

On Stage at Stone Canyon Elementary School
Owasso Community Theatre Company presents



The Secret Garden

Adapted from the Novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett
Book by Tim Kelly
Music & Lyrics by Bill Francoeur

Directed by Terry Grufik
Musical Direction by Amy Mitchell
Choreography by Danielle Pawley

Four performances:
Thursday April 12, 2012 at 7:00pm
Friday April 13, 2012 at 7:00pm
Saturday April 14, 2012 at 2:00pm and 7:00pm
Performances will be held at
Stone Canyon Elementary School
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The Secret Garden is produced by special arrangement with PIONEER DRAMA SERVICE, INC., Englewood, CO.

Synopsis

Place: Misselthwaite Manor, Yorkshire, England, a private residence

Time: Victorian era

Act One

Scene One: Main Hall of Misselthwaite Manor, afternoon

Scene Two: Mary's sitting room, morning, the next day

Scene Three: A hallway, later that morning

Scene Four: The grounds, afternoon

Scene Five: A hallway, weeks later

Scene Six: Archibald Craven's study/a hallway, moments later

Scene Seven: Colin's room, that night

Scene Eight: The grounds, the day of the fair

Act Two

Scene One: Colin's room, months later

Scene Two: A hallway, a week later

Scene Three: The grounds/the secret garden, the same day

Scene Four: Hallway, moments later

Scene Five: The secret garden, moments later

Scene Six: Lobby of a fashionable London hotel, a few days later

Scene Seven: Hallway, the next day

Scene Eight: The secret garden, the same day

Sequence of Musical Numbers

Act One

Secret Garden [Prologue]: Mary, Ensemble

Such A Difficult Child: Mrs. Crawford, Kanchi, Mrs. Medlock, Mary

Such A Difficulty Child [Reprise]: Mrs. Medlock, Miss Wiggins, Emma, Betty, Jane

One Big Happy Family: Mrs. Sowerby, Sowerby children, Mary

Take A Flower To The Fair: Fairgoers, Dickon

Enter The Garden: Memory of Lilies

Act Two

Take A Flower To The Fair[Entr'acte]: Instrumental

Something's Happening With Master Colin: Mrs. Medlock, Servants

You Can Do It: Dickon, Mary, Mrs. Sowerby, Colin

The Dream: Memory of Lilies

You Can Do It [Reprise]: Cast

Secret Garden [Epilogue]: Mary, Cast

One Big Happy Family [Curtain Call]: Instrumental, Cast

Cast

Mrs. Medlock: Diane Murphy — Diane became involved in theatre during high school. She participated in *My Fair Lady*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *The Wizard of Oz*, dinner theatre and college one-act plays. She currently teaches piano, guitar, and drum here in Owasso. She also tutors children who struggle with reading and teaches health restoration workshops. Diane has a teaching degree in music, a master's degree in physical education and is a Doctor of Naturopathy. She is a published children's book author and plans to have her third book soon. Diane has been an Owasso resident for 18 years and, although the regrets that she is just now getting involved again in theatre, she hopes to participate in future musicals.

Martha Sowerby: Kelly Larson — Kelly, age 14 attends school at the 8th-Grade Center in Owasso. In addition to acting, Kelly loves to sing, dance, read and write short stories and novels. This is her sixth production with the Owasso Community Theatre Company. 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 has been cast for a small part in an upcoming movie produced by Chance Film Productions. Kelly is glad to be a part of this great cast and show and hopes you love it!

Emma Sowerby: Shelby Giesler — Shelby is 14 and a student at Owasso High School. She is very excited to perform in her first musical and is ready to give it her best shot. Shelby has been in several plays ranging from *Addict* to *Wind in the Willows*. She greatly enjoys performing and hopes to continue to grow in her acting skills along with attempting to improve her vocals. She hopes that you enjoy the show and all the music, dancing and fun that comes with this amazing performance.

John Sowerby: Ben Thornhill — Ben is a seventh grade honors student at the Owasso 7th-Grade Center and was recently inducted into National Junior Honor Society. He has been a member of the Owasso Schools vocal program during sixth and seventh grade. This is his first theater production.

Phil Sowerby / Bellboy: Casey Blake — Casey Blake is 15 years old, attends the Owasso Mid-High and loves to perform. This is Casey's 9th performance with the OCTC. He has loved every single one of them! Casey is very happy to be in *The Secret Garden*, although he was extremely nervous auditioning for this production because it is a musical; he was so nervous he actually sang 'The Itsy Bitsy Spider' for his audition. Casey hopes you enjoy the show that he and his fellow cast, crew and friends have worked so hard on.

Betty Sowerby: Katelin Callery — Katelin is a fifth-grade student at Rejoice Christian School in Owasso. While this is her first experience with the community theatre, she has played many roles in both church and school productions. She has competed and won awards in local and regional speech competitions. Katelin is also a talented pianist.

