

CHILDREN OF EDEN JR

Music and Lyrics by
STEPHEN SCHWARTZ

Welcome

We are thrilled to have you as our guest today as we show you why Mankato Playhouse has been called "Southern Minnesota's Premier Dinner Theatre Experience!"

Our Mission

To bring professional quality entertainment to the community, providing an exceptional experience for both our audience members and volunteers.

Our Vision

To produce high quality musical theater performances and Broadway Teen Workshops each season to showcase the talent we have in our local and surrounding communities.

Who We Are

Established in 2019, Mankato Playhouse (Davori Productions Co.) was founded by theater artists and enthusiasts David and Lori Holmes as a way to provide the local and surrounding communities an opportunity to experience and be involved in quality musical theater. Davori Productions relies on the creativity, passion, and inspiration of the board of directors, and volunteers who are mutually invested in the growth and success of the company.

2021/2022 Board Members

Jeremy Meger - President

Matthew Atwood - Vice-President

Lori Holmes - Secretary

David Holmes - Executive and Artistic Director

John Kind - Treasurer

Jana Brix - At-Large

Board Information

If you are interested in learning more about our board or would like to consider joining our team, download the Board Member Interest Form and send it to info@davoriproductions.com

Mankato Playhouse presents

CHILDREN OF EDEN JR.

Book by
John Caird

Music and Lyrics by
Stephen Schwartz

Based on a concept by Charles Lisanby
Orchestrations by Bruce Coughlin and Martin Erskin

CAST

Father.....	Jim Hatleli
Adam/Story Teller.....	Gavin Holmes
Eve/Story Teller.....	Grace Freitag
Yonah/Story Teller/Snake 2.....	Autumn Seiwert
Cain/Japheth.....	Warren Wernsing
Abel/Story Teller/Snake 5.....	Tony Palesotti
Noah/Story Teller.....	Seth Possin
Mama/Story Teller.....	Mara Kolars
Shem/Story Teller.....	Aaron Hull
Aysha/Story Teller/Tree of Knowledge 1.....	Mady Sellner
Ham/Story Teller.....	Daniel Possin
Aphra/Story Teller.....	Emma Lewis
Story Teller/Snake 1.....	Amelia Valdez
Young Cain.....	Josh Meger
Young Abel.....	Levi Possin
Story Teller/Snake 4.....	Gianna Aloisio
Story Teller.....	Chase Breuer
Story Teller.....	Maddox Breuer
Story Teller/Tree of Knowledge 2.....	Solon Fischer
Story Teller/Snake 3.....	Lola Jones
Story Teller/Dove.....	Kiley Reser
Story Teller.....	Elijah Seiwert
Story Teller/Tree of Knowledge 3.....	Abby Tenney

ARTISTIC TEAM

Director.....	Jim Hatleli
Vocal Director.....	Robin Hughes
Choreographer/Costumer.....	Lori Holmes
Assistant Director/Stage Manager.....	Sophie Hoiseth
Stage Hand.....	Jenny Meinzer
Lighting Tech.....	Clayton Thorson
Tracks Master.....	Keith Kuch
Sound Tech.....	Travis Shafer
Spotlight.....	AJ Johnston & Patrick Leigh
Props Master.....	Patrick Leigh
Set Designer/Builder.....	David Holmes
Set Painter.....	Stephanie Johnston
Box Office.....	Jeremy Meger
Graphic Design.....	Matthew Atwood

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DIRECTOR'S NOTE

In 1999, I decided to 'walk the boards' after more than 20 years since my previous acting experiences. I was cast as Father in the Merely Players production of "Children of Eden." The music and storyline gripped each and every one of the cast, crew, and audience members very much. So, when I was offered the opportunity to direct this junior version, I did not hesitate. And when David suggested that I could cast myself as Father, I was very excited to step back inside that world of Eden, the wasteland, and aboard the ark.

Through his music and lyrics, Stephen Schwartz (You may be familiar with some of his other work: Godspell, Pippin, Wicked, Pocahontas, etc.) entralls you with the whole breadth of emotions...happiness, wonder, fear, anger, despair, hope, and forgiveness.

