



# A ANASTASIA

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# **ANASTASIA: THE MUSICAL**

Book by Terrence McNally

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Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens

Inspired by the Twentieth Century Fox Motion Pictures by special  
arrangement with Buena Vista Theatrical

From the play by Marcelle Maurette as adapted by Guy Bolton

**Ben Petri**

**Sara Landry**

**Brianna Thornton**

**Music Director**

**Director**

**Choreographer**

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**Applications are due each year by May 1st.**



# Director's Note

Dear Audience,

Thank you for joining us for *Anastasia*. This show is special to me in more ways than I can count. Like many kids growing up in the '90s, I watched the animated movie more times than I could ever admit—and I still have a soft spot for Bartok! That film, with its sweeping music and strong characters, sparked something in me at a young age: a love of storytelling, of transformation, and of the magic that happens when someone discovers who they truly are.

Directing this stage production has been nothing short of magical. While the Broadway adaptation brings new depth and history to the story, it still carries that same spark—the wonder, the music, the hope. And sharing that journey with this wildly talented group of teens has been an absolute joy. Many of them are just beginning their theatrical paths, yet they've brought so much dedication, grace, and raw talent to the process. Watching them take ownership of this story, night after night, has filled me with pride.

At its heart, *Anastasia* is about finding your place in the world—even when everything around you feels uncertain or unfamiliar. It's about holding onto who you are, no matter what. That message feels especially powerful right now, in a world that can often feel chaotic and overwhelming for young people who are still figuring out who they want to be.

We hope this show brings you as much joy as it brought us creating it. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the magic of *Anastasia*.

With all my heart,  
Sara Landry  
Director, *Anastasia*



# Cast

Anya/Anastasia.....Raylynn Despres  
Dmitry.....Adam Munguia  
Vlad.....Armaan McCarthy  
Dowager Empress Maria.....Macy Serrano  
Gleb.....Nathan Delehanty  
Countess Lily.....Vanessa Carlson  
Young Anya.....Juliana Fretwell  
Teen Anya.....Iliana Ruiz  
Odette.....Kaylee Gifford  
Count Impolitov/Prince Siegfried.....Wesley Stewart  
Featured Dancers.....Fiona Wanser, Macy Serrano,  
Iliana Ruiz, Juliana Fretwell,  
Kaylee Gifford, Wesley Stewart  
Ensemble.....Leo Weston, Fiona Wanser,  
Cecile Ayotte, Aiden Lundquist,  
Emma Dunlap, Shayla Rourke,  
Morgan Carroll, Teresa Ruiz, Iliana Ruiz,  
Juliana Fretwell, Kaylee Gifford, Wesley Stewart,  
Macy Serrano, Adrianna Dionne



# Songs

## Act 1

Prologue: Once Upon a December.....	Dowager Empress and Young Anastasia
The Last Dance of the Romanovs.....	Ensemble
A Rumor in St. Petersburg.....	Dmitry, Vlad, and Ensemble
In My Dreams.....	Anya and Ensemble
The Rumors Never End.....	Gleb and Ensemble
Learn To Do It.....	Vlad, Dmitry, and Anya
Learn To Do It (Reprise).....	Anya
The Neva Flows.....	Gleb and Anya
The Neva Flows (Reprise).....	Male Ensemble
My Petersburg.....	Dmitry and Anya
Once Upon a December.....	Anya and Ensemble
A Secret She Kept.....	Anya
Stay, I Pray You.....	Count Ipolitov, Anya, Dmitry, Vlad, and Ensemble
We'll Go From There.....	Anya, Dmitry, Vlad, and Ensemble
Traveling Sequence/Still.....	Gleb, Anya, Vlad, and Dmitry
Journey to the Past.....	Anya

## Intermission

## Act 2

Paris Holds the Key (To Your Heart).....	Vlad, Anya, Dmitry, and Ensemble
Paris Holds the Key.....	Anya
Close the Door.....	Dowager Empress
Land of Yesterday.....	Lily and Ensemble
The Countess and the Common Man.....	Vlad and Lily
Land of Yesterday (Reprise).....	Gleb
A Nightmare.....	Romanov Children, Tsar and Tsarina
In a Crowd of Thousands.....	Dmitry and Anya
Arriving at the Ballet/ Meant to Be.....	Vlad
Quartet at the Ballet.....	Anya, Dmitry, The Dowager Empress, and Gleb
Everything to Win.....	Dmitry
Once Upon a December (Reprise).....	Anya and the Dowager Empress
The Press Conference.....	Lily, Vlad, and Ensemble
Everything to Win (Reprise).....	Anya and Gleb
Still/The Neva Flows (Reprise).....	Gleb, Anya, and Ensemble
Finale.....	The Dowager Empress, Gleb, and Ensemble

