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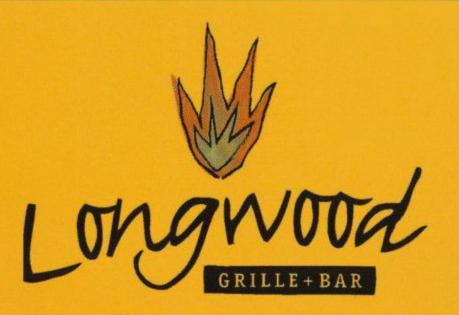
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Dear Theatre-goer,

Frances Hodgson Burnett's classic story was a childhood favorite of mine. I suspect that even then it was not so much the image of a princess or the attendant metaphors that appealed to me, as it was the power of Sara Crewe's imagination. Indeed, it is this testimony to imagination that makes *A Little Princess* an ideal vehicle for theatre, where belief is rooted in the suspension of disbelief, and reality is grounded in make-believe.

For Jane Staab and me, the heart of the story is the idea that one needs to be able to imagine a better world in order to create a better world. We dedicate the play to Tony Hancock, our long-time companion, whose artistic sensibility forever informs our work.

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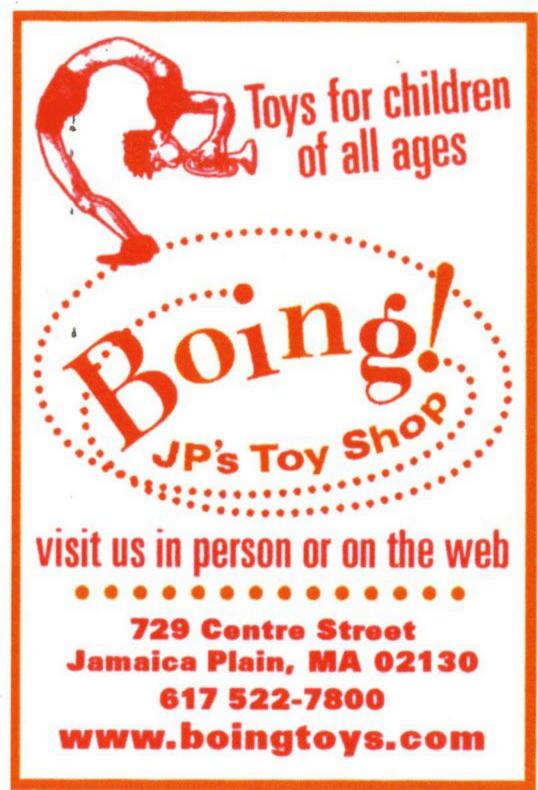
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Who's Who at WFT

Andy Aldous (Sound Designer) has worked on many productions here, from Our Town in 1999 to Lord of the Flies. He works in industrial/commercial/audio visual, system consultation, and acoustic treatments.

Laurie Aldous (*Production Stage Manager*) is thrilled to be a part of *A Little Princess* for the second time, having been on stage crew for the original production. It brings back a lot of happy memories.

Lucy Annett (ASL Interpreter) is a Boston-based interpreter who works for Northeastern University and in the community. Her WFT credits include *Phantom Tollbooth* and *Ramona Quimby*, as well as Deaf/Blind interpreting for *Inherit the Wind*. Much love to Michael.

Natasha Ashworth (Lavinia), last seen here in The Will Rogers Follies, has also appeared in A Christmas Carol, A Little Night Music, Rapunzel, Cinderella Jr., and Aladdin Jr. - all at North Shore. Her TV credits include PBS and the History Channel. Natasha can be seen next in Seussical Jr. (North Shore). Many thanks to Jane; love to family and friends.

Christopher Chew (Captain Crewe) is delighted to be back after appearing as Von Trapp in last seasons' Sound of Music. Recent credits include Urinetown and Shakespeare in Hollywood (Lyric) and Kiss of the Spider Woman (SpeakEasy). Chris received the 2004 IRNE Award for Best Actor for Johnny Guitar (SpeakEasy) and A Little Night Music (Lyric). He also teaches and directs as co-Artistic Director of the Village Theatre Project in Groton. Chris has a BFA from Carnegie Mellon's School of Drama and a master's in teaching from Fitchburg State. He is most grateful for the love and support of his wife, Nancy, and their two children.

