PRIMA CAST OF "BIG FISH"

Erin Brubaker (Alabama Lamb, Ensemble) has performed with PRiMA since 2012 and is so excited to be a part of this BIG production. Her recent shows include *Children of Eden* (Snake), *Cabaret* (Lulu), and *Legally Blonde* (Whitney). She also sings with the PRiMA Sisters. Erin holds a B.S. In Music Education and a B.A. In Vocal Performance from Lebanon Valley College and finished her M.M.Ed. at West Chester University in August. Aside from performing Erin teaches vocal music at Solanco High School. Thanks and love to God for many blessings, to family and friends for support and to the whole *Big Fish* team for providing a wonderful atmosphere in which to create.

Jessica Clevenger (Ensemble) is a native of St. Thomas, Pennsylvania, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Slippery Rock University (SRU) with a Bachelor's of the Arts Degree in Dance and a minor in Spanish in May 2014. At SRU, she had many opportunities to perform on and off campus including fall and winter concerts, faculty and guest artist concerts, 60X60 concerts, senior synthesis concerts, Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Arts Festival, and the Sri Venkateswara Temple in Pittsburgh. She has choreographed for several concerts in addition to performing. In the summer of 2013, Jessica attended the American Dance Festival in Durham, NC. In 2014 Jessica had the opportunity to be adjudicated in Shelley Collock's (a fellow SRU undergraduate) group piece, Escape Proof, at the American College Dance Festival Association at Ohio University and was chosen to perform in the Gala Concert. Jessica was the co-event coordinator of Sigma Rho Delta (Dance Honorary). Jessica has worked with guest artists; James Washington and Mark Santillano and SRU faculty; Ursula Payne and Nora Ambrosio. Jessica has performed and participated in the making of a dance film called BFF with Choreonova Dance Company located in Pittsburgh, Pa. Jessica is currently teaching dance in central Pennsylvania, a featured member of NetCo Dance Company out of Lancaster, PA and a member of Barefoot Dance Company. Please visit Jessica's website at http://jmclev2010.wix.com/jessicaclevenger.

Colin DiLucido (Ensemble) is so excited to be a part of his first PRiMA show. Colin is a recent graduate of Millersville University with a B.A in Music. Through his college career Colin has been in shows such as *RENT*, *Pirates of Penzance, Macbeth*, and most recently *The Wedding Singer*. Playing the role of Robbie Hart in *The Wedding Singer* has been his most enjoyable performance and his first major comedy role! Colin looks

forward to pursuing his performance career and is grateful to be a part of a phenomenal cast and crew! Colin sends love and thanks to his ever supporting parents and friends.

Sophia Echevarria (Witch, Ensemble) is thrilled to be making her debut with PRiMA. Recent credits include *The Drowsy Chaperone, Sabrina Fair, Crazy For You, Flowers for Algernon*, and *Beauty and the Beast* with JP McCaskey High School. Sophia will be a senior at McCaskey High School in the fall of 2016. She is also extremely grateful to Mitch Nugent for the opportunity to be a part of this amazing PRiMA experience, and everything that has come along with it.

Jacob Estes (Don Price) is thrilled to be making his PRiMA debut! He is a native of West Tennessee, and is brand new to the Lancaster area! He has had the incredible privilege to travel the United States as a performer. Some of his favorite past credits include: Les Miserables (Javert), Next to Normal (Dan), Urinetown (Officer Lockstock), Peter Pan (Captain Hook), and Young Frankenstein (The Monster). Jacob would like to thank his loving family and friends for their continued support! "Never Settle. Always raise the bar. Never stop dreaming. Face fear. Earn respect." -Anurag Ray

Allison Gonta (Dr. Bennett, Ensemble) is excited to return to musical theatre after pursuing other professional interests for over 15 years. She has played roles in California based productions such as Cinderella in *Into the Woods*, Narrator in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, and First Soprano in *Side by Side by Sondheim*. Allison is a Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner (CRNP) by training, having worked in internal medicine, nephrology, and gastroenterology for over 8 years both in Boston, MA and Lancaster, PA. She is the proud wife and mother of two amazing boys. She enjoys playing the piano, skiing, and traveling.

