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Most Main Stage productions are geared toward mature audiences and may not be appropriate for younger audiences. Our Magic Circle productions provide wonderful family entertainment and an introduction to the live theatre experience. Please call the box office at 616 456 6656 for information on age appropriateness of any of our shows. Children below school age may not attend our Main Stage productions. Please, no babes in arms or toddlers. At no time can a child enter the auditorium without a ticket.

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Greetings!

Welcome to our 2023 family friendly show, *The Three Musketeers*! We are thrilled to be continuing our Magic Circle Productions, providing families a chance to create memories together while introducing the younger generation to the beauty of live theatre. I always look forward to our Magic Circle shows because it provides me with the opportunity to interact with our youngest patrons. I hope you enjoy the show.

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Inspired by

Les Trois Mousquetaires by Alexandre Dumas

Director

Josie Gonzalez

Stage Manager
Ashley Bolek-Schwallier

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ARAMIS	Shannon Heldt
LADY CONSTANCE	Lauren Heyboer
QUEEN ANNE/ENSEMBLE	Maia Koenes
LADY DE WINTER/ENSEMBLE	Jackie Kosten
D'ARTAGNAN	Tanner Kosten
YOUNG D'ARTAGNAN/LOUIS XIII	Jack Morgan
AUGUST MAQUET/ENSEMBLE	Steve Place
CARDINAL RICHELIEU	Charlie Saulino
ROCHEFORT	Aaron Skorka
MOTHER/ENSEMBLE	Gabby Zeinstra



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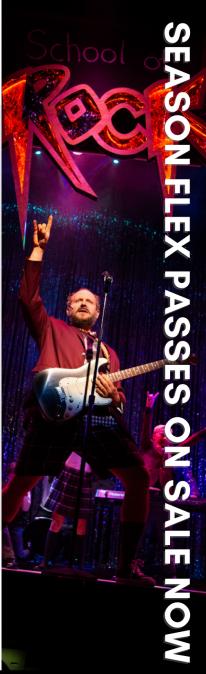
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WHO'S WHO | CAST

MIRO (ALAN) ALAGOZ He/Him (Athos) past credits include The Sound of Music (Kurt - 2021 Holiday Show), Studio Winter Cabaret (Hercules), and Les Miserables SE in Concert (Feuilly) at Grand Rapids Civic Theatre, The Addams Family (Pugsley), Into the Woods (Cinderella's Father), and The Little Mermaid (Ensemble) at StageGR, Seussical (Horton the Elephant) Children's Creations, MidSummer Night's Dream (Puck), Macbeth (King Duncan), and A Pirate Cabaret (Pirate King) at Blue Lake, and Cinderella (Kings Knights & Ensemble) at Forest Hills Central High School. Alen is a Rising Junior at East Grand Rapids High School. His hobbies include theatre, film, soccer, football, history, politics, and writing.

EMILY "EMC" **CIPRIANO** They/She (Porthos) past credits include Chicago (Costume Designer) at Betka-Pope Productions, 9 to 5 (Franklin Hart) at AQ Theatre, Indecent (Assistant Director/ Dramaturg) at Jewish Theatre GR, Rent (Costume Style Coordinator) at Circle Theatre, Sylvia (Variety Track) at Lowell Arts, The Game - Ten for All (Interviewer) at Grand Rapids Civic Theatre, and The Laramie Project (Leigh Fondakowski and Others) at The Arts Coalition. Emily graduated Aquinas in 2020 and is currently the Director of Community Development with BAMTalent, and a server at Tupelo Honey. In their free time, she loves to make art, be outside, and get involved in their community! "I'd like to thank my lovely girlfriend, incredible friends, and amazing family for their endless support."

K. HYPATIA DAWN She/Her (Alexandra Dumas/Ensemble) was recently seen in The Sound of Music (Ensemble) at Grand Rapids Civic Theatre. Hypatia is studying communications and journalism at

GVSU to use her vocal talents to narrate notification.

SHANNON HELDT She/Her (Armis) is a familiar to Circle audiences from her role in last seasons production of The Play that Goes Wrong (Stagehand) and her work as the Experience Intern in the Circle Box Office. Favorite area shows include Eurydice (Loud Stone) at GRCC Players and High School Musical (Taylor McKessie), To Kill A Mockingbird (Scout Finch), Legally Blonde (Gaylen/ Dance Corps)and Coney Island Christmas (Priscilla Mullins) at Northview High School. Not only does Shannon love being a part of community theatre, she loves anything involved with the arts-including drawing, painting, and taking photos. She also loves to sing/make music, tap dance, and read!

LAUREN **HEYBOER** She/Her (Lady Constance) past credits include Puffs Manager) (Stage at Grand **Rapids** Civic Theatre and Callab24 Devised Theatre Festival (Managing Director) at Thumbprint Studios. Lauren graduated from Aquinas College with degrees in theatre and English and currently scripts proofreads for YouthPLAYS. "Endless love and thanks to Eric. Special thanks to Randy."

