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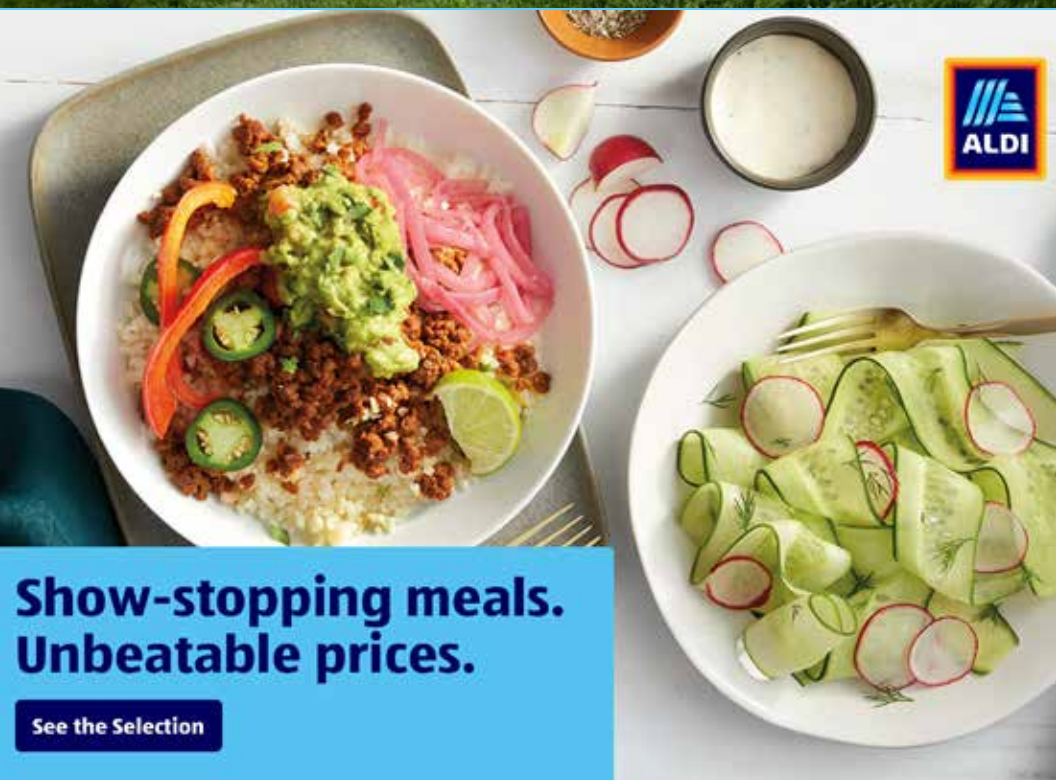
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| Maleficent | Franci Talamantez-Witte |
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| Jafar | Shane St. James |
| Cruella de Vil | Sarah Jeter |
| Ben | Will Edeal |
| King Beast | Robert Clark |
| Queen Belle | Victoria Sawyer |
| Fairy Godmother | Jamie Tanner |
| Jane | Ella Bentley |
| Chad | Sam Illum |
| Audrey | Maddie Bragg |
| Doug | Brett Oplotnik |
| Maurice | Phil Howard |
| Coach | Ivy Sollenberger |
| Snow White | Nicole McCroskey |
| Ensemble | Tola Abitogun, Maddox Bane, Michael Bell, Eli Hoedl, Alexandra Lopez, Vincent Lopez, Isabella Lorna, Dylan Markey, Molly McBride, Sydney Nicks, Ashtin Umstaddt, Lila Wojcik |

