



Emily Ann Theatre & Gardens  
presents

# JANE EYRE

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## THE MUSICAL

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Music & Lyrics by Paul Gordon | Directed by Bridget Gates  
Featuring Devyn Collie as Jane & Derek Smootz as Rochester

# February 1-24, 2019

Fridays & Saturdays 7:30pm | Sundays 2:00pm

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# CAST

Jane Eyre	Devyn Collie
Edward Rochester	Derek Smootz
Young Jane	Jadyn Collie
Mrs. Fairfax	Karin Cunningham
Robert/Ensemble	Bill Perkins
Mr. Mason/Mr. Eshton/ Ensemble	Tommie Jackson
Blanche Ingram	Jillian Linton
Mrs. Reed/Ensemble	Carla Daws
Adele	Elizabeth Reid
Helen	Gabrielle Smith
Bertha Mason/Mrs. Dent	Michelle Pesina
Mr. Brocklehurst/Lord Ingram/Vicar/Ensemble	Ameer Mobarak
Mrs. Scatcherd/ Lady Ingram/Ensemble	Haley Thibodeaux
St. John/Ensemble	Chris Schaible
Grace Poole/Ensemble	Alexandra Green
Mary/Ensemble	Bergyn Collie
John Reed/Colonel Dent/ Ensemble	Michael Vybiral
Schoolgirl/Amy/Ensemble	Leah Pullin
Louisa/Ensemble	Maddie Tatman
Gypsy	Ztooms Kered
Schoolgirls	Maeve Galloway, Emma Baker, Sarah Cavender, Sophia Fox, Chloe Swindle, Rosalind Gates, Harper Teague, Shelby Thibodeaux, Carys Bowling, Susan Perdue

# PRODUCTION TEAM

Director	Bridget Gates
Music Directors	Maddie Tatman, Tommie Jackson
Production Assistant	Jo Mitchell
Stage Manager	Hannah Mobarak
Light Design	Chris McKnight
Floor Design & Artist	Jordyn Collie
Sound Board Operator	Camden Rivers
Light Board Operator	Neil Decker
Crew	Natalie Cantu
Costumes	Bridget Gates
Props	Hannah Mobarak, Jo Mitchell
Show Babysitter	Donielle Sleek
Waltz Choreography	Melissa May Moncus

# DIRECTOR'S BIOGRAPHY

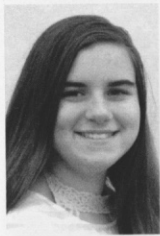


**Bridget Farias Gates** holds a BFA in Acting and a BFA in Directing from Texas State University, where she also served as President of APO and was awarded the Larry Hovis Acting Scholarship and Leadership Award. She is now the full time Artistic Director at the EmilyAnn Theatre (voted Best Theatre in Central Texas and Best Theatre in Hays County), where she directs and teaches drama classes and camps. She has worked professionally with ZACH, Austin Shakespeare (Alumni Company Member), City Theatre (Company Member) Scottish Rite Children's Theatre, The Baron's Men, Poor Shadows of Elysium (Cleopatra), Last Act (Company Member), Different Stages, San Marcos Spotlight Theatre (Fantine in *Les Miserables* and Mrs. Johnstone in *Blood Brothers*), and Gaslight Baker (Becky in *Becky's New Car* and will be directing *A Midsummer Night's Dream* there this summer). She's directed over 75 full mainstage productions for various companies, has studied abroad with the Royal Shakespeare Company in Stratford, England three times, and has won several acting and directing awards. As always, unending love to Kevin and Rosalind, the joys of her life.

# DIRECTOR'S NOTE

I saw *Jane Eyre, the Musical* on Broadway in March 2000, and fell in love... hard. I read Charlotte Bronte's haunting novel in an advanced English course in 8th grade and immediately declared it one of my favorite books, and it still is one of my all-time favorites. *Jane Eyre* is widely considered to be one of the first feminist novels. Jane's independence, intelligence, strong will, deep moral convictions, and passion stand firm, amid a very male-dominated Victorian England. I have always felt that Bronte's language in this novel is very poetic and musical, which lends itself perfectly to musical theatre form. I would like to give my undying gratitude to the cast and crew of this gorgeous production for making my favorite musical come to life at my favorite venue, the EmilyAnn Theatre. This production is everything I had hoped and dreamed for, and more. I hope, gentle reader, that Jane's unbreakable and brave spirit inspires you to spread your wings and fly to your Sweet Liberty.

