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## DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Welcome friends from near and far to the small town near the shore, where a young boy lives in his memories for the next bit of time. As I write my thoughts on this production, I can't help but think of my own memories regarding this play. A cherished friend who had directed it as well years ago gave me a few pieces of advice as I moved forward with my planning and dreaming. He has been a little Bird on my shoulder whenever I needed some words of encouragement. The cast, crew, and production volunteers have worked to bring this story to life for you amidst laughter, excitement, and the pure joy of working together. I am honored to be part of this organization, one that truly belongs to the community.

We are all thrilled to bring you *A Child's Christmas In Wales*.

If you are new to Players, Welcome!

We would love to see you again sometime, whether it be behind the scenes, front and center for a show, or a friendly face to greet patrons at the door! Thank you for supporting our theatre!

I would like to personally recognize our office staff and production team. Your dedication makes the show sparkle and I appreciate your countless hours!

Thank you for your support of Bay City Players and the positive contribution you bring to our theatre.

We are thankful for your presence during our telling of this tale.

*Erin Frye*

Director



# IN THE DRESSING ROOM



**\*Nicholas Breen- *Dylan*:** Nicholas Breen of Bay City was last seen in *Music Man* with Teenage Musicals Inc as Winthrop and has done many shows in local theaters. He is a fifth grader at Bangor Lincoln and loves to play the piano, read and play tennis. He'd like to thank his family for always supporting him and his love of theatre.



**\*Robert Chadwick- *Postman, Murgatroyd, and Fireman*:** Robert Chadwick of Bay City is no stranger to Bay City Players although this is his first time on stage. Robert currently serves on the Board of Directors and is an adjunct professor of management at SVSU. He is married to Cindy and enjoys spending time with her and their two Golden Retrievers, Cash and Whiskey.



**\*Emily Confer- *Brenda*:** Emily Confer of Kawkawlin is new to Bay City Players but not to the theatre - she has performed in *Beauty and the Beast*, *Annie* and *Tarzan*. She currently is in the seventh grade at Christa McAuliffe Middle School. She enjoys spending time with her kitten named Salmon and her Guinea Pig named Bella.



**\*Eden Coppler- *Glenda*:** Eden Coppler of Bay City is 12 years old and in 7th grade at SASA schools. She is majoring in English language arts and global studies but has always loved theatre. Eden is very excited to be part of this production and on stage for the very first time. She has made great new friends in the cast and wishes everyone good luck!



**\*Shawn M. Finney- *Gwyn*:** Shawn M. Finney of Saginaw has been acting for over 30 years, performing at local venues. He was last seen in Pit's production of *Murder on the Orient Express*. Shawn works in IT for the legal department at Dow Chemical and enjoys live music, movies, sports, and spending time with his teenage daughter, Moira, when she tolerates it.

\*New to Players



# IN THE DRESSING ROOM



**\*Kelly Hoffman– *Nellie*:** Kelly Hoffman of Bay City is enjoying every minute of her first production at Bay City Players. She's still not sure how she talked her husband, Scott, into doing it with her. In her spare time she enjoys decorating, spending time with Scott and their two dogs, Eddie and Bugsy, and doing home improvement projects.



**\*Scott Hoffman– *Glynn*:** Scott Hoffman of Bay City grew up in a small town in Northwest Ohio before moving with his wife Kelly to her hometown. This is Scott's first time on stage. Through Kelly's persuasion, Scott is enjoying his first time on stage. Scott likes spending time with Kelly and their two crazy dogs as well as movies, cooking, and trying to prevent Kelly from doing home improvement projects.



**Joy Howell- *Eleri*:** Joy Howell of Bay City was last seen in *The Jungle Book*. Joy loves to bake and cook, as well as reading and watching movies. Her all-time favorite movie is *White Christmas*. She often watched old musicals with her grandma and was amazed at the special effects they were able to create without today's technology. Joy also loves to travel as often as possible and wishes she could do more!



**\*Kate Hudkins- *Mother*:** Kate Hudkins of Saginaw is a junior at Saginaw Valley State University. She is a Business Management and Admin Major and a Musical Theatre Minor. In 2020 she graduated from East Kentwood High School and was recruited by SVSU to play golf. Kate credits her dad with teaching her how to sing and helping her develop her love and passion for the stage.



**\*Caiden Klingensmith - *Jim*:** Caiden Klingensmith of Essexville was last seen on our stage in *Olla And Ollie* Encore Youtheatre production. Caiden is currently in the 5th grade at Cramer Junior High. In his spare time he enjoys landscape drawing and listening to music and spending time with his French bull dog, Quincey.



# IN THE DRESSING ROOM



**\*Shayla LeVasseur - Hannah:** Shayla LeVasseur of Bay City was last seen on our stage in the youth program production *A Hairy Tale* in 2014. She is now a sophomore at SVSU majoring in theatre and minoring in musical theatre. She says this show lets her put her studies to use on stage where she loves to be.



**Cruz Juarez- Smoky:** Cruz Juarez of Pinconning fell in love with Bay City Players with his ensemble role in *Man of La Mancha*. He then was assistant director for *The Snow Queen*. Cruz is a member of the Bay City Players Board of Directors. He thanks his family, friends and fellow SSA coworkers for their support.



