

CAST INFORMATION

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Ada Twist, Scientist & Friends Cast Information



Donnalesly Fondjo

Donnalesly Fondjo (Ada Twist)

Donnalesly is a May 2025 BFA Acting graduate from Ithaca College with a minor in African Diaspora Studies. Recent credits include Dynamite in Hairspray, Norma in Carrie the Musical, and Mersister/Princess/Dance Captain in The Little Mermaid at Festival 56, IL, as well as Rose in Fever/Dream (Hangar Theatre, NY) and Lucrece in The Liar (Kitchen Theatre, NY). Donna is blessed and thrilled to be going on her first tour and is deeply grateful to God, her family, and her friends for their continued love and support.



Jeané Cummins

Jeané Cummins (Great Great Aunt Rose)

Jeané is a 26 year old who is so excited to perform tonight! She has been in numerous musicals and a couple of plays such as The Color Purple (Nettie and Doris), Full Circle Off-Broadway (originated the role of Halley), Lucy/Bluebeard by Ed Levy (Narrator), Working the Musical (Maggie Holmes), Shrek the Musical (Dragon), Little Shop of Horrors (Chiffon), Beauty and the Beast (Wardrobe), Legally Blonde (Paulette). Plays include Midnight Summer's Dream at the Mile Square Theatre (Moth), Fortune by the playwright George Cameron Grant (Mama), Somewhere I can scream Off-Broadway (Alice Bustin, Agnes, and College girl 1). She came back from a 3 month European Tour called "The Original USA Gospel Singer." "I want nothing more but to let you escape from reality tonight, I hope you enjoy the show tonight!"

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Carson Merrick

Carson Merrick (Iggy Peck)

Carson is a New York-based actor originally from California and a recent graduate of NYU Tisch School of the Art's New Studio on Broadway. In the fall, he made his Off-Broadway debut in Hucka at The Players' Theater, and previously appeared in NYU's productions of A Chorus Line, The Great Comet of 1812, and Bright Star.

You can reach him on Instagram @carsonmerrick.



Karis Knierim

Karis Knierim (Lila Greer)

Karis is so excited to reprise her role as the lovely Lila Greer in this wonderful show! Some of her favorite previous credits include Fern in TheatreWorksUSA's Charlotte's Web and Mopsa in Head Over Heels. She is a graduate of CAP21 and when not on stage you can find her making animal friends, playing board games, or reading. She wants to thank God, her family, her fiancée David, and her friends for their continued support. Hope you enjoy the show!



Madelyn Casey

Madelyn Casey (Rosie Revere)

Madelyn is a NYC based performer and Pennsylvania native. Madelyn is ecstatic to be touring with Ada and all of her friends!! Most recent credits include "Martha" Spring Awakening, "Minnie" Shadow of a Gunman, "Molly" Peter And The Starcatcher, and "Jack" Jack and the Beanstalk. Madelyn cherishes every opportunity to perform and is endlessly thankful to the wonderful people at TWUSA for this opportunity and as always her family and friends for their love and support!!



Gabrielle Price

Gabrielle Price (Stage Manager)

Gabrielle graduated from University of Missouri-Kansas City with an M.F.A. Stage Management in 2024. She got her B.A. in Theatre Arts from California State University, Chico in 2022. Her most recent roles were Stage Manager and Assistant Stage Manager for The Western Stage's 2025 season. Some of her favorite shows include Topdog/Underdog as Stage Manager, Assistant Stage Manager for Cherubin, and Proving Up, and Production Assistant at KC Rep for Cyrano de Bergerac. This is her first tour with TheaterWorksUSA! Enjoy the show.

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