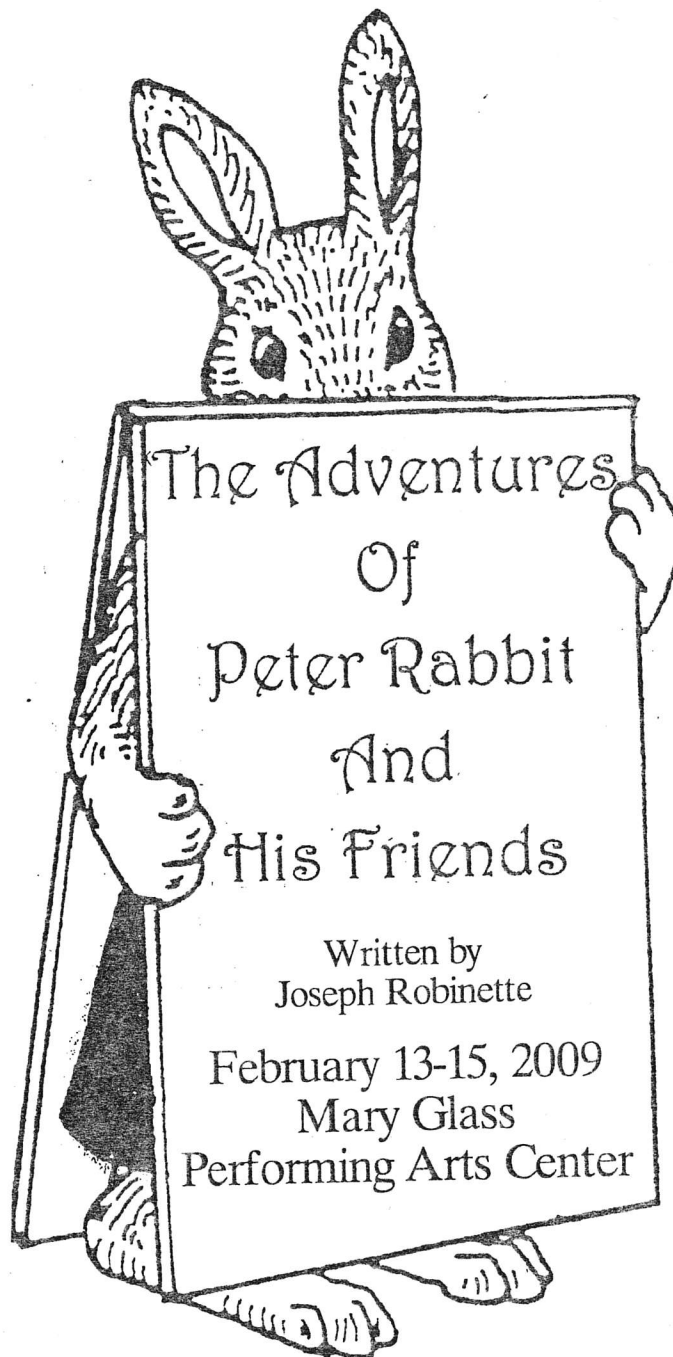


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PROUDLY PRESENTS



Note from the Director:

Like many children, I can remember nights tucked into bed reading PETER RABBIT, JEMIMA PUDDLE DUCK and other tales by Beatrix Potter. I enjoyed getting into trouble with Peter and learning that we are always safe and warm when we find ourselves back home, wherever that may be. I got in over my head with The Tailor of Glouster and learned that sometimes we need our friends to help us to get through it. I learned sweet forgiveness with Tom Thumb and Hunca Munca in The Tale of Two Bad Mice. I even discovered the art of true friendship and protection in Jeremy Fisher and Jemima Puddle Duck. Beatrix's stories were written to do just that, to not only inspire our imaginations but to teach us a life lesson, to let us literally grow up with these characters.

When we become adults, however, those wonderfully imaginative stories tend to fade away. We forget the impact they once had on our lives, like all things that are so important in childhood. Then, last summer while on vacation I came across the motion picture MISS POTTER. I was enchanted by the story of the creator of the stories I had loved growing up. So, when I was approached to direct OCT's production of THE ADVENTURES OF PETER RABBIT AND HIS FRIENDS I was really excited to bring this wonderful story to the stage.

