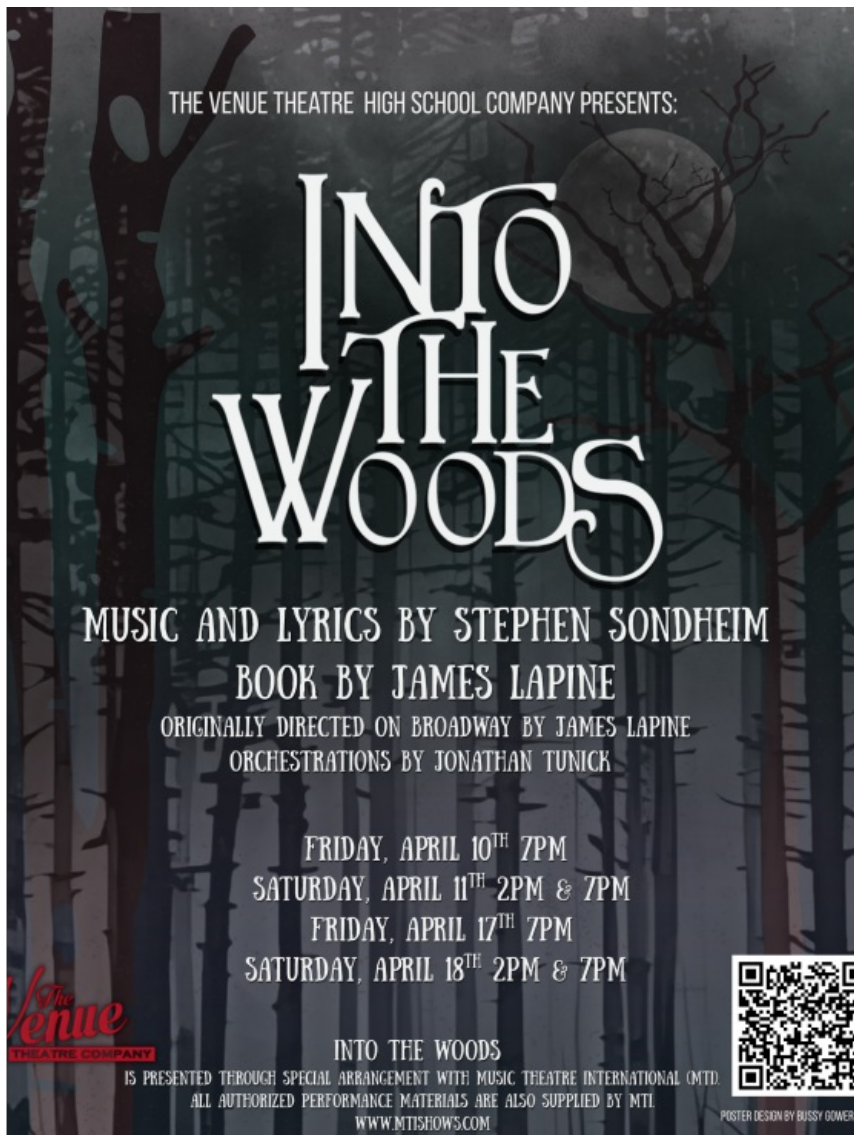


# Showgram Into the Woods (High School Company)

by On The Stage

The Venue Theatre  
Conifer Colorado  
Apr 10 – Apr 18 2026



THE VENUE THEATRE HIGH SCHOOL COMPANY PRESENTS:


# INTO THE WOODS

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY STEPHEN SONDHEIM  
BOOK BY JAMES LAPINE  
ORIGINALLY DIRECTED ON BROADWAY BY JAMES LAPINE  
ORCHESTRATIONS BY JONATHAN TUNICK

FRIDAY, APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup> 7PM  
SATURDAY, APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup> 2PM & 7PM  
FRIDAY, APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup> 7PM  
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## About Into the Woods (High School Company)

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## About The Venue Theatre

The Venue Theatre Company, founded in 2013 as an educational 501c3 nonprofit, provides enriching performing arts education for the youth of the greater Denver and Foothills area. With highly trained, Broadway experienced educators, The Venue meets all children at the level they are currently at and encourages them to develop their skills both as performers and as individuals.