Anna Davis (ASL Interpreter) is a staff interpreter at Northeastern's ASL Program, from which she also graduated. Theatre interpreting credits include Twelfth Night; Snow White and Will Rogers Follies (WFT); Sessions (Burlington Park); and The Red Lion (Boston Playwrights'). Anna is thrilled to be back at WFT!

Sarah deLima (Miss Maria Minchin), the daughter of English missionaries, was born in India, raised in England, and graduated from London's Guildhall School of Music and Drama. She has appeared at the Huntington, Wilbur, North Shore, A.R.T., Publick, Sugan, and Lyric. A fellow of the Cabaret Symposium, Sarah has enjoyed diverse cabaret experience, including (in her salad days) a tour of the Far East as a spangled, feathered dancer; Mad Dogs and Englishwomen; Life Begins at Mid-Life; and her own show Sarahndipity directed by Elliot Norton-winner Scott Edmiston. Sarah is on the Board of StageSource and a founding member of the Village Theatre Project.

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Katherine Doherty (Lottie) is a sixth grader at Dover-Sherborn returning after last season's The Sound of Music (Gretl). Recent appearances include Susan Waverly in Irving Berlin's White Christmas (The Wang) and Lottie in a staged reading of The Little Princess, directed by Susan Shulman. Other stage credits include The Secret Garden (Mary, 2005 EMACT Best Child Actor, Savoyard Light Opera); a staged reading of The Children's Hour (Helen, at the Shubert); The Sound of Music (Gretl, with The Company Theater); and Godspell and Bye Bye Birdie (with Open Fields). A special thanks to Jane and this talented cast and crew for another fabulous experience at WFT.

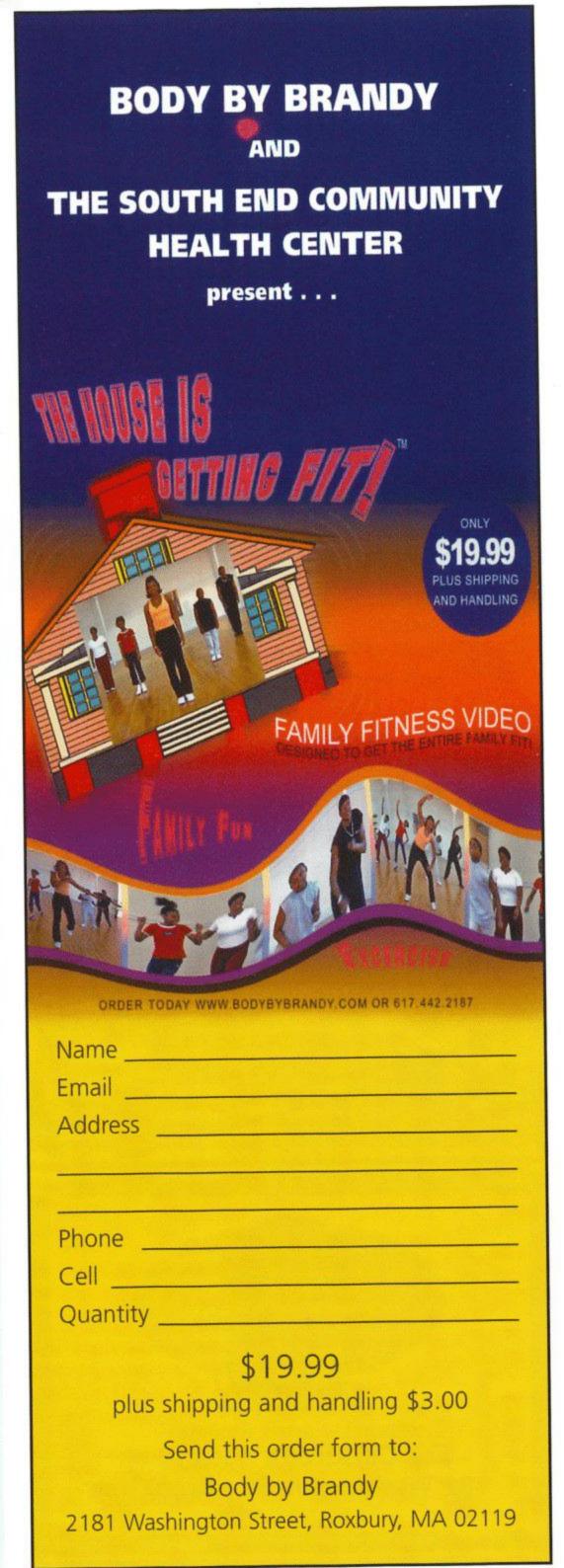
Emily Eldridge-Ingram (Nora Carmichael) is thrilled to return to WFT, where she has appeared in four productions. She has also performed in a Harvard student production of South Pacific (as Ngana) and in Honk! Jr.; Annie; The Lion King; and Willy Wonka at the Cabot After-School Program in Newton. When not in the theatre, you'll find Emily practicing karate, the piano, or her string bass. She also plays an awesome defense for her JP soccer team.