# CAST BIOGRAPHIES



**Emma Baker** (Schoolgirl) is no stranger to The EmilyAnn Theatre. Emma is excited to be a part of the cast of *Jane Eyre, The Musical*. *Jane Eyre* is Emma's 9th performance at The EmilyAnn Theatre. Some of the performances include *Wizard of Oz*, *Narnia the Musical*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *Macbeth*, and *Shrek the Musical Jr*. Emma has attended the Musical Theatre Academy and the Shakespeare Under The Stars program at The EmilyAnn Theatre for the past two years. Emma would like to thank you all for attending the performance of *Jane Eyre*. Enjoy the show!!!!



**Carys Bowling** (Schoolgirl) is an 11 year old 5th grader who loves animals, acting, reading, family, and friends. She has acted in *Peter Pan, Jr.* at the EmilyAnn and takes classes with Mrs. Bridget. She was also in the Wimberley Players' fundraiser at pioneer town. She is very excited to be in *Jane Eyre*!



**Sarah Cavender** (Schoolgirl) is excited to be making her debut with EmilyAnn, outside of the MTA. She is one of four children and the only girl. Sarah loves theatre, specifically musical theatre. Recent credits include playing Lyria the Fairy in *Peter Pan Jr.* and Maid Marian in *Robin Hood*. She is currently in 9th grade. Off stage, she is a student at Katherine Ann Porter School where she continues her passion for theatre. She and two of her brothers own and operate a pet care service.



**Bergyn Collie** (Mary/Ensemble) is a budding young triple threat who loves sharing her love of theater with her family and community! She loves being a part of the EmilyAnn acting family, and has enjoyed her many productions with them, including *The Sound of Music*, *Wizard of Oz*, *Shrek the Musical*, *As You Like It*, *Secret Garden: The Musical*, and looks forward to many more! She also loves working behind the scenes, and dreams of Broadway in her future! She hopes you enjoy the show, and thanks her wonderful fellow cast members, crew, and director for their hard work and talent!



**Devyn Collie** (*Jane Eyre*) loves to count acting alongside her many passions and endeavors. She is a local Wimberley-ite who also happens to be a pilot interviewing to fly for the Air Force Reserves. Her favorite roles include *Midsummer Night's Dream* (Helena), *The Wizard of Oz* (Wicked Witch), *Narnia: The Musical* (Tumnus), *Secret Garden: The Musical*, *The Winter's Tale* (Paulina), *Twelfth Night* (Viola), and many children's productions! She is excited to be playing her dream role and bring to life this wonderful musical alongside an incredible cast and crew. She hopes you enjoy the show!



**Jady Collie** (Young Jane) is a local Wimberley actress who loves horses and working in her family's local businesses. She been appearing on the EmilyAnn stage since 2015, and her favorite roles have included a munchkin in *Wizard of Oz*, and Jojo in *Seussical the Musical, Jr.* She also appeared in Kenny Rogers' touring production of *The Toy Shoppe* with Alan Thicke. She wants to thank Mrs. Bridget for this amazing opportunity, and hopes you enjoy the show!



**Karin Cunningham** (Mrs. Fairfax) has been busy at the EmilyAnn Theatre since her return to Texas in 2012, either directing, (*Nuncrackers*, *Taffetas*), stage managing (*Elephant Man*, *Godspell*) or on the stage as Mrs. Boyle (*The Mouse Trap*), Mrs. Bennett (*Pride & Prejudice*), Mrs. Beaver (*Narnia*) and The Dragon (*Shrek*). Her 40+ years of experience on and behind the stage includes portraying the Mother Abbess (*The Sound of Music*), Vinnie (*Life with Father*), Lady Bracknell (*The Importance of Being Earnest*), The Wardrobe (*Beauty and the Beast*), and directing *Miracle on 34th Street*, *Crossing Delancey* and *Nuncrackers*, just a few of her favorites.



