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Paddock cast and crew for a  
wonderful musical!



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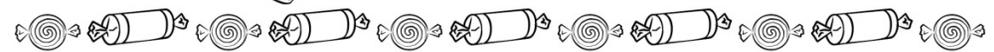
Paddock School Ensemble  
Proudly Presents



The Story of  
**Hansel**  
And  
**Gretel**

Book by Verra Morris

Music and Lyrics by Bill Francoeur



APRIL 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE  
ENTIRE CAST OF  
HANSEL AND GRETEL!**

Thank you Mr. Z for your time, dedication and resolve to make the performing arts possible at Paddock.

To all the teachers, staff and parent volunteers ... Thank you, thank you, thank you for making this production a success!



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We are so proud of you!  
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Mommy, Daddy, and Angelina





## Artistic Director: Andre Zielinski



*What made you choose this musical?* This was one of the first operas I listened to when I was little. I would sit at the record player and listen to the opera of this over and over again. The record player was my doorway the world of Hansel and Gretel my mind constantly imagining how the whole story played out. What I love so much about this version is it takes several tunes from the opera that I grew up with and infuses it in with the story.

This can be a very dark tale. The original Brothers Grimm tale was very dark and sad. Because of that, one big challenge was to have it stay a little lighter so that it would be appropriate for an elementary setting. This version contained a witch and hench-goblins that were not as menacing. So it was a good production to use in an elementary school. In addition to that I tried to add in more humor with additional scenes with the Cookies and characters from prior musicals.

The cast and production crew have been so wonderful. Everyone who has volunteered or signed up for this journey has really gone above and beyond their role. Because of that this show will be unforgettable to me. I wanted to thank Hana Cepa and Jodi Geitz; this could not have been done without you. The hours you put into this is amazing. Thanks to the cast, crew and parent volunteers who worked hours and hours making this the best show. Thanks to Christie Samojedney, Teresa Reiche, PTA, for their unending support. Thanks to Stephanie Rahn for helping me see the "trees" in the "forest" as we staged this production, and my assistant stage managers Emily Maltias and Kyra Ferber. A big thank you to Pat Stewart who has been a wonderful partner in this journey and has had many words of wisdom during our rehearsals. I would like to thank my wife DeLynn, and children, Noah, Owen and Isa, for supporting me through this production. Thank you to my parents who instilled the love of theater in me. And lastly thank you to Rick Browne my friend and guide in my directing/acting endeavors.



## The Story of Hansel and Gretel

*A Musical in two acts.*

Book by Vera Morris/Music and Lyrics by Bill Francoeur

First performed at Paddock School, Palatine, April 10, 2014

### Characters in Order of Appearance

Dew Princess	<b>Sydney Wiebe</b>	<b>Ensemble/Chorus</b>
Hansel	<b>Gage Bachmann</b>	<b>Forest Folk/ Townspeople/</b>
Gretel	<b>Lydia Vander Ark</b>	<b>Gingerbread Cookies</b>
Frida	<b>Abbey Van Brunt*</b>	Ava Agoranos <sup>o</sup>
Susie	<b>Grace Reaney*</b>	Rhea Boghossian* <sup>o</sup>
Johanna	<b>Kaitlin Ham</b>	Samantha Booko*
Erika	<b>Gabriella Cherian</b>	Emily Brinckerhoff <sup>o</sup>
Brigitte	<b>Izzy Hagenbuch*</b>	Anvita Chaturvedula
Karin	<b>Paula Jaworowska*</b>	Katie Christopher* <sup>o</sup>
Lydia	<b>Shannon Trenkle</b>	Maya Duberstein
Frick	<b>Francesca Keane*</b>	Sarah Elischer <sup>o</sup>
Frack	<b>Kylee Baxa*</b>	Morgan Fischer <sup>o</sup>
Gingerbread Witch	<b>Avery Monacella*</b>	Olivia Hurwitz* <sup>o</sup>
Mother	<b>Emma Haskins</b>	Nora Joerger
Father	<b>Will Pautler</b>	Julianna Mandarino <sup>o</sup>
Patty (Oatmeal)	<b>Julianna Mandarino</b>	Giuliana Martinez*
Dolly (Shortbread)	<b>Emily Brinckerhoff</b>	Allison Mirczuk*
Troll	<b>Sneha Padmanabhan</b>	Tyler Perry* <sup>o</sup>
Owl	<b>Emma Kronberg*</b>	Luke Pullman*
Echo	<b>Allison Christopher</b>	Olivia Radtke*
Sandman	<b>Hadyn Hermanson</b>	Jenna Vander Ark*
Kasper (Chocolate Chip)	<b>Courtney Murphy*</b>	Lily Vander Ark*
Katrina (Peanut Butter)	<b>Maddie Fischer</b>	Rachel Wheat* <sup>o</sup>
Max (Gingerbread)	<b>J. P. Madden*</b>	
Act 1 Gretel Understudy	<b>Ava Agoranos</b>	
Act 2 Gretel Understudy	<b>Morgan Fischer</b>	
Act 1 Witch Understudy	<b>Rachel Wheat</b>	
Act 2 Witch Understudy	<b>Giuliana Martinez</b>	

\*Paddock Ensemble Debut  
<sup>o</sup>Principle Dancer



## Scenes and Songs

The performance will last about two hours with a 15 minute intermission between acts one and two.