Nathan Goodrich (Will) is a graduate of Oklahoma City University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre Performance and is thrilled to be returning to the PRiMA stage telling this wonderful story! Currently he can be seen performing in *Samson* and was also a part of *Joseph* (Benjamin/Joseph) last year. Past PRiMA credits include *Defying Gravity with Stephen Schwartz* (featured soloist) and the *Snow Queen's Party* (Elfis/ Easter Bunny). Other regional credits include *Les Miserables* (Marius), *South Pacific* (Lt. Cable), *Comedy of Errors* (Antipholus of Ephesus), and *Joseph...Dreamcoat* (Joseph). HUGE thanks to Mitch and Irving, his family, friends here in Lancaster, and YOU for supporting live theatre! Isaiah 40:31

Lindsey Aeriel Grimble (Josephine) graduated from The American Musical & Dramatic Academy in NYC. Credits: NYC Equity Reading & Workshop of Off-Bway *Disenchanted*

(Pocahontas), HCFTA Show Boat (Julie LaVerne), STC's Dreamgirls (Deena Jones), Prather Entertainment's Smokey Joe's Cafe (Swing), (Lead Alto) at The Gretna Timbers, TIP's Once on this Island (Ti Moune), Roxy's HSM2 (Gabriella), & PRiMA's Aida (Nehebka). Film/TV: Carry Me Home with Karen Abercrombie, ESPN: Coors Light, Stanley's Black & Decker DIY App, Rutter's Super Bowl. Love to my husband Matthew. #HarrietTubmanMovie www.LindseyGrimble.com

Caleb Heckman (Mayor, Ensemble) is thrilled to be working with PRiMA again for the first time since 2011's *Chess!* Some of his favorite roles include Tom Jenkins in Scrooge, Schroeder in You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown, Mr. Darling/Smee in Peter Pan, the British Musical, and Ching Ho in Thoroughly Modern Millie. Besides acting, Caleb has also music directed local shows and summer camp performances, such as Into the Woods, Godspell, Anne of Green Gables the Musical, Alice in Wonderland Jr., and Peter Pan Jr. Caleb also teaches piano lessons around Lancaster County.

Duane Hespell (Zacky Price, Amos Calloway) is tickled pink (really?) to be gracing the PRiMA stage once again. His previous credits include *Oz In Concert, Guilty Pleasures,* and *Snow Queen's Party*, all of which were a natural progression from his stunning debut (really?) in *Primacillin*, a bold promo video which can still be seen on the company website.

Ray Hilton (Edward) is excited to be joining PRiMA for another show and feels very privileged to be a part of *Big Fish*, breathing life into Edward for a Lancaster audience and telling an incredible story of adventure, family, love, and heroism. Originally from the big state of Texas, he has performed at various theaters there, in Georgia and here in PA. Recent PRiMA credits include, *Uncharted*, the love-shot Cupid in *Snow Queen's Party*, Scarecrow in *Oz In Concert* and and a boy band fanatic in *Guilty Pleasures*. Other favorite roles of his have been Office Barrel (*Urinetown*), Ira Stone (*Laughter On the 23rd Floor*), Nicky (*Avenue Q*), Edgard Beane (*Titanic The Musical*), and Benedick (*Much Ado About Nothing*). A very special thanks goes out to his family, Pigeon, Sloppy Joe, Tenacious G and Madi Mouse. No one could ask for a more crazy, talented and loving family who always create their own adventurous stories every day. I love you, you know! Keep fighting dragons!

