

CAST INFORMATION

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The Stinky Cheese Man & Other Fairly Stupid Tales Cast Information



Jesse Wohlman

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(Cow Patty Boy/Cocky Locky/Prince/1st Stepsister/Owl/Stinky Cheese Man)

Jesse Wohlman (he/him) is a performer and educator based in Omaha, NE. As a folk musician, songwriter, and classically trained baritone, Jesse has enjoyed an eclectic performance schedule ranging from opera, to musical theater, to traditional music across various local and regional stages. He has appeared at The Rose in *The Sound of Music* (Baron Elberfeld/Admiral von Schreiber) and *Wynken, Blynken, and Nod* (The Moon). Jesse teaches voice at Concordia University-Nebraska and SNJ Studio of Music in Omaha. He holds degrees in music from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (M.M., 2016) and Nebraska Wesleyan University (B.A., 2013).



JordanTheNinja

JordanTheNinja (*Jack/Tortoise*)

“JordanTheNinja” as he’s known (He/Him/Ninja), is back on The Rose stage after years away. From Omaha, NE, Jordan feels the need to tackle whatever his heart desires in the arts. This “Poet Of The Fine Arts” is not only an Actor/Singer/SwingDancer, but he’s also spent several years in the local film industry as both an Actor, Music Composer, Writer, & Director. Jordan is also in the local band “P a r f a i t” (@ParfaitOmaha). Considered to be a “Jack of all Trades, Master of None, Better Than a Master of One”, “TheNinja” keeps busy with his many skills, putting them to work all over social media via: TikTok/Instagram/ Facebook/YouTube & Spotify in order to grow as an artist, and to help any others find their voice, and grow as well. Jordan is very pleased to join us again at The Rose, to make his come back to the stage!

Additional credits include: Alex The Lion: *Madagascar* (The Rose) 2017; Donkey: *Shrek The Musical* (OCP) 2018; Anthony: *I and You* (BlueBarn) 2019; Booker T Washington: *Ragtime* 2019 (OCP); *Newsies* (Rose); *Alice’s Rock n Roll Adventure* (Rose); *Beauty & The Beast* (OCP); *More Than A Number* (Anastasis).

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Grace Manley (*Ducky Lucky, Princess 2, Cinderella, Cow Butt*)



Grace Manley

Grace Manley (she/her) is thrilled to join the cast of *The Stinky Cheese Man!* Grace is a music educator and classically trained soprano based in Omaha. With a background in art song, opera, choral repertoire, and musical theater, she performs regularly and has been featured as a soloist with Opera Omaha, The Omaha Symphony, and Omaha Under the Radar. Additionally, Grace has received recognition at the state, regional, and national levels for her vocal performance and academic research. Grace teaches voice lessons and group classes at The Rose Studios and piano lessons at Crash Bang Boom in Countryside Village. She earned her master's degree in music education and her bachelor's degree in voice performance, both from The University of Nebraska-Omaha.

Sue Gillespie Walker (*Red Hen, Goose Loosey, Queen, Stepmother, Little Old Lady*)



Sue Gillespie
Walker

Sue (she/her) has been The Rose's Resident Choreographer for 12 years, creating choreography for *How I Became a Pirate*, *Disney's High School Musical*, *Disney's High School Musical 2*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Cinderella*, *Pinkalicious-The Musical*, and *Peter Pan-The Musical*, just to name a few. Her latest Rose stage credits include *Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type*, *How I Became a Pirate*, and *Pinkalicious-The Musical*. She was recently awarded the "Best Director" award at the regional Access Broadway convention as well as nominated for the jazz piece "Queen Medley." Additionally, she was nominated for Omaha Entertainment Awards "Best Choreography" for both *Disney's High School Musical* and *Disney's High School Musical 2* and was awarded "Best Choreography" for her pieces "Crawl," "Sucked Under," and "Wipeout" from regional conventions Showbiz, Access Broadway, and Dance Olympus.

Emma Jorgenson (*Foxy Loxy, Ugly Duck, Wolf, Giant, 2nd Stepsister, Fox*)



Emma Jorgenson

Emma (she/her/hers) is an educator, actor, and storyteller who graduated from Nebraska Wesleyan University with a BFA in Theatre Studies. She is currently a Teaching Artist Fellow here at the Rose and enjoys teaching and learning from students every day. In addition to work at the Rose Theater, Emma is a One-Act and Musical director at Raymond Central High School and has loved seeing her students grow over the years. In all her work, she strives to create a safe space for students to take ownership of the art they create. Emma's work as a director, designer, and stage manager has been with Youth Actor's Academy of Lincoln, Shoestring Theatre Omaha, the Gothenburg Sun Theater, and Four Lights Films.

