



Irvington  
Conservatory  
Theatre

PRESENTS:

# PETER AND THE STAR CATCHER

PLAY BY: RICK ELICE

DECEMBER 6, 7, 12, 13, 14 @ 7:00 PM

DECEMBER 8, 14 @ 2:00 PM

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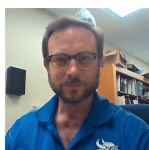
# DIRECTOR'S NOTE

*Peter and the Starcatcher is my kind of theater. It's a play that can not be just executed, but re-envisioned line by line, scene by scene. It is inherently theatrical, and would be valueless if told on film or video. It requires creativity from every member of the theatrical team, especially the actors who must create whole environments using the barest of resources; their voices, bodies, and a few haphazardly found or invented props.*

*Employing direct address and anachronistic topical humor, it requires an engaged audience actively suspending its disbelief. More than a story, it is a happening. As I am grateful to the entire cast and crew for going on this journey with me, to discover the origins of the Pan mythos, I would also like to thank you, our audience for engaging in a kind of theater that requires more of your imagination and generosity.*

*For us it is a joy to perform, because the theater is very much like starstuff, "It makes you what you want to be."*

*Sincerely,*



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew A. Ballin".

Matthew A. Ballin  
Theatre Arts Director  
Irvington Conservatory Theater

# CAST LIST

Boy (Peter)	Diego Sebastian China
Molly Aster	Jessica Haskin
Black Stache	Roeeen Nooran
Smee	Andrew Darrell
Prentiss/Understudy-Boy/Peter	Andre Lajevardi
Ted	Leo Mutarelli
Betty Bumbrake	Ritvik Kulkarni
Alf	Jonathan Chung
Lord Leonard Aster	Leif Pearson
Captain Robert Falcon Scott	Eric Xie
Gremplin/Assistant Accompanyist	Catherine You
Bill Slank	Felicia Chang
Sánchez	Logan Ho
Mack/Fighting Prawn	Alyssa Viray
Hawking Clam	Rocket Isaac
Teacher	Saeed Bage
Ensemble ( <i>Sailors, Pirates, Mermaids, Natives etc.</i> ):	

Hazel Avila	Madhurum Bhuvan	Becka Haskin
Annaliese Arroyo	Yasmine Farah	Emily Johnson
		Keya Samant

# CREW LIST

STAGE MANAGER	George Bai
ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGERS	Rachel Ke, Ailana Mendiola-Power
MASTER ELECTRICIAN	Brentan Wiemken
PROPS CREW	Allison Hwang, Anne-Marie Patdu, Akshaya Ravi, Shreya Srinivas, Allison Wu,
SOUND BOARD OPERATOR	Paayal Khabiya, Nicolette Madonna
SPOTLIGHTS	Noah Kadir, Meghan Hair, Swethasree Ramiya, Maddisen Wagner
COSTUME CREW	Susie Ramsel, Rachel Blair, Alisa Ho, Catherine Pearson, Christina Arroyo, Sadhana Kulkarni, Alvina Beggs

# PRODUCTION TEAM

<b>DIRECTOR</b>	Matthew Ballin
<b>TECHNICAL DIRECTOR/SCENIC ARTIST</b>	Beth Zeigler
<b>SHOP FOREMAN</b>	Cathe Chan
<b>LIGHTING/ SOUND DESIGNER</b>	Ryan Willer
<b>TECHNICAL DIRECTOR</b>	Eric Liu
<b>COSTUME DESIGNER</b>	Elizabeth Whitaker
<b>ASSISTANT COSTUMER</b>	Kathy Alvitre
<b>ASSISTANT DIRECTOR</b>	Frankie Jensen
<b>ASSISTANTS TO THE DIRECTOR</b>	Anika Goel, Sheryl Lim
<b>VOCAL DIRECTOR</b>	Paul Johnson
<b>CHOREOGRAPHER</b>	Juliane Godfrey
<b>DANCE CAPTAIN</b>	Sheryl Lim
<b>ACCOMPANIST &amp; MUSIC RECORDINGS</b>	Catherine You
<b>MUSIC RECORDINGS</b>	Briana Ung

## CAST BIOS



### **Annaliese Arroyo (Ensemble)**

Annalise is a sophomore at Irvington High School. This is her first show at Irvington but in the past had parts in summer camp shows. She currently partakes in both vocal and piano lessons along with being in treble ensemble and fresco femme. She enjoys singing and drawing very much. She also enjoys baking goods for her friends and traveling.



