



Tahlequah Community Playhouse, Inc.

presents

The Phantom Tollbooth

by Susan Nanus

based on the book by Norton Juster

directed by Peggy Kaney



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First Presbyterian Church
315 E. Shawnee

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CAST

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| The Clock | Matthew Kaney |
| Milo | Simon Manning |
| The Whether Man | Willy Righthouse |
| Lethargarians | Jon DiCandeloro, Chloe Fennell, Adam Kaney, Jonathan Knox, Isaac Owen, Austin Poulter & Will Purdy |
| Tock, the Watchdog | Matthew Kaney |
| Azaz the Unabridged, King of Dictionopolis | Dudley Brown |
| The Mathemagician, King of Digitopolis | T. J. Osburn |
| Princess Sweet Rhyme | Alyssa Shade |
| Princess Pure Reason | Becky Falling |
| Gatekeeper of Dictionopolis | Tiffany Rae West |
| Word Merchants | Chris DuVall, Hugh Purdy & Jyssica Snyder |
| The Letterman, 4 th Word Merchant | Kyle Grissom |
| Spelling Bee | Henry Fennell |
| The Humbug | Allie Righthouse |
| The Duke of Definition | Jake Abercrombie |
| The Minister of Meaning | Anderson Daniel |
| The Earl of Essence | Cody McDowell |
| The Count of Connotation | Logan Taylor |
| The Undersecretary of Understanding | Camille Tschirhart |
| A Page Kakafonous A. Dischord, Doctor of Dissonance | Austin Poulter Chandra Dawn West |
| The Awful Dynne | Adam Kaney |
| The Dodecahedron | Chris Duvall |
| Miners of the Numbers Mine | Chloe Fennell, Kyle Grissom, Jonathan Knox, Hugh Purdy, Will Purdy & Tiffany Rae West |
| The Everpresent Wordsnatcher | Jyssica Snyder |
| The Terrible Trivium | Robert Young |
| The Demon of Insincerity | Jon DiCandeloro |
| Senses Taker | Amelia Young |

Meet the Cast & Crew

Peggy Kaney (Director) is the Youth Services Librarian at the Tahlequah Public Library, and an Adjunct Instructor at NSU. She appeared in the TCP production of *Charlotte's Web*, and earned an ERWIN as Best Female Newcomer. She has directed the TCP productions of *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, *The Wind in the Willows*, and *Alice in Wonderland*. She took home Best Production ERWINs for *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* and *Alice in Wonderland*. Peggy has participated in theatre in Washington, Oregon, Massachusetts, Arizona, and Oklahoma and has done acting and tech in high school and university environments, as well as costume design for academic and professional theatre. She is the Workshop Director for the 2003 National Festival of the Puppeteers of America to be held in Tahlequah in July, 2003. Peggy stays busy keeping up with husband, Brian, and sons, Matthew and Adam.

Brian Kaney (Scenic Designer and all around helpful guy) is an Associate Professor of Physics at NSU and is currently on a research sabbatical with the National Severe Storms Laboratory. Brian has done tech work for such TCP productions as *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, *The Wind in the Willows*, *Alice in Wonderland*, *James & the Giant Peach* and *Look Homeward, Angel*. He received a Special Recognition ERWIN for his work on *Alice in Wonderland*.

Jake Abercrombie (12), who previously appeared in the TCP production of *James & the Giant Peach*, is in the 7th grade. Jake plays the violin and flute and lists his hobbies as building models, playing computer/playstation, and manipulating legos into fun things. His favorite TV character is SpongeBob SquarePants and says his favorite color is yellow. He has two cats and a dog, as well as other various pets over the years, including a crab. He plays golf and likes to swim.

Dudley Brown recently retired from the Tahlequah Public School system. He has been involved with TCP for 22 years and has participated both on and off stage. He has also participated in the Lyric Chorus-Light Opera Co., as well as various high school and college plays, and community theatres around the world. Dudley is involved in Habitat for Humanity, Help-in-Crisis, Hospice, and travels with wife, Sara, on "Volunteers in Mission" trips around the world

Anderson Daniel is in the 6th grade at Central Elementary. He appeared in the TCP production of *Alice in Wonderland* and the NSU production of *South Pacific*. Anderson, who also sang in the OMEA Children's All-State Choir, loves basketball, video games & trombone.

