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SHE KILLS MONSTERS:

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by QUI NGUYEN

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Sycamore High School's comprehensive theatre program stages three main stage productions, an improvisational comedy show, a one-act play festival in December, a student-directed one-act festival in April, and a 30-minute Shakespeare performance each school year.

Sycamore High School offers five curricular classes including Technical Theatre, Technical Theatre In-Depth, Acting Technique, Theatre Appreciation, and two sections of Acting Ensemble. Acting Ensemble is an upperclassmen course that is open by audition only. Many of our productions are co-curricular projects of our theatre courses. Our Spring musical and Improv show are completely extra-curricular productions and auditions for those productions are open to all Sycamore High School students each year.

Students in Aves Theatre are involved in all aspects of our theatre productions. Set construction, painting, stage lighting, sound, theatrical costumes, and props are all put together with heavy student involvement. We believe in educating young people as students of the overall theatre art form and, as such, performers contribute heavily in technical areas. Many students who fill technical roles in this production will be performers in productions later this year, and many of the performers you see in this show will work as technicians on future productions.

In addition to Aves Theatre's many school year productions, Aves Theatre offers a regional high school summer theatre program open to high school students throughout the greater Cincinnati area.

The Aves Theatre Boosters is a non-profit organization of parents and community members who support Aves Theatre through fundraising and volunteering to assist our program with ticket sales, concessions, publicity, and cast events. You can find out more about becoming a member of the Aves Theatre Boosters at www.AvesTheatre.org.

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Narrator	Riley Kneflin
Tilly Evans	Claire Lemmons
Agnes Evans	Maeve Bachman
Vera	Emma Garcia
Miles	Sam Broxterman
Chuck Biggs	Simon Erck
Lilith Morningstar	Avery Eckert
Kaliope Dark Walker	Mia Schradel
Orcus	Bektur Janybek
The Great Mage Steve	William Stokes Jr.
Evil Gabby	Marlow Hagen
Evil Tina	Kylie King
Farrah	Violet Vanover
Bugbear	Ari Werthaiser
Bugbear	Nathan Pfaller
Bugbear	Ollie Davies
Ensemble	Sophia Acevedo
Ensemble	Clarie Ballish
Ensemble	Henry Bromels
Ensemble	Ziva Binik-Thomas
Ensemble	Nadeya Martin
Ensemble	Jai'Den Pritchett
Ensemble	Chloe Robinson
Ensemble	Cassie Tucker

CREW

Deck Stage Managers Leah Rochman, Genevieve Brazina

Deck Crew Jules Claybon, Katie Katzman, Kensi Neller, Alex
Zubelik

Sound Team Annabelle Daft, Sam Oakes, Lana Thomas

Lighting Team Ava Rupel, Roxanne Wilfert

Follow Spot Operators Liliana Dlugosz, Alyssa Speiller

Projectionist Henry Bromels

Costume Crew Claire Ballish, Cora Downing, Emma Garcia, Kylie King,
Riley Kneflin, Claire Lemmons, Nadeya Martin, Layla
Parker, Cassie Tucker, Violet Vanover

Set Construction Cast and Crew

CAST BIOS



Ari Werthaiser

Bugbear/Run Crew

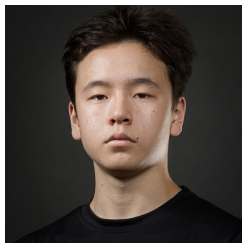
Ari is a Senior, and he has been in 13 Aves Theatre productions! His all time favorite role was Pepper in *Mamma Mia*. His favorite memory from rehearsals was his 2 hour nap during the 8-5. Ari would like to thank Bektur for not beating him up too badly and Lev for just being Lev!



Avery Eckert

Lilith Morningstar

Avery is a Senior and has been in 9 Aves Theatre productions! Her all time favorite role was Tanya in *Mamma Mia*. Her favorite memory from this rehearsal process was hanging out with all of her friends. Avery would like to thank her parents and the stage managers!



Bektur Janybek

Orcus

Bektur is a Junior and he has been in 5 Aves Theatre productions! He has also participated in Symmes Players and did the Aves Summer Theater camp. Bektur's all time favorite role is the one he is playing now! His favorite memory from the rehearsal process was the worm. Bektur would like to thank John Bugbear and the ghost of aves theater!



