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She Kills Monsters
Virtual Realms

THE PHANTOM
TOLLBOOTH

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FEATURING

Gio Coppola.....	CHUCK
Brooke DoVale	KALIOPE
Abby Gauch	NARRATOR/FARRAH
Keira Haughey	TILLY
Audrey Keating	STEVE/EVIL GABBI
Ameya Kothandaraman.....	VERA/EVIL TINA
Sarah Koury.....	ORCUS
Dolores Salamurovic.....	AGNES
Isabella Tedesco.....	LILITH
Samuel Wehle.....	MILES

Director: Tyler Rosati
Stage Manager: Molly Burman
Costume Designer: E. Rosser

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GIO COPPOLA (Chuck) is so excited to be back at GBSC (well... kind of) for his 4th show with The Young Company! Some of Gio's favorite past roles include Nicely Johnson (*Guys and Dolls*), Donkey (*Shrek*), Emmett (*Legally Blonde*), and the unforgettable Bat #7 in the 2010 production of *Oliver Twist*. Gio plans on pursuing a BFA in Musical Theatre after graduating this year.

BROOKE DOVALE (Kaliopé) is 17 and is so excited to be back for her 12th show with The Young Company! Some of her past favorite rolls include Miss Krumholtz in *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*, Titania in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Lucius in

Julius Caesar, and Zacky Price in *Big Fish*. Brooke thanks her friends, family, and castmates for all their support.

ABBY GAUCH (Narrator/Farrah) is excited to be joining the Young Company for her fourth show! She has previously been in *Lucky Stiff* as a Southern lady/Ensemble Member, *Firebringer* as Tiblyn, and *Midsummer* as Flute. Outside of GBSC Abby is in the Premier Chorus of the Boston Children's chorus. She loves to swim and go for hikes with her golden retriever Molly. Abby is a senior at Melrose High School.

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KEIRA HAUGHEY (Tilly) is a junior at Stoneham High School. She is thrilled to be performing in her 11th show with The Young Company. Previous productions include *The Addams Family Musical* (Wednesday), *Julius Caesar* (Marc Antony), and *Annie* (Ms. Hannigan). Elsewhere, she has performed in *Young Frankenstein* as Elizabeth and *Guys & Dolls* as Adelaide. In addition to performing, she enjoys playing field hockey, drinking chocolate milk, and chilling with her dogs. She is so excited to be performing virtually with The Young Company. She hopes you enjoy the show and let out your inner geek!

AUDREY KEATING (Steve/Evil Gabbi) is super excited to join The Young Company for yet another show! She has been doing shows and taking classes here for the last decade, most recently appearing in the virtual production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Egeus/Peasblossom). She is also a Malden High School Varsity Cheerleader. Audrey's other hobbies include cooking, spending time with her dog, Seymour and managing his instagram (@seymour.the.pupper), and sewing/embroidery. She hopes you enjoy the show!

AMEYA KOTHANDARAMAN (Vera/Evil Tina) is a three-time experienced performer with GBSC. Ameya has extensive experience with singing, dancing, and acting in professional productions. She has performed with Boston Children's Chorus and the Boston Symphony Children's Choir. She was cast as the lead in Nutcracker productions by City Ballet of Boston. She recently joined the Broadway Collective (Hello Broadway) and has enjoyed continuing her theater training during quarantine. Ameya is thrilled to contribute to her first virtual show!

SARAH KOURY (Orcus), 15, is thrilled to be joining The Young Company for her second show with GBSC!! She is a freshman at Winchester High School, and currently her favorite musicals are *Newsies*, *Be More Chill* and *Rent*. Previous and current productions include *The Addams Family* (Pugsley), *Willy Wonka* (Mr. Salt) and *A Little Night Music* (Henrik). Sarah is a huge Disney fan, and enjoys going to the Disney theme parks on vacations. She also has a video podcast that she recently started called Broadway and Beyond: Stories from artists in the time in Covid-19. A new episode is released every week where Sarah talks about how the pandemic has changed the life of each guest who was working in the theatre industry before the shutdown. It's @broadway_and_beyond_podcast on Instagram and YouTube! Sarah would also like to thank her family for all their support, and looks forward to performing on stage again soon!!

