



Director's Notes



Into the Woods has been called a fairy tale for grown-ups, a cheeky satire, Sondheim's masterpiece – to my mind all apt descriptions. It is certainly an adventure for all ages, with its familiar characters and stories – but along with that comes many a rich metaphor about coming of age in the real world. As a director, I've been lucky to have such talented and hard-working actors and musicians and technicians – I thank them and congratulate them heartily! As a company, we've found the play to be challenging and thrilling and fun – which we hope you will as well!

~ Gretchen Weinrich, Director



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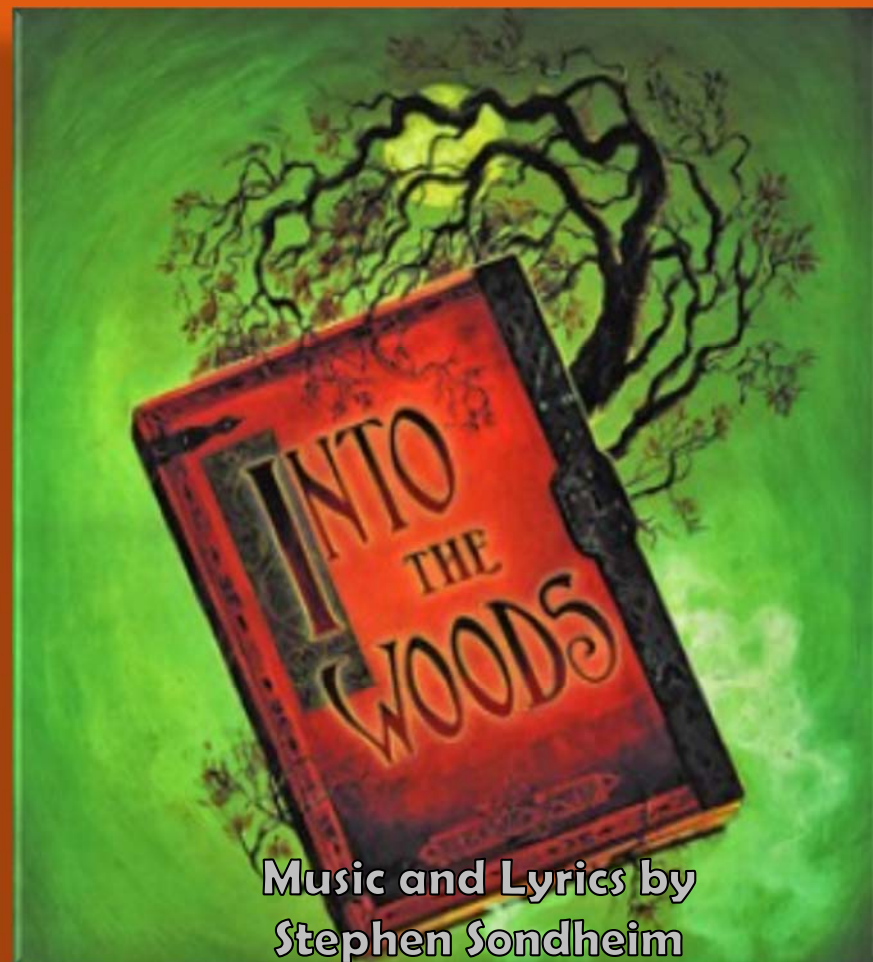
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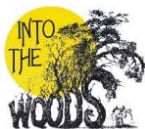
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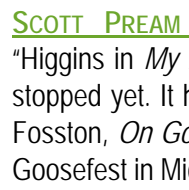


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Act I



DJ PARENTEAU (CINDERELLA'S STEPMOTHER) – Past TRFACT credits: *Hometown Talent Show*, Miss Hannigan in *Annie & Some Enchanted Evening*. Other credits: Ann in *1940s Radio Hour*, Marian Ames in *Swingtime Canteen*, Anita in *West Side Story* & Golde in *Fiddler on the Roof*. "Aren't we all trying to be a good mother?"



SCOTT PREAM (CINDERELLA'S FATHER) – Past TRFACT credits: "Higgins in *My Fair Lady* is where it all started (2003) and I have not stopped yet. It has been GREAT." Other credits: *Something's Afoot* in Fosston, *On Golden Pond*, *Love Thy Neighbor* and *Mind Over Matt* at Goosefest in Middle River, as well as a handful of NCTC productions.



NICOLE RAIRDON (FLORINDA) – TRFACT debut: "This is my first show with TRFACT and I am so excited and happy to be here!" Other credits: *Bye Bye Birdie*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* & *The Dixie Swim Club* at Warroad Summer Theater. "Thank you to my family and my wonderful husband, Jordan, for supporting me in everything I do. I love you more than coffee!"



