

Orlando Repertory Theatre is now



**ORLANDO
FAMILY
STAGE**

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH UCF

A **THEATER
WORKS** USA PRODUCTION

The **Magic School Bus**™

Lost in the Solar System



September 8 - October 8

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY
Matthew Lee Robinson

BOOK BY
Marshall Paillet

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23/24

Season Lineup

Founded in 1926, Orlando Family Stage is the eighth iteration of the original theatre company and has operated for over 20 years as Florida's only professional theatre for young audiences. Orlando Family Stage changed its name on June 15, 2023, and was most recently known as Orlando Repertory Theatre (or Orlando REP).

Disney's Descendants: The Musical

A Youth Academy Production
July 14 – 23, 2023

TheatreWorks USA's

The Magic School Bus:

Lost in the Solar System

September 5 – October 8, 2023

Theatre for the Very Young:

Dinosaur Dance Party

September 9 – October 1, 2023

Click, Clack, BOO! A Tricky Treat

October 2 – 31, 2023

Teen Perspectives Lab: #ENOUGH

A Youth Academy Production
November 6, 2023

Junie B. in Jingle Bells, Batman Smells!

November 13 – December 23, 2023

Disney's Finding Nemo Jr.

A Youth Academy Production
December 8 – 10, 2023

Pip-Squeak: An Anti-Bullying Magic Show

January 9 – 12, 2024

TheatreWorks USA's

Charlotte's Web

January 19 – 23, 2024

Giraffes Can't Dance, The Musical

January 29 – February 25, 2024

Theatre for the Very Young

Yo, Ho, Ho! Let's Go!

March 2 – 24, 2024

Allie Kazan and the Magic Mansion

March 4 – 31, 2024

The Lightning Thief:

The Percy Jackson Musical

April 12 – May 7, 2024

Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr.

A Youth Academy Production
April 26 – May 5, 2024



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Executive Director: Chris Brown

THEATERWORKS USA CREATIVE TEAM

Tour Director/Choreographer:
Nicolette Quintero
Tour Music Director: Evan Alexander Jones
Music & Lyrics: Matthew Lee Robinson
Book: Marshall Paillet
Orchestrations: Frank Galgano
& Matt Castle
Original Direction & Choreography:
Connor Gallagher
Illustrator, *The Magic School Bus*:
Bruce Degen
Author, *The Magic School Bus*:
Joanna Cole
Stage Manager: Kiara Vedovino

ORLANDO FAMILY STAGE PRODUCTION TEAM

Costume Supervisor: Gabs Gutierrez
Lighting Supervisor: Ben Lowe
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Note

Millions of young people grew up loving *The Magic School Bus*. What child doesn't dream of having a teacher like Ms. Frizzle? Marshall Paillet, who wrote the script, was also a super-fan of the books and the television series and couldn't wait to adapt one of the books for the stage. He knew each plot and each character inside and out, and could quote dialogue from every episode! His collaborator Matthew Lee Robinson, an Australian composer/lyricist, was also a fan of this bestselling series.

As you can imagine, bringing the book to life presented many challenges, but one of the biggest was creating a new *Magic School Bus* theme song to replace the series' iconic theme song. We hope the musical will inspire you to go on your own science adventure!

Enjoy the show,

Barbara Pasternack
Artistic Director | TheaterWorks USA

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Chris Brown

Artistic Director

Jeffrey M. Revels

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Cast & Song List



Katie Kallaus
Ms. Frizzle



Kelsey Kline
Janet



Kasey Kraft
Understudy



Drew Lofredo
Ralphie



Brandon Muñoz-Dominguez
Understudy



Alyssa Naka Silver
Wanda



Edwin Perez
Carlos



Will Sippel
Arnold

SONGS

Back on the Magic School Bus	Company
Blast Off	Ms. Frizzle, Company
Workin' Time (Mercury)	Students
Lost in Space!	Students
Take The Heat (Venus)	Arnold, Janet, Company
Isn't It Lovely? (Earth)	Arnold, Company
Know It When I See It (Mars)	Wanda, Carlos, Company
Pull Together (Outer Planets)	Ralphie, Company
Blast Off! (Reprise)	Ms. Frizzle, Company
Back on the Magic School Bus (Reprise)	Company

