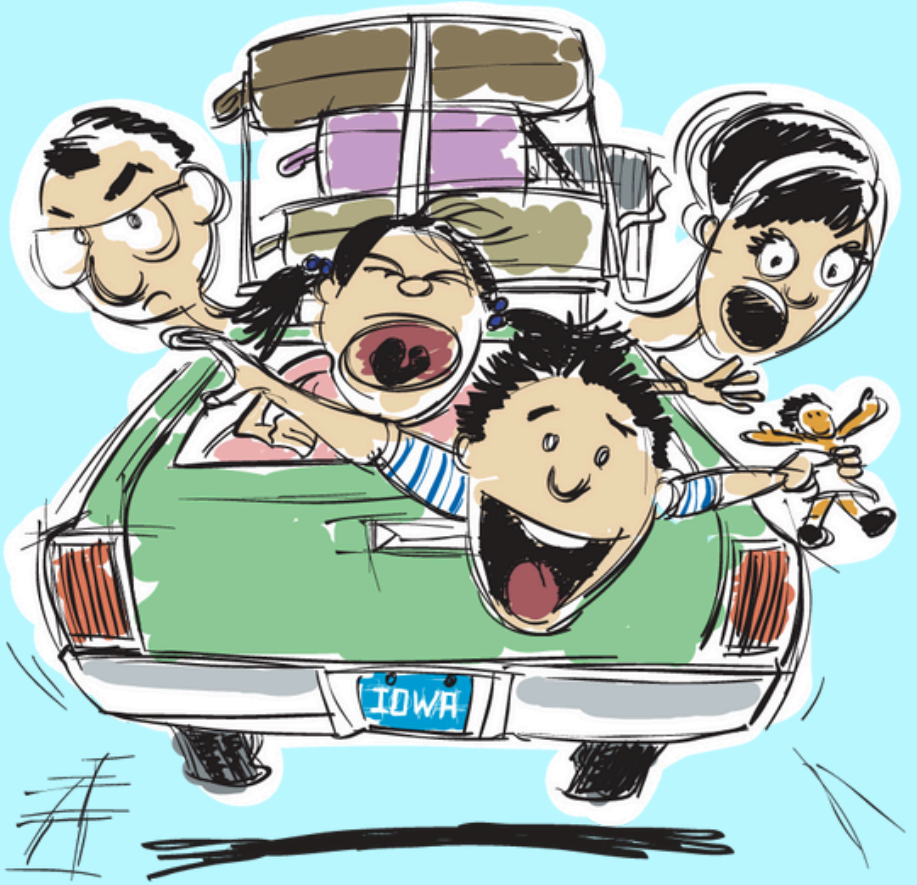


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# Leaving Iowa

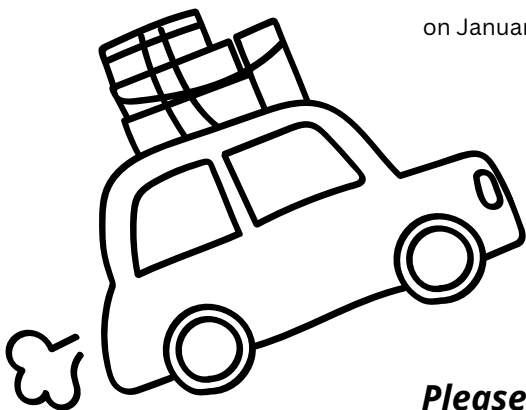
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**Artistic Director: Holly Stults**

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# CAST

(In order of appearance)

