

# WHO'S WHO

## FLORIDA REP EDUCATION CONSERVATORY PRODUCTION OF *HAIRSPRAY THE MUSICAL*

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**Faith Angles (Edna Turnblad)** is thrilled to be making her Florida Rep debut! She is a student at Florida Gulf Coast University, where she studies theatre and gender studies, and her love for performance continues to grow. Her favorite roles include *The Lightning Thief* (Clarisse) and *The Miss Firecracker Contest* (Elaine Rutledge). She thanks her friends, family, and mentors for their endless support—and hopes you enjoy the show!

**A'mer Ashley (Duane / Ensemble)** is a 15-year-old sophomore, he first got started at Florida Repertory as a stage crew help in tech during *Beauty and The Beast*. He is naturally a character but was very nervous to actually audition for the show until he signed up for the summer intensive program to be a part of *The Lion King Jr.* He auditioned so well and believed in himself and prayed and he got the lead role of adult Simba. Now there is no turning back and nothing he won't conquer at Florida Rep, he plans to attend college for theater when the opportunity presents itself.

**Emma Bambrey (Beatnik Chick / Ensemble / Tracy u/s)** is thrilled to be a part of this production of *Hairspray* as Beatnik Chick/ Tracy Understudy. She is a Junior Theatre Major at North Fort Myers High School. You may have seen her as Jane Seymour in *Six: The Musical* (NFMHS), Elle Woods in *Legally Blonde* (MLPAC), or Regina George in *Mean Girls* (Florida Gulf Coast Symphony Summer Camp). As her debut at Florida Rep, *Hairspray* has been a wonderful first experience! She would like to thank her family and friends for their support and hope you enjoy the show!

**Alexis Bates (Gilbert/Gillie / Ensemble / Motormouth Maybelle u/s)** is a junior musical theatre major and choir minor at Lehigh Senior High School. You may have seen in shows such as *Our Town*, *The 11th*, *Sister Act*, and many more. This is her first Florida Repertory Conservatory and a dream show of hers to be a part of. She would like to thank the cast, crew, her parents, and God for this unforgettable experience. She hopes you all enjoy the show!

**Rebecca Belvy (Dynamite / Judine / Ensemble)** is a 16-year-old female who is delighted to be a part of the 2025 controversy at Florida Rep, which is *Hairspray!* This is her first ever musical, and she is glad that *Hairspray* could be her first one with Florida Rep. Rebecca has been singing in choir for almost a decade and was wanting to expand her interests and vocal experience in theatre. She is also currently in color guard and has been devoted ever since freshman year at Fort Myers High School. She is proud to be in this production and hopes to be in more Florida rep production in the future. Without the support of her family and her support system, she wouldn't have made it this far!

**Ella Cameratta (Shelley / Council Member)** is a senior at Canterbury. She is very excited to be pursuing theater along with business at Boston College next year. Some of her favorite past roles include Fiona in *Shrek* (Canterbury), Mabel in *Fame* (Florida Rep), and Lydia in *Beetlejuice* (FMT). Ella wants to thank her directors, family, boyfriend, and friends for always supporting her in her dreams. Enjoy the show!

**Alexa Careccia (Guard / Ensemble)** is a freshman at Bishop Verot High School and is excited to perform in her second conservatory production at Florida Rep! She was most recently Anna of Cleves in *Six the Musical* (MLPAC), Molly U/S in *13 the Musical* (Players Circle Studio), and a Silly Girl in *Beauty and the Beast* (Fl Rep). But her favorite roles include Little Red in *Into The Woods* and Summer in *School of Rock*. She would

like to thank her cast mates, sister, parents and of course Mrs. Monique and Mrs. Meghan for their continuous support and making this another great experience.

**Telicia Carter (Little Inez)** is a dynamic 13-year-old performer from Cape Coral with a growing passion for the arts. With a vibrant stage presence and a commitment to excellence, she has accumulated a range of experiences in theater, music, and dance. Telicia has performed with the Quality Life Center in impactful productions such as the Black History Program, Hip Hop Program, *How All Became the All*, and *The Nutcracker* during the 2023–2024 season. She continues to expand her repertoire with a role in *Wicked Walk* for the 2024–2025 season. Her vocal talents have been showcased in concerts including *The Elements* (2023–2024) and *Songs of the Cinema* (2024–2025), along with three consecutive years in the prestigious All County Choirs from 2022 to 2025.