Katie Kallaus | Ms. Frizzle

Katie is beyond grateful to get the opportunity to play one of her most treasured childhood icons and to share her with a new generation of little learners across the country! She is originally from Crystal Lake, IL and received her BFA in Musical Theatre from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in 2020. She was last seen on stage as Ms. Frizzle in the Spring Tour of *The Magic School Bus: Lost in the Solar System* and is excited to continue exploring this character with this superb new cast! Some other credits include Cinderella in *Into the Woods*, Logainne in *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, and Inga in *Young Frankenstein: The Musical*. Special shoutout to her wonderful family and friends for their constant love and support! Make sure to strap on your space suits!!

Kelsey Kline | Janet

Kelsey is so ecstatic to be making her National Tour and TheatreWorks USA debut with *The Magic School Bus: Lost in the Solar System*. Kelsey is a recent graduate from Rollins College where she earned her BA in Musical Theatre and Performance. Recent credits include Quack (*Make Way for Ducklings*), Grinchmas Who-liday Spectacular (Universal Orlando), Diana Goodman (*Next To Normal*), and Piratefest (Legoland Florida). When not performing, you can catch Kelsey teaching the next generation of artists at Orlando Family Stage, Dr. Phillips Performing Arts Center, and Mainstages. Kelsey thanks her parents and friends as well as the entire *Magic School Bus* team for all the love, support, and good laughs. @kelseyjcline

Kasey Kraft | Understudy

Kasey is an actor, singer, and musician from Orlando, FL. Favorite stage credits include *Pete the Cat* (Olive Biddle/Dance Captain); *Cirque: The Spirit of Christmas* (Noel); *Into the Woods* (Little Red); *Bye Bye Birdie* (Alice); *James and the Giant Peach* (James); *Shrek the Musical* (Baby Bear); *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown* (Lucy); and *The Addams Family Musical* (Ancestor). She has also performed at Universal Orlando Resort, Gaylord Palms Resort, Valleyfair, and was a quarterfinalist in the American Traditions Vocal Competition. She and her partner converted their very own magic school bus, which they currently live and travel in full time with their dog Slader. Thanks always to Chad.

Drew Lofredo | Ralphie

Drew is a performer based in Orlando, Florida. They graduated from the University of Central Florida with a BFA in Musical Theatre in 2023. Past favorite roles include Plankton in *The Spongebob Musical* (Orlando Family Stage), Newt in *Who am I This Time?* (East Lynne Theater Company), the Waiter in *First Date* (Theatre UCF), and Hugo in *Tuck Everlasting* (Southeastern Summer Theatre Institute). They are also a photographer, and have worked extensively with Disney's Photopass service as well as several independent theatre companies in the Orlando area. Check out their work at www.drewlofredo.photos.

Brandon Muñoz-Dominguez | Understudy

Brandon is thrilled to be back with TheaterWorksUSA after his tour last year of *Click*

Cast & Production Team Bios

Clack Moo where he played Loretta the Cow. He is a Graduate of UCF and Valencia college. Most recently he played Patrick Star in *The SpongeBob Musical* at Orlando Family Stage. Some past credits include Edward Bloom in *Big Fish*, Juan Peron in *Evita*, and Georg in *Spring Awakening* at Valencia College. Others include Ganster #2 in *The Drowsy Chaperone*, The Jester in *Once Upon a Mattress*, and the Ensemble of *From Here* at Central Florida Community Arts. He thanks his Mom and friends for their support and encouragement. IG: brandonm_d

