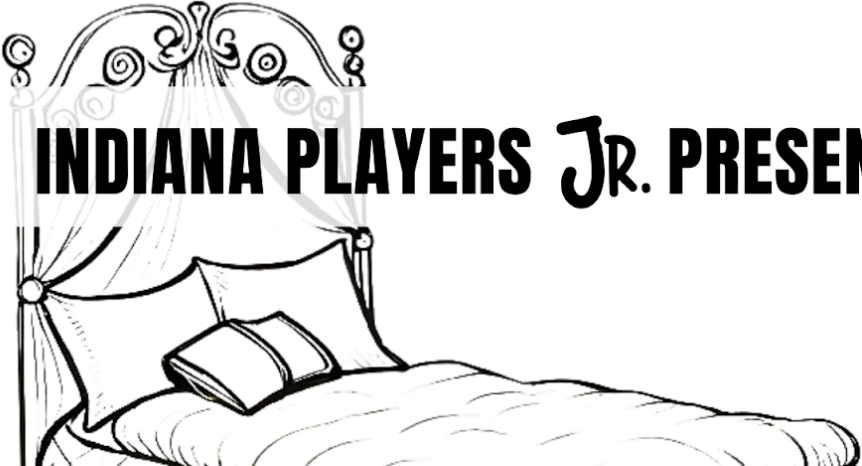




INDIANA PLAYERS JR. PRESENTS

**Once Upon a
Mattress**
youth edition

Music by Mary Rodgers • Book by Jay Thompson,
Dean Fuller & Marshall Barer • Lyrics by Marshall Barer

Directed by Vanessa Arvidson & Liz Silvis

AUGUST 1, 2, 3 and 8, 9, 10



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2025 - 2026 SEASON SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21	<i>PICASSO AT THE LAPIN AGILE</i> WRITTEN BY STEVE MARTIN DIRECTED BY BILL MARTINAK AUDITIONS: JULY 21 & 22
OCTOBER 24, 25, 26, 31 NOVEMBER 1, 2	<i>WAIT UNTIL DARK</i> WRITTEN BY FREDERICK KNOTT ADAPTED BY JEFFREY HATCHER DIRECTED BY KATHLEEN KERNS AUDITIONS: SEPTEMBER 15 & 16
DECEMBER 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14	<i>THE VELVETEEN RABBIT</i> WRITTEN BY MARGERY WILLIAMS ADAPTED BY KATHRYN SCHULTZ MILLER DIRECTED BY TRACEY IANDIORIO AUDITIONS: OCTOBER 27 & 28
FEBRUARY 26, 27, 28 MARCH 1	<i>THE 15TH ANNUAL ONE-ACT FESTIVAL</i> AUDITIONS: TO BE ANNOUNCED
APRIL 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19	<i>PROOF</i> WRITTEN BY DAVID AUBURN DIRECTED BY VANESSA ARVIDSON AUDITIONS: MARCH 2 & 3
MAY 29, 30, 31 JUNE 5, 6, 7	<i>MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING</i> WRITTEN BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE DIRECTED BY SAM SHERBURNE AUDITIONS: APRIL 13 & 14

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We are so pleased that you are joining us on our journey to bring high-quality community theater to Indiana! We're looking forward to another four decades of all-volunteer service, but we cannot do it without you!

Like all theaters, ticket sales do not cover the costs of operation and so we ask for your generosity.

Your contributions are invaluable.

