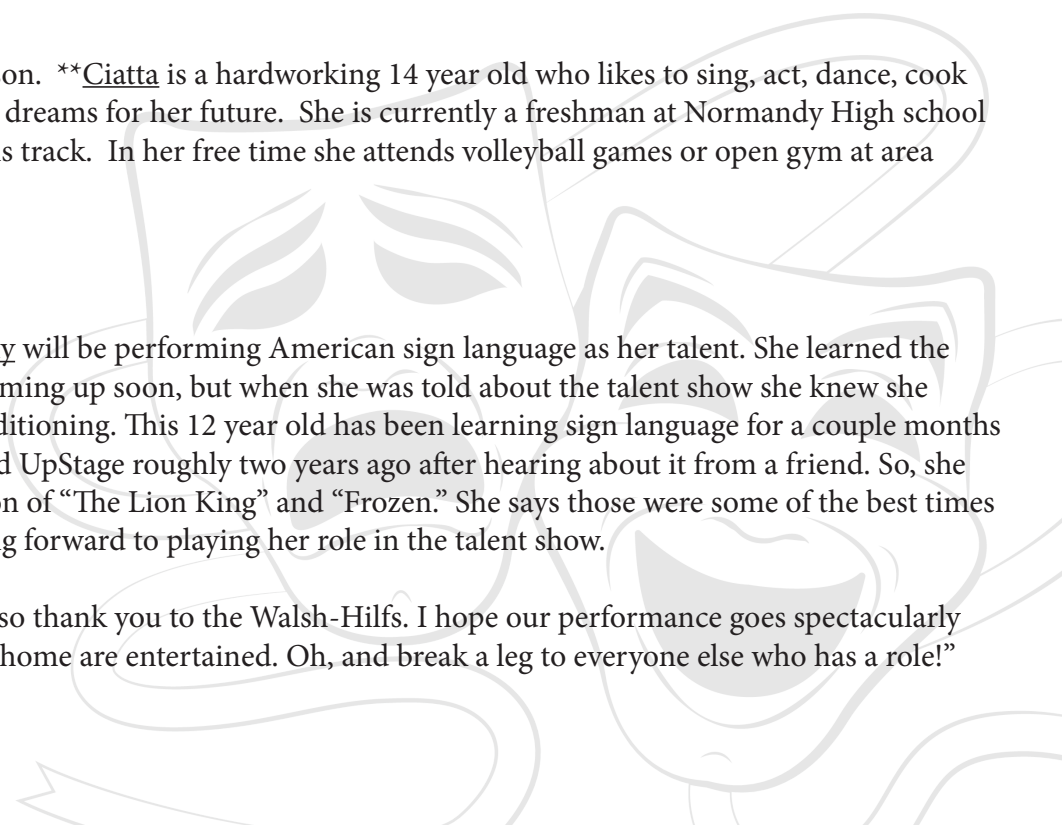


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The curtain rises with Bert Healey as played by Grace French. **\*\*Grace** is thrilled to participate in her seventh UpStage production. Among her outstanding roles are Timon in the Lion King and Dexter in Singin' In The Rain. She participates in her schools Drama Club at Beaumont High and is currently one of the stage mangers in the upcoming student-directed one-acts. She also participates in the schools sailing club. To Grace this production may look different than previous performances she looks forward to reentering the metaphorical stage for what will be her final UpStage performance. She would like to thank the production staff, for working tirelessly to ensure that this play is a success. Grace thanks her parents for supporting her in her ambitions in life. Grace is a Builders Club Member. Grace was awarded the prestigious Joey Award from UpStage Players in 2020 for her leadership and dedication to the arts.

We are treated to Giselle Thompsons playing Molly and her rendition of a Hard Knock Life through a Hula Hoop interpretation. **\*\*Giselle** is in her 4th year at UpStage. She loves the program, singing, dancing and acting. She is extremely excited to be part of this year's talent show for the Waterford Nursing Home. She can't wait to be on stage again bringing forth her unique talent and enthusiasm. Giselle is happy about her new homeschooling situation. She is thrilled to be an ongoing participant in UpStage Programs. Giselle is a Builders Club Member.