Alyssa Naka Silver | Wanda

Alyssa is a NYU Tisch Drama graduate where she has studied at the Classical Studio, RADA, ETW, and Atlantic. They are a Japanese Jewish actress, singer, mover, and writer. Some recent credits include Hua Mulan in *Disenchanted!* (Priscilla Beach Theatre), ExoticBird/Princess in *The Conference of the Birds* (Winnepesaukee Playhouse), and Julius Caesar as Julius Caesar (NYU Tisch Classical Studio). Alyssa hopes to create art that is inclusive and powerful for BIPOC, especially those who are Asian and Hapa. They are so excited and grateful to re-join *The Magic School Bus* tour! IG: @alyssa_silver227

Edwin Perez | Carlos

Edwin is an Orlando-based actor. He is excited to be back with TheaterWorksUSA to perform for young audiences across the United States after joining them as Harold in *Dog Man: The Musical* in 2022. Other credits include *The Secret Garden* (Dickon) with Central Florida Vocal Arts, *The Prom* (Ensemble/Nick (u/s)) with Theater West End, and *Angels in America* (Prior Walter) with Valencia College. He is extremely excited to be sharing the stage alongside the talented cast and crew of *The Magic School Bus: Lost in the Solar System*. Finally, he thanks his family and friends for their endless love and support.

Will Sippel | Arnold

Will is an Orlando-based theater artist. He was previously seen at Orlando Family Stage in *The SpongeBob Musical* (Old Man Jenkins/Electric Skate) and in TheaterWorksUSA's *Dog Man: The Musical* (Petey). He is also a working playwright, with works produced at Orlando Fringe, Playmore Theatre Co., Project Spotlight UCF, and others. Written works available for perusal at New Play Exchange. Special thanks to the arts educators that made an impact in his life and the lives of young people in Florida, as well as his limitlessly supportive fiancé, Caroline

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Matthew Alexander | Production Assistant

Matthew is beyond thrilled to be working on another production at Orlando Family Stage! He is thankful for the shining stars on this *Magic School Bus* team, and another out-of-this-world experience at Orlando Family Stage!

Joanna Cole | Author, *The Magic School Bus*

Joanna, who also writes under the pseudonym B.J. Barnett, is an author of children's books who teaches science. She is most famous as the author of *The Magic School Bus*

series of children's books. Joanna Cole has written over 250 books ranging from her first book *Cockroach* to her famous series *The Magic School Bus*. Cole was born in Newark, New Jersey, and grew up in nearby East Orange. She loved science as a child, and had a teacher she says was a little like Ms. Frizzle. She attended the University of Massachusetts and Indiana University before graduating from the City College of New York with a B.A. in psychology. After some graduate education courses, she spent a year as a librarian in a Brooklyn elementary school. Cole subsequently became a letters correspondent at Newsweek, and then a senior editor for Doubleday Books for Young Readers.

Bruce Degen | Illustrator, *The Magic School Bus*

Bruce is a children's literature author and illustrator, with over forty books to his credit. He is probably best known as the illustrator of *The Magic School Bus* series of books, by Joanna Cole. He has collaborated with Nancy White Charstrom, by Jane Yolen. Degen has authored *Jamberry*, *Daddy Is a Doodlebug*, and *Shirley's Wonderful Baby*. He was encouraged by an elementary school teacher to become an illustrator, and pursue his primary love for art found in children's books. Humor is one of his key values, as expressed by a quote comparing children's illustration to traditional fine arts: "You don't see many people walking around a gallery are chuckling. And I realized that I wanted a chuckle." His career has included such diverse activities as advertising design, teaching art, teaching children's book illustration to adults, painting scenery for opera productions, and running a lithography studio in Israel. Mr. Degen currently lives in Connecticut.

