

# HADESTOWN

## TEEN EDITION

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### BIOGRAPHIES



**Ian Amaro** *he/him* (**Orpheus**)

Ian is beyond excited and honored to be in his second production with Mile High Youth Theatre. Looking back... some previous credits include: *Something Rotten Jr.* (Nigel Bottom), *Shrek Jr.* (Shrek), *Newsies Jr.* (Davey), *Honk Jr.* (Greylag), and *Madagascar Jr.* (Melman). When he is not on stage, he enjoys singing, creating things, dancing, traveling, and spending time with his amazing brothers. Ian is in 8th grade at Rocky Top Middle school. He wants to thank his parents, mentors, and the entire MHYT cast and crew for their outstanding work and community.



**Lyla Eidson** *she/her* (**Eurydice**)

Lyla has been performing since the age of 6. Her favorite former roles include Alice in *Alice by Heart*, Frau Blucher in *Young Frankenstein*, Ti Moune in *Once on This Island*, Jack in *Into the Woods*, ensemble in *The Lion King*, and Frenchie in *Cabaret*. When not on stage, Lyla enjoys playing tennis, cooking, and architecture. Lyla would like to thank her family, her mentors, and her peers for empowering, inspiring, and encouraging her to pursue theater. Lyla is excited to join the Mile High Youth Theatre community in *Hadestown* and is grateful to her directors, managers, and music teachers for guiding her through this process. She finally thanks the *Hadestown* cast for creating an accepting community.



**Dantzig Shannon** *he/him* (**Hades**)

Dantzig is delighted to be cast in his third MHYT production, portraying Hades in *Hadestown*. His previous credits include *Urinetown* (Officer Barrel) and *Something Rotten JR!* (Nick Bottom). He also composes and produces his own music under the moniker Little D, and maintains several leadership roles at his school.



**Sylvie Bodine** *she/her* (**Persephone**)

Sylvie is a 10th grade theatre major at Denver School of the Arts. Her previous credits include: *Mean Girls* (Regina George), *Sister Act* (Sister Mary Theresa, Michelle U/S), *Cabaret* (Fraulein Kost), *Moliere's Scapin* (Argante), Denver Center for the Performing Arts Opera Colorado's *The Shining* (Grady Girls cover) and *Mary Poppins* (Mary Poppins). She recently performed in *Anastasia* (Russian Chorus) at the Lincoln Center for Manhattan Concert Productions' Broadway Series. In 2024, she qualified for The International Thespian Society's Nationals in Musical Theatre and Group Scene; received a DPS Shakespeare Festival Overall Presentation Award for *Taming of the Shrew* (Katherine); and Mile High Youth Theatre's Continuous Improvement Award. She also does track at Northfield High School. Sylvie wants to thank Christina and Bussy for teaching her so much throughout the years, her amazing cast members and her large extended family for always supporting her in her performances.

**Alyse Tobin** *she/her* (**Hermes**)

Alyse is excited to make her debut at Mile High Youth Theatre as Hermes in the production of *Hadestown*. Previous show credits include: *Mean Girls* (Rachel Hamilton), *Legally Blonde* (Delta Nu, Prison Guard, The Judge), *Wedding Interns Farce* (Archeologist), *Matilda* (Mrs. Phelps). Alyse has not been in theatre as long as some of her castmates, only starting her freshman year of high school. In her junior year, she finally got her first lead role in this production. She thanks Lindsay Kennedy for casting her in *Matilda*, her sophomore year, throwing her into the world of professional theatre. She also thanks MHYT for giving her a chance and is excited to do shows with this group once more. Most of all she thanks her Mom, Eileen Tobin. Eileen encouraged her and built a safe foundation to fall into when she wasn't cast or felt like she failed. Eileen is Alyse's #1 supporter and Alyse loves her dearly.

**Lia Morley** *she/her* (**Fate**)

Lia is so excited to be in her second MHYT production! Past favorite roles include Cady (*Mean Girls*), Eponine (*Les Miserables*), Mary Roberts (*Sister Act*), and Sally (*Lightning Thief*). When not on stage, she plays and teaches piano. She'd like to thank her parents for their constant support in all her endeavors.

**Gracie Anderson** *she/her* (**Fate**)

Gracie has been acting since she was six, and she is so excited to be part of MHYT's *Hadestown*! Some of her past performances are *Beauty & The Beast* (Belle), *Mean Girls* (Gretchen Weiners), *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Hippolyta), and *Once Upon a Mattress* (Princess Winnifred). Gracie attends St. Mary's Academy as an 8th grader and is so happy to be a part of the MHYT community!

**Caleb Granado** *they/them* (**Fate**)

Caleb is so excited to be apart of MHYT's *Hadestown*! Caleb attends Denver School of the Arts majoring and theatre, and loves to sing, dance, and act. Recent shows include: *Sister Act* (Curtis), *Tarzan* (Young Terk), *Mary Poppins JR.* (Mrs. Andrews), *The Little Mermaid* (Flounder). When they are not at rehearsal, you can find Caleb hanging out with friends, or shopping at the mall. Caleb would like to thank their family and friends and MHYT for making all of this possible!

