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By teens, for teens!

THE COMPANY

JAYLAN TOPPOZINI	Tarrin
ANDREAS LANGILLE	Bee
KAILEY OGEMAH	Emma
NATHAN ALBANESE	Dad and Ensemble
DEKLAN CROSS	Gigi and Ensemble
JAIDEN STEVENSON	Mike VonTrapp and Ensemble
QUILL GRAHAM	Benny and Ensemble
GWEN CARRASCO	Trophy and Stage Manager
SHANNON VANCOOK	Director/Instructor
JORDAN BLAXILL	Director of Theatre in Education

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Approximate run time: 60 minutes with no intermission

Magnus Theatre's Collective Creation Project is a unique arts development project for teenagers in Thunder Bay and the region. Over the course of several months, this youth led project works to create an issues-based play around a topic that means something to the participants, something that resonates with them and their communities. Under the working title of The Mental Health Project, and with the support of Children's Centre Thunder Bay, students worked together to create the performance you are going to see tonight.

The Mental Health Project is a response to the Mental Health crisis occurring in youth due to the disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Record numbers of young people are experiencing a variety of mental health issues. A recent UNICEF report states that 27% of young people reported feeling anxious or depressed in the last seven days, that 1 in 2 feel less motivated to take part in activities that they previously enjoyed and 43% of young women feel more pessimistic about the future, along with 31% of young men feeling the same. The project aims to be a safe space for young people to discuss their own mental health and to give them the tools to seek help and help others by exploring these issues in a creative medium.

Throughout the process the students have been guided by our experienced team of theatre professionals, as well as their exceptional instructor, Shannon Vancook. Shannon has done an excellent job guiding these students throughout their journey and has created the kind of creative, supportive and safe space where truly excellent work can flourish. I want to extend my warmest thanks to her for her skill and expertise.

Introspection is a story about mental health, about the struggles and expectations that can burden the young people in our society. This is a story written in their own words, based on their own experiences and using their own theatrical skills and abilities. It is a deeply personal story and one I hope that will resonate with those that see it. Each student has worked hard and poured their time and energy into creating this original piece of work.

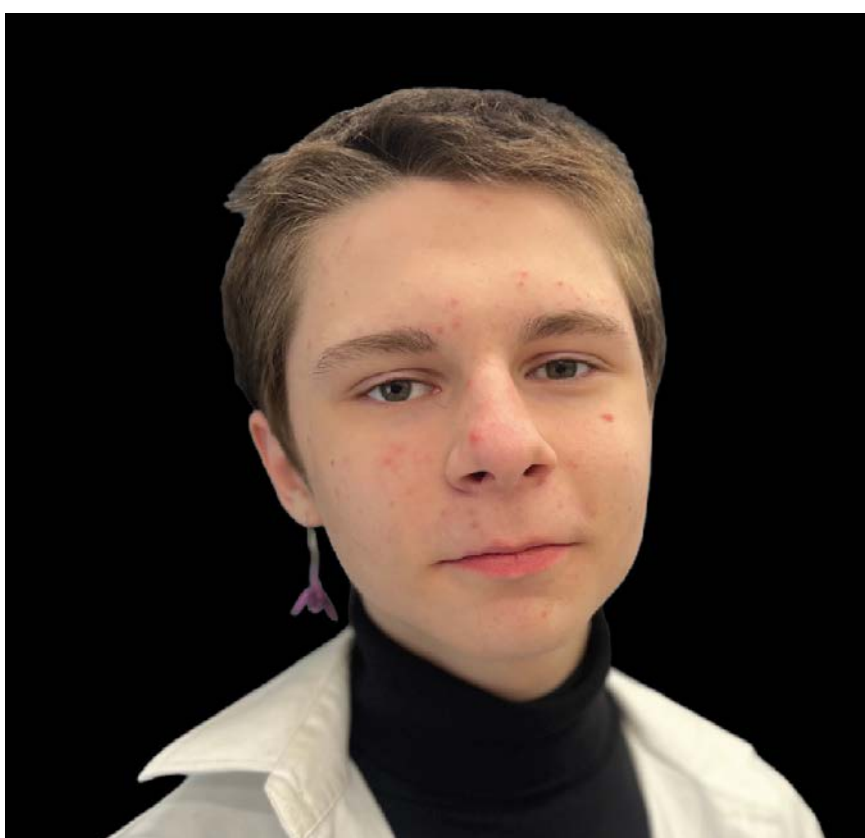
Thank you to the staff of Magnus Theatre for their hard work and continued support of The Collective Creation Project, and all they do to ensure that these young people can succeed. Thank you, as an audience member, for coming to support these students and the work that they have created. I hope you enjoy the show and that we see you back at Magnus Theatre in the future.