Frank Galgano & Matt Castle | Orchestrations

Frank and Matt are multi-faceted theater artists who are partners in creativity and partners in life. Recent projects include *Madame Clicquot: A Revolutionary Musical* (Studio Cast Recording), *Disney The Little Mermaid* and *Disney Seas The Adventure* (Disney Cruise Line), *Scotland, PA* (Roundabout), *Found* (Atlantic, Philadelphia, IAMA), *Into The Woods* (Roundabout/Fiasco), *String* (Village Theatre), *Chick Flick, The Musical* (off-Broadway), *Once Upon A Mattress* (Transport Group), *A Dog Story* (off-Broadway), *Disney Beauty and the Beast* (Disney Cruise Line), *The Elf on The Shelf* and *American Girl Live!* (Mills Entertainment), *Up and Away* (Pittsburgh CLO), *Kris Kringle* (Town Hall, Proctors), *The Donner Party* and *A Little Princess* (Sacramento), and many new works for TheaterWorksUSA, Kennedy Center, and George Street Playhouse. Browse their work at brainstormtheatrics.com.

Connor Gallagher | Original Direction and Choreography

Broadway: *Beetlejuice*. Other: *The Robber Bridegroom* (Roundabout, Astaire Award); *Beauty and the Beast* (Disney Dream, Brass Ring Award); *Walter Paisley* (La Mirada, world premiere); *Found* (Philadelphia Theatre Company); *Elf* (Kennedy Center); *The Twelve* (Denver Center); *Tangled* (Disney Magic, world premiere); and productions at The Public Theater, Shakespeare Theatre Company, ACT, Two River, Westport Country Playhouse, TheatreWorks and Northern Stage. Currently developing three musicals as director: *Miss Step* (Playwrights/MCC), *The Big Gay Jamboree*, and a new project for The Walt Disney Company. Connor is a graduate of CCM, where in 2021 he received the Young Alumni

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Award, and right after college spent a year on Broadway as a dancing rug.
www.connorgallagher.com @connorga

Gabs Gutierrez | Costume Supervisor

Gabs is a costume technician based in Central Florida and this is their third season working with Orlando Family Stage. You can find Gabs all over town, stitching at Orlando Shakes or teaching students how to run wardrobe backstage at Trinity Preparatory School. Recent credits include: *Locomotion* (Wardrobe/Stitcher) at Orlando Family Stage, *The SpongeBob Musical* (Wardrobe Supervisor) at Trinity Prep, *On Your Feet* (Assistant Costume Designer) at Garden Theatre. Gabs thanks Alex and Mary in the costume shop for being the best part about working at Orlando Family Stage.

Justin Harmon | Production Technology Manager

Justin started his live entertainment journey during his senior year at Charlotte High School in Punta Gorda, FL volunteering his time at the performing arts center. Justin moved to Orlando in 2015 and graduated from Valencia College's Entertainment Design & Technology program in 2018. He continued at Valencia as a performing arts center staff member for another year before he went full time freelancing around Florida working many concerts at multiple venues and music festivals. He is excited to be part of the Orlando Family Stage team. In his free time, Justin enjoys bowling and playing video games.

Evan Alexander Jones | Musical Director

Evan is thrilled to be working with TheaterWorksUSA for the first time! Previously, he served as musical director for the world premiere of *A Big Day For Baseball: A Magic Treehouse Adventure* at Orlando Shakes, and he will return this fall for *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*. Email him at: Evanalexanderjones@gmail.com

Tara Kromer | Props Designer

Tara earned her MFA at UCF in 2015, where her research was focused on Directing and Sound Design. She holds a BA in Theatre from UNC Greensboro, and is a member of AEA and an associate member of SDC. Her work has taken her to venues including Orlando Shakes, Orlando Family Stage, Theater West End, UCF, Osceola Arts, The Ensemble Company at Penguin Point, Orlando International Fringe Theatre Festival, Seaside Music Theatre, Athens Theatre, and the Hippodrome (Florida); Steppenwolf, Congo Square, Chicago Shakes (Chicago, IL); New York Stage and Film, Potsdam Music Theatre, and the Hangar Theatre (New York). For Orlando Family Stage, Tara co-directed *Vote?* and directed *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*, *Miracle in Bedford Falls*, *A Year With Frog and Toad*, *Polkadots: The Cool Kids Musical*, and *The Giver*. She has designed the props and puppets for over 40 productions for Orlando Family Stage. www.tarakromer.com

Rachel Lann | Scenic Manager

Rachel graduated from Wright State University with a BFA in Theatre Design and Technology with a concentration in Technical Direction. She has previously worked for

Great River Shakespeare Festival, Maltz Jupiter Theatre, and Bristol Valley Theater as a welder, master carpenter, assistant technical director, and technical director, and is excited to be a part of the team at Orlando Family Stage.

