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2026 SEASON: PORTALS OF IMAGINATION

Saltwater Song



April 23, 24 & 26, 2026

Wylie Acting Group

Saltwater Song

Written and Directed by Marney Makridakis
Music and Lyrics by Anthony Makridakis

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The Cast

The Mermaid Sisters

Vida: Caddis King
Victoria: Adalyne Judd
Valory: Mason Martin
Vanya: Celeste Korbini
Valentina: Hawthorne Black

The Siren Chanteuses

Marafin Monroe: Ella Densford
Doris Spray: Riley Stout
Barbra Strei-sand: Elli King
Judy Gill-land: Jo Skotnik

The Sea Monsters

Dakuwaqa, the Sea Serpent: Jacob Evarts
Stingston, the Jellyfish: Corwin Martin
Sheldon, the Sea Turtle:
Paxton Wilkerson

The Nereids

Melite, Nereid of Quiet Waters: Ella Weissberg
Thalia, Nereid of Dancing Tides: Evie Weissberg
Galatea, Nereid of Rolling Waves: Ceci Crusier
Dynamene, Nereid of Shimmering Storms: Madison Martin

The Sea Witches

Nemesis, Queen of the Dark Sea Secrets: Aspen Žeravica
Nisha, Apprentice to the Sea Queen: Sydney Evarts
Noir, Apprentice to the Sea Queen: Brynlee Hustedt

The Humans

Lanny, the lost boy: Augustine Tenney
Landon: TJ Puckett
Sally, Landon's grandchild: Abigail Randall

The Shark Pack

Frank Finatra: Atticus Black
Elfish Presley: Emmett Rowell
Bing Crabsy: Oliver Judd
Dean Marlin: Sirius Black

The Rainbow Mermaids

Flowered Pink Mermaid: Abigail Randall
Glitter Luck Sparkle: Marki McCrae
Rainbow Sparkle: Penelope Judd
David Mermaid: Maesyn Hustedt

The Pirates

Long John Silver, the Pirate Captain:
Augustine Tenney
Fang Tooth: Zeke Tenney
Jack Sparrow: Christopher Tenney
Pirate Benjamin: Benjamin Judd
White Fang: Gatsby Black

The Scenes

Act I

Prologue

"Ocean's Alive" (Company)

Scene 1: The Reef

"Just One Chance" (Victoria & Mermaid Sisters)

"Just One Chance, Reprise" (Victoria)

Scene 2: Coconut Crabaret

"If You Think You're Too Small" (Rainbow Mermaids)

"Spoken Chorus #1: The Past" (Nereids)

"Changes" (Sirens and Nereids)

Scene 3: The Dark Sea Cave

"Just One Chance, Witch Reprise" (Noir & Nisha)

Scene 4: The Shoreline

"Sundrop" (Dakuwaqa & Vida)

Scene 5: The Coconut Crabaret

"Where Is Love?" (Sharks, Stingston, Sheldon)

Scene 6: The Reef

"Changes, Reprise" (Victoria)

Scene 7: The Dark Sea Cave

"Heartlight" (Queen Nemesis)

Scene 8: The Island

"Spoken Chorus #2: Land" (Nereids)

"Tomorrow the Sun Will Rise" (Victoria & Company)

Intermission

Act II

Scene 9: Coconut Crabaret

"Saltwater Wish" (Vida, Valory, Vanya, Valentina)

"Saltwater Wish, Reprise" (Sharks)

Scene 10: The Dark Sea Cave

"The Sky is My Playground" (Nisha)

Scene 11: Outside the Sea Cave

"You're Never Alone" (Dakuwaqa, Sharks, Stingston, Sheldon, Victoria, Valory)

Scene 12: Outside the Cave

"Changes, Reprise" (Noir & Nisha)

Scene 13: Coconut Crabaret

"I Am A Coconut" (Sirens, Rainbow Mermaids)

Scene 14: The Sea Cave / Outside the Cave

"Never Alone, Reprise" (Sheldon & Stingston)