# Production Team

Director.....	Sara Landry
Music Director.....	Ben Petri
Choreographer.....	Brianna Thornton
Production Manager.....	Betsey Cox-Buteau
Stage Manager.....	Max Burke
Lighting.....	Joshua Benham
Sound.....	Eric Charest
Set Design.....	Sara Landry
Sets.....	Austin Dionne, John Thornton, Joe Sylvester, Mike Borgatti, Zack Boll
Props.....	Becca Scheetz
Stage Crew.....	Marcus Lewis, Caislyn Bento
Costumes.....	Becca Scheetz
Make-Up.....	Carrie Lamy-Benavides
Publicity Materials.....	Selena Chea Miller, Brooke Kennedy
Photographer.....	Frank Fichera
Tickets.....	Kerry Schneider
T-Shirts.....	Selena Chea Miller
Program/Ads.....	Brooke Kennedy
House Manager.....	Chuck Emmons
Concessions.....	Howie Levine
Candygrams.....	Sarah Desaulniers
Souvenirs.....	Cesar Ruiz
Wrap Party.....	Denis Brunelle
Lobby Design.....	Wesley Stewart, Sara Landry
Audition Board Chair.....	Mike Colena
Audition Board.....	Becca Scheetz, Betsey Cox-Buteau Joe Vago, Sara Landry, Brianna Thornton, Ben Petri
Audition Help.....	Denis Brunelle
Membership Chair.....	Kerry Schneider





# Meet the Cast



**Cecile Ayotte** (Maria, Marfa, and Ensemble), or Ceci to many, is excited to be a part of the ensemble of Anastasia. This is Cecile's first community theater production; previously, she performed only with her school's company, the Notre Dame Academy Playmakers. Past performances include Once Upon a Mattress (The Minstrel) and Annie (Star To Be). In her free time, Cecile enjoys volleyball, church choir, and hanging out with her best friends.



**Vanessa Carlson** (Countess Lily) is very excited to be playing Countess Lily in the Actorsingers production of Anastasia! Her previous experience in theater includes directing the most recent Junior production: Frozen jr.! When she isn't on stage or directing, she can be found playing video games (Her personal favorites being Dead by Daylight or Balatro) or working for the Youth Success Project! She would like to give a shout-out to her loving boyfriend, Shane!



This is **Morgan Carroll's** (Tsarina/Ensemble) first Actorsingers production, and she is very excited to share all the hard work she's put into the show! She would like to thank her Mom and Dad for supporting her always and especially through this show. She's always grateful for them.



**Nathan Delehanty** (Gleb) is thrilled to be a part of another show. Some of his most recent roles include Beauty and the Beast (Lumiere), Elf: The Musical (Buddy), Tuck Everlasting: TYA Edition (Angus), The SpongeBob Musical (Perch Perkins), The Secret Garden (Archibald Craven), and Chicago: Teen Edition (Amos Hart). Nathan is a recent graduate from Nashua High School North where he was an active member of his school's concert choir, Unified Sports program, and FIRST Robotics team. He wants to express his deep gratitude to his friends and family for their unwavering support.



**Raylynn Despres** (Anya/Anastasia) is thrilled for this to be her debut at Actorsingers! She is a Senior at Nashua High School North and has loved theatre ever since she was little. Some productions Raylynn has been a part of include Xanadu (Calliope), Secret Garden (Rose), and Clue (Mrs. White). She has been doing theater for about 6 years and singing for closer to 8. Anastasia was the first Broadway show she ever saw, and stepping into this role is a true dream come true for her! It has been one of her greatest theater experiences yet, and she hopes you love it!



**Adrianna Dionne** (Ensemble) is so excited to be a part of Actorsingers' Anastasia. She was most recently seen on stage playing Alyssa Greene in The Prom put on by KCT/ACT. Most often you can find Adri in her barn with her cow Barley, carrying around her goat Chamomile, riding horses, or cleaning stalls. She also enjoys a good nap with her dog Pierogi. She hopes you enjoy the show, comrade!