**Time:** Middle 16<sup>th</sup> Century

**Place:** Germany

### Prologue – In the Forest

**Hansel and Gretel**.....Dew Princess/Forestfolk

### Act 1

#### Scene 1- Hansel and Gretel’s Home

**There’s Going to be a Public Holiday**.....Hansel, Gretel,  
Frida, Johanna, Susie,  
Erika, Brigitte, Karin, Villagers

**The Gingerbread Witch**.....Gingerbread Witch,  
Frick, Frack

**Tap, Tap, Tap**.....Gretel, Hansel

**Tra La La La**.....Mother, Father

### Scene 2- In the Forest

**Apple Muffin Goblins**..... Frick and Frack

#### Scene 3- Deeper in the Forest

**Close your Eyes and Sleep**.....Gretel, Hansel

**Gingerbread Witch - Reprise** ..... Gingerbread Witch,  
Frick, Frack

**Close your Eyes and Sleep - Reprise**.....Sandman, Dew  
Princess, Owl, Forest folk

## Intermission

(Approximately fifteen minutes- Please visit the lobby for refreshments and enter our raffle.)



## Facilities and Services

Patrons are urgently reminded to check that their cellular phones, pagers, and electronic beepers (including watches) are **SWITCHED OFF** before the performance begins



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## Musical Staff and Artistic Roster

❖ Vocal and Music Director – Pat Stewart



❖ Artistic Director – Andre Zielinski



Piano/Musical Consultant – Pat Stewart



Percussion – Joe Arenberg



Flautist - Vanessa Thomson



Assistant Director – Stephanie Rahn



Stage Manager – Andre Zielinski



Assistant Stage Managers/Wardrobe – Kyra Ferber and Emily Maltais



Choreographer – Jodi Geitz



Set Design – Sean Gallagher , Andre Zielinski



Set Construction Crew –Donna, Clint, and Sarah Elischer, Kyra Ferber, Sean Gallagher, Ryan and Kaitlin Ham. Alan and Emma Haskins, Julie and Hadyn Hermanson, Craig and Olivia Hurwitz, Cheree, Brad, and Nora Joerger, Tom and Francesca Keane, Joel Martinez, Pete and Avery Monacella, Vickie and Courtney Murphy, Kurt and Shannon Trenkle, Brian, Lydia, Lily, Jenna, and Heath Vander Ark, Andre Zielinski



Assistant Construction Crew –



❖ Sound – Will Gallagher



Lights – Elena Mandarino



Playbill and Photography- Andre Zielinski



## Act Two

### Scene 1 – The Witch’s Compound

Entr’acte- Into the Oven..... Instrumental

Hocus Pocus .....Gingerbread Witch,  
Frick, Frack,  
Gingerbread Cookies

Good Enough to Eat.....Hansel, Gretel,  
Gingerbread Witch

Evening Prayer ..... Gretel

### Scene 2 – In the Forest

### Scene 3 - The Witch’s Compound

Raise Your Voices.....Father, Mother,  
Hansel, Gretel, Cast

Hansel and Gretel (Reprise) .....Cast

Bows



## Special Thanks

Paddock School Ensemble would like to thank the following for their support in helping this production.

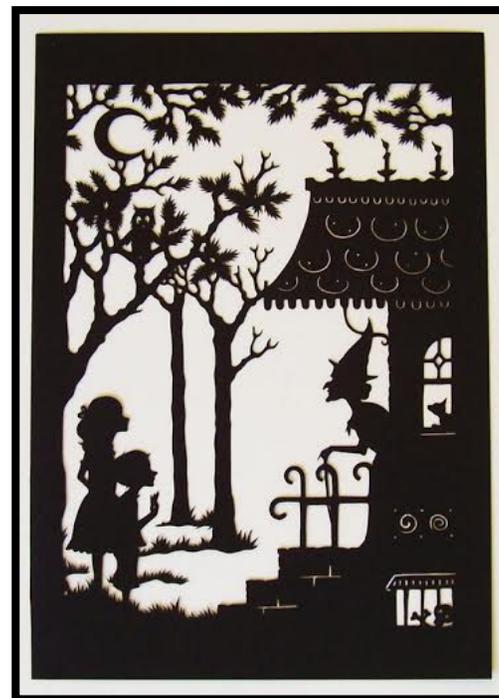
- ❖ **Christie Samojedny and Teresa Reiche for their endless support of the Arts Program**
- ❖ **PTA for their endless support of all of the staff and children.**
- ❖ **Costumes - Diane Cepa**
- ❖ **Fundraising Chairperson – Gina Brinckerhoff**
- ❖ **Lighting and Sound Committee – Elena Mandarino, Will Gallagher**
- ❖ **Backstage – Stephanie Rahn, Kyra Ferber, Emily Maltias**
- ❖ **Front of House - Cathy Fischer, Samantha Ham, Jennifer Hurwitz, Katrina Keene, Yvonne Kronberg, Despina Mandarino, Julie Monacella, Kathy VanBrudt, Julie Vander Ark**
- ❖ **Green Room – Carol Barry, Alyssa Booko, Gina Brinckerhoff, Lisa Hagenbuch, Suzi Hardiman, Jenn Hurwitz, Katrina Keene, Joanne Kloser, Stacey Martin, Lisa Mienkie, Cyndi Mirczurk, Vicky Murphy, Kathy Neziri, Karen Reaney, Dana Woods**
- ❖ **Readers – Lisa Hagenbuch, Casey Jajich, Donna Morris, Vickie Murphy, Julie Vander Ark, Dawn Wiebe**
- ❖ **Tree Fly System Creator – Martin Snook**
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- ❖ **Custodians- Martin Snook, Don Havell, and Brad Downey for their generous assistance in preparing the stage and seats.**
- ❖ **Gingerbread Cookies Script Enhancements – Scott Woldman**
- ❖ **Superintendent Dr. Scott Thompson**
- ❖ **Board of Education**