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Tony Award

For her support of and bequest to the Indiana Players, the Board of Directors presents highest recognition to **Diane Duntley**

Producers

Anonymous
Anonymous
Anonymous

Playwrights

Anonymous
Anonymous
Mary Jo Bowes
Richard Stewart

Actors

Anonymous
Anonymous
Donald & Susan McClure
In Honor of Edgar & Lois Miller
Patricia & John Prushnok
Tony DeLoreto

Directors

Anonymous

Stage Managers

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Anonymous
Alex & Susan Juhasz
Donald Lancaster
Faye Bradwick
In Memory of John Sinclair
Judy Cessna
Mike & Kim Shaffer
Sandra Whitson
Stacy Moran

Understudies

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youth edition

Music by Lyrics by MARY RODGERS MARSHALL BARER

Book by JAY THOMPSON, DEAN FULLER and MARSHALL BARER

Adaptation by TOM BRIGGS and TIMOTHY ALLEN McDONALD

Original Orchestration by Hershy Kay, Arthur Beck and Carroll Huxley

Musical Preparation by John Higgins

Directed by VANESSA ARVIDSON and LIZ SILVIS

TIME

The Middle Ages

PLACE

A Far-Off Kingdom

MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT ONE

- **“Prologue”** – Company
- **“An Opening For a Princess”** – Company
- **“Many Moons Ago (Reprise)”** – Company
- **“Shy”** – Princess Winnifred, Prince Dauntless, Knights, and Company
- **“Sensitivity”** – Queen Aggravain and The Wizard
- **“The Swamps of Home”** – Princess Winnifred, Prince Dauntless, and Ladies
- **“The Minstrel, The Jester, and I”** – The Minstrel, The Jester, and The King

ACT TWO

- **“Happily Ever After”** – Princess Winnifred, Lady Larken, Lady Lucille, and Lady Rowena
- **“Yesterday I Loved You”** – Sir Harry and Lady Larken
- **“Spanish Panic”** – Company
- **“Song of Love”** – Prince Dauntless, Princess Winnifred, and Company
- **“Quiet”** – Queen Aggravain, Knights, and Ladies
- **“Finale”** – Company

There will be one **10-MINUTE INTERMISSION** between Acts

CAST OF CHARACTERS

**denotes an IPI debut*

PRINCESS WINNIFRED.....	Kaylee Higgins
PRINCE DAUNTLESS.....	Nate Boring
QUEEN AGGRAVAIN.....	Vera Rensko
THE KING.....	Bryson Woodson*
THE WIZARD.....	Hannah Silvis
SIR HARRY.....	Justin Webber
LADY LARKEN.....	Carly Frain
THE MINSTREL.....	Emi Mullen*
THE JESTER.....	Maddy Mullen*
LADY LUCILLE.....	Emerson Shank
LADY ROWENA.....	Alec Moran
PRINCESS #12.....	Hailey Kent
LADIES-IN-WAITING.....	Scarlett Clemons*
	Lina Karas*
	Hailey Kent
	Ruby Scott*
	Abby Stephens*
KNIGHTS.....	Micah Boring
	Rowan Fairman
	Nicole Schwartz

*Flash photography and video recording are **prohibited**. As a courtesy to the actors and other audience members, please **silence** all cell phones and electronic devices. **Restrooms** are located at the back of the theater. Please follow the long lit hall to the right of the stage all the way down. The restrooms are the last two doors on the right.*

PRODUCTION STAFF & CREW

DIRECTORS.....	Vanessa Arvidson and Liz Silvis
MUSIC DIRECTOR.....	Liz Silvis
ASST. MUSIC DIRECTOR.....	Nancy Boring
CHOREOGRAPHER.....	Alyssa McLaine
STAGE MANAGER.....	Michael Scarpaci
ASST. STAGE MANAGERS.....	Finn Lonjin and Kevin Shearer

PRODUCTION STAFF & CREW (cont'd)

