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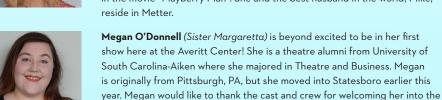


Ami Palmer (Maria Rainer) is a mezzo-soprano from Savannah, GA, and currently a first-year graduate student at Georgia Southern University. No stranger to the stage, she's actively participated with GSU's opera, choral, and symphony programs. She's also active within her community as a sister of Sigma Alpha lota and as a choral scholar at Statesboro First United Methodist Church. Recent roles include "Rana"/"Gato"/"Fuso"/"Duchessa" in La bella dormente nel bosco, "Shirley Kaplan" in Street Scene, and "Ninfa" in L'orfeo. She's excited to add the role of Maria Rainer to the list.



Ashley Horton (Mother Abbess) is thrilled to return to the Emma Kelly Theater stage for her third production. Ashley's previous roles consist of "Katherine" in Newsies, and the understudy for the "Baker's Wife" in Into The Woods. Ashley moved from New York to Statesboro to practice law, but she has always had a passion for the theater. She has been performing in shows since she was 14 and attended West Virginia Wesleyan College on a theater scholarship. Ashley feels blessed to be part of another amazing show with a terrific cast and fantastic directors. She is grateful for the opportunity she has been given and hopes to be a part of many future Averitt Center productions. She would like to dedicate this production to her mama, Bobbie Sue, who unfortunately could not attend.





in Newsies and "Louise" in Always, Patsy Cline. She sings with the ladies trio "One Voice" and attends Trinity Baptist Church in Nevils. She is also featured in the movie "Mayberry Man". She and the best husband in the world, Mike, reside in Metter. Megan O'Donnell (Sister Margaretta) is beyond excited to be in her first show here at the Averitt Center! She is a theatre alumni from University of

Christie McLendon (Sister Berthe) is celebrating her 10th production with the Averitt. Favorite roles include "Adelaide" in Guys and Dolls, "Medda Larkin"

Caleb Flanders (Georg von Trapp) is excited to be performing in his first show at the Averitt Center. During the day, you may find him at the Garden District, where he works. Caleb would like to thank Eddie Frazier and Robert Cottle for the opportunity and his girlfriend, Ami for believing in him. Caleb loves to sing and cannot wait to perform for you all! Enjoy the show!

Averitt Center family and her family and friends for their support.

Angus Walton (Franz) is making his South Georgia debut. Angus has appeared in and directed many productions, starting in his native Scotland, and subsequently while living in Lima, Peru, south Florida and east Tennessee. Previous roles have covered the whole range of theater, including Shakespeare, comedies, mysteries and period pieces. His favorite role was "Scrooge" in A Christmas Carol, and directing 'night, Mother with The Public Theater of Fort Lauderdale was his greatest directing challenge.













Merry Gallagher (Frau Schmidt) is celebrating her 13th show at the ACA. She has enjoyed playing zany women like "Nanny Gooch" in Mame, "Roz" in 9 to 5, "Nurse Preen" in The Man Who Came to Dinner, and most recently "Grandma Addams" in The Addams Family. Dr. Gallagher is a semi-retired psychologist. In her spare time you'll find her on the golf course with her husband Don. She is so happy to be working again with Eddie Frazier, Robert Cottle and this talented cast and crew!

**Tate Miller** (*Liesl*) is so thrilled to be playing Liesl - they are both 16 going on 17! This is her second show under the direction of Edward Frazier, who she would like to thank, along with Amy Presley & Robert Cottle for the opportunity. Shout out to her mom, Rachel Elkins, for selling tickets to our show.

**Ryan Wolfe** (*Friedrich*) is a junior at Statesboro High School and has been involved with the drama department there since freshman year. More recently, he has gotten involved with the Averitt Center's acting program with his performance of "Hans" in *Disney's Frozen Jr.* At Statesboro High, he has acted in *Beauty and the Beast Jr.* as "Lumiere", *Alice in Wonderland* as the "Gryphon", and in *It's a Wonderful Life* as "Young George". He is very excited to play the role of "Friedrich" in the Averitt's production of *The Sound of Music* and he hopes you enjoy the show.

