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The Musical JR.

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**Performances December 9-18**  
at the Amador Theater

Fridays & Saturdays  
at 7:30 p.m.

Saturdays & Sundays  
at 2:00 p.m.

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**Choreographer** Tess Arrighi

**Stage Manager** Mackenzie McDonald

**Assistant Stage Manager** Kelsey Harrington

**Vocal Directors** Leila Brown, Ella Thurlow, Ella Srouji

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## Note from the Director

I have had the most wonderful time working on this show. This is the first show I have been able to direct since Shrek Jr. in 2019, and I couldn't have been more thrilled to take the helm!

In fact, this is our first Main Stage show that we have been able to complete since Frozen Jr. in 2019, and I think it's a fitting one to come back with. Through the pandemic, our normal changed! How we talk to each other, how we function on an every day basis, how we see the world. Buddy the Elf takes the leap from the home he knows, and goes on an adventure to find his real dad, and himself in this new environment.

To me, this story is about finding your people. Buddy is loved at the North Pole, but he has always sensed that he doesn't quite belong there. Part of the reason he goes to New York, in addition to finding his dad, is to find somewhere he belongs—and though the journey isn't perfect, Buddy is able to find a family. The people who accept you for you who you, and love you for it.

That's what theater is to me.

When I left high school, I had no idea what I wanted to do with my life. I was taking general classes towards a degree, but I didn't feel like I was fitting in quite anywhere. I found theater when I was 21 years old. Finally, I found people that weren't afraid to be weird, and an environment where I can be myself and find who I truly am.

That is what I want for Pleasanton Youth Theater Company. Theater does not have to be your lifelong goal, but it can be somewhere you can let loose and be yourself without judgment. Somewhere you can play different characters, enter different realities, and find a version of you that fits best. I hope that our participants and our staff can make that part of their journey here.

This show has been truly a collaborative process. I came in with a plan, but at every turn, this wonderful cast and staff have contributed wonderful ideas to the blocking, choreography, vocal direction, and character ideas to make this a truly unique show. Each of the cast has taken ownership of the characters—naming those that the script did not provide names for, choosing their sign, their Hogwarts House, how they move, and even how they dress! It was inspiring to watch and you will get to see the unique spin that they bring throughout the show!

My journey has taken me in many directions. Coming out of the pandemic I continue to teach, I continue to learn from my job, my colleagues, and my cast. No matter where we are in life, I hope that we can continue to learn from each other and share our experiences. As this show points out—"It's never too late to grow.

Jeff Zavattero

# CANDY CANE CAST

Buddy	Eden Rebello
Walter Hobbs	Jonah Norman
Emily Hobbs	Claire Penelope Brewer
Michael Hobbs	Preston Jew-Fortner
Jovie	Audrey Jeronimo Hartrell
Santa Claus	Maxwell Minetti
Elf/Macy's Employee/Caroler	Chiara Thendean
Elf/Macy's Employee/Caroler	Molly Ritter
Elf/Macy's Employee/Caroler	Rafael Assuncao Pinheiro
Elf/Macy's Employee/Caroler	Elizabeth Chandler
Elf/Sarah	Jessica Sheely
Charlie/Fake Santa/Caroler	Apollo Jiaxi Lau
Shawanda/Macy's Employee/Caroler	Isha Trivedi
Business Woman/New Yorker	Camille Edwards
Flyer Guy/Santa's Helper/New Yorker	Jasper Riegels
Security Guard/Police Officer	Gavin Rose
Security Guard/Police Officer	Connor Moniz
Saleswoman/Elf/Caroler	Olivia Lopez
Macy's Manager	Alira Joson
Deb/Elf	Claire Botelho
Matthews/Elf/Child	Drew Carroll
Mr. Greenway	Logan Jew-Fortner
Chadwick/Elf	Adin Milligan
Charlotte Dennon	Emma June
Darlene Lambert	Lily DeShields
Emma Van Brocklin	Sophie-Rose O'Dwyer