Scene 15: The Shore / The Island

"Spoken Chorus #3: The Sisters" (Nereids)

"I Am a Coconut, Reprise" (Pirates)

"Life's Great Symphony" (Nereids & Victoria)

Scene 16: The Sea

"Spoken Chorus #4: Sunset" (Nereids, Sea Witches)

"The Best of Us" (Sea Witches)

Scene 17: Outside the Cave

"Forget to Say Goodbye" (Dax, Nemesis, Vida, Sisters)

"There Is Love!" (Full Cast)

Director's Note

In 2017, I was reading the original Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale, "The Little Mermaid," curious there was something in the source material that could inspire a new RPL musical different from the Disney tale that we all know. This line struck me: *"But a mermaid has no tears, and therefore she suffers so much more."*

I was intrigued by the idea of connecting the depth of the *ocean* and the depth of *emotion*, and began playing with ideas for a new "little mermaid" story about the importance of feelings. At the same time, my husband Tony, who writes songs for Read Play Love musicals, read an online news story about a young man named Victor Mosqueda, who lost his life saving a little boy from drowning. Tony was so moved by the story that he wrote a song about the man's sacrifice. This song included the lyric, *"The very best of us come to rescue the rest of us."* The story of SALTWATER SONG unfolded from this song.



Our new fairy tale keeps some of the details from the original Hans Christian Andersen text, such as the ritual rite of passages for mermaids, the deep bond between sisters, a Sea Witch who acts as a threshold guardian between worlds, and the role of sacrifice for the love of others. But the inspiration really came from Victor Mosqueda, a true hero. Our little mermaid is named Victoria, and the theme of victory is front and center.

The cast, crew, and parents have put so much emotion and love into this experience. The Ocean's Alive and we're so glad you are here!

Marney Makridakis. Read Play Love Director

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The Cast



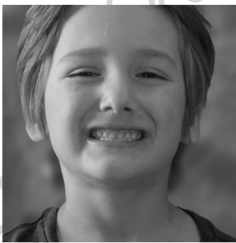
Atticus Black (FRANK FINATRA) lives in Anna and is 10 years old. Some of his favorite things to do are play chess, build things, read, and anything to do with engineering. His big dream is to someday be an engineer. He would like to thank his mom and dad for helping him when he really needed it.



Gatsby Black (WHITE FANG) lives in Anna and thinks he is 20, although he is only 4. Some of his favorite things to do are sleep downstairs and have fun with his friends. His big dream is to someday have a wallet. He would like to thank his mommy and daddy for helping him when he needed it.



Hawthorne Black (VALENTINA) lives in Anna and is 8 years old. Some of her favorite things to do are painting, playing soccer, softball, and riding horses. Her big dream is to be a soccer player or a singer. She would like to thank her mom, dad and her friend Elli for helping her when she really needed it.



Sirius Black (DEAN MARLIN) lives in Anna and is 6 years old. Some of his favorite things to do are playing soccer, eating at restaurants, and playing with his friends. His big dream is to do awesome flips on his skateboard and be a famous dancer. He claims that not a lot of people help him when he needs it.



Cecilia Cruser (GALATEA) lives in Melissa and is 8 years old. Some of her favorite things to do are roller blading, swimming, crafting, sewing, and playing outside with her friends. Her big dream is to help animals that are going extinct. She would like to thank her mom and dad for helping her when she really needed it.



Ella Densford (MARAFIN MONROE) lives in McKinney and is 10 years old. Some of her favorite things to do are playing with her sister, swimming, hanging out with her parents, jumping on the trampoline, and bouncing on the hippity hop. Her big dream is to work at an animal shelter. She would like to thank her mom, dad, sister, and little Penelope for helping her when she really needed it.



Jacob Evarts (DAKUWAQA) lives in Oak Leaf and is 15 years old. Some of his favorite things to do are playing sports, watching movies, playing guitar, and hiking. His big dream is to take a road trip across America by himself. He would like to thank his friends and family for helping him when he really needed it.