SET DESIGNER.....	Vanessa Arvidson
COSTUME DESIGNER.....	Liz Silvis
LIGHTING DESIGNER.....	Vanessa Arvidson
SOUND DESIGNER.....	Liz Silvis
MASTER CARPENTER.....	Richard Smith
CARPENTERS.....	Shawn Mullen and Mike Shaffer
SET PAINT & DECOR.....	Vanessa Arvidson, Charlie Grimmatt, Katrina Holbrook, Finn Lonjin, Alyssa McLaine, Michael Scarpaci, Nicole Schwartz, Hannah Silvis, Liz Silvis, Sharon Smith, Patrick Walizer
STAGE ELECTRICIANS.....	Vanessa Arvidson, Jaymes Guiher, Michael Scarpaci, Mike Shaffer, Kevin Shearer, Jason Silvis, Liz Silvis
LIGHT BOARD OPERATOR.....	Crosby Shank
SOUND BOARD OPERATOR.....	Michael Scarpaci
PROPS.....	Vanessa Arvidson, Finn Lonjin, Megan Rensko, Hannah Silvis, Liz Silvis, Sharon Smith
COSTUME ASSISTANTS.....	Vanessa Arvidson, Finn Lonjin, Cast and Parents
HAIR & MAKEUP.....	Cast, Crew, and Parents
REHEARSAL ASSISTANT.....	Megan Rensko
STAGE CREW.....	Patrick Walizer
BACKSTAGE PARENT VOLUNTEERS.....	Nancy Boring, Vickie Johnson, Stacy Moran, Megan Rensko, Katie Scott, Jackie Stephens, Mindy Vucho
GRAPHIC DESIGN / PUBLICITY.....	Vanessa Arvidson and Finn Lonjin
PRODUCTION PHOTOGRAPHY.....	Liz Silvis and Nicole Lorelei Photography
BOX OFFICE MANAGER.....	Mike Shaffer
BOX OFFICE STAFF.....	Vickie Johnson, Jess Karas, Andy Kent, Katie Kent, Kathleen Kerns, Laura McLaine, Mike Shaffer, Sam Sherburne, Jackie Stephens

ONCE UPON A MATTRESS: YOUTH EDITION is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals. www.concordtheatricals.com. Adaptation and support materials developed by iTheatrics under the supervision of Timothy Allen McDonald

CAST BIOS

MICAH BORING (Knight) is going into 3rd grade at United. He was previously in *The Wizard of Oz* with the Indiana Players last summer. He has been having a great time with this production, and thanks the directors and cast for this awesome experience!

NATE BORING (Prince Dauntless) is excited to be in his 5th production with the Indiana Players. He was most recently in *Miracle on 34th St.* He loves growing his skills with every role he takes on and is looking forward to further productions!

SCARLETT CLEMONS (Lady-in-Waiting) will be entering 4th grade. This is her debut musical! Previously, she attended several years at Sue Hewitt & Bates Gymnastics. She is currently cheering for Indiana & her passions include singing, swimming, & playing Minecraft. Her favorite musical is *The Phantom of the Opera*. She looks forward to participating in more productions with the Players!

ROWAN FAIRMAN (Knight) will be going into 5th grade at United Elementary. She played a munchkin and flying monkey in last year's production of *The Wizard of Oz*. This is her 2nd production but she has also participated in acting and vocal workshops at Cresson Lake Playhouse. She loves to sing and dance. Rowan is a cheerleader at United and dances for Wolf's Performing Arts. She would love to thank all her "fans."

CARLY FRAIN (Lady Larken) is a high schooler who enjoys performing on the stage. This is her second show with the Indiana Players, the first being *The Dining Room*. Carly has done three musicals at Apollo-Ridge: *The Sound of Music*, *The Addams Family*, and *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*.

KAYLEE HIGGINS (Princess Winnifred) is excited to return to the Players for her 11th show. She is fourteen years old and this is her fifth show with the Players. She enjoyed the production and working with her cast members.

LINA KARAS (Lady-in-Waiting) is 9 years old and is going into 4th grade this upcoming school year. This is her first play with the Players. Lina also enjoys dancing and drawing. She is excited to participate in more shows in the future.

CAST BIOS (cont'd)

HAILEY KENT (Princess #12 / Lady-in-Waiting) is going into 4th grade. This is her third theatre performance and she is loving it. She previously participated in *A Christmas Peter Pan* and *The Wizard of Oz* with the Indiana Players. Hailey also enjoys dance, gymnastics, and playing piano. She hopes to be in future plays.