# GUMDROP CAST

<b>Buddy</b>	Ethan Sadkowski
<b>Walter Hobbs</b>	Rocco Hernandez
<b>Emily Hobbs</b>	Zoe Shuga
<b>Michael Hobbs</b>	Zach Hedges
<b>Jovie</b>	Kaylee Chang
<b>Santa Claus</b>	Julian Duncanson
<b>Elf/Macy's Employee/Caroler</b>	Seona Kumar
<b>Elf/Macy's Employee/Caroler</b>	Avalynn Bailey
<b>Elf/Macy's Employee/Caroler</b>	Carter Saul
<b>Elf/Macy's Employee/Caroler</b>	Akhil Gunampally
<b>Elf/Sarah</b>	Jessica Sheely
<b>Sam/Elf/Caroler</b>	Sanaya Marker
<b>Charlie/Fake Santa/Caroler</b>	Cordelia Chang
<b>Shawanda/Macy's Employee/Caroler</b>	Robin Bauer
<b>Business Woman/New Yorker</b>	Casey Lotz
<b>Flyer Guy/Santa's Helper/New Yorker</b>	Rylie Kuckein
<b>Security Guard/Police Officer</b>	Dylan Catlow
<b>Security Guard/Police Officer</b>	Norah Shane
<b>Macy's Manager</b>	Mason Bona
<b>Deb/Elf</b>	Scarlett Kay
<b>Matthews/Elf/Santa's Helper</b>	Rhanor Gillette
<b>Mr. Greenway</b>	Eleanor Bradford
<b>Chadwick/Elf</b>	Omar Azimi
<b>Charlotte Dennon</b>	Sahej Toor
<b>Darlene Lambert/Sarah</b>	Madeline Graver
<b>Saleswoman/Emma Van Brocklin</b>	Ariane Desdier



**Adin Milligan** | All Pronouns | Chadwick/Elf | Candy Cane Cast

Adin dislikes many things but strongly dislikes pineapple on pizza.



**Akhil Gunampally** | He/Him | Elf/Macy's/Caroler | Gumdrop Cast



**Alira Joson** | She/Her | Macy's Manager | Candy Cane Cast

Alira was born and raised in Pleasanton, California. She is Currently in 6th grade in Harvest Park middle school. Alira always had loved Broadway musicals and just recently watched Wicked and Six at Broadway, New York. She currently plays the piano, ukulele and guitar. Her musical influences are Olivia Rodrigo and Alicia Keys. She is also an avid hiker and traveler.



**Apollo Lau** | He/Him | Charlie/Fake Santa/Caroler | Candy Cane Cast

Apollo Lau only started theatre last year, in his 7th grade drama class. Apollo performed as a cadet in Suessical, and has been acting ever since. He loves acting and dancing, and everything about theatre. He'd like to thank his drama teacher, and all his slay friends that encouraged him through everything.



**Ariane Desdier** | She/Her | Emma Van Brocklin | Gumdrop Cast

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**Audrey Hartrell** | She/Her | Jovie | Candy Cane Cast



**Avalynn Bailey** | She/Her | Elf/Macy's/Caroler | Gumdrops Cast



**Camille Edwards** | She/Her | New Yorker | Candy Cane Cast

Camille was born on June 2, 2011 and, to her parents' surprise, started reading at age 2. Growing up, she has always loved her friends, family, and Japanese snacks. Currently she is in 6th grade and an aspiring artist.



**Carter Saul** | He/Him | Elf/Macy's/Caroler | Gumdrops Cast

Carter is a 4th grade student who hates math but enjoys science, basketball, building and playing Roblox games. In his free time, he researches all he can about movies, actors, directors and music. He considers himself to be a "movie buff." He is excited because this is his first musical with props and costumes! He is thrilled to be on the stage for one of his favorite movies of all time! When he grows up he hopes to be an actor or in tech while living in New York.