Sydney Evarts (NISHA) lives in Oak Leaf and is 15 years old. Some of her favorite things to do are crocheting, going on walks, bike rides, playing piano, and reading. Her big dream is to go to college to become a vet. She would like to thank her friend Kai, who always listens when she needs a good talk.



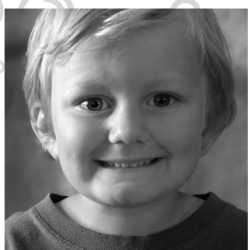
Brynlee Hustedt (NOIR) lives in Princeton and is 14 years old. Some of her favorite things to do are drawing, gymnastics, and dancing. Her big dream is to be a children's author or a professional actor. She would like to thank Sydney and her mom for helping her when she really needed it.



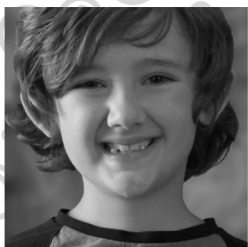
Maesyn Hustedt (DAVID MERMAID) lives in Princeton and is 4 years old. Some of her favorite things to do are going to the movies, church, sharing with her sister, and playing outside. Her big dream is to hang out with God, and when she is grown up to have 100 daughters and 100 sons and tell them what to do. She would like to thank her mommy and daddy for helping her when she really needed it.



Adalyne Judd (VICTORIA) lives in Melissa and is 11 years old. Some of her favorite things to do are riding horses, drawing, being with friends, reading fantasy, playing outside, and theater. Her big dream is to live on a ranch with horses and do musical theater. She would like to thank her mom and dad for helping her when she really needed it.



Benjamin Judd (PIRATE BENJAMIN) lives in Melissa and is 4 years old. Some of his favorite things to do are ride his bike, jumping on the trampoline, swing, and playing with friends. His big dream is to be a firefighter because they are nice and spray fires. He would like to thank his friend Nitchy for helping him when he really needed it.



Oliver Judd (BING CRABSY) lives in Melissa and is 9 years old. Some of his favorite things to do are playing with his family, helping others, soccer, playing piano, and reading books. His big dream is to be an athlete and race. He would like to thank his mom for helping him when he really needed it.



Penelope Judd (RAINBOW SPARKLE) lives in Melissa and is 6 years old. Some of her favorite things to do are play with her stuffies and cats, drawing, reading, and bunnies. Her big dream is to be a vet and take care of animals. She would like to thank her mom for helping her when she really needed it.



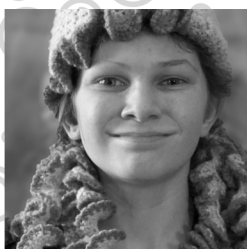
Caddis King (VIDA) lives in McKinney and is 12 years old. Some of her favorite things to do are reading, dancing, singing, acting, and you know, every day things. Her big dream is to be in a Broadway play. She would like to thank her vocal teacher, Rachel, for helping her when she really needed it.



Elli King (BARBRA STREI-SAND) lives in McKinney and is 9 years old. Some of her favorite things to do are diamond art, soccer, and that's about it. She is unsure of her big dream because she is only 9 at the moment. She would like to thank Hawthorne for helping her when she really needed it.



Celeste Korbini (VANYA) lives in Anna and is 9 years old. Some of her favorite hobbies are listening to music, playing Roblox, dancing, and reading. Her big dream is to someday be a famous singer and dancer. She would like to thank her mom for helping her when she really needed it.



Corwin Martin (STINGSTON) lives in Anna and is 11 years old. Some of his favorite things to do are being in musicals, play video games, and chess. His big dream is to become a zoo keeper. He would like to thank his brother Zachariah for helping him learn his lines for Saltwater Songs.



Madison Martin (DYNAMENE) lives in McKinney and is 8 years old. Some of her favorite things to do are sewing, theater, and riding horses. Her big dream is to someday have 200 acres, a mansion, one of every farm animal, one of each pet, and two children. She would like to thank her mom and dad for helping her when she really needed it.