There are a lot of parenting aspects throughout this play. I see the theme of Children of Eden as being that of making choices. Choices made by the parents and by the children do not always go the way they were intended. When a choice is made, there will be consequences whether good or bad, possibly resulting in elation or pain. As parents, there comes a point when we no longer control the choices made by our offspring. We can guide and advise, but as Noah sings, "The hardest part of love is the letting go." Along the line of choice, I am particularly moved by Father's words which I believe offer hope to a sinful world, when He sings, "There is no journey gone so far--so far we cannot stop and change directions."

You are going to be witness to the results of a lot of hard work by these young people. I am sure you will be impressed by the multitude of talents that they have on display for you. It has been a total pleasure working with each and every one of the cast and crew while putting this play together!

You made a choice to be here today. Rest assured, it was a great choice! It is my wish that you too, will be emotionally drawn in, after all, we are all Children of Eden!

Thanks for supporting the arts!

Jim Hatleli
Director

SPECIAL THANKS

Lee Jones, Jessica Possin, Fede Sagolpa, Merely Players, Christ the King

SONGS

Let There Be.....	Father, Storytellers
Father's Greeting.....	Father
The Naming.....	Adam, Eve, Father, Storytellers
Grateful Children.....	Adam, Eve
Perfect.....	Storytellers
The Spark Of Creation.....	Eve, Storytellers
In Pursuit of Excellence (Part 1)	Snake 1, Snake 2, Snake 3, Snake 4, Snake 5
In Pursuit of Excellence (Part 3).....	Snake 1-5, Eve, Storytellers
The End Of A Perfect Day.....	Female Soloist, Storytellers
Childhood's End.....	Eve, Father
A World Without You.....	Adam, Father
The Expulsion.....	Father, Adam, Eve
Wasteland/Wilderness Family.....	Storytellers, Soloist 1, 2 & 3, Young Cain, Young Abel
Close To Home.....	Young Cain, Young Abel, Adam, Eve
The Spark Of Creation (Reprise).....	Eve
Lost In The Wilderness.....	Cain, Abel
Lost In The Wilderness (Reprise).....	Father, Storytellers
Clash Of The Generations.....	Adam, Eve, Cain, Abel
Death Of Abel.....	Soloist, Eve
The Mark Of Cain.....	Father, Storytellers
Children Of Eden.....	Eve, Storytellers
Generations.....	Soloist 1, Soloist 2, Soloist 3, Storytellers
A Piece Of Eight.....	Noah, Storytellers, Yonah, Japheth, Noah's Family
Noah's Lullaby.....	Noah
Stranger To The Rain.....	Yonah
In Whatever Time We Have.....	Japheth, Yonah
The Flood/What Is He Waiting For?.....	Father, Storytellers, Noah's Family
Sailor Of The Skies.....	Yonah
The Hardest Part Of Love.....	Noah, Father
The Hour Of Darkness.....	Noah
Ain't It Good?.....	Mama, Noah's Family, Storytellers
In The Beginning.....	Father, Noah's Family, Storytellers

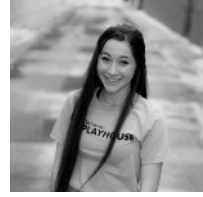
CAST



Aaron Hull



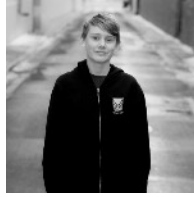
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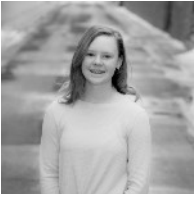
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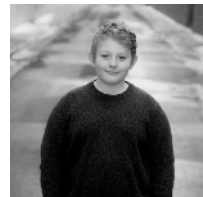
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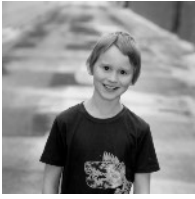


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Josh Meger

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Levi Possin



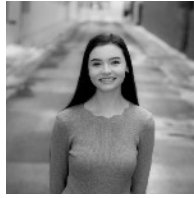
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Auditions (Open to All) - March 14 & 15 at 7PM

Performances - April 29 & 30, May 1, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15

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