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Mel Brooks & Thomas Meehan

Music & Lyrics by
Mel Brooks

Original Direction & Choreography by
Susan Stroman

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starring

Keri Baggs • Erica Baruth • Brandt Cooley
Anne Haines • Kelsey Linn • David Martin
Maxwell McIntire • Fran Opheim • Michael Pierce
David Sadzin • Karen Seaton • Jason Shipps • Zak Smith
Bob Stewart • Linda Marie Williams Taylor • Miles Wirth

Scenic Designer
Pamela Zerger

Costume Designer
Sarah Martin

Lighting Designer
Zach Dulny

Sound Designer
Brady Rose

Hair & Makeup Designer
John Hollan

Props Designer
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Blake Legens
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David Powell

Music Director
Stacey Stofferahn-Uthe

Production Stage Manager
Ryann Hill

Choreographer
Elizabeth Phillips

Directed by
Reed Uthe

CAST

Dr. Frederick Frankenstein	Zak Smith
Igor	Maxwell McIntire
Inga	Keri Baggs
The Monster.....	David Martin
Frau Blucher	Erica Baruth
Elizabeth.....	Anne Haines
Inspector Kemp/Ensemble	Jason Shipps
Ziggy/Ensemble.....	Miles Wirth

Ensemble

Brandt Cooley Kelsey Linn Fran Opheim
Michael Pierce David Sadzin Karen Seaton
Bob Stewart Linda Marie Williams Taylor



SCENES

Musical Numbers

ACT I

The Happiest Town in Town	Inspector Kemp, Ziggy, Transylvanian Villagers
(There is Nothing Like) The Brain.....	Frederick & Students
Please Don't Touch Me	Elizabeth & Ensemble
Together Again For the First Time	Frederick & Igor
Roll in the Hay	Inga, Frederick & Igor
Join the Family Business.....	Victor Frankenstein, Frederick, Mad Scientists
He Vas My Boyfriend.....	Frau Blucher
The Brain - Reprise.....	Frederick
The Law	Inspector Kemp, Ziggy & Transylvanian Villagers
Life, Life	Frederick & Company
Welcome to Transylvania.....	Inspector Kemp, Ziggy & Transylvanian Villagers
Transylvania Mania	Full Company

ACT 2

He's Loose.....	Inspector Kemp, Ziggy & Transylvanian Villagers
Listen to Your Heart	Inga & Frederick
Surprise.....	Inga, Igor, Elizabeth, Elizabeth's Entourage
Please Send Me Someone	Hermit
Please Send Me Someone - Reprise.....	Hermit
Man About Town	Frederick & Monster
Puttin' On The Ritz	Full Company
He's Loose - Reprise	Inspector Kemp, Ziggy & Transylvanian Villagers
Deep Love	Elizabeth & Monster
Hang the Doctor	Inspector Kemp, Ziggy & Transylvanian Villagers
Deep Love - Reprise.....	Monster
Finale Ultimo	Full Company
Final Song - Together Again	Full Company

There will be one 15 minute intermission.

Who's Who in the Cast

Keri Baggs (Inga) was last seen on the TIP stage as Mayzie in *Seussical*. Credits: Pseudolus (*A Funny Thing Happened*), Violet Newstead (*9 to 5*), Morticia (*The Addams Family*), Lola (*D*mn Yankees*), Mrs. Wormwood (*Matilda the Musical*).
CR&L - I love you! @keribaggs

Erica Baruth (Frau Blucher) was recently seen on the TIP stage in *MY FAIR LADY* (Mrs. Higgins) and *ANASTASIA* (The Dowager). As a lifetime Mel Brooks fan, this show checks a box on her bucket list! #horsewhinny

Brandt Cooley (Ensemble) Having lived in 7 cities in the past 10 years, Kansas City is the first time Brandt has moved to a city with a plan to stay. See him also perform as Professor Shyguy all over the US.

Anne Haines (Elizabeth) [she/her] is positively thrilled to be back on the TIP stage playing such an adorable, madcap character!

Other: *Anything Goes*, *Shout! The Mod Musical*, *Into the Woods*, *Rent*, *Once*, *Titanic*.
Unending love to JSH, to whom she dedicates her performance.

Kelsey Linn (Ensemble) Kelsey's 2nd show at Theatre in the Park! She is so excited to work with this amazing cast, crew and creative team! When not on stage she enjoys tennis, pursuing a degree in business/finance, and being mom to her three amazing kids, who inspire her every day.

David Martin (The Monster) is thrilled to be a monster. He does lots of shows, so maybe you've seen one. He also dispenses financial advice by day. Love to Jessica and the cats! TYSF!

Maxwell McIntire (Igor) is ecstatic to return to TIP for his first indoor show, playing one of his favorite comedic characters - *Young Frankenstein's* Igor! He'd like to thank his parents for cultivating an appreciation for the distinctly off-kilter humor of *Young Frankenstein*.



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Fran Opheim (Ensemble) is thrilled to be part of her first Indoor show at TIP! Many thanks to her family for their support and her cat for tolerating the rehearsal schedule. She hopes our audiences laugh all night. Enjoy the show!

Michael Pierce (Ensemble) is a K-State alum, where he majored in Theatre Performance. His show credits include *The Fantasticks*, *West Side Story*, *Spamalot*, and *The Comedy of Errors*. Michael would like to thank his family, friends, and the entire *Young Frankenstein* team!

David Sadzin (Ensemble) is pleased to make his TIP debut in the Ensemble for *Young Frankenstein*! He recently graced this very stage as Thomson in the musical, *1776* (The Barn Players). Other theater credits include *A.R. Gurney's Screen Play* (Flea Theater, NY) and more. @DavidSadzin.