I had so many ideas when I first began to read the script and was thrilled at our turnout at auditions. There was such a strong talent pool and casting became a very difficult decision, however, the cast we assembled has been more than wonderful. They immediately grabbed my vision for the show and took the characters and story straight to heart.

As I was reading the script and my vision for it was forming, I knew I wanted to highlight the two sides of Beatrix. Beatrix, like so many great writers and creators, seemed to live a dual life; one of reality and one of fantasy. If you do any research on Beatrix Potter you will find that she was actually emotionally close to these characters, she looked at them as her friends, not her creations. Beatrix lived in a whole separate world with Peter Rabbit, Squirrel Nutkin and Jemima Puddle Duck. Therefore, I wanted to make sure I showed that parallel life on stage. You will notice that Beatrix is the only one that interacts with the "fantasy" world, true we and the other characters are able to watch and hear and enjoy them, but only Beatrix herself could actually penetrate their world. Beatrix often felt trapped in reality and went to this world to escape, so, it seemed only fitting to put her dream world in between that of her reality. She was truly an extraordinary woman and her imagination is one that we can all admire. I hope that she would have been proud with what I envisioned and what we have created, let it be one of her many legacies.

I want to thank several people who made this a wonderful first production with OCT. First and foremost, my partner and my solid ground, my husband Matthew. He always encourages me to reach my goals and follow my dreams. I am sure it is not easy to be married to a theatre artist but he does it perfectly! To Randy and Janna King for undying support and more hours spent at rehearsals, auditions and classes than can be counted. To Rhonda Hazelrigg and Kay Neldon for making me feel so welcome to the company and to the area. The two of you have been wonderful and I appreciate your work so much! To Kelly Walters for being a wonderful producer and for pushing through to make this show a success! Finally, to my wonderful cast for all their hard work and dedication and the board of OCT for allowing this creation to be on stage. I hope you all enjoy the show as much as I enjoyed watching it grow.

Sincerely,

Kayce Clark

Sydney Hazelrigg (Beatrix) is a 13 year old 8th grader at Owasso Eighth Grade Center. Sydney enjoys spending time dancing, reading and being with friends. Sydney is no stranger to the stage has been seen in CHARLOTTE'S WEB, BABES IN TOYLAND and A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM.

Kathern Shaine (Mrs. Potter) is joining the OCT cast for the first time. Kathern is a theatre veteran, however, and has appeared in murder mysteries and just shot her first independent film. Kathern is the proud producer of the 'Fabulous at 40' calendar and has 2 dramatic teenagers.

David Kanizer (Mr. Potter and Bodkins) is making his OCT debut in PETER RABBIT. David, hasn't been involved in theater since high school where he played the role of JJ McHabe in Up the Down Staircase. David enjoys running and cycling. He participates in triathlons and several other running events in the area. Most of all, David still enjoys spending time with his three children, all of whom join him in the cast.

Kelsey Cooper (Annie) is a Sophomore at Owasso Mid High. Kelsey loves art and drama classes and plans to enter the Peace Corps after college. Although Kelsey has been seen in many productions, this will be her first with OCT. You may remember Kelsey from past Tulsa productions of BIG RIVER, OLIVER, HONK! and JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR.

Michael Remington (Noel/Edwin) has been involved in television, radio, theatre and film in the Tulsa area for many years. Michael is currently working on OK Green Living, a local TV show, and an independent film being shot in Tulsa.

Dillon Moten (Norman) is a Claremore drama student. Dillon has a passion for all forms of acting, particularly on camera. He recently assisted with his first film shoot and is joining OCT for the first time on stage.

Eric Townsley (Harold/Massee) This is Eric's first official appearance on the stage. He was originally cast as the father in OCT's production of Cheaper by the Dozen, but had to bow out. He has worked with OCT in various aspects of set production, lighting and various behind the scenes tasks when called upon. Eric would like to thank his wife lovely Candace, for introducing him to Community Theatre.

Mike Neldon (Dexter, Voice of Weatherby and Thomas) is a teacher at the Owasso Sixth Grade Center. You may remember him as The Toymaster in BABES IN TOYLAND, Sam, the "Playboy Butcher," in the cast of CEMETERY CLUB

Lindsey Ferrin (Yvette) is an 8th grader her in Owasso and is no stranger to the stage. Lindsey has joined OCT in five other productions; including roles in CHARLOTTE'S WEB, STUART LITTLE, PETER PAN.