Special thanks to all the other people behind the scenes; building/painting/promoting, etc. We regret any errors or omissions as of printing March 20, 2014.



## **BIG SHOUT OUT....**

**To the entire cast and crew.**



**Thanks Mr. Z for all your work and dedication!**

**Way to go GAGE!**

**We love you and a SO proud of you!**

**The Bachmann Family**



**Congratulations Courtney on your first school musical!!**

**May it be the beginning of many**

**great performances to come!**

**We Love You!!!**

**♥ Mommy, Daddy, Zack, and Max**



## **Sydney Wiebe – *Dew Princess***

**Previously at Paddock Ensemble:** Maggie /*Captain Bree*, Jester/ *Robin Hood*



Sydney is excited to be performing as the Dew Princess in her third and final Paddock musical. She enjoys acting and singing and has also performed in several musicals outside of school. Sydney's interests include piano, Chorus, Drama Club, and various sports. She wants to thank Mr. Z for all his support

throughout her years at Paddock! And she will miss being a part of the Paddock musical when she goes off to Sundling Jr. High.

## **Gage Bachmann – *Hansel***

**Previously at Paddock Ensemble:** Will Scarlett/ *Robin Hood*



Gage Bachmann (Hansel) is excited to be part of this year's show at Paddock School. Gage has performed in other musicals such as *Schoolhouse Rock* and *The Winter Follies* with Centerstage Productions and as Will Scarlett in the 2012 Paddock School production of "Robin Hood." Besides acting, Gage also loves archery, fencing, drawing

and Lego building. He enjoys the piano, singing and playing the bass in the school orchestra. Gage would like to thank his family for their love and support as well as Mr. Z for this great opportunity. Keep the food coming.....and good luck to everyone!



## Lydia Vander Ark –Gretel

Previously at Paddock Ensemble: Jack /*Captain Bree*, Mathilda/ *Robin Hood*



This is Lydia's third musical and she is so excited to play Gretel in this year's Hansel and Gretel. Lydia was part of both Pirates of Captain Bree and Robin Hood. She has thoroughly enjoyed her past experiences and also this year's production. She has learned much from both Mrs. Madsen, and Mr. Zielinski. Lydia loves to sing and performing. She has also been a part of chimes, chorus, IGSM and Talent Shows in the past years. Thanks to her brother, Heath, for supporting her so well and learning the songs with her.

## Abbey Van Brunt –Frida

Paddock School Ensemble Debut



Abbey is pleased to perform as the character of Frida in the musical, Hansel and Gretel. Previously, she performed a solo in Paddock's Talent Show. Over the summer, she participated in an acting class at the Metropolis Theater. Abbey is a member of Mr. Zielinski's Drama Club. She enjoys soccer & basketball in her free time. Abbey would like to

extend a special thank you to Mom and Dad for their love and support. She'd also like to thank Mr. Zielinski for the opportunity to perform in Paddock's musical.



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*Olivia,*

*Good luck in the  
musical, and enjoy  
every minute!*

*I am so proud of you!*

*All my love,*

*Grandy*



**Grace Reaney – Susie**

Paddock School Ensemble Debut



Grace is thrilled to have landed the part of “Susie” in Paddock’s school ensemble production. She has been in numerous performances prior to her debut in *Hansel and Gretel*, including her role as “Glenda the good witch” in Marion Jordan’s chorus production *Over the Rainbow*, “Suzanna” singing “Oh Suzanna” in Marion Jordan’s Veteran’s day musical, and many others. She would love to give a special

thanks to “Hansel”, “Gretel” and the “town children” because she had an enjoyable time working with them during the Public Holiday music number.

**Kaitlin Ham – Johanna**

Previously at Paddock Ensemble: Ensemble/ *Captain Bree*



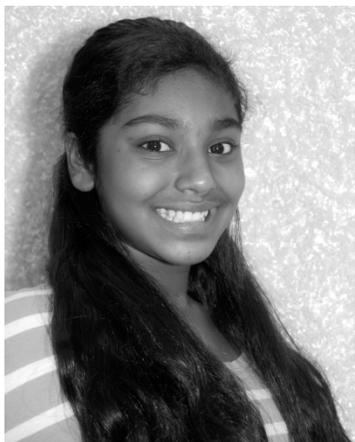
Kaitlin was elated when she learned that she will be playing the role of Johanna in *The Story of Hansel and Gretel* in this year’s Paddock School Ensemble. This will be her second acting role following her debut performance at last year’s ensemble. Kaitlin is currently a member of the M4G (Move for God), a Christian

themed hip-hop dance company based in Wheeling Ill. She plays violin and has performed a solo, a duet, and in a chorus at various events, as well as, a number of dance performances with M4G.