Here at The Venue Theatre Company, we are deeply invested in the magic of art and performance. We believe in opening hearts and minds by giving youth the tools to share their songs and stories. The Venue is more than just a nonprofit theatre—it's a safe haven comprised of students, volunteers, and instructors all working toward one common goal: creating the best environment for children and young adults to become all that they can be.

The Venue Theatre is committed to being a diverse, inclusive, and safe space for authentic expression and creative collaboration. All students, crew members, and volunteers, whatever their race, ethnicity, national origin, age, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation or identity, biology, education, neurodiversity, or physical ability, will be honored, integrated, and respected.

## Cast Members



### Elliot Banks

Jack

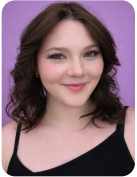
Elliot is a sophomore at Conifer High School who loves doing shows at The Venue. He enjoys acting alongside his friends and the community that comes along with participating in theatre. He recently played All the Men in Six: Teen Edition and Macduff in Macbeth!



### Phoebe Bartt

Little Red/Cinderella's Mother/Giant

Phoebe is a Sophomore at Conifer High School. She has recently been seen at The Venue as Anne Boleyn in Six: Teen Edition and Kitty in The Drowsy Chaperone. She plays the cello and this is her 22nd show! She is so excited for you to see it!



### London Forbes

Witch

London Forbes is a Junior at Conifer High School. This is her 5th show with The Venue, and 25th overall. Previous roles include Anne Boleyn in Six: Teen Edition, Lydia in Beetlejuice and The Gangster in The Drowsy Chaperone.



### Ava Fusé

Rapunzel

Ava is a sophomore at Evergreen High School. She would like to thank her parents, her dog, Frankie, Ollie, all of her friends and the whole creative team! She recently appeared at The Venue as Jane Seymour in Six: Teen Edition. Some of her favorite past productions include The Lion King, Newsies and Mean Girls. When she has free time Ava is always singing or playing with her dog, Banana. She hopes you enjoy the show!



### Caliana Heisler

Cinderella's Stepmother

Caliana Heisler is a senior at Platte Canyon High School. She has been doing theater since the 2nd grade. She has played a variety of ensemble characters in her first 3 shows and has been in numerous featured parts recently such as Percy Jackson in The Lightning Thief, Crystal in Little Shop of Horrors, Roz in 9 to 5 and many more at Platte Canyon High School. She was last seen at The Venue as Katherine Howard in Six: Teen Edition!



### Keith McCool

Mysterious Man/Cinderella's Father

Keith McCool is a Freshman at Conifer High School. This will be their third show at The Venue Theatre. Previous roles include Banquo in Macbeth, Catherine Parr in Six: Teen Edition, Ensemble in Moana Jr. and School of Rock at Conifer High School!



### Annikah Ramsey

Rapunzel's Prince

Annikah is a Senior at Conifer High School this year, and she is SO EXCITED to have her family and friends see this show! This is her third show with The Venue. She'd like to thank her mom and dad for listening to her singing 24/7, and helping her get to where she is now.



### Talia Reinstein

Lucinda

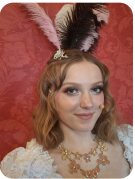
Talia Reinstein is a Freshman at Conifer High School. After Into the Woods, she will have done 12 musicals, 9 of which were at the Venue Theater. Her favorite roles have been Charlie Brown in You're a good man Charlie Brown, Willy Wonka in Wonka, and Delia in Beetlejuice. In her free time, she enjoys playing volleyball, playing the cello, and spending time with her friends. She hopes you enjoy the show!!



### Avery LeRoy

Baker's Wife

Avery is a senior at Conifer High, and this is her 3rd production at The Venue and her 11th theater production overall. Previous roles include Jane Seymour in Six: Teen Edition, Wonderland's Mad Hatter, a stepsister to Cinderella, a magical sorority sister in Legally Blonde, and plenty of ensemble experience. Her favorite thing about having theater as a hobby is the amazing community of people she gets to be a part of. She is so grateful for the opportunity to work with this team and she hopes you enjoy the show!