**Isabella Chica (Dynamite / Kamilah / Ensemble)** is currently a freshman at Oasis High School and is thrilled to be a part of the Florida Reps Hairspray! A few of her favorite roles include Wednesday in *Addams Family*, Patrice in *13*, Bruce in *Matilda*, and ensemble in *Newsies*. She is eager to pursue a future career in the performing arts and can't wait to get this show on the stage

**Savannah Brick (Ensemble)** is thrilled to be playing one of the Nicest Kids in Town in the Florida Rep Conservatory's production of Hairspray. She is a freshman at Fort Myers High School. This is her second Conservatory production. Savannah would like to thank her family, friends, and dance and music teachers/directors for inspiring her to keep her love of the arts alive.

**Katie Cook (Ensemble)** is thrilled to be part of this talented cast and production! She is a freshman Musical Theatre major at Cypress Lake Highschool. Some previous credits include: Louisa von Trapp in *The Sound of Music* (FMT), Ensemble in *Moana* (NPAC), and Mal in *Descendants* (FMT). Thanks to her forever supportive Mom & Dad, family, friends, and the creative team at Florida Rep!

**Samantha Cueva (Matron / Ensemble)** is excited to make her Florida Rep debut in Hairspray! She is currently an FGCU student studying Entrepreneurship and Theatre. Recent credits include *Legally Blonde* at Fort Myers Theatre as Enid Hoopes and *The Lightning Thief* at Gypsy Playhouse as Selina Beauregard and the Oracle. When she's not performing or working hard in school Samantha enjoys baking and spending time with her friends. She is forever grateful to her family for their endless support!

**Jayden Davis (Cindy Watkins / Ensemble)** is currently a sophomore at Cypress Lake High School Center for the Arts, where she majors in both theatre and band. She is very excited to be part of the show and to collaborate with her fellow castmates and the tech crew. Lastly, she would like to thank everyone for coming and hopes you "enjoy the show!"

**Isabella Fay (Ensemble)** is a sophomore at Canterbury high school and is thrilled to be part of this amazing production! Isabella has been doing shows at the Rep since she was five years old. These shows include: *Elf*, *Cinderella*, *The Little Mermaid*, *Beauty and the Beast*, and more. She is so excited to continue doing shows here and wants to thank her family for supporting her through all of these productions.

**Kennedy Fields (Ensemble / Edna u/s)** is 16 years old and is a Junior Theatre major at North Fort Myers High School. This is her second conservatory at Florida Rep, having previously been cast as Mrs. Potts in *Beauty and the Beast*. She recently performed in *Elf* and *Pippin* with her Musical Theatre class. She is grateful for the opportunity for her role in *Hairspray* and wants to thank her family and friends for all the support.

**Bailee Gull (Penny Pingleton)** is overjoyed to be playing Penny in Florida Rep's *Hairspray!* A recent graduate from Wesleyan University, she's planning to pursue her MFA in Musical Theater this upcoming fall. Recent credits include Portia in *Something Rotten!*, Sue Snell in *Carrie*, and Titus Andronicus in *Titus Andronicus*. She would like to thank her family and friends for their unwavering love and support, and God for bringing this amazing opportunity into her life. Jeremiah 29:11.

**Jackson Halliburton (Harriman F. Spritzer)** is a freshman at Cypress Lake High School and is excited to bring his talents to the Florida Rep stage for the first time in *Hairspray*. As a vocal major/theatre minor, he is an active member of the Panther Theatre Company, having recently performed in *The Wedding Singer*. Jackson is also a member of the Cypress Chorale and TAG, the school's award-winning a cappella group.