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Kevin Ehrhart



Kevin Ehrhart

(*Surgeon General, King, Frog, Rumpelstiltsink, Little Old Man, Cow Head, Legal Guy*) Kevin Ehrhart (he/him) has been a member of the Omaha Theater Company staff since 1989. While at the Theater, he has directed mainstage, studio theater and national touring productions. His directing credits include *Jack Frost, Charlotte's Web, Amelia Bedelia* and *Treasure Island*. Kevin directed *The Bully Show* at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts' New Visions New Voices program.

As a professional actor at the Theater, Kevin has performed as George Bailey in *It's a Wonderful Life*, Rooster in *Annie*, Captain Hook in *Peter Pan* and Captain Von Trapp in *The Sound of Music*.

As an educator, Kevin has been involved in teaching students from preschool age through high school. He has developed creative drama curriculum surrounding improvisation, movement, directing, playwriting and audition preparation.

Mykala Bazzell (*Chicken Licken/Princess 1/Little Red Riding Shorts/Rabbit*)



Mykala Bazzell

Mykala Bazzell (she/her) is a Teaching Artist Fellow at The Rose Theater. She graduated from Flagler College with a B.A. in Theatre Arts, focusing on theatre education and directing. She taught at various summer camps, public schools, and community programming in Northeast Florida before coming to the Rose. She was previously the Assistant Director of the world premiere production of *Popularity Coach* at The Rose and is thrilled to be performing in the cast of *Stinky Cheese Man*.

Stephanie Jacobson (*Director*)



Stephanie Jacobson

Stephanie (she/her) has worked at The Rose for over 16 years, as the Director of Early Childhood, Teaching Artist, Actor, Playwright and Director. She has had her adaptations of *The Grocer's Goblin* (co-created with Brian Guehring), *Thumbelina: Adventure Day*, and *Kindness Begins with Us: The Tail of Two Wolves* (co-written with Carina DuMarce) produced at The Rose Theater. Stephanie has her MFA in Acting from the University of Iowa, is a Yoga instructor, participated in the Diavolo Project: Nebraska, member of Omaha's The Moving Company, performed in *The Woodsman* (at The Bluebarn) and participated as a playwright at The Eugene O'Neill Puppetry Festival, and is a trained puppeteer specializing in shadow puppetry and Bunraku. Before moving to Omaha, she lived in NYC where she worked with Liz Swados on *Jabu* at The Flea Theatre, Lee Bruer's production of *Mabou Mines' A Dollhouse* National and International Tour, Taylor Mac and The Jim Henson Company. www.stephaniejacobson.weebly.com

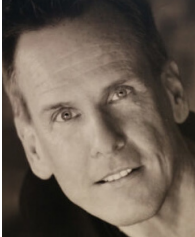
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Jerry Brabec (*Musical Director*)



Jerry Brabec

Jerry Brabec, tenor, (he/him) is an Ordained Deacon on the clergy staff at Omaha Saint Paul United Methodist Church where he serves as Minister of Worship. His responsibilities include the overseeing of liturgical preparation for the congregation of 350. He also serves as choral director for Temple Israel's Kol Rina. Awarded the Master of Music degree from the University of Nebraska, he studied choral conducting with Dr. Cina Crisara and Dr. Z. Randall Stroope. As a chorister of the acclaimed Robert Shaw Festival Chorus at Carnegie Hall, he sang for five years under the baton of the late Robert Shaw; was twice selected one of six participants in the Alice Parker Melodius Accord Fellowship Program; and frequently continues his conducting studies with Ms. Parker during January in New York. At The Rose Theater the past thirteen seasons, "Stinky Cheese Man" marks his 52nd show as a resident music director/vocal coach. He also serves as music director for the nationally acclaimed Rose Brigade, one of the award winning offerings of the "Broadway at The Rose" program. Formerly, Jerry taught at the high school level for Council Bluffs Community Schools, served as associate artistic director of the Omaha Clarion Chorale, and as artistic director for the Kaneshville Chorus and Renaissance Faire of the Midlands.

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