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ACT I

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| Better Together (Prelude I) | Ben |
| Rotten to the Core | Mal, Evie, Jay, Carlos, Isle Ensemble |
| Evil Like Me | Maleficent, Mal |
| Be Our Guest | Chad, Auradonians |
| Good is the New Bad (Preprise) | Fairy Godmother |
| Good is the New Bad (Part I) | Mal, Evie, Jay, Carlos, Auradonians |
| Good is the New Bad (Part II) | Doug, Audrey, Chad, Evils, Auradonians |
| Evil Like Me (Reprise I) | Mal |
| Rotten to the Core (Parents' Revenge) | Maleficent, Jafar, Grimhilde, Cruella |
| Goal | Jay, Carlos, Mal, Evie, Ben, Chad, Coach, Auradonians |
| Good is the New Bad (Reprise I) | Auradonians |
| Ways to Be Wicked (Preprise) | Mal, Evie, Jay, Carlos |
| Did I Mention | Ben, Jay, Carlos, Evie, Auradonians |
| Better Together (Prelude II) | Ben, Mal |

There will be one 15 minute intermission.

ACT II

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Space Between | Mal, Evie |
| Chillin' Like a Villain (Part I) | Evie, Jay, Carlos |
| Chillin' Like a Villain (Part II) | Evie, Jay, Carlos, Ben |
| Good is the New Bad (Reprise II) | Auradonians |
| If Only | Mal, Ben |
| Ways to Be Wicked | Audrey, Chad, Evils, Ben, Auradonians, Evil Parents |
| Go the Distance (Chorale) | Auradonians |
| Evil Like Me (Reprise II) | Maleficent |
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Who's Who in the Cast

Tola Abitogun (Ensemble) is 16 years old and excited for his first ensemble role at TIP! He has been involved in 10+ shows including *Grease* (SMS) as Teen Angel, *Godspell* (SMS); *Descendants* (MTKC) as Jay, and *Joseph... Dreamcoat!* (MTKC) as Gad.

Maddox Bane (Ensemble) is ecstatic to return for his 8th show with TIP! He's performed all over the metro including SRPA & MTH! This fall, he's attending Boston Conservatory to major in Musical Theatre. He'd like to thank his family for all the support!

Michael Bell (Ensemble) is beyond excited to perform in his 3rd TIP show, previously in *Newsies* and *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang!* He would like to thank his family and friends, and Miller Marley for his training. Enjoy the Show!

Ella Bentley (Jane) is excited to be back for her third show at the park! She was most recently seen playing Elle Woods at her high school. Ella thanks her friends and family for supporting her in all she does.

Maddie Bragg (Audrey) This will be Maddie Bragg's 3rd show at TIP! She is a Junior Musical Theatre Dance major at Roosevelt University. Maddie would like to thank her family, friends, Justin, and her bunny Missy for all their support. And remember, stay evil!

Robert Clark (King Beast) is excited to be returning to the stage this summer, after a lengthy break, in the cast of *Descendants*. This is his first production with TIP. Favorite past performances include *Seussical*, *Anything Goes* and *Music Man*.

Will Edeal (Ben) is absolutely thrilled to be playing the role of Ben! He was previously seen as Anatoly in *Chess* (SRPA), Robert Martin in *The Drowsy*

Chaperone (SMW), and ensemble in *Cinderella* (TIP). Thanks to all his friends and family! @willedeal

Darcie Hingula (Mal) is so excited to be back at TIP for her lucky 13th show and is honored to be performing with this incredible team! Darcie has performed at several other theaters in KC including the Coterie, Spinning Tree Theatre, KC Rep, and Musical Theatre Heritage. She is currently a student at NYU Tisch studying Musical Theatre. Check out her original music on all streaming platforms. "Love you Mom and Dad!" @darcie_hingula

Eli Hoedl (Ensemble) is super excited to be in his third park show! He was recently Eddie in the Olathe East Production of *Mamma Mia* (2022). He would like to thank all his teachers, parents, and siblings. Enjoy the show!

Phil Howard (Maurice) is excited to be returning to TIP for the Summer shows! Phil has been performing and designing in various venues over the last 30 years. Previous roles include Smee in *Peter Pan*, Patsy in *Spamalot*, and was last seen in the cast of *Once* as The Banker! When not on stage, Phil can be found teaching with Kansas City Public Schools, operating giant puppets with Stone Lion Puppets, or playing with his band in the Kansas City area. He would like to give a special shout out to his family for their everlasting support!