**Emma Dunlap** (Ensemble) is excited to be a part of Actorsingers' production of Anastasia! She'd like to thank her friends and family for their support and she hopes you enjoy the show



**Juliana Fretwell** (Young Anastasia) loves performing in Actorsingers productions! Most recently, she played Middle Anna and Oaken in Frozen Jr. (A/S). Other past roles include Frank's Mom in Dear Edwina Jr. (A/S), Children's Ensemble in Beauty and the Beast (A/S), and Young Fiona and Peter Pan in Shrek the Musical (NHSS). She's thrilled to bring Anastasia to life and to be part of such a special cast. Outside of theater, Juliana is on her school's cross-country team and enjoys spending time with friends and trying new activities.



**Kaylee Gifford** (Odette/Ensemble), a theatre veteran of 7 years, was thrilled to put her dancing skills to the test upon being offered the role of Dance Captain in Anastasia. While this is her debut at Actorsingers, her previous roles include Spongebob in Spongebob the Musical at Epping Community Theatre, Fezziwig Kid and Belinda Cratchet in the Palace Theatre's production of A Christmas Carol, Decius Brutus in Julius Caesar with the Kresge Theatre Company, and many, many dancing roles. She has loved working on this show with her directing team and peers, and hopes you enjoy the performance.



**Aiden Lundquist** (Ensemble) is delighted to be in his third production with Actorsingers! Some of his past shows include James and the Giant Peach jr. (Grasshopper), Dear Edwina jr. (Scott), Frozen jr. (Kristoff), Alice in Wonderland jr. (Tweedle Dee), and Wonka jr. (Mr. Salt). In addition to theater, Aiden enjoys playing in his middle school jazz band and is a jr. black belt in Kenpo karate. He would like to thank Juliana Fretwell and Iliana Ruiz for convincing him to join last minute.



**Armaan McCarthy** (Vlad) is very excited to be making his Actorsingers debut! Some of Armaan's previous performance credits include Beauty and the Beast (Cogsworth), Annie (Oliver "Daddy" Warbucks), Legally Blonde (Aaron Schultz), The Lighting Thief (Mr. Dionysus), and Ride the Cyclone (Noel Gruber). When he is not singing his heart out, Armaan can either be seen scrolling on TikTok for hours on end or shopping at the mall. He would like to give a massive thank you to all of his family and friends for continuing to support his dreams, and he cannot wait to see what the future holds.



**Adam Munguia** (Dmitry) has been doing theatre for almost three years now and has been hooked since day one. Adam is thrilled to be back on the Actorsingers stage, and ecstatic for this production of Anastasia. Previous shows include SpongeBob the Musical at Actorsingers and several shows at ECT including Alice in Wonderland, Descendants the musical, and Puffs. Enjoy the show!



**Shayla Rourke** (Ensemble) is excited for her second showing with Actorsingers. This is her sixteenth production overall. Prior appearances with Merrimack Repertory Theater, Peacock Players, MCC Theater include Disney's Frozen jr. (Elsa), Disney's Finding Nemo jr. (Dory), A Christmas Carol (Belinda), Mary Poppins (Winifred), Disney's Newsies jr. (Ethel), Legally Blonde jr. (Whitney), Frozen jr. (Young Elsa) and many more. Shayla is an 8th grader in Lowell. Thank you to the cast and crew for making this a memorable experience.



**Iliana Ruiz** (Middle Anastasia/Ensemble) is delighted to be performing in her third show with Actorsingers. You may recognize her from past productions Dear Edwina Jr. (Edwina Spoonapple) and Frozen jr. (Anna). In addition to leading Frozen jr., she worked as the show's assistant choreographer. Iliana is a high school freshman at the Academy for Science and Design and enjoys tutoring and collaborating with schoolmates. In her free time, Iliana loves to go on walks, go to the beach, hang out with her friends, and crochet many things, including clothes. Iliana would like to thank her directors, castmates, family, and friends for their support.