Don Browning.....	OLIVER LAM
Sis.....	OLIVIA KRAUSE
Mom.....	ELLIE CHRISTENBERRY
Dad .....	JACKSON DONNELLY
Bob/Grandpa.....	CADEN MCQUEEN
Judy.....	CAROLINE MASON
Aunt Phyllis.....	EMMY BOBENMOYER
Uncle Phil/Joe Hoefingers.....	MARCUS PIVEC
Fruit cart gal.....	AVERY WEAVER
Grandma.....	MADDIE WELTY
Cart Chaser.....	MORGAN RUSBASAN
Shopping Lady.....	KIERA BROTHERS
Jack Singer.....	SEAN O'GARA
Flea market gal 1.....	MARIA DUDLEY
Flea market gal 2.....	ELIZABETH BURROWS
Lt. Dan Meechum.....	ANDIE PAPESH
Museum Assistant.....	JULIETTE HATCHER
Winifred.....	MADI ROBINSON
Jamie.....	OELLA BERTY
Crazy Lady.....	CLARE MURPHY
Hotel Clerk.....	LILLY DANGLER
Elaine.....	MOLLY FARIS
Jessie.....	MAGGIE CRODDY

# CREW

## Stage Manager:

**Georgia Kramer**

## Assistant Stage Manager:

**Trent Blume**

## Props Master:

**Aly Polackin**

## Building Crew

**Head: Maria Gejdos**

Eli Acklin

Lily Conard

Emma Turner

James Ferris

Lucas Setmeyer

Abby Donnelly

Shayli Lopez-Ayala

## Painting Crew

**Head: Lucy Acklin**

Grace McNabb

Harper Wynne

Genevieve Freeman

Angelica Sak

Addy Valiquett

Saya Salinas

Shayli Lopez-Ayala

Kiera Brothers

## Costuming/Makeup Crew

**Head: Courtney Kramer**

**Head: Abby Fix**

Elizabeth Burchard

Julia Dunn

Kate Lowry

Emma Bishop

## Lights Crew

**Head: Andrew Moriarty**

Johnathan Taylor

Nick Marrano

Grace Lloyd

Griffin Larsen

Justin Smith

## Sound Crew

**Head: Emily Meckauskas**

Lena Stickel

Matthew Olivares

Zach Smith

Joy Teter-McCurdy

## Advertising/Decorating

**Head: Amia Collins**

Saya Salinas

Grace Isakson

Lily Conard

# *Special Thanks*

**TO GOD** who makes all things possible.

**TO OUR WONDERFUL STUDENT PERFORMERS AND CREW MEMBERS.** Thank you for sharing yourselves and amazing talents with our Bishop Chatard Community.

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**TO JUDY LAM** for dressing our performers for their road trip

**TO ELIZABETH BATH** for her help leading the painting crew

**AND TO**

**BOOTH TARKINGTON CIVIC THEATRE**  
for all the borrowed costumes and props

# Meet the Cast

**Oella Berty** is super excited to be playing Jamie in this production of Leaving Iowa. This is her second show at Chatard and has absolutely loved the community she has joined. She would like to thank her parents for being her biggest fans and all her friends for having a blast at each rehearsal with her. Enjoy the show!

**Emmy Bobenmoyer** is very excited to be playing the role of Aunt Phyllis. She is a freshman and is also interested in tennis, soccer, and mock trial. She has been in a handful of other shows such as Murder at the Art Show, the Lion King, Beauty and the Beast, Footloose, Fairy Tale Law and Order, Godspell, and most famously the role of the judge in her fourth grade Christmas performance. Emmy is very grateful for the wonderful cast and crew helping with this production and can't wait for the musical this winter.

**Kiera Brothers** is excited to be playing the part of the "shopping lady" in this production of Leaving Iowa! Her favorite part about this show is getting to know the new people she is practicing with. She also enjoyed being on paint crew!

**Elizabeth Burrows** is very excited to be playing Amish Gal #2 in this production of Leaving Iowa! Elizabeth has previously participated in Peter Pan Jr., Alice in Wonderland Jr., Annie Jr., and Seussical. A favorite memory Elizabeth has had from rehearsals is when she and the rest of the cast did the read through. She would love to thank her family, friends, and all of the cast and crew.