BRENNA SKALLET (CINDERELLA) – Past TRFACT credits: *Free to Be... You and Me*, Baloo in *The Jungle Book*, Nelly in *Annie Get Your Gun*, Luisa in *The Fantasticks* & Minnie in *Hello Dolly!* Other credits: Mrs. Lovett in *Sweeney Todd* at LHS. "I'm so excited to play this role in one of my all-time favorite musicals – the musical that sparked my love for the theater. Theater is my true passion – thank you to everyone who supports me and helps make that happen. I've had so much fun in my time with TRFACT. I couldn't 'wish' for anything more!"



LEAH WATTENPHUL (BAKER'S WIFE) – Past TRFACT credits: *Hello Dolly!*, *The Nerd* & *Hometown Talent Show 2*. Other credits: *Fiddler on the Roof* & *Blithe Spirit*. "My response to being cast: 'Holy Cow-as-white-as-milk, Batman! I'm the Baker's Wife!' Also, my husband and two daughters are incredible – I love you three so much!"



GRETCHEN WEINRICH (DIRECTOR) – Past TRFACT credits: *Hello Dolly!*, *The Fantasticks* & *Almost, Maine*. Other credits: More than two dozen shows as director, assistant director and stage manager from the Twin Cities to Warroad to Lincoln High School.



Scene 1

Into the Woods.....Company

Scene 2

Cinderella at the Grave.....Cinderella & Cinderella's Mother
Hello, Little Girl.....Wolf & Little Red Riding Hood
I Know Things Now.....Little Red Riding Hood
A Very Nice Prince.....Cinderella & Baker's Wife

Scene 3

Giants in the Sky.....Jack
Agony.....Cinderella's Prince & Rapunzel's Prince
It Takes Two.....Baker & Baker's Wife

Scene 4

Stay With Me.....Witch
On the Steps of the Palace.....Cinderella

Scene 5

Ever After.....Company



15 minute intermission



Act II

Scene 1

So Happy.....Company

Scene 2

Agony (Reprise).....Cinderella's Prince & Rapunzel's Prince
The Witch's Lament.....Witch
Any Moment.....Cinderella's Prince & Baker's Wife
Moments in the Woods.....Baker's Wife
Your Fault.....Witch, Baker, Jack, Little Red Riding Hood & Cinderella
Last Midnight.....Witch
No More.....Baker & Mysterious Man
No One is Alone.....Baker, Cinderella, Jack & Little Red Riding Hood
Children Will Listen.....Witch & Company



SHERRY KNOTT (VOCAL DIRECTOR / CINDERELLA'S MOTHER / GIANT)

Past TRFACT credits: Dolly Levi in *Hello Dolly!*, M'Lynn in *Steel Magnolias*, Annie Oakley in *Annie Get Your Gun*, Maria in *Lend Me a Tenor*, Catherine in *The Foreigner*, plus many chorus parts and vocal directing. "No one is alone' in the theater – no one person can make a show a success, we all play a vital role in bringing a show to life. I love my TRF theater family! Thank you for all your hard work!"

DIANE KRAUSE (JACK'S MOTHER) – TRFACT debut. Other credits: *Summer & Smoke*, *A Christmas Carol*, *The Importance of Being Ernest* & *Blackbird*. "I am thrilled to be back on stage. Theater has been an important part of my life since I met my husband while doing a show in college. How great to be acting with my daughters and the rest of this fine company!"



ALEXIS LANE (STEWARD) – TRFACT debut. Other credits: Hermione Waxman and Francois in *Without a Hitch*, Doctor and Priest in *Hypnotized*, Simon Stimpson in *Our Town* & Puck in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. "Uhhh... it's been a fun first musical."

JONATHAN MANSK (NARRATOR / MYSTERIOUS MAN) – Past TRFACT credits: *Hello Dolly!* & *The Nerd*. Other credits: Jon has performed with Bemidji State University and The Paul Bunyan Playhouse. "Thanks to my friends and family for all their support. Also for another great opportunity to perform with TRFACT!"



RENÉ MOONEY (GRANNY) – Past TRFACT credits: *Hometown Talent Show 2*. Other credits: High school plays. "Here is my secret, it's very simple. It is only with the heart that one can see rightly. The essential is invisible to the eye.' *The Fox*, *Le Petit Prince*"

SHELBY PAHLEN (SLEEPING BEAUTY) – Past TRFACT credits: *Hello Dolly!* & *Hometown Talent Show 2*. Other credits: *Arsenic & Old Lace*, *Hansel & Gretel* & *Heading for the Hills*. "I always have fun with TRFACT. Theater is one of the few things I enjoy and I always find fantastic people. Everyone I perform with is like a family to me, and I thank them for always giving me the time of my life."



TYSON PANEK (RAPUNZEL'S PRINCE) – Past TRFACT credits: *The King & I*, *Annie Get Your Gun*, *The Fantasticks* & *Hometown Talent Show 1 & 2*. Other credits: *All Shook Up*, *Breaking Up is Hard to Do* & *Radio Gals*. "Whether you think you can or think you can't, you're right."