Frank Gayton (Mr. Carrisford) is very happy to be appearing at WFT! He has appeared at North Shore (South Pacific), Stuart Street (I Love You . . ., Jacques Brel . . .), and the Lyric (And the World Goes 'Round), among others. He was nominated for an IRNE Award for his portrayal of Herbie (Gypsy) at the Publick and was proud to play Buddy to Len Cariou's Ben in Follies (Overture Productions). Frank is also an award-winning costume designer (Philadelphia Story), director (Picnic), and screenwriter (The Kid Hangs up His Stockings, The Wonderful Year - both with friend and fellow actor, Melanie May). He dedicates his work here to Chris Larkosh, without whom . . .

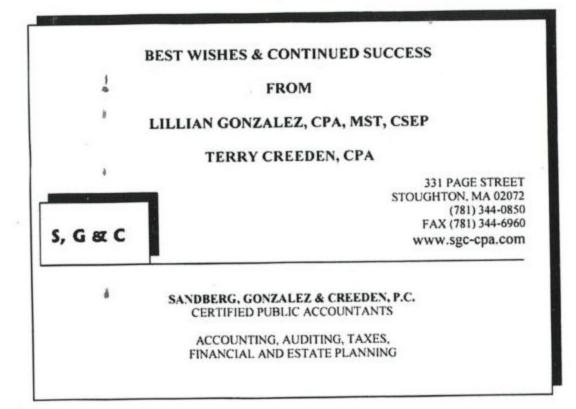
Jonathan Goldberg (Musical Director, Orchestrations) has been musical director at WFT since Cinderella in 1996. He received the 2004 IRNE Award for Best Musical Director for A Little Night Music at the Lyric, where he also led Urinetown earlier this season. Jon has been associated with three Elliot Norton Award-winning productions - Assassins and Sunday in the Park with George (Lyric) and Pacific Overtures (North Shore). He is in his second year of teaching BFA musical theatre students at Emerson. A special thanks to Jane for her musical insights and for trusting him with her heartfelt score.

Samantha Goober (*Jessie*) is thrilled to be back at WFT after playing Brigitta in *The Sound of Music*. Other credits include Fan in *A Christmas Carol*; Boston and Woodstock in . . . *Charlie Brown*; Pink Foot in *Honk Jr.*(North Shore); and Baby June in *Gypsy* (Publick). A member of SAG, Samantha's voice can be heard at the Prudential Center Skywalk Observation Deck as she guides visitors on the new audio tour. Thanks to her family and teachers for their support and to Jane and Jon for this wonderful opportunity.

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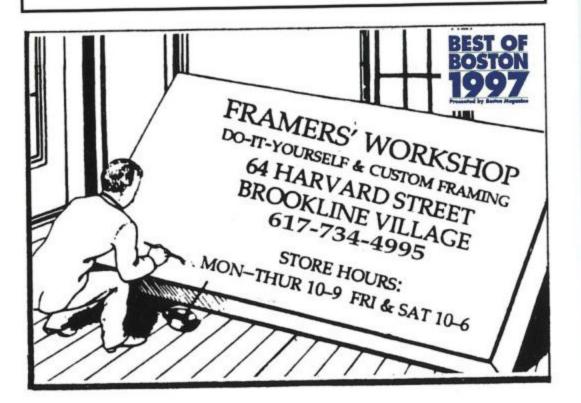
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Gillian Mariner Gordon (*Janet Carmichael*) is a 12-year-old from Sudbury. Favorite performances include the title role in *Snow White* (Concord Musical Theater); Patty Simcox in *Grease* and the Scarecrow in *The Wizard of Oz* (Metrowest Family Theatre); the pilot TV series *Little Iguana* (Cramer Productions); and WFT's *Phantom Tollbooth* and *Pippi*. She has trained at the Boston Ballet School and thanks Christine Hamel, Barbara Morash, and all at WFT!