**Carla Daws** (Mrs. Reed) is delighted to be back on stage at the EmilyAnn and loves playing the evil aunt, Mrs. Reed. Other roles here include Lady Catherine in *Pride and Prejudice* and the Mother Superior in *Nuncrackers*. She is represented by The Atherton Group. Special thanks and love to husband, John, for being supportive of her love of the stage.



**Maeve Galloway** (Schoolgirl) is 13 years old and has been acting at the EmilyAnn for three years, and it's totally changed her life. Some of her favorite roles include Tinker Bell in *Peter Pan, Jr.* and Ursula in *The Little Mermaid, Jr.* She's a part of the Shakespeare Under the Stars program at the EmilyAnn, and it's one of the highlights of her year. She's so happy to be a part of *Jane Eyre, The Musical*.



**Rosalind Gates** (Schoolgirl) is 5 years old and attends St. Stephen's Episcopal School. She's excited to get to be in a show with her amazing Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Thibodeaux and her favorite babysitter, Dev-Dev (Devyn). Rosalind has been in many plays (Baby Bear in *Shrek, Jr.*, Chip in *Beauty & the Beast, Jr.*, and more) and has been in two film commercials. She loves tap dance and ballet, art and craft projects, and she sings ALL the time. She loves her Mommy and Daddy (Bridget and Kevin) and all her friends. She hopes you enjoy the show!



**Alexandra Green** (Grace Poole/Ensemble) is an Amateur Stage/Voice Actress who's been involved in EmilyAnn Theatre since early 2016. This is her first Musical for the Theatre! Some of her favorite acting roles include "Susan Pevensie" from *Narnia: The Musical*, "Spritze" from *Fiddler On the Roof*, and "Betty" from *Every Little Crook And Nanny*.

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**Tommie Jackson** (Mr. Eshton/Mr. Mason/Assistant Music Director) is currently a teacher at Briesemeister Middle School in Seguin. He received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre with a Teacher's Certification from Texas State University. Previous EmilyAnn credits include: King Triton in *The Little Mermaid*, Gino in *Woman Hollering Creek* and Indio in *West Side Story*. Thank you so much to Bridget, Maddie, and the entire *Jane Eyre* team for making this a wonderful experience.



**Jillian Linton** (Blanche Ingram) is thrilled to be making her EmilyAnn Theatre debut as Blanche Ingram! She is a senior at Texas State University majoring in Theatre. Some of her favorite previous roles include: Alice in *Alice in Wonderland* (Unity Theatre), Linda in *Evil Dead: The Musical* (KVPAC), Ariel in *Footloose* (The Plaza Theatre), and Belinda in *Noises Off* (The Plaza Theatre). She thanks Bridget for this wonderful opportunity to stretch her vocal chords and Maddie for doing a wonderful job with the beautiful

music of this show. She would also like to thank her family and friends for their constant support. Enjoy the show!



**Jo Mitchell** (Production Assistant) is a novice actress from Wimberley. She participated in acting classes taught by Artistic Director Bridget Gates at the EmilyAnn in the Spring of 2017 and 2018. She was honored to have been cast in the EmilyAnn productions of *Twelfth Night*, *Woman Hollering Creek* and took part in the 24 Hour Play Festival in the Spring of 2018 and 2019. She is very excited to work with this talented cast and crew and is very grateful to Bridget for her encouragement in helping her to discover a new passion in life. She encourages anyone at any age who wish to reinvent themselves to take a leap of faith and try something new....you never know who will be there to catch you and change your life forever. Thank you, Bridget.



**Ameer Mobarak** (Mr. Brocklehurst) is thrilled to be acting again at his favorite theatre in Central Texas alongside this amazing cast. Some of his favorite roles at the EmilyAnn include Aslan in *Narnia the Musical*, The Cowardly Lion in *The Wizard of Oz*, Mr. Collins in *Pride and Prejudice*, and Camillo in *The Winter's Tale*. Other favorite roles around Central Texas include Marius in *Les Miserables* (Spotlight Players), Richard in *The Lion in Winter* (Gaslight-Baker), and Benvolio in *Romeo and Juliet* (Baron's Men). He would like to thank Bridget for giving him the opportunity to be part of this chillingly romantic and beautiful show. Above all, he would like to thank his beautiful wife Hannah for all her love and support.