Jordan Blaxill
Theatre in Education Director



Jaylan Toppozini (Tarrin) has been on the stage more times than she has ran on a track. Meaning she's more of an arts kinda person. But her lack of athleticism is tested by playing a soccer player in this Magnus Theatre production of Introspection. She hopes that she can really make you say "oh wow" with her performance. In a good way obviously. So sit back, relax, and dive into the watching experience of "Introspection". Jaylan would also like to leave you with this parting messages "stay awesome"!



Andreas Sheridan Langille (Bee) is a Grade 9 student at Superior High School, who enjoys reading, acting, and cats, even though they are allergic. Andi has done camps with Magnus in the past but this is their second production with them! They are also currently in Magnus Theatre's Collective Creation Project working on a play called Introspection.



Kailey Ogemah (Emma) is a new actor in Magnus doing their first official performance. She did musicals when she was younger. She's excited for her friends and family to see this performance!



Nathan Albanese (Dad and Ensemble) is a cast member and collaborative writer in Magnus' Introspection. This is his second play as an actor and first play as a writer. He would like to thank the cast and his director for being wonderful to work with. He is incredibly proud of the play and happy to have had the opportunity.



Deklan Cross (Gigi and Ensemble) is very happy to be involved in another CCP, he was in last year's "Smokescreen" as the character Curtis. This year's acting experience has been very educational in many ways for Deklan and he hopes to continue to improve his acting skills in future plays. He is very proud to be apart of this very talented cast!



Gwen Carrasco (Trophy, Ensemble, Stage Manager) is a young public speaker and performer. They are incredibly passionate about advocating for the mental health of youth and they are performing in their second show at Magnus Theatre. Gwen would like to thank their cat, Diego for his never ending support in this endeavor.



Jaiden Stevenson (Mike Von Trapp and Ensemble) has been an actor since 2018 and has enjoyed the excitement with performing. They're excited to once again be on a stage after the last performance at Magnus in Smokescreen.



Quill Graham (Benny and Ensemble) has been acting since they were seven years old, and is very excited to be in a show again for the first time in 3 years!



Shannon Vancook (Instructor/Director) is so proud of the cast for the work and talent they have brought to the creation of *Introspection*. She has enjoyed each step along the way, and

hopes that this play can be of help to young people who are struggling with mental health. Please remember: your feelings are valid, your boundaries are important, and help is available.



The Collective Creation Project is an annual cooperative effort with Magnus Theatre and local high school students. With the guidance of professional theatre staff, students from across the city come together to write a play on a social issue affecting Thunder Bay. The CCP is offered completely free of charge to participants, with the students involved in all aspects of the creation of the play, from writing to acting to production. In 2022, the Collective Creation Project received the Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for their play, *STOLEN, AZHEN*. This year's play, *Introspection*, is an honest and powerful look at the state of the mental health of young people today and how they cope with an uncertain and ever-changing world.

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Bee, Emma and Tarrin are three teens at breaking point. Pressures at home, at school and in the world converge to make them question not just their choices up to this point, but who they want to be in the future. Will they rise to meet their challenges head on, or will the stress be too much to handle? Introspection is an honest and powerful look at the state of the mental health of young people today and how they cope with an uncertain and ever-changing world.

Introspection is a reaction to the ballooning mental health crisis currently occurring in young people because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

No Scents Makes Sense!

Due to the number of people with allergies, Magnus Theatre strives to be a scent-free theatre. Please avoid using perfumes, colognes or other scented products



Children's Centre
THUNDER BAY

Every year CCP partners with a local service provider to enhance the skills of participants and give greater depth to the production they create. This year Magnus Theatre is excited to partner with Children's Centre Thunder Bay on THE MENTAL HEALTH PROJECT!

Children's Centre Thunder Bay works together with families, caregivers and a community of partners to make a real difference in the quality of life of children and youth.

They are an accredited, not-for-profit organization providing treatment and support services for children and youth, from birth to 18 years, who are experiencing behavioural, emotional, developmental or social difficulties.

Their services build improved quality of life including individual well-being and functioning within families, schools and the community. The CCTB approach to service is collaborative and offered in safe and respectful environments.

Children's Centre Thunder Bay employs 150 professionals with expertise in fields such as social work, psychology, child and youth work, early childhood education, speech and language, developmental services and nursing.

