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PRESENTS

THE SECRET GARDEN

by Frances Hodgson Burnett Adapted by Sylvia Ashby

with:

Blade Martin Carley Taylor Jedidiah Benner Pailyn Magee Brynn Methvin Noah Martin Fisher Methvin

Waylon Martin Annley Kneisly Bella Killingsworth

The Secret Garden (non-musical) is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc. www.concordtheatricals.com

Directed by Katie Quin and Debbie Watkins

CAST

Cast Members

Mary Lennox	Pailyn Magee		
Mrs. Medlock	Brynn Methvin		
Andrew Craven	Noah Martin		
Martha	Carley Taylor		
Ben Weatherstaff	Blade Martin		
Nurse Grey	Isabella Killingworth		
Dr. Spencer	Jedidiah Brenner		
Mrs. Appleby	Annley Kneisly		
Dickon	Fisher Methvin		
Colin Craven	Waylon Martin		
Production/Creative			
Directors	Katie Quin Debbie Watkins		
Stage Manager	Ellie Lambert		
Stagehand	Rosie Lambert		
Lighting	Katie Quin		
Sound	James Lambert		
Spotlights	Diane Boyd		



Pailyn Magee

as Mary Lennox

Thirteen-year-old Pailyn Magee is excited to take the stage in the SSJP performance of *The Secret Garden*. Pailyn portrays the imperious, sulky young orphan Mary Lennox. She likes that Mary's character changes over the course of the show and that Mary, not an adult, is the heroine, healing others and herself and bringing her new family together. Pailyn, a seventh-grade homeschool student from Summit, is the daughter of Chuck and Lindey Magee. She made her acting debut in PCLT's *Charlotte's Web* followed by performing as Lottie in *A Little Princess*. She most recently played Alice in *Alice in Wonderland.*..her dream casting come true! Pailyn adores animals, spending time with friends, camping and swims competitively.



Brynn Methvin

as Mrs. Medlock

Brynn is the 14 year old daughter of Jairus and Stephanie Methvin of Smithdale. She is a homeschooled freshman who enjoys theatre, art, literature, and debate. She's on the yearbook staff for her homeschool group and is active in her youth group at Thompson Baptist Church. Brynn had minor roles in the stage productions *Alice in Wonderland*, the Encore, *Legally Blonde Jr.*, and *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, all with the State Street Junior Players. She is playing the role of Mrs. Medlock in *The Secret Garden*.



Noah Martin

as Andrew Craven

Noah Martin is the son of Abby and Mark Martin. Noah is a High School Senior and will graduate this May from Home Educators of Southwest Mississippi. He is portraying the slightly hunched-back, grieving Master of Misselthwaite Manor in this production of *The Secret Garden*. Noah contributes his love for acting to his early roles at church. Past productions with Pike County Little Theater and State Street Junior Players include *Legally Blonde*, *The Outsiders*, *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, *A Tribute to Carol Burnett #1 & #3*, *Alice in Wonderland*, *A Little Princess*, *Beauty is a Beast* and *Charlotte's Web*. Noah enjoys playing all sports, fishing, playing video games, and hanging out with family and friends!



Carley Taylor

as Martha

Carley has been involved with SSJP for a little over a year. She is the daughter of Christy and Joey Taylor of McComb. Carley is 16 years old and in the 10th grade. This is her 5th play. Carley's hobbies include painting, drawing, makeup, and singing.



Blade Martin

as Ben Weatherstaff

Blade Martin is the son of Abby and Mark Martin. He will graduate in May from SMCC with a degree in the Arts. Blade has enjoyed developing his character for this delightful play, *The Secret Garden*. He is playing the cantankerous yet faithful gardener, Ben Weatherstaff. Besides this production, Blade has darkened the stage many other times in the past including roles in *The Outsiders*, *Legally Blonde*, *Tribute to Carol Burnett #1 & #2*, *Alice in Wonderland*, *The Little Princess*, *Beauty is a Beast*, and *Charlotte's Web*. When Blade is not acting, he enjoys running, working out, drawing, writing, public speaking, painting, hanging out with friends, and listening to music.



Isabella Killingworth

as Nurse Grey

Isabella is the 13 years old daughter of Amy and Jamie Fredette. She attends Spectra Learning Center and enjoys reading, writing, drawing, horseback riding, and playing the guitar. The Secret Garden is Isabella's premier theatre performance!



