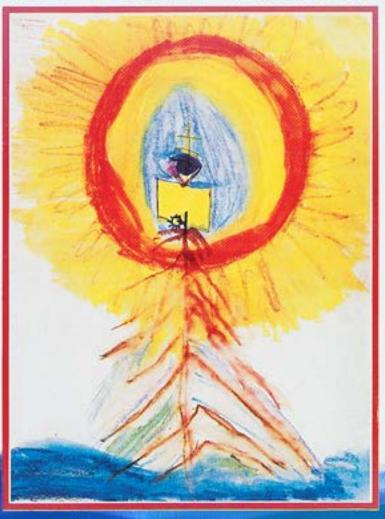
OAK PARK HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE PROUDLY PRESESNTS

THE YELLOW BOAT



BY DAVID SAAR

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Yellow Boat Cast

Benjamin	Brenden Blue
Mother	Erin Jarmin
Father	Cameron Burns
# 1 / Eddy	Nick Begley
# 2	Zen Langley
# 3 / Joy	Reese Hill
# 4 / Eddy's Mother	Hannah Butts

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Scene List

The Beggining	Company
A Very Nice Drawing	. Mother, Father, Benjamin, # 1, # 2,
-	# 3, # 4
"Stop Bleeding Stuff"	#2, Father, Mother, #1, Benjamin,
	# 4, # 3
Normal Life	Benjamin, Mother, Father, # 2,
	# 3, Eddy, # 4
Recess	# 3, #4, Benjamin, Eddy
Positive	# 1, Benjamin, Mother, Father,
	# 2, # 3, # 4
What Are Friends For?	Mother, Father, # 1, # 2, # 3, # 4,
	Benjamin
Birthday Party	Eddy, Eddy's Mother, Benjamin
Slipping	# 2, Mother Father, Benjamin
More Checks/All Of It	# 1, # 2, Mother, Father, # 3, # 4,
	Benjamin
Joy	Joy, Benjamin, Mother, Father,
	# 1, # 2, # 3, # 4
Bungee!	Joy, Benjamin, Mother, Father
Eddy	Eddy, Benjamin, Mother
The Right Colors/Journey	Joy, Benjamin, # 1, # 2, # 3
No More Smiles/The Moon	Benjamin, Mother, Father, # 1,
	# 2, # 3, # 4
Eddy (Reprise)	Eddy, Benjamin
Yellow Brick Road/Last Drawing	•
	Mother, Father

Crew Managers

Directed by Katie Hulme

Stage Manager	Francesca Young
Set Designer/Manager	Kylie Thomas
Props Manager	Olivia Zuniga
Lights Deigner/Manager	Izzy Christus
Sound Designer/Manager	Tatiana Rizek
Costume Designer/Manager	Emily Morrison
Hair/Makeup Designer/Manager	Lily Dickson
Publicity Designer/Manager	Brenden Blue
House Designer/Manager	. Kaleighan Chastain
	Kayleonah Trumble
Fundraising	Brenden Blue
	Kaleighan Chastain
	Kayleonah Trumble

Director's Note

Matthew Ashpaugh

Stigma. This is a powerful word meaning a mark of disgrace with a particular circumstance, quality, or person. When someone is going through a situation that is considered socially taboo regardless of why, stigma associates with their situation. Stigmas are often put on people based on their health. We saw this with COVID, especially a year ago when COVID was truly just beginning to shut the world down. Paranoia was high, and we all thought you could catch COVID from a multitude of false reasons mixed in with the various true reasons. This made paranoia very high.

As we see in the show, Benjamin deals with hemophilia from birth. This is something that many people did not understand or even try to understand with Benjamin. As Benjamin's situation progresses, things take a turn worse, and the more they discover what is wrong with Benjamin, the stigmas get even more prevalent from others.