### Kambrey Eubank

Florinda

Kambrey is a Junior at Conifer High School. Previous credits include Aladdin Jr, The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee and Mean Girls: High School Edition!



### Kai Wallace

The Baker

Kai Wallace is thrilled to play The Baker. He has performed in many productions with The Venue, including Macbeth (Macbeth), Man in Chair (The Drowsy Chaperone), Oliver Warbucks (Annie Jr.), and Bill (Schoolhouse Rock). Kai loves bringing characters to life and is grateful for this opportunity.



### Chloe Plow

Steward/Granny

Chloe is in her junior year at Conifer High School. She loves theater, this will be her seventh production and sixth at The Venue, having appeared earlier this season as Lady Macbeth in Macbeth. She hopes you enjoy the show!



### Alejandro Gomez

The Narrator

Alejandro is a Sophomore at Conifer High School. This is his third production with The Venue, having appeared in Macbeth and Trap! He is an experienced Improv actor and excited to be back on stage!



### Alayna Burger

Cinderella

Alayna is a Senior at Columbine High School. Previous credits include The Drowsy Chaperone, Mean Girls, Chicago, Sponge Bob, Willy Wonka and more!



### Cristina Magana Gonzalez

Jack's Mother

Cristina has performed in 13 musicals overall. She was on national TV in Spain for The Sound of Music. This is her first performance at The Venue and she recently in School of Rock at Conifer High School!



### Ari Wageman

Cinderella's Prince/Wolf

Ari is a Senior at Conifer High School. She has performed in many shows at both The Venue & StageDoor, including The Lion King, Mean Girls and The Drowsy Chaperone!



## Brendan Cochran

Director

Brendan is thrilled to be joining The Venue Theatre Company for the first time! He has been creating in Colorado theatres for most of his life, and has spent the last ten years dedicated to professional work as a director, actor, designer, technician, and researcher. He recently received his Masters degree in theatre from Villanova University. While there, he worked as a graduate assistant, actor, and stage manager, produced and published research articles, and analyzed over 100 play scripts. His directing thesis explored the use of decolonized and care-based production practices. He currently works as production manager for Vintage Theatre in Aurora where he has helped produce 16 shows in the last 18 months! Outside the theatre, he enjoys woodworking, rafting, camping, and hiking with his wife Anna and son Ronan. Favorite directing credits include Rogue's Gallery, Oliver!, and Julia Taudevin's Move. [www.btcochran.com](http://www.btcochran.com)



## Caleb Wenger

Musical Director

Caleb Wenger is a local Actor, Music Director, and Musician in the greater Denver area. Recently, he has music directed and accompanied "Follies, in Concert" at Vintage Theater, "Cannibal" at Town Hall Arts Center, and "Beauty and the Beast, Junior" at Center Stage Theater Company. You may have seen him in performances of "Lyle the Crocodile" in the ensemble at the Arvada Center, or the previous year's "A Year with Frog and Toad" in the role of Snail. He was also recently seen as Bob Guadio in "Jersey Boys" at Town Hall Arts Center, "Pirates of Penzance" at Performance Now, and Joseph in "Joseph...Dreamcoat!" at The Candlelight.

## Lyz Rand

Lighting Designer

Lyz Rand began her technical theatre career at her own High School theatre. Lyz has worked in Educational and Professional Technical Theatre for over 30 years and has worked in 26 theatres. She worked as a High School Theatre Manager for 7 years and prior to that as a High School Theatre Resident Lighting Designer for 5 years. Lyz has also worked with University Theatre students, designing lights for productions and teaching lighting workshops. Lyz's Bachelor's Degree is in Stage Lighting and her Master's Degree is in Entertainment Business Management and she held a High School Theatre Arts Teaching Certificate. This is her 5th show at The Venue!

