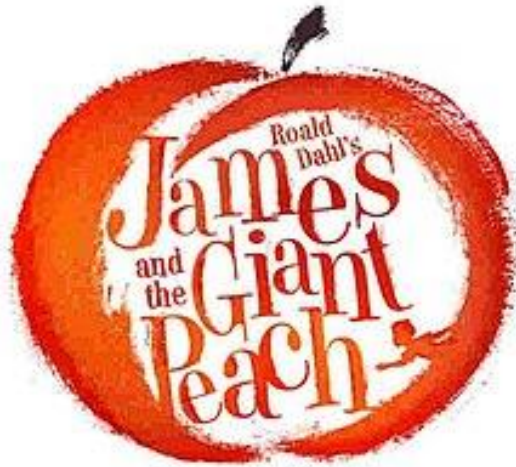


# Paragon Studios



**Directed and Choreographed by  
Deborah Metzger**

**Music and Lyrics**

Benj Pasek and Justin Paul

**Book**

Timothy McDonald

**Based on the book by**

Roald Dahl

James and the Giant Peach is performed by special arrangement with  
Music Theatre International

## Cast

(in order of appearance)

Ladahlord.....Brianna Kelly  
James.....Addison Korbel  
Spiker.....Sydney McCaslin  
Sponge.....Grace Hartzell  
Matron/Various.....Avonlea Teaderman  
Cop/Various.....Willa Dickinson  
Spider.....Ella Ging  
Grasshopper.....Ryan Anderson  
Ladybug.....Evie Mathie  
Earthworm.....Abby Yeh  
Centipede.....Sophia Quinn

Reporters/Garden Club/Seagulls – Anthony Capellupo,  
Luna Connolly, Cleo Charles, Owen Clark, Logan Connors,  
Kate Huber, Ella Marks, Mikayla McLaughlin, Alissa Mitts,  
Sarah Mlecko, Elizabeth Morris, Morgan Strano, Katie  
Sturges, Sylvia Swain, Kai Zang, Trae Zang, Rafa Zwack

Level 3 Director.....Nicole Stefonek  
Lighting Technician.....Harry Bolette  
Sound Technician.....Scott Metzger  
Music Technician.....Adam Bolette

Special Thanks: Northgate High School, Alison Pastrick,  
Steve Korbel, and everyone who helped get the theatre  
ready for our first performance!

## Musical Numbers

### Act One

Right Before Your Eyes – Ladahlord, Company  
On Your Way Home – James  
Property of Spiker and Sponge – Spiker and Sponge  
Shake It Up – Ladahlord, James, Company  
Money – Spiker, Sponge, Company  
Middle of a Moment – James  
Floatin' Along – James and Bugs

~\*~15 Minute Intermission~\*~

Restrooms are located in attached house, both downstairs and upstairs.

### Act Two

Have You Even Begun to Wonder – Bugs  
Getaway for Spiker and Sponge – Spiker and Sponge  
Everywhere That You Are – Bugs  
Plump and Juicy – James, Bugs, Seagulls  
On Your Way Home, Reprise – James  
Welcome Home – Company

## Welcome to our new theatre!

Purchased in March 2025, we've been busy transforming the space of this 125-year-old building! Besides a lot of cleaning and clearing, we've: built a six-foot extension onto the front of the stage, laid new stage flooring, hung curtains to create wings, installed blackout curtains on all the stained-glass windows, hung lights, and installed sound. Our next phase, happening this summer, involves brand new bathrooms, carpeting, electrical work and seats!

*Come back in September and see the first show of our  
new season*

## SUMMER CAMP!



**Ages 12 – 18**

**June 9 – 20**

**with a performance on June 20<sup>th</sup>!**



**Ages 6 – 11**

**July 7 – 18**

**with a performance on July 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Register at: [ParagonStudios.org](https://ParagonStudios.org)**

## ACTOR BIOS



**Ryan Anderson** (Grasshopper) – Ryan is back on the Paragon stage, having last performed in our 2018 production of OLIVER! A sophomore at North Allegheny, Ryan is involved in many groups: Speech and Debate, marching band, honors wind ensemble, and chorus, among others. He is also an Air Force Jr. Reserve Officer and involved with StellarXplorers. He also participates in his high school musicals. He is also a member of Boy Scouts and Pittsburgh Youth Chamber Orchestra.



**Willa Dickinson** (Cop/Various) – Willa is a member of the drama club at North Hills High School, where she is in ninth grade. She is also in the marching band and is a member of the Sew Fabulous club and participates in mock trial. Favorite shows at Paragon include NEWSIES and MATILDA. She enjoys playing with her dogs in her free time.



**Ella Ging** (Spider) – Ella has been seen on the Paragon stage for many years, most recently as Abigail in MATILDA, Specs in NEWSIES and Juror #11 in 12 ANGRY JURORS. She is a sophomore at Avonworth High School where she's active in honors choir, the fall play, spring musical, French club, and the school newspaper. She is a server at Masonic Village and enjoys crocheting and reading in her spare time.

## ACTOR BIOS



**Grace Hartzell** (Sponge) – Grace is a freshman at Pine-Richland where she plays flute in band and participates in her school musicals. She also is an avid softball player and runs her own crocheting side business in her spare time. She was last seen on the Paragon stage in NEWSIES. Other favorite shows: ALADDIN and ALICE IN WONDERLAND.



**Brianna Kelly** (Ladahlord) – This is Brianna's first time on the Paragon stage, although she is no stranger to performing. A sophomore at North Hills, Brianna is a member of the NH Drama Club, performing most recently in ALICE BY HEART, and a member of the NH Singers. She is also a student ambassador and a member of the choir, Spanish club, and Sew Fabulous club. Brianna works part time at Our Neighborhood Farmstead and enjoys sewing, working out, and shopping.