We, as people, need to understand that not everyone's situation is the exact same, and that is okay! We need to not be afraid to interact with our friends and family when they have a disease. It is important to educate yourself about the disease they are facing to know what is safe and what is not. Some diseases like COVID have been airborne viruses, which means you need to take extra precautions. Other diseases such as HIV and AIDS are only transmitted through the exchange of bodily fluids, so you wouldn't need to worry about hugging your loved one, sharing food, etc. Other diseases such as cancer, we know are not contagious. The biggest differences dealing with these diseases is education and compassion.

You never know what someone is going through in their personal lives, so educating yourself on something that a loved one is experiencing will only enable your compassion to soar. This will help you with the bond between the both of you. This will also help educate others by doing the right thing and sharing the truth instead of a stigma. We all know someone who has been diagnosed with COVID. Most, if not all, of us know someone who is or has battled cancer. Many of us know someone who is HIV+ but may not realize it. Know that research and compassion are two things to help propel society forward after the disease discovery. Research helps educate and compassion helps support others on their road to recovery.

Student Director Katie Hulme

Yellow Boat is a show that opens your mind to the endless possibilities of life. Life comes with both good and bad sides and the show brings out both in a way that really hits home. As a young adult I found myself relating to the struggles and hardships Benjamin goes through and I hope you all will feel the same. It is bittersweet but I hope you all learn that family and friends are so important and that the color they bring into your life should be cherished.

Meet Our Cast and Crew

*Inducted Thespian # Kansas City Cappies ^ Thespian Board Member (In Alphabetical Order)



Nick Begley *^ (#1/Eddy)
Nick Begley is a junior at Oak Park High
School, and has been a part of the theatre
department since our production of "In the
Heights," where he was house head. His first
show as Sound head was, "Radium Girls," and
he's very excited to do it again for, "Into the
Woods."



Brenden Blue * (*Benjamin/Publicity Design/Fundraising*)

Brenden Blue is a senior at Oak Park. His theatrical journey began at the end of the 2018-2019 season when he was mesmerized by *In The Heights*. He has recently played roles such as *Wadsworth* in *CLUE*: on stage, and *Lee* in *Radium Girls*. After high school, Brenden plans on attending the Kansas City Art Institute while pursuing acting and singing opportunities. He is incredibly grateful to portray a character such as *Benjamin*, and be apart of a story such as THE YELLOW BOAT. He is beyond grateful for the support he has been given over the years and the experiences that have made him who he is.



Jamey Brown (Lights Crew)

Jamey Brown is a junior at Oak Park High School. He has been in the theater department for two years and has worked on Mamma Mia, Clue: On Stage, and Into The Woods. This is his first time doing lights and he's excited to be part of the show.



Cameron Burns * (Father)

Cameron Burns is a junior at Oak Park. Since the end of his Freshman year, he has been involved in numerous productions and is on the improv team, The Last-Minute Replacements. His most recent role was Arthur Roeder in the fall play, Radium Girls. He is excited to be a part of this show and another theatre production! His thanks go out to his friends, family, and Reese for writing his bio.



Hannah Butts *^ (#4/Eddy's Mother)
Hannah Butts is a junior this year, along with being Points Chair on Thespian Board. She is a theatre 3 student. Some of her most memorable contributions to the theatre department are Miss Scarlet in Clue, Kathryn Schaub in Radium Girls, among being involved in various crews. She owes all her success to her mom, sister, and best friends, to whom she would be nothing without. She hopes you enjoy this beautiful, touching story!



Kaleighan Chastain *^# (House Manager/ Fundraising)

Kaleighan Chastain is a Senior at Oak Park High School. She is so excited to be a part of Yellow Boat as a Co-House Crew Head member. Her involvement with theatre over the past four years have been diverse, she has been both on and off stage, and led several crews. Her favorite shows are the TFAC shows, where theatre raises money and donates to important causes. Kaleighan is very proud to be a part of Yellow Boat and hopes the audience enjoys the show from the comfort of their own homes!



Izzy Christus *^# (*Lighting Designer/Manag er*)

Izzy Christus is a Junior and has been a part of Oak Park Theatre Department since her Freshman year. She has been on lighting crew for Gentlemen Prefer Blondes, and Lighting Crew Head for two years for Mamma Mia, 9 to 5, Clue, Fright Night, Radium Girls. For Into The Woods, she is now Technical Director. She is ecstatic to be a part of this crazy year. Out of stock...