## Gabriella Cherian – *Erika*

Previously at Paddock Ensemble: *Georgia /Captain Bree*



Gabriella is grateful for the opportunity to be a part of yet another Paddock production. She has been performing since she was young. She would like to give special thanks to her family and Mr. Zielinski for the constant support and encouragement to follow her dreams.

## Izzy Hagenbuch – *Brigette*

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Isabelle has been in a Palatine Park District play **Act Too** *Radio Play* where she played one of the 4 *narrators* and *Toto*. This is her first Paddock play production. She has also been dancing for 5 years. She plays volleyball and soccer. She loves her parents and thanks them.



## Production Benefactors

A Production benefactor consist of those esteemed supporters who have designated special gifts that allow this production and will ensure Paddock School’s Dramatic Arts Program’s artistic progress well into the future





## Paula Jaworowska – *Karin*

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Playing Karin in this year's play, Hansel and Gretel is Paula Jaworowska. This is Paula's first role on the stage. The first of what we believe will be many. When not acting, Paula enjoys playing piano, violin, volleyball, and teasing her older brother, PJ.

## Shannon Trenkle – *Lydia- The Gypsy*

Previously at Paddock Ensemble: Thomas /*Captain Bree*, Ensemble/ *Robin Hood*



Shannon is happy to be playing the role of Lydia. Last year she was Thomas in *The Lady Pirates of Captain Bree*. She was also in Paddock's ensemble for *Robin Hood*. In her free time, Shannon enjoys taking classes at Metropolis

School of the Performing Arts, reading and singing. She would like to thank her peers, teachers and family for their support.



## **Francesca Keane – Frick**

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Francesca is pleased to be part of the Paddock School Musical where she is seen playing Frick in *The Story of Hansel and Gretel*. Francesca has been in a production at Cutting Hall through the Palatine Park District. She wants to thank her Mom and

Dad for their help and support with the musical.

## **Kylee Baxa –Frack**

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Kylee is excited to play the part of Frack. Kylee participated in Paddock School's Choir Chimes and Drama Club. Outside of school she is in P.A.F.A. Cheerleading and has taken dance classes. Kylee loves to read and play Minecraft. Kylee

thanks her parents, Aunt Michelle, her grandparents, and Betsey Johnson.



## **Musical Staff**

### **Joe Arenberg – Percussionist**

Graduating from Vandercook School of Music with a Master's of Music Education and Eastern Illinois University with a bachelor's degree in Music Education, Joe Arenberg has studied with numerous teachers such as Johnny Lee Lane, Kevin Lepper, Bret Kuhn, Peter Hussey, Paul Wertico, and numerous others. While at Eastern, Joe learned that he loved teaching music as well as performing music. Teaching has become a passion for Joe. Since 2001, Joe has been a Director of Bands for D15. Joe has his own private studio where he teaches private percussion students of all different ages and backgrounds. In 2011, Joe will be releasing his own beginning snare drum method to supplement beginning percussion students.

### **Vanessa Thomsen – Flautist**

Vanessa Thomsen has taught elementary band and performed professionally around Chicago for the last 15 years. Currently she teaches in CCSD15 at Lincoln, Lake Louise and Sanborn elementary schools. As a professional woodwind specialist she has performed with various theater companies in the Chicagoland area, most notably Porchlight Music Theater from 2002-2011. Along with continuing to perform for various musical/church productions, Vanessa currently plays flute and piccolo with the Anthony Kawalkowski Orchestra which performs in Niles and Chicago.



## Stephanie Rahn – Assistant Director



Miss Rahn is a student teacher from Illinois State University. She has really enjoyed working with all of the children in the cast and will miss them all.

## Jodi Geitz – Choreographer



Although Mrs. Geitz may be known as the bilingual resource teacher at Paddock, her real love is dance (modern, ballet, jazz, hip-hop...anything with movement). She studied dance in her early years at various studios and universities in Massachusetts and New York. Her last serious performing gig was as a dancer for a state-run folkdance troop in South America. She recently returned to studying classical ballet in Schaumburg and is delighted to work with the talented cast of Hansel and Gretel.

I am so proud of the entire cast and crew.  
Thank you for making this a wonderful  
production.

Break a Leg!!!

From Mr. Z



## Avery Monacella – *Gingerbread Witch*

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Avery is proud to be playing the witch. She first appeared on stage as a kindergartener in a talent show, singing "Think of Me" from *The Phantom of the Opera*. She swims, plays soccer, the piano, and the trombone. She thanks her family for their love and support, especially her tasty siblings who "mysteriously" fell into the oven!

## Emma Haskins – *Mother*

Previously at Paddock Ensemble: *Old Pirate/ Captain Bree, Jester/ Robin Hood*



Emma is so excited to finish her time at Paddock by appearing as the mother in *Hansel and Gretel*. As her third and final Paddock play performance, this is a passion that will continue on well past 6th grade. Thank you Mom and Dad for all your support.