**Ed Mata- Constable Lloyd Jones:** Ed Mata of Freeland was last seen on our stage in *The Snow Queen*. He fell in love with theatre when his wife, Jamie, took him to see *The Phantom of the Opera*. He has worked backstage on many shows that his daughters have been in. Ed has the honor of being on stage with his youngest daughter, Carmen, in this production.



**\*Carmen Mata- Bessie:** Carmen Mata of Freeland is a 14-year-old freshman at Freeland High School. She enjoys singing, acting, drawing, reading and spending free time with friends. While this is her first performance at Bay City Players, she has been acting around the Great Lakes Bay region since she was seven years old. She thanks her family for all their love and support.



**Stephen Moelter- Father:** Steve Moelter of Freeland has been acting at Bay City Players since 1996. Steve is semi-retired and enjoys traveling with his wife, Cindy. During their most recent travel adventure to London and other European cities, they saw Dylan Thomas' grave marker in the floor of Westminster Abbey a week after being cast in the role of Dylan's father.

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# IN THE DRESSING ROOM



**Justin Radlinski- *Tudyr*:** Justin Radlinski of Bay City was last seen on our stage in *Ten November* and *Follies*. He enjoys drawing absurdist cartoons and growing entirely too many vegetables in his garden for one family to eat. He is fully prepared to blame one too many episodes of "The Muppet Show" for his love of the theatre.



**\*Luke Sommerfield- *Tom*:** Luke Sommerfield of Midland was last seen on stage in Encore Youtheatre's *Imaginary Friends Detective Agency* as Paul. Luke enjoys singing, songwriting, building puppets, and being a puppeteer and ventriloquist. He also plays the piano and trumpet. Luke plans to attend college and pursue a degree in theatre.



**Aspen Sovereign- *Jack*:** Aspen Sovereign of Essexville was last seen on our stage in *The Jungle Book*. Aspen has been active in theatre since the age of six. Aspen enjoys playing the flute and piccolo and caring for their five pets.

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## Act I

"In the Bleak Midwinter"  
"The Soft Snow Falls All Around"  
"The Postman's Song"  
"Candy Song"  
"Park Keeper's Song"  
"Aunts and Uncles"  
"Christmas Dinner"  
"Now When the Turkey"

## Act II

"Oh Christmas Means Pudding"  
"Sospan Fach"  
"Dylan Thomas is a Fool"  
"Boys, Boys, Boys"  
"As I Sat On a Sandy Bank"  
"Tell-A-Tale Song"  
"Swansea Heroes"  
"Holly and the Ivy"  
"Ta-ra-ra Boom-de-ay"  
"Calon Lan (Shining Heart)"  
"The Soft Snow Falls All Around (Reprise)"



# A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS IN WALES CAST

(In Order of Appearance)

Nicholas Breen .....	<i>Dylan</i>
Kate Hudkins .....	<i>Mother</i>
Stephen Moelter .....	<i>Father</i>
Robert Chadwick .....	<i>Postman/Murgatroyd/Fireman</i>
Caiden Klingensmith .....	<i>Jim</i>
Aspen Sovereign .....	<i>Jack</i>
Luke Sommerfield .....	<i>Tom</i>
Cruz Juarez .....	<i>Smoky</i>
Shayla LeVasseur .....	<i>Hannah</i>
Shawn Finney .....	<i>Gwyn</i>
Kelly Hoffman .....	<i>Nellie</i>
Scott Hoffman .....	<i>Glynn</i>
Eden Coppler .....	<i>Glenda</i>
Emily Confer .....	<i>Brenda</i>
Justin Radlinski .....	<i>Tudyr</i>
Carmen Mata .....	<i>Bessie</i>
Joy Howell .....	<i>Elieri</i>
Ed Mata .....	<i>Fireman/Constable Lloyd Jones</i>

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Director ..... Erin Frye  
Assistant Director ..... Sherri Angelotti  
Vocal Coach ..... Sherri Angelotti  
Producer ..... Greg Burke  
Stage Manager ..... Jeanne Cadena  
Set Design ..... Erin Frye, James Pawloski, Michael J. Wisniewski  
Set Construction ..... James Pawloski, Erin Frye,  
Greg Burke, Kelly Hoffman, Bob Chadwick, Jim Stewart,  
David Confer, Jill Confer, Patrick Confer, Emily Confer, Steve  
Moelter, Conrad Vorwerck, Jimmy Lake  
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Lighting Design & Execution ..... David Newsham  
Sound Design ..... Caleb Hopper  
Sound Execution ..... Jim Stewart  
Costume Design..... Catherine Arnett  
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Set Decoration .....	Michael Wisniewski
Set Design.....	Michael Wisniewski
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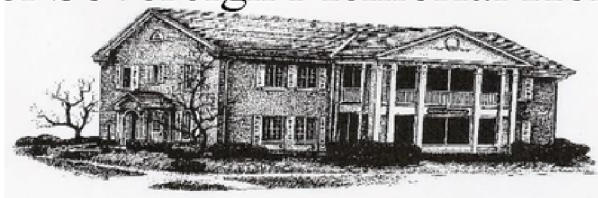
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