**Casey Lotz** | She/Her | New Yorker | Gumdrops Cast





**Chiara Thendean** | She/Her | Elf/Macy's/Caroler | Candy Cane Cast

Chiara, 7th grader at Harvest Park Middle School, loves to sing. She plays violin, French Horn, and piano. She won prizes in vocal competitions.



**Claire Brewer** | She/Her | Emily Hobbs | Candy Cane Cast

Claire Brewer is 13 years old and plays Emily Hobbs in our winter production Elf! Claire loves to act, sing, listen to music, and cheerlead! She loves making new friends and spending time with her castmates. Claire also is a huge fan of Christmas!



**Clarice Botelho** | She/Her | Deb/Elf | Candy Cane Cast

Clarice wants to be an actor and performer when she grows up. Her first role in a play was Tessie from Annie Jr, and she soon went on to three more shows over the years, now Elf the Musical Jr. Acting is something she wants to spend her full time on and continue over the next couple of years.



**Connor Moniz** | He/Him | Security/Police | Candy Cane Cast

Connor is new to musical theater but is not new to the stage. Connor has been doing hip-hop dance since he was 6 years old. Connor is a part of a dance team and has performed in such venues as the Chase Center during a Warriors Game, two Disneyland parades, and has even danced in our hometown Pleasanton holiday parade on Main Street. Connor is excited to be a part of such a fun production and plans to participate in more theater opportunities in the future.



**Cordelia Chang** | She/Her | Charlie/Macy's/Caroler | Gumdrops Cast

Cordelia is in 6th grade. Her first show at the firehouse art center was Seussical Kids. Some of her favorite roles were Zazu (The Lion King Jr), Billy (Honk Jr), The Doorknob (Alice in Wonderland), and Patch (101 Dalmatians). She would like to thank her mom, dad, brother, and sister for driving her to the rehearsals and giving her love and support. She would also like to thank all the staff for making this such a wonderful experience.



# About the Cast



**Drew Carroll** | He/Him | Matthews/Elf/Child | Candy Cane Cast

Though born in Madison, WI, 11 year old Drew Carroll has spent most of his life in Castro Valley, CA. He is currently a 6th grader at Creekside Middle School. This is Drew's acting debut and is very excited to be apart of this talented cast. He has a brother (Caleb), sister (Cora), and a dog named Biscuit. Drew's hobbies are reading, drawing and hanging out with friends. He would like to thank his parents for their support.



**Dylan Catlow** | He/Him | Security/Police | Gumdrops Cast

He is an 11 year old with a passion for performing, with a love of acting, magic, singing and dancing. This is his 4th show with PYTC and he has performed in shows in the UK as well, where he was born.



**Eden Rebello** | She/Her | Buddy | Candy Cane Cast

Eden Rebello is a 10th grader at Amador Valley High School. She's super excited for this show and can't wait to share it with everyone. In the past she's been cast as a part of the Ensemble in Peter Pan Jr, Iago in Aladdin Jr, Jaq in Cinderella Jr, Ariel in The Little Mermaid Jr, Winifred Banks in Mary Poppins Jr, Middle Elsa in Frozen Jr, and a Bird Girl in Seussical. She is super excited for her second ever lead role and can't wait to share this story with everyone this holiday season.



**Eleanor Bradford** | They/She | Mr. Greenway | Gumdrops Cast

Eleanor Bradford is a freshman at Amador Valley High School. They're super excited to be part of the show! Previous roles include Willy Wonka in Willy Wonka Jr, Jo-Jo in Seussical the Musical Jr, and Gretel in The Sound of Music. She wishes everyone a happy holiday!

**Elizabeth Chandler** | She/Her | Elf/Macy's/Caroler | Gumdrops Cast



**Emma June** | She/Her | Darlene Lambert | Candy Cane Cast

Emma is a music-loving and energetic 8th-grader who has loved anything to do with theater all her life - from musicals to dance to improv. While in elementary school, she played Willy Wonka (Willy Wonka KIDS), Lumière (Beauty & The Beast) and Annie (Annie KIDS) with the Bay Area Children's Theater. In middle school, she further explored the world of improv. And now, she is happy spending all of her free time being a part of musical productions.



