

# CAST INFORMATION

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## Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer Cast Information



Renzellous Brown

### **Renzellous Brown** (Sam)

Renzellous Brown is an interdisciplinary musical artist from Flint, MI. Their professional career began in 2016 with a non-profit performing arts organization based in Southern California. After traveling throughout the United States and Japan in as a teaching artist, they completed their BA in Arts & Media management in Fremont, NE at Midland University in 2022.

Within their first year of moving to Omaha after graduating, Renz's debuted as Crystal in Little Shop of Horrors at the Omaha Community Playhouse. They currently work with organizations such as Black & Pink National in-residence with Lydon House, Elevate Omaha as a member of the Grant-Making Board and a guest services representative with Steelhouse Omaha. Renz plans to commit their talents to the advancement of intersectional BIPOC folx alongside local creatives to cultivate inclusive communities and empower youth. In the holidays spirit, Renz hopes to generate joy and celebration amongst the audience every night of this production. Follow their future endeavors on all social platforms @ren\_zealous. Happy Holidays!



Patrick Wolfe

### **Patrick Wolfe** (Santa Claus)

Ho, ho, ho! Patrick is so excited to be back on the Rose stage with this wonderful cast and crew. It's been several years, so he's got some catching up to do! Offstage, Patrick can mostly be found near a ballfield extolling the virtues of a well timed bunt and the need for soft hands. He thanks you for coming today and hopes you enjoy the show!

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Donovaughn  
Daniels

### **Donovaughn Daniels** (Donner / Moonracer / US Santa)

Donovaughn is happy to be a member of the Rose family being both a teaching Artist and performer. He would like to thank his mom, his boyfriend Alan, and his best friend Allie for all of their continued love and support as he starts this exciting new journey. Additionally he'd like to thank his 20k followers on tiktok



Charity Williams

### **Charity Williams** (Mrs. Donner / Spotted Elephant / US Mrs. Claus)

Charity is excited to be returning to The Rose for the second time! She is Nebraska's Miss Congeniality 2023, a Dance Teacher, Actress, Model, and Content Creator. We can look forward to seeing Charity star in her upcoming film, Hestia's Thanksgiving. Some of her recent theatre roles include: Uptown Soloist/ Shirelle in Beautiful at Omaha Community Playhouse, Silly girl in Beauty and the Beast at The Rose, Olivia in The Color Purple at Omaha Community Playhouse, Alice in Death by Design, and Rose in Meet Me in St Louis, both at Bellevue Little Theatre, as well as more. Recent films she's acted in include: commercials for The Rose, Keep Omaha Beautiful, Zoey in the film F, and Willow in a recent Metro film titled Remnants. She has walked for Kansas City Fashion Week, and MJ Legacy Fashion Show where she was featured in The Daily Nebraskan to discuss her experience, plus she's modeled for local brands around the area including Mechee, Slightly Fit, and Scooters. She hopes you can leave your troubles at the door, sit back, and get swept up in the magic of the show this Christmas season!



DeVon Richards II

### **DeVon Richards II** (Rudolph)

DeVon is very excited to make his community acting debut in a production at The Rose Theater as Rudolph in Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. He loves being an 11th-grader at Central High School. When he's not in school or on stage DeVon enjoys listening to music and playing video games. His recent credits include Patrick in Spongebob Squarepants the Musical and Uncle Henry/Guard in The Wizard of Oz.



Sydney DeLong

### **Sydney DeLong** (Clarice / Ostrich Cowboy)

Sydney is excited to be back on The Rose's Mainstage for Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer. She is a Sophomore at Papillion South and in her fourth year of Show Choir. Sydney has always loved singing and dancing, becoming a Rose Kid at age six, and quickly finding her passion for musicals; leading to roles including Mrs. Phelps, Matilda the Musical (Rose Brigade), Gertrude McFuzz, Seussical the Musical (Papillion Middle), and Fairy Godmother, Descendants the Musical (Rose Youth Productions). This is her fifth year in The Rose Brigade. You may have also seen her on the main stage in The Rose Theater's productions of Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella and Disney's Beauty and the Beast. Sydney would like to thank her family for their support and encouragement.