**Halle Heckman (Lou Ann / Council Member / Amber u/s)** is thrilled to be playing Lou Ann/Amber Von Tussle U.S. In Florida Rep's Production of *Hairspray!* Halle is a junior at Bishop Verot Catholic Highschool and was Historian for her school's theatre troupe. Halle has been a long-time student at Florida Repertory starting summer camps at the age of 7! Halle's most recent Florida Rep Credit is *FAME* the musical (Dance Ensemble/U.S. Mabel Washington) so she is thrilled to be back! Halle would like to thank her Mom, Dad, Brother and her best friends for helping her with everything she does!

**Caleb Hill (IQ / Council Member / Wilbur u/s)** is a sophomore at Fort Myers High School and is very excited to be a part of this great production as I.Q! This is his third show with Fl Rep, and he would like to give thanks to God, his family, friends, and the creative team for everything.

**Laniya Honorat (Dynamite / Shayna / Ensemble)** is 15 and was born in Fort Myers, FL, and she currently attends New Life Academy a private Christian school. She has two wonderful parents, Keon and Kristin Cody, who are always supportive of her dreams. Her goal is to inspire others with her God-given gift. She started acting when she was six and has loved it ever since. Hope you will see more of her in the future.

**Lauren Hunter (Tammy / Council Member / Penny u/s)** is so excited to be playing Tammy/Penny U.S. in Florida Rep Conservatory's *Hairspray*. She is a junior at Florida Gulf Coast University majoring in English with minors in Marketing and Creative Writing. This past year she has performed in a regional tour in Florida, a theater festival in St. Louis Missouri, and at 54 Below in NYC! She thanks the cast and crew of *Hairspray* for making this such a fun experience. Instagram: IamLaurenHunterr

**Zoey LeVangie (Principal / Ensemble / Council Member u/s)** is an 8th grader at St. Francis Xavier. Some of her favorite past roles include teen Fiona in *Shrek the Musical* (Florida Rep), the Cheshire Cat in *Alice in Wonderland* (Arts Bonita), and Mrs. Potts in *Beauty and the Beast* (St. Francis). This year, Zoey is thrilled to be playing The Mother Abbess in her 8th-grade school musical. She would like to thank her family for their unwavering encouragement and support, as well as the awesome creative arts team for giving her the opportunity to be part of such an incredible show!

**Savannah Martinez (Gym Teacher / Ensemble)** is in 11th grade and loves performing arts. She's been in three shows with Florida Rep "The Little Mermaid Jr", "The Lion King Jr", and "Beauty and the Beast". Each of these productions has let her express her creativity and connect with other theater lovers. Savannah can't wait to keep pursuing her passion for performing and take on new challenges in the future!

**Maliyah Mattis (Motormouth Maybelle)** is thrilled to be performing as Motormouth in Florida Rep's production of *Hairspray!* Some previous shows of hers include *Elvis* at the Broadway Palm, *Saturday Night Fever* at The Belle Theatre and *Into the Woods* at Cultural Park Theatre. She wants all her cast mates to break

legs! and sends love to her directors during this shows run. She'd also like to thank her family for always supporting and encouraging her throughout her career and she really hopes you enjoy the show!

**Lucy Molloy (Brenda / Council Member)** is currently a Sophomore at North Fort Myers High School. She is enrolled in the theatre program, takes costume design and is on the girls' golf team. She has starred in numerous plays including *Elf Jr*, *Adams Family Jr*, *Annie Jr*, *Lion King Jr*, *Anastasia Jr*, *Alladin Jr*, *Legally Blonde Jr*, and *Children of Eden*, and so many more. She enjoys singing, exercising, and baking in her spare time. She would like to thank her fabulous parents and friends for all their support.

**Brielle Midler (Tracy Turnblad)** is so excited to be making her Florida Rep as Tracy Turnblad in *Hairspray!* She is a sophomore at FGCU, studying Theatre and Education. Her favorite roles include Percy Jackson in *The Lightning Thief*, Kelly in *The Mad Ones*, Ursula in *The Little Mermaid*, Bridget in *Bring It On*, and Mrs. Potts in *Beauty and the Beast*. She's so grateful for the incredible Florida Rep team and the amazing cast for putting on such a beautiful show!