**Ethan Sadkowski** | He/Him | Buddy | Gumdrops Cast

Ethan Sadkowski is a Sophomore in high school. He is so thrilled to be in this show and can't wait for you to see it! He has been in several PYTC productions in the past and has also been in several other shows as well! Most recently being, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream-coat at Livermore High School. He hopes you enjoy this sparklejollytwinklejingly production and remember, the best way to spread Holiday Cheer, Is singing loud for all to hear!



**Gavin Rose** | He/Him | Security/Police | Candy Cane Cast

Gavin Rose is excited and proud to be performing in his first stage production with the Pleasanton Firehouse Arts Center. Gavin is 13 years old and an 8th grade student at Pleasanton Middle School. He enjoys improv theatre, spending time with friends and family and never turns down an opportunity to play Xbox.



**Isha Trivedi** | She/Her | Shawanda/Macy's/Caroler | Candy Cane Cast

Isha has loved dancing and acting since her early childhood years and there is a joke that she went from crawling straight to dancing. Isha is trained in Kathak, a form of Indian classical dance and also in Bollywood dancing. She has also taken ballet and tap dancing classes when she was younger. She loves to perform and write creative plays. During the pandemic, she put on a production for neighbors called Mary Poppins meets Harry Potter and recruited kids from the neighborhood to participate and help make creative costumes. It was a memorable event for everyone.



**Jasper Riegels** | He/Him | New Yorker/Santa's Helper | Gumdrops Cast

Jasper is incredulous that there are actually some kids who doubt the plausibility that Santa can not only make a list of 1 billion children's toy requests, but also check it twice. Why not? He has plenty of help! Speaking of help, Jasper would like to thank Jeff, the rest of the production team, his tirelessly supportive parents, and brother Bryce for all of their encouragement.

# About the Cast



**Jessica Sheely** | She/Her | Sarah/Elf | Candy Cane Cast

Jessica has performed in 101 Dalmatians, The rainbow fish, and many other plays. Jessica loves singing and dancing and is always up for the challenge no matter what it is.



**Jonah Norman** | He/Him | Walter Hobbs | Candy Cane Cast

Jonah is extremely grateful for the incredible opportunity to be a part of Elf the Musical Jr. Jonah is a huge fan of the film Elf and when he heard about the chance to be a part of the musical, he knew he had to audition for the show. Jonah is in 8th grade at Harvest Park Middle School and he has been participating in musical theater for six years, including in Aladdin Kids, Beauty and the Beast Jr., Frozen Jr., and Honk! Jr.



**Julian Duncanson** | They/Them | Santa Claus | Gumdrop Cast

Julian has been in 11 performances for the city, & this is their first main stage performance! They love musical theater, & improv. Julian is also a first year member of Creatures of Impulse, & a freshmen at Granada high, in Livermore. They are thrilled for their role as Santa, & have enjoyed every moment preparing for it. As a long time viewer, first time performer, Julian is ready for a killer main stage show!



**Kaylee Chang** | She/Her | Jovie | Gumdrop Cast

Kaylee Chang (Jovie) is 13 years old and excited to return to PYTC with this fun and festive musical! Some of her past favorite shows have been Honk Jr.(Maureen) and Frozen Jr.(Bulda). Kaylee also enjoys playing volleyball and is a Cadette in Girl Scouts. She thanks the wonderful production team for putting together such an amazing show. She also thanks her family and friends for supporting her along the way.



**Lily DeSheilds** | She/Her | Darlene Lambert | Candy Cane Cast

Lily is 12 years old and is excited to be part of this year's performance of "Elf The Musical Jr". Lily's acting debut was at age 4, when she performed in the Little Mermaid (Ariel) and last year played Willy Wonka in Willy Wonka Kids. Lily loves to sing, ice skate and travel. She would like to thank her family and friends for their support!





