# THEATRE SCHEDULE

# **Best Christmas Pageant Ever**

By Barbara Robinson Dec. 7, 8 & 14, 15

Sunday Matinees: Dec. 9 & 16 at 2pm

# <u>Sylvia</u>

By A.R. Gurney—2019

Auditions: February 23 & 24 at 10:30am

April 26, 27 & May 3, 4

Sun. Matinees: Apr. 28 & May 5 at 2pm

## **Huck Finn**

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Sunday Matinees: June 23 & 30 at 2pm

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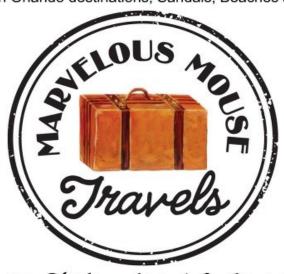
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#### -Director's Notes-

This show has been such a joy to work on for the past 2 months. I wasn't sure how this was going to work for me when I signed on to direct this production considering my son Finlee was born just over 3 months ago. Luckily my wife and I were blessed with a happy, smiley, and often sleepy baby. It has been such a joy being able to bring him to rehearsals and watch as he grows surrounded by a group of people that have become like a family to me. Community theatre is not just about the show, or the ticket sales. At its core, community theatre is about just that, Community. The relationships formed on and off the stage are relationships that will not end when the curtain falls but will last for years to come.

Growing up in the church, with my father being the pastor, I was part of many Christmas Pageants myself. My mother still has a quite adorable photo of me playing one of the Wise Men at around the age of 2 or 3. The Best Christmas Pageant Ever has always reminded me not only of those early memories of being in the church Christmas Pageant myself, but also the love my parents have always shown every kid that walked through the doors of the church. God's love is not only for those that believe but for everyone, even Herdmans. I've always thought that no other Christmas story embodied that message more than this one. The Herdman's discovery of the real reason for the season is a message that I think we all may need to be reminded of. Christmas isn't supposed to be about receiving presents, but rather about giving them. Not about a man in a red suit with whiskers, but instead about a baby in a manger full of smelly hay. I hope this show, the characters, the songs, the laughs all remind you of those things, and that we help warm your hearts even just a little this Holiday Season. My real family and my theatre family alike wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and don't forget that "Unto YOU a child is born." ~Adam Bryan~

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# The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

By: Barbara Robinson

Director: Adam Bryan

**Assistant Director: Norman Clerc** 

Technical Dir. & Set Design: Emily Wolfe

Costume Design: Misty Rouse

**Light Board & Sound Board: Adam Bryan** 

Spotlight Operators: Stevie Jenkins, Abigail Cunningham

Stage Crew: Emily Wolfe, Sheila Jarrett

Choir Assistant: John Johnson III

**Curtain: Norman Clerc** 

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## The Grown-ups





### The Children

Alice Wendleken – – – – – – – Emma Fields Maxine -----Caroline McLaury Elmer Hopkins/Shepherd — — — — — Ayden Johnson Elmer Hopkins/Shepherd — — — — — — Elijah Kiser Hobie — — — — — — — — — Gideon Ervin Denise — — — — — — — — Harmony Good Shirley ------Liberty Stepp Juanita — — — — — — — Daisy Hudson Fireman/Choir Member — — — — — — Claire Kosky Choir Member — — — — — — — Erica Turley Angel — — — — — — — Keegan Hutchison Angel - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Emma Turley Angel - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Karma Good Angel — — — — — — — — — Amelia Chapman Baby Angel - - - - - - - - - Riley Fleming Baby Angel — — — — — — — — — Eliyah Ervin Shepherd — — — — — — — — — — — Allyson Gagnon Shepherd — — — — — — — — — Kylie Anderson Baby Clark — — — — — — — Finlee Bryan