**Molly Griswald** (Louisa) is a sophomore at SEBHS and has been singing since fourth grade. She loves the fine arts and has just recently starred in *Disney's Frozen Jr.* as "Anna". Since she was little she has been in multiple church plays, and is now in both Advanced Chorus and Advanced Drama at SEB. In her spare time, she enjoys playing tennis and drawing. She is beyond excited to play "Louisa" in *The Sound of Music*.

John Wesley Keene (*Kurt*) is a homeschooled eighth-grader who likes knives, Star Wars, fishing, nerfing, and chicken nuggets. His favorite color is the American flag. He has been in three other Averitt Center productions. His favorite production was *Mary Poppins* in which he starred as "Michael Banks". John Wesley is honored to play "Kurt" and he hopes that you enjoy (and let him know of any fishing spots afterward)!

**Caroline Sawhill** (*Brigitta*) is thrilled to be performing in her third Averitt Center production, having also been in *Newsies* in 2021 and *Disney's Frozen Jr.* in 2020. She is a seventh grade homeschooler who has had a love of the stage ever since she was a little girl. She dreams of being on Broadway one day! Caroline would like to thank her friends and family for all of their love and support, and the Averitt Center directors for giving her this amazing opportunity. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Ada Mock ( $M\alpha rta$ ) lives in Statesboro with her mother and father, as well as two sisters, Kate and Lily, a cat and dog, and two rabbits! She has been in a couple of Averitt shows, the most recent of which was *Anni*e. Ada also enjoys dance, swimming, cheer, and piano.











**Elsa King** (*Gretl*) is thrilled to be playing the youngest von Trapp. She is seven years old and a second grader at Metter Elementary. Elsa has performed in *Disney's Frozen Jr.* as "Young Anna" and *Annie* as a "Hooverville Resident". In her spare time, she enjoys singing and being with her family and friends. She thanks you for supporting local theatre and hopes you enjoy the show!

**Brandon Adams** (*Rolf Gruber*) is 17 going on 20...wait, that's not right; 19 going on 18. There, that's better. He's been in a number of the Averitt Center's productions over the past several years, the most recent of which being when he played "Davey" in *Newsies* last Spring. He's happy as always to be back, and hopes you enjoy the show.

Lisa Muldrew (Baroness Elsa von Schraeder & Nun) is happy to have a role in the Averitt Center's 2021 Sound of Music production after a lengthy break from community theatre. She has enjoyed directing several community and school productions, and once upon a time, had the opportunity to portray the roles of "Truvy" in Steel Magnolias, "Maria" in The Sound of Music, and the "Reverend Mother, Sister Regina" in Nunsense. Lisa is the music teacher at Mattie Lively Elementary School. She is married to husband, Allen, and has three daughters: Alyssa, Juliet, and Amanda.

**JJ Crawford** (*Max Detweiler*) has been performing in theatre productions of one sort or another since he was 11 years old. This is his 17th role on the Emma Kelly stage. "Telling stories is one of the most powerful ways to put ideas into the world and the theatre is my favorite place to do it!"

John Parcels (Her Zeller) is a retired faculty member from Georgia Southern, John has appeared on the Averitt stage previously in The Nutcracker; Coppelia; The Music Man; Miracle on 34th Street; Zombie Macbeth; Boarding House Reach; Calendar Girls; South Pacific; The Last Supper, the Musical; The Miracle Worker; Honk; Arsenic and Old Lace; Little Women; A Christmas Carol Ballet; The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe; Guys and Dolls; The Legend of Sleepy Hollow; The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee; The Adams Family; An Averitt Christmas Carol; Smoke on the Mountain; Mary Poppins; Annie; Into the Woods; Snow White; Sunshine Boys, and Newsies.

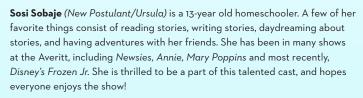


**Pam Baggett** (Baroness Elberfeld) is a mom of three, grandmother to 10 and has lived in Garfield her whole life. She is married to Jason Baggett and teaches at Emanuel County Institute. This is her 30th year in education. Recently, she played the part of "Geneva" in *Dearly Beloved* and will bring her back to life next spring in *Southern Hospitality*. She has also played "Clairee" in *Steel Magnolias* for Emanuel Arts Council.