Cassie Tucker

Ensemble

Cassie is a Junior, and she has been in 6 Aves Theatre productions! Her all-time favorite role is the one she's playing now. Her favorite memory from this rehearsal process was seeing everyone's enthusiasm. Cassie would like to thank her family for taking her to see this show 6 years ago which made her more passionate about this production!



Chloe Robinson

Ensemble

Chloe is a Junior, and she has been in 8 Aves Theatre productions! Her all-time favorite role was Lucinda from *Into The Woods*. Her favorite memory was learning the dance battle. Chloe would like to thank her friends and Steve!

CAST BIOS



Claire Ballish

Ensemble

Claire is a Sophomore and this is her 1st production with Aves Theatre! Her all time favorite role was Anastasia from *Anastasia*. Her favorite memory from the rehearsal process was going out to lunch with the whole cast. Claire would like to thank her parents!



Claire Lemmons

Tilly Evans

Claire is a Senior and she has been in 12 Aves Theatre productions! Her all time favorite role was being in Ensemble in *Mamma Mia*. Her favorite memory from this rehearsal process was working with the steel swords and chatting with friends in the parking lot. Claire would like to thank her family, Margot Lucas, Mr. Whapham, Mr. Weddle, and her beloved laptop!



Emma Garcia

Vera

Emma is a Senior, and she has been in 8 Aves Theatre productions! Her all-time favorite role was Swiss from *Say Cheese 1 & 2*. Her favorite memory from the rehearsal process learning fight basics and hanging out with Genevieve, Leah, Sam, and her other friends behind the scenes. Emma would like to thank her car, mom, and all her friends!



Henry Bromels

Ensemble

Henry is a Sophomore, and he has been in 5 Aves Theatre productions! He also did theater in Junior High. His favorite role was the Narrator from *Into the Woods*. His favorite memory was getting stabbed in stage combat. Henry would like to thank his parents, the directors, and Steve!



Jai'Den Pritchett

Ensemble

Jai'Den is a Junior and he has been in 7 Aves Theatre productions! He also was the 2025 Overture Awards Winner! His all time favorite role was Sky Masterson in *Guys and Dolls*. His favorite memory was falling down the Room 99 stairs during the 8-5. Jai'Den would like to thank his friends, family, the creative team, and the wonderful cast!!!

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Kylie King

Evil Tina

Kylie is a Sophomore and she has been in 3 Aves Theatre productions! Her all-time favorite role was Ariel from *The Little Mermaid*. Her favorite memory from this rehearsal process was seeing the Beholder costume for the first time. Kylie would like to thank her parents for driving her everywhere before she gets her license!



Maeve Bachman

Agnes Evans

Maeve is a Senior and she has been in 8 Aves Theatre productions! She was also a 2025 Overture Awards Semi-Finalist. Her favorite role was Jack's Mother from *Into the Woods*. Her favorite memory from the rehearsal process was trying to teach Bektur the worm with Mia. Maeve would like to thank her friends and family!



Marlow Hagen

Evil Gabby

Marlow is a Sophomore, and she has been in 5 Aves Theatre productions! Her all-time favorite role was being in the ensemble in *Mamma Mia*. Her favorite memory from the rehearsal process getting food with her friends and hanging out backstage between scenes. Marlow would like to thank the cast and her family for supporting her every step of the way!



Mia Schradel

Kaliopé Dark Walker

Mia is a Senior and she has been in 9 Aves Theatre productions! Her all-time favorite role was Florinda in *Into the Woods*. Her favorite memory from the rehearsal process was teaching Bektur how to do the worm. Mia would like to thank all of the friends she has gotten closer with during this show process!



Nadeya Martin

Ensemble

Nadeya is a Sophomore who is excited to be a cast member of *She Kills Monsters*! She worked extensively on the crews for last season's shows and has enjoyed the fight choreography in this show! She would like to give a shout-out to the sound team for all their work!

CAST BIOS



Nathan Pfaller

Bugbear

Nathan is a Sophomore and he has been in 3 Aves Theatre productions! His all time favorite role was being in the ensemble for *Mamma Mia*. His favorite memory from this rehearsal process was learning the Bugbear fight. Nathan would like to thank Leah, Henry, Bektur, Ari, Genevieve, his mom, and his dad!