Karen Seaton (Ensemble) is thrilled to perform in her 6th TIP show. She teaches adult tap classes and is always enthusiastic about any musical with tap in it. She is grateful for her family and their understanding of her passion for theatre.

Jason Shipps (Inspector Kemp/Ensemble) Kansas City actor/director, was last seen in *West Side Story* and *Harvey*. A lifelong monster buff, he's on the case to investigate laughs, screams, and suspiciously reanimated musicals.

Zak Smith (Dr. Frederick Frankenstein) is 'digging' his return to TIP after playing Alfred Doolittle in *My Fair Lady*. Also in *Musical of Musicals* at OCTA and appears this winter in *All is Calm* with MTKC PRO. He directs *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* at STG next summer.

Bob Stewart (Ensemble) is an actor, director and producer who has been very active in theater for many years both here and throughout California. He thanks his beautiful wife Lindsay Day, his daughters Laura and Lizzie and his cats Pumpkin and Pippin.

Linda Marie Williams Taylor (Ensemble) is excited to be a part of her first fall show at TIP. With YF being a dream show and such a talented cast and team she's grateful to bring the monstrous mania to life ! Let the spooky season begin - Daffodil


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Miles Wirth (Ziggy/Ensemble) This is Miles' 5th Production for Theatre in the Park. Last seen this year were *Jesus Christ Superstar* & *1776* both for The Barn Players. Thank you to the cast & crew for their support!

Who's Who on the Production Team

Zach Dulny (Lighting Designer) is a NYC based lighting designer. He loves collaborating on new work, having designed many new plays and musicals. He works most frequently on Off and Off-Off Broadway, along with regional works. He thanks his friends, family, and teachers for helping him along his way.

Ryann Hill (Stage Manager) is absolutely thrilled to join this team as the Production Stage Manager! Ryann is a Stage Manager, Lighting Designer, Sound Technician, and theatre generalist operating in the Kansas City area. Ryann also specializes in children's theatre, and is a technician and teacher at Summit Theatre Group Studio and at Centerstage Academy for the Performing Arts. Recent Credits include *Stuff of Dreams* (The White Theatre) *Charlie ... Factory* (TIP) and more. Much love to family, The J Staff, and her fiancé, Seth.

Blake Legens (Asst. Stage Manager)
He's Blake!

Sarah Martin (Costume Designer) is thrilled to be back at TIP for her second design here! You might've seen her costume design earlier this season, for *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. Or maybe you've seen her work at The White Theatre, for *Music Man* or *Addam's Family*! Make sure to check out her next show there too, *Hello Dolly*!

Ashley Ozment (Props Designer) is on staff at The J as Carpenter and Production Assistant in The White Theatre. Worked as Props Designer for several productions in Chicago, and has built the sets for a number of productions in The White Theatre, including "*The Curious Incident...*" "*Hairspray*," and "*West Side Story*." Ashley is a cake artist, having competed on "Holiday Wars" on Food Network in the 2024 season, and featured in the KC Spaces magazine. She is so thankful to her amazing family for all of their support!

Elizabeth Phillips (Choreographer) is thrilled to be making her Theatre in the Park choreographer debut with *Young Frankenstein*. Beyond choreography, Elizabeth is also a performer, director, stage manager, and teaching artist. Some of her favorite credits include: *Matilda* (Miss Honey), *Frozen Jr.* (Director), *Junie B. Jones* (Choreographer) and *Cabaret* (Lulu). She would like to thank her fellow production team for their support and trust throughout this process!

Mer Riegg (Asst. Stage Manager) is thrilled to be joining this remarkable cast and crew to help bring this wonderful show to life! Mer works for multiple community and professional theaters in the area, including The White Theater, MTC, Kansas City Shakes, and STG. Mer would love to thank her SM team and her Hirling Woods Family. Thank you for supporting local theater!

Brady Rose (Sound Designer) has been the resident Sound Designer for TIP since 2021, designing all indoor shows and designing and mixing all outdoor shows. Some highlights of his TIP career include *Footloose*, *The SpongeBob Musical*, *Newsies*, and many



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others. While not working for TIP, Brady is an Audio Engineer and Production Manager for HMXLIVE, a unit of Harvest Productions.

Stacey Stofferahn-Uthe (Music Director)

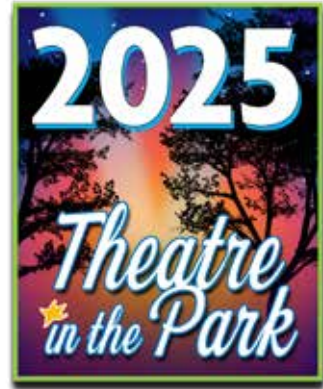
Thrilled to return to Theatre in the Park again on the “other side” as Vocal Music Director for *Young Frankenstein*, Stacey’s first TIP role was Marian in *Music Man* in 2002, and her first experience as a villain was Velma in *Hairspray* in 2013! Stacey’s career as a professional opera singer spans 25 years and counting. She is now the Director of Vocal Studies at MWSU. She lives in KC with husband, Reed Uthe, and 4 cuddly cats. Enjoy!

Reed Uthe (Director)

Since moving to KC 25 years ago, Reed has acted in over 70 plays and musicals, has performed in more than 80 improv shows, and this marks his 50th mainstage show as a director. Reed has been teaching public school for 37 years, currently as theatre director at Blue Valley West High School. Your support of theatre at all levels is much appreciated, and Reed thanks you for helping bring theatre to life!

Pamela Zerger (Scenic Director) is a theatre educator and scenic designer with over 20

years of experience. She currently teaches in the Olathe School district and has designed productions at Goppert Theatre, The Culture House and the Kauffman Center.



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