

Owasso Community Theatre Company Presents



the wind in the  
**Willows**

October 6-9, 2011

A Play by Zoey Zimmerman

Adapted from Kenneth Grahame's classic book, *The Wind in the Willows*

**Directed by Jessica Foxworth**

Thursday, October 6, 7:00pm

Friday, October 7, 7:00pm

Saturday October 8, 2:00pm and 7:00pm

Saturday evening performance will be interpreted for the Deaf

Sunday, October 9, 2:00pm

Mary Glass Performing Arts Center  
Owasso High School - 12901 E. 86th St. N.

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# The Wind in the Willows

## Act One

- Scene 1.1 – The beginning*
- Scene 1.2 – Mole's hole and the Riverbank on a beautiful spring day*
- Scene 2 – The Riverbank, same day*
- Scene 3 – The Riverbank, same day, but with the whiff of Weasels*
- Scene 4 – The Riverbank, slightly traumatized*
- Scene 5 – The Riverbank, The River Dance*
- Scene 6 – From the Riverbank to the Wild Wood as winter begins*
- Scene 7 – The Wild Wood on a cold winter day*
- Scene 8 – The Wild Wood, a little while later*
- Scene 9 – Badger's Headquarters*
- Scene 10 – Badger's Headquarters*

## Act Two

- Scene 1 – A Jail Cell*
- Scene 2 – The Wild Wood*
- Scene 3 – Badger's Headquarters*
- Scene 4 – The gates in front of Toad Hall*
- Scene 5 – Badger's Headquarters*
- Scene 6 – The elaborate dining room of Toad Hall*
- Scene 7 – The less elaborate dining room of Toad Hall*



To the people of the Wide World,

Welcome to the Riverbank, friends! We are so glad you could come spend some time with us. Life in the Wide World can be such a bother, we Riverbank folk hope you can relax and enjoy a glimpse into our adventures.

Before we begin, we want to acknowledge our creator, Kenneth Grahame, one of the greatest Scottish writers ever! [In our humble opinion.] Without his classic story of us Riverbank animals, Zoey Zimmerman would never have thought to write a play about us! Ms. Zimmerman has taught us a lot about issues in the Wide World today. Ratty doesn't seem too concerned, and Toad is too busy driving all the time, and those Weasels have this whole other plan, but ... well you'll see. Anyway, we are not in 1908 anymore. And we've made a lot more friends!

Then, Owasso Community Theatre Company came and they liked us too! So a board member named Kayce Clark called her friend from college and BAM! Jessica Foxworth was signed on to bring us to life! She decided the River should be alive and move around the stage! And she brought together some of the most talented people in the Wide World to be us Riverbank folk! She thinks that getting the right cast is the most important part and she is so proud of these actors. Also, if it weren't for a whole ton of wonderful volunteers, designers, board members, parents, sponsors, and technicians, this production would not be so cool. Thank you all for helping to tell our story!

Now, spread out the picnic blanket, feel the sun's warmth, and smell the delicious food coming from Otter's picnic basket. If you close your eyes, and listen to water, you can probably hear the River laughing ... and the wind blowing through the willow branches ...

Enjoy,

The Riverbankers

## Cast

**Abbie Enzbrenner / John Weasel** This is Abbie's first play. She has always loved singing and dancing and play acting around the house and now she gets to do it for real. Abbie is in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade at Northeast elementary, She enjoys school and her many friends and is looking forward to acting in many more plays.

**Alex Stiles / Ratty** Alex Stiles is excited to be returning to the stage with OCTC after playing the role of the White Rabbit in *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. She is a homeschooled 8th grader who enjoys acting, singing, art, and horseback riding. She would like to thank her parents for their encouragement and director Jessica Foxworth for giving her this opportunity. To God be the glory!

**Alyssa Garrison / Harrieta the Hedgehog** Alyssa is a student at the Owasso 6th Grade Center. This is her 8th play with OCTC. In addition to acting, she also enjoys tap and ballet dancing, singing, writing stories, and playing the flute. Some day she hopes to be a teacher. Alyssa and her family attend Bible Church of Owasso. She is excited to be part of this performance, and she hopes that you enjoy it.

