

# PLAYBILL®

Independence High School Performing Arts Center  
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Thompsons Station, TN

T\*Time Productions Presents:

The Diary of

## Anne Frank

By: Francis Goodrich and Albert Hackett  
Adaption by: Wendy Kesselman  
Directed by Taylor Sokoll



October 23-25 @ 7pm

October 25 @ 2pm

(Understudy show)

### Tickets:

Presale through Oct. 22

\$5 per student

\$7 per adult

General Admission: \$8

Independence High School  
1776 Declaration Way  
Thompsons Station, TN

*"because in spite  
of everything I  
still believe that  
people are really  
good at heart."  
- Anne Frank*

For more info and to reserve tickets, please email [ihstheater@yahoo.com](mailto:ihstheater@yahoo.com)

# CAST

## Cast Members

Anne Frank	Audrey Thresher
Otto Frank	Max Hanson
Margot Frank	Sophi Falcone
Edith Frank	Alysa Torino
Miep Gies	Mykah Farren
Peter Van Daan	Isaac Thompson
Mr. Kraler	Drake Cunningham
Mrs. Van Daan	Hannah Peterson
Mr. Van Daan	Hunter Todd
Mr. Dussel	Andres Ramirez
Soldier	Sean Meadows
Soldier	Nick Vivaronda
Soldier	Zachary Mandis

## Understudies

Anne Frank	Olivia Hendrix
Otto Frank	Brett Lemmers
Margot Frank	Sylvia Von Dollen
Edith Frank	Sydney Albrecht
Peter Van Daan	John Lane
Mrs. Van Daan	Payton King

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# CREW

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## Crew Members

Student Director .....	Andrew Maguire
Stage Manager .....	Kayleigh Luna
Assistant Stage Manager .....	Annie Weir
Backstage Crew .....	Evelyn Teeple Deidra Alexander
Set Building .....	Max Hanson (crew leader) Alex Sanders Stephen VanMatre Macie Tucker Hannah Drury Amelia Scott
Lights and Sound Crew .....	Ethan Newlin James Roberson Kenzie Barnett Ellie Falke
Lights and Sound Training .....	Sophie Smietana Amelia Scott Hannah Drury
House Crew .....	Sophie Smietana (crew leader) Alex Sanders Tori Lanford Tera Kinsman Ana'livia Pillow Alex Geselle Dom Childress Connor Shoemake
Publicity and Advertising .....	Emily Taillac
Costumes .....	Jessica Denson (crew leader) Megan Roberts Claire O'Sullivan Alyshia Wigant Michelle Jean
Makeup .....	Jessica Denson (crew leader) Annabelle Weston Brooke Fields Emily Ell Ashlyn Dismukes

# WHO'S WHO



## Audrey Thresher

*as Anne Frank*

Audrey Thresher is a sophomore at IHS and thrilled to be a part of her first straight play with T-Time Productions. Last year she was a chorus member in Anything Goes and was in two shows during the One Act Festival. Her other previous shows include Aladdin (ensemble), Fiddler on the Roof (Chava) and The Boarding House (Tweenie) at Hillsboro Middle. Audrey is so thankful to Taylor Sokoll and Mrs. TW for the wonderful opportunity to portray Anne and tell her story and to God for her passion for performing. She hopes you love the show as much as everyone has loved bringing it together.



## Max Hanson

*as Otto Frank*

Max Hanson is a junior at Independence. He's been in a number of shows the past three years and leads up student set building. He'd like to thank his wonderful friends and family for supporting him and Mrs. TW for this role.



## Sophi Falcone

*as Margot Frank*

Sophi Falcone is a junior here at IHS and has participated in T-Time Productions since her freshmen year. She has been in The Grinch, Hairspray, Anything Goes, and others! She also works backstage with makeup and costumes. She would like to thank her mom for always supporting her, and BTDubs and Taylor for giving her this wonderful opportunity! She hopes the play takes you back in time and gives you insight into the world of the Franks. Enjoy the show!



## Alysa Torino

*as Edith Frank*

Alysa Torino is a junior at IHS and has been part of this wonderful theater department from the start. She played Tituba in The Crucible, a Dynamite in Hairspray, and many more fun characters! She also tried out lights and sound for Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 and she student directed Anything Goes! She is very excited to be able to give Edith Frank the justice she deserves. She would like to thank her parents for being so supportive of her, Mr. Taylor Sokoll who has given her this amazing opportunity and Mrs. Tertzakian Williams for believing in her.