ALEC MORAN (Lady Rowena) just turned 16 and has been doing theatre since she was 6! Recent appearances on the Indiana Players' stage include *The Wizard of Oz*, *Press Start*, and *The Jungle Book*. She is very happy to be in this show!

EMI MULLEN (The Minstrel) will be starting Junior High next year. This will be their first show, and they enjoy drawing and hanging out with friends! Emi is very excited for *Once Upon a Mattress* and hopes to do more shows in the future!

MADDY MULLEN (The Jester) was a seventh grader last school year. She did two shows last year: cast for *Little Women* and tech for *Willy Wonka*. She likes to read, and to hang out with her young siblings when she has free time. She's so excited for *Once Upon a Mattress* and wants everyone to enjoy the story.

VERA RENSKO (Queen Aggravain) is 11 years old and will be entering 6th grade at United Elementary. She previously portrayed the Munchkin Mayor in *The Wizard of Oz* with the Indiana Players. She also participates in Shakespeare Club, Girl Scouts, chorus and plays trombone. Vera is very enthusiastic to play the role of the Queen and is excited for her future on the stage.

NICOLE SCHWARTZ (Knight) is happy to be part of this great show. Nicole's previous Indiana Players appearances were in *Anne of Green Gables* and *The Jungle Book*. She would like to thank Liz and Vanessa for being such good directors.

RUBY SCOTT (Lady-in-Waiting) is 9 years old from Indiana, PA. *Once Upon A Mattress: Youth Edition* is her first show with the Indiana Players. In her free time, she loves to sing, dance, cook, and care for her pet birds. Ruby would like to thank her loving family and friends for their support! She looks forward to participating in future shows!

EMERSON SHANK (Lady Lucille) is going into 10th grade at Homer Center High School in the fall. This is her second production with the Indiana Players and her fourth show in total. In her free time, Emerson participates in dance and color guard. She also enjoys drawing, reading, painting, and writing.

HANNAH SILVIS (The Wizard) is thrilled to appear in her fifth production with the Indiana Players! An 8th grader at River Valley Cyber Academy, she also proudly performs as a band front member of the Marching Band. Hannah would like to thank her family and the *Mattress* production team for all their support!

ABBY STEPHENS (Lady-in-Waiting) is going into 4th grade in Indiana. This is her first production but has performed in musical theater at Sue Hewitt Dance Studio. Abby enjoys playing lacrosse. She would like to thank her family, especially her parents, along with the other talented youth in the production. Enjoy the show!

JUSTIN WEBBER (Sir Harry) is grateful to have this opportunity to portray this brave knight in this fun and wonderfully hilarious musical. Justin will be a senior at IHS this fall. His acting credits include participating for 6 years in Footlight Players and almost a decade at IPI. Here he joined the productions of *Our Town*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *A Christmas Story*, and *The Snow Queen*. At IHS he is a member of the Thespian Society. A couple of the notable characters he loved playing were Uncle Anthony in *Lucky Stiff* and Uncle Wes in *Footloose*. He thanks you for supporting the arts at IPI and hopes you enjoy this show!

BRYSON WOODSON (The King) just turned 15 last month and this is their very first show with the Indiana Players and first time ever trying theatre!

SPECIAL THANKS TO

Kathleen Kerns, Kim Shaffer, Sharon Smith
Tony DeLoreto and Spaghetti Benders
Todd Marino and Renda Broadcasting
The Indiana Gazette

Ruby,

Your light shines
bright on and off
stage! Break a leg!
We love you so much!

- Your Family

You are our superstar.
Have fun, Rowan.

We love you!

- Mommy,
Daddy Nick
& Linden

Hannah,

*We are so very proud of
you! Sing and act like
there's nobody watching.
We love you!*

- Grandma
and Papap

Alec,

Shine Bright like the
star you are.

We're so proud of you!!