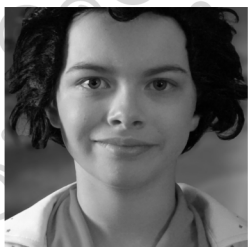
Mason Martin (VALORY) lives in McKinney and is 9 years old. Some of her favorite things to do are riding horses and coloring. Her big dream is to be a famous horse jumper and a dog show person. She would like to thank her dog Teddy for helping her when she really needed it.



Marki McCrae (GLITTER LUCK SPARKLE) lives in McKinney and is 5 years old. Some of her favorite things to do are swim, learn about turtles, fish and mermaids, and also sing and dance. Her big dream is to someday ride a unicorn. She would like to thank her mommy for her big hugs and helping her when she really needed it.



Abigail Randall (FLOWERED PINK MERMAID / SALLY) lives in Allen and is 5 years old. Some of her favorite things to do are play games, watch tv, play dress up, ride her scooter, play at the park with friends, and singing. Her big dream is to be an artist because she already makes a lot of art. She would like to thank her daddy and mommy for helping her when she really needed it.



Emmett Rowell (ELFISH PRESLEY) lives in Melissa and is 11 years old. Some of his favorite things to do are biking, swimming, and gaming. His big dream is to one day go to Japan. He would like to thank his mom for helping him when he really needed it.



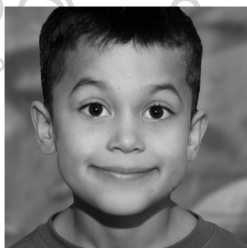
TJ Puckett (LANDON) is an RPL Alumnus thrilled to be back for a cameo role in Saltwater Song! He lives in Allen and loves to hang out with RPL friends. His big dream is to make enough money to take care of his mom and dad forever (okay, maybe his mom wrote that). He would like to thank Ms Marney for helping him for the last 6 years.



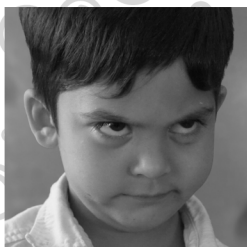
Jo Skotnik (JUDY GILL-LAND) lives in Anna and is 8 years old. Some of her favorite things to do are playing and collecting pokemon cards. Her big dream is to become a veterinarian. She would like to thank her mommy for helping her when she really needed it.



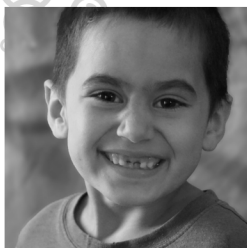
Riley Stout (DORIS SPRAY) lives on Earth and is 11 years old. Some of her favorite things to do are calling friends, reading, drawing and sleeping. She is unsure of her big dream right now, but that's okay. She would like to thank her cats for helping her when she really needed it.



Augustine Tenney (LONG JOHN SILVER/LANNY) lives in Van Alstyne and is 9 years old. One of his favorite things to do is sew and he also is getting into cooking. His big dream is to be a software engineer and to also have many hobbies when he grows up. He would like to thank his family for helping him when he really needed it.



Christopher Tenney (JACK SPARROW) lives in Van Alstyne and says he is 33 years old. One of his favorite things to do is draw. His big dream is to someday get on a rollercoaster. He would like to thank his dad for helping him when he really needed it.



Zeke Tenney (FANG TOOTH) lives in Van Alstyne and is 6 years old. Some of his favorite things to do are playing at Six Flags and also at normal parks, of course. His big dream is to someday be a software engineer and train horses on the side... but mostly train horses. He would like to thank his family members like his big brothers Dan and Gus for helping him when he really needed it.



Ella Weissberg (MELITE) lives in Princeton and is 9 years old. One of her favorite things to do is read Harry Potter. Her big dream is to attend Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. She would like to thank her mommy for helping her when she really needed it.



Evie Weissberg (THALIA) lives in Princeton and is 7 years old. Some of her favorite things to do are going to the pool, crafting, and playing goal keeper on her soccer team. Her big dream is to someday be a scientist. She would like to thank her mama for helping her when she really needed it.



