

MVCCT PRESENTS

Shakespeare's

AS YOU LIKE IT



Welcome to the Forest of Arden

*Thank you for joining us as we
journey through the
Forest of Arden, 1980s style.*



CAST



Eloise Andreozzi (Charles the wrestler, Third lord, Audrey) is a 7th grade student at Carl Sandburg Middle School. She was previously in Annie(ensemble) and SpongeBob the musical(ensemble). Eloise is also in District Choir. She thanks MVCCT for this awesome opportunity.



Claudia Cutting (Rosalind) is a sophomore at Metropolitan School of the Arts and is excited to be in her first Shakespeare play! This is her 6th MVCCT production, last being seen as Squidward in The SpongeBob Musical. Some of her other favorite roles include Valerie Clark in A Chorus Line, and Logainne Schwartzandgrubenierren in the 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee. Claudia would like to thank the cast and crew of this production for a wonderful experience.



Aimee (Zero) Dajc (Jaques) is thrilled to debut on the MVCCT stage! Zero recently worked tech on Hayfield Dramahawks' production of Shrek the Musical Jr. Thank you to the director, producers, cast, crew, and my parental chauffeurs for this experience and to Brynn for exposing me to the joy of theater.



Olivia Grace Driggers (Oliver) is a seventh grader at Carl Sandburg Middle School. She is new to the stage and excited about her acting debut as Oliver in As You Like It. Olivia has thoroughly enjoyed rehearsals and spending time with the incredible cast who have done a fabulous job showing her the ropes. When she's not lighting up the stage, Olivia is an incredibly talented artist, an avid reader of all things mythology and science fiction, and a Mother of Dragons to her one-year-old bearded dragon named Wyvren. Break a leg, Liv! Dad and Maria, Mom and Shane, and your gaggle of siblings can't wait to cheer you on!



Caroline Engler (Duke Sr.) is a lifelong resident of the Fort Hunt area, and a 7th grade student at Oakwood School. After being a patron, she's very excited for her on stage debut with MVCCT. Caroline's love for acting was sparked at Synetic Theatre's summer camp performance of Clicked. She's a member of the Oakwood Choir, an avid artist and loves animals, especially her dog, Gordie. She's very excited to be part of this cast!



Hana Keenan (Celia), a junior at West Potomac, is thrilled to be performing in her 7th show. When she's not on stage, you can find her swimming, playing the violin, or reading a good book. She'd like to thank the cast and crew for putting together this production and her family and friends for their support. Enjoy the show!



Riley Keogh (Orlando) is a junior at West Potomac High School. She's excited to be back on stage with MVCCT for her first teen show. When Riley isn't busy acting, she enjoys playing violin and is a part of her school's orchestra and choir.



Charlotte Parker (Phebe) is an 8th grade student and is ecstatic to be part of an MVCCT production. She wants to thank her best friends, Delaney and Molly, her family, and her loving dog for their support.



Madelyn Smith (Duke Fredrick) is a 7th grader at Carl Sandburg Middle School and is excited to make her debut for MVCCT. She is hoping to be in many more plays and musicals in the future!



Anna Snyder (Le Beau, Corin, Adam) is an 8th grader at Commonwealth Academy and this is her first show with MVCCT.



Henry Welle (Touchstone) is an 8th grader at Sandburg MS and thrilled to be in this production of *As You Like It*. He's previously performed in *Puffs*, *Shrek*, *Peter Pan*, and *Matilda*. He plays piano, reads a lot, and practices martial arts. He'd like to thank his two puppies (and biggest fans), Bear Walter Welle and Gus William Welle.



Franklin Whetstine (*Silvia's*, First Lord). Franklin's second appearance in an MVCCT production, after playing Drake in *Annie*, and third overall. Franklin enjoys singing in the Sandburg Singers Choir, at Carl Sandburg Middle School. Franklin hopes you come see him again in April at "*Footloose Jr.*" at Carl Sandburg. Hope you enjoy the show!

DIRECTOR: HESTER KAMIN

Hester Kamin is a graduate of Carnegie Mellon University (Phi Beta Kappa) and of the Jacques Lecoq International School of Theatre in Paris, and she is the recipient of the National Endowment for the Arts Art Works Award, the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists National Award, the Academy of Paris Award for Contribution to Arts and Culture, and the Academy of American Poets Prize. She has performed since she was a child and has created, directed, and choreographed more than two hundred shows with children and adults throughout the US, Europe, and Samoa. Most recently, she directed and choreographed *Shipwrecked (The Tempest)* with Gulfshore Playhouse and The Naples Philharmonic, created the dance choreography for *Scapino* at Kinetic Theatre in Pittsburgh, and re-mounted her original play about a Holocaust survivor, *In Flight: The Story of Sabine Van Dam*, which toured from 2017-2020. Hester is dedicated to creating theatre for social change and is currently working on a production of *I Never Saw Another Butterfly* that will be performed as part of a regional yearlong project marking the 75th anniversary of liberation, “Butterflies of Hope and Remembrance.”

Hester has been Co-Artistic Director of bilingual Drama Ties Theatre in France, Youth Theatre Associate of Honolulu Theatre for Youth, and Director of Education of Barrington Stage Company and Gulfshore Playhouse. She created the education programs at two historic theatres: the 1400-seat Hawaii Theatre and Bucks County Playhouse, and she has initiated partnerships with organizations all over the world, including the Honolulu Symphony, the Holocaust Museum of Southwest Florida, the Naples Philharmonic, and the Hawaii State Art Museum. She has been a guest artist at Florida Repertory Theatre, Virginia Governor’s School for the Arts, and NYC’s Spoke the Hub Dance Center. Hester is a member of the Stage Directors and Choreographers Society (SDC) and the Dramatists Guild of America.

WITH GRATITUDE TO:

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Suzanne Parrish, Set Design

Hannah Hasan, Stage Manager

Jennifer Collins, Producer

Gia Mariam Hasan, Producer

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