Ariel Harrist (*Becky*) is very excited to be a part of her second show at WFT, where she was seen here as Louisa in *The Sound of Music*. A sophomore at Newton North, she appeared in *How to Succeed in Business* . . . and is a part of Spontaneous Generation, her school's improvisation troupe. Ariel also recently filmed a scene in the movie *Dribbles* in NH. Thanks to friends and family for their support.

Janie E. Howland (Set Designer) has also designed Inherit the Wind and Sound of Music at WFT. Other recent designs include True West (New Rep), 5 By Tenn (SpeakEasy), and Urinetown (Lyric); venues include Weston Playhouse, Concord Academy, North Shore, Merrimack Rep, NJ Shakespeare Festival, Opera Boston, the Nora, and American Stage Festival. Recipient of a 1997 Elliot Norton Award, Janie is a founding member of CYCO SCENIC. She received her MFA from Brandeis, and is a member of USA local 829.

Meg Igarashi (*Gertrude*) has appeared in *A Christmas Carol* (Mystic Players); *Joseph...Dreamcoat* (Boston Children's); *The Nutcracker* (Boston Ballet); and *Dracula*, *The Pied Piper*, and *Cinderella* (Boston Children's Opera). Meg loves animals, school, playing sports, her pets, and having fun with friends.

Erin Jenkins (*Mariette*) is thrilled to be making her WFT debut. She has appeared in numerous musicals and plays, including *Hello*, *Dolly!*, *Bye Bye Birdie*, *Once Upon a Mattress*, *Ask Any Girl*, *Follies*, *The Music Man*, *Anything Goes*, *Pippin*, and *Into the Woods*, as well as many Gilbert and Sullivan operettas. Erin is a student at Wheelock College.

Christina Kashgegian (*Elizabeth*) is thrilled to be performing in her debut at WFT and in *A Little Princess* for the second time. (She loved her role as Becky in Metrowest Family Theatre's production.) Other favorite roles include Lively Lass in *Joseph* . . . and a reporter in *Damn Yankees* (Stoneham). Christina is a soprano in a 13-girl a cappella group at Marshall Simonds School. Thanks to Mom, Dad, and Jane for this wonderful opportunity.

Mehr Kaur (*Victoria*), a 6th grader at St. Bernadette's, has studied ballet for three years. A student of Gurmat Sangeet (a form of music similar to North Indian classical music), Mehr has given vocal performances locally and nationally. She also appeared in the Punjabi language play *Akho Phabhi Kano Nu* at the Inter-national Sikh Youth Symposium. An avid reader and excellent swimmer, Mehr is also a tae kwon do brown belt.

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Susan Kosoff (Book and Lyrics) is a founder of WFT and a professor of theatre and education at Wheelock College. She began writing for theatre when she studied with Betty Bobp as a Wheelock undergraduate. She has written many plays, four of which have been produced at WFT. Her most recent book is The Young Actor's Book of Improvisation: Dramatic Situations from Shakespeare to Spielberg, co-written with Sandra Caruso. Susan serves on the boards of Cultural Access Consortium and StageSource.

Jacqueline Marie Laviolette (Beatrice) is making her WFT debut and she is thrilled to be here. Credits include A Christmas Carol (Martha Cratchit) at Trinity Rep; Annie (title role) at Wachusett; and Sara Crewe in A Little Princess at Metrowest Family Theater, among many others. Next up for Jacque is Kim in Bye Bye Birdie and participation in "Girl Authority" (national CD release 4/4). She sends love and thanks to her parents, grandparents, brothers, and manager, Samm.