Ollie Davies

Bugbear/Tiamat

Ollie is a Junior and he has been in 4 Aves Theatre productions! He has also done over 9 years of the circus. His all time favorite role is being in the ensemble in *Guys & Dolls*. His favorite memory from the rehearsal process was learning stage fighting with Mr. Weddle. Ollie would like to thank his best friends, Claire Lemmons and Adam Weatherston!



Riley Kneflin

Narrator

Riley is a Senior and she has been in 7 Aves Theatre productions! She has also participated 2 Sharonville productions. Her all time favorite role was Marci from *Almost Maine*. Her favorite memory from the rehearsal process was helping with the costumes. Riley would like to thank her family for always supporting her!



Samuel Broxterman

Miles

Samuel is a Junior and he has been in 4 Aves Theatre productions! His all time favorite role was being in the ensemble in *Mamma Mia*. His favorite memory from the rehearsal process was learning the fight choreography. Samuel would like to thank his family for their constant support, and his Grandma Sari for always supporting him in the performing arts!



Simon Erck

Chuck Biggs

Simon is a Senior, and he has been in 10 Aves Theatre productions! His all time favorite role is the one he's playing for this show! His favorite memory from the rehearsal process is the Magic Missile. Simon would like to thank Brandon Ruble!

CAST BIOS



Sophia Acevedo

Ensemble

Sophia is a Junior and she has been in 6 Aves Theatre productions. Her all time favorite role was Gabe from *Next to Normal*. Her favorite memory from the rehearsal process was learning to trust fellow cast mates with fight choreography. She would like to thank her mom, dad, and all of the wonderful cast and crew that help put this show together.



Violet Vanover

Farrah

Violet is a Junior and she has been in 8 Aves Theatre productions! She also has participated in Aves Improv. Her all time favorite role is the one she is playing for this show! Her favorite memory from this rehearsal process was getting to know her castmates. Violet would like to thank the cast and crew and the audience for being here to see all of our hard work!



William Stokes

The Great Mage Steve

Will is a Junior who is "stoked" to be in *She Kills Monsters*! He was most recently seen in the cast of *Mamma Mia*! He would like to thank the crew for all their efforts!



Ziva Binik-Thomas

Ensemble

Ziva is a Sophomore and she has been in 4 Aves Theatre productions! Her all time favorite role was Pick-A-Little from *Music Man*. Her favorite memory from this rehearsal process was getting to hang out with her friends all the time. She would like to thank her family for always coming to see her shows!

CREW BIOS



Alyssa Speiller

Spotlight Operator

Alyssa is a Freshman, and this is her 1st production with Aves Theatre! She also participated in many SCAC shows. Her all time favorite role was Jojo in *Suessical the Musical*. Her favorite memory from the rehearsal process was learning to operate a follow spotlight and reweighting. She would like to thank her family and the upperclassmen!



Annabelle Daft

Sound Crew

Annabelle is a Junior, she has been in 4 Aves Theatre productions, and she has been participating in Aves Theatre since 7th grade! Her all time favorite role was Veronica from *Heathers*. Her favorite rehearsal memory was learning Soldering. Annabelle would like to thank Roxy for always filling in for her when she was sick!



Ava Rupel

Lighting Team

Ava is a Junior and she has been in 10 Aves Theatre productions! Her favorite memory from this rehearsal process was screaming about Burger in her car with Roxy. Ava would like to thank her family, Roxy, Burger, O-o-oliver, Annabelle, Luke Cuh, and creatures of the night!



Genevieve Brazina

Stage Manager

Genevieve is a Senior and she has been in 6 Aves Theatre productions! Her all time favorite role was stage manager for *Into the Woods*. Her favorite memory from the rehearsal process was classically conditioning a Bugbear. Genevieve would like to thank Gender-Beans, Nate Patty, and Deadry. Special shoutout to Pig Pen for yoga!



Katie Katzman

Run Crew

Katie is a Junior and this is her 1st Aves Theatre production! Her all time favorite production she has been a part of is *Matilda the Musical*. Her favorite memory from this rehearsal process was facing horrors from the shadows while working in the rafters. Katie would like to thank her friends for getting her into theatre!