As a team, they share common organizational values and work together with youth, caregivers, parents, family members, service providers, and other community partners to deliver services that best meet individual client needs. Where required, support is available for parents to help them develop knowledge-based coping skills and a culture of understanding in the home.

We would like to acknowledge funding support from the Ontario Arts Council, an agency of the Government of Ontario. Thank you to the OAC for their support of this important program for our local community.



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in Education



Planet Stage Ages 5 - 8 | \$ 190

Leave Earth behind and blast off to Planet Stage! Explore the worlds of aliens and extra-terrestrial life as we practice imagination exercises, story creation, and physical theatre.

July 4 – July 7 from 9AM – 4PM

Showcase Performances on Friday July 7 @ 3:30PM

Location: Trinity United Church, 30 Algoma St S.



The Haunted Theatre Ages 5-8| \$210

Explore spooky tales and supernatural goings on as we dive into the world of The Haunted Theatre. We'll use our imaginations to create exciting original stories, the power of our bodies and voices to inspire a spooky mood and atmosphere.

July 17 – July 21 from 9AM – 4PM

Showcase Performances on Friday July 21 @ 3:30PM

Location: Trinity United Church, 30 Algoma St S.



Mayhem and Mystery Ages 9-12 | \$240

A crime has been committed and the culprit is on the loose! Work together to solve the mystery of Magnus Theatre whilst developing your creativity, imagination, and confidence. Leave no stone unturned as you look to find the clues that will break the case.

July 24 – July 28 from 9AM – 4PM

Showcase Performances on Friday July 28 @ 3:30PM

Location: Trinity United Church, 30 Algoma St S.



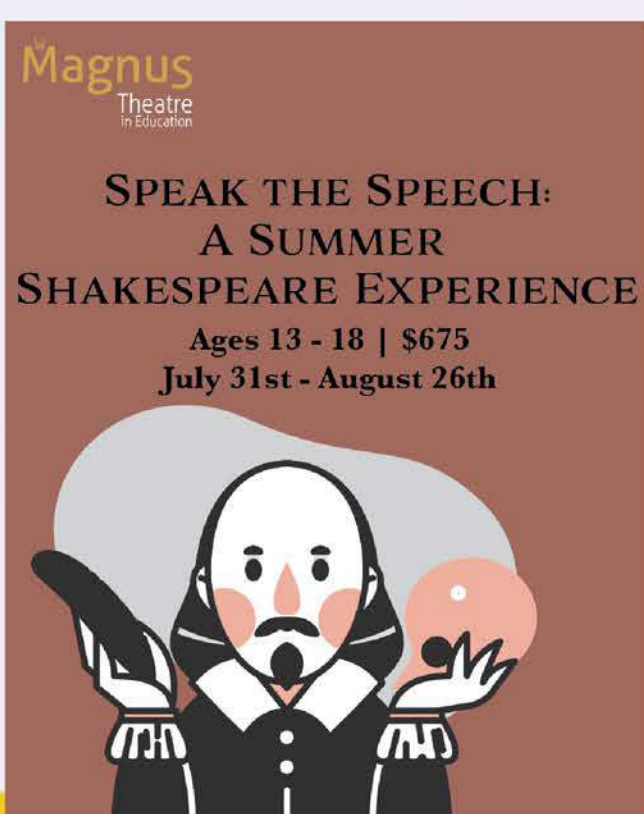
The Hero's Journey Ages 9-12 | \$240

Band together to go on an epic quest of theatre of your own creation! You'll learn all about the classic story of 'The Hero's Journey', creating your own character and developing the tools you will need to bring this exciting quest to life on stage.

July 10 – July 14 from 9AM – 4PM

Showcase Performances on Friday July 14 @ 3:30PM

Location: Trinity United Church, 30 Algoma St S.



Speak the Speech: A Summer Shakespeare Experience

Ages 13-15 | \$625

This four-week full-day camp will immerse teenagers in the experience of mounting a full production of a classic Shakespeare play. The camp will culminate in three performances of our production on the Magnus Theatre Summer Stage.

July 31 - August 26 from 9AM-4PM (NO CLASS ON AUGUST 7)

Performances on Friday August 25th @ 7:30PM,

Saturday August 26th @ 2PM & 7:30PM

Location: St. Paul's United Church, 349 Waverley St

Flexible scheduling and payment plan options available.

Contact education@magnustheatre.com for more information.

To register:

magnustheatre.com/theatre-classes/

or call the Box Office at 807.345.5552.

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