

# CAST INFORMATION

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## Charlotte's Web Cast Information



Miriam Gutiérrez

### **Miriam Gutiérrez** (Charlotte)

Miriam is returning to the role Charlotte after a delightful adventure in the 2015 production. Rose audiences might also remember her from Go, Dog, Go (Hattie/Spotted,) Babe (Fly) Tomás and the Library Lady, A Wrinkle in Time, and If You Give a Cat a Cupcake. Miriam has thrice been published as original cast: Naomi Iizuka's Polaroid Stories, Michael Bigelow Dixon and Val Smith's The League of Semi-Superheroes, and in the title role of Gary Kirkham's Queen Milli of Galt. She holds an MFA in Acting from U. of Cincinnati. In her native Canada, she kept from starving by working on many wacky projects like The Perfect Score (as Scarlett Johansson's stand-in) & Scooby-Do 2 (Velma's hand double). Locally, she directs the Omaha Homeschool Learning Center's spring Shakespeare productions. She is the happily-married mother of five unique little people. Thanks to Dr. Kelly and Dr. A.J. for keeping one of her spider legs functioning.

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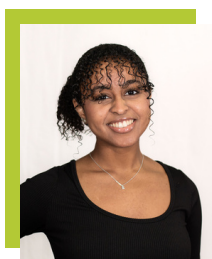
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Scarlett Simpson

#### **Scarlett Simpson** (Wilbur - Green cast)

Scarlett is so excited to be making her Rose Theater mainstage debut as Wilbur in Charlotte's Web! Scarlett is 9 years old and a 4th grader in Elkhorn Public Schools. She took her first musical theater class through The Rose in 2021 and officially caught the theater bug! She has been heavily involved with The Rose ever since! During the 2022-2023 season, Scarlett was a member of the Mini Rose Brigade, playing Bagheera in The Jungle Book Kids. Scarlett is currently a member of the Junior Rose Brigade. They recently performed James and the Giant Peach at the Junior Theater Festival in Sacramento, CA where they won the "Excellence in Music" award. Scarlett has also been a part of several productions at The Rose Studios for Youth Artists including playing Miss Gulch in The Wizard of Oz and Tweedle Dee in Alice and Wonderland Kids. She is happiest when performing!



Mahalet Kinde

#### **Mahalet Kinde** (Fern - Green cast)

Mahalet is very excited to be a part of a mainstage production at the Rose Theater. Mahalet has been a member of the Senior Rose Brigade for almost 2 years now and performed in brigade's productions of Junie B. Jones Essential Survival Guide to School Jr, Guys and Dolls Jr, and Newsies Jr. Along with brigade, Mahalet participates in her high school's theater, and some of her favorite roles have been Evie in Descendants the Musical as well as Lucy in Jekyll and Hyde. When Mahalet isn't performing on stage, she really enjoys doing cheerleading at school and journalism.



Harper Query

#### **Harper Query** (Avery - Green cast)

Harper was born in Sioux Falls, SD and is 10-years old. She attends Reeder Elementary in Millard and is in 5th grade. Harper has been active in theatre since she was 6-years old and has been in Mini Brigade and Bloom Brigade at the Rose. She's attended various Rose Summer camps, takes dance classes, and voice lessons. Her dream is to appear on Broadway one day. Harper is active in her school's music program and has had the opportunity to perform the national anthem at various sporting events as part of R2 Singers. As often as possible, Harper goes to Broadway shows with her parents. Her favorite musical is Newsies, with Hamilton in close 2nd.



Della Henney

#### **Della Henney** (Lamb - Green cast)

Della is excited to be making her Rose Theater Main Stage debut as "Lamb" in Charlotte's Web! Della is in second grade and a member of The Rose Mini Brigade performing "Finding Nemo Jr." (Dory). She has loved performing her whole life and has natural charisma and eagerness to learn. Della's first public performance was when she was just three years old and picked to give her most ferocious "ROAR" as Beast during "Enchanted Tales with Belle" at Disney World. She had her first speaking role in her kindergarten music program, "The Balad of Hopin' Joe & Chickulet" (Chickulet). As a first grader, she performed in The Rose Studios production of "Frozen Petites" (Troll), then joined a weekly musical theater class at The Rose before joining Mini Brigade. This opportunity to perform in Charlotte's Web alongside some of her teachers and with fellow brigade members is such an honor and joy!

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Lilah Zander

#### **Lilah Zander** (Wilbur - Purple cast)

Lilah Zander is a 10-year-old energetic girl. She has been involved with the Rose for three years. She has participated in many programs at the Rose and at her elementary school. These include Mini-Brigade (Jungle Book), Bloom Brigade (Raise Your Voice), Disney's Frozen, and Disney's Aladdin. One of her favorite role's was playing Anna in Frozen. When Lilah is not at the Rose she enjoys reading, playing piano, playing the viola, and traveling with her family!



