

Searcy Summer
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PETER PAN GOES **WRONG**



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**Ulrey Performing Arts Center
at Harding University**

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Created by
Henry Lewis, Jonathan Sayer and Henry Shields

Directed by
Steven Frye

OUR SCENE

Our Scene (Steve's note) - Four years ago we allowed the Hardly Drama Society to use our space for a production that came to be known as "The Play That Goes Wrong." In spite of that, we have allowed them to try staging "Peter Pan" tonight in our space. In theatre, we often say "break a leg" for good luck. We are going to pass on that this evening. Hope it all works out.

The Mischief Production of "PETER PAN GOES WRONG" was originally produced in the West End by Kenny Wax and Stage Presence and on Broadway by Kevin McCollum, Kenny Wax & Stage Presence

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CAST

(In order of appearance)

Tina..... Hannah Wood

Chris..... Ben Bingham

Robert Tod Martin

Max..... Paul Ryan

Francis..... David White

Sandra Violet Brentham

Denise Emily Hutcheson

Annie Cassie Renee Bennett

Jonathan..... Cordell Hutcheson

Lucy Estelle Fox

Crew..... Miles Bittle

Gracelyn Caplener

Emma Jernigan

There will be one fifteen-minute intermission.

PRODUCTION NOTES

Never has Neverland gone so hilariously off the rails. From the brilliantly chaotic creators of “The Play That Goes Wrong” comes “Peter Pan Goes Wrong,” a side-splitting theatrical disaster. The accident-prone Hardly Drama Society takes on J.M. Barrie’s classic tale — with flying mishaps, missed cues, collapsing sets and absolute mayhem at every turn. Can they make it to the final curtain? Will anything go right? Probably not, and that’s exactly the point. Buckle up for an awfully big adventure in comedy.