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MAIA KOENES She/Her (Queen Anne/ Ensemble) past credits include Shrek Jr. (Princess Fiona), Honk! Jr. (Ida), and Matilda Jr. (Miss Honey) at Grand Rapids Civic Theatre. Maia is currently a rising senior in high school and work as a barista at Starbucks. She plans to go to college and get a degree in Environmental Science. Outside of theatre, she loves hiking and being outside, spending time with her tow dogs Emerson and Darwin, going to Lake Michigan, and reading. "I'd like to give a special thanks to my family and bestfriend for always supporting me, especially my Mom who has been tirelessly running lines with me for so many years now!"

JACKIE KOSTEN She/Her (Lady De Winter/Ensemble) recently Jackie performed in Enchanted April (Lady Caroline) at Aquinas College. Jackie graduated from Aquinas College in 2019 with a Communication Major and Writing Minor. She loves reading whenever she can find the time, puzzles, both participating and also attending local theater, and binging way too much TV. "I want to thank my husband, Tanner for always providing support and encouragement. I also want to thank all of my amazing friends and family for always being there for me."

TANNER KOSTEN He/Him (d'Artagnan)

past credits include Last of the Dragons at Magic Circle: Circle Theatre Grand Rapids, The Illusion at Aquinas College, and The Accomplices at Jewish Theatre Grand Rapids. Tanner graduated from Aquinas College with a degree in Theatre for Social Change. He is currently a support staff member at Kenowa Hills Pathways High School. "Special thanks to my awesome friends and wonderful family for all their supports. Especially my amazing niece

Eleanor and my wonderful wife Jackie for always encouraging and supporting me."

JACK MORGAN He/Him (Young d'Artagnan/Louis XIII) recently Jack has performed in School of Rock at Grand Rapids Civic Theatre. Jack is currently an 8th grade student at City High Middle School. Hobbies include, Violin, Saxophone, Guitar, YouTube Creator, Geocaching, being a roller coaster enthusiast! "Special thanks to my family for supporting me in my theatre pursuits and to the casts of The Three Musketeers and Pippin for an incredible experience!"

STEVE PLACE He/Him (August Maquet/Ensemble) past credits include Annie (Daddy Warbucks), 1776 (Lewis Morris), Scrooge (Scrooge), and Christmas Carol (Scrooge) at Grand Rapids Civic Theatre and Grey Gardens (Major Bouvier) at Actors' Theatre. Steve graduated from Michigan State University in 1979, worked in the field of pest control for 30 years and now is a pastor at Faith UMC. "Theatre is my favorite pastime! So nice to be back! Thank you Circle Theatre!"

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CHARLIE SAULINO He/Him (Cardinal Richelieu) previous theatre credits include Into the Woods (Narrator), Young Frankenstein (The Creature), Miracle on 34th Street (Albert Sawyer), The Odd Couple (Manolo Costazuela), with the Thornapple Players, On Golden Pond (Charlie) at Circle Theatre, Mamma Mia! (Bill Austin) at the Kindleberger Summer Festival, March of the Falsettos (Mendel) at Queer Theatre Kalamazoo, Distracted (The Doctors) at Grand Rapids Civid Theatre, and A Stab in the Dark (Myles Fletcher) at Delton ACT. Charlie is a graduate of Michigan Law School, and is currently a machine operator at Pratt Corrugating and Steward for USW Local 1-1050. "Special thanks to my grandson Everett, who is just a bit too young to come to the show this year but has sent his whole hearted support to his PaPa."

AARON SKORKA He/Him (Rochefort)

past credits include Shakespeare in Love (Wabash) at Grand Rapids Civic Theatre, Equivocation (Cecil) at AQ, and Enchanted April (Mellersh) which was a Grand Award Winner at AQ. Aaron graduated from Aquinas College in 2018 and

currently works for Versiti Blood Center of Michigan. He enjoys video games and creative writing. "Special thanks to the Skorka family and all their groupies"

GABBY ZEINSTRA She/They (Gascon/ **Ensemble)** previous theatre credits include 9 to 5 (Ensemble) at AQ Theatre, Broadway Bound (Kate) at The Potter's House high school, Blue Eyed Hag (Stage Manager) at Pigeon Creek Shakespeare Company, The Spectacularly Lamentable Trial of Miz Martha Washington (Miz Martha/Light Board Op) at Ebony Road Players, and For Colored Girls who have Considered Suicide when the Rainbow is Enuf (Light Board Op) at Ebony Road Players. Gabby is a 2015 Graduate of The Potter's House High School and a 2019 Graduate of Aguinas College's Theatre Program. She is currently a Shift Leader at Starbucks in the GRR Airport. They play Sims and other simulation games, craft homemade cosmetics and candles and workout at the gym. Interest in Sound and Scenic Design. "Special Thanks to my family, wonderful partner Patrick and my cat Napoleon for encouraging me through everything."





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EMILY BOLEK She/Her (Assistant Stage Manager) past credits include Sez She (Performer/Stage Manager), The Moors (Assistant Stage Manager), and Everybody (Evil) at Aquinas College. Emily graduated from Aquinas College in 2021 where I received a B.A. in Psychology with a minor in theatre. She currently works as an Administrative Assistant at GRCC in the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. In her free time, Emily enjoys reading and watching Ru Paul's Drag Race. "I want to give special thanks to my cat Krobus who has been so understanding through these long hours away."