Nick Hazzelrigg (Peter Rabbit/ Jack Sharp) is a 5th grader at Hodson Elementary. This is Nick's fourth performance with the Owasso Community Theater. He loves acting, soccer, social studies, and spending time with his friends.

Savannah Seybert-Dykes (Flopsy) is a 2nd grader at Ator Elementary. This is Savannah's first play. She has loved this play from the start. She plays softball and is a Girl Scout.

Ashley Rathbone (Mopsy/Hunca Munca) attends school at the Owasso 6th Grade Center and likes to cheer. This is her first play. She went to a speech competition in the 5th grade where she won a silver medallion. She LOVES drama.

Rosie Remington (Cotton-Tail) is a first grader at Montessori-Undercroft. Rosie is making her sophomore theatre performance in PETER RABBIT and is loving her part. When not "hopping" around the OCT stage, Rosie enjoys modeling, drawing and playing with her cat.

Darbi French (Mother Rabbit/dog) is 9 years old and in the 4th grade a Bailey Elemnetary. She has been in acting and vocal performance for the past two years at Theatre Arts. When not performing, Darbi enjoys playing soccer and spending time with her twin sister Kayli, and her brother Tyler.

Spencer Swayne (Mr. McGregor/ Alderman Ptolemy Tortoise) attends the Owasso 7th Grade Center and is 13 years old. This is Spencer's 4th performance. His hobbies include listening to music, skateboarding, and writing. He hopes you enjoy the play.

Alex Hickman (Tailor, Young Noel) is a 5th grader at Rejoice Christian School. This is Alex's debut performance with OTC. When not at rehearsal, Alex enjoys playing soccer and hanging out with his friends.

Bailey Cavanah (Simpkin) is a 6th grader here in Owasso. Bailey has been playing guitar for 3 years and is excited to see where that leads. This is Bailey's debut performance with OCT and PETER RABBIT was even the first show she ever auditioned for! Bailey is very excited to play Simpkin and is ready for the show to start!

Madison Hartzog (Mouse 1, Chutney) is a 10 year old 5th grader at Hayward Smith Elementary. Madison enjoys rollerblading, drawing, softball and playing with animals. Madison is cheered on tonight by her 3 brothers and sister.

Riley Lewis (Mouse 2, Norah) is a first grade student at Marrs Elementary. Riley's stage experience has included being in various church and school musical performances, as well as, reciting poems and stories among family and friends. Riley is debuting with Owasso Community Theater.

Alyssa Garrison (Rebecca Puddle Duck, Mouse 3) is a nine year old third grader at Smith Elementary. Alyssa is a ballet student at Owasso Dance Company. She also enjoys girl scouts, singing, playing the piano, and writing stories. Her past theatrical productions include the OCT productions of THE EMPEROR'S NEW CLOTHES, CHARLOTTE'S WEB and BABE'S IN TOYLAND.

Levi Garrison (Mayor, Isaac Newton) is a ten year old, fourth grader at Smith Elementary. Levi enjoys participating in Webelos scouting, camping, biking and building things. He has been seen previously on the OCT stage in the productions of THE EMPEROR'S NEW CLOTHES, CHARLOTTE'S WEB and BABES IN TOYLAND.

Cole Kanizer (Footman, Eric) is a 10 year old 4th grader at Hodson Elementary. Cole enjoys playing baseball, football, basketball and wrestling. This is his debut performance with OTC.

Mariah Hickson (Jane, Sparrow 2) is a 10 year old 5th grader here in Owasso. Mariah has been in 4 other productions and is so excited to add PETER RABBIT to that list. She loves her characters and is very excited to play them tonight.

Adelynn Richard (Jane, Marjorie) is an 11 year old 5th grader at Hodson Elementary. Adelynn is very involved in church activities at Freedom Church and is learning to play piano. Adelynn is a newcomer to the stage and is excited to be making her stage debut.

Joshua Smith (Fox, Tom Thumb) is thrilled to join the cast of PETER RABBIT in his third production with OCT. Bailey is enjoying his characters and is looking forward to getting on stage!

Casey Blake (Policeman/Trout) is 12 years old and goes to the Owasso 6th Grade Center. He loves acting and this is his 5th performance with Owasso Community Theater. His hobbies include hanging with his friends and acting crazy.