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## Isaac Thompson

*as Peter Van Daan*

Isaac Thompson is a sophomore at IHS. At Hillsboro Middle, Isaac portrayed Aladdin in their performance of Aladdin Jr. Isaac also had a supporting role as Perchik in Fiddler on the Roof. Isaac started with T-Time Productions in the Musical Comedy Murders of the 1940s, where he was the understudy for the egocentric composer, Roger Hopewell. In Anything Goes, he was a hearty sailor on the SS American. Being in this show has been a dream of his since he was little. Isaac would like to thank all of his family, Mrs. TW, Taylor Sokoll, and all of his friends who have helped him feel at home at T-Time. More than anything, he is thankful to God, who has really been there for him during all of the hard times. Have a wonderful time and be prepared to laugh, cry, and admire the biographical masterpiece that is The Diary of Anne Frank.



## Hannah Peterson

*as Mrs. Van Daan*

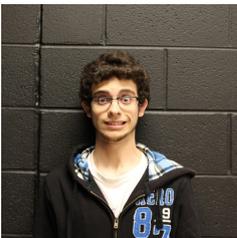
Hannah Peterson is a senior at Independence High School. She has been involved in every main stage production since her sophomore year, but this is her first time being on stage rather than behind the curtain. She also serves as President of the IHS Theatre Department. Hannah would like to thank the amazing cast and crew for putting together a wonderful show; Andrew, Taylor, and Mrs. TW for giving her this amazing opportunity and for being the best directors ever; her family and friends for always supporting her; and to the people of the Secret Annex, for their incredible bravery and for inspiring the world with their powerful story.



## Hunter Todd

*as Mr. Van Daan*

Hunter Todd is a junior at Independence. This is his third acting role with T-Time Productions and he would like to thank Taylor Sokoll and Mrs. Williams for the opportunity to be a part of this production.



## Andres Ramirez

*as Mr. Dussel*

Andres Ramirez is a handsome devil hailing from New York. He likes long walks on the beach and frequently acts and runs tech for the Independence Theatre Department. He's currently a senior and has been involved since his freshman year. He most recently was involved in The Musical Comedy Murders of the 1940s.

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## Mykah Farren

*as Miep Gies*

Mykah Farren is a junior and is ecstatic to be performing in her first straight play at Independence. She has been a part of every T-Time Production since her freshman year and can't wait for many more. She'd like to thank Taylor Sokoll and Mrs. TW for being fabulous directors and making her acting experience progressive and fun, her family for their constant love and support, and her best friends who keep her smiling in and outside of practice.



## Drake Cunningham

*as Mr. Kraler*

Drake Cunningham is a sophomore and this is his second mainstage production at T-Time. He also performed in Anything Goes last spring. He is very excited for you to enjoy the show and many, many more!



## Sean Meadows

*as Soldier*

Sean Meadows is a freshman and has been involved in theater since the third grade. Some of his previous credits include the Lion in the Wizard of Oz, the Mirror in Sleeping Beauty, Harold Hill in The Music Man and The Wizard in Once Upon a Mattress. Sean is a computer wiz. He someday wants to be a standup comedian and sing on Broadway.



## Nick Vivaronda

*as Soldier*

Nick Vivaronda is a junior here at IHS. He has been involved in theatre since his freshman year. He has been involved in various productions, including How the Grinch Stole Christmas, The Musical Comedy Murders of the 1940's, Anything Goes and the One Act performances Who dunnit and Jack Frost. He is excited to have an on-stage role in Anne Frank. He would like to thank Mrs. TW and Taylor for having faith in his abilities.



## Zachary Mandis

*as Soldier*

Zachary Mandis is a junior at IHS and this is his first acting role. He saw it as a chance to do something new, and was fortunate enough to audition on the final day. He would like to thank Producer Becky Williams and Director Taylor Sokoll for giving him the opportunity.

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## **John Lane**

*as Peter Van Daan*

John Lane is a sophomore. His involvement in theatre began his freshman year with his role as John in Anything Goes. When he is not doing theatre, he also participates in the Broadcasting program.



## **Sylvia Von Dollen**

*as Margot Frank*

Sylvia Von Dollen is a junior here at IHS and this is her 4th mainstage production. You might have seen her previously in Hairspray (a Dynamite), Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 (Marjorie's Understudy), or Anything Goes (an Angel). She is very excited to be given another chance to act on the Independence stage. She would like to thank her parents for always supporting her and God for giving her all her talent and her love for the stage. She hopes you enjoy the show!



## **Payton King**

*as Mrs. Van Daan*

Payton King is a senior here at Independence and has been involved in theatre since her freshman year. She's loved being on stage these past three years and her favorite production was The Crucible, where she played Sarah Good. She has enjoyed being with this theatre family and wants to thank Mrs. TW for keeping her around all this time. She'd also like to thank Taylor Sokoll for casting her in The Diary of Anne Frank, her family and friends for all of their support, and most importantly- God for giving her acting abilities. She hopes you enjoy her part as the understudy to Mrs. Van Daan and come back to see more!