**Soél Novello (Amber Von Tussle / Council Member)** is excited to participate in her second production at Florida Rep as Amber in *Hairspray!* In her previous performance here, she took on the role of Audrey in *Little Shop of Horrors*. Soel will be attending Florida Southern College and will get her BFA in Musical Theatre. She aspires to build a career in the performing arts. She would like to thank her directors for including her in this remarkable production and is looking forward to the performance!

**Gabriele Nudi (Link Larkin / Council Member)** is thrilled to return to Florida Rep in the role of Link Larkin! A proud Musical Theatre major at North Fort Myers High School, Gabe's love for performing began early and solidified at age 11 when he played Young Simba in *The Lion King*. Originally from Kenosha, Wisconsin, he moved to Southwest Florida at 12 and has since appeared in numerous productions throughout the region. Some of Gabe's favorite past roles include Hans in *Frozen the Musical* (2025), Lewis in *Pippin* (Cultural Park Theater), Troy in *High School Musical Jr.*, and Sonny in *Xanadu Jr*. He has also been featured in *Les Misérables*, *Newsies*, *13 the Musical*, *All Shook Up*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, and *Beauty and the Beast*. In addition to his passion for theatre, Gabe is a dedicated athlete—this year, he earned the title of District Champion in wrestling in his weight class. He thanks his family, teachers, and directors for their constant support.

**Samyah Pope (Ensemble)** is a 16-year-old sophomore at Fort Myers High School and is ecstatic to be a part of Florida Rep's 2025 Conservatory, which is *Hairspray!* After a not-so-great experience while auditioning for *The Little Shop of Horrors*, they overcame their fears coming back to audition for *Hairspray*. She has always had a passion for theater and the performing arts, doing many small productions at Paul Laurence Dunbar Middle and choir all through elementary, middle, and high school. They're so thankful for the people who've given her support along the way and all the wonderful encouragement from close friends and family. She is so excited for her first ever professional production and hopes to do many more at Florida Rep!

**Georgia Rainero (Velma Von Tussle)** is a junior theater major at North Fort Myers High School. Some favorite roles have included Velma Kelly in *Chicago* (MLPAC), Belle in *Beauty and the Beast* (Florida Rep), Demeter in *Cats* (MLPAC), Judy in *A Chorus Line* (MLPAC) and ensembles in *Spring Awakening* (Bonita Arts) and *Les Misérables* (MLPAC). In her spare time, she works as a Disney princess at Enchanted Fairytale Parties. Special thanks to her family and friends for their encouragement and support!

**Giana Randall (Prudy Pingleton)** has loved and been involved in theater since the age of five. She has been in over 35 productions and has portrayed a variety of roles, including Savannah in *Freaky Friday*, Belle in *Beauty*

*and the Beast*, Mrs. Bucket in *Willy Wonka*, Audrey in *Descendants*, and Taylor in the award-winning short film *The Remedy*. She would like to express her gratitude to her boyfriend and family for their constant support and encouragement!

**Jake Raterman (Wilbur Turnblad)** is excited to make his Florida Rep debut in *Hairspray!* He is a student at FGCU studying Theatre and Child & Youth Studies. Recent credits include Horton in *Seussical* and Charlie Brown in *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*. When he's not performing, he works as a freelance lighting designer and an educator at Sanibel Sea School. He would like to thank his grandparents for being his biggest fans.

**River Reed (Corny Collins)** is so excited to be playing Corny Collins here at the Florida Rep! He is a Junior at North Fort Myers High School, and participates in the AICE and theater program there. He was last seen here at the Florida Rep as Lumiere in *Beauty and the Beast*. He has recently gotten into choreography and has won two best-in-room awards in his school district's theater competition, recently with "Blow" from *& Juliet* the Musical. He would like to thank all of his friends and family for their love and support. Enjoy the show!

**Bennett Reistad (Brad / Council Member)** is super excited to play Brad, Spritzer u/s in the production of *Hairspray!* This is Bennett's first time performing at Florida Rep, but some of his past fun roles include Prince Eric in *The Little Mermaid*, Professor Callahan in *Legally Blonde* and Sergei in *Matilda!* He wants to thank his mom, dad, brothers and all his friends for their incredible support in all that he does!

