

CAST INFORMATION

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The Great Race Cast Information



Roz Parr

Roz Parr (Kit, Rat, Goat)

Roz Parr is thrilled be back at The Rose. Some of her favorite credits include: Florina in Dragons Love Tacos (The Rose), Coral/Bloat in Finding Nemo (The Rose) Mom in Diary of a Wimpy Kid (The Rose); Actor 3 in Baskerville (Omaha Community Playhouse); Jen in The Cake (OCP); Annabella/Margaret/Pamela in The 39 Steps (Chanticleer); Greta in Murder on the Orient Express (OCP); and Pauline in One Man, Two Guvnors (OCP).



Kyah Sneed

Kyah Sneed (Kit's Mom, Snake)

Kyah is an actor, singer, and teaching artist here at The Rose! She loves directing and sharing the gift of theater with all the students she meets. This is her second Rose production and she can't wait for everyone to experience the magic this show has to offer!

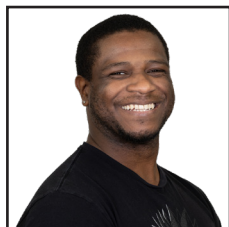
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Malik Deshon Fortner

Malik Deshon Fortner (Kit's Dad, Ox, Dog, Horse, Dragon)

Heyo, what an honor it is to be back on The Rose stage. Malik Deshon Fortner is originally from Michigan. He moved to Omaha in 2010 where he found his love for acting in a high school production of Gift of the Magi. Some of the recent shows you may have seen him in are Coraline, Suite Surrender, The Pigeon get a big time Holiday Extravaganza, Finding Nemo. Puppeteering has been very heavy on the heart lately, so Malik is very excited to have the chance to be a part of The Great Race and to see these characters come to life. There is something so special about being able to help bring a new show to life. So this is such an amazing opportunity. Always believe in the me, that believes in you!



Chris Wang

Chris Wang (Bobby, Monkey)

Chris is very excited to join The Rose Theater and bring this fun story from his own culture to life with the rest of the cast, one he still remembers listening to as a wee lad himself. As an actor, pianist, guitarist, and food critic from Texas currently living in LA, Chris loves to play tennis and write songs (rec inc. on Soundcloud!). He most recently performed in the original Golden Wish Musical and can also be seen in Lioness Season 2 on Paramount+. Chris would like to thank his family and friends for their love and support, as well as the entire Great Race and Rose Theater team for the opportunity!



Audrey Billings

Audrey Billings (Mama Yim, Jade Emperor)

AUDREY BILLINGS is thrilled to appearing on The Rose Theatre stage for the first time, and to be part of bringing this wonderful story to life!. Based in Chicago, but with family ties in Omaha, it's good to be back, if only for a short time! Some favorite roles include: Mary Bailey in "It's a Wonderful Life, Live in Chicago!" and Adele in "Things With Friends" at American Blues Theater, Emilie in A Red Orchid Theatre's production of The Moors, Christmas Eve in the long-running production of Avenue Q at the Mercury Theater, Mary Magdalene in Jesus Christ Superstar, Antonia in Man of la Mancha, and Hodel in Fiddler on the Roof. She has graced the stages at the Paramount Theatre, Marriott Theatre Lincolnshire, Drury Lane Oakbrook, Theatre at the Center, and Lookingglass Theatre Company. Audrey is an ensemble member at American Blues Theater, the managing director at A Red Orchid Theatre, and a proud member of Actors' Equity. Special thanks to Wai Yim & Alan Muraoka, and to my incredible husband, Nick Stone.

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Dennis Stessman

Dennis Stessman (Devin's Dad, Rabbit, Pig)
Dennis Stessman is an Omaha based actor who is happy to be returning to the Rose Theater for The Great Race. His most recent credits include Shelterbelt Theatre's Christmas Cookies and Bellevue Little Theater's Girl on the Train. His other credits include Omaha Community Playhouse's A Christmas Carol. Mrs. Whitman's Words for Women (Creighton University), Barefoot in the Park (BLT), Young Frankenstein (BLT), Agatha Christie's Spider's Web (BLT), The Field (BSB), Dracula 77 (BSB), Old Bat (GPTC), The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance (OCP) The Hobbit (The Circle Theatre) The Dairy Maid Rite (Shelterbelt Theatre) Madama Butterfly and the Abduction from the Seraglio (Opera of Omaha), Incident at Vichy (BSB) and Three Sisters (Creighton University). Dennis is eager to take on more stage work and to take on more filming opportunities.



Billy Rodgers

Billy Rodgers (Devin, Rooster, Cat)
Billy Rodgers is so excited to be back performing at The Rose! He's so grateful to be doing what he loves and hopes you enjoy the show! Special shoutout to Maggie Rodgers the coolest sister around.

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