### **Hazel Avila (Ensemble)**

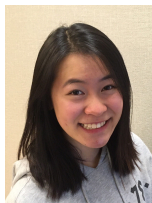
Hazel Avila is a singer-songwriter/actress who started when she was 9 years old. She often performs in monologue competitions. Hazel picked up trumpet in the fourth grade and over the years she learned to play many more instruments from guitar all the way to the drums. Her acting career began with "Dig it" a musical and "ATA" by TJHS. She wishes to do more acting, which is what lead her to Peter and the Starcatcher.

**Sae Bage (Teacher/Ensemble)**

Sae Bage is thrilled to be apart of her fist IHS production. Sae has been doing musical theatre since she was 6 years old, but this is her first play. Some of her past productions include Willy Wonka (Willy Wonka), Phantom of the Opera (Chorus/Ensemble), Hairspray (Chorus), Seussical (Bird Girl), and more. She hopes you enjoy the show!

**Madhurum Bhuvan (Ensemble)**

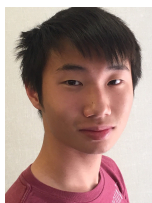
Maddie is 13 years old and an 8th grader currently attending John M. Horner Junior High School. She has been interested in performing arts from a very young age. This is her first ICT production but she has participated in many plays and musicals. She also does dance, volleyball, cheer, and drums. She is extremely passionate about theater. Maddie is very excited to be part of Peter and the Starcatcher and help make it a huge success :)

**Felicia Chang (Bill Slank)**

Felicia is playing a man for the first time in her life! Her recent productions with ICT are She Kills Monsters (Tilly) and Fiddler on the Roof (Chava). In her free time, she loves to Yelp and eat everything she can find.

**Diego Sebastian China (Boy/Peter)**

Diego is a Junior this year, and loves to perform onstage. This is Diego's 1st Irvington show, with others being at Starstruck Theatre (Shrek the Musical (Donkey) and Newsies (Jack Kelly)). He hopes he can help bring this iconic character to life onstage!

**Jonathan Chung (Alf)**

Jonathan found the joy of theatre last year when he performed in Oliver! Although he started relatively late into his high school career, he's glad that he discovered the freedom of expression in acting before he graduated. Despite the workload that performing entails, he readily recommends the theatre program to anyone interested. It is an experience he truly believes everyone should have at least once.

**Andrew Darrel (Smee)**

This will be Andrew's second theatrical performance and he is extremely excited to yet again attempt to foil some heroes since his first role as a variety of monsters. He is also the secretary of the Irvington Performing Arts Club and is said to be the best secretary in the country!

**Yasmine Farah (Ensemble)**

Yasmine is so excited to be starting her first ever ICP production. This marks her 4th show and her 5th year of doing theatre. Past shows include James and the Giant Peach (Starstruck Theater) Shrek The Musical (Starstruck Theater) and Newsies (Starstruck Theater).

**Rebecca Haskin (Ensemble/Prentiss Understudy)**

Rebecca is a junior, and though she is new to ICT, she is not new to the theatrical life. She's been in shows playing characters such as Bunny in "The Trial Of Goldilocks", Little Miss Muffet In "Story Stew", Maryanne Winner In "Ship Brooklyn", Mush in "Newsies", and more. She enjoys singing in a church choir and performing with her family, memorizing musicals, and is super excited to be in this show with her sister Jessica.

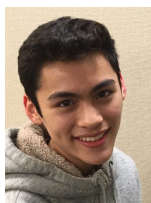
**Jessica Haskin (Molly Aster)**

Jessica is a senior who's always had a passion for theater, singing and acting with her family. She's beyond excited to play such an amazing role with this excellent cast, and to be part of another Irvington Conservatory show. Jessica has starred in past roles such as Mary in "It's a Wonderful Life", Rosalind in Shakespeare's "As You Like It", Bet In "Oliver! The Musical", and more. She greatly enjoys the imaginative aspect of this show, and especially exploring her own creativity through the character and the story. Thank you to everyone who helped put this all together.

**Logan Ho (Sánchez)**

Logan has done shows before, but this is his first show with Irvington's theater program. He cannot wait to perform, and is extremely grateful for the amazing cast, crew, and staff that help this show to greatness. He is playing the role of Sanchez, a hardworking pirate with an identity crisis. Some past productions include Aladdin (Sultan), Lion King (Banzai), Shrek (guard), and Charlotte's Web (Avery Arable). He knows you will enjoy the show, and wishes the best for his fellow cast mates.



**Rocket Isaac (Hawking Clam)**

Rocket was most recently seen in Newsies: The Hit Musical as JoJo. Some past credits include: Mendel in Fiddler On The Roof (Irvington Conservatory Theatre), White Rabbit in Shrek (StarStruck Theatre), Caterpillar in Disney's Alice In Wonderland (SJS Drama), and John Darling in Peter Pan (SJS Drama).

