

Valley Catholic Drama  
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## DIRECTOR'S NOTE



Welcome to our fall comedy!

The first known ballads featuring Robin Hood date back to the 14th century, and depicted the hero having a partisanship for lower classes, a particular skill in archery, a devotion to the Virgin Mary (and therefore a respect and regard for women), and a strong disdain for the Sheriff of Nottingham. The romantic derring-do of the hero and his crew, and the fight against tyranny and greed has appealed to generations for hundreds of years. My first introduction to the Robin Hood tale was the same, perhaps, as many of you: the animated Disney film from the 1960s. Since then I have enjoyed all kinds of iterations of the Merry Men of Sherwood; the third production I directed at Valley was a Robin Hood parody!

This particular take on the familiar tale and characters stood out to me because I thought it would be a wonderful choice for our student actors, it was a heartwarming and funny script, and it put a spin on the classic tale that I hadn't heard before.

I'd like to take this opportunity to express my pride in the students who have worked on this production. They are quintessential Valiants: by committing to rehearsals, taking care of each other, giving of their time during Saturday work days, and offering their energy and creativity every day, they exhibit the Core Values of the Sisters and make our amazing community what it is.

A HUGE thank you to the parents who have given their time and talent to help the production come together, volunteering hours upon hours to build sets, props, costumes, programs, and so many other aspects of the show. We would like to thank in particular VC staff members and alumni parents who volunteered, as well. You are always a part of the VC family! The students and I also want to give a big "Huzzah!" to our technical director Esther McFaden, who has joined us for her fifth Valley production.

Finally, thank you to the VC staff, and the Sisters of Saint Mary of Oregon for their support. Your commitment to the arts allows our students to grow in confidence and ability, and shine on stage.

To our audience: thank you for coming to the show, and enjoy *Marian and the Merry Men*!

# CAST



Maid Marian.....	Alyssa Haima
Alana Dale.....	Yana Beskorovayanya
Lady Bess.....	Nora Campbell
Lady Sybil.....	Ariya Marshall-Thanasophon
Lady Margery.....	Rhea Pathak
Sister Agnes.....	Anna Geier
Sir Guy of Gisbourne.....	Srinandan Prahalad
Sheriff of Nottingham.....	Leah Nerenberg
Prince John.....	Finnegan Andrus
Hugh.....	Shannon Auxier
Humphrey.....	Oliver Gotze
Robin Hood.....	Leiya Tope
Will Scarlet.....	Maddie Huddleston
Little John.....	Millie Gotze
Much.....	Olivia Gobel
Friar Tuck.....	Josie Gardner
Winnie.....	Pelagia Stefanowicz
Mary.....	Ameerah Pienovi
Sarah.....	Ada Kahn
Berta.....	Brynn Campos
Golda.....	Mia Perte

# PRODUCTION CREW



Director.....	Ginnie Paterson
Technical Director.....	Esther McFaden
Light Designer.....	Esther McFaden
Sound Designer.....	Ginnie Paterson
Scenic Designer.....	Ginnie Paterson
Prop Fabrication / Procurement.....	Jessica Laird, Ginnie Paterson, Emily Campbell
Costumers.....	Kris Arbaugh, Emily Campbell, Nicole Harvey, Karin Presnell
Headshot Photography.....	Ginnie Paterson
Videographer and Editor.....	Natalie Haima
Artwork.....	Millie Gotze '29
Program Design.....	Colleen Gotze
Parent Coordinators.....	Colleen Gotze and Jessica Laird
Set Construction.....	Cast and Crew, Derrick Andrus, Jason Baca, John Matcovich, Ian Martin, Jason Martin, Jessica Laird, Ben Kahn, Bob Stefanowicz, Lee Gardner, Natalie Haima, Jacqueline Perte
Lobby Decorations.....	Cassandra Chong, Stacey Gardner, Lori King, Lisa Stefanowicz, Leah Wannell
Stage Manager.....	Hailey Johns '27
Technical Crew.....	Adelynn Gray '29, Alex Wannell '28, Angel Rech '28, Annmarie King '29, Charlie Wan '27, Jacob Dovhyy '29, Jimmy Hammond '26, Lilly Palmeter '26

RUN TIME: Approximately 90 minutes  
including one 10-minute intermission

# THEATRE ETIQUETTE REMINDERS

1. Turn your phone and other devices off. Anything that makes noise or creates light during the performance is distracting to the actors and other audience members. Please leave the auditorium if you have to use your phone.
2. Any recording or taking photography during the performance is strictly prohibited.
3. Be sure to take out anything with a noisy wrapper before the performance (cough drops, candies, etc.). Again, this is a distraction to the actors and your fellow audience members.
4. Please refrain from talking during the performance. We can hear you!!
5. Please wait until intermission to use the restrooms. If it's an emergency, please exit the auditorium as quietly as possible, and return to your seat at a scene break.
6. Show your appreciation! Applause is always welcome after a scene, act, and especially at the end of the show.
7. While children are welcome to the performance, please use your discretion. If you know your little one will not be able to sit through the performance without running around or crying, please do not bring them to the show.
8. Cast members can be met in the lobby after the show. Therefore, please do not go backstage during the performance or intermission.
9. Use your common sense...if a behavior would be annoying to you during a show, don't do it! Please show the same respect for the actors.
10. ENJOY THE SHOW!!