**Alyssa Goodnight / The River** Alyssa is 10 years old and a member of Heritage Homeschool Co-op. This is her 3rd play with OCTC. She also performed in *Aladdin* with Spotlight Theatre in Tulsa. In addition to acting, Alyssa also enjoys swimming, playing with her siblings Carter and Lauryn, riding her bike, and participating in volunteer opportunities with her church, First Christian Church at Stone Canyon.

**Alyssa Schaefer / Alberta the Horse** Alyssa has been in several plays in her lifetime; this is her 2nd with OCTC. She has been in drama since 6th grade and has done many Church and School plays. She is a Sophomore at Owasso High School. In her free time she enjoys day dreaming of Paris, France! She also volunteers at several places in the community. She hopes you enjoy the show because it's gonna be intense. Get ready!!

**Bailey Smith / Juan Weasel** Bailey has participated in a number of productions with OCTC, including, *The Adventures of Robin Hood*, *Stuart Little*, *Babes in Toyland* and *The Adventures of Peter Rabbit and His Friends*. He enjoys acting and LOVES to be the center of attention. Other than acting, Bailey's love is baseball; he plays on a competitive team and goes to games every chance he gets. Bailey is also a member of his school choir. Bailey has an older brother and a younger sister who, in addition to his mom and dad, always enjoy seeing what he'll do next.

**Briley Schmeackle / Bunny Rabbit** Briley is 8 years old and in the 3rd grade. She's a member of Classical Conversations of Owasso home-school community and loves participating in activities with her friends. Briley enjoys dance, acting, and watching movies at the theater with her family. This is Briley's first performance with OCTC and she's looking forward to playing Bunny Rabbit.

**Brittney Willis / Sean Weasel** Brittney is 12 years old and a 7th grader at Thoreau Demonstration Academy. Brittney loves to act, sing, and dance. This is her first OCTC performance. She has been in dance class the last 2 years and has been in school choir for 5 years. She was also selected to be in the Circle the State with Song choir for 2 years in a row.

**Cady Baltz / Jilly Weasel, Tree** Cady is 10 years old and is in the 5th grade. Along with acting, Cady enjoys playing her guitar, reading and going on vacation with her family. This is Cady's first performance with OCTC and she is having a wonderful time being a part of this cast.

**Caitlin Raney / Gerby the Gerbil** Caitlin is 11 years old and enjoys acting. This is her first time participating in a production with OCTC. She has also performed in productions at her church including, *King of the Jungle*, *Donkey Tales*, and *Living Inside Out*. Caitlin is also involved with the Drama Team for Xtreme Youth.

**Casey Blake / Toad** Casey has been very involved with Acting and OCTC ever since 3rd grade when his teacher told that little rascal how much he would like it. He did his first play then, and has loved acting ever since. This is Casey's 8th Play with OCTC. Some of the things Casey loves and does are Saving Hyrule from Ganondorf, Hanging out with friends in the Gryffindor common room, and making people laugh. Casey's view on acting is if he makes people laugh or believe he was the role he played and want more, he did his job, so hopefully you feel he has done this tonight or today. If you want to talk to Casey about anything Whether it be from common things like his performance on stage to Harry Potter or Retro Games, go see him after the show! He doesn't bite except on one occasion...Anyways Casey hopes you enjoy the performance!

**Donovan Schaefer / Peter Rabbit** Donovan is in Fourth Grade at Ator Elementary. This is his first play and he will be sharing the stage with his sister, Alyssa. He enjoys drawing, reading, and Legos. He is in ATA Family Karate and earned his Black Belt last year.

**Ella Enzbrenner / Lon Weasel** Ella is a 4th grader at Northeast Elementary. She enjoys acting, softball, basketball, violin and shopping. She hopes to pursue an acting career or become a teacher when she grows up.