Jane Sowerby: Alyssa Garrison — Alyssa is a student at the Owasso 6th-Grade Center. This is her 9th 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.

Mrs. Crawford: Betty Richards — Betty and her husband BJ have been Collinsville residents for 39 years. They have performed together in their family band and in the Nowata County Jubilee for 10 years, and started the Skiatook Auction Opry in 1977, performing at both the Jubilee and Opry each month until retirement in 2006. Betty performed as a characterist, creating 53 characters over the years including Tina Turner, Elvis, Stevie Wonder, the out spoken "Grannie." and many more. Now, she divides her time between work, writing poems and children's stories, caring for her eight miniature horses and working at their store, Uncle BJ's Music Store in Skiatook. Her hobbies also include genealogy, scrapbooking, fishing and painting.

Kanchi: Toshina — Toshina discovered acting and life on stage while still in high school. She is a cast member at the Oklahoma Renaissance Festival held in Muskogee every May. Toshina has been a cast member of the Festival for a few years and was a patron for years before becoming a part of the cast. She has a love for the theatre and hopes to make a career one day making costumes and prosthetics for both theatre and films. Her other persona is as a pet nurse for SAHO Animal Hospitals, well, at least til she can get this show-life on the road ...

Mary Lennox: Mary McGough — Mary's interest in theater began at age seven when she played a small part in Broken Arrow Community Theater's *Adventures of a Comic Book Artist*. The following summer she enrolled in Clark Theater's summer camp and was hooked. Mary played Annie in Clark's *Annie* in 2010, which received a TATE award for best children's production. Last spring she was cast as the princess in Spotlight's *Aladdin* and in the fall of 2011 she played Cassie, a rumor spreading, cheerleading, boy-chasing teen in the hysterical musical *Thirteen*. Although she enjoys acting, her true love is musical theater. Mary has taken voice for two years and recently picked up the guitar as well, under the direction of Ashley and Matt Shannon (Shannon Studios). When she isn't rehearsing for shows, Mary enjoys playing basketball and hanging out with friends. She is a sixth grader at Marquette Catholic School in Tulsa and would like to thank her family, friends and teachers for their love and support.

Miss Wiggins: Zena Lewis — Zena is making her debut performance with OCTC. She has performed in high school and church productions and is excited to now be a part of the cast in the community theater. In the average day in the life of Miss Wiggins, you will find her teaching literature to middle school students.

Dickon Sowerby: Connor Heaps — Connor is a 16 year old home school student from Collinsville. He has been performing in plays and musicals since he was six years old. His most recent production was at Spotlight Theatre as "Jack" in the musical *HotRod*. He enjoys playing the piano, hanging out with friends and randomly breaking out into song. He is grateful to his family and friends for their continuous support and he appreciates you all coming to see the show.

Dr. Craven: Mark Callery — Mark is a family medicine physician with Utica Park Clinic in Owasso. He has lived in the Owasso area for more than 12 years and serves as the chairman for the City of Owasso Planning Commission. As a child he was involved with theatre productions at Carl Albert State College in Poteau, Oklahoma. He played the part of "Winthrop" in *The Music Man* and played a supporting role in *Carousel*.

Mrs. Sowerby: Chris Larson — Chris feels honored to be part of this terrific cast and show. This is her fourth production with OCTC and her third opportunity to be on stage with her daughter. Chris would like to thank her husband for his support and she hopes you enjoy the show!

Nurse: Angie Giesler — This will be the third OCTC play that Angie has had the privilege to be part of. Her first play was a murder mystery thriller, *Night of January 16th*, where she played the role of "Judge." Her next performance was the role of "Marmee" in *Little Women* and now in this performance she has the role of "Nurse" for young Master Collin in the *Secret Garden*. She also had the opportunity to be part of the "behind the curtain" help for *Wind in the Willows*. With every performance her OCTC family grows and she feels blessed to be part of it. She hopes that you enjoy the show and would like to encourage anyone with interest in being part of the OCTC family to ask her about it after the show.

Archibald Craven: Mike Neldon — Mike teaches at the Owasso 6th-Grade Center and has been in several OCTC productions. He played the “Toymaster” in *Babes in Toyland*. He was also in *Cemetery Club* and *Night of January 16th*. He sings in the United Methodist Praise and Worship Team and keeps busy with many other activities. Finally, he loves spending time with family and friends. He wishes to thank you for finding Stone Canyon and supporting the theatre, and he hopes you enjoy the show.

Colin Craven: Ryan Banoub — Rian started in theater in 2011 with his debut in OCTC’s *Wind in the Willows*. Since then he has performed in various performances in drama at school. He looks forward to more productions in high school and future opportunities with OCTC. Rian is very excited to play Colin and to be working with a terrific cast!