Livvy Marcus (Rosalie) has appeared as Brutus in Julius Caesar, Peppermint Patty in Snoopy the Musical, Casey in Casey at the Bat (Brockton Symphony), and the title role and Molly in Annie. She has sung the National Anthem twice for the Brockton Rox; plays softball, flute, piccolo, and piano; and loves the Red Sox. Livvy sends love to Mom, Dad, Addy, and Hoogie.

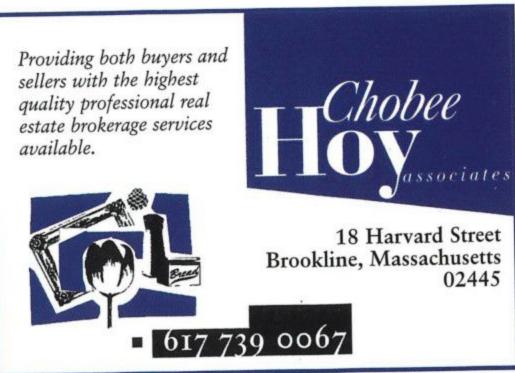
Cheryl McMahon (Baker Woman) is delighted to be part of this production, having performed here many times. Among her favorite WFT roles are Marilla in Anne of Green Gables and Lottie in Dark at the Top of the Stairs. Cheryl received the 2004 IRNE Award for Best Supporting Actress in a Musical for her work at Reagle Players (Grease and The Music Man). She has performed at the Lyric, SpeakEasy, and Huntington and will appear next in the NE premiere of Seven Rabbits on a Pole at the Stoneham. With Sara deLima and Christopher Chew, she is a founding member of the Village Theatre Project. Many thanks to Jane and Sue for the wonderful opportunities over the years.

Christina Monnen (Donald Carmichael) made her WFT debut in Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm and is very excited to return! Virtually born backstage here, she has studied acting at WFT, ballet and modern dance at Walnut Hill, and was recently featured as Little Sister in The Nutcracker. Christina loves watching Mom and Dad onstage at WFT and performing with them in shows like The Sleeping Beauty ballet.

Grace Napier (Mrs. Carmichael) celebrates 18 shows in 20 years at WFT with her return to this production! Her favorites have included Cinderella (title role); Hello, Dolly! (Irene); Little Women (Meg); The Music Man (Marian); The Secret Garden (Martha); and last season's Beanstalk. She has toured nationally with Rudolf Nureyev in The King and I, and worked regionally throughout NE, including Trinity Rep's A Christmas

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OVERTURE
ACT I
Scene 1
Everything She Wants Captain Crewe with Miss Minchin and Miss Amelia
Scene 2
Who Is She?
First Letter Captain Crewe
Scene 3
An Enchanted Place Sara
Scene 4
The Two Of Us Sara and Becky
Second Letter
Scene 5
Her Royal Highness Lavinia and Girls Third Letter Captain Crewe
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Scene 6 Why Did This Happen To Me? Miss Minchin
The Two Of Us (Reprise)
There will be one 15-minute intermission between the acts.
ENTR'ACTE Orchestra
ACT II
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Sara Crewe Ensemble
Lonely Place
Scene 2 I Must Find Her
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Scene 3 As Kind As She
Scene 4 How Could I Not Have Known? Ermengarde
Magic Sara, Becky, Ermengarde
The Awakening Sara
Scene 5
Something Disagreeable
Scene 6
It Is You
Scene 7
Who Is She? (Reprise) Ermengarde and Girls
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We wish to thank all the people who have joined with us since the program went to press.



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Carol with Stacy Keach. Grace directs WFT's Story Troupers summer program. Love always to Bill (Prince Charming) and Christina (Donald Carmichael)!

Luis Negrón (Mr. Barrow) is happy to be making his WFT debut. Recent productions include the premiere of the musical melodrama The Two Orphans (Brandeis Theatre); Zeitgeist's Tooth and Claw; the Lyric's Living Out; and SpeakEasy's Our Lady of 121st St. Luis can be seen in a number of commercials currently being broadcast throughout NE.

Gary Thomas Ng (Ram Dass) is happy to be returning to WFT, where he was last seen in Ramona Quimby. Last spring, he appeared in Foothills' Miss Saigon, where he also understudied (and got to perform) the role of the Engineer. Other credits include Children of Eden (North Shore); Sideshow (Lyric); Grease, Joseph... Dreamcoat, and Footloose (Ogunquit); and the Far East tour of Cole Porter's Aladdin. Favorite roles include Paul in A Chorus Line and Jacob in La Cage Aux Folles.

