

ENCORE PRESENTS

THEATRE FOR YOUNG AUDIENCES

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# AESOP

LIVE!

BY TRACY WELLS



A NOTE FROM

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Christina Roberts

Christina & Bussy



ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



Bussy Gower

At **Mile High Youth Theatre**, our mission is to create theatre experiences that allow students to thrive artistically, socially, and emotionally, and to teach **empathy through the performing arts**. Our Theatre for Young Audiences (TYA) program gives students ages 13+ the chance to perform for early elementary audiences, bringing live theatre directly to young children in schools, libraries, and community spaces.

As actors ourselves, we've both spent time in TYA—early in our careers and more recently—and we know firsthand how powerful and formative that experience can be. Having been involved in TYA both then and now, we're especially passionate about giving our students the opportunity to pass that experience along. Seeing theatre for the first time as a young child is a magical, transformative moment—one that can spark imagination, confidence, and a lifelong love of storytelling. TYA exposes children to new language, vocabulary, abstract thinking, emotions, and the idea that stories can be imaginative and open-ended, not just literal.

With arts funding shrinking and school programs no longer as robust as they once were, TYA gives many children the chance to experience live theatre in their own community. We're proud to bring meaningful theatre to Denver, and we're so excited to share this season's TYA show, *Aesop Live*.

**This work is presented in partnership with the Cranswick-Black Foundation, whose generous support helps make these opportunities possible for our students and audiences alike.**

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## Cast

NARRATOR 1 .....	LYLA SAMUELSEN
NARRATOR 2 .....	ROSE LINDSTROM
MORAL MARTY .....	KAYLA SAUCEDO
ZEUS, LION, ET AL. ....	ELLIE DIPAULO
HERMES, BOY, ET AL. ....	IVY SULLIVAN
FOX, HARE, CAT .....	LYLA MOODY
SHEEP, MOUSE, ET AL. ....	ZAHAVA LEVY
TOWN MOUSE, WOLF, ET AL. ....	AUDREY O'NEAL
CRANE, CROW, GOOSE, ET AL. ....	ELLIE CAROSI
TORTOISE, COUNTRY MOUSE, GOAT .....	REESE MORGAN

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## Production TEAM



**FITZ TURNER** (*they/them*) *Aesop Live!* **Director**

This is Fitz's second year with Mile High Youth Theatre as a director, choreographer, and teacher. They choreographed *James and the Giant Peach Jr.* this past fall, and they are delighted to direct *Aesop Live!* Previously they have taught, directed, and choreographed with Actor's Academy for the Performing Arts, Rocky Mountain Theatre for Kids, and the Denver Center for the Performing Arts. Selected choreography credits include *Pippin*, *Cats: Youth Edition*, and *Seussical Jr.* Selected directing credits include *25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, *Something Rotten*, and *Eurydice*. Fitz also trained in improv and performed with the Bovine Metropolis and Bond Improv in shows such as *On the Spot* and *The City: An Improvised Musical*. Fitz received their BFA in Acting and their education license from the University of Colorado Boulder



**ALLISON PALMER** (*she/her*) *Aesop Live!* **Stage Manager**

Allison is excited to be stepping into TYA at MHYT. Previous technical credits include: *High School Musical* (Assistant Stage Manager/Board Op), *Nightfall* (Stage Manager), *Legally Blonde* (Stage Manager), *Puffs* (Stage Manager), *Love's Labour's Lost* (Assistant Stage Manager), *Rumors* (Assistant Stage Manager), *Into the Woods* (Deck Captain). Allison is originally from Colorado, and she has a B.S. degree in engineering from Colorado School of Mines. She is grateful to the MHYT team for their work and the opportunity to continue pursuing her passion for stage management with MHYT.

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