- Mom, Dad,
Mom-Mom and
Pop-Pop

Nate & Micah,

**We are so proud of you! You
are indeed dauntless and
studley. Keep on following
your dreams and living life to
the fullest! We are behind you
all the way!!**

Lots of love,

**Mom & Dad
(and Merlin & Nestle, too!)**

Vera,

*Keeping being strong
and confident, on
and off the stage.
Break a leg!*

*Love,
Mom, Dad,
Jude and Talia*

Nate,

We know you will do
a great job this year
again!! So proud of
you.

Love,
Kim, Keith, Neil,
and James

Rowan,

As a knight shines in
their armor, you are
my shining star. Smile,
be you, and have fun!
I love you!

- Grammy

Scarlett,

We are so incredibly
proud of you. You are a
very talented girl & we
can't wait to see where
this takes you! You
have always been a joy
to watch & we look
forward to your
contributions to this
musical.

Lots of love,
Mom & Dad

Carly,

We are all very proud of the effort & dedication you put into these shows. Your passion is palpable. Keep doing what you love & staying true to yourself. I know your mom is watching over you with giddiness & pride.

Lots of love,
Mindy, Takeal,
Scarlett & family ♥

Nicole,

We are so proud of you! Break-a-Leg!

We love you,

Mom, Dad,
James & Carolina

Hannah-

We are so proud of how you have grown as an actress! You are an awesome Wizard and we love watching you!! Keep making us smile! We love you so much!

- Daddy, Mum and Pkr

MICAH,

CONGRATULATIONS
ON YOUR FIRST
SPEAKING PART!
WE KNOW YOU WILL
DO GREAT.

LOVE,
KIM, KEITH, NEIL,
AND JAMES

NATE & MICAH!

WE KNOW YOU'LL
ROCK IT!

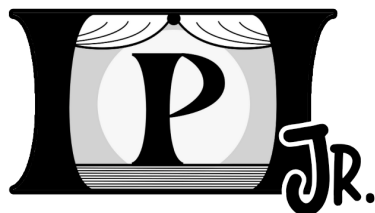
MUCH LOVE –
AUNT KAREN, UNCLE
MICHAEL, TIRZAH, SARAH,
SOPHIA & EVAN AND THE
JAY BIRD!

INDIANA PLAYERS JR.

Indiana Players Jr, a division of **Indiana Players Inc**, was created with the mission of bringing high-quality performing arts experiences to the youth of Indiana County and surrounding communities. We believe that every child, regardless of background or experience, should have the opportunity to explore and participate in the arts. Through inclusive programming, Indiana Players Jr provides a supportive environment where young people can grow creatively, build confidence, and develop valuable life skills through theater.

Our programs go beyond performance alone. In addition to acting roles, children are introduced to the many technical and backstage elements that are essential to theater production. By encouraging participation in all aspects of production, we help students gain a well-rounded understanding of theater and foster a sense of ownership and pride in their work.

We strive to create an educational and inspiring atmosphere where young performers and technicians can thrive. Whether a child dreams of being on stage or working behind the scenes, **Indiana Players Jr** offers a space where imagination and talent are nurtured and celebrated. Through teamwork, mentorship, and hands-on experience, we aim to build not only better artists, but also confident, capable young individuals who are ready to shine both on and off the stage.



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Picasso at the **LAPIN AGILE**

Written by Steve Martin ▪ Directed by Bill Martinak

September 12, 13, 14 and 19, 20, 21

Fridays & Saturdays @ 7:30pm ▪ Sundays @ 2:30pm

Steve Martin's long-running off-Broadway absurdist comedy places Albert Einstein and Pablo Picasso in a Parisian cafe in 1904, just before the renowned scientist transformed physics with his theory of relativity and the celebrated painter set the art world afire with cubism.

Stay tuned for tickets and more information!

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Community theater is more than acting and directing! We are always looking for talented people with broad interests and backgrounds. From builders and painters and electricians to media specialists or grant writers, a donation of your time and skill is highly appreciated. If you have an interest, but lack the know-how, The Indiana Players prides itself on training beginners in all things theater. If you're not already a member, sign up today!

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