Samara Oster (*Anne*) has performed with Celine Dion, the Boston Pops (in a tribute to Danny Kaye with Nathan Lane), and the PALS chorus. She enjoys jazz singing and is in the jazz band at Milton Academy. Her favorite roles include Maria in *The Sound of Music* and Rosie in *Bye Bye Birdie*. Samara performed with WFT's Story Troupers last summer, and is making her mainstage debut. (continued on page 12)



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Nicole Pearce (Lighting Designer) designed WFT's Sound of Music last season. Regionally: The Sugar Syndrome (Williamstown Theatre Festival). NY: Mimesophobia and Wet (Summer Play Festival); 16 Wounded and 99 histories (Cherry Lane alternative); Sakharam Binder (The Play Company); An Unseen Energy Swallows Space (The Kitchen); Judith; five productions with the Juilliard School. Dance: All Fours, Rock of Ages, From Old Seville, Cargo, and Candleflowerdance with choreographer Mark Morris; Swan Lake, The Little Mermaid (Ballet Memphis).

on the WFT stage in *Beanstalk*, has also appeared here in *The Sound of Music, The Phantom Tollbooth, The Trumpet of the Swan, Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse, Cinderella*, and *Hello, Dolly!*, among others. Gamalia narrates *The Valentine Bears* for Clarion Books on tape. She has a BFA in Musical Theater from Boston Conservatory of Music. An employee of Harvard University, Gamalia also sings with the Joyful Voices of Inspiration - a non-denominational, integrated gospel choir. She believes in the magic of WFT! Congratulations on your 25th anniversary!

Marian Piro (Costume Designer) co-founded Costumes by Illusions in 1986 and designs for theatres nationally and locally. In and about the Boston area, the company has worked with Chiswick Park, the Lyric, North Shore, and WFT. Among the many shows she has designed professionally are The King and I, Lend Me a Tenor, As You Like It, The Man Who Came to Dinner, The Secret Garden, and Chicago.

Robert G. Prescod (M. Dufarge) was seen previously at WFT as von Schreiber in The Sound of Music, Professor Willard in Our Town, and Mr. Bollinger in Inherit the Wind. Other credits include Reverend Sykes in To Kill a Mockingbird (Volkes); Ken in Rumors, Toledo in Ma Rainey's Black Bottom, Ivan Vasilyevich in The Proposal, and France in King Lear (Java); and Bill/Realtor in Spacemaker (Coyote). He has also participated in many readings with the Harvard Players.

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WFT. Most recently, she played Scout in *To Kill a Mockingbird* (Foothills); other credits include *The Rose Tattoo* (Huntington), *Gypsy* (Publick), *Annie* (Turtle Lane), and independent films. Sophie has enjoyed her summers with WFT's Story Troupers, WFT's teen troupe. A 9th grader at the Winsor School, she loves to sing, tap dance, read, and cuddle with her dog, Chelsea, and cat, Gilda. Thanks to Jane, Jon, and Charles for all the support!

Andrea C. Ross (Sara Crewe) is delighted to be part of WFT's 25th season. She received the 2005 Elliot Norton Award for Outstanding Actress for her roles in Ramona Quimby (Ramona) and The Sound of Music (Leisl), both at WFT and A Little Night Music (Fredrika) at the Lyric. Other credits include Winnie Foster in Tuck Everlasting (WFT), the title role in Annie (Trinity Rep), and Young Lizzie in Lizzie Borden (Stoneham). In the summer of 2005, Andrea had the privilege of performing in England for Andrew Lloyd Webber's Sydmonton Festival on his estate. A freshman at Noble and Greenough, Andrea would like to thank her teachers, friends, family and WFT family for all their support. A special thanks to Jane Staab for the honor of being in such a "magical" show.