**Emma O'Rourke / Tilda the Hamster, Mother Duck** Emma is 13 years old and an eighth grader at Carver Middle School in Tulsa. She has participated in a number of productions around the Tulsa area including *The Fiddler on the Roof*, *Nottingham*, and *The Music Man*. In addition to acting and community service, Emma is on the Carver Speech Team and has placed multiple times in various categories including Monologue and Dramatic Duet. Emma is also a member of NJHS, Wildcat Roar Newspaper Staff, and the gardening club. Emma has an adoring younger brother and a loving family who can't wait to see where her talent, motivation and compassion will take her next!

**Emily Crowley / Dr. Ida Bebetteroff the Mongoose** Emily has been involved in theater since 8th grade and has performed in several productions with the 8th grade drama program. Emily is now a freshman and loves to sing and act. She is active at St. Henry's church as a Lector and in the nursery. Her favorite play is *"Into the Woods"* by Stephen Sondheim. She is excited about playing Dr. Ida Bebetteroff and looks forward to performing in future OCTC productions. Her passion for pineapple is second only to her love of the theater.

**Eric Buss / Don Weasel** Eric is a 17 year old junior at Owasso High School. His previous OCTC productions include *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, *The Adventures of Robin Hood*, and *Anne of Green Gables*. He enjoys reading, Legos, videogames, and friends. He would like to thank God, his family, and his friends for helping him to succeed, and he hopes you enjoy the show!

**Grace Giesler / The River** Grace is 9 years old and a 4th grader at Stone Canyon Elementary. This is her first play with OCTC and she is excited to be part of the show. In addition to dancing, Grace enjoys playing her violin, soccer, and keeping up with her older brother and sister. She hopes that you all will enjoy the show.

**Heath Piersol / Ron Weasel** This production will be Heath's third performance on stage. His other performances include the lead for the 3rd grade play *"Beethoven's Bookworms"* as well as a Merryman for *The Adventures of Robin Hood* which was produced through OCTC. He has found it to be quite fun and a rewarding experience and has thoroughly enjoyed being part of this production as well. He looks forward to many other performance opportunities within the community as well as with the school.

**Maddie Wilson / The River** Maddie is 11 years old and is in the 6th grade. She loves acting. This is her first theatre performance, but she has been involved in school dramas since she was 5 years old. She has a beautiful voice and loves to sing! She sings often in church and is a member of the children's choir. She has one brother and one sister. Her Mom and Dad are very proud of her and they look forward to the goals Maddie will accomplish with her talent.

**Maggie Reeves / Mother Rabbit 1, Tree** Maggie is a sophomore at the Owasso Mid-High and has been in Drama since 6th grade. This is Maggie's first play with OCTC. She is very involved in the community and volunteers at the Owasso Youth Court, is in the Nat'l Honor Society, and Student Council. In her free time Maggie likes to hang out with her friends and listen to music. Maggie hopes you enjoy the show and would like to thank her family for their love and support.

**Maria Brunner / The River** Maria is 10 years old and attends the 5th grade at Barnes Elementary. She has been in the TACK program for 3 years and is a new member of the honor choir. Maria has played competitive soccer for 3 years and has been dancing for 7 years. She is excited that this is her debut with OCTC and she is aspiring to continue her acting career. Maria gets all of her love and support from her mom, dad, and three brothers.

**Melissa Long / Badger** Melissa is a freshman at Rejoice High School. This is her first show with OCTC; however, she has acted in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* and *The Comic Book Artist* at Rejoice with the drama department. Melissa has a passion for acting, as well as writing, and has competed and won several awards in each of these areas.

**Natalie Thornton / Henrietta the Hedgehog** Natalie is 10 years old. She is a fourth grader at Mills Elementary School. This is Natalie's 2nd OCTC production. In addition to playing a flower in *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, she has also starred in the lead role for her 2nd and 3rd grade school plays. Natalie enjoys singing and writing songs. She is a level 5 gymnast and competes in TAG. She loves to entertain!

**Rachel Hastings / Mole** Rachel is 13 years old and attends the Owasso 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Center. This is her first play with OCTC. She also enjoys singing, dancing, and playing softball and basketball. ONION SAUCE!