**Susan Ann Perdue** (Schoolgirl) is a student at St. Stephens Episcopal school. She had been in theater since she was 6 years old, and takes classes at the EmilyAnn. She loves acting, dance, singing and playing guitar.



**Bill Perkins** (Robert) is so proud to be a part of the EmilyAnn Theater family. Bill is a retired Shakespeare teacher from Houston, Texas. He created a Shakespeare class for high school students at Galveston's Ball High. Bill is also a singer-songwriter now residing in Wimberley, Texas.



**Michelle Pesina** (Bertha) is a local performer in the Austin/Wimberley area. Some past credits include Jack's Mom in *Into The Woods*, Rosalia in *West Side Story*, and Sebastian in *The Little Mermaid*. She has a dance background in African Tribal, Ballet, Contemporary, and Hip Hop. Michelle would like to thank her amazing family for all their love and support.



**Leah Pullin** (Amy/Ensemble) is very excited to be doing such a beautiful production with such an incredible group of people! She has done multiple productions at the EmilyAnn in the past including Jo March (*Little Women*), Lucinda (*Into the Woods*), Tinkerbell (*Peter Pan*), *Godspell*, *Pride and Prejudice*, *Diary of Anne Frank*, and Disney's *The Little Mermaid*. She has also been seen at the Wimberley Players in *Once Upon a Mattress* (Lady Mabelle), *Jesus Christ Superstar*, and *Cabaret* (Helga). She is a senior Performance and Production major at Texas State. She will next be seen on the outdoor mainstage here as a stepsister in *Into the Woods*. She would like to thank this amazing cast and crew for

being so wonderful. She hopes you enjoy the show!



**Elizabeth Reid** (Adele) is a 2nd grade student at Jacob's Well Elementary. She is honored to be playing the role of Adele in *Jane Eyre, the Musical*. She has studied under Bridget Gates for the past three years at the EmilyAnn Theatre. Elizabeth has appeared in three class productions and two Shakespearience Camp musicals. Elizabeth has always been outgoing and sings regularly for her teachers, classmates and loving family. She has a flair for comedy, especially of the physical variety. In addition to acting and singing,

Elizabeth loves to read and ride horses. Elizabeth is appreciative of her family's encouragement and is inspired by her cast members.

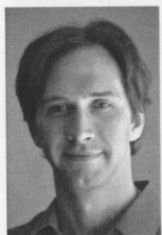


**Chris Schaible** (St. John/Ensemble) is happy to return to perform at the EmilyAnn Theater. Chris has appeared in *Beauty and the Beast*, *Young Frankenstein*, *Little Mermaid*, *Lend Me a Tenor*, *Double Wide*, plus a few more. When not performing, Chris enjoys painting digital art and competing in Canine Agility with his dogs, Aedan, Ellie, Toby and Arya. He would like to thank his wife, Sondra, for all the love and support she has given him.

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**Gabrielle Smith** (Helen) is proud to making her musical debut in *Jane Eyre*. She is currently a Senior Theatre Performance and Production major at Texas. She would like to thank her mom for always being her number one fan and supporting her through this journey. Her cousins Rolexus and her sister Bridget for always being there. She would also like to thank the entire cast and creative team for accepting her with open arms into the wonderful theatre community.



**Derek Smootz** (Rochester) is delighted to return to the EmilyAnn, where he's previously played Archibald Craven in *The Secret Garden* and Detective Sergeant Trotter in *The Mousetrap*. He and his beautiful and talented wife, Rebecca, co-musical-directed *The Little Mermaid* last summer, for which they won Broadway World of Austin's "Best Musical Direction" award for 2018. Other recent roles include Cliff Bradshaw in *Cabaret* at the Wimberly Players and Giuseppe Palmieri in *The Gondoliers* with the Gilbert and Sullivan Society of Austin. When not rehearsing for a theatrical

production, he produces chilled electronic music as "Longing for Orpheus" and plays a bit of Irish Traditional flute. He extends his love and gratitude to his wife Becca, and his kiddos Malcolm and Céilí.