**Logan Jew-Fortner** | He/Him | Mr. Greenway | Candy Cane Cast

Logan has been performing since the day he was born. He has had many roles in many plays including Horton in Seussical Jr., Willy Wonka in Willy Wonka Jr., and Roger in 101 Dalmatians Jr. When he's not performing you can find him creating clay figurines or gaming!

**Madeleine Graver** | She/Her | Darlene Lambert/Sarah | Gumdrop Cast

This is Madeleine's first show ever. She enjoys singing, dancing, and acting. She loves the people and loves working with all of them. In her free time she enjoys basketball and soccer.



**Mason Bona** | They/He | Macy's Manager | Gumdrop Cast

Mason is currently 14 years old and a freshmen Amador High School. They have been performing with the firehouse for approximately 6 years. Mason is excited to be in this production as this is one of the first shows that could be performed since 2019. Mason enjoys theater since it is a great form of self expression and give them the ability to explore different types of voices. Mason also enjoys drawing, animating and singing.



**Maxwell Minetti** | He/Him | Santa Claus | Candy Cane Cast

Max is an 8th grade student at Mendenhall Middle School. His interest in acting was sparked in 4th grade after being cast as Captain Comma in Pirates of Grammar Island. He first joined the PYTC in 2019 as the bungling villain, Jasper, in the Firehouse Arts production of 101 Dalmatians. For his next performance, Max played brave Papa Bear in CYT's Shrek the Musical. He is now happy to be rejoining the PYTC as Santa in the Candy Cane cast of Elf the Musical Jr. Max loves to bring humor and find friendship in all that he does and he looks forward to joining future shows at a theater near you!

**Molly Ritter** | She/Her | Elf/Macy's/Caroler | Candy Cane Cast

Molly is so happy to be a part of this show. She has worked with an amazing staff and cast! She can't wait to continue working with all these amazing people. Molly has been in 101 Dalmatians, Willy Wonka, and the Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon. She wants to thank all of her friends and family who have put up with her singing and dancing. She also wants to thank them for helping her practice her songs and dances. Molly wishes for you to all enjoy the show!

# About the Cast



**Norah Shane** | She/Her | Security/Police | Gumdrop Cast

Norah loves acting. This is her 4th play through the city of Pleasanton. She has also participated in a summer improv camp. When Norah is not acting, she loves to play with her dog, Millie, Draw, hang out with friends and spend time with family!

**Olivia Lopez** | She/Her | Elf/Saleswoman/Caroler | Gumdrop Cast

**Omar Azimi** | He/Him | Chadwick/Elf | Gumdrop Cast

Omar Azimi is a 14 year old actor, this is his second show, the first being Lunar Mystery, a fantasy musical he helped write the plot of. Now he plays the tole of the hilarious Chadwick from Greenway Offices.



**Preston Jew-Fortner** | He/Him | Michael Hobbs | Candy Cane Cast

Preston is 10 years old. He loves sports, acting and playing video games. He has been Pongo in 101 Dalmatians Jr and both The Candy Man and an Oompa Loompa in Willy Wonka Jr. He also takes Improv classes and has performed in his school's talent shows! He loves to be obnoxious.



**Rafael Assuncao Pinheiro** | He/Him | Elf/Macy's/Caroler | Candy Cane

Rafael is very excited to make his acting debut in Elf Jr. He loves being a 4th grader at Mohr Elementary. When not in school, Rafael enjoys watching movies, creating movie trailers in his imagination, and performing for the family. He also loves playing soccer, ping-pong, and rock climbing. He wants to thank his Mom, Dad, and brother Pedro for always supporting his choices.



**Rhanor Gillette** | He/Him | Matthews/Elf/Santa's Helper | Gumdrops Cast

Born in Modesto and living in Livermore, Rhanor has been in California all his life. Although he has been in improv shows and some small productions when he was younger, Elf Jr. is his first production curated by the Pleasanton Theatre Group. He enjoys writing, biking, and acting, among other things.