**Teresa Ruiz** (Ensemble) is excited to be performing in her first Actorsingers musical. Going into her junior year of high school, she attends Holy Family Academy in Manchester. In 7th grade she acted in her school's production of Spamalot. She takes voice lessons at North Main Music. In her free time, Teresa enjoys baking, hanging out with her friends, and skating. She would like to thank her friends and family for their constant support and the cast for making her first production a great experience



**Macy Serrano** (Dowager Empress) is excited to perform her first show with Actorsingers. She has participated in shows with various theatres since the age of six, and some of her prominent roles include Katherine Plumber (Newsies) and Gabriella Montez (High School Musical). She currently studies music with Nicole at Nicole Burke Voice Studio and can't wait to participate in future shows!



A rising sophomore at Uconn, this is **Wesley Stewart's** (Count Ipolitov/Prince Siegfried) second and last summer youth production with Actorsingers, his first role being Spongebob in Spongebob the Musical the year prior. Much love goes out to the cast and crew as well as his friends from home and school who had to deal with every impromptu song and "ballet lifts for dummies" lesson. He has met so many incredible people during his time with Actorsingers and couldn't ask for a better show with any more amazing friends to close off this portion of his life, but for now: Stay, and enjoy the show, I pray you.



**Fiona Wanser** (Ensemble) is thrilled about being in Anastasia. This is her first time being in theatrical production, but she has experience with Actorsingers as a choreographer with Frozen jr. Off stage, she likes to take dance classes at SNHDT and read. She is a history major at Nashua Community College, and one of her personal favorite classes was "Banned Books Seminar." She would like to give a shout out to her Mom (Mom), Velvet (her dog), and Dahlia (her cat).



**Leo Weston** (Tsar/Ensemble) is so excited to be a part of the cast of Anastasia with Actorsingers! This is Leo's first show with this company, but he has always had a passion for theater, doing his first musical all the way back in 4th grade. Outside of acting, Leo enjoys singing, arts and crafts, and spending time with family and friends. He also loves his job, working as a toddler teacher. Leo is so happy to be a part of this show and has loved working with his fellow cast members and production team.

## Meet the Directors

**Sara Landry** (Director) is thrilled to make her Actorsingers directing debut with Anastasia! A longtime performer, she's usually found on stage in roles like Linda (Evil Dead the Musical HD), Babette (Beauty and the Beast), Annette (Cruel Intentions), and Princess (Twisted). Bringing this story to life from the director's chair has been a dream come true—huge thanks to the cast and crew for their heart, talent, and dedication!

**Ben Petri** (Music Director) is thrilled to be leading the music for this production! He previously worked with Actorsingers on Dear Edwina and Holiday Stroll, and most recently served as Music Director for The Lightning Thief with KCT. Ben works as a clinical dietitian by day and is grateful for the chance to make theater by night. He extends a heartfelt thank-you to the cast for their hard work and dedication, and to his wonderful wife, Sydney, and loyal pup, Cora, for their constant love and support.

**Brianna Thornton** (Choreographer) is excited to return to Actorsingers as the Choreographer for Anastasia. This is Brianna's fifth production as a choreographer, with previous credits at KCT/ACT in the Director/Choreographer role for The Wizard of Oz!, and Choreographer for BIG!, Trail to Oregon, and Sweeney Todd with Actorsingers. Working on this show has been a dream come true. Having loved the animated movie from childhood, and walking down the aisle to At the Beginning, this show was truly inspirational and a pleasure to work on. Brianna trained in jazz and ballet at Bedford Dance Center for 14 years. She has also performed as a featured dancer with Actorsingers (Legally Blonde, Joseph & The Amazing Dreamcoat, Cannibal!, & Mamma Mia!) and Actors Coop Theater (Twisted). Brianna's favorite roles have been a featured dancer in Legally Blonde and Mamma Mia!, a wide variety of ensemble characters in Twisted, including a Monkey puppet, and Ulla in Windham Actors Guild's The Producers. She thanks Sara, Ben, and Max for being the ultimate dream team - we rocked this! To the cast, thank you so much as well. It has been a blessing to work with a cast that cares deeply about the story and gives their all to immerse the audience in this world. Most importantly, Brianna could not have done this without the support of her husband, John. *Ti amo e amo i nostri piccoli cannoli.*

## Shoutouts

Break a leg, Jules! We love you and are so proud—so fun seeing you shine on stage! ❤️ –Mom, Dad & 3 bros

Raylynn, I couldn't be more proud of you and all of your hard work! Love me

Raylynn, we hope being Anastasia is everything you dreamed it would be! Love the family

## Special Thanks

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