DOLORES SALAMUROVIC (Agnes) is a senior at Melrose High School. She is so thrilled to be with the Young Company during this time. Previous credits include- Sophie in *Mamma Mia*, Narrator in *Joseph*, Chip in *Spelling Bee*, Fiona in *Shrek*, Inga in *Young Frankenstein*, Sarah Brown in *Guys and Dolls*. This is her second time doing *She Kills Monsters* and she has a true love and appreciation for it. She hopes you can relax for a few hours and enjoy this magical show, and take away precious lessons about life, love, and of course D&D from today's performance.

ISABELLA TEDESCO (Lilith) is a junior at Winchester High, thrilled to be returning to performing with *She Kills Monsters*. Past GBSC roles include: *Uncle Fester*, *Addams Family*; *Evil Gabi/Farrah*, *She Kills Monsters*; *Octavius/Soothsayer Julius Caesar*, *Lumiere*, *Beauty & The Beast*; *Donkey*, *Shrek* (Young Company); *Teddy*, *Last Night at Bowl-Mor Lanes* (Mainstage). Thanks to Dad, Mom, Luca, and my GBSC friends!

SAMUEL WEHLE (Miles) is a junior at St. John's Prep and is excited to be a part of The Young Company's *She Kills Monsters*. He would like to thank GBSC for making this virtual production possible. Enjoy the show!

TYLER ROSATI (Director) is the Director of Education at Greater Boston Stage Company and has been on the staff since 2011 as a Director, Production Assistant, Actor, and Education and Artistic Associate. He is a Boston-based director, choreographer, teaching artist, and producer. He has taught with the Worcester Public School system, the Massachusetts Educational Theatre Guild, the Massachusetts Thespians, and multiple dance studios in the Greater Boston area. He can also be seen production managing and acting in a rather unique international Shakespeare company.

MOLLY BURMAN (Stage Manager) is happy to return to The Young Company for her eighth festival. Molly is a Boston based stage manager and educator. Favorite credits include *Bat Boy* (The Young Company at GBSC), *Lab Rats* (Brown Box Theater Project), *Hidden Faces of Courage* (On With Living and Learning), and *The Elaborate Entrance of Chad Deity* (Company One). Love you, Mom!

E. ROSSER (Costume Designer) moonlights as a backstage ninja and a freelance designer in the Boston theater scene, saving daytime for mundane things like engineering and science writing. Among her favorite creations are 8-foot giraffe puppets, hospital gowns (think "evening," not "surgical"), rococo zombies, drag queen metamorphoses, and warrior bunnies. See more of her work online at machinationsbyrosser.weebly.com!

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by Susan Nanus
Based on the book by Norton Juster

FEATURING

Kaylee Axtell.....	Princess Rhyme
Jane Baker.....	The Humbug
Sophia Dehart.....	Dodecahedron; The King's Advisors
Kierra Demers.....	Kakafonous A. Dischord Dr. Of Dissonance; the Senses Taker
Sukey Hampson.....	Spelling Bee; The Terrible Trivium
Natalie Keating.....	Princess Reason
Georgia Keeler.....	Tock the watch dog; The Clock
Graham Layton.....	The whether Man; Word Seller #2; The Dynne
Christi McGaffigan.....	King Azaz
Zachary Nedell.....	Lethargarian; Word Seller #4
Kayla Showstead.....	Lethargarian; The Gate Keeper; The Demon of Insincerity
Riley Simpson.....	Milo
Norah Symes.....	Lethargarian; Word Seller #3; The Word Snatcher
Gwendolyn Symes.....	Lethargarian; Word Seller #1; The Page
Jane Ur.....	The Mathemagician
Director.....	Sydney Grant
Stage Manager.....	Shauwna Grillo
Costume Designer.....	Theona White

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KAYLEE AXTELL (Princess Rhyme), 14, is a 9th grader at the Bedford High School in Bedford, MA. She has performed in many Young Company productions including most recently, the 24-Hour Movie, *Singing in the Rain*, *Willy Wonka*, and *Dear Edwina, Jr.* Off the stage Kaylee enjoys playing the violin and flute. She most recently performed in her high school theater production of *She Kills Monsters* on the Zoom stage!