## Will Pautler – *Father*

Previously at Paddock Ensemble: Samuel Prescott /*Captain Bree*



Will is very excited to perform in his second Paddock musical, especially not while wearing a dress this year! Will thanks his family and friends for their interest and support in getting ready for this great night. Will wants Mr. Z to know that he has a big part in his heart for him, and that he is a funny, adventurous, and exciting teacher and director.

## Julianna Mandarino – *Patty/ Oatmeal*

Previously at Paddock Ensemble: Patty / *Captain Bree*



Julianna made her acting debut last year as Patty in the production of *The Lady Pirates of Captain Bree*. She really enjoyed the experience and is proud to be joining the cast of *Hansel and Gretel*. Beyond acting, Julianna enjoys singing, dancing, playing soccer and

basketball. Julianna would like to first thank Ms. Geitz and Mr. Zielinski for their devotion and inspiration. Finally, she would like to thank her parents and sister for their help and patience during her preparation, and her entire family and friends for their encouragement and support.



## Blast from the Past Contest

Every year the director likes to pay homage to the musicals in the past by referencing them in some way or another. Whether it be props that were used exclusively from that production, or lines added into the script to pay respect to those fellow Paddock Actors and Actresses that have appeared on stage before us. This year if you find all the references and write them down, you have a chance of winning a Hansel and Gretel T-shirt. All you have to do is write down what the references were and your name and teacher's name. Submit it by April 15. Only one winner will be chosen.

Reference to **JACK AND THE GIANT:**

Reference to *Robin Hood*:

Reference to *Lady Pirates of Captain Bree*.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_



## Student Crew

### **Kyra Ferber – Assistant Stage Manager**



Kyra is very happy to be working as stage crew alongside her friend, Emily Maltais. She has never been part of a stage crew before but thought it would be a fun opportunity since it is her last year at Paddock. Kyra enjoys designing things and gymnastics in her free time, and would like to

continue both in the future. She would like to thank her parents and Mr. Z for making this possible.

### **Emily Maltais – Assistant Stage Manager**



Emily is excited to be in stage crew to help with the play Hansel and Gretel. This is Emily's first year managing stage crew. In her free time Emily likes to engage herself in sports and play with her dog Moose. Emily would like to thank her mom, Gary, Max and Alexa for

supporting her.



### **Emily Brinckerhoff – Dolly/ Shortbread**

Previously at Paddock Ensemble: *Dolly/ Captain Bree, Ensemble/ Robin Hood*



Emily is pleased to be performing in her 3rd Paddock School Ensemble production. When she isn't rehearsing, Emily enjoys being involved in Chamber Chorus, Orchestra, and Drama Club. After school, Emily finds time for her other favorite activities which include playing volleyball, softball, skiing, horseback riding, cooking and spending

time with her friends. Emily sends a BIG thank you to Mr. Z for the amazing plays he has directed. She greatly appreciates the opportunity and hopes to continue performing in years to come. She is very excited to perform for you and wishes good luck to her fellow cast mates. Thank you to her family for always supporting her.

### **Sneha Padmanabhan – Troll**

Previously at Paddock Ensemble: *Ensemble/ Robin Hood*



Sneha is making her way back to the cast of the Paddock School Play where she was last seen playing a village girl in "Robin Hood: Tales of the ye Merry Wood". She was also part of the ensemble in that production. Sneha is adept in Indian classical music and has a passion for singing pop music. You can

always find her singing or humming the latest hits. Sneha would like to thank her Mom, Dad and her sister for their support and love.



## Emma Kronberg – Owl

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Emma is excited to be making her first musical debut as the Owl in *The Story of Hansel and Gretel*. Emma is also involved in gymnastics and choir chimes. Emma would like to thank her mom and dad for all their love and support.

## Allison Christopher – Echo

Previously at Paddock Ensemble: Ensemble/ *Robin Hood*



Allison is thrilled to be returning to the Paddock Theater in the role of Echo. She had previously been part of the Robin Hood Ensemble as well as playing various characters in the Palatine Theater production of "Radio Plays". Ally also enjoys playing volleyball and participating on her All-Star

Cheerleading squad. Ally would like to thank Mr. Z and all the teachers and parents who have made this production possible



## Sydney Wiebe

"Dew Princess"



### Congratulations!

We are so proud of you!  
Have fun and have a great performance!  
Mom, Dad, Sam, & Jack



Congratulations Kylee, our  
glittering star!!

We love you,

Mom, Dad, Dylan, Robert,  
Nana, Papa, and Aunt Michelle



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*The Story of Hansel and Gretel*

**BREAK A LEG, NORA!**

*- The Joerger Family*

## Hadyn Hermanson – *Sandman*

Previously at Paddock Ensemble: Dawna /*Captain Bree*



Hadyn is excited to be performing with the Paddock School Ensemble for the second time as the Sandman in this year's production of Hansel and Gretel. Hadyn also enjoys being a member of Paddock's Choir and Chamber Chorus. She has studied guitar for a year and dance for six years, and has performed in

numerous dance productions. Hadyn would like to thank Mr. Z and his team for all of their hard work and support. Hadyn would like to give a special shout out to Mom, Dad, Arlan and her Grandparents.