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Jay Hayden

### **Jay Hayden** (Hermey)

Jay Hayden (they/them) is ecstatic to spend this time at the North Pole! Jay is the Director of Teen Programming at The Rose — running the High School Internship, coordinating The Rose's social-justice oriented programming, and teaching several teen classes year-round. Jay has previously been on The Rose stage in GIRAFFES CAN'T DANCE, DON'T LET THE PIGEON DRIVE THE BUS, HOWIE D: BACK IN THE DAY, and THE CAT IN THE HAT. Jay is also a co-conspirator with Old School Shakespeare Omaha, performing free, accessible Shakespeare around Omaha. With OSSO, Jay has performed in THE TEMPEST, MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING and ROMEO & JULIET. They are a freelance Theatrical Gender Practitioner, and have presented on best practices for including transgender artists with the American Alliance of Theatre Education, TYA/USA, and the NYC Roundtable. Proud member of Ring of Keys, proud graduate of the University of Vermont. [www.jay-hayden.com](http://www.jay-hayden.com)



Sue Gillespie  
Walker

### **Sue Gillespie Walker** (Boss Elf / US Yukon)

Sue is thrilled to be back on The Rose stage. Other regional stage credits include Stinky Cheese Man (Ensemble), Penguin Problems (Ensemble), Elf the Musical (Sam), Click, Clack Moo (Mother), Always, Patsy Cline (Louise), Ring of Fire (June), Beehive (Ensemble), Shrek (Dragon/Mama Bear), Cinderella (Fairy Godmother), Cabaret (Sally Bowles) Horrible Harry (Teacher), Junie B. Jones (Teacher), Miss Nelson is Missing (Miss Nelson), Nunsense (Sr. Mary Leo), Seussical (Bird Girl), Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines (Singer/Dancer), Royal Viking Cruise Lines (Singer, Dancer), Carnival Cruise Lines (Singer, Dancer), Sally Cruise Lines (singer, dancer) Beehive (National Tour/Ensemble), to name a few.

Choreography credits include Beauty and the Beast, Newsies, Elf the Musical, Seussical, Crazy for You, Cinderella, Annie, Beehive, Peter Pan, Matilda, Cabaret, Penguin Problems, Ring of Fire, Shrek, Thoroughly Modern Millie, Beehive, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, 42nd Street, Nunsense, Once Upon a Mattress, and Peter and the Starcatcher, to name a few. Sue served as the Rose Theater Director of Musical Theater/Dance and has also choreographed numerous high school show choirs.

She is the recipient of the national Freddy G. Outstanding Musical Theater Educator award, The Omaha Theater Arts Guild Outstanding Theater Educator recipient, awarded "best choreography" for North High School show choir (regional level), as well as for her original pieces, "Sucked Under" and "Wipe Out," at regional dance competitions.

She dabbles in film and recently shot a regional casino commercial, as well as short film, Hestia's Thanksgiving (Hera/Anarchy Productions). Her first feature film, Between the Lines (Maria/Bitter Hipster Productions), is set to be released in 2024. She was nominated for Best Supporting Actress for the Film by the Iowa Motion Picture Association. Insta: @suevalker

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Karl Houser

### **Karl Houser** (Yukon Cornelius)

Karl Houser is overjoyed to bring the spirit of Christmas to every misfit throughout the frozen north. Karl produces a podcast, River Heights Radio, with his partner Hope. He would like to thank his band, The Tone Downs, for giving him so much time to pursue other interests. An alumni of both the local Backline Comedy Theater and Chicago's IO theater, Karl is a teacher and coach of the improvisational arts, as well as having founded the Nebraska Improvised Shakespeare Enterprise. Karl would like to thank his Improv teams, King Louie, Besties, and Chicken Party for their consistent willingness to reschedule. Karl aspires to be an instigator, rabble rouser, and leader in his community.



