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SEPTEMBER	Choral Programs & Fall Conservatory Sessions begin Youth Choir Weekend Retreat
OCTOBER	Broadway & Beyond Fall Production
NOVEMBER	Annual Gala
DECEMBER	"Christmas Time in the City" Holiday Show Spectacular
JANUARY	Choral Programs resume Winter Conservatory Sessions begin
FEBRUARY	Winter/Spring Carnegie Hall Appearances begin as scheduled Annual Fund Kick-Off Cabaret
MARCH	Broadway & Beyond Triple-Threat Prep sessions
APRIL	Conservatory Recitals begin as scheduled
MAY	Spring Concert
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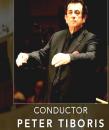
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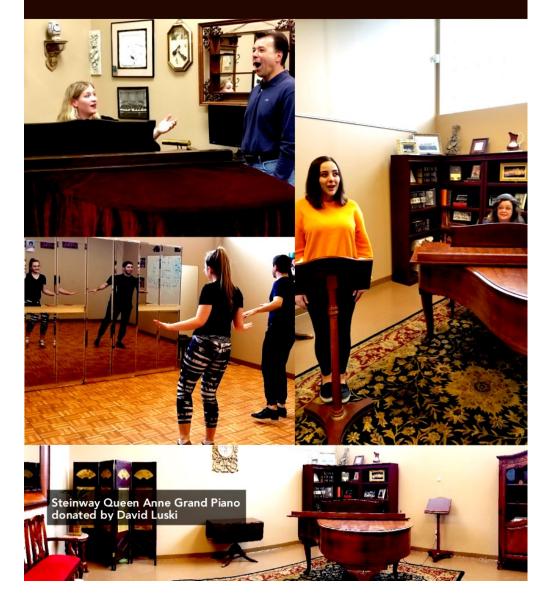
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Samantha Ferrara, Music Theater Director Samantha Ferrara graduated in 2014 from Westminster Choir College of Rider University with a B.M. in Music and a minor in Musical Theatre. Ms. Ferrara joined the Continuo Arts Foundation in 2015, and in 2017 became Director of Broadway & Beyond, where she directed productions of *Beauty and the Beast JR* and *Annie KIDS*. Ms. Ferrara is a member of the

Civic Chorale of New Jersey and Sonaré, and is also on staff at the Continuo Arts Conservatory of music teaching voice, music theater and audition prep. In addition to her work at Continuo Arts, she serves as an alto section leader for St. Bernards Episcopal Church in her hometown of Bernardsville.

Ms. Ferrara can be frequently found on both the professional and community stage; recent credits include *Ragtime* (Evelyn Nesbit), *The Secret Garden* (Lily Craven), *Mary Poppins* (Mary Poppins), and *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* (Chorus). She currently splits her time between New York City and New Jersey, where she is actively pursuing a professional performing career. She has studied acting at The Patrick Page Studio in New York City and voice with Julie Galorenzo. She will be attending the Ryan Scott Oliver and Lindsay Mendez' Actor Therapy Summer Intensive in August.

Meet the Artists



Christopher Elliott, Summer Intern, Pilot, Ensemble

Christopher is a rising senior at Goucher College in Towson, Maryland. He plans to graduate double-majoring in Sociology and Music with a concentration in Heath and Medicine. This is Chris's first year being a part of Continuo Arts as an Intern. He's participated in many musicals. Recent roles include Riff Raff (*Rocky Horror Picture Show*), Man Two (*Songs for a New World*) and Horton (*Suessical*). Chris hopes to continue following his passion for music after college.



Elizabeth Scully, Summer Intern, Andrina, Ensemble

Elizabeth is a senior Musical Theatre major at DeSales University and a Summer intern for the Continuo Arts Foundation. Previous credits include performances at DeSales University, Carnegie Hall, Operafest NJ, Bergen County Players, Elmwood Playhouse, and Antrim Playhouse. *The Little Mermaid* is one of her favorite Disney movies!

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<u>Aria Alva, Allana, Carlotta</u>

Aria is a rising freshman in Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child. She has been a member of the Continuo Arts Foundation for ten years. A voice student of Dr. Candace Wicke, Aria joins the Singers of the Youth Choir of NJ this season with upcoming performances in Carnegie Hall and Syros, Greece. Aria enjoys the arts and will be earning her second-degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do this fall. She is excited to be a part of this production.



April Cascante, Atina, Ensemble

April has been crew head for several performances such as *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, The Government Inspector*, and *Once Upon a Mattress.* April has also performed as the wonderful stepmother in *The Fairytale Misfits.* April has been associated with the Continuo Arts Foundation since 2017, when she served on the crew for last year's Musical Theater Intensive, *Beanty and the Beast JR.* April then joined the Youth Choir of NJ with the

Chanticleers and will be entering the Singers ensemble this fall. Being in *The Little Mermaid* JR. has been a really fun and an amazing experience for April.