**Adela Rodriguez (Pinky's Asst / Ensemble)** is a sophomore musical theatre major at Lehigh senior high school, and she is so excited to be performing for you as a member of the colored ensemble. She would like to thank the directors and her cast mates for being so helpful and making this show such a fun process. She would also like to thank her mom for sacrificing so much just to help make her dreams come true. She hopes you love this show just as much as she does. Now, get your can of hairspray and get ready for a show!

**Noah Rodriguez (TV Studio Cameraman / Ensemble / Council Member u/s)** is so excited to make his Florida Rep debut as a member of the ensemble in *Hairspray!* He is a sophomore at Bishop Verot High School and this is his first show at a community theater. His recent credits include Chip in *Beauty and the Beast* (BVHS), the policeman in *Mary Poppins* (BVHS), and Detective O'Farrell in *Curtains* (BVHS). He would like to thank his family and friends for their constant support.

**Violet Salcido (Ensemble)** is 17 years old and a junior at North Fort Myers High School. You may have last seen her in North's production of *Pippin* as dance ensemble or Michael in *Elf*. She is so excited to perform with Florida Rep again and hopes you enjoy the show!

**Katherine Schwartzel (Ensemble)** is 17 years old and a full-time Florida Southwestern State College student. She has participated in many shows at the Florida Repertory Theatre, including *Newsies* (2019), *Matilda* (2019), *SpongeBob the Musical* (2022), and *Fame the Musical* (2023). She wants to thank her family and loved ones for always supporting her.

**Jonathan Serrat (Sketch / Council Member / Link Larkin u/s)** is very excited to play Sketch in his 4th show with Florida Repertory. He is a student at Cypress Lake Middle School and loves Musical Theatre! Some past roles Jonathan has played include Dmitri in *Anastasia-Youth Edition*, Adam in *Freaky Friday*, Archie in *13*, and many others! He thanks his friends and family, and the wonderful production team!

**Johniann Smith (Little Inez)** is delighted to be Little Inez and part of *Hairspray* at Florida Rep! She is a long-time Florida Rep student starting with Camp Mini Stars at the age of 5. She has performed in several

Florida Rep main stage productions, summer camps, and conservatory productions including: *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *Fences*, *Shrek*, *Matilda*, *Annie*, and the list go on! She owes her love of theatre and performing to the Rep and she would like to thank them for their continued opportunities to grow. Most of all, she would like to thank her family and God for the love and support.

**D'Adrean St. Louis (u/s Seaweed)** is a senior musical theatre student at Lehigh Senior High School. You may have seen him in previous shows here at Florida Rep, including Cogsworth in *Beauty and the Beast*. Other roles include Hades in *Hadestown*, George Gibbs in *Our Town*, TJ in *Sister Act*, and Chip Tolentino in *Spelling Bee*. D'Adrean intends to go to Florida Southern College to gain his BFA in musical theatre. Thank you to family, friends, and his directors for always supporting him.

**Winter Talley (Ensemble / Velma u/s)** is so excited to be joining the cast of *Hairspray!* Previous credits include Ellie Blake in *Freaky Friday* (Fort Myers Theatre) and Charlotte in *13 The Musical* (Players Circle Theater). Winter was also in the first workshop of *Dare to Dream Jr.* with iTheatrics! She would like to thank her friends and family for their endless support.

**Stephan Tatum (Seaweed)** is so excited to work with Florida Rep. Given the opportunity to advance his career of acting, he jumped at the role of Seaweed. He has quite the discography. From Percy Jackson in *Lightning Thief* at Robin Dawn Academy, Aurthur Roeder in *Radium Girls* at FGCU, and so much more! He would like to thank his friends and family for all their support in his pursuit of stardom!

**Amya Vosler (Thad/Thelma / Pinky's Asst / Ensemble)** is excited to be performing at Florida Rep Theatre. She is a junior theatre major at North Fort Myers high school. You may have seen her in the ensemble of *Pippin* (NFMHs) Kristine Urich in a *Chorus Line* (MLPAC) and dance ensemble in *Lion King Jr.* (NFMHS). Amya would like to thank her friends and family for their support!

