

MTC MUSIC THEATRE OF CONNECTICUT
SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS



May 5-6, 2023



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We can't wait to watch you shine
in Snow White!

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Mom, Dad, Matthew, & Viri

MUSIC THEATRE OF CONNECTICUT SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS

presents



Book by DEB LEVY

Music & Lyrics by KEVIN CONNORS

Student Production Assistance by JOJO CIPRIANO

Parent Producers: LAUREN JUMPER & MEGAN WEITZ

Costume Design by DIANE VANDERKROEF

Scenic & Lighting Design by RJ ROMEO

Choreography by KATHRYN BIRKENBACH

Music Direction by ELISSA DEMARIA

Directed by ELISSA DEMARIA & DEB LEVY

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CAST

(alphabetically by actor)

OLIVIA BAE	Lady Amelia / Belle / Sleepy
TEDDY BAILEY	Lady Sara / Goldie Locks / Happy
SOPHIE CHAN	Sir Dandipratt / White Rabbit
ELIZABETH CHANG	Prince
TAYLOR CHICCHILLO	Queen
AVERY CRAWFORD	Madame Dandipratt / Alice in Wonderland
HAZEL CROCKETT	Lady Christabel / Baby Bear
OLIVIA DUNEV	Snow White
LILY JUMPER	Lady Rosalind / Rapunzel
NORI LEVITT	Lady Prudence / Little Red / Grumpy
VIVIAN MASHIA	Lady Emma / Blue Fairy / Dopey
NEVE MASS	Rose Red / Tinkerbell
AUDREY MELLO	Lady Amy / Cinderella / Bashful
ALEXA PHILLIPS	Lady Hannah / Sleeping Beauty
MAGGIE RYAN	Lady Annabelle / Rumpelstiltskin / Doc
ABIGAIL SCHERR	Lady Juliet / Prince Charming / Sneezzy
SASHA WILKER	Mirror

MUSIC THEATRE OF CONNECTICUT SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS is Fairfield County's most complete resource for the musical theatre, providing conservatory-style educational programming and professional musical theatre. The only organization of its kind in Connecticut, MTC was founded in 1987 by Directors Kevin Connors and Jim Schilling. Governed by an elected Board of Directors, MTC is a Certified Member of the National Guild of Community Schools of the Arts - the first theatre school to be accepted for membership in this esteemed organization. MTC trains over 500 students per season and more than 4,000 audience members attend the seven full-scale productions each year.

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**Congratulations to the entire
cast and crew of Snow White!
Liv, we are so proud of you and
love seeing you shine on stage!**

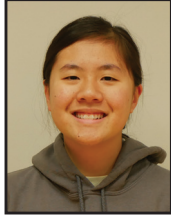
THE "SNOW WHITE" COMPANY



OLIVIA
BAE



TEDDY
BAILEY



SOPHIE
CHAN



ELI
CHANG



TAYLOR
CICCHILLO



AVERY
CRAWFORD



HAZEL
CROCKETT



OLIVIA
DUNEV



LILY
JUMPER



NORI
LEVITT



VIVIAN
MASHIA



NEVE
MASS



AUDREY
MELLO



ALEXA
PHILLIPS



MAGGIE
RYAN



ABIGAIL
SCHERR



SASHA
WILKER



**Congratulations
to our stars
Neve and Nori!!**

WHO'S WHO

DEB LEVY (*Director*) has been on the faculty at MTC since 1989! Aside from teaching and directing at MTC, Deb worked at the Johnston Talent Agency for thirteen years. Deb was a commercial agent for two well known children's agencies in New York; Abrams Artists and Associates, and Jordan, Gill and Dornbaum. After graduating from Mount Holyoke College, Deb studied acting at Circle in the Square in NYC. She performed in several Off Broadway productions including *Inside Out* and *Mrs. Warren's Profession*. Summer Stock credits include *Fiddler on the Roof* at the New Jersey Festival Theatre, as well as roles with Keene State Theatre, Hope Theatre, and The Summer Theatre at Mount Holyoke College. Deb also performed in a live Industrial for Pepsi Cola (where she met her husband, Mark), and she also appeared in several soap operas including *One Life to Live* and *As the World Turns*. Currently Deb is a paraprofessional at McKinley Elementary School. She supports students with special needs in grades 4 and 5. She lives in Trumbull with her husband, Mark, and they have two daughters, Leah (a graduate of the MTC College-Bound in the Performing Arts program) and Justine. Member AEA, AFTRA