Sam Illum (Chad) will be a freshman at TCU, persuing a BFA in musical theater. Sam has been in over 40 shows around the KC area, and this is his second with TIP. Follow him IG: @sam_illum. Love Always.

Sarah Jeter (Cruella de Vil) is stoked to be back at TIP. Past TIP roles include Claire in *The Secret Garden* (2015) and Emma Goldman in *Ragtime* (2014). Love to Anne, Susan, and Minkus.



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Alexandra Lopez (Ensemble) is excited to be a part of her first show at TIP! She has had so much fun putting this show together and she is excited for everyone to see it. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Vincent Lopez (Ensemble) is 17 years old and a Junior at Bishop Miege. Vincent has been involved in shows with FATAKC, Stage Right, BMHS, and is also a proud member of KCAC! Vincent is excited for you to see *Descendants*!

Isabella Lorna (Ensemble) is thrilled to be in her 2nd TIP show. She was in last summer's *Cinderella*. Isa is a Junior at Shawnee Mission South. Favorite credits include: *Grease* (Marty & Radio Voice), *Godspell* ("Bless the Lord"). Enjoy the show!

Molly McBride (Ensemble) is a senior graduate from Olathe South High School, and is so excited to be in *Descendants* at TIP this summer! Molly has been in multiple theaters around the KC metro, including MTKC, the

White Theatre, and StageRight. She is so excited to final be able to perform on the park stage!

Blair McCroskey (Dude the Dog) is very excited to be back at TIP for her 2nd season! You may have seen her as Toto in 2019. She enjoys long walks with her Mama, peanut butter, hot dogs, & spending time with her best friend, Dawson, and her grandpawrents.

Nicole McCroskey (Snow White/ Dance Captain) is thrilled to be back at TIP for her 15th season! By day, she is a Copywriter at T-Mobile and a Photographer. She'd like to thank Miller Marley, her family, & Zach for their support.

Sydney Nicks (Ensemble) is so excited to be back on the TIP stage for her 2nd year as she was seen in *Cinderella* last year!! She is so excited to be



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Brett Oplotnik (Doug) is thrilled to be in his 2nd show at TIP. He has performed in 30+ shows in the KC Community since starting at The Culture House at age 3. Recent Roles have been Joseph (*Joseph...*), Adam (*Freaky Friday*), Marius (*Les Miserable*), and Donkey (*Shrek*). He is a proud member of National Champions SoundProof of KC A Cappella as well as Stage Right. He would like to Thank his family, directors, instructors and GOD.

Starr Peterson (Grimhilde) is thrilled to be making her TIP debut this summer! After a brief 7 year hiatus, she is honored to get to be on stage once again! Starr would like to thank the directors for this opportunity! XOXO

Victoria Sawyer (Queen Belle) is excited to be performing as Queen Belle in her first TIP production! She has spent the majority of her life on stage in ballet or

worship leading and is excited to grace the stage once more!

Holden Schroeder (Carlos) is ecstatic to be in his 2nd show at TIP, previously in *Matilda*. He just graduated from Shawnee Mission South after playing Judas in *Godspell*. Holden will be going to NWU next year for a BFA in acting.

Ivy Sollenberger (Coach) is thrilled to be in her 1st TIP show! You may have seen her as Ivanka in *Once* with The Barn Players, a Who in *Seussical the Musical* with LSC or dancing around town with Miller Marley.

Shane St. James (Jafar) is making his TIP Outdoor debut. He previously performed with TIP Indoor as "Horse" in *The Full Monty*. Special thanks to this enormously talented cast! Shane can next be seen in *Sweeney Todd* with STG. @stshanejames

Tripp Starr (Jay) is thrilled to be back at the park this summer! He was previously seen in TIP'S *Halftime* (2021),



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in addition to other theatre's such as MTKC, KCREP, etc. Tripp would like to thank God and his friends and family for their support.

