

Ⓣ Owasso Community Theatre Company  
*Presents*



**BY VERA MORRIS**

**DIRECTED BY REBECCA BLACKMORE**

**MARY GLASS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**

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# Jack and the Magic Beans

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Scene Two: On the road to the village square

Scene Three: The village square

Scene Four: The road again

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The kitchen in the Giant's castle, up in the clouds.

## Cast

### **Gabrielle Miller — Jack**

Gabrielle is in the fourth grade. She loves to read, act and attend church. The latest sport she is learning is gymnastics. This is her second production with OCTC and she has loved every minute.

### **Kate Callery — Susan**

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### **Ryleigh Andrews — Crow #1**

Ryleigh is very excited to be involved in her first theatrical performance outside of church and school. While singing for Jesus is her passion, she also loves to act and be on the stage. Ryleigh has a unique way of warming the hearts of others.

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Aidan is eight years old. He attends third grade at Bailey Elementary in Owasso. Aidan has three brothers who he adores! He enjoys acting, hip hop dancing, soccer, football and playing the drums. This is his fourth production to be in but the first with Owasso Community Theatre Company. He has had a great time getting to know his cast mates and he looks forward to working with them in future performances. Aidan wants to thank everyone at OCTC that makes these performances possible. He would also like to thank his mom and his brothers for all of their love and support while he pursues his acting dreams!

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### **Kelly Maria O'Connor—Miss Priss**

Kelly is over the moon to be involved in this production with OCTC! She attends the Owasso sixth grade center. She studies voice with Foyil Studios and musical theatre, dance and acting with Theatre Arts in Broken Arrow. She previously played in the children's cast of Tulsa Project Theatre's production of *Seussical*.

### **Rian Banoub—Bean Seller/Village Man**

Rian's premier performance with OCTC was last season when he was part of *The Wind in the Willows* cast. He was in several performances through his school drama program. He last performed with OCTC as Colin Craven during the musical performance of *The Secret Garden*. He attends workshops and camps regularly and is excited to be part of the *Jack and the Magic Beans* cast!

### **Briley Schmeeckle—Village Woman #1**

Briley is nine years old and in the fourth grade. She enjoys her home-school community, Classical Conversations, acolyting at church and spending time with her friends, family and pets. She loves acting and has appeared in Encore! Theatre Arts production of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Alice in Wonderland*, *Snow White & the Search for the Dark Scrolls*, and *Cinderella & the Phantom Fairy*. Briley is excited to be part of the *Jack* cast and is looking forward to her second OCTC production.

### **Sammie Nicholls—Village Woman #2**

Sammie is a sixth grader at Rejoice Middle School. Although Sammie has performed in many school and church musicals and plays, this is her first performance with the Owasso Community Theatre Company. She is thrilled and grateful to be part of this cast. Sammie enjoys singing, acting, band and cheer. She would like to thank God, her parents and the directors of this play for this wonderful opportunity.

### **Halie Hardesty—Village Woman #3**

Halie has performed in five plays at her church. She is the oldest of five children. She is the daughter of Johnny and Kari Hardesty. Halie enjoys taking care of her bunny and her kitty.

### **Paige Steeley—The Troll**

Paige is a 14-year-old home-schooled eighth grade student from Owasso. While this is her first play with OCTC, she has participated in Clark Theater Camps and has been in many ballet productions with The Western Oklahoma Ballet Theater, including *The Nutcracker* and *The Wizard of Oz*. Along with acting, Paige enjoys writing, reading and baking.

### **Harlee Christine Burt—The Chicken**

Harlee is eight years old and homeschooled in Sperry. Harlee is new to the theatre, but she has previous experience being in the spotlight and on stage. She has danced in four recitals as well as being a Rising Star this past summer in the Miss OK Scholarship Pageant, in addition to three other pageants with the most recent being the Miss Moore-Norman Scholarship Pageant in September.

### **Casey Blake—High Sheriff Dumdum**

Casey is 15 years of age and currently attends Owasso Mid-High School as a sophomore. In his free time, he enjoys hanging out with friends and saving Hyrule. This is Casey's ninth performance with OCTC. He hopes you enjoy his performance as the high sheriff.

### **Alyssa Goodnight—Princess Tulip**

Alyssa is a fifth grade home-school student and member of Classical Conversations of Owasso. This is her fourth production with OCTC. She also performed in Spotlight's *Aladdin*. When she's not being dramatic, Alyssa enjoys drawing and spending time with her friends. As a professional traveler, she has marked six countries and 10 states off her list of places to visit. She is making plans to visit many more destinations in the years to come. Alyssa would like to thank you for being here today.

### **Kelly Larson—Lady Stumble Mumble**

Kelly, age 14, is in ninth grade at the Owasso Mid-High School. In addition to acting, Kelly loves to sing, dance, read and write short stories and novels. This is her seventh production with OCTC. In addition, she has been cast in productions with TK Productions, Clark Theatre and through drama classes in school. She has recently been an extra in several locally shot movies and is excited to be a part of A Piedi Dance Company's Competitive Dance Team this year. Kelly is so excited to be a part of this awesome cast and show and hopes you love it!