**Emily Johnson (Ensemble)**

Emily Johnson has been acting since elementary school. It has always been a passion for her and she would love to continue that passion through the end of highschool. So far she has been Hans from the Golden Goose, The Evil Queen from Snow White, ensemble from She Kills Monsters and A strawberry seller and Charlotte in Oliver. This will be her 3 performance at Irvington High School and hopefully not her last.

**Ritvik Kulkarni (Betty Bumbrake)**

Ritvik is Playing a sophisticated, elderly, British nanny in one of the several shows he's done at Irvington High School, along with others in private theatre companies, Ritvik is excited to see you as he tells you all about the Biggest Brownstones in Brighton and sincerely hopes you enjoy the show! You will definitely enjoy the pasta fazool that will make you drool! 😋 See you after, cause you're certainly gonna wanna take pictures of this! 😊

**Andre Lajevardi (Prentiss)/(Understudy-Boy/Peter)**

Andre Lajevardi is a 10th grader at Irvington High School. This is Andre's 2nd show with ICT. Past credits include: Fiddler on the Roof, You're...Charlie Brown, Newsies, Lion King, Joseph...Dreamcoat, Shrek. He would like to thank his family and the production team. @andrelajevardi

**Leo Mutarelli (Ted)**

Leo is a Senior at Irvington High School who has played roles in every main stage production since his freshman year, including such roles as Steve in She Kills Monsters and Noah in Oliver!

**Rooeen Nooran (Black Stache)**

Roeen is a Senior at Irvington Highschool and is very excited to perform alongside his cast members in Peter and The Starcatcher. Some of his roles include Lazar Wolf in Fiddler on the Roof, Mr. Bumble in Oliver!, Shrek in Shrek: the Musical, Race in Newsies and a few more. He hopes that you will fall out of your seat laughing during the show.

**Leif Pearson (Leonard Aster)**

Leif loves being a part of Peter and the Starcatcher! His past performances include Peter Pan, Seussical, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, James and the Giant Peach, The Hunchback of Notre Dame, Shrek the Musical, and Newsies. His favorite role so far is the Grasshopper from James and the Giant Peach. He thanks Mr Ballin for putting together such a great show!

**Keya Samant (Ensemble)**

Keya has been a performer from when she was a little girl. From singing and dancing unapologetically in front of an audience of friends and family to dancing in an international dance competition with an audience of award winning judges and dancers. She has won awards across the bay area and beyond for her classical dance. In 2019 she was accepted into an art magnet school for her artistic talent. Keya lives in Fremont with her family and her dog.

**Alyssa Viray (Mack/Fighting Prawn)**

Alyssa has been apart of the Irvington Conservatory Theatre for the last three years and is extremely excited to not be playing an old lady in this show! You may have seen these old lady appearances in As You Like It and Oliver! She hopes that you have an amazing time watching Peter and the Starcatcher and that you tell all of your friends about Irvington's unbelievable program!

**Eric Xie (Captain Robert Falcon Scott)**

Eric is a Freshman at Irvington High School and is excited to be working on his second play of his career. Eric joined theater from a recommendation from a friend and fell in love with it. He also partakes in piano and guitar lessons on the side as well.





**Catherine You (Gremplin/Assistant Accompanyist)**

My name is Catherine, I'm the big piano boy of the cast, and I'm excited to be playing my first man. I hope you enjoy or have enjoyed the show—see it as many times as you can stomach!

## CREW



**George Bai (Stage Manager)**

This is the fourth year of George's journey with the Irvington Theater, previous positions including but not limited to light board operator and assistant stage manager. This is his first show as stage manager, and he is very excited to work with the new crew and discover their individual potential. He sincerely wishes the best for everybody and promise to do his very best to ensure the show runs smoothly

**Rachel Blair (Assistant Costumer)**

This is Rachel's third show with the costume department here at Irvington. She is very excited to be a part of Peter and the Starcatcher and hopes everyone enjoys the show!

**Meghan Hair (Spotlight Operator)**

Meghan Hair is a freshman at Irvington high school. This is her first play, and she's very excited to be a part of it. Especially as a spotlight. They're very cool, even if they're slightly too tall for her. She hopes that you enjoy the show and all the effort that went into it!

**Allison Hwang (Prop Crew)**

This is Allison's first show and they are very excited to be involved. They would like to thank the cast of Peter and the Starcatcher, as well as other crew members, for making this an enjoyable experience. Allison is a junior and this is her first year as a tech. She enjoyed working on props and wishes everyone will like this play.