### **Finn Andrus (Prince John)**

Finn is a sophomore at VCHS, and attended VCMS. He was on tech crew for *The SpongeBob Musical* and *The Wizard of Oz*, and played Treasure Chest Pirate 2, Zombie Pirate 3 in *The Fearsome Pirate Frank*, and Otis Lackginger in *Is There a Doctor In the House?* "I think the show's pretty cool if I say so myself."



### **Shannon Auxier (Sir Hugh)**

Shannon is a 7th grader at Valley Catholic Middle School. This is their second show as they played ensemble roles in *The SpongeBob Musical* such as a citizen, sardine, pirate, and jellyfish dancer. "Have fun and enjoy the show!"



### **Yana Beskorovaynaya (Alana Dale)**

Yana is a junior at VCHS and this is her fifth show with the school. She previously played Sandy Cheeks in *The SpongeBob Musical* and Widow Stockade in *Is There A Doctor In the House?*, along with other roles. She is excited to perform and hopes you enjoy this play!



### **Nora Campbell (Lady Bess)**

Nora is in 7th grade at VCMS! In past shows she was Princess Rising Star in *Is There A Doctor In The House?* and Ensemble in *The SpongeBob Musical*. She is so excited to work on a new show and entertain the audience, and hopes everyone has fun!



### **Brynn Campos (Berta)**

Brynn is in 8th grade at VCMS. She has really enjoyed the community of her different theater experiences, but VCS has been her favorite by far. Brynn has been in *The Lion King*, *Beetlejuice*, and *Is There a Doctor in the House?* "I have really enjoyed working on *Marian and the Merry Men*. I hope you enjoy it as much as I have."





### **Josie Gardner (Friar Tuck)**

Josie played Mrs. Strict in *Is There a Doctor in the House?* and Old Man Jenkins in *The SpongeBob Musical*. She is a sophomore.



### **Anna Geier (Sister Agnes)**

Anna is a sophomore at VCHS. She started acting in 6th grade, where she played the Fairy Godmother in *67 Cinderellas* and Flighty in *The Princess with No Name*. She was Dr. Misty Hagg in *Is There A Doctor in the House?* and Ensemble in *The SpongeBob Musical*.



### **Olivia Gobel (Much)**

Olivia is a freshman, and this is her debut on the Valley stage! She hopes the show isn't too "much." Welcome, Olivia!



### **Millie Gotze (Little John)**

Millie is a freshman. At Valley, she was Valentine in *Mary Poppins*, Ensemble in *The Wizard of Oz*, and Security Guard #2 in *The SpongeBob Musical*. Other roles include Bessie Wright in *Anne of Green Gables* (HART), Drake in *Annie Jr.* (Northwest Youth Theater), and Narrator in *Spamalot* (NWCT).



### **Oliver Gotze (Humphrey)**

Oliver is in 6th grade at VCMS. This is Oliver's very first production; he has never tried acting before and is trying this for the first time. He is a long time fan and is very excited about being in this production. Welcome, Oliver!



### **Alyssa Haima (Lady Marian)**

Previously at VCS, Alyssa played a number of ensemble characters in her freshman year production of *Twelfth Night*. She has not been involved in any productions since but is very excited to perform again. "Huzzah!" She is a senior.



### **Maddie Huddleston (Will Scarlet)**

Maddie is a freshman, and this is her Valley stage debut! In middle school, Maddie played The Witch in *Into the Woods*, and Belle in *Beauty and the Beast*. Maddie is thrilled to start her theater journey at VCHS, and hopes that you have as much fun watching as she did performing! Welcome, Maddie!



### **Adalae Kahn (Sarah)**

Adalae is an 8th grader at VCMS. She has been in 5 Valley shows, and many productions outside of school in NWCT camps. She was Gary the Snail in *The SpongeBob Musical*, ensemble in *The Wizard of Oz*, and others. She hopes you enjoy the show!!



### **Ariya Marshall-Thanasophon (Lady Sybil)**

This is Ariya's 3rd production at VCS. She has been involved in theater for two years, performing in *Is There a Doctor in the House?* and *The Fearsome Pirate Frank*. She is currently in 8th grade. Ariya has had a fantastic time working on the show—enjoy!



### **Leah Nerenberg (Sheriff of Nottingham)**

Leah is a junior, and this is her fifth show at VCHS. Previous roles include Old Tilly Tar in *The Fearsome Pirate Frank*, the Munchkin Mayor in *The Wizard of Oz*, Dr. Pillpurge in *Is There a Doctor in the House?*, and Mrs. Puff in *The SpongeBob Musical*. "Attention all: three gold coins will be collected as tax for tonight's performance. Prince John's orders."



### **Rhea Pathak (Lady Margery)**

Rhea is an 8th grader at VCMS, and this is her Valley stage debut. "I've had such a fun time working on this play, I hope everyone enjoys it!" Welcome, Rhea!