JANE BAKER (The Humbug), 13, of Winchester is thrilled to be back with GBSC for her third show! She has also performed with the Rocky Mountain Repertory Theatre and the Winchester Cooperative Theatre. Favorite past roles include May (*Junie B. Jones*) and Dorothy (*The Wizard of Oz*). Jane loves photography, playing piano, and playing with her cat. Jane thanks Sydney, Shauwna and the whole *Phantom Tollbooth* cast for putting on such a fun show under difficult circumstances!

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SOPHIA DEHART (Dodecahedron, The King's Advisors), 14, is excited to be joining the cast of *The Phantom Tollbooth* this year. Recent productions Sophia has been in include *Shrek the Musical*, and *Curtains*. Sophia also enjoys art and animation, and runs a YouTube channel when they're not rehearsing.

KIERRA DEMERS (Kakafonous A. Dischord Dr. of Dissonance/The Senses Taker), 12, is appearing in her third show with Young Company. Kierra has appeared in a number of shows including *Suessical*, *Lion King*, *Frozen Jr*, *Grease*, *Junie B Jones*, *Marry Poppins* & others. Kierra also danced competitively for five years, plays piano, takes voice lessons, and is a math Olympian. When she's not acting Kierra enjoys reading, watching musicals, listening to stand up comedy, and finding creative ways to stay up past her bedtime.

SUKEY HAMPSON (Spelling Bee/The Terrible Trivium), 11, is thrilled to be taking part in her third production with Greater Boston Stage Company. Her past roles include: Flora in *Freckleface Strawberry*, and Middle Elsa in *Frozen Jr*. She enjoys reading, listening to music, and playing with her brothers and friends. She is thankful to her family for always supporting her in achieving her goals, hopes, and dreams.

NATALIE KEATING (Princess Reason), 14, is so excited to bring *The Phantom Tollbooth* to life for her second time, now portraying the role of Princess Reason! This will mark her sixth show with The Young Company and she could not be more ecstatic to be back, this time situated in her room in Malden. Previous shows include *The Phantom Tollbooth*, *Curtains*, and *Willy Wonka*. Natalie can be found singing, playing her ukulele, or playing Roblox. Enjoy the show!

GEORGIA KEELER (Tock/The Clock) is a freshman at Winchester High School. This is her third Winter Fest and she is thrilled to appear in *Phantom Tollbooth*! Her past roles have included Violet (*Willy Wonka*), Chip (*Beauty and the Beast*), and Brooke Windham (*Legally Blonde- MMT*). Georgia enjoys reading, skiing, hanging out with friends, and planning to take over the world. She would like to thank her family, friends, castmates, and the GBSC team for making this show amazing!

GRAHAM LAYTON (The Whether Man/Word Seller/The Dynne), of 4th grade classroom Zoom fame, is happy to be back with his GBSC friends. He participated in *Junie B Jones* in the past and the Mainstage performance of *Miracle on 34th Street* last winter. Graham also plays soccer and flag football like a ninja and is on a gymnastics team, where he rehearses dramatic deaths after tough workouts.

CHRISTI MCGAFFIGAN (King Azaz) is a freshman this year at Landmark High School in Beverly. She is so excited to be joining The Young Company for her first show where she plays King Azaz in our performance. She has performed in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Nick Bottom), *You're A Good Man Charlie Brown* (Lucy) And *Annie* (Ms. Hannigan). In her free time Christi loves to play piano and run Cross Country. Christi's goal is to portray Elphaba in her favorite Broadway show *Wicked*. She would like to thank the Young Company for this amazing experience.