Aubrey Conlon, Aquata, Flotsam

Aubrey is a rising 5th grader at Lafayette Avenue School in Chatham, NJ, and is excited to make her Broadway & Beyond debut with *The Little Mermaid*, *JR*! When Aubrey is not practicing her vocal technique, she enjoys reading, playing softball and competing in fencing tournaments. Aubrey is supported in the audience today by her biggest fans; her little brother Ethan, mom and dad, her grandparents, aunt, and baby cousin Brooklynn!

Alexander Gallegos, Prince Eric

Musical Theater has played a large part in 15-year-old Alex's life. Previous roles include The Giver (*The Giver*), King Sextimus (*Once Upon a Mattress*), and Bobchinsky (*The Government Inspector*). This is his first year at the Continuo Arts Foundation and Broadway & Beyond. He is very excited to perform in this show, or as he would say, "this show is a very spicy meatball." Alex hopes that his Mom, Dad, and the rest of the family enjoy this production. He also thanks Mr. Chris, Miss Liz and Ms. Samantha.

Alicia Gallegos, Flounder

Alicia has been in three previous productions. She was an assistant stage director for *The Lion King, JR*, a dog in *Aristocats* and the Doctor in *The Government Inspector*. This intensive is her first time being involved with Continuo Arts. Alicia thought that this production was fun to be a part of.





Meet the Artists



John-Luke Gotanco, King Triton

John-Luke is a rising college freshman at NJIT. He has participated in many productions in Biotechnology High School, where he played Maurice (*Beauty and the Beast*), and Carlos (*Legally Blonde*). He has also participated in various Continuo Arts Programs, including performing the role of St. Brioche in the Minuetto Music Festival's production of *The Merry Widow* and the Beast in last year's Broadway & Beyond's Musical Theater

Intensive, Beauty and the Beast JR He is excited to be playing the role of Triton this year!



Ryan Kuchta, Grimsby, Chef Louis

Ryan is excited and nervous to put on this show. He is thrilled to play Chef Louis, the exaggerated chef who cooks for the Palace. Ryan is not a stranger to the stage—this is his second musical production. *The Little Mermaid* was the first Disney movie Ryan has ever seen, and he has watched the film at least ten times. As he grew up with these lovable characters, he is ecstatic to play them on stage.



Amelia Lunde, Adella, Ensemble

Amelia has been a part of the Continuo Arts Foundation for eleven years. She has thoroughly enjoyed working in this production with the amazing staff and cast members. She will be starting her college career at the University of Tampa in the fall to pursue her love for marine biology. She is extremely grateful for this opportunity and wishes the best for everyone in the cast.



Morgan Moloney, Arista, Jetsam

Morgan is so happy to be returning to Broadway & Beyond's summer stage! She made her first debut with the Continuo Arts Foundation as Milky White in *Into the Woods, JR*. Since then, Morgan has been part of the Expedition Crew in *Tarzan* for the Play Theater. Morgan has been involved in five musical recitals that include performing, dancing, and singing. During the school year Morgan takes tap, jazz, ballet, and acting lessons. She loves

reading, learning, and spending time with her friends and family. She is excited to start 4th grade in the fall. Morgan would like to thank Ms. Samantha and Dr. Wicke for this summer's amazing opportunity, as well as her incredible cast members for being so kind. She would also like to thank her family and friends for all their love and support. Maddie, Sofia, Sara, love you guys!



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Ambika Muralitharan, Ariel

Ambika has been involved in musical theatre for several years. Some of her roles include the Caterpillar (*Alice in Wonderland*), Mrs. Lathie (*Orphan Trains*), and Bird Girl (*Seussical*). This is her Continuo Arts debut! Ambika was very excited when she found out this year's Broadway & Beyond production was *The Little Mermaid*, JR, since she loved the movie growing up. She was introduced to singing by her school, but has since branched out

to other opportunities, such as state choirs, where she received her three-year award.



Jordan Pincus, Sebastian

Jordan has been performing for over ten years in musical theatre and competitive dance. Some of her favorite roles include The Cat in the Hat (*Suessical*), the Lion (*The Wizard of Oz*), Peter Pan (*Peter Pan*), and Miss Hannigan (*Annie*). Jordan has received a distinguished rating for her performance at the NJ Teen Festival, and is an accomplished artist with pieces having been displayed in multiple venues across NJ. This is her first year with the Continuo Arts Foundation and Broadway & Beyond.







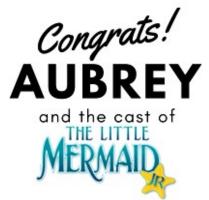
Arwen Portilla, Scuttle

Arwen Portilla has been a soprano in the Continuo Arts Foundation for the past 9 years. She has participated in several shows in school as well as through the Broadway & Beyond Musical Theater programs and the choral ensembles in the Continuo Arts Foundation. She hopes to continue that magic that is Continuo Arts through high school and beyond!