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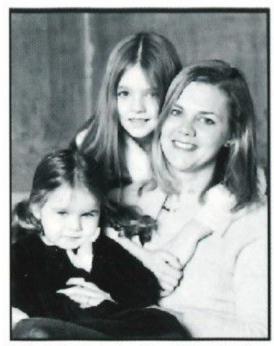
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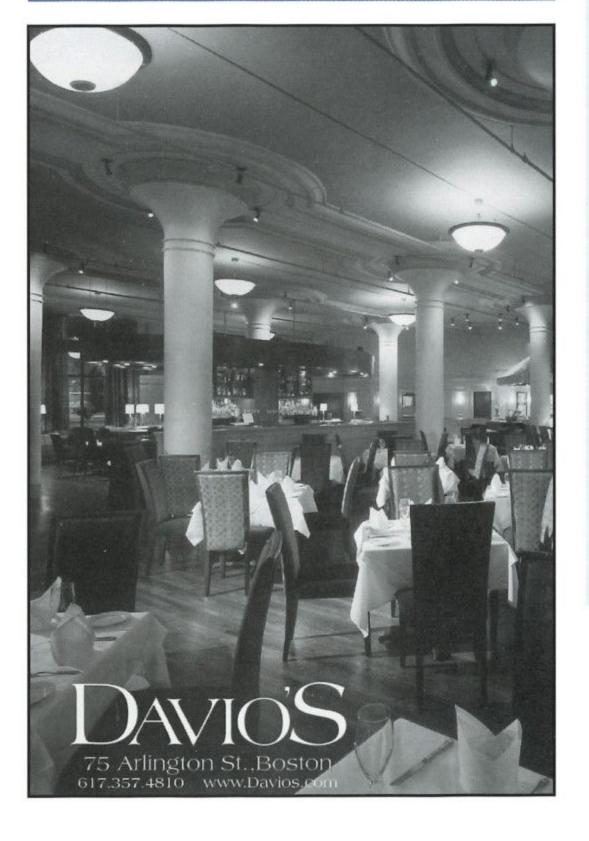
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Robert Saoud (*Mr. Carmichael*) was first seen at Wheelock 11 years ago in the original production of *A Little Princess* in the role of Ram Dass. He has since performed in nine other shows here, including *Snow White*; *Hello, Dolly!*; *Fiddler on the Roof*; and *Charlotte's Web*. Regionally he has performed with Gabe Kaplan in *Groucho, A Life in Review*. Robert has also worked at the Huntington, North Shore, Lyric, SpeakEasy, Stoneham, and Publick, and has performed the role of Tony in *Shear Madness*. In May he will be seen at the New Rep, playing the role of Tateh in *Ragtime*.

Richard Scott (ASL Interpreter), a native Canadian and an actor for many years, moved to Boston last year to train in theatrical interpreting at Northeastern. He currently works at The Learning Center for Deaf Children, and is happy to be making his WFT debut.

Jessica Shroder (Audio Describer) has been writing and performing live theatre descriptions since 2003, when she provided the primary description for the Huntington's Ain't Misbehavin'. Since then, she has provided pre-show descriptions of sets and costumes for a variety of shows in Boston, including: Peter Pan, The King and I, Oklahoma, Falsettos, and WFT's Ramona Quimby (here at Wheelock). Jessica began writing descriptions for both TV and film in 2000 at WGBH Boston's Descriptive Video Service.

Jane Staab (Composer, Director, Cook) is a founder of the Wheelock Family Theatre and has been WFT's resident Equity actress for 25 years. She has composed the music for 25 productions. Jane's more recent directing credits include The Sound of Music, Snow White, The Will Rogers Follies, Tuck Everlasting, and Anne of Green Gables, all at WFT. She wishes to thank all the hundreds of staffers, teachers, stage managers, designers, musicians, crew members, and - most especially - the talented young and older actors, many of whom have grown up with us or graced WFT's stage for the 25 years we have been around. Congratulations to you!

Laurel Stachowicz (Choreographer) returns to WFT, having also choreographed The Sound of Music, Ramona Quimby, Snow White, Phantom Tollbooth, Pippi Longstocking, and Will Rogers Follies (for which she won the IRNE Award for Best Choreography). Other credits include Ragtime and Chicago (Foothills) and the East Coast premiere of Aida (Wachusett), as well as works with SpeakEasy and Barrington Stage. Laurel recently finished her BFA in dance, graduating with high honors from Smith College. Thank you Jane, Susan, Michael, Molly, Nyssa, and this wonderful cast!

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