Ben Lowe | Lighting Designer

Ben is a lighting and video designer based in Orlando with experience in themed entertainment, theatrical productions, opera, and ballet. Theatrical credits include productions designed at Theatre UCF, Orlando Family Stage, Garden Theatre, Beth Marshall Presents, Opera Orlando, and Florida Rep. He has also worked with the show lighting team at Universal Creative for an upcoming project and is currently on tour with *Paw Patrol Live! Heroes Unite*. Ben graduated from the University of Central Florida with a BFA in Theatre Design and Technology.

Amanda Markham | Director of Production Technology

Amanda started at Orlando Family Stage in 2017 as a production intern and has worked every season since in many roles on the technical team. Some of her favorite past productions have been *Flora & Ulysses* and *A Year With Frog and Toad*. In addition to working at Orlando Family Stage, Amanda is the Technical Director at the local company, Phoenix Tears Productions, where she creates immersive audio dramas including *Stardust Kingdom*, *Horror in Headphones*, and *The Witches*. Amanda sends thanks to every person involved with production at Orlando Family Stage from the staff to the actors to the wonderful tech crew.

Anthony Narciso | Sound Supervisor

Anthony is a Sound Designer and Composer based out of Orlando, FL. He routinely designs for Norwegian Cruise Lines, Theater at St. Luke's, Auburn University, City Springs Theatre Company, and Orlando Family Stage. He previously served as Sound Designer for the Texas Shakespeare Festival from 2013-2018 and Garden Theatre from 2020-2022. Anthony holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre Design and Technology from the University of Central Florida and is a proud member of United Scenic Artists Local 829. Recent credits include: *In the Heights* and *Spamalot* at City Springs Theatre Company, *Locomotion* and *Luchadora!* at Orlando Family Stage, *Oliver!* at Theater at St. Luke's, *Spring Awakening* at Auburn University, and the production cast shows on board the Regent Seven Seas Explorer and Mariner. Visit ANDpro.live for an additional look and listen to his work!

Alexandria Vazquez Myers | Costume Shop Manager

Alexandria is thrilled to be serving as the Costume Shop Manager at Orlando Family Stage! Born and raised in Orlando, Alexandria received her BA in Costume Design/Tech from Rollins College and her MFA in Costume Design/Tech from West Virginia University. Alexandria has designed productions at both educational institutions as well as in the community and professionally throughout the Eastern US, previously serving as the Costume Shop Manager/Resident Designer for the Florida Repertory Theatre. Recent design work includes: costumes for *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* and guest designs at

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Rollins College and the Children's Theatre of Charlotte. She sends thanks to her husband and familia for their continuous support and looks forward to a fantastic season!

Marshall Paillet | Book

Marshall loves reading, writing, and embarrassing his son. To all the teachers and parents who brought their kids to the show today: thank you for helping to keep theater alive! And to all the kids out there: if you think watching this play is cool, you should try making one!