Franci Talamantez-Witte (Maleficent)

Franci's incredibly excited to be back on the TIP stage, especially with her family bestie, Darcie! This is Franci's 6th show with the park; she was last seen here in 2019 as Mrs. Wormwood (*Matilda*). Much love to her fam!!

Jaime Tanner (Fairy Godmother)

is so pleased to be here! Previous TIP shows include *Wizard of Oz*, *Secret Garden*, *Music Man*, and *42nd Street*. Thanks to Andy for keeping Henry, Eli, and Cole alive and happy while she is gone. Love you, boys!

Ashtin Umstadt (Ensemble)

is beyond excited to be involved in her second show at TIP! She is currently attending Missouri State University in Springfield, and was recently in Laboratory Theatre's production of *Carrie*. She hopes the audience enjoys this wickedly awesome show!

Lila Wojcik (Ensemble)

is so excited to perform in her first TIP show! She is so happy to be spending the summer with her friends before going off to TCU next year!

Stella Woodall (Evie)

is so excited to do her first show with TIP. She is 17 years old and will be a senior at Blue Valley Northwest. Stella has been involved in 15+ shows with FATAKC, Stage Right, and BVNW theatre.



Who's Who on the Production Team

LB (Director/Choreographer)

is honored to be back at the park directing and choreographing such a fun show! Dance Training - The Dance Factory; Music Performance - Washburn University. Recent directing credits: *Half Time* - TIP; choreography credits: *Songs for a New World* - Barn Players, *Full Monty*, *Wizard of Oz*, *In the Heights*, *High School Musical 1&2*, *The Happy Elf*, *Joseph ...* - TIP. Special thanks to my sister and my best friend for being the biggest *Descendants* fans, and to friends/family for support. From The Mouse: "At its core, *Descendants* is a musical about empathy, tolerance, and acceptance. We hope this show can be a reminder that no matter where we come from, we are better together." This cast and production team have proven this to be true, and it has been my pleasure creating art with all of them this summer. Long Live Evil!

Amanda Albert (Props Designer/Coordinator)

is thankful to be a part of this fantastic show! Previous TIP credits include *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (ASM), *The Happy Elf* (ASM, Props), *High School Musical* (ASM, Props), and *Half-Time* (Props). Amanda would like to thank LB, Alexandra, Lindsay, Charlotte, Addison, and Jayson, for all of your help with the props process for this show. Much love to her family and to Josh, for his patience and support. #Sunshine&Shade4ever.

Marlee Bell (Asst. Stage Manager)

is thrilled to be back at Theatre in the Park this summer! After growing up attending every show every summer, she was the Asst. Choreographer for *Monty Python's Spamalot* (2017) and

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Disney's Beauty and the Beast (2017). Being a fan of the *Disney Descendants* movies, she was thrilled when asked to be a part of this production. She hopes you enjoy this incredible show!

Jerry Birts (Co-Choreographer) is happy to be back at TIP! TIP Choreography/ Acting Credits: *HalfTime* (2021), *Be More Chill* (2020), *Wizard of Oz* (2019), *In The Heights* (2018), *High School Musical 1&2* (2018), *Mary Poppins* (2016), and *Damn Yankees* (2013). He'd like to thank his family and friends for their support. Enjoy the show!

Alexandra Blasi (Costume Designer/ Coordinator) is thrilled to return to TIP for her fourth production behind the scenes! She has multiple degrees from Washburn University and a diverse background of music, presentation, and performance experience. Thanks to her family for their love and support!

Jonnie Brice (Accompanist) made her debut at TIP last year playing for *Newsies*. She is happy to be working on two TIP show this summer - *Descendants* and *SpongeBob*! Some of the other Kansas City area shows she has worked on are *Bright Star*, *Grand Hotel*, and *Songs for a New World*.