ZACHARY NEDELL (Lethargarian/Word Seller), 15, is thrilled to be joining The Young Company for his second show. He most recently appeared as Phineas Trout in the 2020 Winter Festival production of *Willy Wonka*. He is a black belt in karate and when not in a pandemic he enjoys being social and existing. He loves hanging out with his 2 kittens, Xena the Warrior Princess and Lynx.

KAYLA SHOWSTEAD (Leathargarian/The Gate Keeper/The Demon of Insincerity), 12, is very enthusiastic to be in *the Phantom Tollbooth*. This is her third performance with The Young Company. Kayla is currently writing her own novel and loves reading! She also wants to thank her cast members! They are the best!

RILEY SIMPSON (Milo), 14, is happy to be with the Young Company for another show! Favorite credits include *The Addams Family* (Grandma) and *Singin' in the Rain* (Lina Lamont) with The Young Company, and *Mary Poppins* (Ensemble) with CIC Theater. In her free time, Riley loves playing Minecraft (although terrified of the game) with her friends, and playing piano. She would like to thank the cast and creative team for creating such an amazing performance!

NORAH SYMES (Lethargarian/Word Seller/The Word Snatcher) goes to Sparhawk School in Amesbury and she is in 6th grade. She loves to listen to music and play with her cats. She also loves singing and dancing.

GWENDOLYN SYMES (Lethargarian/Word Seller/The Page) loves to ride horses and sing. She lives with her two sisters, her mom and dad, her dog, cats, bunnies, chickens and guinea hens.

JANE UR (The Mathemagician), 12, is in 6th grade at Gibbs School in Arlington. They are very excited to participate in *the Phantom Tollbooth* (ironically, they do not enjoy math), and were last seen on stage in the 2019 Christmas Revels Children's Chorus. Jane enjoys writing, reading, drawing, and Magnus Chase. In case you were wondering, their favorite character is Alex Fierro. Thank you to the rest of the cast for your support in the confusing Zoomland.

SYDNEY GRANT (Director) is thrilled to be joining Greater Boston Stage for Winter Fest this year. She is a Boston based theatre artist, some select credits include, Directing: *Willy Wonka* and *How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying* (Greater Boston Stage Young Co.), *Seven Deadly Sins* (Suffolk University). Choreography: *The Drowsy Chaperone* (Suffolk University), *They Great and Terrible Wizard of Oz* (Greater Boston Stage Young co.) Performance: *The Moors*- Entropy Theatre co., *Plank*- Allycat Theater. Sydney would like to congratulate to all of the talented young artists in this year's festival, zoom is wild and you crushed it!

SHAUWNA GRILLO (Stage Manager) has worked frequently with The Young Company as a stage manager, props master, and more. Her first show was *Alice*, in Winter 2016, making this year her sixth year doing the Winter Festival! She is over the moon to be helping to bring this new virtual experience to our students. She also works for the GBSC Mainstage, working on 15 productions as a Production Assistant, and making her debut as an Equity Assistant Stage Manager on *Miracle on 34th Street*. Other credits include productions with Brown Box Theatre Project, Opera del West, Bridge Rep, and CSC, and freelance work with BeNT Productions and Emerson College.

THEONA WHITE (Costume Designer) is delighted to be working with the Young Company again! She has been a Costume Designer for the GBSC Young Company since *Madagascar* in 2018 and has also designed *Curtains* and *Beauty and the Beast Jr* for them. Theona received her MFA from BU in Costume Design and has been working as a Boston based Costume Designer and Costume Crafts Artisan since. Other credits include *Good* for New Rep, *Memorial* for Boston Playwrights' Theatre and *Beauty and the Beast Jr.* for the Mel O'Drama company in Quincy.