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# A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF "HOLES", CODY ROWE

## ***YOU WANT TO DIG ONE MORE HOLE?***

*Holes*, the film and the book that many of us remember fondly from the early 2000s, is a story that I remember struggling with when I was younger. I remember these time-jumps, these connections between the past and present, and most of all I remember the iconic "I'm tired of this, Grandpa" quote. Looking back on it 22 years older (and a couple of years wiser), I realize that on the surface, it is a novel that provides the excitement and adventure of a young adult book, but it also has a profound statement on responsibility. Specifically, that we all must acknowledge that while some parts of our lives might be outside of our control, the first step to changing our life is acknowledging that we must take responsibility for the choices that have led us to where we are today.

For many in this production, this is their first show with FMCT; for others, this is their first theatrical production entirely. These phenomenal people took responsibility for their own lives, pursued a dream they have, and made a decision to follow it. I hope that you continue to perform going forward. Each of you has a talent and gift to share with this world; thank you for sharing it with me! Every member of this production has been a blessing to me and this show. Thank you to Jackson K, Jackson B, Richard, Jacob, Ashton, Spheria, Jordan, Matty, Rikki, Marque, Josie, Mickey, Gaige, Angelous, Stella, Sara, Jeanie, Sadie, Craig, Steve, & Bianca, for sharing your talents and your time, for the long hours at the theatre, and the long hours at home to practice the material. I will miss all you dearly after this show is over and am so excited about what the future holds for you.

Thank you to the technical team for their countless hours of putting this together. Thank you to my students that I have directed in shows, past and present. You have taught me so much, and I wouldn't be here without you. Thank you, Rick and Judy, for believing in me and giving me this opportunity. Directing a show on the main stage for FMCT has been my dream for years, and to see it come together like this feels like a dream I'll never wake from.

To Hanna Stout, thank you for everything. You are my best friend and my blessing. I love you.

Let's dig some holes.



# STANLEY YELNATS



## JACKSON KEARNS-STETZ

Jackson is currently going to college for Film Production and works part time at Legacy Wealth Management. He enjoys movies, acting, comedy and art. Ever since he was five years old he's been glued to cameras and movie making. It's too bad his interest didn't shift to a cheaper hobby like scrap booking or bird watching because cameras these days cost the same as a human kidney.

**Fun fact: Jackson has one kidney!**





# X-RAY

## JACKSON BUCKINGHAM

Jackson graduated from Kennedy Secondary School in 2024. He has been acting in the Fargo area for almost a year: first with Trollwood as Gomez in *The Addams Family*, then performing in *Carrie: the Musical*, *10 Minute Plays*, and *Miss Nelson is Missing!* with FMCT. He intends to continue pursuing acting, heading for New York or wherever there's opportunity in the near future. Jackson is excited to add *Holes* to his resume, and is thrilled to be involved his third FMCT production!



# ARMPIT



## RICHARD PALLAY, III

Richard is a dynamic MC, DJ, and event curator with over a decade of experience in live performance and crowd engagement. As the founder of WEAREONE, he has headlined major events and shared the stage with artists like Ice Cube, Ludacris, and Chromeo. His expertise spans festivals, national tours, and venues such as the Rose Bowl Stadium and Scheels Center. With a Bachelor of Science in Business Management, he excels in event hosting, brand development, and social media influence. A seasoned performer since 2013, he specializes in creating transformative audience experiences through music, public speaking, and curated events. This is his first FMCT show!



# MAGNET



## JACOB KALVODA

Jacob is honored to be with FMCT during this production of *Holes* as Magnet. With a cast this huge, he just feels like the big brother (like in his real family, as he is the oldest of 8 KIDS!) Unlike Stanley's family, Jacob knows of no curse to his family (hopefully!) but at least his dad isn't making odorless shoes (shoutout to the best dad, Drew Kalvoda!) Thanks for coming and enjoy the show!



# ZIG-ZAG



## ASHTON THOBURN

Ashton has been acting since he was around 7 years old. He is very passionate about theatre and is very excited to continue acting as a college student. He is currently studying Animation at MSUM. Ashton is originally from the cities where he's done many shows/roles some of his favorite being Benjamin in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and Scuttle in *The Little Mermaid Jr.*



A young woman with long brown hair is smiling and looking directly at the camera. She is framed by a large, irregular opening in a dark, textured rock wall, resembling a cave entrance. The background behind her is a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. She is wearing a dark-colored t-shirt and a necklace with a silver dragonfly pendant.