**Stan Haselton** (Baron Elberfeld) recently portrayed four roles in Newsies in March 2021. His shows started with White Christmas in 2010. The other shows he was involved in have included The Gift of the Magi, The Music Man, I Remember Mama, The Miracle Worker, The Cottonpatch Gospel, The Diary of Anne Frank, Miracle on 34th Street, Smoke on the Mountain, Our Town, The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe, and Annie (2012 & 2019.) Being associated with the Averitt Center for the Arts & the Emma Kelly Theater continues to be great times of growth in friendships and in acting ability. Please, enjoy the show as Statesboro "comes alive with The Sound of Music."















Hadley Campbell (Admiral von Schreiber) has enjoyed being onstage quite often in the Emma Kelly Theater; since A Place To Call Home premiered the opening of the Averitt Center, and most recently as "FDR" and "Bert Healy" in Annie. He and his wife Beverly reside in Statesboro, have three grown children and three granddaughters as well, two of whom are also performing in The Sound of Music. Both acting and singing are on his list of "My Favorite Things."

**Alan Tyson** (*Nazi Soldier*) is a native of Statesboro, who has been performing on stage for almost 30 years. Most recently this past spring, as "Pulitzer" in *Newsies* and "Raynerd Chisom" in *Dearly Beloved*. Sit back, you are bound to enjoy this wonderful show being performed by this very talented cast and crew!!!!

**Thom Mortimore** (*Nazi Soldier*) is a 10th grader at SEBHS. He has performed at the Averitt Center in *Dracula Jr.* as "Dracula", *Legend of Sleepy Hollow Jr.* as "Headless Horseman", and *Disney's Frozen Jr.* as "Sven". He has also worked with Mr. Frazier at SHS with various shows. He has enjoyed working with the cast and directors and hopes you enjoy the show!

**Alison Darby** (*Nun*) is excited to be part of *The Sound of Music* cast. This is her first time being part of an Averitt Center production. She would like to thank her friends and family for their support.

**Sara Maria Magiar** (*Nun*) is excited to be singing in *The Sound of Music*! Sara has been in choirs and performing ever since she was six years old. She is part of Southeast Bulloch High School's Advanced Chorus program. She has competed in multiple singing competitions, such as State Literary Girl's Solo and placed first this year. Sara also made it to the national level for National Association Teachers of Singing, under the coordination of Dr. Tamara Harper. Tonight, Sara Maria will be acting as a nun and she is very enthusiastic to be part of the show.















Addie Martindale (*Nun*) is an assistant professor at Georgia Southern and a theater mom. After four years of watching her daughter Rylee perform in Averitt Center performances, she is stepping out of her comfort zone to perform with her. With vivid childhood memories of watching *The Sound of Music* at Christmas time, she is excited to create more memories attached to this long-time favorite.

**Cortney King** (*Nun*) is excited to be a part of the amazing Averitt Center Community Theatre! This is her first stage performance since high school many years ago! When she isn't playing a *Sound of Music* Nun, she teaches Pre-K at Metter Elementary and is a mom of three. She wants to thank Robert and Mr. Frazier for their dedication to teaching and growing local talent! She hopes you enjoy the show!

**Cynthia Waters** (*Nun*) is very excited to be a part of the Averitt Center production of *The Sound of Music*. Cynthia, who lives in Statesboro, is a retired middle school teacher. Other Averitt Center productions that Cynthia has had the pleasure of participating in are *The Nutcracker, South Pacific, Miracle on 34th Street, Boarding House Reach,* and 80's at the Averitt. She is married to Adam Waters, and they have two sons including Ryan (wife Alison and son Tucker) and Ross (wife Emily and children Aidyn, Lainey, and Eli).

**Kate Mock** (Novice) has always loved the theater. Being up on stage is her favorite place to be! Kate's hobbies include singing, dancing, sewing, and baking. She cannot explain the pure joy she feel to be on the Emma Kelly Theater stage once again!

**Ally Keene** (Novice) is a junior in high school most widely known for being John Wesley's sister. Her favorite pastimes include writing, spending time with her favorite people, studying, and people watching. This will be her eighth production with the Averitt Center and she couldn't be happier to perform with this outstanding community. She would like to thank Mr. Robert for always getting things done skilfully and Mr. Frazier for being the absolute best! Enjoy the show!