The Cast of the Hardly Drama Society

Tina, the Stage Manager Hannah Wood

Chris, the Director

(plays Mr. Darling, Capt. Hook) Ben Bingham

Robert, the Assistant Director (plays Nana the dog,

Peter’s shadow, Starkey) Tod Martin

Francis, the Narrator David White

Sandra (plays Wendy Darling) Violet Brentham

Max (plays Michael Darling, the Crocodile) Paul Ryan

Denise (plays Joan Darling, Smee) Emily Hutcheson

Jonathan (plays Peter Pan) Cordell Hutcheson

Annie (plays Mrs. Darling, Lisa,

Tinkerbell, Curly) Cassie Renee Bennett

Lucy (plays Tootles) Estelle Fox

The Crew / Lost Boys / Pirates Miles Bittle,

Gracelyn Caplener, Emma Jernigan

PRODUCTION TEAM

Executive Producer Steven Frye

Production Manager.....Cassie Renee Bennett

Stage Manager Caleb O'Lynn

Technical Director Derrek Jones

Costumer Katy White

Audio Designer Jackson Gilreath

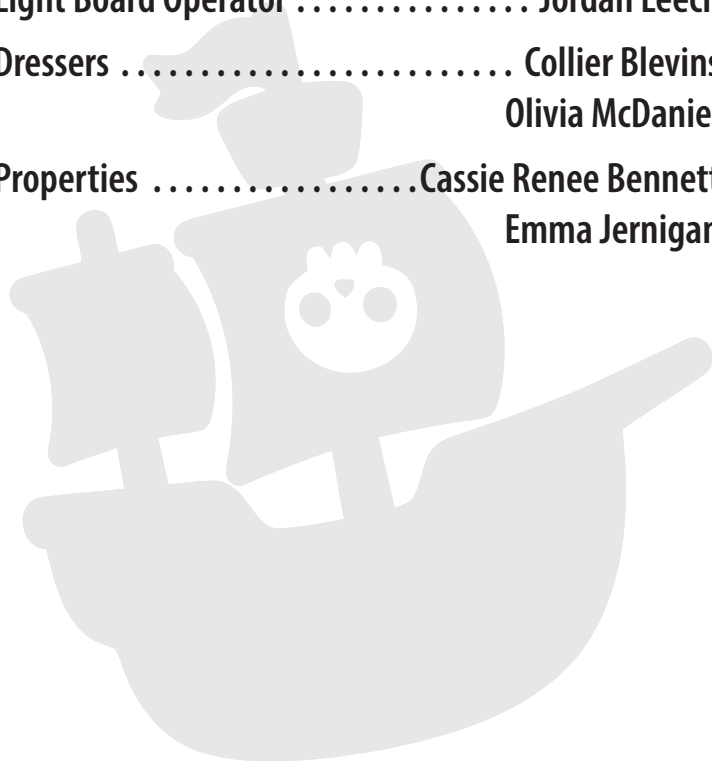
Lighting Designer Jonathan Aders

Set DesignerCassie Renee Bennett
Derrek Jones

Light Board Operator Jordan Leech

Dressers Collier Blevins
Olivia McDaniel

PropertiesCassie Renee Bennett
Emma Jernigan



PRODUCTION CREWS

Costume Shop Crew

Collier Blevins
Emma Jernigan
Olivia McDaniel

Run Crew

Nikki Blake
Dawson Claxton
Rachel Hopp
Braden Lynn
Brody Smith

Scene Shop Crew

Nikki Blake
Dawson Claxton
Estelle Fox
Emma Jernigan
Braden Lynn
Paul Ryan
Brody Smith

SPECIALS THANKS

Ben Jones, Jackson Gilreath,
Olivia McDaniel, Brody Smith,
Isabel Hoggard, Dawson Claxton,
Dottie Frye, Mark Prior,
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Public Safety, University Communication
and Marketing

CAST BIOs



Cassie Renee Bennett (Annie/Mrs. Darling/ Tinkerbell/Curly)

Cassie is delighted to be back in the world of mischief theatre, having previously played Annie in "The Play That Goes Wrong" four years ago with SSDT. Some of her other favorite performances include "Blithe Spirit" and "The Drowsy Chaperone." When not on stage, Cassie enjoys crafting and traveling. She would like to thank her mom, dad and brother for always supporting her. She would also like to thank Paul's girlfriend, Anna, for all of her love and support. Cassie hopes you all enjoy watching the show as much as she has enjoyed being a part of it. Thank you for supporting local live theatre!



Ben Bingham (Chris/Captain Hook)

"Peter Pan Goes Wrong" will be Ben's fourth show with Searcy Summer Dinner Theatre. His past roles include Tony in "You Can't Take It With You," Man in Chair in "The Drowsy Chaperone" and Lloyd in "Noises Off." You also may have seen him in Harding's recent productions of "Peter and the Starcatcher" as Black Stache and in "Pride & Prejudice" as Mr. Bennet. Ben would like to thank Paul's girlfriend, Anna, for her style, flair and for being there. Love to Kelsey.



Miles Bittle (Crew/Lost Boy/Pirate)

This is Miles' second SSDT show, so he thinks he knows everything. Miles has previously appeared in "A Murder Is Announced," playing his titular role as the Dead Body. Outside of SSDT Miles has played Fester in "The Addams Family" (The lesser known one at Harding Academy) and Wadsworth in "CLUE." Miles hopes you enjoy this this flawLess production of Peten Pan Goes Swrong!



Violet Brentham (Sandra/Wendy)

This is Violet's first appearance on the SSDT stage. Born and raised in Irving, Texas, she moved to Searcy six years ago and is now a high school theatre teacher. Her other stage performance experience includes Mrs. Bumbrake in "Peter and the Starcatcher" and ensemble roles for many shows including "Little Women" and "Tuck Everlasting." She is best known for her work as a choreographer for many Harding productions including "Mary Poppins" and "The Addams Family." She would like to thank her family and friends for their support and love!