ASHLEY BOLEK-SCHWALLIER She/Her (Stage Manager) past credits include Mary Poppins (Assistant Stage Manager) and Ten For All (Stage Manager) at Civic Theatre, and numerous Aquinas College Productions. Ashley graduated from Aquinas College in 2018 with a degree in Technical Theatre and is currently a bookseller at Schuler Books, where she can be seen in many Tik Toks hating on classics. "I would like to shout out my two beautiful daughters, Ahsoka and Bonnie, who have given me many late night cuddles on the couch while playing my video games."

KELSEY EDWARDS She/Her (Scenic **Designer**) is the Technical Director and Resident Scenic Designer at Circle Theatre. A few of her favorite productions include Lysistrata, The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-In-Moon Marigolds and Nightblooming at Adrian College, and Ada and the Engine at Aquinas College. In 2021 she graduated from Adrian College with a B.A. in theatre. Kelsey enjoys knitting, reading many books, and loves spending time with her loved ones. She would like to thank her amazing team that helped her bring this show to you! She also hopes that you all enjoy the show and the amazing work everyone has done.

MEAGHAN GIETZEN She/Her (Properties Designer) past credits include Into The Woods (Little Red), The Wolves (#13), and Xanadu (Sonny Malone). Meaghan graduated from Kendall College of Art & Design in 2019 with a BFA in Medical Illustration, she is currently working as a freelance artist and illustrator working on all different kinds of projects from teaching backstage classes to working in the anatomy lab at MSU's College of Human Medicine. "I would like to thank my amazing moms, my sister, and my Aunt Debbi for always supporting my theatrical journey whether it be onstage, backstage, or anywhere in between. I would also like to thank my cat, Temperance, for being the best scene partner while studying my lines each night!"

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JOSIE GONZALEZ She/Her (Director/ **Dramaturge)** past credits include Ten For All 2023 - Winner Audience Choice Award -Youth Category (Director) at Grand Rapids Civic Theatre, Sister Act Jr. (Director) at Walker Charter Academy, The Arkansaw Bear (Director) at Aquinas College, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (Director) West Catholic High School, and Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (Assistant Director) at Circle Theatre. Josie is a 2022 graduate of Aquinas College and is currently a prek Young 5's Teacher at Walker Charter Academy as well as their Theatre Program Co-Director. She is also a Teaching Artist at the Grand Rapids Civic Theatre. "A special thank you to all my theatre mentors who have given me guidance and opportunities in the GR community and to my family for supporting my love for the arts."

SAM JOHNSON He/Him (Sound Designer/Engineer) has designed 250+ productions. Select favorites include Ragtime at Grand Valley Opera, Carrie the Musical and Freaky Friday at Circle, Sister Act, Shrek, The Little Mermaid, Newsies, Matilda and Once at Grand Rapids Civic Theatre, and If/Then at Actors' Theatre. He has been involved in Grand Rapids theatre since 2001 and is currently the resident Sound Designer and Engineer for Grand Rapids Civic Theatre. He started at Circle in the Park in 2002 and has designed all of the shows for Circle Theatre since 2017. "For Dez and Ean, all my love, always."

JESS LUIZ She/Her (Costume Designer) Circle credits include Little Shop of Horrors, RENT and the Magic Circle Production Dogs Love Cupcakes. Favorite costume design credits include codesigning Once on This Island at Grand Rapids Civic Theatre, Kill, Move, Paradise and Eurydice at GRCC, and Sweat at

Actors' Theatre. Jess studied Theatre and Northern Michigan University. In addition to costume design, she also performs and teaches theatre through West Michigan.

BRANDON SHAFER He/Him (Hair & Makeup Designer) past credits include wig design for Kinky Boots and Mary Poppins at Grand Rapids Civic Theatre, and wig design for Music Man, Cabaret, Freaky Friday, and the Play that Goes Wrong at Circle Theatre. Brandon has been a Drag Artist for the past 20 years, and is currently working for Midragbrunch.com here in Grand Rapids. "Would like to give thanks to my husband, Ethan, for his love, support and patience."

SAM VERBURG They/Him (Lighting Designer) past credits include I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change (Stage Manager) at AQ College Theater, Biloxi Blues (Eugene) at Jewish Theater, Wizard of Oz (Lighting Designer) at Forest Hills Central, and Kill Move Paradise (Lighting Designer) at GRCC Players. Sam is a 2020 graduate of Aquinas College and is currently working as freelance designer and technician for theatrical performances, concerts, broadcasts, and corporate events. In their spare time he loves to read, write, and play music. "I'd like to thank my parents for getting me to where I am today. They have supported me and saved me throughout my life, and I wouldn't be half the person that I am today without them. Thank you Mom and Dad, I'll get you back someday."



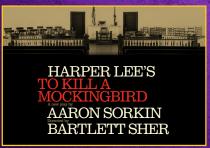


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