**Rian Banoub / Willy Weasel, Riverbank Animal, Tree** Rian is a student at the 8th Grade Center. *Wind in the Willows* is his debut stage performance. He is very excited to be working with such a talented group of actors!

**Rosie Brooks / Lilly Weasel, Baby Duck, Tree** Rosie is nine years old. This is her first theatre performance. In her spare time, Rosie enjoys reading, writing, swimming, and dancing. She also plays the guitar. Rosie wants to be a professional surfer when she grows up.

**Savannah Dukes / Martha the Mouse** Savannah Dukes is a 5th grader at Smith Elementary in Owasso, Oklahoma. This is her third production with OCTC. When she is not on stage, Savannah enjoys singing in choir, competition cheerleading, and playing softball. She aspires to grow up and be on Broadway one day.

**Shelby Giesler / Otter** Shelby is 14 years old and a freshman in Owasso Mid-High School. She is excited to be part of the show. When Shelby is not being dramatic, she enjoys playing soccer, practicing guitar, singing, and hanging out with friends. She hopes that you find this show to be "otter"ly amazing.

**Taylor Chapman / Kate the Shrew, Mother Rabbit 2** Taylor Chapman is a junior at Owasso High School. Her debut stage performance was *Aida* by Elton John and Tim Rice. She is looking forward to working with the fabulous cast of *The Wind in the Willows*.

# Crew

**Director – Jessica Foxworth** Jessica Foxworth grew up in south Louisiana. Her theatrical debut was in second grade as Mistress Mary Quite Contrary. In 2006, she earned her Bachelors of Arts in Theatre From Louisiana College. She has studied in London, worked in New Orleans, and completed professional internships at New Stage Theatre in Jackson, Mississippi, and Lexington Children's Theatre in Lexington, Kentucky where she continued to learn how to be a better actor, teacher, and director. Now she hopes to go to graduate school. She loves coconut snowballs, traveling, and sunsets on the beach. Jessica thanks God, her loving family, and her favorite teacher, Tammy Killian. She urges you to never stop learning. Jeremiah 29:11

**Choreographer – Danielle Pawley**

**Stage Manager – Angie Giesler**

**Producers – Kay Neldon and Danielle Pawley**

**Stage Moms – Lisa Stiles, Heidi Banoub, Cherie Baltz, Kathy Thornton and Robyn Goodnight**

**Set Designer and Master Carpenter – Jeff Gilstrap**

**Set Construction Crew – Jeff, Cindy and Devon Gilstrap, Maynard, Machell, Thomas, and Rachel Hastings, Lora and Alyssa Garrison, Mike and Kay Neldon, Angie, TJ, and Shelby Giesler, Linda Schmeeckle, Brandon, Ericka, Ethan, and Brittney Willis, Laura and Casey Blake and Donovan Miller**

**Costumes – Jessica Foxworth, Laurie Kelshaw, Chris Wagener, Lora Garrison, Teresa Fine, Kay Neldon, Kari TieFenthaler, Robyn Goodnight, Kathy Thornton, Heidi Banoub, Jane and Abbie Enzbrenner, Cheri Baltz, Shelby and Grace Giesler and many helpful parents**

**Props – Angie Nelson**

**Lights Designer and Technician – Alex Coburn**

**Spotlight Operator – Sophia Gilstrap**

**Sound Designer – Jessica Foxworth**

**Sound Technician – Candace Wheeler**

**Makeup and Hair Design – Jessica Foxworth**

**Hair Stylist – Nikki Zimney**

**Running Crew – TJ Giesler, Pete Tiner, DaCoda Buchner, Raini Stiles, Andrew Davis, Devon Gilstrap and Jordan Wagner**

**OPS Liason – Laura Blake**

**Interpreters – Ginger Denney and Sherrolyn King**

**Photography – Rick Stiles**

**Logo Design – Larry Dougherty**

**T-Shirts – Larry Dougherty and Cari James**

**Toad Portrait Artist – Bobby Fritzjunker**

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