Tessie is played by Arianna Somich who will entertain us with Pjevat Ce Slavonija as played on the Brach **\*\*Arianna** is a six year UpStage participant. Last season she played the role of Queen Iduna in Frozen Jr. Currently a 9th grader at Villa Angela-St. Joseph she likes English and History. Ari is a member of the American Zagreb Junior Tamburitizens where she plays the Brach, a classic Croatia string instrument. She sings with the St. Robert & William contemporary choir performing monthly in their Concerts of Hope series. Recently a recipient for church and community scholarship through the Ursuline Sisters of Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School. Arianna would like to thank her vocal coach Mr. Kyle Loreck for his guidance along with her parents and siblings and her UpStage Family. Ari is 4th year Builders Club member and current president.



Pepper is portrayed by Ciatta Gibson. \*\*Ciatta is a hardworking 14 year old who likes to sing, act, dance, cook and play her violin. Ciatta has big dreams for her future. She is currently a freshman at Normandy High school where she plays volleyball and runs track. In her free time she attends volleyball games or open gym at area recreation centers.

July is played by Lily Herlihy. \*\*Lily will be performing American sign language as her talent. She learned the sign for a different performance coming up soon, but when she was told about the talent show she knew she would be show off her skills by auditioning. This 12 year old has been learning sign language for a couple months now, nothing fancy. She first joined UpStage roughly two years ago after hearing about it from a friend. So, she has participated in their production of “The Lion King” and “Frozen.” She says those were some of the best times she’s ever had and that she’s looking forward to playing her role in the talent show.

“It’s amazing to have been chosen so thank you to the Walsh-Hilfs. I hope our performance goes spectacularly and that the people at the nursing home are entertained. Oh, and break a leg to everyone else who has a role!”  
– Lily

Annie is played by Jayne Wilde. \*\*Jayne is familiar to UpStage, this is her first Zoom Talent Show. She will offer her rendition of Maybe. Jayne Emmaline Wilde is a 6th grader at Mayfield Middle School. She is the 4th in a family of eight children. While with UpStage for three years she has performed in Lion King Jr. and young Anna in Frozen Jr. Jayne has also performed in Mayfield High Schools Beauty and the Beast, both Frozen and Beauty and the Beast cut short due to the pandemic. Following theatre Jayne loves gymnastics which she practices by walking throughout the house on her hands while singing. This talented lady would like to thank her big sister, Grace, for always being her #1 cheerleader and for being her Princess Amber to her Princess Sophia.

Miss Hannigan is played by Mary Walsh-Hilf. \*\*Mary is a true veteran UpStager who has performed for thirteen years with the theatre group. Her first portrayal was a policeperson driving a small car across the stage in Grease. Other favorite roles included Jesus in Godspell Jr. and Fiona in Shrek Jr., the musical. She has also assisted with sound/lights and technical work. She currently is a theatre/community and justice major at Allegheny College. Mary is a past Builders Club member, Club president. She was awarded the Joey Award for leadership and dedication to theatre. Mary Walsh-Hilf is happy to be performing with the Upstage Players again! She participated in the plays for 13 years, and now she is a theatre major/community and justice studies minor at Allegheny College. Some of her favorite roles with Upstage include Jesus in Godspell Jr. and Fiona in Shrek the Musical Jr. Enjoy the show!

Molly French is a UpStage performer. \*\*Molly will be doing double duty performing with her sister, Your Never Fully Dressed, and on the technical side working with the sound affects. We congratulate Molly for this new endeavor.

Carrie Walsh-Hilf is the Artistic Director of UpStage Players. She is a teacher in the Euclid School System and is UpStages Builders Club moderator. This is her first Zoom production. Sincere appreciation for keeping theatre alive during this pandemic.



***The Audience is portrayed by YOU in a recurring role. Enjoy.***

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