ELISSA DEMARIA (*Music Direction & Director*) is a professional actress residing in the NYC area, Elissa has been part of the MTC family since 2012. She has been seen on the mainstage at MTC in *Falsettoland* (Cordelia), *Jekyll & Hyde* (Lucy), *Little Shop of Horrors* (Audrey; CT Critics Circle Nomination), *Next to Normal* (Natalie) as well as others! Other select credits include: *The Marvelous Wonderettes* (Standby), *Kiss Me Kate* (Lois/Bianca), *Seussical* (Gertrude), *Shout!: A Mod Musical* (Red Girl), *Light in the Piazza* (Ensemble/Franca U/S). Elissa teaches musical theatre and private voice lessons at MTC. She holds a BFA in musical theatre

from Point Park University. Proud member of AEA. @ccc.lissa

KATHRYN BIRKENBACH (*Choreographer*) is new to the MTC family, having recently relocated from New York City, where she completed a PhD in neuroscience at Columbia University in 2020. Though a scientist by day, Kathryn has nearly two decades of experience as a part-time director and choreographer in musical theatre, in addition to training in dance at institutions including the Joffrey Ballet School and Steps on Broadway. Kathryn's choreography has most recently been on display in *Spring Awakening*, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, and *Legally Blonde: The Musical* with the Broadway Haven Players in NYC. Other select directorial, choreographic, and performance credits include: *Into the Woods*, *Cabaret*, *The Rocky Horror Show*, *Beauty and the Beast* (Enchantress, choreographer), and *Much Ado About Nothing* (Leonato, choreographer).

KEVIN CONNORS (*Executive Artistic Director & Co-Founder*) Off-Broadway: *Play Like a Winner* (NYMF award-winner), *Prime Time Prophet*, *Jukebox Saturday Night*, *The Abandoned Loves of Frederick R.*, *Life Anonymous*, *Lover: The Valentino Musical*, *Babes Off Broadway*, *Saloon* and *Suzy Q*. Selected regional productions: *The Fantasticks*, *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play*, *A Christmas Carol* and *Baby*; with such stars as Joan Rivers, James Naughton, and Johnny Mathis. He has directed over 100 MTC Equity MainStage productions including *Next to Normal*, *Cabaret*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Evita*, *Doubt*, *Master Class*, *Gypsy*, (all Connecticut Critics' Circle Award Nominations/Winners), and *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play*, (Moss Hart Award Winner). BroadwayWorld Award Winner as Best Director for MTC's *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, Connecticut Critics' Circle



We're so proud of you Avery!!!
Your imagination continues
to amaze us.

WHO'S WHO

Best Director winner for MTC's *Ragtime*, and recipient of the Tom Killen Award for Outstanding Contribution to Connecticut Professional Theatre. As a composer he has penned the score for numerous musicals including *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play* and *A Christmas Carol: A Live Radio Play* (both published by Playscripts, Inc.), and served on the faculties of The Hartt School of Music/University of Hartford, Sacred Heart University, the University of Bridgeport and Musical Theatre Works in NYC. www.kevin-connors.com

RJ ROMEO (*Director of Production / Scenic & Lighting Designer*) has relocated from Pittsburgh, PA to become the Technical Director/Associate Director of Production at Westport Country Playhouse. He returns to MTC for his second season as DP and third season as resident lighting designer. Past MTC credits include *Cabaret*, *Ragtime*, *Steel Magnolias*, *Sylvia*, *Fully Committed*, *RFK*, *Becoming Dr. Ruth*, *Tru* and *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play*. In addition, RJ has designed lighting for countless regional productions such as *Guys and Dolls*, *Twelfth Night*, and most recently *Frozen Jr.*

JIM SCHILLING (*Managing Director, Co-Founder*) co-founded Music Theatre of CT in 1987 and is currently MTC's Managing Director and Director of the School of Performing Arts. MTC acting credits include *Jacques Brel is Alive and Well...*, *Three Guys Naked from the Waist Down*, *Yours*, *Anne*, *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play*, *Doubt*, *Almost*, *Maine*, *God of Carnage*, *The Fantasticks*, *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike*, *The 39 Steps*, *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* and most recently, *Sylvia*. He was nominated for a CT Critics Circle award for Herr Shultz in *Cabaret* and winner of the BroadwayWorld award for *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*. He continues as a Blue Ribbon Panelist for the Daytime Emmy Awards, and is on the

voting committee for the SAG awards, and a member of "Who's Who in the American Theatre" from 1991-present. Jim was also an adjunct professor at Sacred Heart University (Advanced Acting, Advanced Scene Study, Script Analysis and Directing) where he was recently nominated Best Director of a musical for his work on *Godspell*.

DIANE VANDERKROEF (*Costume Design*) has been the resident costume designer for MTC MainStage and MTC School of Performing Arts since 2006. In the past she also worked with Kevin Connors on *Babes in Toyland* at the Stamford Center for the Arts. She did designs for the Connecticut Grand Opera, including *Elixir of Love*, *Don Giovanni* and *Don Pasquale*. She has also been designer for Downtown Cabaret Theatre's MainStage and Children's Company, as well as various musicals for New England Lyrical Operetta. When not designing, Diane is a flight attendant for Delta Airlines.

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Resident Costume Designer	DIANE VANDERKROEF
Resident Lighting Designer	RJ ROMEO
Assistant Stage Manager	KEVIN CONNORS
Front of House Staff	STEPHEN OLSON, STACY MILLER & NANCY SCIGLIMPAGLIA
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