Nicolette Quintero | Tour Director/Choreographer

Nicolette is thrilled to be back with TheaterWorksUSA for this remounting of the national tour of *The Magic School Bus: Lost in the Solar System*! Nicolette is a performer, creative, and educator based out of Orlando, FL. She most recently served as the director/choreographer for the world premiere musical *A Big Day For Baseball: A Magic Tree House Adventure*. Touring Credits: 1st National Tour of *Tootsie* (Ens., u/s Sandy), *Click, Clack, Moo* (Choreographer). Regional Credits: *9 to 5* (Maria), *West Side Story* (Estella, u/s Anita), *Evita* (Tango Couple, Dance/Fight Captain), *Shrek* (Baby Bear/Blind Mouse), *Much Ado About Nothing* (Margaret), *In the Heights* (Ens., Fight Captain). BFA Musical Theatre University of Central Florida. nicolette-quintero.com @ennkaycueee

Jeffrey M. Revels | Artistic Director

Jeff has directed many productions at Orlando Family Stage (formerly Orlando REP) including *The SpongeBob Musical*; *Pete The Cat*; *How I Became a Pirate*; *Junie B. Jones Is Not A Crook*; *Judy Moody & Stink: The Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad Treasure Hunt*; *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever: The Musical*; *Rock The Presidents*; *Harry Connick, Jr.'s The Happy Elf*; and *Orphie and the Book of Heroes*. He directed Florida tours of *The Amazing Adventures of Dr. Wonderful (and Her Dog!)* and Katie Couric's *The Brand New Kid*. Jeff recently did some writing and consulting for Universal Orlando, Dollywood, and Dolly Parton. He wrote/co-directed large-scale stage spectacles for the city of Manaus, Brazil, and wrote/directed digital films seen daily at Okada Resort in Manila, Philippines. Jeff received the Alumni Professional Achievement Award from Winthrop University and was spotlighted by the Orlando Sentinel as one of Central Florida's Most Fascinating People and one of Ten People Who Make Orlando A Better Place To Live. He received a Distinguished Career award from Florida Theatre Conference. He serves on many arts committees and panels including for the National Endowment for the Arts and the Advisory Board of UCF's Rosen College Entertainment Management Program. He served as Executive Producer for the *Orlando Citrus Parade* and is an Emmy-nominated writer for the *National Cherry Blossom Festival Celebration & Parade*, *Nashville Christmas Spectacular*, *National Memorial Day Parade*, *American Valor: A Tribute To Our Military*, and the *Philadelphia Thanksgiving Day Parade*, all nationally syndicated. Jeff is the founder of Conway Cares, an initiative that provides food for 150+ schoolchildren each week that are struggling with food insecurity. In 2015, the City of Orlando proclaimed "Jeff Revels Day" to honor his work.

Matthew Lee Robinson | Music & Lyrics

New York based Australian composer/lyricist. Robinson is the composer/lyricist of *ATLANTIS* (Virginia Repertory Theatre), *The Magic School Bus* (TheaterWorksUSA national tour), the five-time Helpmann nominated musical *Metro Street*, and creator of a recently acquired DreamWorks Animation musical feature film. He has contributed songs to the Emmy-nominated television series *Dance Academy*, to live events for Coca-Cola, Nintendo, and the Australian Open Tennis Championships, and his original works have been presented in concert at Carnegie Hall, Broadway's Future Songbook Series, and the Sydney Opera House with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra. Robinson is a Churchill Fellow, recipient of the Australia Council Music Fellowship, and winner of the UTAS Stephen Schwartz Songwriting Award. As Co-Founder of New York-based performing arts training company, EQ Endeavours, he has led vocal workshops for the Arthur Miller Foundation Fellows Program, Broadway Dreams, Voice Academy NYC, FOX 8 TV's *The Singing Office*, and Musical Theatre programs throughout the globe.

Mary Sienko | Costume Shop Coordinator

Mary has had a lifelong love of theatrical costumes and cosplay. She is a graduate of the Savannah College of Art and Design with a BFA in Fashion Design. After working on costumes for local theaters in Georgia and interning in the Orlando Family Stage Costume Shop in 2019-2020 she is thrilled to call Orlando Family Stage home. She will always be grateful to her wonderful parents for supporting her creative endeavors.

Carrie Kasten Smith | Sr. Director of Production

Carrie has spent the past 18 years playing with Orlando Family Stage as a stage manager, production manager, and coordinator for Orlando Family Stage's internship program, sensory-friendly performances, and Design & Tech Academy (2015-2017). She holds a BFA in Theatre with a concentration in Stage Management from the University of Central Florida. Her greatest professional accomplishment is sharing her work with her son.