Lily Dickson * (Hair & Makeup Designer/ Manager)

Lily Dickson (Senior) quickly emerged as a leader, designer and manager and has been part of 7 main stage productions, acted in 3 One Act Plays and a main stage play. She prefers life behind the scenes and spends her "free" time immersed in make-up (both glam and gore) and art. Lily contracts for individuals and organizations, became a commissioned artist at age 14 and is Art Program Coordinator at a KC based non-profit. Following high school, Lily plans to attend college, continue working in stagecraft and turn her passion into a platform for helping others as a Recreation Therapist. She thanks her family for their constant support and encouragement!



Reese Hill *^# (#3/Joy)

Reese Hill is a senior at Oak Park and has been involved in every theatre production since her Freshman year. Some of her favorite productions include In the Heights, Clue: On Stage, and the 2019 One Acts. Reese is Board Chair this year and an improv captain for The Last-Minute Replacements! After high school, Reese plans to attend Monmouth College in Illinois and pursue a Theatre Education degree. Her thanks go out to her amazing people and parents who have always supported her everything. She wouldn't be who or where she was today without them by her side.



Erin Jarmen (Mother) My name is Erin Jarman I am a junior at Oak Park high school. I have helped with other shows during my freshman and sophomore year, as well as this year. I enjoy helping with crew and am excited to be in the Yellow Boat cast. Yellow Boat is my first time being in a show as a character.



Kylie Thomas * (*Set Designer/Manager*) My name is Kylie I'm short.... on words. I'm am the set designer for yellow boat, and No I didn't have to use a ladder to build it. I am graduating early and have turkey enjoyed my time here. As stressful as it may have been



Emily Morrison is a senior at oak park high school. She has participated in theatre since her sophomore year and has been designing costumes since her junior year. She hopes to attend UMKC in the fall and continue into a career in designing and making costumes.



Kayleonah Trumble (*House/Fundraising*) Kayleonah is a junior and is in theater 3. She is a costume crew head assist for the spring musical "into the woods" she enjoys doing crew and is excited for this show. She is also a managing editor for The Northmen's Log.



Tatiana Rizek * (Sound Designer/Manager) Tatiana is a junior at oak park high school she's been involved in theater for 4 years she won a cappie her freshman year for special effects in oak parks in the heights. She plans to be heavily involved next year for her senior year so she can go out with a bang! Her favorite part of theater is the ending results and seeing the shows come together.



Francesca Young *# (Stage Manager) Francesca Young is a senior at Oak Park. She's been involved in every OP theatre production since her freshman year and has participated in over eight other community productions. Last year she played Donna in Mamma Mia!, which has been her favorite role thus far. Franni's excited to finish out her high school theatre career as an International Honors Thespian, Lead Critic for the OP Cappies Team and a member of the Starlight Blue Star Student Council. Her thanks go out to her dad watching her from above, her lovely mother and brother, her arch nemesis Emily, and Adam Sandler.



Olivia Zuniga * (Props Designer/Manager)

Olivia Zuniga is a Junior at Oak Park High School. Her theater journey started when she was a freshman, and she was Assistant Crew Head for Gentleman prefer blondes, and then sophomore year, she was Publicity Crew Head for Clue. Now, she is House Crew Head, and assistant publicity Crew head for the musical into the woods, and is Props crew head for Yellow Boat. She hopes to continue to do theater for the rest of high school. She'd love to thank God, her mom, Ana, and her friends for always supporting her, and she hopes you all enjoy the show!

Special Thanks:

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Our Facilities & Custodial Crew: Mr. Travis Montgomery & the entire crew.

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This year's cause is Children's Mercy Hospital, specifically the Hemophilia Center, as this connects to our story this year directly. This is such a wonderful cause to support, and help children and their families in need. This year we are accepting BOTH financial and toy donations. Toy donations will need to be completely packaged due to COVID safety (ie. no stuffed animals or dolls not in a box, etc.).