### **Mia Perte (Golda)**

This is Amelia's third show with Valley Catholic. She is a 7th grader and is very excited for the audience to see the effort the cast has put into this play. She hopes you enjoy the show! "Off you go!"



### **Ameerah Pienovi (Mary)**

Ameerah Pienovi is a senior at VCHS. She was previously in the ensemble in *The SpongeBob Musical*, Mrs. Cornsilk in *Is There a Doctor in the House?*, a part of the ensemble in *The Wizard of Oz*, and the albatross in *The Fearsome Pirate Frank*. She cannot wait for you to see the show!



### **Srinandan Prahalad (Sir Guy of Gisbourne)**

Srinandan is a freshman making his Valley stage debut. He is super loud and animated, which is why he has been recommended for Drama. He attended VCS since 1st grade. "I will admit it: I did end up getting cast as a total pig." Welcome, Srinandan!



### **Pelagia Stefanowicz (Winnie)**

This is Pela's first show at Valley, though she has been in choir since freshman year. It is her first year in liturgy band, as well. Pela was a regular participant in plays during her elementary school years, and she is looking forward to being back on the stage. She has been at Valley since freshman year, and she is currently a junior. Welcome, Pela!



### **Leiya Tope (Robin Hood)**

Leiya is a senior and no stranger to the Valley stage. She played Antonio in *Twelfth Night*, Mr. Policeman in *Mary Poppins*, Mr. Smee in *The Fearsome Pirate Frank*, the Lion in *The Wizard of Oz*, Dr. Abracadabra in *Is There a Doctor in the House?*, and Mr. Krabs in *The SpongeBob Musical*. "I know I will be your favorite man by the end of this. <3"



### **Hailey Johns (Stage Manager)**

Previously at Valley Catholic: Lighting for *The Fearsome Pirate Frank*, assistant stage manager for *The Wizard of Oz*, and stage manager for *Is There A Doctor In The House?* and *The SpongeBob Musical*. She is a junior and hopes you enjoy this production of *Marian and The Merry Men*!



### **Jacob Dovhy (Tech Crew)**

Jacob is a freshman making his Valley Catholic Drama debut. Welcome, Jacob!



### **Adelynn Gray (Tech Crew)**

This is Adelynn's high school debut. Previously at VCMS: Adelynn was a part of the drama elective for a year and has always enjoyed watching theater. "I'm so excited to finally have the chance to be a part of this amazing community!" Welcome, Adelynn!



### **James (Jimmy) Hammond (Tech Crew)**

This is Jimmy's senior year and second year in the Drama Department. Jimmy was *SpongeBob* in *The SpongeBob Musical*, and *Lester Goodby* in *Is There A Doctor in the House?* He has enjoyed every moment and is so thankful to the wonderful cast and crew. He hopes you enjoy the show.



### **Annmarie King (Tech Crew)**

This is Annmarie's debut on tech crew at Valley. Annmarie really hopes that everybody likes and enjoys the show! Welcome, Annmarie!



### **Lilly Palmeter (Tech Crew)**

Lilly is a junior and this is her third production at Valley Catholic. Previously, she was the propmaster and ASM in *Is There A Doctor In the House?* and the foley artist for *The SpongeBob Musical*.



### **Angel Rech (Tech Crew)**

Angel was an actor in *The SpongeBob Musical*, playing in the Ensemble and an Electric Skate. Angel is one of the lead trumpets in the high school band, and has been here since preschool. Angel did drama in middle school, playing in an original murder mystery film by a classmate and performing a speed dating skit. She is currently a sophomore. "I hope everyone enjoys the show!"



### **Charlie Wan (Tech Crew)**

This is Charlie's first show at VCHS. She has been on the Charisma Dance Team for the past three years. Charlie attended VCMS and is now a senior at VCHS. She is very excited to take on her first production! "Your life will be divided into firsts and lasts and nevers." - Adam Silvera. Welcome, Charlie!



### **Alex Wannell (Tech Crew)**

Previously at VCHS: Alex was the sound operator for *The Spongebob Musical* and *Is There a Doctor in the House?* He is currently a sophomore at Valley Catholic and went to St. Pius X for 8th grade. He hopes you enjoy the show!

# SENIORS



Dearest Ameerah, Alyssa, Leiya, Jimmy, and Charlie,  
Our small but mighty band of Seniors-- I am so glad to have been able to direct and work with you for this production. Leiya, in your seventh show, you continue to grow, take risks, find the fun and love. Ameerah, you have come so far-- this year I'm impressed by your growing confidence and humor. Alyssa, I'm so glad you were able to join us on stage again after taking a break since your freshman year. You have brought a fantastic light and life to Lady Marian. (TAS would be proud, and so am I!) Jimmy, it's wonderful to see you behind the scenes instead of on the stage, as you continue to add more skills to your theatrical tool belt. I hope you enjoy the other side of the curtain, as it were! And Charlie-- a drama student on the fringes, a theatre fan in the seats, and now able to join us backstage! I'm so happy you could. The five of you are true gifts to our theatre family, and to our Valley Catholic Family. Congratulations, and break a leg! Love, Paterson



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