Jayson Chandley (Lighting Designer) is excited to be back as the Resident Lighting Designer for theatre in the park's 2022 season. Having previously been the season designer for the summer shows in 2016, he's gone on to design many of the indoor shows at Arts & Heritage Center as well. For the past 5 years, he has been a technical designer for Cedar Fair Amusement Parks designing and implementing technical aspects of festivals, experiences, and shows for theme parks across the nation. This summer he will travel to California's Great America & Valley Fair to install

a new "Trick's and Treats Festival" for 2022. Other technical highlights include designing over 30 productions of the White Theatre at the Jewish Community Center; *Shrek*, *Mary Poppins*, and many other shows here at the Park; *Fiddler on the Roof*, Merideth Wilson's *The Music Man*, for Kansas City Starlight; *Eating Raoul*, *Debbie Does Dallas*, *The Last 5 Years*, *Disgracefully Yours*, *Rocky Horror 2006*, *Hedwig & The Angry Inch* for Eubank/Egads Productions; *A Christmas Spectacular*, *How to Succeed...* for Musical Theatre Heritage; and Lighting Designs for Magician Ed Alonzo from TV's '*Saved by the Bell*'; as well as many other projects both regionally and at home. He is very grateful to the amazing people he has the pleasure of working with every day, who bring their astounding talents to the theatre. Much love goes out to his Mother for her unconditional support, dedication, and continued nagging of everyday things – as any good Mother should do!

Stephen Holbert (Asst. Stage Manager) is excited for his fifth show at TIP! Previous TIP credits include ensemble in *South Pacific* (2018), ASM for *Annie* (2019), and run crew for *Wizard of Oz* (2019) and *Half Time* (2021). During the day, Stephen operates an interior painting business: Holbert Painting!

James Levy (Music Director) is excited to be back at TIP! TIP Music Directing Credits: *Full Monty* (2021), *Half Time* (2021), *Frozen Jr.* (2019), *The Wizard of Oz* (2019), *In The Heights* (2018), *High School Musical 1&2* (2018), *Avenue Q* (2018), *The Happy Elf* (2017/2018), *Joseph... Dreamcoat* (2016). James teaches in the Blue Valley School District and also serves as the Artistic Director of the

non-profit organization KC A Cappella. Thank you to the amazing cast and crew for their hard work as well as his family and friends for their support.

Kara Mason (Stage Manager) is thrilled to be back at TIP for her first ever Production Team role! Previous TIP Cast credits include *Spamalot* (2017), *HSM 1&2* (2018), *The Wizard of Oz* (2019), and *Half Time* (2021). An alum of ESU, during the school year she teaches 5th-12th Grade Vocal Music at USD 434 Santa Fe Trail in Carbondale, KS, where she also Directs/Music Directs/Choreographs their Musicals!

Lina Sattarin (Co-Choreographer) This is Lina's first time helping choreograph a show at the park. She has been performing since 2010: Credits include *High School Musical 1&2*, *In the Heights*, & *The Wizard of Oz*. She loves spending her summers out at the park & hopes you enjoy the show :)

Lindsay Webster (Scenic Designer) is absolutely thrilled to be joining the amazing team at TIP this summer. She is an MFA Theatre Design graduate student at the University of Kansas, where she works as an instructor for scenic, lighting, and costume production courses and designer for KU Theatre productions. Upcoming, she will be scenic designing *Barefoot in the Park* at Tibbits Opera House and scenic/costume designing *Labyrinth of Desire* at KU Theatre. She has earned three national first-place awards for scenic design and costume design from the Region V Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival. *Descendants* is Lindsay's favorite Disney series – she hopes you enjoy it as much as she does!

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Lighting DesignerJayson Chandley
Sound DesignerBrady Rose
Lighting CrewCaleb Curtis
Jacob Lee, Sammy Sowerby
Sound CrewJessica Dobbs,
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Griffin Rogers, Tristian Brummer,
Kelly Edwards, Corwin Bower
Lead Scenic PainterJana Danzeisen
Scenic PaintersAri Hernandez,
Kate Cronin, Kylie Driver
Graffiti ArtistJester
Scenic/Turn Over CrewKatie Bauman,
Michelle Denney
Lighting InternsSammy Sowerby,
Caleb Curtis, Jacob Lee
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