**Ellie Christenberry** is a senior and is very excited to be playing the role of Mom in Leaving Iowa! She has been in 4 Chatard shows acting, 2 shows as crew and most recently was Grandma in The Addams Family. Her favorite theatre memory was taking on the role of Jedediah the J-trap Genie in the one act Pipe Dream and the amazing people it brought to her. She would like to thank her family for supporting her always and Mr. Z & Ms. Holly for helping her realize what she wants to do in the future!

**Maggie Croddy** is a senior this year and is super excited to be Jessie the waitress in Leaving Iowa. She has done a few different parts for various shows at Chatard, including Irene in Radium Girls. One thing she plans to take away from this show would be the laughs and memories made along the way.

**Lilly Dangler** is a sophomore who is excited to take part in her third show at Chatard. She also partakes in student ambassadors, best buddies, and golf. Lilly has always loved theatre and is excited to be in this show with her friends. She hopes you like the show almost as much as she liked being a part of it. She would also like to thank her biggest supporters, her mom and dad.

**Jackson Donnelly** is very grateful to be playing the Dad in this production of Leaving Iowa. He has also done several other productions at Bishop Chatard. His favorite theatre memory from last year was singing in Move Toward The Darkness as Lurch in Addam's Family.

**Maria Dudley** is a sophomore at BCHS, is part Sounds of Silas and Vox Troiano Choirs, Track and Field and Swim Team. She enjoys singing, playing the piano, reading and watching her favorite movies. Her favorite movies are Lord of the Rings Return of the King, BBC Pride and Prejudice, and the Princess Bride. Her favorite book is Pride and Prejudice. Her favorite song is Torn by Nathen Lanier.

**Molly Faris** is so excited to be playing Elaine in this production of Leaving Iowa! She loves being a part of the cast and getting closer to the other people in the show. Big thanks to her sister (and Moosie) for helping her run lines and practice being deadpan.

**Juliette Hatcher**, a Freshman newcomer to BCHS this year, brings with her the experience of her roles from years gone by. Her wisdom from playing the lovable Pabbi in Frozen, the fierceness in Te-ka from Moana, and friendship and bravery from her debut as Pumbaa in Lion King has pioneered her way to become the Museum Assistant that you see before you today.

**Olivia Krause** is very excited to be playing the role of Sis in Leaving Iowa! She is a junior at Chatard and is also involved in Thespian Society, Improv Team, Mock Trial, Sounds of Silas and Vox Troiano. Her favorite Chatard theater memory so far is tech week boba with her besties. She hopes you enjoy the show!

**Oliver Lam** is very excited to be back on stage this year, this time as his first lead role: Don Browning! Having played the Lovesick Cowboy in Radium Girls and an ancestor in the Addams Family, Oliver's favorite memory from theater is performing Yoda in the Star Wars One-act last year. Oliver would like to thank his brother Ben for inspiring him to pursue theater, as well as the rest of his family for encouraging him in his performances.

**Caroline Mason** is a sophomore at Bishop Chatard and is so excited to be cast as Judy in the fall play, Leaving Iowa. She has loved getting to know freshman and other cast members. Caroline has been in many shows before including Lion King Jr, Rock of Ages, Radium Girls, Addams Family and Senior One Acts. Caroline's favorite memory would be getting ready with her friends last year while singing the Encanto soundtrack in the girls locker room before tech week rehearsals. Caroline would like to thank Mrs. Lam for always being able to help our theater department with killer costumes, Kiera Brothers for always making her laugh during rehearsals, and most importantly her family for being supportive and helping her with memorizing her lines.

**Caden McQueen** is a Freshman this year at Bishop Chatard who is very excited for the opportunity to play both Bob and Grandpa in this year's fall play. He previously went to grade school at St. Luke where he participated in a number of musicals. He cannot wait to perform and gain new experience here at Bishop Chatard!