Gianna Portilla, Ursula

Gianna has been a member of the Continuo Arts Foundation for 9 years. Previous performance credits include *Beauty and the Beast, Into the Woods, Annie,* and *High School Musical.* Gianna sings in her school choirs in the Summit Public School District, and has been a leader in the Chanticleers, an ensemble within the Youth Choir of New Jersey. She is excited to join the Singers this season. Gianna would like to thank her parents and sister for always supporting her.



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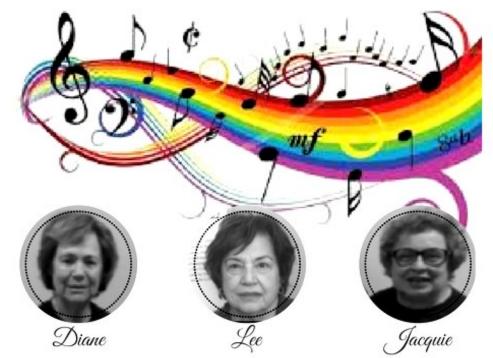
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ANDRINA	LIZ SCULLY
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ATINA	APRIL CASCANTE
ADELLA	AMELIA LUNDE
ALLANA	ARIA ALVA
ARIEL	AMBIKA MURALITHARAN
FLOUNDER	ALICIA GALLEGOS
SCUTTLE	ARWEN PORTILLA
GULLS	ALEX GALLEGOS,
	RYAN KUCHTA, CHRIS ELLIOTT
	AUBREY CONLON
5	MORGAN MOLONEY
SEA CREATURES	CHRIS ELLIOTT, ALEX GALLEGOS, RYAN KUCHTA, JOHN-LUKE GOTANCO
CARLOTTA	ARIA ALVA
CHEF LOUIS	
CHEFS	CHRIS ELLIOTT, JOHN-LUKE GOTANCO, AMELA LUNDE, APRIL CASCANTE, LIZ SCULLY
PRINCESSES	APRIL CASCANTE, AMELIA LUNDE, LIZ SCULLY



I. TV TIME!

Making Our Dreams Come True from Laverne & Shirley

Broadway & Beyond Full Cast

Three's Company Ryan Kuchta, April Cascante, Gianna Portilla, soloists

The Brady Bunch

John-Luke Gotanco, Alexander Gallegos, Chris Elliott, Alicia Gallegos, Amelia Lunde, Aria Alva, Jordan Pincus, Ambika Muralitharan, soloists

> **Green Acres** Alexander Gallegos & Elizabeth Scully, soloists

The Addams Family Chris Elliott, Morgan Moloney, Aubrey Conlon, Arwen Portilla, soloists

> **Mister Ed** Morgan Moloney & Aubrey Conlon, soloists

Ballad of Jed Clampett from The Beverly Hillbillies

John-Luke Gotanco, soloist

Bonanza!

I Love Lucy

Happy Days

Broadway & Beyond Full Cast

II. SELECTIONS FROM "GUYS AND DOLLS"

Guys and Dolls Alexander Gallegos, Ryan Kuchta, John-Luke Gotanco, soloists

Luck Be A Lady

Alexander Gallegos, Ryan Kucha, John-Luke Gotanco, Čhris Elliott, Jordan Pincus, Ambika Muralitharan, April Cascante, Aria Alva , soloists

Fugue for Tinhorns

Ryan Kuchta, John-Luke Gotanco, Alexander Gallegos, soloists

A Bushel and a Peck Arwen Portilla, soloist

If I Were a Bell Broadway & Beyond Full Cast

I've Never Been in Love Before

Aria Alva, John-Luke Gotanco, soloists

Adelaide's Lament Amelia Lunde, soloist

Sit Down You're Rockin' the Boat Chris Elliott, soloist



MUSICAL NUMBERS:

Fathoms Below	Pilot, Sailors, Prince Eric, Grimsby
Daughters of Triton	Mersisters
Human Stuff	Scuttle, Gulls, Ariel, Flounder
Part of Your World	Ariel
Under the Sea	Sebastian, Sea Creatures
Part of Your World (Reprise)	Ariel
She's in Love	Mersisters, Flounder
Poor Unfortunate Souls	Ursula, Flotsam, Jetsam
Beluga Sevruga	Ursula, Ariel
Les Poissons	Chef Louis, Chefs
One Step Closer	Prince Eric
Kiss the Girl	Sebastian, Lagoon Animals
The Contest	Grimsby, Princesses
Poor Unfortunate Souls (Reprice)	Ursula, Flotsam, Jetsam
Part of Your World (Finale)	Ariel, Company
Under the Sea (Bows)	Company

Please Be Courteous!

Please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices for the duration of tonight's performance. No flash photography or video, please. Families will have an opportunity to take cast photos upon the conclusion of the show.