**Aubrey Ringgenberg** *she/her* (**Worker Ensemble**)

Aubrey is excited to join Mile High Youth Theatre as a worker in their production of *Hadestown*! Previous MHYT credits include: *Urinetown* (Little Sally), *A Midsummers Night's Dream* (Snout/Wall), *Mean Girls* (Teary Girl), *The SpongeBob Musical* (Patrick Star). Aubrey is born and raised in Denver, Colorado and has been in theatre for 8 years now. Thanks to Christina, Jen, Andrew, Adrian, and the MYHT team for their hard work and dedication to this process!



**Davianna Carney** *she/her* (**Worker Ensemble**)

Davi is so excited to be returning to Mile High Youth Theatre for *Hadestown*. Previous credits include: *Something Rotten Jr.* (Bea), *Batboy* (Dillon/ Ensemble), *Eurydice* (Stone), *A Chorus Line* (Sheila), *Newsies* (Jojo), *Julius Caesar* (Ligarius), *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* (Mitch), *Footloose* (Ensemble), *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Hermia), *Alice In Wonderland* (The Cheshire Cat). Davi is a junior at Denver School Of The Arts. She would like to say a special thanks to her family and friends for their support and to the *Hadestown* team and everyone involved in this show. Fun Fact: Davi's favorite line of the show is "Spring will come again."



**Edie Eilbacher** *she/her* (**Worker Ensemble**)

Edie is a 7th grader studying theatre at Denver School of the Arts. Edie fell in love with theatre at the age of 7 when she played Miss Hannigan in her first theatre performance, *Annie*. Since that time, she has been involved in multiple theatre training programs and performances throughout Denver which have included the following shows: *Little Mermaid*, *Lion King*, *Newsies*, *Mean Girls*, *Descendants*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Something Rotten Jr.*, and *Shrek*.



**Elizabeth Moore** *she/her* (**Worker Ensemble**)

Elizabeth is very excited to start her journey at MHYT with *Hadestown*. PREVIOUS CREDITS: *Newsies* (Crutchie), *Sister Act* (Nun Ensemble), *Lights Up* (Playwright/Young Charlie), *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (Joseph), *Beauty and the Beast* (Cogsworth), *The Wizard of Oz* (The Wicked Witch of the West), *Into The Woods* (Jack), *Newsies* (Olive, Spot Conlon), *Annie* (Bert Healy), *Oklahoma!* (Gertie Cummins), *The Little Mermaid* (Flotsam and Jetsam), *Frozen JR.* (Young Anna). She attends DSA for theatre and is a freshman. She is excited to work on future productions! :)



**Halle Harden** *she/her* (**Worker Ensemble**)

Halle (13) has grown up in Denver and is beyond excited to be a part of the *Hadestown* cast with Mile High Youth Theatre. She started her love of theatre at eight years old and has since appeared in *Matilda* (Ensemble), *School of Rock* (Ensemble), *Descendants* (Mal), *Freaky Friday* (Savannah), *Beauty and the Beast* (Lefou), *The Lightning Thief* (Charon), *James and the Giant Peach* (Earthworm), *Footloose* (Ensemble), *Guys and Dolls* (Martha/Mimi), and *Midsummers Night's Dream* (Snug). Halle wants to thank everyone involved for their time, love, and dedication to making this show so special. Big shout out to directors Christina and Bussy for their training, love, and creation of MHYT!





**Jay Aquino-Quezada** *they/them* (**Production Assistant**)

Jay is excited to rejoin MHYT on the production team of *Hadestown*. Previous Colorado credits: *Sweeney Todd* (Judge Turpin), *Urinetown* (Cladwell B Caldwell), *Antigone* (Chorus/Polyneices and Eteocles), *Urinetown* (Old Man Strong), and *Mary Poppins* (Ensemble). Jay was born in Denver, Colorado, and comes from Mexican descent as a gender-nonconforming actor. They are currently studying at East High School as a senior. Jay would like to thank Christina and the team who invited them behind the scenes of *Hadestown Teen Edition*, letting them see what it takes to be a director and also being very flexible.



**Jovani Espejo** *he/him* (**Production Assistant**)

Jovani is a 17 years old junior at East High School and has been doing theatre since he was 8 years old. His favorite shows that he has been in so far have been *Legally Blonde*, *The Addams Family*, and *Pippin*. This is his first production in a behind the scenes as an assistant to the director and is very grateful for the opportunity!



**Jude Sutter** *he/him* (**Worker Ensemble**)

Jude is thrilled to be part of this production! Past shows include: *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Demetrius), *Urinetown* (Senator Fipp/Cop/Poor Ensemble), *Newsies Jr.* (Davey), *Peter and the Starcatcher* (Captain Black Stache), and *Puffs* (Cedric/Voldy). He would like to thank his family, friends, and mentors for their endless love and support, as well as the incredible cast and crew for making this experience unforgettable!!