**Clare Murphy** is a freshman this year and is very excited to be playing The Crazy Lady in this production of Leaving Iowa. She hopes you enjoy the show!

**Sean O'Gara** is so excited to play Jack Singer in Leaving Iowa! This is his second year in the school play, with his first performance being in Radium Girls. His favorite theatre memory is of the Spring Senior One-Acts, being dragged across the floor while playing a corpse. He would like to thank his family, friends, and fellow actors.



**Marcus Pivec** is starring in his third major show at Chatard, and he is super excited to be playing the role of Uncle Phil. Marcus's favorite theater moment is after show ice cream runs and hang outs.

**Madi Robinson** is SO excited to be Winifred/Fred in *Leaving Iowa*! She loves making people laugh and she loves being a part of the plays. Some of her past shows are, *Suessical Jr.*, *Lion King Jr.*, and *Moana Jr.*, at her elementary school, and *Radium Girls* and *Addams Family* here at Chatard. She would like to thank her family for being so supportive and her friends for giving her rides and for just being there. One of Madi's favorite memories from rehearsals was when we had a wonky rehearsal and everyone was late and she just messed around with her friends.

**Morgan Rusbasan** is super excited to be performing in her first Chatard production, *Leaving Iowa*. She is a freshman, but she has been involved in several other shows around the city, making this her 8th show. When not on stage, Morgan loves making people laugh on the improv team, participating in mock trial, and (attempting) to sing her heart out in choir. One of her favorite theater memories with the cast was during the read through, and laughing at the hilarious script. Morgan would like to thank Mr. Z and Miss Holly for their support, along with her friends, family, and new theater community.

**Avery Weaver** fell in love with theatre when she was in 2nd Grade. This will be her first performance at BCHS. She is excited to be playing Fruit Cart Gal!

**Maddie Welty** is a sophomore at Bishop Chatard and is so excited to be playing Grandma in the play alongside so many amazing people. Her favorite memory from the show is that she loves all the funny moments in the show. She was so excited that she made some many new friends during all of the practices.

**Andie Papesh** is so excited to be playing the role of Lieutenant Dan Meechum in this year's production of *Leaving Iowa*! Andie is a sophomore and has loved all the memories she has made with her classmates! She would like to thank her best friend Oella for always supporting her and always pushing her to the best of her abilities. She has loved getting to know so many new people and building friendships with them. She hopes you love the show!

# Meet the Crew

**Eli Acklin** is very happy to have contributed to this amazing show through the power of building. Just remember "Adventures in Iowa are like steep hills - pretty hard to come by". Enjoy the show.

**Emma Bishop** is very excited to have had the opportunity to be on the costumes crew in this production of Leaving Iowa! Her favorite memory is going to the loft to search for the costumes.

**Trent Blume** is in his second year in crew and really enjoys all of the memories and friends that he had made through the theater program

**Ellie Burchard** is a senior this year and is so excited to be part of the costumes crew! She loves working closely with the cast members. She does not have a favorite memory, but she enjoys the time she shares with everyone.

**Amia Collins** is a sophomore with a passion for theatre and any art related activities. This year Amia will be contributing her talents behind the scenes with the advertising crew . She would love to give many thank yous to her Mom and Dad for their support and belief in her dreams and always being there for her.

**Lily Conard** is very excited to be a part of building and loves being on house and decorating crew.

**Abby Donnelly** enjoys being on the building crew. She has lots of fun.

**Julia Dunn** is a senior who has done crew for the past 3 years. For the last two years she has worked in costumes for the plays and musicals, while sophomore year she participated in advertisement and set building. Her favorite memory from being in the theater department was acting as a stormtrooper in, "The Force is strong with this one (act)" during senior one acts last year.