Jon DiCandeloro is in the 4th grade at Greenwood Elementary. Jon has previously appeared in the TCP productions of *The Wind in the Willows* and *Alice in Wonderland*, and notes that he played a "rodent" in both productions. Jon is also involved in the Greenwood TLC Children's Theatre, Cub Scouts, TLC, Chess Club (currently a 4th grade champion at Greenwood), and Martial Arts.

Chris DuVall is an 8th grade student at Tahlequah Junior High, where he has a 4.0 grade point average, while taking honors classes. He plays the Alto-Saxophone for the Honor Band and placed in the All District Band for 2003. He is also a member of the National Junior Honor Society, Oklahoma Honor Society, R.I.S.E. program, Star program and 4-H. Chris attends Cornerstone Fellowship. He studies art, and piano, in which he has won 5 trophies with the Oklahoma Music Teachers Association. For hobbies, Chris enjoys playing golf with friends and traveling. Chris has performed in three other TCP plays, *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, *Alice in Wonderland* and *The Wind in the Willows*, in which he was named Best Supporting Actor 16 Years or Younger.

Becky Falling, who is in the 10th grade at Tahlequah High School, is appearing in her first TCP production. She has appeared in *The Puppy Who Wanted a Boy for Christmas*, and the 1st Annual Drama Valentine Dessert Theatre at Tahlequah High School.

Chloe Fennell is a 4th grade student at Shiloh Christian School. This is Chloe's first production with TCP, but she has previously participated in school plays.

Henry Fennell is a Sophomore at Markoma Christian School. He appeared in the TCP production of *Alice in Wonderland*, and has participated in the FBC Drama group and school plays. Henry loves

to play soccer, and also enjoys piano, basketball, repelling and climbing and going on church mission trips.

Kyle Grissom is the son of Terri Grissom and Don Grissom and the brother of Kami and Taylor Grissom. He is in the 4th grade at Greenwood Elementary School. This is his first performance with TCP. Kyle enjoys skateboarding, football and hockey.

Adam Kaney is a 4th grade student at Greenwood Elementary. He has appeared in the TCP productions of *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, *Alice in Wonderland* (Best Supporting Actor 16 Years or Younger), and *The Wind in the Willows*. Adam has also participated in school plays and church Christmas pageants. He is involved in Cub Scouts and Wheelchair Basketball

Matthew Kaney, a 7th grade student at Tahlequah Junior High School, has appeared in TCP's productions of *Charlotte's Web*, *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, *The Wind in the Willows*, *Alice in Wonderland*, *Look Homeward Angel*, and *James & the Giant Peach*, and has won several Erwins as Best Actor 16 Years or Younger. Matthew has appeared in various school and church plays, as well. Matthew enjoys game programming, web page design (Web master for *The Phantom Tollbooth* page), and anything to do with Weird Al Yankovic

Jonathan Knox, a 7th grade TJHS student, is a city winner of 7 & 8th grade National Geography Bee, R.I.S.E. & S.T.A.R. student. He has appeared in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, *Alice in Wonderland*, *Charlotte's Web*, and *The Wind In the Willows* with TCP. Jonathan is a Boy Scout, takes piano lessons, enjoys soccer, learning how to pilot airplanes, robotics, and Asheron's Call. He has lived in Welling 9½ years.

Simon Manning, a 7th grade Student at Briggs School in their Gifted & Talented program, is also very active with the Student Council as Class Historian and Captain of the Academic. Simon also is a very active Boy Scout in Tahlequah's Troop 743, camping, doing community services, and learning many things, while working towards his Eagle Scout rank one day! Simon's first TCP performance was in *Charlotte's Web* as the Gander, then as a shepherd in the *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* and as Chief Weasel in *The Wind in the Willows*. Simon enjoys drawing, playing the piano, building his own creations & anything with LEGOS. He was the 2002 State SU BAHK DO Karate Champion (which he hopes to continue as soon as the play is complete!)

Cody McDowell, who is appearing in his first TCP production, is a student at Grandview School. He has appeared in a commercial for Oklahoma Tourism, was born in Tahlequah, and likes basketball, baseball, pool, bowling, hockey, golf, reading, and hamming for the camera.

T.J. Osburn is a sophomore at Tahlequah High School and works at TLC (after school program.) This is T.J.'s first play with TCP, but he has appeared in *The Puppy Who Wanted a Boy for Christmas* and the 1st Annual Drama Dessert Theatre, both at THS. T.J. has lived in Tahlequah all his life and enjoys working with computers and playing video games.

Isaac Owen is homeschooled in the 1st grade. He appeared as Head King in a pre-school play and is involved in Tiger Cubs and soccer.