### **Heath Piersol—Cook**

Heath has participated in several plays as well as one musical over his short theater career and has enjoyed each and every one of them. He has been blessed by being surrounded by people who appreciate the arts and with great directors. He is looking forward to many more performances through not only OCTC but with surrounding community theaters as well. As with all performances, he hates to see it come to an end, but cannot wait for the next big adventure. He hopes you enjoy this play and that you come to many more.

### **Annika Courtney—Kitchen Girl**

While this is Annika's entry year into the OCTC, this 11 year old is no stranger to the theatre. She spent the last two summers attending the IACT Youth Theatre Workshops at the Robson PAC in Claremore. She has performed in *A Bug's Tale* and *Jewel of the Rainforest*. She received a special invitation from the Royal Shakespeare Company to participate in the *Wizard of Oz* in 2011. Annika dreams of a successful career in the theatre and movies. She is currently a sixth grader at Verdigris Elementary. She also enjoys geocaching, playing with her sister, Addison, and playing her ds.



### **Samantha Tipton — Houskeeper**

Sam is 15 years old and is a freshman at the Owasso Mid-High. This is her first play with OCTC. She wants to thank the cast for being so great to work with and hopes you enjoy the show.

### **Eric Buss — The Giant**

Eric is a senior at Owasso High School. Since the age of seven months, he has been acting in plays. In elementary school, he performed in multiple school and church productions. Throughout sixth, seventh and eighth grades, he was in drama class and performed in every play and talent show that they put on. In ninth grade, he was awarded the part of Humpty Dumpty in *Alice in Wonderland*, his first OCTC production. In tenth grade, he was cast as Robin Hood in OCTC's *Robin Hood*, as well as Moody Spurgeon in OCTC's *Anne of Green Gables*, and he joined his church's drama team, which performs quarterly. In eleventh grade, he had the honor and pleasure of playing Don Weasel in OCTC's *The Wind in the Willows*, as well as playing Danny Zuko in his high school's depiction of *Grease*. For his senior year, he has resumed taking drama class. He has also been in vocal since fifth grade and has performed in numerous honor choirs. He thanks you all for coming out tonight and hopes you all enjoy watching the show as much as he has enjoyed being in it.

### **Maddie Wilson — Queen Violet**

Maddie is 12 years old and has been "theatrical" her whole life. She has always participated in school and church plays and loves to sing. She was cast in *The Wind in the Willows* in 2011 and she took part in the 2012 summer performance of *Once Upon a Time* in Owasso. Maddie has one older sister, Mikala, who is a softball and basketball player, and one younger brother, Malachi, who plays football for the Owasso Rams. Maddie loves acting and performing; it is what she was born to do.

### **Alyssa Garrison — The Singing Harp**

Alyssa is a student at the Owasso seventh grade center. This is her 10th play with OCTC. In addition to acting, she also enjoys tap dancing, singing and playing the flute with the Owasso Band and the Owasso Youth Orchestra. Someday 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.

## **Crew**

### **Director — Rebecca Blackmore**

Rebecca is honored to be directing *Jack and the Magic Beans* in Owasso. A Tulsa native, she studied directing at South-eastern Oklahoma State University. She's proud of her work in youth theatre and has worked with Clark/Heller Theatres, the Oklahoma Shakespearean Festival and the National Theatre for Children.

### **Stage Manager / Scene Designer — Max Lawson**

Max Lawson is thrilled to be working with Owasso Community Theatre Company for *Jack and the Magic Beans*. Max graduated from SEOSU with a bachelors in technical theatre. He has worked around Tulsa with Actor's Company of Tulsa, Theatre Tulsa, as well as several symphonies and dance companies through the VanTrease Performing Arts Center for Education. Enjoy the show.

### **Producers — Chris Larson and Danielle Pawley**

### **Master Carpenter — Marc Banoub**

### **Costumes — Heidi Banoub, Lori Weed, Robyn Goodnight**

### **Props — Chris Larson, Kay Neldon, Marc and Heidi Banoub and Rebecca Blackmore**

### **Light Technician — James Mayes**

### **Sound Designer — Rebecca Blackmore**

### **Sound Technician — Jerry Sparkman**

### **Running Crew — Shelby Giesler and Austin Weed**

### **OPS Liason — Laura Blake**

### **Photography — Rick Stiles**

### **T-shirts — Jeremy Alexander, 230 Designs**

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A simple, well-constructed story, even *Jack and The Magic Beans*, can achieve what more elaborate forms of theatre have tried to for years — to capture and suspend the audience's reality. Like our ancestors we come before you today — this story is a familiar one that has been passed down for generations. Why do we continue to tell the story of *Jack and the Magic Beans*? For me, this story celebrates triumph over the seemingly impossible. Jack never loses faith in his abilities. It's a lesson we can all benefit from, young and old alike.

It's been a pleasure working with the entire cast and crew. Like the hero of our story, the whole cast has an imagination that is limitless. This eagerness to create is so very precious to me. I am so proud of the work we have achieved in these last weeks, and I look forward to seeing what impressive young men and women they become in the future. I would also like to thank the parents for all the endless support you give. You should be so proud of them. Now sit back, relax and enjoy the show.

**— Rebecca Blackmore**