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Lana Thomas

Sound Crew

Lana is a Freshman and this is her 1st Aves Theatre production! Lana also participated in theater in Junior High. Her all time favorite role was Les from *Newsies*. Her favorite memory from this rehearsal process was painting the set pieces. Lana would like to thank her parents!



Leah Rochman

Stage Manager

Leah is a Senior and this is her 11th Aves Theatre production! Her all-time favorite role was being the stage manager for *Alice By Heart*. Her favorite memory from the rehearsal process was seeing Sam being a gelatinous cube. Leah would like to thank Genevieve Brazina for being a great co-stage manager and friend!



Roxanne "Roxy" Wilfert

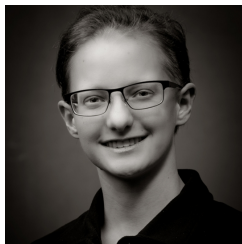
Lighting Team

Roxy is a Sophomore, she has been in 5 Aves Theatre productions! Her favorite role was being the lighting Designer for *Spongebob: The Musical* at LSC. Her favorite rehearsal memory was screaming in Ava's car about Burger. Roxy would like to thank her family, Ava, Burger, Oliver Davis, Annabelle, Luke Cuh, and creatures of the night!



Sam Oaks

Sam is a freshman at Sycamore High School, and is very excited to be a part of his first Aves Theatre production! Sam was also involved with crew at Sycamore Junior High Theatre!



Alex Zubelik

Pit Crew

Alex is a Senior, and she has been in 4 Aves Theatre productions! Her all-time favorite role was doing run crew for *Mamma Mia*. Her favorite memory from rehearsals was making the gelatinous cube. Alex would like to thank her dad!

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Jules Claybon

Pit Crew

Jules is a Junior and has been in 7 Aves Theatre productions! They have also participated in 33 other shows. Jules' all time favorite role was Cigar Mobster/Ensemble in *Beetlejuice Jr.* Their favorite memory from the rehearsal process was re-bonding with all of the new freshman. Jules would like to thank their Beetlejuice Jr. friends!

Kensington Neller

Lighting Team

Kensington is a Sophomore and this is her 1st production with Aves Theatre. She was also in 8 other productions at her old school. Her all time favorite role was Peach from *Finding Nemo Jr.* Her favorite memory from the rehearsal process was making tons of new friends. Kensington would like to thank her parents for all of their support!

Liliana Dlugosz

Liliana is a freshman, and is very excited to be a part of her first production with Aves Theatre!

Qui Nguyen



Qui Nguyen is a screenwriter, director, playwright, and Co-Founder of the OBIE-winning Vampire Cowboys. He and his work, known for its use of pop-culture, stage violence, puppetry, and multimedia, has been called "Culturally Savvy Comedy", "Tour de Force Theatre", and "Infectious Fun" by the NY Times, TimeOut, and Variety.

Qui's currently with Walt Disney Animation Studios, where he wrote *Raya and the Last Dragon* and wrote/co-directed *Strange World*. Other TV/Film includes *Dispatches from Elsewhere* (AMC), *The Society* (Netflix), *Incorporated* (SyFy), *Peg+CAT* (PBS), and *Marvel Studios*.

As a playwright, notable plays include *Vietgone*, *Poor Yella Rednecks*, *Revenge Song*, and the critically acclaimed *Vampire Cowboys* productions of *She Kills Monsters*, *Soul Samurai*, *The Inexplicable Redemption of Agent G*, *Alice in Slasherland*, *Fight Girl Battle World*, and *Living Dead in Denmark*.

Mr. Nguyen lives with his family in Montgomery, Ohio.

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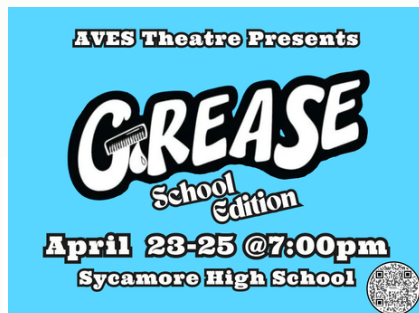
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