**Abby Fix** is a senior at BCHS and is so excited to work on her last fall play, Leaving Iowa! She has loved being a part of costumes crew for the plays and being co head of the crew with Courtney for the second year. Abby was in the cast for Oklahoma and Fiddler and in costumes crew for Kindergarten, Radium Girls, and Addams Family. Her favorite theater memories are pre show circles times, pre rehearsal Panera runs, the crew cheer, and dancing backstage during musicals. She wants to thank her family, friends, the directors, and Mrs. Lam for being so supportive, encouraging, and providing her with wonderful opportunities. And God for making all things possible. She hopes you enjoy Leaving Iowa!

**Genevieve Freeman** is very excited to be apart of painting the set for this production of Leaving Iowa! This is the first play that she has taken part of at Bishop Chatard high school, and the first play that she has helped out with in general. She would like to thank Kiera Brothers for getting her to finally help out, and Shayli Lopez-Ayala for joining her, even if she had to sign up late to do so.

**Maria Gejdos** is a junior and is very happy to be on set crew for Leaving Iowa! She is excited to see the whole set come together and she is eager to learn and improve on her set building skills.

**Georgia Kramer** is proud to say that this is her 3rd year being Stage Manager at Chatard. She is an active student at Chatard and never regrets dedicating time to be in the theater program! She is happy to be able to call this community her family, and greatly misses her sister who is the reason she is in this program in the first place. Now relax and enjoy the show!

**Griffin Larsen** is excited to be in the lights crew for Leaving Iowa! Griffin has not been in any theater productions at Chatard, but he is involved in choir.

**Shayli Lopez-Ayala** is excited to be part of crew for the play! She thanks all her friends who convinced her to take part.

**Kate Lowry** is a sophomore and is very excited to be on costuming crew for this production of Leaving Iowa! In the past she has helped with costuming for the Addams Family and hopes to be a part of more productions in the future!

**Nick Marrano** is thrilled to be a part of the crew in this production of leaving Iowa! This is his first and last year being a part of Chatard theatre and he would like to thank his friends for getting him involved.

**Grace Mcabb** is excited to be a new member of the painting crew!

**Emily Meckauskas** is so excited to be the Head of Sound Crew. She has been on sound crew for four years. She'd like to thank her sister for getting her into theatre, her parents for supporting her, and everyone working on these productions for all of their help throughout the years!

**Matthew Olivares** is cool

**Aly Polackin** is very excited to be the head of props crew for this years production of Leaving Iowa! She has previously been seen on the stage as Alice, in the Addams Family and Katherine Wiley, in Radium Girls. She also has been a part of the cast for All I Really Need To Know I Learned in Kindergarten and Fiddler on the Roof. Her favorite memory from Chatard theater is trying not to laugh during the last scene of Fiddler, when the wheel wouldn't stop creaking when everyone else was silent. She would like to thank her parents for always being there for her, her friends for always supporting her, and her dogs for bringing humor to her days.

**Angelica Sak** is very excited to be on painting crew for Leaving Iowa.

**Saya Salinas** is very excited to be a part of the painting and advertising crew in this production of Leaving Iowa. She would like to thank Harper Wynne for pushing me to be a part of this crew.

**Justin Smith** is a freshman and is excited to do crew with his brother. He also excited to help make Leaving Iowa happen with his friends and make new ones.

**Zach Smith** is so excited to be on the sound crew for Leaving Iowa! As a senior, he has been involved in crew since freshman year and joined sound crew as a sophomore. His favorite memory is doing mic changes with Simon Lehmkuhler for Radium Girls and Fiddler on the Roof, and playing Super Smash Bros backstage during Addams's Family with him too.

**Lena Stickel** is a senior at Chatard and she is super excited to be on sound crew for Leaving Iowa! In the past, Lena has performed in every Chatard show except Done to Death, which was her first crew show. Lena wants to thank all the senior who have been with her since freshman year and all the seniors that she got to know along the way. Lena's favorite Chatard theater memory has to be when she tried and failed to fly a kite before Fiddler on the Roof with Zeke, Shafer, Aidan, and Van.