## Biz Schaugaard

Technical Director/Scenic Designer

Biz Schaugaard grew up in Evergreen and got her start with the Evergreen Players. She currently teaches at the Logan School for Creative Learning and coaches theater at Cherry Creek High School. Biz previously designed and built sets for *The Drowsy Chaperone* and *Beetlejuice* at The Venue!

## Carmen Liffengren

Co-Costume Designer

Carmen has been costuming at The Venue since it's inaugural year in 2013!

## Tess Liffengren

Co-Costume Designer

Tess is a Junior at Conifer High School and was raised at The Venue, having watched her older brothers on stage since 2013! She enjoys Irish Dancing and helping behind the scenes!

## Cal Meakins

Cellist

Cal is a professional Actor, Stage Manager and Musician based in the Denver area! Previous credits: *Futurity* (The Aurora Fox) *Batang Lalaki/Boy* (Curious Theatre), 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee (Vintage Theatre), *Avenue Q* (Miner's Alley Playhouse), *Into the Woods* (Arvada Center), *Late: A New Musical* (CenterStage Theatre Company), *Man Up* (Empathy Theatre Project), *Once*, *The Fantasticks* (Town Hall Arts Center). Upcoming: *Alabama Story* at Firehouse Theatre Company, *How to Starve an Artist* Dairy Center Co-Production. He is currently Stage Managing *Junie B. Jones* at the Arvada Center!

## Stephanie Faatz Murry

Choreographer/Props Master

Stephanie is a native (Upstate!) New Yorker with over 20 years of professional theatre experience! She is the Founder and Producing Artistic Director for North Dakota Shakespeare Festival and spends her summers in ND! She holds an M.F.A. in Acting from the University of Arkansas, a B.F.A in Musical Theatre/Dance Minor from SUNY Fredonia and a certificate in Classical Acting from the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art (L.A.M.D.A.). She has worked across the country with companies such as Playhouse on the Square, Charleston Stage Company, Black Hills Playhouse, Nebraska Theatre Caravan and more! She also served as Head Teacher of the Edutainer program at Gyeonggi English Village in Paju, South Korea! Prior to moving to Colorado, she served as a Tenure Track Assistant Professor of Theatre at the University of North Dakota and Ouachita Baptist University. Here in Colorado, she teaches at Montessori School of Evergreen as well as Adjunct work with Red Rocks Community College (RRCC) Dept. of Theatre! Locally, she has directed with RRCC, MSU Denver, Ovation West, Vintage Theatre, Rocky Mountain Theatre for Kids and Evergreen Children's Chorale. She has performed with Town Hall Arts Center, Performance Now and Shakespeare in the Wild. She is thrilled to spend the 2025–2026 school year touring with Colorado Shakespeare Festival, playing Hamlet/Laertes (Hamlet) and Prospero/Trinculo/Alonso (The Tempest) for their Shakespeare and Violence Prevention Tour. Aside from theatre, her greatest loves in life are her husband Matthew and their fur baby, Chuggie!

## Zoe Runia

Stage Manager

Zoe is a Freshman at Conifer High School. This is her third time stage managing this season, having stage managed Macbeth and Six: Teen Edition!

## Russ Kirby

Sound Designer

Russ has been doing sound at theatre throughout the Denver area for the past year and sound for live bands throughout the nation forever. This is his fourth show at The Venue, having previously sound designed The Drowsy Chaperone, Beetlejuice, 13 Jr. and now Into the Woods!

## Jack Plow

Light Board Operator

Jack is a Freshman at Conifer High School. He has appeared onstage in many Venue productions. This is his second experience running lights, having served as Board Op for A Christmas Line!

## Kiva Reinstein

### Spotlight Operator

Kiva is 7th Grader at West Jeff Middle School. She has performed onstage in many Venue productions. This is her first time on the tech side and is excited to be learning about stage lighting!

## Zoe Reinstein

### Stage Crew

Zoe is an 8th Grader at West Jeff Middle School. She is currently starring as Reno Sweeney in Anything Goes: Youth Edition and is excited to work backstage with the High School Company!



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