**Jordan Walker (Ensemble)** This is Jordan's first show with the Florida Rep, and she is thrilled to be part of such an amazing cast and crew. Jordan recently finished her final high school production at Lee High Senior High School, playing in *Hadestown*. She will be attending Clark Atlanta University to continue their education and pursue her passion for musical theater. Jordan is incredibly grateful to Ms. Monique and Ms. Megan for providing the tools and support to grow in this role, and to the entire team for bringing great energy to every rehearsal and making this experience truly unforgettable.

**Noah Warford (Fender / Council Member / Mr. Pinky / Corny Collins u/s / Dance Captain)** is a recent college grad with his BFA in musical theatre. Recent performances: *Lucky Stiff* (Bellhop), *Anastasia* (Dmitry), *Pippin* (Pippin).

**Justice Williams (Stooie/Stella / Newscaster / Ensemble)** is a junior musical theatre major at Lehigh Senior High School who you may have seen in shows and behind the scenes at Lehigh. This is her first Florida Repertory Conservatory production. She would like to thank the amazing cast and crew of *Hairspray* and hope that you enjoy the show!

**Gabriella Rivera (Jr. Tech Light Crew)** is currently a freshman theatre major at North Fort Myers High School. She has helped backstage in a few shows including *Peter Pan Jr.*, *Jungle Book Jr.*, and *SpongeBob the Musical*, as well as performing in various others. She is super excited for *Hairspray* and hopes you enjoy the show!

**Lucas Becerra (Jr. Tech Light Crew)** is a seventh grader at St. Francis Xavier (SFX), is proud to share his lighting skills as part of Florida Rep's production of *Hairspray*. Lucas began his stage lighting journey in fifth grade at SFX and quickly took on the role of Lighting Director. Performances as Lighting Director include *The*

*Sound of Music* and *Beauty and the Beast*. As part of the Lighting Crew, Lucas has participated in *Mary Poppins* and *The Music Man*. Lucas thanks his family and friends for their support and hopes you enjoy the show!

**Sara Rodriguez (Jr. Tech Set Crew)** is a 15-year-old 9th grader at Fort Myer High School. She's a big athlete playing about 3-5 sports a year; she recently remembered how much she enjoyed being backstage so when a friend showed her the application for Hairspray she took the chance. She's now excited to make this show beautiful alongside the amazing actors she's ready.

**Violet McDonald (Jr. Tech Set Crew)** is a 7th grader at Gulf Middle School and is excited to be joining the Stage Crew of *Hairspray*. Violet has previously volunteered to work on decorating sets on several of their school's productions over the last two years.

**Alex Callen (Jr. Tech Stage Management)** is excited to be working as an assistant stage manager in a Florida Rep Education show again! He is a sophomore (theater major) at North Fort Myers High School. He has teched a handful of shows at his school and at The Rep in the past few years. He would like to thank the cast and crew for working so hard on this show and his family for supporting him in theater!

**Sophie Halstead (Jr. Tech Costumes/Hair/Wigs/Make-Up Crew)** is currently a seventh grader. She enjoys doing technical theatre and is excited to try something new. She has never done costume tech, so this is a first. She has done shows at her school such as *Beetlejuice Jr* and *Descendants, Jr*. She has also participated in many summer camps at the Florida Rep including *Elf Jr*, *The Lion King Jr*, and *The Little Mermaid*. Sophie recently discovered her love for the tech side of theatre earlier this year and is happy she can work on this show. She wants to thank her family for helping her through the Florida Rep process and hopes that you love and enjoy the show!

**Makenna Donahue-Krastel (Jr Tech Costumes/Hair/Wigs/Make-up Crew)** is a funny, theatre-obsessed baker and sophomore at NFMHS. She's been involved in theater since third grade- on stage, backstage, and everywhere in between. Now making her Florida Rep debut on the tech team, she's adding her creative flair to hair, makeup, and costumes. Makena's ultimate dream? To lead a creative empire blending comedy, theatre, and exquisite sweets, like French macarons. She thanks the directors and the cast of *Hairspray*, especially Ms. Leonard!

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