Lilias Craven: Ashley Oxtan — Ashley started singing in church at the age of seven and, since then, she has performed in honor choirs, participated in solo/ensemble competitions and sang at various charity events and special organizations. Recently, she had the honor of singing “The Star Spangled Banner” for the 2012 Tulsa Police Heroes Banquet. During high school, she was a cast member in the musical *Oklahoma* and played “Meg” in the musical *Brigadoon*. She studied both music and musical theater at the University of Tulsa. For the last four years, she has been a vocalist in the Praise and Worship Team at the First United Methodist Church in Owasso. Ashley currently resides in Owasso with her husband and two daughters.

Fairgoer – Elizabeth: Nicole Adeline Pawley — Nicole is 11 years old and attends Owasso 6th-Grade Center. Nicole is new to the theatre but she has previous experience being in the spot light and on stage! Nicole has been a state representative and finalist for the National American MISS Pageant for the last three years along with being a Rising Star this past summer for the Miss Oklahoma City State Fair Pageant. Nicole also was cast this past summer as a rose in the Tulsa Children’s Ballet of *Sleeping Beauty*. Nicole hopes to continue being involved in theatre, dance and pageants so that she can one day be crowned Miss Owasso and Miss Oklahoma.

Fairgoer - Elisa: Riley Lewis — Riley is a 4th grader at Skiatook Intermediate Elementary School. She has performed with OCTC before in the production of *Peter Rabbit*. In her spare time she enjoys singing, reading and playing the piano. Her whole life is a stage.

Production Staff

Director: Terry Grufik — Terry holds a theater education degree and was responsible for establishing a year-round performing arts program in 1978 for students in grades 3-9 which provided training in the areas of music, dance and theatre which continues today as Clark Theatre at Henthorne. Terry has directed full-length productions of *Godspell*, *Life With Father*, *Tom Sawyer*, *Cinderella*, *You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, *God’s Favorite*, *The Prisoner of Second Avenue*, *Vanities*, *The Adventures of Robin Hood* (for Owasso Community Theatre Company), *Aladdin* and the *Wonderful Lamp*, and most recently the musical *I3*, to name a few. Terry also directs productions at his church and has produced more than 20 productions in Tulsa. He retired from the Tulsa Performing Arts Center as Program Director in October 2003 after 29 years of service with the City of Tulsa. He has also taught drama to students in grades 3-12 at The Dance and Performing Arts Academy, serves on the Board of Directors for Tulsa International Mayfest and coordinates the Mayfest Community Stage.

Musical Director: Amy Mitchell — Amy was last seen in OCTC’s production of *Night of January 16th*. She serves as the worship leader for her church, Tulsa Christian Ministries. Her background and education are in music education, and she recently completed her bachelor’s degree in psychology. She is glad to be helping with *The Secret Garden*. To the cast: Thanks for all your hard work. I know “You can Do It!”

Choreographer: Danielle “Danni” Pawley — Ms. Danni started out her dancing career dancing at Nancy Clark’s School of Dance at the age of three. She then joined Miss Laurey’s School of Dance under the direction of Jayne Jeffers-Howard, and danced in her dance company for 12 years. Ms. Danni also taught ballet, jazz, modern and hip hop for six years at Miss Laurey’s School of Dance, three years at Center Stage Dance Studio (now known as The Dance Point) and at Holland Hall. Ms. Danni also spent time studying and dancing at the University of Utah with Ballet West under the direction of John Hart, who was a former dancer, assistant director and administrator of the Royal Ballet in England. When Ms. Danni is not busy as an board member, board secretary and choreographer for Owasso Community Theatre Company, she is spending her time as the crew leader for Docs for the Cure for the Susan G. Komen Foundation, running in several 5K runs throughout the year with her kids and family, and raising three beautiful children Nathan, 14, Nicole, 11, and Norah, 4.

Producer: Kay Neldon

Stage Manager: Laura Blake

Set Design: Terry Grufik

Costume Coordinator: Heidi Banoub

Sound Design: Terry Grufik

Sound Editing: Kathy Grufik

Sound Technician: Jerry Sparkman

Lighting Design: Terry Grufik

Carpenters: Marc Banoub and Jeff Gilstrap

Props/Set: Chris Larson, Kay Neldon, Terry Grufik, Heidi and Marc Banoub, Mark Callery and family, Owasso Historical Society, Karla Sparks, Maggie Reeves, Betty Richards, the Giesler family, Danni Pawley and Toshina.

Costumes: Heidi Banoub, Toshina, Betty Richards, Maggie Foyil, Kay Neldon, Lora Garrison and Kathy and Natalie Thornton

Grips: TJ Giesler, Devon Gilstrap, Alex Stiles and Alan Randall

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