**Robin** | She/They/Him | Shawanda/Macy's/Caroler | Gumdrops Cast



**Rocco Hernandez** | He/Him | Walter Hobbs | Gumdrops Cast

Rocco Hernandez was born on September 29, 2009. He lived in Mexico for two years before moving to California. The first time Rocco did anything theater related was when he was seven years old in the musical "Aladdin". Since then Rocco has been doing other musicals and theater related activities. He is currently in 8th grade and is practicing piano and muay thai.



**Rylie Kuckein** | She/Her | New Yorker | Gumdrops Cast

Rylie is a fourth grader at Walnut Grove and this is her second time on stage! She was seen last year as Tommy in Royal Theater Academy's production of Matilda. Rylie loves to write plays and musicals, and can be found writing them in her head while she scooters all day in front of her home. She plays piano and guitar and has a knack for writing original songs. One day she hopes to receive an MFA in horror fiction writing.



**Sahej Toor** | She/Her | Charlotte Dennon | Gumdrops Cast

Sahej Toor is 12 years old and in 7th grade. She loves to act sing and dance and is excited to put those skills to use in Elf jr. As well as drama Sahej also does piano, volleyball, tennis, and is a major book nerd. She is so excited to be in Elf jr. and can't wait to be in more shows!



# About the Cast



**Sanaya Marker** | She/Her | Sam/Elf/Caroler | Gumdrop Cast



**Scarlett Kay** | She/Her | Deb/Elf | Gumdrop Cast

Scarlett has been dancing in Ballet since she was two years old, specializing in character roles such as an Ugly Sister in Cinderella. It was through Ballet she developed her love for performance, leading her to take acting classes aged 6 and unlocking a passion for Musical Theatre. Scarlett studies various styles of dance and sings in a choir. She has enjoyed roles in Frozen, the Wizard of Oz, Matilda and Mamma Mia.



**Seona Kumar** | She/Her | Elf/Macy's/Caroler | Gumdrop Cast



**Sophie Rose O'Dwyer** | She/Her | Emma Van Brocklin | Candy Cane Cast

Sophie-Rose O'Dwyer is a seventh grader at Harvest Park Middle School. She moved to California from Ireland when she was seven, and she has been acting for about three years! She loves reading and horse riding, and her favorite form of acting is Improv! Her favorite musical is Hamilton, and she also likes Annie and Harry Potter and the Cursed Child. Elf Jr. is her first musical with the Firehouse, and she hopes you enjoy!



**Zach Hedges** | He/Him | Michael Hobbs | Gumdrop Cast

Zach is thrilled to be playing Michael in his first musical. In addition to acting and singing, Zach enjoys piano, drawing and tennis. He is so thankful for his Firehouse family and the friendships he has made. Zach would like to thank his family for their love and support.



**Zoe Shuga** | She/Her | Emily Hobbs | Gumdrop Cast

Zoe is 15 years old and has loved theatre for many years. She especially loves to sing and is in the choir at her high school, Foothill. Her favorite shows so far are Suessical and Peter Pan when she was Wendy. She would like to give a shoutout to her friends and family for always supporting her. She hopes you enjoy the show!



**Zoya Tande** | Fake Santa/Elf | Gumdrop Cast

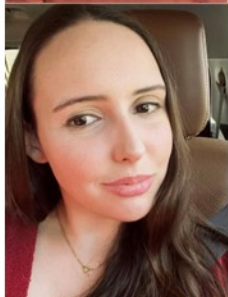


# About the Staff



**Jeff Zavattero** | He/Him | Director

Jeff is humbled, honored, and elated to be the Library & Recreation Coordinator for Pleasanton Youth Theatre Company and the vibrant arts programming here in Pleasanton. He has called this program home since 2013 when he first began teaching here – and it has been his great joy to be a part of this program's incredible growth over the last decade. Jeff attended Las Positas College, where he had the great joy of enhancing his performance skills in several shows and found his passion for directing. Outside of theatre, Jeff has a strong affinity for digital design and is an avid video game-lover.