**Paayal Khabiya (Sound Board Operator)**

Paayal Khabiya, sound board operator, is a sophomore at Irvington High School. She is obsessed with music and she enjoys finding sound effects to enhance the show. This is Paayal's first show, and she hopes to continue working to put on shows because of how much she enjoys building props, as well as working with sound. She thanks her friends and family for supporting her and, of course, the rest of the tech crew and actors for dealing with all the annoying reruns during tech. She hopes you enjoy the show.

**Rachel Ke (Assistant Stage Manager)**

Rachel is a junior and in her second year of stagecraft. She is excited to be the Assistant stage manager and hopes the show goes well. She would like to thank the district offices for letting her be a part of this production.

**Noah Kedier (Spotlight Operator)**

This is *Spuds* first show with irvington. He has been doing tech for almost 3 years now, and he is really excited for Peter and the Starcatcher.

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**Nicolette Madonna (Sound Board Operator)**

Nicolette Madonna (Sound Board Operator) is a theatre nerd and John F. Kennedy High School's head tech. Her past shows include The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee (Kennedy STAR), Urinetown (Kennedy STAR), Clue (Kennedy STAR), Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street (Kennedy Drama), Shrek: The Musical (StarStruck Theatre) and Newsies (StarStruck Theatre). She wants to thank her friends and family for their support.

**Ailana Mendiola-Power (Assistant Stage Manager)**

Ailana likes snacks and sleeping. She would like to thank her family for supporting her hectic schedule and Rachel for checking my vibes, and her fellow techs hope you enjoy the show.

**Anne-Marie Patdu (Prop Crew)**

Anne-Marie is a freshman at Irvington High School. She is thrilled to be working backstage on her first show. Theater has interested her for a long time, and she's glad to be a part of it. She's looking forward to be working on shows in the future, and she hopes you enjoy the show!

**Shreya Srinivas (Prop Crew)**

Shreya is a 9th grader at Irvington High School. Peter and the Starcatcher is her first show here at Irvington. She contributed to this show as a part of the Props crew. She is excited to have a role in the process of creating Peter and the Starcatcher.

**Swethasree Ramiya (Spotlight Operator)**

This is Swetha's first year at Irvington high school, and it's also her first year doing theatre. Swetha has always wanted to be involved with theatre but never had the chance in middle school or even outside of school. So being involved this year is very exciting for her! She loves being in tech, and being a spotlight. Swetha hopes that you enjoy/enjoyed the wonderful play that everybody put together :)

**Akshaya Ravi (Prop Crew)**

As a part of the stagecraft crew, this is the first show Akshaya has worked on for the Irvington Conservatory Theater. Some of Akshaya's interests include singing, photography, and biology. She started singing at the age of five and has continued since. Though her passion for photography only started a year ago, it has grown rapidly and she hopes to continue it for a lifetime. Akshaya also loves volunteering at a nonprofit where she teaches young children the wonders of medical science and biology. She strives to become a well-rounded individual and hopes to pursue a career in biochemistry.

**Maddisen Wagner (Spotlight Operator)**

Maddisen is on spotlight #1 and is very excited to be a part of the Irvington tech crew! In the past she has done tech work for Clue on stage and will be working on Starstuck's production of Wizard of Oz. She has also acted in Urinetown, Sweeney Todd, Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, and Alice in Wonderland

**Brentan Wiemken (Master Electrician)**

This is my first year in stagecraft, it is fun to do and I will try to come back next year.

**Allison Wu (Prop Crew)**

This is Allison's first show and they are very excited to be involved. They would like to thank the cast of Peter and the Starcatcher, as well as other crew members, for making this an enjoyable experience.

# PRODUCTION TEAM

**MATTHEW BALLIN (Director)** holds a BFA in Theater from UC Santa Barbara, an MFA from The Ohio State University, and spent a year abroad in the Tel Aviv University Overseas program. The 2019-2020 school year will be Mr. Ballin's 19th year teaching Theater Arts in Fremont; the first 14 having been at Washington High. He has acted and choreographed fights throughout the Bay Area, and is an Associate Artist with The Livermore Shakespeare Festival. He thanks his wife and family for managing without him during the crunch, and is grateful to everyone who has supported the Irvington Conservatory Theater program.

**PAUL JOHNSON (Vocal Director)**

Teaches Math here at Irvington. He has been a Choral Singer throughout most of his life, and has successfully directed Vocal Jazz choirs (achieving "Superior" ratings at Jazz Festivals) and arranged Jazz music, having majored in Music in college. Mr. Johnson was also the vocal director 3 years ago for the musical "Urintown." Mr. Johnson feels honored to work with so many talented and hardworking young singers.