## Courtney Murphy – *Kasper / Chocolate Chip*

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Courtney is very excited to be in her first Paddock musical as "Kasper". Courtney has enjoyed being in three talent shows. She has been in productions through the Palatine Park District. Courtney enjoys playing with her friends, cheering, and being in musicals. Courtney thanks her friends and family.



## Maddie Fischer –*Katrina/ Peanut Butter*

Previously at Paddock Ensemble: *John/ Captain Bree, Ensemble/ Robin Hood*



Maddie is involved in cheerleading and playing volleyball. When not on stage she enjoys spending time with her friends and her hamster named Princess and her dog named Coco, shopping and gymnastics. Maddie has performed on stage with the Palatine Park District in dance

recitals of tap, ballet, and hip hop. She has also been in the past 2 productions at Paddock. She would like to thank her family for all their support.

## J. P. Madden – *Max / Gingerbread*

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JohnPaul Madden is excited to be in his first play. JohnPaul is following in his siblings footsteps by playing Max, (Gingerbread). He likes to play flag football, soccer, watch YouTube and hang out with his friends. He would like to thank his family and friends for

supporting him along the way.



Miss Olivia,

We are so proud of you and cannot wait to see you on stage. What a fun experience you are having with friends! Break a leg!

XOXO Mom Dad and E

## Great Job Ally and Katie!!!!



Love Mom, Dad, Lindsey, Ryan and Toby!



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## Ava Agoranos – Ensemble / Principal Dancer

Previously at Paddock Ensemble: Officer #1/ *Captain Bree*, Ensemble/ *Robin Hood*



*Hansel and Gretel* marks Ava's third performance for the Paddock school Ensemble. She is so happy for the chance to perform again on stage and excited to be a part of such an amazing cast! Ava is a member of Paddock's Drama Club, Yearbook club, and intramurals. Ava's first love is horses and rides every week. She also enjoys hanging out with her friends and

taking care of her cat, Bella. Ava would like to thank Mr. Zielinski for this opportunity.

## Rhea Boghossian – Ensemble / Principal Dancer

Paddock School Ensemble Debut



Rhea has always loved to sing, dance and act. She has been dancing in recitals (ballet, then jazz and modern dance) since age 3. Rhea has taken tips from various musicals (her favorite being *Wicked*) and gets vocal pointers from her older cousin. This is Rhea's first performance in a Paddock School production. Rhea would like to say thanks to her parents for encouraging

her, as well as Mr. Z for encouraging the whole cast!!



## Samantha Booko – *Ensemble*

Paddock School Ensemble Debut



Samantha is in 6th grade attending Paddock since kindergarten. She has a kind heart and loves Jesus and music. She has participated in Chorus, Chimes and Drama Club. She performed on stage at Christian Youth Theatre camp. Samantha

enjoys reading, drawing, swimming, video games and face time with friends.

## Anvita Chaturvedula – *Ensemble / Principal Dancer*

Previously at Paddock Ensemble: *Ensemble / Robin Hood*



Anvita is honored to be in the musical. She goes by the name Vita. She loves music, acting, reading, hanging out with friends, her family, and the Chicago Bears!!! Vita would like to thank her family for all their love and support☺



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## **Katie Christopher – Ensemble / Principal Dancer**

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Katie is excited to be making her Paddock Theater debut as part of the Hansel and Gretel ensemble. Katie has participated in the last two Paddock Talent Show productions and loves to act and produce both at school and home. In addition, Katie has been playing soccer since

Kindergarten and wants to be a dental hygienist when she grows up. Katie is looking forward to future Paddock Theater productions and thanks everyone involved for making Hansel and Gretel and great success.

## **Maya Duberstein – Ensemble**

Previously at Paddock Ensemble: Ensemble/ *Captain Bree and Robin Hood*



Maya Duberstein is pleased to be part of the school play for the third year in a row. She loves to be performing and highlight her interests in performing arts. Maya also enjoys reading, gaming and writing and loves to participate in school events.



## Sarah Elischer – Ensemble / Principal Dancer

Previously at Paddock Ensemble: Ensemble/ Robin Hood



Sarah is excited to be in Paddock's 2014 School Ensemble and appeared in Paddock's 2012 production, *Robin Hood: Tales of ye Merry Woode*. Sarah danced in the last four Paddock Talent Shows and also sang a duet. She competed at IGSMA in 2013 and 2014 both vocally and playing the flute.

Sarah enjoys being a PAFA

cheerleader, a member of Yearbook Club, Drama Club, Chorus, Chamber Chorus, Advanced Chimes, Intermediate Band (flute) and also studies piano and voice.