Production Crew

- Director: Gretchen Weinrich
- Vocal Director: Sherry Knott
- Stage Manager: Emma Halvorson
- Costumer: Jane Anderson
- Technical Director: Philip Hoks
- Props / Set Construction: Peter Hoks
- Rehearsal Accompanist: Brianna Helm
- Orchestra Director: Philip McKenzie
- Sound Board Operator: Bruce Elseth
- Light Board Operator: Max Anderson
- Spotlight Operator: Liam Liden
- Dresser / Seamstress: Judi Helgeland
- Seamstress: Peggy Gunderson
- Production Photographer: Mike Halsa



Musicians

- Conductor: Philip McKenzie
- Piano: Brianna Helm
- Percussion: Jon Dent
- Synthesizer: Aaron Fagerstrom
- Flute / Piccolo: Malayna Wahl
- Violin: Michael Lam & Cindy Li
- Viola: David Miller
- Cello: Stacie Varnson
- Bass: Alice Conwell

Meet The Cast

~ In order of appearance ~

Narrator / Mysterious Man.....	Jonathan Mansk
Cinderella.....	Brenna Skallet
Jack.....	Andrew Hanson
Jack's Mother.....	Diane Krause
Baker.....	Isaiah Burkel
Baker's Wife.....	Leah Wattenphul
Cinderella's Stepmother.....	DJ Parenteau
Florinda.....	Nicole Rairdon
Lucinda.....	Anna M. Barth
Cinderella's Father.....	Scott Pream
Little Red Riding Hood.....	Jocelyn Hams
Witch.....	Jane Anderson
Cinderella's Mother / Giant.....	Sherry Knott
Wolf / Cinderella's Prince.....	Max Kahlhamer
Granny.....	René Mooney
Rapunzel.....	Ginger Kirkeby-Stumbo
Rapunzel's Prince.....	Tyson Panek
Steward.....	Alexis Lane
Snow White.....	Grace Brickson
Sleeping Beauty.....	Shelby Pahlen



JANE ANDERSON (WITCH / COSTUMER) – Past TRFACT credits: DIRECTOR: *Hometown Talent Show*, *Annie*, *The Producers*, & *Seussical*. ACTOR: Reno Sweeney in *Anything Goes*, Kate in *Kiss Me, Kate* & *Shirley Valentine*. "Thanks to my wonderful family who support me even when I am flying around the house on my broomstick casting spells right and left. I love you all! xoxo"



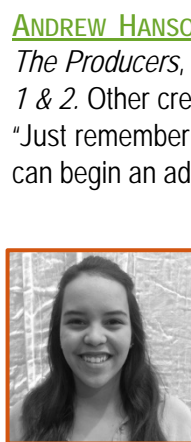
ANNA M. BARTH (LUCINDA) – TRFACT debut. "This is my first show with TRFACT and what a show! I grew up watching the Broadway version, and now I get to fulfill my lifelong dream of getting my heel cut off! Ouch!" Other roles: *A Christmas Carol* (twice!) & *Little Shop of Horrors*. "I was greedy, I was vain. I was haughty, I was smug. We were happy, it was fun!"



GRACE BRICKSON (SNOW WHITE) – Past TRFACT credits: *Annie* (Tessie) & *Seussical* (Bird Girl). Other credits: Summer Arts Safari *Wizard of Oz* (Dorothy), *Our Town* (Mrs. Soames) & *No Signs of Intelligent Life*. "There seems to be a lot of shows having to do with the woods this summer."



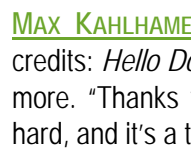
ISAIAH BURKEL (BAKER) – Past TRFACT credits: *Hello Dolly!*, *The Producers*, *Hometown Talent Show 1 & 2*, *Seussical* & *Forever Plaid*. Other credits: Concordia College Christmas Concert. "*Into the Woods* is one of my favorite shows and I'm happy to be doing it with this fantastic cast and crew."



ANDREW HANSON (JACK) – Past TRFACT credits: Carmen Ghia in *The Producers*, *Some Enchanted Evening* & *Hometown Talent Show 1 & 2*. Other credits: Motel Kamzoil in *Fiddler on the Roof* in Fosston. "Just remember: the difference between a cow and a bean is a bean can begin an adventure!"



JOCELYN HAMS (LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD) – Past TRFACT credits: *Some Enchanted Evening*. Other credits: *The Money in Uncle George's Suitcase*, *Between Any Two Points*, *101 Dalmatians* & *Bad Auditions for Bad Actors*. "Working on this musical with this cast has been amazing. Every rehearsal there are plenty of laughs and memories made during this production I will never forget."



MAX KAHLHAMER (WOLF / CINDERELLA'S PRINCE) – Past TRFACT credits: *Hello Dolly!* Other credits: *Tom Sawyer*, *M*A*S*H*, *Fools*, and more. "Thanks for coming! Give acting a shot – it's really not that hard, and it's a ton of fun!"



GINGER KIRKEBY-STUMBO (RAPUNZEL) – TRFACT debut. Other credits: *Wizard of Oz*, *Oliver!* and *Guys and Dolls* with Warroad Summer Theater.