**Emily Bauman** (*Sister Sophia*) is excited to be featured in her first musical at the Emma Kelly Theater. While this is her first musical at the Averitt, it is not her first time on the Averitt stage. As a child, she danced on this stage as a member of Mrs. Shay's Dance School. Emily attends GSU and will graduate Spring 2022 with plans to further her education in a Physician Assistant master's program. She would like to thank her family and friends for their continuing love and support.

Maddie Hermann (Novice) is a freshman at Bulloch Academy. She loves performing on stage whether it be acting, singing, or playing her guitar. She spends most of her time either reading, writing or playing with her dog, Bandit. Maddie played an "Orphan" in *Annie* 2019 and "Romeo" in *Newsies* 2021. She sincerely hopes you enjoy the show!





**Charlotte Bridges** (*Postulant*) is a spirited 11-year-old sixth grader who is thrilled to perform for you in *The Sound of Music*! She made her official debut in *Newsies* and thoroughly enjoyed her playful role as "Olaf" in *Disney's Frozen Jr.* She is grateful to have the opportunity to play a more serious role as a "Young Postulant Nun" in *The Sound of Music* and she hopes you enjoy the show as much as she enjoyed preparing for it!

**Shanna Haselton** (*Postulant*) has been acting at the Emma Kelly Theater since 2012, having performed in *Newsies* as "Racetrack", *Mary Poppins* as a "Chimney Sweep", and *Disney's Frozen Jr.* as "Oaken", among others. She was even in both productions of *Annie the Musical* at the Averitt in 2012 and 2019! She is a senior, attending Georgia Cyber Academy. She is excited that she was given this opportunity to be here and hopes you enjoy the show!

**Rylee Martindale-Rushing** (*Postulant*) is a ninth grader at Statesboro High School who discovered her love of the stage in the first grade. She has been in six Averitt Center theatrical productions. Her favorite roles have been "Olaf" in *Disney's Frozen Jr.*, "Madame De La Grande Bouche" in *Disney's Beauty and the Beast Jr.*, "Tessie" in *Annie*, and "Katrina Van Tassel" in *Sleepy Hollow*. Rylee is excited to be part of this theater classic. She hopes you enjoy this performance as much as she has enjoyed being part of this magnificent cast.

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**Eddie Frazier** (*Director*) has been teaching at Statesboro High School since 2001, and he has been the theatre director since 2004. He's directed dramatic pieces such as *Wit* (2008 Region 2-AAAA one-act winner & 2016 Region 2-AAAAA oneact winner); *Suddenly, Last Summer* (2009 Region 2-AAAA one-act winner & 2018 Region 2-AAAAA one-act winner); 'night, Mother, The Whales of August, and A Kind of Alaska as well as large musical theatre productions. He also directed 9 to 5: The *Musical*; 'night, Mother; Guys and Dolls, and Mary Poppins for the Averitt STARS, was the voice of "Audrey II" in the STARS production of *Little Shop of Horrors*, and he also co-directed the Averitt Youth Theatre's production of *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. He has also starred as "Uncle Fester" in The Addams Family and "Dr. Frank-N-Furter" in *The Rocky Horror Show* at the Averitt Center for the Arts! He is excited about directing this production of *The Sound of Music*!



**Robert Cottle** (*Music Director*) is the artistic director for the theater program at the Averitt Center for the Arts. He is a musician and actor that has been involved with productions at the Averitt Center since 2010. Robert is incredibly happy about being able to work on such a classic show that is close to so many people. He is grateful for the wonderful cast and crew. Special thanks to Eddie Frazier and Rahn Hucheson and the staff of the Averitt Center for making this possible.



Amy Presley (Stage Manager) is excited to be stage managing her eighth show here at the Averitt Center! She is an alumni of Georgia Southern University where she studied Business Management & Theatre. She would like to thank the Averitt staff, the cast & crew of *The Sound of Music*, Herbert, & her loved ones for their continuous support. She would also like to thank Eddie Frazier, for being a vital part in her love for theatre, & for being an amazing teacher & mentor over the years. Enjoy the show!



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