Paxton Wilkerson (SHELLDON) lives in McKinney and is 12 years old. Some of his favorite things to do are riding and training horses. His big dream is to own his own mountain farm and have horses, ducks, chickens, cattle and an assortment of farm animals and for all of them to live in bliss and joy. He would like to thank his dad for giving him courage to face his fears.



Aspen Žeravica (NEMESIS) lives in the looney bin and is 17 years old. Some of her favorite things to do are anything to do with the arts - singing, dancing, painting, etc. Her big dream is to be rich and live in a cosy little cottage with her friends while pursuing musical theater on the side. She would like to thank her amazing friends for listening to her rant about her costumes far more than she should have.

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We Asked the Cast...

I would rather live on land or underwater because....

LAND

UNDERWATER

"...so I can still ride horses and play outside. It is green and the air is fresh!" -Adalyne

"...it just feels better" -Zeke

"...all my friends are there and underwater is just so dark" -Atticus

"...I don't like everything that lives underwater" -TJ

"...that's where all my friends and family are. And then I can read books because the pages won't be wet." -Caddis

"...you get to experience nature." -Sydney

"...I can't breathe underwater." -Christopher

"...I think land is better." -Riley

"...so I don't die." -Elli K.

"...the pressure on land isn't as much as underwater." -Corwin

"...we have cheeseburgers." -Emmett

"...because of all the great places to go." -Jo

"...there's a lot more things to do." -Hawthorne

"...living underwater does not sound fun." -Jacob

"...with mountains, trees, biking trails, Cherokee, a.k.a. my horse, my chickens, my dog Daisy, camping, and my family." -Paxton

"...because I want to be a kitty cat." -Abigail

"...I don't want to swim and some say mermaids don't sleep." -Madison

"...maybe one day I'll get to see a singing lobster." -Aspen

"...I love swimming." -Sirius

"...only 20% of it has been explored!..." -Augustine

"...I could see starfish and orange fish and jellyfish." -Penelope

"...I love water and I could swim!" -Benjamin

"...I could see all of the amazing things we can't see on land!" -Oliver

"...it would be cool to see the ocean life up close." -Brynlee

"...we can see sea turtles and live in a glass house!" -Marki

"...I have always wanted to. I love swimming." -Celeste

"...there are beautiful fishes and sharks!" -Maesyn H

"...I don't have to do school!" -Ella D

"...I could swim but I can't fly on land." -Ella W

"...I could see all of the sea animals." -Evie

"...my dad lives underwater." -Gatsby

BOTH

"I want to be a shape shifter and live in both!" -Ceci

"...I love to swim in water and love to read but I don't want to get my books wet." -Mason M

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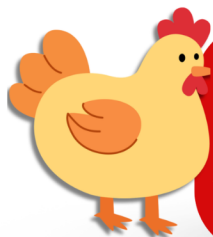
May 28-July 17

THURSDAY SCHEDULE

- 12:30-1:30 Library Adventure Club (age 6+)
- 1:30-3:00 Cinderella Slot 1 (3-12)
- 3:00-4:30 Cinderella Slot 2 (3-12)
- 4:30-6:30 Sherlock Rehearsals (13+)

FRIDAY SCHEDULE

- 11:00-11:50 Wee Play Love (age 0-5)
- 12:00-1:00 Garden Art (all ages)
- 1:00-2:30 Cinderella Slot 3 (3-12)
- 2:30-4:00 Cinderella Slot 4 (3-12)
- 4:00-5:00 Teen Theatre U (13+)
- 5:00-7:00 Sherlock Rehearsals (13+)



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- TEEN+ "SHERLOCK" WORKSHOPS: May 1, 8, 15
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Performs: August 7-9

The Whimsical World of Sherlock Holmes
Teen+ Musical (age 13+)
Performs: August 26-28

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Fall Musical (age 4-19)
Performs: November 19-21

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