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## **Sydney Albrecht**

*as Edith Frank*

Sydney Albrecht is a freshman at Independence High School. She has been involved in theater since the eighth grade and has enjoyed every minute of it. She enjoys outdoor activities, singing, and acting. Getting the opportunity to perform in this show has meant so much to her. She'd like to thank Taylor, the director, for this incredible experience. She'd also like to thank her family for supporting her and, most importantly, God.



## **Olivia Hendrix**

*as Anne Frank*

Olivia Hendrix is a freshman and is really excited to be with such a wonderful group of people doing what she loves. Her hobbies include acting, singing, hanging out with friends, and chilling with her cousins and sister. She would like to thank her sister and family for being supportive and helping her with lines. Olivia would also like to thank all the theater kids at IHS for being awesome and Mrs. TW and Taylor for being great directors.



## **Brett Lemmers**

*as Otto Frank*

Brett Lemmers is a sophomore here at IHS. You may recognize him from his role in *Anything Goes* as a sailor or last year's One Act Festival in *The Actors Nightmare*. Brett would like to thank Mrs. TW and Taylor Sokoll for giving him the opportunity to be apart of this production, and he also thanks his family.

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# THE CREW

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## Andrew Maguire

*Student Director*

Andrew has been looking forward to being a part of The Diary of Anne Frank since he found out about it last year. He was so excited to learn that he would be the student director for this production. Andrew has had much experience on the stage from Max the dog in The Grinch his freshman year to Billy Crocker in Anything Goes his sophomore year. Andy is thankful for the wonderful opportunity to get the experience of the other side of "show biz". He would like to thank both the main cast as well as the understudies for putting on such a great show. He is also thankful for his parents for supporting him, Taylor Sokoll for granting him the opportunity to assistant direct and God for blessing him with the talents and devotion to entertainment.



## Kayleigh Luna

*Stage Manager*

Kayleigh is a junior at Independence. She has been involved in theater since her freshman year. She was involved backstage with The Grinch, Hairspray, Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 and Anything Goes! She was the assistant stage manager for Anything Goes and is very excited to be stage managing Anne Frank. She would like to thank Mrs. TW for giving her this wonderful opportunity, Hannah Peterson for showing her the ropes and her sister, Cameron Luna, for getting her involved in theater and showing her what a wonderful theatre department Independence has! She hopes you all enjoy the show filled with many wonderful cast and crew members.



## Annie Weir

*Assistant Stage Manager*

Annie Weir is a junior at Independence High School and was a props manager for Musical Comedy Murders of the 1940s and an ensemble member in Anything Goes. This is her first show assistant stage managing and she is very grateful to have this opportunity. She would like to thank Taylor Sokoll and Mrs. TW for all their time and effort they have put into this show.

# PHOTOS



Backstage crew, make-up crew, costume crew, sound and lights crew



House crew, set building crew and publicity crew

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Thanks to the following people who have helped make this production possible:

### **The Drama Boosters**

Doug Hanson – president

John Wigant – treasurer

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Bethany Torino

Lauren Hanson

Gina Weir

Alisa Farren

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**Lauren Hanson** for coordinating all of the meals and making sure we are all well fed

**Brian Williams** for everything you do.

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### **To the Parents!!!**

*For allowing your kids to share their talent with this program*

*For the support to your students and the production*

*For bringing in dinners, snacks and concessions*

*For helping and donating to the set, costumes, props, etc. ...*

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## DIRECTOR'S NOTES

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According to various articles I read while researching this show, when this play was first performed in Germany, only 11 years after the conclusion of World War II, once it was over, the audiences sat quietly for several minutes and then got up and left without making a sound. That, I think, is an even greater tribute, not only to Anne and the other members of the Annex, but to the six million Jews that were killed during the war, than any standing ovation.

It has been an absolute pleasure working with such an overwhelmingly talented group of performers to bring this production to life. While they knew this would not be an easy process, they exhibited amazing maturity and respect for the source material, and it is so evident in the end product how deeply they want to share this story. I could not be more proud of each and every one of them. Thank you, cast and crew, for sharing this experience with me. It has been one I will not soon forget.

I would be remiss not to thank a few others who made this show possible. Becky, thank you for this opportunity, your friendship, and the never ending support. Andrew, Kayleigh, and Annie, thank you for your dedication and countless hours you spent working with me to create this end product. I truly could not have done it without you three.

I hope you enjoy this production.

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." -Anne Frank

Taylor Sokoll  
Director