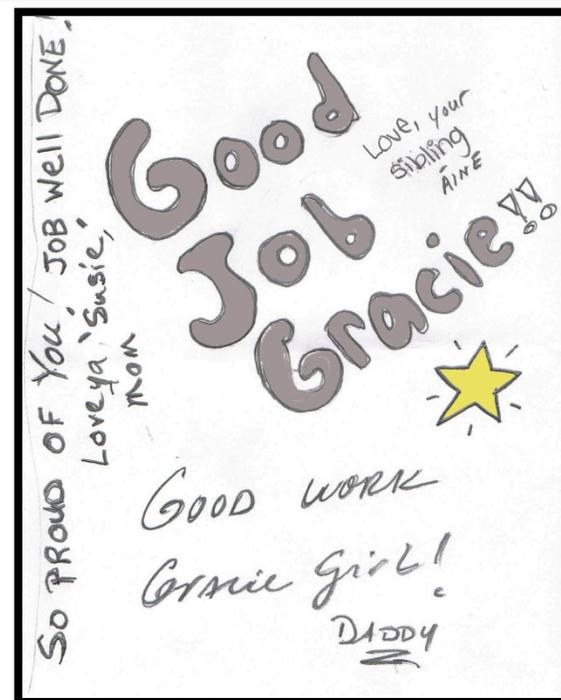
## Morgan Fischer – Ensemble / Principal Dancer

Previously at Paddock Ensemble: Shawna/ Captain Bree, Ensemble/ Robin Hood



Morgan enjoys swimming, ice-skating, ballet, tap-dance and cheer, soccer, guitar, and saxophone. Someday Morgan hopes to an actor or musician. Morgan also enjoys playing with her friends and writing short stories. Her favorite actor is Ariana Grande. Morgan was born on Christmas Eve. She has 2 frogs, 1 dog, a hamster and a twin sister that is older

than her by one minute. She loves life just the way it is and it gets more fun each day. Morgan takes great pride in her accomplishments and would like to thank her parents for their support.



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### Olivia Hurwitz - Ensemble / Principal Dancer

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Olivia is very excited to make her first appearance in this year's Paddock ensemble of Hansel and Gretel. She



performed in last year's Talent Show with Emily Scaglione. In her free time, she enjoys drawing, reading, and singing. She also likes to play soccer and take art classes. Olivia would like to give a special shout out to her mom, dad, grandparents, and little brother Ethan.

### Nora Joerger - Ensemble

Previously at Paddock Ensemble: Ensemble/ Robin Hood



Nora is very happy to be part of the ensemble for *Hansel and Gretel*. She performed in the ensemble of *Robin Hood*, several *Dickinson Little Vaudeville* shows and the 2010 ArtReach Summer Follies production. Nora would like to thank everyone who helped and say "Break a Leg!" to every cast member



## Giulana Martinez – Ensemble

Paddock School Ensemble Debut



Giuliana was born in Ecuador. As a child, she lived 7 years in Quito and studied in a private French bilingual school. She moved to Schaumburg in 2011, where Mrs. O'Connor became her third grade teacher. She knows 3 languages French, Spanish and English. Giuliana is a smart, friendly and very happy girl that enjoys spending time with her friends and is always looking for challenges. She loves reading and playing the guitar. Despite having no theater experience, Giuliana is excited for this opportunity and have enjoyed it immensely. She would like to thank her whole family for all the support.

## Allison Mirczuk – Ensemble

Paddock School Ensemble Debut



Allison is excited to be making her debut as an ensemble cast member in this year's production of *The Story of Hansel and Gretel*. She is a 5<sup>th</sup> grader and is proud to be in her first school play. Allison enjoys playing the cello in Orchestra and is also a member of the Drama Club at Paddock. Her interests include swimming, skiing, and listening to music. Allison would like to thank her parents and her sister, Amanda, for all of their love, encouragement, and support.



## Act 2

### Scene 1 –The Gingerbread Witch's Compound

The Gingerbread Witch enjoys living the high life with the Gingerbread Cookies as her servants. She sings about the joys of cooking (**Hocus Pocus**). Shortly after toying with the gingerbread cookies the village children escape from the witch for a short time before being recaptured. The Witch dismisses them for Hansel and Gretel are coming and that is her real goal. Hansel and Gretel emerge from the forest amazed at the Magical Candy House. They are so overcome with hunger they cannot stop themselves from snacking on the house (**This House Looks Good Enough to Eat**). The Witch emerges and with the help of Frick and Frack captures Hansel and orders Gretel to feed him. The Witch leaves as nightfall comes and Hansel is unable to sleep. Gretel recalls a lullaby from their childhood. (**Evening Prayer**). Gretel sings him to sleep. As she does her voice temporarily breaks the spell the Witch has on the Gingerbread Cookies. For a brief moment the cookies enjoy a moment of rest as they too are lulled to sleep.

**Scene 2 – Deep in the Forest** - Mother and Father desperately look for their lost children. As they do they run into Lydia the gypsy. She too is trying to locate the missing children from the Public Holiday. Lydia knows the way to her compound and leads them to a bridge where the Troll appears wearing Gretel's necklace. Convinced the children are still alive all three rush towards the Witch's house.

**Scene 3 –The Gingerbread Witch's Compound** - The Witch continues to try and fatten up Hansel to cook. She also intends to cook Gretel into a Gingerbread cookie. While ordering Gretel around she checks to see how Hansel is doing. Taking a suggestion from his sister, Hansel shows the Witch a stick. The Witch suffering from blindness mistakes the stick for his finger and continues to feed him. The Witch has waited enough and wants to start with Gretel. Asking her to check the oven, the Witch plans to shove her in. However, Gretel plays dumb and ask the Witch to show her. The Witch aggravated does and Gretel shoves her into the oven. The Witch is destroyed. All the Gingerbread Cookies return back to children and spell that controlled Frick and Frack is broken. As the children run free, Mother, Father, and Lydia arrive. The Dew Princess seeing that the Witch is destroyed awards Hansel and Gretel with the jewels from her house. The family is reunited and soon all the missing children will return home. It is time to celebrate (**Raise Your Voices**). The Dew Princess and children bid you a fond farewell for all is right in the world again (**Epilogue**).



