

# Behind the Story

Instead of featuring ensembles, like previous years' musicals, "Into the Woods" only allows for main characters. Because of this, directors Michelle and Duane Philgreen entrusted musical members to understudy the main cast.

As understudy for the wolf, Ethan Grawe (9) felt grateful for the experience learned.

"Just learning from the person above you is one of the best parts of being an understudy," Grawe said.

Recalling his experience at a practice where Aiden Lee (11), who played the wolf, was absent, Grawe felt he wasn't quite prepared.

"It was pretty scary at first, but once you get out there, you go into the zone," Grawe said.

## Talking to Your Meal

Tricking Little Red Riding Hood, played by Kaylee Osterhaus (12), the wolf, Aiden Lee (11), tries to lead her astray.

## A Selfish Sacrifice

As the witch, Sheedey McMahon (12) sacrifices the narrator, Samantha Anderson (11), in an attempt to appease the giant.



## A Furry Situation

Katie McGrane (12) applies eyebrows and a beard to Aiden Lee (11). McGrane played the role of Sleeping Beauty at the end of the show, and Lee played the wolf at the beginning of the show.

## Agony!

Singing "Agony," Elias Tibbott (12), playing the Cinderella Prince, expresses how hurt he is when Cinderella runs from him.



## Bird Whisperer

Playing Cinderella, Laney Robinson (11) speaks to the birds, asking them to help her. In addition to playing the role of the baker, Ian Rogers (12) whistled for the birds.



## No One Is Alone

Atop the tower, Ian Rogers (12) sings with James Nachtman (12), reminding him that everybody makes mistakes and that no one is alone in their mistakes.

## Crew and Tech

The first full run through with no stopping took place opening night. "I was proud of the crew because of how smoothly the performances went," stage manager Emma Merkes said.



Clilee-Bailes (11)



Regan Recker (12) & Erika Holtz (9)



Alex Rattenborg (10)



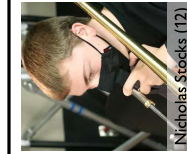
Gabriel Quint (9) / Alyssa Peterson (11)



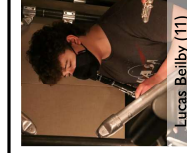
Cruz Timmerman (11)



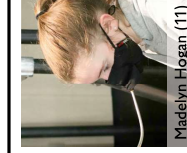
Jasmine Tran (11) plays the keyboard in the pit during a rehearsal.



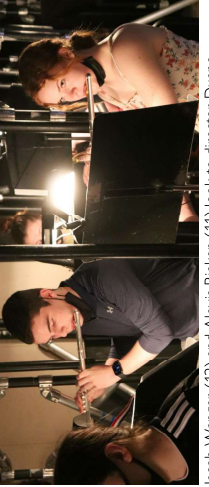
Nicholas Stocks (12)



Lucas Beilby (11)



Madelyn Hogan (11)



Jacob Wenger (12) and Alexis Rieken (11) look to director Duane Philgreen's cue to begin playing.

## Into the Pit

Down in the pit, everyone was on point for both musical performances. 12 orchestra members patiently played at rehearsal. Sometimes, the director would have them

continuously repeat measures

as sometimes the director would have them begin at the same point time and time again.