Madison Davis (Jeremy Fisher) is a 12 year old student at the Owasso Sixth Grade Center where she takes all honors courses. Madison is actively involved in Odyssey of Mind, Green Team, ESC, art, band and more! She is a member of First Baptist Church of Owasso and loves her youth group. She has held roles in several school and church plays but this will be Madison's first production with OCT.

Kelly Larson (Jemima Puddle Duck/Rabbit) is 11 years old and a 5th grader at Bailey Elementary. She is involved in dancing through Owasso School of Dance, singing lessons and is in the Honor Choir at school. This is her first major production and she is thrilled to be involved. Kelly is cheered on by her parents and older sister, Riley.

Tori Kanizer (Sparrow 1, Farmer's Wife) is an 11 year old 6th grader here in Owasso. Tori loves playing softball and being in the spotlight! This is Tori's first performance on the OTC stage, but has been seen in previous productions in Indiana and Michigan.

Mariah Abdoo (Kep) is a newcomer to the OCT stage, but not to productions in general. Mariah has appeared in several school performances and made her stage debut at 6 years old. She hopes to continue to work with OCT and to get back on stage very soon.

Leah Johnson (Barney) is excited for PETER RABBIT to be her second production with OCT. You may remember Leah from OCT's CHARLOTTE'S WEB and is looking forward to more roles in the future. Leah is a 6th grader at the Owasso Sixth Grade Center and excited to have her sister Sarah join her on stage. Leah is an accomplished academic student with recent recognitions in the school wide spelling bee in which she was the runner up! Leah enjoys reading novels, watching the latest movie releases and traveling with her family on vacations to Florida.

Gianno Abdoo (Freda) is a 7 year old first grader who loves dogs, reading books and riding bikes. This is Gianna's stage debut and she is thrilled for her first role to be in PETER RABBIT.

Sarah Johnson (Mouse 1) is joining OCT in her debut performance and is very excited! She is a 2nd grader at Bailey Elementary in Owasso and currently resides in Collinsville with her family. Sarah enjoys playing outside, playing video games and swinging a few golf clubs. She is often seen around the house creating props for her Barbies and stuffed animals. Sarah loves camping and traveling with her family on vacation every summer.

Clayton Pike (mouse) is 5 years old and is making his stage debut. Clayton loves to play with his Wii and run around as much as he can.

Madelyn Kanizer (Cat) is an 8 year old 3rd grader at Hodson Elementary. Madelyn enjoys playing with her friends, cheerleading and singing. This is Madelyn's debut performance with OCT.

Kayce Clark (director) received her BA in theatre from Louisiana College in 2004. Kayce has been involved in theatre and performing her entire life and has enjoyed community theatres, like this one, for many years. In her years after college she has helped start a professional theatre company in Alexandria, LA (Spectral Sisters Productions) and served as their director of movement. Kayce was inducted into Alpha Psi Omega in 2000 and was a cast member of the award winning production of SYLVIA in 2004. Kayce has been serving as a theatre director and teacher at both public and private schools for the past 4 years. Kayce's favorite directing credits include: ASLEEP ON THE WIND, WAITING FOR GODOT, THREE VIEWINGS and CHARLIE. Kayce has also been seen on stage in such roles as Carol in OLEANNA, Juliet in ROMEO AND JULIET, Eliza in MY FAIR LADY, Molly in MOUSETRAP, Denise in SMOKE ON THE MOUNTAIN, and Irina in THREE SISTERS. Kayce is so excited to have joined the OCT family and looks forward to many great shows in the future.

Technical Crew

Stage Manager: Chris Schultz

Lights: Tom Vines Sound: Andy Kingsley

Grips: Kent Andrews & Cassidy Brown

Costumes: Bruce Lewis

Make-up: Dylan Aldred (Lead)

Zena Lewis, Michelle Roepke, Brenda Ferrin,
Susan Johnson, & Sarah Kanizer

ACT I

Location: England

Time: Turn of the century

Settings:

Hill Top Farm

The parlor of the Potter home

The kitchen of the Moore home

The sketch pad of Beatrix Potter

The Linnean Society of London, turn of the century

ACT II

Location: England

Time: Early 1900's through 1950

Settings:

The offices of Warne and Company

The kitchen of the Moore home

The gardens of the Potter summer home

The parlor of the Potter home

The sketch pad of Beatrix Potter

Hill Top Farm

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would like to thank the following for their
support of this production:

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The Owasso 6th Grade Center

The Mary Glass PAC

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