**JULIANE GODFREY (Choreographer)**

Juliane is a Broadway performer/educator/and artist who champions art with heart. A Bay Area native & UCLA grad (and former student of Mr. Ballin!), she has performed on Broadway, in national tours, in film/tv/voiceovers, and in theaters all over the country. Credits include: Broadway- SpongeBob Squarepants the Musical (Dance Captain/Swing). 1st National Tour- My Fair Lady (Lincoln Center Production); Something Rotten! Other favorites- Holiday Inn (World Premiere, Goodspeed); New York Water (The Depot), The Great American Mousical (Dir. Julie Andrews); Volleygirls (NYMF "Best of Fest"). She has choreographed and taught dance/theater classes for a wide range of organizations including Starstruck Theatre (The Wizard of Oz; Newsies), Bella Dance Academy, The Performing Arts Project, uCamps, and more.

**RYAN WILLER (Sound Designer/Technical Assistance and ASB Coordinator)** is a math and leadership teacher at Irvington High School. He has been teaching for 11 years and loves trigonometry. 9 years ago he volunteered to help with the play The Hobbit. Since then he has been helping design lighting and sound for most Irvington productions.

**ELIZABETH WHITAKER (Costume Designer)**

Elizabeth Whitaker has been building and coordinating costumes at Irvington high school since 2002. She is thrilled to be working behind the scenes with some of her favorite people on a show about Peter Pan! Thank you and she hopes you enjoy the show.

**FRANKIE JENSEN (Assistant Director)**

Francesca (Frankie) Jensen is a Junior at Irvington high school, and this is her first time in the Assistant Director position, but has been an actor for a long, long time! You may have seen her recently in StarStruck's summer production of Newsies as Hannah/Nun, or in ICT's She Kills Monsters as Agnes. She loves theatre, and has had such an amazing time being assistant director for Mr. Ballin. She hopes you all enjoy the show, because she really has.

## **THANK YOU'S**

*No one can go it alone in the theater. And we are so lucky to have a fantastic group of staff and volunteers. We would like to extend a special thanks to some of our stars behind the scenes.*

*I am so lucky and grateful for my three partners in crime, each incredible teaching artists, and who have helped me from day one to understand this job and kept me from making the big mistakes. Beth Ziegler our stagecraft teacher and Scenic Designer, Liz Whitaker our Costumer, and Ryan Willer, the ASB Program Director and our expert on all things lighting and sound, have been an incredible support and good friends for all five years of my time here at Irvington.*

*Joining the team this time was our fabulous Choreographer, former student and Broadway veteran Juliane Godfrey, Vocal Director Paul Johnson, and Accompanist & Music Recording Artists Catherine You and Briana Ung. Their expertise, professionalism, and calm in the midst of the storm went a long way to making our student performers look good, sound good, and maintain the tradition of high professional standards here at the Irvington Conservatory.*

*Our Properties Designer Cathe Chan, Technical Director Eric Liu, and Assistant Costumer Kathleen Alvitre, are all part of our regular team. Each of them have amazing skills and are fantastic to work with. We are always glad to have them on board, enhancing all the visual and practical aspects of our show.*

*We had so many awesome parent volunteers this time, but in particular I would like to thank Susie Ramsel, Rachel Blair, Alisa Ho, Catherine Pearson, Christina Arroyo, Sadhana Kulkarni, and Alvina Beggs for their specific help in the costume shop, and Christina Arroyo for organizing our parents to provide meals for the cast and crew. They put in lots of hours of their own time and were essential in making the production a success.*

*Of particular help this year was Fankie Jensen who, as my assistant director, took on extra responsibilities and actually directed several scenes in the play due to eight days of my absence due to medical reasons. She really was my right hand for this show and did much to make all aspects of the production run smoothly with incredible skill and grace under pressure.*

*As always we would like to thank the Theater and Dance department over at Ohlone College for their continued technical and financial support. Ohlone's outreach to the Theater Programs in this district has created a flourishing theatre community here in Fremont.*

*I'd like to acknowledge Rick Kowalski for videoing nearly all of our productions creating beautiful and lasting momentos of our student's work. Thanks Rick for saying yes to all the last minute requests.*

*I'd like to personally thank my wife Pam who deals with the stress every school year of having a husband who is gone for long hours putting shows together. I'm sure our kids would be doing no better than street urchins during this show, were it not for her. She is an unsung hero of all of our productions.*

*Finally I would like to thank the entire cast and crew of talented theater artists, and you, our audience and supporters, who make all of this possible through your continued patronage. Thank you for believing!*

*To all of you, thank you so very much!!!*



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