Olivia Johnson

### **Olivia Johnson** (Coach Comet / Charlie in the Box)

Olivia Johnson wears many artistic hats, from a published writer to film director, her ventures expresses her exuberant approach to life. Her stage work includes community spaces like The Union for Contemporary Art and Anastasis Theatre. Olivia is very excited to return to her musical roots, and especially with Rudolph, a misfit who embraces their uniqueness.



Ren Walther

### **Ren Walther** (Bumble 1 / US Charlie)

After Graduating with my theater degree, I sought out professional theater experience in the form of a scenic carpentry apprenticeship at The Rose. I found great fulfillment in the work I had done, so much so that I continue to do it today. A big part of me still loves to act on stage, so I am incredibly grateful to be a part of this production (my first professional acting credit!!).



Elizabeth Peller

### **Elizabeth Peller** (Bumble 2 / US Donner/Moonracer)

Elizabeth (EP) is part of the Bumble puppeteering team. She is a theater generalist who focuses primarily on playwriting, acting, youth directing, and costuming. She is also one of the Rose Teaching Artists. She is so excited to be a part of this joyful show with such a wonderful cast! She finds the most joy in using art—be it theater, writing, or otherwise—as an educational tool. She loves research (especially historical research!) and learning about the world around her. When she is not teaching or reading, you can find her doing different hand arts or exploring the outdoors. Her most recent acting credits from the Rose include Park Ranger Mo & Puppeteer (Firefly) and Zoe/Mia US (Popularity Coach). She is so excited to help bring this amazing show to life. Enjoy!

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Breanna Mack

### **Breanna Mack** (Bumble 3 / US Boss Elf)

Breanna Mack is excited to make her Rose Theater debut in "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer"! She has fond memories of watching this program with her family as a child every winter season. Breanna is a recent graduate from Missouri State University with a Bachelor of Science in Speech and Theatre Education. She is a current Teaching Artist Fellow at The Rose and spends her days teaching students about theater all around the Nebraska and Iowa areas. She is excited to explore working with puppets in this production. She wants to thank The Rose for helping her grow so much throughout the years and continuing to give her opportunities to teach and learn. She would also like to thank her family and friends for their endless support and for dealing with her dramatics both on and off stage. Enjoy the show!



Brannon Evans

### **Brannon Evans** (Reindeer / Train / US Sam)

Brannon Evans is delighted to be returning to the Rose stage in "Rudolph". She most recently appeared as Buster in her Rose debut of "Arthur"! Originally from Omaha, NE, Brannon Evans' first love was storytelling and exploring the worlds she created in her mind and experienced on stage and in books. Music and theater is where she found community and the courage to walk in her truth.

Brannon is a recent theatre performance graduate from the Johnny Carson School of Theatre and Film in Lincoln, NE. Her other recent credits include Dreamgirls at the Omaha Community Playhouse, Death of a Salesman at the Nebraska Repertory Theatre, & Dontrell Who Kissed the Sea at the Black Repertory Theatre in St Louis. Brannon is passionate about empowering and cultivating the next generation of artists, as our youth are our future. Her motto is, "Expect nothing, appreciate everything." Peace and Love. insta: @brannon.evans



Munay Sin

### **Munay Sin** (Reindeer / Birdfish)

Munay's greatest goal is to be famous someday. Acting on stage and film is the pathway to make that dream come true. In addition to school productions, acting classes have prepared Munay for this holiday classic.



Claire Heuertz

### **Claire Heuertz** (Reindeer / Dolly / US Bumble)

Claire Heuertz is a freshman at Westside High School. She is super excited to be involved her first ever Rose Theater show! She loves to do show choir and theater in her free time. Claire has a passion for Jazz music and reading. She hopes you enjoy the show!