Austin Poulter attends Central Elementary where he is in the 5th grade. Austin began his short life on the stage with his first theatre class at NSU in River City Kids in 1997. With TCP, he has appeared as a Field Mouse in *The Wind in the Willows* and a Heart in *Alice in Wonderland*. Austin is also involved in TLC Children's Theatre, soccer and Boy Scouts.

Hugh Purdy, who is appearing in his first TCP production, is in the 5th grade at Central Elementary.

Will Purdy, also appearing in his first TCP production, is a 3rd grade student at Sequoyah Elementary.

Allie Righthouse, 9th grade—homeschool, has appeared in the TCP productions of *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, *Alice in Wonderland* as the Duchess (ERWIN Award for Best Supporting Actress 16 Years or Younger), *James & the Giant Peach*, and *Final Dress Rehearsal* (ERWIN for Best Supporting Actress 16 Years or Younger). Allie is also involved in dance, art, plays guitar, and participates in the youth group and choir at St. Brigid's Catholic Church. She has three younger siblings.

Willy Righthouse, 5th grade—homeschool, has appeared in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, *Alice in Wonderland* and *James & the Giant Peach*, with TCP. Willy is involved in Cub Scouts, takes piano lessons and plays tennis.

Alyssa Shade, who is appearing in her first play with TCP, is in the 10th grade at Tahlequah High School. She has appeared in the Tahlequah High School productions of *Pink Panther* and *The Puppy Who Wanted a Boy for Christmas*.

Jyssa Snyder is a Freshman at TJHS. This is her first play with TCP. She has participated in school plays—Christmas, Cherokee legends, talent show—for four years. She is also involved in 4-H (6 years), and the youth group at Carter Baptist Church. Jyssa says, "I want to be a famous actress like Julia Roberts or Audrey Hepburn."

Logan Taylor is a sixth grader at Central Elementary. He is a member of RISE and is a Gold Card student. This is Logan's third play with TCP. He also appeared in *The Wind in The Willows* and *Alice in Wonderland*. Logan loves to read, spend time with his family and friends, play video games, roller hockey and is an avid basketball player.

Camille Tschirhart is in the 11th grade at Tahlequah High School. Although making her first appearance with TCP, she acted in a One Act Competition piece, *The Trial*, which earned 3rd place at Regionals. Camille says she spends most of her time taking care of her six little brothers and sisters.

Chandra Dawn West, 8th grade student at Grandview School, has appeared in the TCP productions: *Charlotte's Web*, *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, *The Wind in the Willows*, *Alice in Wonderland*, *Final Dress Rehearsal*, and *James & the Giant Peach*. Chandra is involved with Daisy Girl Scouts after school on Thursday, Grandview Choir, basketball team, academic team, and the volleyball team. She likes to write short stories, and sing and write her own songs. Chandra says, "I plan on getting into Julliard to further my acting and singing after High School."

Tiffany Rae West is an 11 yr. old, 5th grader at Grandview. She has appeared as an Angel in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, the Portly Otter in *The Wind in the Willows*, the Two of Hearts in *Alice in Wonderland*, and the Ladybug in *James & the Giant Peach*. Tiffany also participates in musicals at school and choir concerts with school choir.

Amelia Young is a Junior at Northeastern State University. Amelia has been active in TCP since 1998, when she played the title character in *Charlotte's Web*. Since then, she has appeared in seven other plays, including *Harvey*, for which she won the ERWIN for Best Supporting Actress. Amelia has also been backstage help for four TCP productions. Some of her hobbies include finding a parking spot at NSU, making it to class on time, and taking notes. She is also the historian of Phi Alpha Theta, which is the history honor society. Amelia's duty is "editing the newsletter that we don't have yet."

Robert Young is a Social Worker for Muskogee County Health Department. He has appeared in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, and as Dobbin the horse in *The Wind in the Willows*, winning an ERWIN for Best Male Cameo. Robert enjoys singing in the First United Methodist Church choir, playing golf, and activities with wife, son, and daughter—especially board games.

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February 25 - 7pm

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| Set Designer | Brian Kaney |
| Set Construction & Painting | Dudley Brown, Brian Kaney, Matthew Kaney, Hugh Purdy & Ken Purdy |
| Costume Design | Peggy Kaney & Allie Righthouse |
| Costume Construction | Peggy Kaney, Buzzy Manning, Pat Poulter, Margot Purdy, Allie Righthouse & the cast & their families |
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