**AK Korbel** (James) – A senior at North Hills, AK is involved in marching band, wind ensemble, North Hills Singers, and Choir. Favorite roles include: Bruce in MATILDA, Albert in NEWSIES, and Alfred in ALICE BY HEART. AK works(ed) at Joanne Fabrics and enjoys video games and building Legos.



**Evie Mathie** (Ladybug) – Evie was last seen on the Paragon stage as Mush in NEWSIES and in MATILDA. She is in tenth grade at Avonworth High School where she is in marching band, honors band, and PMEA honors band. She also plays in the pit for the high school musicals and is a member of French club and Red Cross. Evie also takes art lessons, is a member of Girl Scouts, and volunteers at her church nursery. She works as a lifeguard.



**Sydney McCaslin** (Spiker) – A junior at North Hills, Sydney is involved in choir, drama club, and student directing. Favorite shows include NEWSIES as JoJo, and a reporter in CHICAGO. She works at Gifted Hands, and enjoys jewelry making, painting, and sewing in her free time.



**Sophia Quinn** (Centipede) – Sophia was seen last year as Elmer in Paragon's production of NEWSIES, as well as Juror 5 in 12 ANGRY JURORS. Other favorite shows include: CHICAGO and MATILDA. She is a freshman at North Hills where she is a member of the Positivity Project Club. Sophie enjoys babysitting, shopping, and reading.



**Avonlea Teaderman** (Matron/Various) – This is Avonlea's first year in Musical Theatre, although she has studied acting for several years. She was seen as Juror 10 in 12 ANGRY JURORS. She is a junior at Fox Chapel where she is in the National Art Honors Society, and is president of the Fearless Bible Club. She works at Large Plain Pizza and leads kids' church. In her free time, she enjoys going to the gym, baking, and basketball.



**Abby Yeh** (Earthworm) – Abby was most recently seen as Les in Paragon's production of NEWSIES. Other favorite shows include: CHICAGO and LITTLE WOMEN. Abby is also the student teacher for Paragon's level 1 and 2 classes. She is a member of Girl Scouts and enjoys yoga, baking, and reading. A 10<sup>th</sup> grader at Avonworth, she is a member of the cross-country team and Key Club.

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

### ***AK Korbøl***



**First memory at Paragon:** Auditions for a fight scene in SNOOPY!!!

**Favorite memory:**

Just any moment I got to joke and laugh with last year's seniors.

**Favorite role/show and why:**

MATILDA – Bruce Bogtrotter. I felt like I was being recognized and the role gave me the confidence I needed in my acting/singing skills.

**Future plans after graduation:**

I plan on going to the University of Cincinnati for Architecture

**Parting words:**

It goes fast. Way too fast.





**Back Row:** Luna Connolly, Ella Marks, Trae Zang, Alissa Mitts, Mikayla McLaughlin. **Front Row:** Elizabeth Morris, Katie Sturges, Kai Zang, Morgan Strano, Sylvia Swain



**Back Row:** Logan Connors, Rafa Zwack, Anthony Capellupo. **Front Row:** Cleo Charles, Sarah Mlecko, Kate Huber. **Not pictured:** Owen Clark



## **Deborah Metzger (Director/Choreographer)**

A graduate of Point Park University with a BFA in Musical Theatre and Acting, Ms. Metzger has built an extensive repertoire of stage, TV, film, and directing credits.

At the age of 15, she founded a musical theater showchoir, Musically Yours, which she led in over 500 performances at locations all over the United States. She has appeared on stages around the country including Los Angeles, Anaheim, CA, and Williamsburg, VA. She was also employed as a performer at the Magic Kingdom at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

She founded Paragon Studios in 2004, and directs many of their shows, in addition to acting as level 4 and advanced adult instructor. She appears on stage occasionally. Favorite roles include: Elizabeth Proctor (**The Crucible**), Bella Kurnitz (**Lost in Yonkers**), Morticia Addams (**The Addams Family Musical**), and Mrs. Wormwood (**Matilda.**)

In her spare time, she enjoys fostering for Animal Friends, gardening, and going to Florida with her husband and 5-year-old son, Finn.

# Buy-a-seat

In order to purchase all new seating for our theatre,  
we're launching our BUY-A-SEAT CAMPAIGN!!

Your message here

When you sponsor a seat, you get a plaque with your personalized engraving placed on a chair for everyone to see! Honor a graduating senior, someone's first show, a director you've loved working with, a friend who is no longer with us, or even a show that was special to you! The possibilities are endless.

Please see below for ways to participate and help us fill the theatre with memories!!

## Ways to Buy-a-Seat:

1. See intermission attendants for engraving message.  
Send in with a check, or hand to usher with check or cash.
2. Send Venmo (\$100) with your message.



**venmo**

Messages can be 3 lines long – no more than  
20 characters per line including spaces.

## Fall Registration

Registration for fall classes will open mid-July. We offer training throughout the school year for ages 6-18, and six-week programs for ages 3-6.

Our adult training provides a six-week beginning acting course which runs three times a year in fall, late winter, and summer. Various classes in intermediate thru advanced acting, directing, and more are offered throughout the year.

Paragon offers private voice lessons for ages 12 – adult.

Please visit our website for our full listing of current classes.

[ParagonStudios.org](https://ParagonStudios.org)



## Auditions

Auditions for our student musicals are held in class.

We hold open auditions for our year-long season of adult shows. Our next season will be announced in early July! Auditions are held on a per show basis and are open to the public.