## Story Synopsis

### Act 1

**Prologue – Forest** – The Forest creatures welcome you to the story (**The Story of Hansel and Gretel**)

#### **Scene 1 –Hansel and Gretel’s Home**

The story begins with Hansel and Gretel working making brooms and toys for their father to sell at the market. Food is always on their minds as the toil away. Some local children stop by on the way to the Festival and try to get Hansel and Gretel to join them (**There’s Going to be a Public Holiday**). Hansel wants to go but Gretel reminds him of their responsibility to their parents. Lydia, A gypsy stops by and warns the children to beware of the evil Witch that lives in the forest. (**The Gingerbread Witch**). The children laugh it off and leave to the festival. Gretel tries to cheer up Hansel by teaching him a dance (**Tap, Tap, Tap**). Mother returns seeing them dancing and scolds them. Hansel tries to sneak some milk for the pudding and spills the whole thing. Furious Mother sends Hansel and Gretel out into the woods to look for berries. They leave to the dark side of Ilsestein Mountain. Mother laments the plight of the poor to Lydia (**Tra La La La**). As she does Father returns and has sold all of his goods and has a cornucopia of food. Horrified at what she has done Mother runs after to catch the children and Father follows.

#### **Scene 2 – In the Forest**

Frick and Frack , the Gingerbread Witch’s helpers are excited that they are luring the children to the Witch’s house. (**Apple Muffin Goblins**). The town children convinced that they are on their way home, run across a troll, who wants payment for the bridge they crossed. After dealing with him the children continue to follow Frick and Frack’s deceptive sign.

#### **Scene 3 – Deeper in the Forest**

The Dew Princess is aware of Hansel and Gretel being lost and brings Owl and Sandman to comfort them to sleep (**Close Your Eyes and Sleep**). Frick and Frack see Hansel and Gretel and bring the gingerbread Witch to show her two new potential victims. (**Gingerbread Witch – Reprise**). Startled awake by the laugh of the Witch, Hansel and Gretel are sung to sleep by the forest folk. (**Close Your Eyes and Sleep – Reprise**).

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## Tyler Perry – *Ensemble / Principal Dancer*

Paddock School Ensemble Debut



Tyler is excited to perform in his first musical, *Hansel and Gretel*. In his free time, Tyler enjoys playing guitar and piano. He would like to thank his Mom and Dad for all of their support and love. Tyler would also like to thank Mr. Z. for all of his hard work and dedication to the kids and the musical.

## Luke Pullman – *Ensemble*

Paddock School Ensemble Debut



Luke is pleased to be in his first production, *Hansel and Gretel*, during his final year at Paddock. He plays saxophone in the Advanced Band. Luke also plays ice hockey and many video games. He would like to thank his mom for picking him up after play practice.



## Olivia Radtke – Ensemble

Paddock School Ensemble Debut



Olivia is very glad to be a part of the musical this year. She would like to thank her family for believing that along with soccer and basketball she has time to be a part of the musical. She would also like to thank Mr. Z for helping her be a better actress. Olivia loves to be on stage and hopes to get more opportunities in the future.

## Jenna Vander Ark – Ensemble

Paddock School Ensemble Debut



This is Jenna's debut performance for a musical. She is excited to be in the ensemble this year for Hansel and Gretel. Jenna isn't new to the Paddock crowd as she has performed in previous Talent Shows, band concerts, and chorus events. Jenna loves to sing and is excited for this opportunity. Thanks to her brother, Heath, for listening to her practice.



## Rehearsal Photos





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## Lily Vander Ark – Ensemble

Paddock School Ensemble Debut



This is Lily's debut performance for a musical. She is excited to be in the ensemble in this year's Hansel and Gretel. Lily has been seen in front of the Paddock crowd in Talent Shows showing her comedic side, chimes and chorus concerts, and also band. Lily loves to make people laugh and perform. Thanks to her brother, Heath, for helping her with the music.

## Rachel Wheat – Ensemble / Principal Dancer

Previously at Paddock Ensemble: Ensemble/ Robin Hood



Rachel loves to act, sing, and hang out with her friends. Also in her free time she enjoys soccer and volley ball. She also appreciates her family and cast for all the support they have shown.



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Mom, Dad, and Tommy



*~Lydia~*

*We are so very proud of you... you have worked hard and it has been fun to see you so excited.*

*You're the perfect Gretel. ☺*

*We love you, Mom and Dad~*

*~Jenna~*

*We have loved seeing you get so enthusiastic over this play. You are a fantastic fairy in the ensemble and we are so very proud of you. ☺*

*We love you, Mom and Dad~*

*~Lily~*

*Listening to you practice for this play has been so fun. Being a dwarf in the ensemble is perfect for you because you love humorous things. We are proud of you. ☺*

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