**Mason Merz-Hutchinson** *he/him* (**Production Assistant**)

Mason is excited to return to Mile High Youth Theatre on the other side of the table as a Production Assistant. He is currently in the 8th grade as a theatre student at Denver School of the Arts. Mason was last seen in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Philostrate/Fairy). Other MHYT credits include *Mean Girls* (Martin, Glenn CoCo) and *Something Rotten Jr.* (Robin). Other previous shows include *Matilda* (Bruce Bogtrotter) at Town Hall Arts Center, *Kinky Boots* (young Don), *The Little Mermaid* (Flounder's Crew, Flounder U/S), *Puffs*, and *The Lightning Thief*. Mason would like to thank Christina, Bussy, Adrian, and Andrew for this awesome opportunity. Thanks also to Mom and Dad, sister Marin, and his whole family for all their love and support!



**Max Blessis** *he/him* (**Worker Ensemble**)

Max is so excited for his MHYT debut in *Hadestown*!! Some of Max's previous credits in this past year include *Percy Jackson in The Lightning Thief* at the Dairy Arts Center in Boulder, Kevin in *The Prom*, and as Oscar Delancey in *Newsies* at the Arts Hub in Lafayette, Ensemble of Chaparral High School's *The Little Mermaid* and *Mamma Mia*, Ensemble/Lowell in *Legally Blonde Jr.* and Mike Teavee in *Wonka* with the Pickering Creative Artists Academy. Max is thankful for everyone in this production and all the amazing work they've done.



**Max Morley** *he/him* (**Worker Ensemble**)

Max is excited to be performing in his first show at MHYT in *Hadestown*. Previous shows include Crutchie in *Newsies* at Northglenn Youth Theatre, Newscaster in *The Lightning Thief* at Northglenn Youth Theatre, and La Fou at *Broadway Bootcamp*. He would like to thank his parents and his sister for their support.



**Michael DiPaulo** *he/him* (**Worker Ensemble**)

Michael is thrilled to be part of MHYT's production of *Hadestown*! His passion for music began with learning the guitar and later expanded to playing the drums. Michael discovered his love for theater with his debut in *The Lightning Thief* (Grover) and has since performed in several musicals, including *Something Rotten Jr.* (Lord Clapham) and *Finding Nemo Jr.* (Marlin), among others. Outside of theatre, Michael enjoys skiing, baseball, swimming, spending quality time with friends and family, and diving into a good book.



**Natalie Rodriguez** *she/her* (**Worker Ensemble**)

Natalie is extremely excited to be making her MHYT debut with the amazing cast in *Hadestown: Teen Edition*. Some of her previous productions include: *The Addams Family* (Gomez), *The Lightning Thief Musical* (Grover) as well *Matilda: The Musical* and *Elf Jr.* Natalie is from Thorton, Colorado and currently goes to Rocky Top Middle School. She loves singing and dancing. Natalie plays the piano and is currently teaching herself ukulele and guitar.



**Sophie Ahluwalia** *she/her* (**Worker Ensemble**)

Sophie is so excited to be a part of Mile High's amazing production of *Hadestown*! Sophie is a 7th Grade Theatre Major at Denver School of the Arts. Some of her theatre credits include *Shrek* (Princess Fiona), *It's A Wonderful Life* (Janie), *Newsies Jr.* (Medda), *Les Misérables* (Little Eponine /Ensemble), *The Little Mermaid Jr.* (Ariel), *Addams Family Jr.* (Uncle Fester), *The Lion King KIDS* (Timon). Sophie would love to thank the entire production team for giving her an opportunity to be a part of this wonderful cast.



**Wesley Carrigan** *he/him* (**Worker Ensemble**)

Wesley is so excited for the opportunity to be in *Hadestown Teen Edition*! Previous Colorado Credits include: *Beauty and the Beast Jr.* (Ensemble), *James and the Giant Peach Jr.* (James's dad), *Frozen Jr.* (Kristoff), *Something Rotten Jr.* (William Shakespeare). Denver School Of the Arts Credits include: DSA Block Party 2023, DSA Block Party 2024. Wesley would like to thank Christina Roberts, Bussy Gower, Andre Rodriguez, Shawn Hann, Erin Pettitt, and Santana Trujillo for their help. He would also like to thank his family for their love and support.



**Zoe Hurd** *she/her* (**Worker Ensemble/Dance Captain**)

Zoe is thrilled to be in another production with Mile High Youth Theatre. She loves *Hadestown* and is excited to work with such an incredible cast. Some of her previous credits include Annabeth in *The Lightning Thief* and Janis in *Mean Girls*. When she's not on stage, you can always find her hanging out with her friends, loving her stuffed animals, or dancing in her garage. She would like to thank her parents for driving her everywhere, and her closest friends for encouraging her through this process. She hopes you enjoy this production of *Hadestown*!