# ZERO

## SPHERIA SHORES

Spheria has been in theater since 6th grade, and it has been a big aspect of her life ever since. In her free time, she hangs out with her friends, goes on bike rides through the trails, and loves exploring the gooseberry park paths. She enjoys performing in school musicals and plays and enjoys taking on different characters. Those moments with friends and on stage bring her so much joy and she hopes to go into theater for further education.



A man with a beard and a plaid shirt is looking out from a hole in a rock wall. The hole is irregularly shaped, and the man's face is framed by it. The background behind him is a bright blue sky with some white clouds. The rock wall is dark and textured, with some small plants growing on it.

MR. SIR

# JORDAN FRANZEN

Jordan is very excited to return to the FMCT main stage to play Mr. Sir in *Holes*. This will be Jordan's first time performing in a FMCT mainstage show since the *Rocky Horror Show* way back in 2003. He is usually found behind the scenes at FMCT, assisting with tech work or front-of-house. When not volunteering at FMCT, Jordan works for Microsoft as a technology consultant.



# MR. PENDANSKI



## MATTY OLIVER

FMCT welcomes Matty in his first production as Mr. Pendanski. Matty is experienced as a behind the scenes guy as he has worked as an equipment manager for several athletic departments, but now excited to be on the other side of the curtain and make his acting debut. When not on stage, Matty spends all his time finding adventures and making memories with his wife and two twins.



# THE WARDEN



## RIKKI WALTER

Rikki is a graduate of NDSU with a M.S. researching insect biochemistry and currently works in biotech/pharmaceutical research. This performance will be Rikki's fifth with FMCT and the first on the main stage. Her credits include multiple performances in the 10-Minute Play Festivals in 2024 & 2025, and the Murder Mystery Dinner Theater. She is excited to continue acting with her role of The Warden in *Holes*.



# MADAME ZIRONI, ZERO'S MOM



## MARQUE BASHIR

Marquisia is a dynamic professional public speaker known for her powerful presence and compelling storytelling. With a passion for inspiring others, she delivers impactful talks on personal growth, leadership, and resilience. Drawing from real-life experiences and a deep understanding of human connection, Marquisia captivates audiences across corporate, educational, and community platforms. Her engaging style, authenticity, and confidence make her a sought-after voice in the speaking world, empowering individuals to find purpose and lead with intention.



# KATE BARLOW



# JOSIE CASS

Josie Cass is a performer and choreographer from the Fargo-Moorhead area. She was most recently seen in FMCT's productions of *Miss Nelson is Missing!* (Allison), *Winter Wonderettes* (Suzy), *Carrie: the Musical* (Sue Snell), *Junie B. Jones* (Camille), and *Goosebumps: The Musical* (Cami, Choreographer), as well as Harwood Prairie Playhouse's production of *Lend Me a Soprano* (Jo). She has choreographed *Descendants*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, and *Grease* for FMCT's education program, as well as Liberty Middle School's production of *Percy Jackson: Lightning Thief*. She is a graduate from the University of Texas-Arlington with a BFA in Musical Theatre and a Dance minor. [josiecass.com](http://josiecass.com)



# STANLEY'S FATHER, MYRA'S FATHER



## GAIGE JEVNE

Gaige is a nerd at heart, and a goofball by nature. Since a young age Gaige has been fascinated with acting and quoting movies and television. Some of his favorite FMCT shows have been *Carrie*, *Mama Mia*, *Sweeney Todd*, and *War of the Worlds: the Panic Broadcast*. He has also directed two 10 Minute Plays at FMCT, and hopes to direct a musical someday if he's able to brush up on his skills. When Gaige isn't on or near the stage he enjoys cosplaying, customizing action figures, drawing, painting, and collecting action figures. Gaige has enjoyed his many experiences with FMCT and can't wait for more shows in the future.



# ELYA, COP



## MICKEY PORTER

As a longtime fan of both the book and the film versions of *Holes*, Michael “Mickey” Porter is thrilled to bring Stanley’s no good dirty rotten pig stealing great-great grandfather to life in this production! You may have spotted Mickey performing with many different companies in the FM area for the past ten years, including Trollwood, Stage West, Gasper’s School of Dance, and of course FMCT. When not onstage, you can find him working at Nichole’s Fine Pastries, playing video games, drawing, or spending time with friends. He hopes you enjoy the show!