Kiara Vedovino | Stage Manager

Kiara is a New York based stage manager who is excited to be doing another tour with TheaterWorksUSA. Last season she toured with *Warriors Don't Cry* as the stage manager. Before coming to work for TheaterWorksUSA Kiara worked as the resident PSM for Bridge Street Theater for a year. This small theater in upstate New York focused on new plays and forgotten plays. Some of her favorite works from Bridge Street include *Sexual Misconduct of the Middle Classes*, *The Lion in Winter*, *Rude Mechanics*, and *Spamalot!* Kiara received her training from SUNY New Paltz and has a degree in theater technology and biology. She hopes to continue to work in live production for all types of theater.

Kyle Wiehe | Director of Production and Scenery

Kyle lives in Mount Dora with his wife Becca and their labradoodle Poppy. After growing up in Central Florida, he lived in Tennessee and Arkansas before making his way back to Orlando and joining Orlando Family Stage in 2013. Some of Kyle's favorite Orlando Family Stage shows have been *A Christmas Story The Musical*, *Disney's Newsies*, and

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Madagascar – A Musical Adventure. In his free time, Kyle enjoys reading, playing the guitar, and photography.

TheaterWorks USA (Barbara Pasternack, Artistic Director; Michael Harrington, Executive Director) has led the Theater for Young and Family Audiences movement in New York City and across North America for over half a century. At TWUSA, we believe that access to art—and theater, in particular—is vital for our youth. Since 1961, the 501(c)3 not-for-profit has captured the imaginations of 100 million new and veteran theatergoers with an award-winning repertoire of over 140 original plays and musicals. Acclaimed alumni include Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez (*Disney's Frozen*), Daphne Rubin-Vega (*Rent*), Jerry Zaks (*The Music Man*), Benj Pasek and Justin Paul (*Dear Evan Hansen*), Miguel Cervantes (*Hamilton*), Kathleen Chalfant (*Angels in America*), and Chuck Cooper (Tony award winning actor, *The Life*). Prior to suspending live production due to the pandemic, TWUSA's 2019-2020 season included touring eleven shows around the country, the Broadway premiere of *The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical* and three world premieres: *Warriors Don't Cry*, based on the autobiography of Melba Pattillo Beals; *Dog Man: The Musical* Off-Broadway; and *The Pout-Pout Fish* which opened the New Victory Theater's season in October 2019. Visit www.TWUSA.org for more information.

QUESTIONS FOR THE RIDE HOME*

- 1
- What was *The Magic School Bus: Lost in the Solar System* about? If you had to summarize the play in one sentence, what would it be or what would be the main message or messages, in your opinion?
- 2
- The students visit several planets on their journey. Which planet adventure was your favorite? What planet would you visit in space?
- 3
- When the students pass by Earth they think about all the things they love about living on their home planet. What are some of your favorite things on Earth?
- 4
- Janet and Arnold compete with each other over who is the smartest, until they are forced to work together to save themselves and their friends. Can you describe a time when you have to work together with someone else to get a job done?

*Presented by Florida Blue as part of the Theatre Enrichment Program



NUTRITION FACTS

One Full Serving Per Show

Amounts Per Show

*Topics may overlap, so percentages do not necessarily equal 100%

Performance Time

60 Minutes

Story Morals*	% of Story Focus Per Topic
Learning is Fun	99%
Being Smart is Cool	95%
Working Together	75%
Collaboration	70%
Perseverance	50%

Ingredients List

Adventure, Science, Space Travel, Competition, Teamwork, Friendship,
Alien Hunting, Asteroids, Corny Jokes

Show Genre	Musical/Comedy
Pre-Show Activities	Beginning 60 Minutes Before Show
Lobby Scavenger Hunt	
Themed Concessions	
Crafts With Take-Home Creations	

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