**Tess Arrighi** | She/They | Choreographer

Tess Arrighi is the Choreographer for Elf the Musical Jr. Tess has been dancing and acting in musical theater for most of her life and is excited to have the opportunity to share her love of the performing arts with a new generation of performers. This is her first production with the Pleasanton Youth Theater Company and she is so proud of all that this production has accomplished. Outside of the theater, Tess received her Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry from Occidental College in 2017 and works as a senior laboratory technician for DNA manufacturing.



**Mackenzie McDonald** | She/Her | Stage Manager

Mackenzie McDonald has been doing theatre since she was 11 year olds. She primarily specializes in improv being a fourth year Creatures of Impulse member but has also done musicals like 13 and Matilda. Mackenzie is on the Las Positas Speech and Debate team and has won in two Interpretation events thus far. Her first show on a production team was Jungle Book: KIDS and she is excited to continue advancing her skills.



**Kelsey Harrington** | She/Her | Assistant Stage Manager

Kelsey is a senior in Amador and a fourth year member of Creatures of Impulse. She currently works as an Assistant Stage Manager with PYTC. She wants to go to college in Southern California, especially UC Santa Barbara, next year and plans to major in Global Studies. As an outside of theater hobby she enjoys writing and directing screenplays of her own.



**Ella Srouji** | She/Her | Vocal Director

Ella Srouji has lived in Pleasanton her whole life and is currently senior at Foothill High School. She has been involved at the Firehouse Arts Center for quite some time now, and has been performing in musical theatre since she was young with companies such as Bay Area Children's Theatre, Pleasanton Youth Theatre Company, and more. Ella has been wanting to work at the Firehouse Arts Center for quite some time, and now she can finally experience what its like to work on the other side of a theatre production! She is very proud of all the students in Elf, and she is excited to see them put all of their hard work onstage!



**Ella Thurlow** | She/Her | Vocal Director

Ella Thurlow (*she/ her*) is a big lover of all the corners of Musical Theatre. She has grown up doing shows with PYTC and was featured in some you might have seen such as *School of Rock* (Summer Hathaway), *Bring It On* (Eva), *Urinetown* (Hot Blades Harry), and *Frozen Jr* (Elsa). She is in her senior year at Foothill High School and stays busy with The High School Music Collaborative, high school tennis, and the yearly PUSD District Musical. Ella appreciates the safe and fun space that the Firehouse gave her for so long, and is just ecstatic to be creating that community for the new generation.



**Leila Brown** | She/Her | Vocal Director

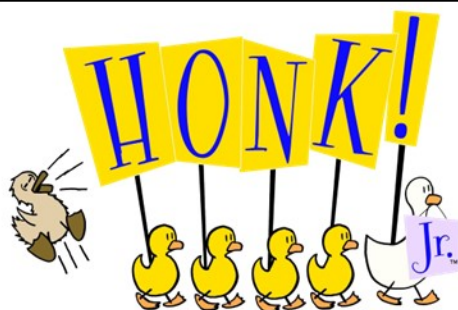
Leila Brown grew up doing theatre productions at the Firehouse, and is stoked to teach there now! Her passion lies within educating children, as she is studying to become an elementary school teacher. Whether it is in a school classroom or a theatre classroom, she loves helping children find their passions and hopes to provide a safe environment for them. When she is not teaching, she is reading, songwriting, spending time with her family, or at Disneyland (and if not at Disneyland, she is 100% jamming to Disneyland Park music). The Pleasanton Youth Theatre Company has taught her to unapologetically be herself and to believe in herself, and it is an honor to be working at a place so supportive and so kind.



## Upcoming Pleasanton Youth Theater Shows



**Saturday, January 28**  
**11a, 2p, and 5p**  
**Performances**



**March 24-April 2**  
**Fridays and Saturdays at**  
**7:30p, Saturdays and**  
**Sundays at 2p**  
**Auditions in**  
**December/January!**



**Saturday, May 9**  
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