**Johnathan Taylor** is a happy to be part of the lights crew for the fourth time in a row. He is happy to not be head of lights but will miss the spotlights as he is on spotlights. He was on lights crew for all major plays and musicals that have happened at BCHS.

**Joy Teter-McCurdy** feels very ecstatic to be a part of the sound crew in this production of Leaving Iowa!

**Emma Turner** is very excited to be a part of building crew, and loves being a part of house crew.

**Addy Vaiquett** is excited to be a part of the crew for Leaving Iowa. She has been in the cast of multiple musicals while in middle school, but never the crew. She would like to thank her parents for pushing her to find something she's interested in.

**Harper Wynne** is very excited to be a part of the art crew in this production of Leaving Iowa. Harper has been in the musicals Peter Pan, The Seussical, and Alice and Wonderland at her grade school Saint Joan Of Arc. She would like to thank her mom for encouraging her to sign up for the art crew.

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# OVATIONS

## **Andie Papesh**

Break a leg, Andie! We love watching you onstage. You're a star every day to us! Love, Nana and Papa

## **Avery Weaver**

So proud of you for doing your first high school play. Keep shining bright!! Love you!

## **Caden McQueen**

We will follow you wherever you will go. Love, Mom, Dad, Maeve, Lulu & Shenan

## **Ellie Christenberry**

Wow Ellie! You're a beautiful young lady with a heart of gold. We love you ! Papa and Gram.

Another opening, another show! Can't wait to see you doing what you love. Break a leg. Papa & Gee :)

## **Emmy Bobenmoyer**

To our favorite starlet: We're excited to see you take the stage in Leaving Iowa! Love Mom, Dad + H

## **Genevieve Freeman**

So proud of you for trying something new and using your artistic ability!

## **Georgia Kramer**

You run a tight ship stage manager extraordinaire! We're so proud of you, love, mom, dad and max

## **Grace McNabb**

We are so proud of you! You are so talented! What an amazing artist!! We love you, Momma & Dad!

## **Juliette Hatcher**

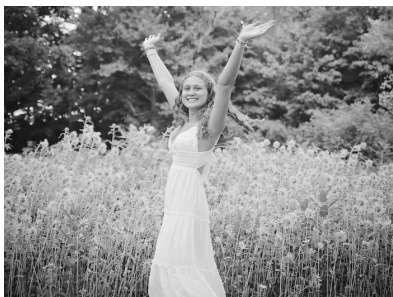
We are so proud of you and everything you accomplish. We love you so much! - Your Family

**Maria Dudley**

Congratulations Maria! We admire your courage to try something new. It is a joy watching you grow!

**Molly Faris**

It brings us so much joy to watch you doing something you love! We are so proud of you!

**Morgan Rusbasan**

We are so proud of you. Break a leg in your high school debut! Love, Angela & Wyatt

**Oliver Lam**

"You betcha" we're thrilled to see you in your first lead role! So proud of you! Love, Your family

**Abby Fix**

"Be strong and courageous... for your God will be with you wherever you go." Proud of you, Mom & Dad

**Nicholas Marrano**

Nicholas you're the crew man! We are very proud to always be a part of your crew. Love, Mom and Dad



A huge thank you to our amazing hard working set crew.





### **Avery Weaver**

Break a leg, Avery! We're so proud of you! Enjoy every moment on stage. Shine bright! Love you!

### **Ellie Christenberry**

Bravo, Ellie! Leading in your final play at BCHS! We're so proud of you!  
Love, Mom, Dad, and Tyse!



### **Morgan Rusbasan**

Morgan! Keep chasing those Theatre dreams...and shopping carts! We love you! Mom, Dad, & Cameron

### **Jackson Donnelly**

Jackson, you've always been a Star in our hearts! Grandma, Dad, Kathleen, Kevin, Jillian, and Abby.



**Congratulations to the  
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**Thanks for taking us along on your family  
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