Gracelyn Caplener (Crew/Lost Boy/Pirate)

Gracelyn is excited to be back in another SSDT show! As a 2025 Harding graduate, Gracelyn has been preparing to attend PA school at Faulkner University in Montgomery, Alabama. While she was a student, she was in several Harding productions along with taking her Pre-PA and cognitive neuroscience classes. When she is not working as a medical technician, she is either studying anatomy, reading fantasy books or working out. She hopes to continue to act and support the theater however she can in the future!



Estelle Fox (Lucy/Toddles)

Estelle is very excited to be back on the SSDT stage! She is originally from Seattle, Washington, and is a junior acting major at Harding. Her previous roles include Cecily Cardew in "The Importance of Being Earnest," Phillipa Haymes in "A Murder Is Announced," and Lady Catherine de Bourgh in "Pride and Prejudice." She would like to thank everyone involved with the show for making it such a delightful and fun few weeks!



Cordell Hutcheson (Jonathan/Peter Pan)

Cordell is thrilled to be back onstage with SSDT and is especially excited to be making mischief again. He previously played the same character, Jonathan, in "The Play That Goes Wrong," and one of his favorite roles with SSDT has been Aldolpho in "The Drowsy Chaperone." When he isn't onstage, Cordell enjoys drinking coffee and reading books with his wife, going on walks and playing board games with friends, and snuggling his beautiful daughter. He would like to dedicate this performance to his baby girl.



Emily Hutcheson (Denise/Joan/Smee)

Emily is thrilled to reprise the role of Denise and to be making more mischief. In addition to "The Play That Goes Wrong," prior performances include Brooke/Vicki in "Noises Off," Janet Van De Graff in "The Drowsy Chaperone," and Suzy in "The Marvelous Wonderettes." She would like to thank everyone who made this show possible. She dedicates this performance to her daughter.



Emma Jernigan (Crew/Lost Boy/Pirate)

This is Emma's first onstage performance with SSDT. She can also be found backstage working on the set and costumes of this year's shows! Her previous performance roles include Grandma in "The Addams Family," Ted in "Peter and the Starcatcher," and Rosie in "Mamma Mia!" When not in rehearsal, she enjoys watching movies, crafting and hanging out with her friends. She can't wait for opening night and is so excited to share this fun story with all of you!



Tod Martin (Robert/Nana the Dog/Peter's Shadow/A Tree/Starkey)

Tod Martin is thrilled to be performing in his 11th SSDT production, and very honored to work with this amazing cast and director. He feels like the geek who got invited to play with the cool kids. Tod also enjoys spending time with Sam, his dog, going to Miata Club events with his wife,

Dana, teaching children's classes at church and occasionally working as the registrar at Harding University. Best wishes and much love to Steve and Dottie Frye. It's been a tremendous joy to be in your shows!



Paul Ryan (Max/Micheal/Crocodile)

This is Paul's second appearance on the SSDT stage after his debut as Freddie in "Noises Off" last year. He is a rising junior studying acting and journalism. Previous performances include "Peter and The Starcatcher," "Noises Off," "The Addams Family," and "Pride and Prejudice." He will also be appearing in the upcoming fall production of "Anastasia." Paul would like to thank his girlfriend, Anna, whose kind words and belief in him motivate him like no other and, of course, his family for their unwavering love and support of his craft.



David White (Francis, The Narrator)

David is very excited to be returning to SSDT this summer. He has portrayed many notable characters on stage, including Oberon in Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," Grandpa in "You Can't Take It With You" and King Melchior in "Amahl and the Night Visitors." David enjoys spending time with family, playing bass guitar, baking and traveling.



Hannah Wood (Tina)

Hannah is thrilled to reprise her role from "The Play That Goes Wrong." Her credits with SSDT go back to 1995, including "Cheaper By the Dozen," "The Man Who Came to Dinner" and "The Mousetrap." Hannah spends her days working as an archivist and her evenings chasing her two-year-old son around the house. She would like to thank Steve and Dottie Frye for always letting her play in the summer. Ditto!