Ava Cutinella

#### **Ava Cutinella** (Fern - Purple cast)

Ava Cutinella is so excited to be returning to the Rose Theater stage! Ava is a senior in high school who enjoys singing, dancing, acting, reading, and spending time with her friends. Her most recent roles include Sarah Brown in Guys and Dolls and Molly Aster in Peter and the Starcatcher at her high school. She has also been a member of the Rose Theater's Senior Rose Brigade for the past three years. In her spare time, Ava likes to read and spend time with her boyfriend and his family.



Grace Katt

#### **Grace Katt** (Avery - Purple cast)

Grace is very excited to make her debut in her first MainStage production at The Rose Theater as Avery in Charlotte's Web. She is a 4th grader at Fullerton Elementary. Recent credits as a member the children's ensemble in A Christmas Carol at Omaha Community Playhouse the last two years and on film with Mister K's Clubhouse as Kelly. Grace also has been affiliated with Big Studio, 402 Lesson Studio, Mobile Stage Omaha, and Omaha School of Music and Dance. In her spare time she enjoys talking to friends and spending time with her family and is looking forward to spending lots of time with her puppy.



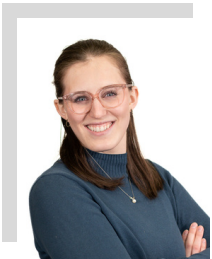
Angelica Franco

#### **Angelica Franco** (Lamb - Purple cast)

Angelica is very excited to be performing in her Rose Mainstage debut show. In her off time she loves to spend every spare minute performing in her bedroom every show she's ever seen and shows that she has created. Some of her most recent credits include the bunny that came out of the hat in Aladdin Kids (3 years old) and a zebra in Lion King Kids (4 years old). She played Young Anna last year in Frozen Kids (7 years old) and was a skeleton in Aladdin Kids (8 years old). She is active at the Rose Theater Mini Brigade performing Jungle Book Kids last year and Finding Nemo Kids this year.

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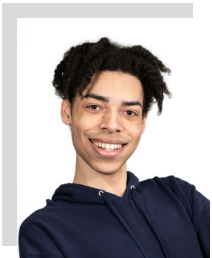
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Emma Jorgenson

**Emma Jorgenson (Goose/Mrs. Zuckerman)**

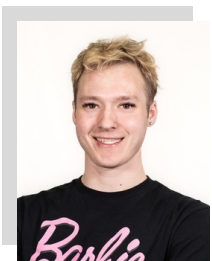
Emma graduated with BFAs in English and Theatre Studies, focusing primarily on Theatrical Education, Directing, and Management from Nebraska Wesleyan University (2022), where she found that her passion lies in cultivating a strong connection between young artists and the field of theatre. Currently, Emma is at the Lied Center for Performing Arts working with the Development Team, and is in her third year as Drama Program Director at Raymond Central Public Schools. She was a 2022-23 Teaching Artist Fellow, and still enjoys teaching at the Rose when she can. Additionally, Emma is the Stage Manager for Blixt Arts Lab's current tour of Not Too Far Distant by Becky Boesen. Other work of Emma's as a director, designer, and/or stage manager has been with Youth Actor's Academy of Lincoln, Shoestring Theatre Omaha, and the Gothenburg Sun Theater. "Lord, let them see you in me."



Donovaughn Daniels

**Donovaughn Daniels (Gander/Uncle Pig/Mr. Zuckerman)**

Donovaughn is so happy to be a member of the Rose theater team and bring the story of Charlotte's Web to life. He'd like to thank his friends and family for all their love and support, including his mom, his best friend Allie and his partner Alan. He would also like to thank his 20k tiktok followers for being cool too XP



Marcus Buttweiler

**Marcus Buttweiler (Mr. Arable/Templeton/US Judge)**

Marcus Buttweiler is so excited to be performing at the Rose, and finally getting paid to act like a rat. Favorite credits include: the Clown in Stop and Go (The Rose) Jojo in Suessical (North Iowa Auditorium); and Nashoba (Wolf) in Little Loxi (Oklahoma Children's Theatre). Marcus works as a Teaching Artist Fellow at The Rose. When not at the Rose Marcus loves long walks on the beach, Kacey Musgraves, Charli XCX, and Cyclebar.

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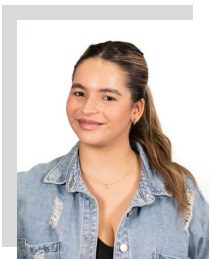
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Mykala Bazzell

**Mykala Bazzell** (Sheep/Mrs. Arable/US Charlotte)

Mykala Bazzell is thrilled to be apart of another production at the Rose. She recently performed as Princess 1/Chicken Licken/Others in "Stinky Cheese Man" and was the assistant director of "Popularity Coach" last season at the Rose. She has a B.A. in Theatre Arts from Flagler College and is currently a full time teaching artist at the Rose.



Leticia Taveras

**Leticia Taveras** (Lurvy/Judge/US Sheep/Fern)

Leticia Taveras (she/her) Leticia is making her Rose Theater Debut as Lurvy/Judge in Charlotte's Web. Previous experience in the community includes Pipeline at The Omaha Community Playhouse, Next to Normal (Creighton University), Hairspray (covid-casualty), Love's Labor's Lost, Razor Women and Hadestown Workshop in Madrid, Spain.

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