**Chloe Swindle** (Schoolgirl) has been a part of EmilyAnn Theatre since age five, attending and performing in drama classes, camps, and plays. Favorite performances include *Shrek Jr.*, *Nuncrackers*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Wizard of Oz*, and *The Sound of Music*. Chloe hopes to learn new things and perform as much as she can in the future. Chloe wants to thank Bridget for inspiring her and giving her opportunities to do what she loves most.



**Maddie Tatman** (Louisa/Ensemble/Music Director) made her Central Texas debut in *Blood Brothers* with the Spotlight Theatre, and she loves performing in the beautiful Hill Country. She is currently a Senior at Texas State University majoring in Performance and Production. This is her first time music directing and she could not be more happy and proud with the cast and music in *Jane Eyre*. She is thankful for the rewarding experience. She has enjoyed performing at the EmilyAnn last year as Valentine in *Twelfth Night*, Arista and ensemble in *The Little*

*Mermaid*, Charlotte Lucas in *Pride and Prejudice*, and Miep Gies in *The Diary of Anne Frank*. She will also be a Stepsister in *Into The Woods* this summer at the EmilyAnn. She is thrilled to be a part of this talented cast and can't wait to bring this show to life with her theatre family. She would like to thank her mom and family for always supporting her in everything she does. A special shout-out to Bridget Gates for giving her this wonderful opportunity. Enjoy the show and the stunning music.



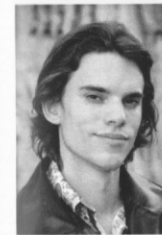
**Harper Teague** (Schoolgirl) began taking voice lessons at the age of five at Hudson House of Music. She has been a part of two EmilyAnn productions: *Seussical, Jr.* and *Peter Pan, Jr.* She also starred in an Austin production of *Annie* as Annie. Besides theater and music Harper's biggest love is her dog, Faith.



**Haley Thibodeaux** (Mrs. Scatchard/Lady Ingram) is delighted to be back to wow the audience with her second show at the EmilyAnn! She works at St. Stephen's Episcopal School where she has been a kindergarten teacher for the past six years. Her hobby passions are theatre and photography, but her first love is her daughter Shelby Troxell, who will also appear in the show! They both hope you enjoy the music!



**Shelby Troxell** (Schoolgirl) has just recently been bitten by the theater bug after attending the children's theatre class here at EmilyAnn with the talented Mrs. Bridget; where she performed in a Christmas musical *Forty Winks*. Shelby loves to dance, sing, and act; but has recently gotten into archery. Shelby attends the first grade at St. Stephen's Episcopal School where her mom teaches. She hopes you enjoy the show!



**Michael Vybiral's** (John Reed/Colonel Dent/Ensemble) is glad to be able to petulantly torment Jane each night. Some of his recent roles include: Christopher Wren in *The Mousetrap*, a Best Actor award-winning stint as Harry Roat, Jr. in *Wait Until Dark*, Mr. Wickham in *Pride and Prejudice*, Chris Foster in *Becky's New Car*, and Prince Florizel in *The Winter's Tale*. Lately, he's appeared on film as Ethan in the still-in-production crime short film 'The Don's Hand' and Nick in the still-in-production drama 'Something Between Us', as well as several other still-in-production things he's legally bound to refrain from telling you (yes, you - you in particular). He is unafraid of shameless plugs: his jazz-rock

band, Salubrious Fox, recently released its inaugural album, Guayaquil. Check out Spotify, iTunes, or salubriousfox.com to hear the lead singles, pick up a physical copy, and stay up to date on upcoming tour information. In other news, Michael's looking forward to starring as Hank Williams, Sr. this summer in the musical bio-tragedy, *Hank Williams: Lost Highway*. His favorite leafy green vegetable is frisée. Now you know.

## Theatre Crew Needed!

Calling all costumers, seamstresses, set builders and stage hands. The show can't go on without our backstage volunteers! Please contact Bridget Farias Gates at [bridget@EmilyAnn.org](mailto:bridget@EmilyAnn.org).