Steven Frye (Director)

Dr. Steve Frye completes his 32-year tenure as producer/director for Searcy Summer Dinner Theatre with our production of "Peter Pan Goes Wrong." Steve has directed and/or produced more than 100 theatrical productions and provided design and technical support for countless others. His directing credits span a wide range of classic and contemporary works, and he is especially recognized for his long-standing leadership of Spring Sing, which he has directed since 1995. He also served for the past 10 years as chair of the department of theatre. He holds a bachelor's degree in communication and theatre from Freed-Hardeman College, a master's degree in theatre from the University of Memphis and a Doctor of Education from the University of Arkansas. He and his wife, Dottie, plan to travel, spend time with family and continue their support and love for live theatre.



Caleb O'Lynn (Stage Manager)

Caleb is about to enter his final semester at Harding University as a theatre major. His experience includes working at Searcy Summer Dinner Theatre 2024-2026, serving as a member of the costume and scenic crew, stage management, and design. Along with "Peter Pan Goes Wrong," he has stage managed two other shows, "Noises Off" directed by Steve Frye, and "Pride and Prejudice" directed by Ben Jones. He is ecstatic to be working alongside Steve Frye once again to put on the crazy show that is "Peter Pan Goes Wrong." God Bless you!





Henry Lewis is an Olivier and Drama Desk Award-winning writer and the Artistic Director of Mischief. Broadway writing credits include: *The Play That Goes Wrong* and *Peter Pan Goes Wrong*. West End writing credits include: *Mind Mangler*, *The Comedy About a Bank Robbery*, *Groan Ups* and *Magic Goes Wrong*. Henry also co-wrote *The Goes Wrong Show* for BBC 1. Henry's plays have been produced in over 50 countries worldwide.



Jonathan Sayer is an Olivier and Drama Desk Award-winning writer and Creative Director of Mischief. He is the Co-writer of *Christmas Carol Goes Wrong*. Broadway writing credits include: *The Play That Goes Wrong* and *Peter Pan Goes Wrong*. West End writing credits include: *Christmas Carol Goes Wrong*, *Mind Mangler*, *The Comedy About a Bank Robbery*, *Groan Ups* and *Magic Goes Wrong*. Mischief plays have been produced in over 50 countries worldwide. Jonathan also co-wrote *The Goes Wrong Show* for BBC 1, and his book *Nowhere to Run* is available now and was long listed for best sports book of the year in 2023. He has recently co-written a musical, *Thespians* (book and lyrics), which will tour from May 2026.



Henry Shields is an award-winning playwright, best known for his work with Mischief. Co-writer of *The Comedy About Spies*, he looks forward to returning to the stage in one of the leading roles in 2025. He has been nominated for three Olivier Awards for Best New Comedy, winning in 2015 for *The Play That Goes Wrong*. Stage Credits Include: *The Play That Goes Wrong* (West End & Broadway); *Peter Pan Goes Wrong* (West End & Broadway); *The Comedy About a Bank Robbery*; *Groan Ups*; *Magic Goes Wrong*; *Lights! Camera! Improvise* and *Mischief Movie Night*.

The Mary K. Murphy Endowment for Searcy Summer Dinner Theatre at Harding

Searcy Summer Dinner Theatre is a community theatre program located on the campus of Harding University. The program has served Searcy and the surrounding area for 40 years with elegant dining and professional-quality theatre.



Mrs. Mary K. Murphy of Searcy, Arkansas, was one of our regular patrons for several years. When Mrs. Murphy passed away in 2002, her son, Dr. Charles Murphy, reported that Mrs. Murphy had included Harding University in her trust. Because of her love for Harding and Searcy Summer Dinner Theatre, it was decided that the bequest be used to permanently endow Searcy Summer Dinner Theatre.

This generous gift is used to help underwrite annual production costs, keep ticket prices affordable, purchase needed equipment and assure that the next generation of audiences and performers will continue to have an excellent outlet for the arts in the Searcy community.

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