# SAM, TOUGHEST KID AT CAMP



## ANGELOUS MATTHEWS

Angelous is from Minneapolis, Minnesota. He is a freshman student at NDSU studying vocal music education. At NDSU he is a singer in the Concert Choir and Madrigal Singers and also participated in the opera *Pirates of Penzance* as his first show. He is excited to be in his second show here at FMCT and looks forward to being in more! His favorite part of the show has been meeting new people, working with a great cast and amazing producers.



# DRIVER, JESSE



## STELLA SNYDER

In June 2024, Stella made their theatrical debut alongside their 7-year-old, Poppy, in *Butterfly Garden Adventures*, written by local playwright Annie Hough and directed by Jacob Hartje. Cast as a mother and baby cardinal, this experience ignited a newfound love for theater. As a teacher, mom of five, and new grandma, they find catharsis in the creative space theatre offers. They are excited to see where future opportunities lead. Special thanks to their partner, Luc, for supporting this journey and making it possible to explore a passion long left undiscovered.



# SARAH, LINDA MILLER



## SARA JOHNSON

Sara has been doing theatre since she was in fourth grade but her favorite roles have been Shelby (*Steel Magnolias*), Elle Woods (*Legally Blonde Jr.*) and Alice Beineke (*The Addams Family*). This is Sara's first production with FMCT! In the Fall, she will be attending the University of Minnesota Duluth and will be majoring in Musical Theatre and minoring in Dance.



# STANLEY'S MOM, ATTORNEY GENERAL



## JEANIE SMITH-MURPHY

Jeanie has been involved in local theater for the last 10 years, you may have seen her on the FMCT stage in *It's a Wonderful Life*, *Miracle on 34th Street*, *Steel Magnolias*, *Goosebumps the Musical*, *Mamma Mia*, and *9 to 5*. She and her husband Rob are life-long residents of Fargo Moorhead. She has been a massage therapist for 25 years and owns her own business. She has 2 adult sons.



# MYRA MENKE, MRS. COLLINGWOOD



## SADIE FOX

Sadie has been doing theater for 8 years now, and has particularly loved her roles as Wadsworth in *Clue*, and Puck in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at Owatonna High School. She is an English Education major at MSUM and loved the book *Holes* growing up, so she has been very excited to be a part of this production. Sadie hopes to continue doing shows with FMCT next fall, and has loved being a part of this cast!



# TROUT WALKER, JUDGE



## CRAIG ROATH

Craig is a longtime Fargo actor and veteran of many films, plays and commercials. You may have seen him on the FMCT stage in several 10 Minute Plays, *Young Frankenstein*, *A Few Good Men* and many others. He lives with his wife, Wanda and misses his daughter, Rikki, who lives overseas.



# SHERIFF, IGOR BARKOV



## STEVE BORGEN

Steve has been in multiple productions for FMCT along with other local theatre companies dating back to 2012's *It's a Wonderful Life*. Some of his most memorable roles include the Tin Man in 2013's *the Wizard of Oz* and Bob Crachitt in 2019's *A Christmas Carol*. He's delighted to be on the stage again working with Cody as the Director this time.



# MS. MORENGO



## BIANCA GIRON

**Bianca Giron is stepping into acting for the very first time and is excited to explore the craft and just enjoy the experience as it comes. By day, Bianca works as a fraud investigator at US Bank.**



# DESERT LIZARD #1



## LEONARD

Leonard has dreams as big as the desert he hails from. Offstage, his hobbies include sunbathing under the desk lamp and organizing impromptu dance-offs with his fellow cast members. Leonard is deeply committed to the acting craft and spends hours rehearsing his lines and perfecting his slithery movements. His dedication has earned him the respect and admiration of his castmates, and he is often seen as the heart and soul of the production.



# DESERT LIZARD #2



## XAVIER

Xavier is known for his boundless energy, and he approaches every rehearsal with gusto, ensuring that his performance is always top-notch. Though a bit of an upstager, his dedication to the role has earned him the adoration of his fellow cast members. When he's not stealing the spotlight, Xavier loves hosting karaoke nights, where his rendition of "Eye of the Tiger" is always a crowd favorite. His hobbies include climbing up bookshelves and playing hide-and-seek.



# PRODUCTION TEAM

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COSTUME DESIGN .....	GINA BAR-EL
SCENIC DESIGN CONCEPT .....	ANNA KANN
SCENIC DESIGN & BUILD .....	RICK LEWIS
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