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Breanna Mack

### **Paisley Moore** (Elf / Woodland Friend)

Paisley is a 7th grader at Gretna Middle School and adores acting. She recently starred in Oliver Jr. at Chanticleer Theater and has been part of several plays with The Missoula Children's Theater. She developed an early passion for the stage while assisting her Dad with One Act at Gretna High School. Apart from her love for acting, Paisley is active in her school's choir, show choir and student council. She takes vocal lessons at The Rose and has been attending dance classes since preschool. In her free time, Paisley enjoys golf, along with spending time with friends. Her parents are incredibly proud of her accomplishments and her commitment to the arts.



Ainsley Powell

### **Ainsley Powell** (Elf / Woodland Friend / US Rudolph)

Ainsley is 11 years old and attends Papillion LaVista Community Schools. Her Rose Theater MainStage credits include 2022 as "Marta" in THE SOUND OF MUSIC and ensemble of DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST in 2023. Ainsley has been a Rose Kid for 7 years, taking Dance and Theater classes. She is in year three as part of the Rose Theater's Junior Rose Brigade, as "Lady Bug" in JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH JR, in the "Outstanding Performance" winning SEUSSICAL THE MUSICAL JR. last season as "Bird Girl" and as "Private the Penguin" in MADAGASCAR THE MUSICAL JR. in 2022. Before Junior Brigade, Ainsley was a member of The Rose Theater's Mini Rose Brigade for 4 years, as "Molly" in ANNIE KIDS, "Young Anna" in FROZEN KIDS and ensemble in THE ARISTOCATS KIDS and ALADDIN KIDS. Ainsley's other endeavors include placing 3rd overall in Omaha's Mobile Stage Talent Show 2023, and first place in "Papillion Idol," 2019. Ainsley loves all things Musical Theater and is excited to be a part of RUDOLPH!



Vivian Rase

### **Vivian Rase** (Elf / Woodland Friend / US Clarice)

Vivian is so excited to return to the mainstage at the Rose in Rudolph! Her last production at the Rose was Sound of Music as Gretl. She currently is in her 3rd year of Junior Brigade where she has played Skipper in Madagascar, Sour Kangaroo in Seussical and this year will be Ladahlord in James and the Giant Peach. She also played Summer in OCPs production of School of Rock. Vivian is currently a 5th grader at Elmwood-Murdock Elementary. When she is not on the stage, she enjoys spending time on the farm with her dogs, cats and younger sister Estelle.



Lucy Beutler

### **Lucy Beutler** (Elf)

Lucy is delighted to be making her acting debut in "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" at The Rose! Lucy is 10 years old and attends Westside Community Schools. She studies voice, piano, and violin. In her spare time, Lucy enjoys reading, soccer, tennis, and playing with her little brother and baby sister.

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Adele Coffey

### **Adele Coffey** (Elf / US Reindeer)

Roz Parr is thrilled to make her Rose debut in "Arthur"! She has fond memories of watching the TV with her brother before school. Some of her favorite past credits include: Jen in "The Cake" at the Omaha Community Playhouse; Annabella/Margaret/Pamela in "The 39 Steps" (Chanticleer); Greta in "Murder on the Orient Express" (OCP); and Pauline in "One Man, Two Guvnors" (OCP). Roz works in communications and as an adjunct professor of English and theater. Roz would like to thank her family for supporting her love of acting, especially when they served as audience members for her in-home performances as a kid.



Lucy Pfannenstiel

### **Lucy Pfannenstiel** (Elf / US Reindeer)

Charlotte is excited to make her Rose Theater debut! Previous theatre credits include A Christmas Carol at the Omaha Community Playhouse, along with Annie Jr., Beauty and the Beast Jr., and The Jungle Book Kids all at her school theater. She enjoys, playing violin and basketball, and spending time with friends and family.

## Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer Additional Cast Members



Faushia Weeden

### **Faushia Weeden** (Mrs. Claus)



Sam Rhodes

### **Sam Rhodes** (Fireball / Plane / US Hermey)

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