Jason Horst (Cirque Juggler/Unicycle, Ensemble) returns to the PRiMA stage after appearing in last year's production of *Snow Queen's Party*. He and his wife, Kate, are also featured in *Juggle*, a documentary by Alexander Monelli. He performs regularly along with his wife in the juggler/clown duo, Cissy and The Man (cissyandtheman.com). When not juggling, he operates his graphic design business, Piksl Design (piksl.com). Jason holds the world record for juggling three balls using ladles. **Kate Horst (Cirque Juggler, Ensemble)** was recently on PRiMA's stage as part of *Snow Queen's Party* and is excited to be back. She studied clowning with the NY Goofs and has spent the last five years performing as a clown with her husband, Jason, as Cissy and The Man. When not clowning, she is a collage artist and was a featured artist at the Willow Valley Cultural Center in 2014. Her many collage landscapes can be seen at <u>www.k-horst.com</u>.

Stephanie Lee (Sandra Templeton) is thrilled to be returning to the stage with PRiMA after a brief hiatus. A D.C. native who calls Lancaster home, she has performed in theatres across the USA and even as far as Africa! Local audiences may remember her as Amneris in *Aida*, the Narrator in *Ruth* and Woman 1 in PRiMA's *Songs For A New World*. She has also performed in numerous cabarets with PRiMA and other Lancaster professional theatres. Additional credits include Percy in *The Spitfire Grill*, Milly in *Seven Brides...Brothers*, Gloria in *Damn Yankees* and Margy in *State Fair*. While great roles are fun to play, her most recent favorite credits include marrying her wonderful husband Mark, getting to be Mommy of a cute 2 yr old named Parker and spending her days running her Etsy shop and photography business! Thanks to God for His blessings and her family for all of their love and support.

Chrissy Nickel (Alabama Lamb, Ensemble) is excited to return to the PRiMA family in Big Fish. She has recently been seen in *Big River, Tommy, Godspell* (Robin), *The Snow Queen's Party, Children of Eden*, and *Chess*! Chrissy is an auditor with an MBA from Lebanon Valley College. She volunteers with dogs at the Humane League of Lancaster County and coaches young girls in Girls on the Run Lancaster, and she is currently training for her first marathon! She sends many thanks to the cast and production team who make this experience so wonderful every time and to her supportive family.

Darren Wagner (Karl) is thrilled to be participating with PRiMA Theatre again! He appeared in the 2011 production of *Chess* and the 2012 production of *Glee*. Other recent favorites include productions of *Fiddler on the Roof, Assassins, Spamalot, HMS Pinafore* and *The Importance of Being Earnest*. This year also marked his film debut at the Diamond Screen Film Festival in Philadelphia in the short film *Nothing Out of the Ordinary*, and this fall, he will appear at the Reading Film Festival in the feature *Cage the Bear*. This performance is dedicated to family who have always been the most loving support, to friends who have always been the biggest fans, to Christ who makes this all possible, and to the memory of mentors and inspirations: MW, WC, CS, JR, MS, & JM.

Weston Weaver (Young Will, Will's son, Ensemble) is thrilled to be in this show, his debut performance for PRiMA! Weston began acting on the stage at age 8 when he won the hearts of the audience and fellow actors with his portrayal of Winthrop Peru in L-S High School's production of *The Music Man*. The following year he performed the lead role of JoJo in their production of *Seussical: the Musical*. Weston has more recently enjoyed working at a local theater in various roles. He has been involved in video work for a marketing company and local churches. Weston has two brothers and three sisters and they all enjoy singing together, especially a cappella! Weston wants to thank Kevin Ditzler who gave him the opportunity to find his home on stage, his family for their support, and God, who gave him his talents. More than anything else, Weston wants to bring Him glory in all he does.

Lauren Zehr (Jenny Hill, Ensemble) is so excited to be a part of this incredible show! Lauren has been working as a theatre actress for a few years and in the last year or so is getting her feet wet behind the camera. She grew up in Wauseon, Ohio and has lived in six different states. Lauren received her BA in Music from Eastern Mennonite University in Virginia. A few of her favorite roles include Cecily in *The Importance of Being Earnest*, The Cat in the Hat in *Seussical*, and Chris in *Dancing at Lughnasa*. Lauren is currently enjoying learning songwriting, screenwriting, and computer programming. Feel free to check out her website at LaurenZehr.com. Enjoy the show!