Jedidiah Brenner

as Dr. Spencer

Jedidiah is originally from California and came to McComb in 2012. In 2016 he started theatre as a backstage crew member with *The Bad Seed* and continued theatre backstage in plays as well as Musicals. Two of the more notable characters Jedidiah has played are, Lysander from *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and Leaf Coneybear in *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*.



Annley Kneisly

as Mrs. Appleby

Annley is a fourteen-year-old homeschool student from Tylertown. She and her family moved to Mississippi from Indiana in August of last year and she couldn't be happier! Annley has previously performed in *Alice In Wonderland* and *Frozen: The Musical.* In her spare time, Annley enjoys reading, writing, swimming, spending time with her family and her dog, and raising her silkie chicks. Annley is thrilled to be playing the role of Mrs. Appleby in this year's production of *The Secret Garden*, and she would like to extend a special thanks to Ms. Debbie and Ms. Katie for this amazing opportunity. Annley has treasured the experience of getting to work alongside such a fun and talented cast, and of seeing the production come to life.



Fisher Methvin

as Dickon

Fisher is the 12-year-old son of Jairus and Stephanie Methvin of Smithdale. He is a 6th grader and has been homeschooled his whole life. He is active at Thompson Baptist Church where he is currently preparing for Bible drills in the coming few weeks. Fisher has been a cross-country runner for three years. He has been a member of the State Street Junior Players for one year. He loves video games, drawing, and hanging out with his friends and family.



Waylon Martin

as Colin Craven

Waylon Martin is the son of Abby and Mark Martin. He is a ninth-grader with his homeschool group, HESWM. Waylon takes the stage in this delightful rendition of *The Secret Garden* as the sickly young son, Colin Craven. Recent past roles include *Legally Blonde*, *The Outsiders*, *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, *A Tribute to Carol Burnett* #1 & #3, Alice in Wonderland, The Little Princess, Beauty is a Beast and Charlotte's Web. When Waylon is not acting, he enjoys running Cross Country, playing soccer, dancing, singing, playing video games, taking care of his dogs and cats, and socializing with his friends!



Ellie Lambert

Stage Manager

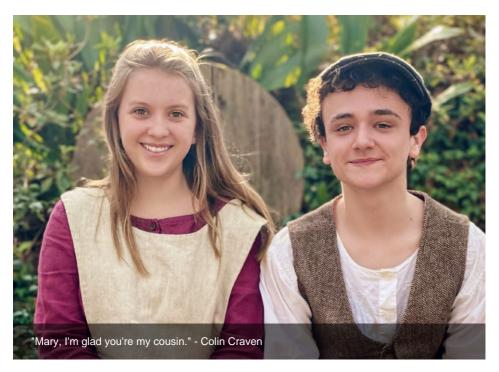
Ellie Lambert is the sixteen-year-old daughter of James and Wendi Lambert of Monticello, Mississippi. She is homeschooled and is a high school senior. Ellie has been on stage for almost ten years, most recently being seen in SSJP's production of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" as Grace Bradley. This is her first time to be a crew member, and she has thoroughly enjoyed being the stage manager for this show. Ellie enjoys playing various instruments, reading classic literature, writing, and all things Disney.



Rosie Lambert

Rosie Lambert is the eleven-year-old daughter of James and Wendi Lambert of Monticello, Mississippi. She is homeschooled and is in 5th grade. Rosie made her onstage debut at eight years old, and has been in love with theatre ever since. She was most recently seen in SSJP's production of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" as Imogene Herdman. Rosie has excelled in her position as a stagehand since she is a hard worker and is always willing to help. She loves animals, crafting, and building with Legos.

PHOTOS





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> -Frances Hodgson Burnett, The Secret Garden

END NOTES

Ending a production is always bittersweet. Not ready for the time to come to an end but ready for a bit of a break! When you are together as a group three days a week for a couple of months, you share a lot of laughs, stress and hard work. And, you become family. What a privilege we have to work with this amazing group of young people. It gives us great hope as we recognize that these are our leaders of tomorrow. We are in good hands!

No production happens without the help of Many and this one is certainly no exception. We would like to especially acknowledge the following:

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