

University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
Department of Theatre and Dance

Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse

By Kevin Henkes
Theatrical Adaptation by Kevin Kling



Director

Mary Trotter

Stage Manager

Morgan Millard*

Lighting Designer

Coleman Breedlove*

Technical Director

Dylan Curvin

Costume & Makeup Designer

Elin Voegeli*

Sound Designer

David Harlan

Scenic Designer

River Podjasek*

*Denotes student designer/manager

Saturday, April 5, 2025
9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., & 1:00 p.m.
Frederick Theatre, Morris Hall

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Cast

Lilly.....Grace Nekola
 Chester.....Stella Blum
 Wilson.....Makenna Trumm
 Mother.....Paige Huling
 Father.....Jaydan Hostettler
 Julius.....Gianna Gleason
 Mr. Slinger.....Matthew Tollefson
 Garland.....Olivia Scharfenberger
 Grammy/Raphael.....Matthea Jones
 Store Clerk/Billy.....Abby Chalmers
 Dawson BB/FBI 1.....Stella Hayward
 Olda BB/Pregnant Lady.....Miranda Risher
 Carol BB/Carol S.....Mia Bondy
 Terry BB/FBI 2.....Katie Last
 Tim BB/Victor.....Kacey Kotvis



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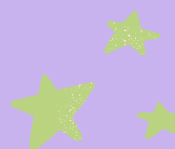
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Biographies

Stella Blum (Chester)--This is Stella's first show performing at UWL, and she is a freshman! Stella plays Chester in *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse*. She wants her parents and friends to know how much she appreciates all the support they have given her. She is very excited for you to watch the show and hopes you enjoy it!

Mia Bondy (Carol BB/Carol S)--This is Mia's second performance at UWL. She is a junior Theatre Performance major with a Creative Writing minor. She would like to thank her family for buying most of the tickets for the 1:00 p.m. show.

Coleman Breedlove (Lighting Designer)--Coleman is a sophomore majoring in Theatre Design/Technology with an emphasis in lighting. This is his first show as the lighting designer, and he is grateful to everyone who has helped him along his journey. He would like everyone to enjoy the show and have fun in the world of *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse*.

Abby Chalmers (Store Clerk/Billy)--Abby is a freshman and is thrilled to be performing in her first production at UW-La Crosse. Abby loves performing and can't wait for others to see the show!

Michelle Collyar (Costume Shop Supervisor)--With an MFA in design, Michelle manages the costume shop and teaches costume technology. Having designed/constructed costumes and dancewear for regional and academic theatres, Michelle recently worked on two television series filmed in Canada: *Let's Get Physical* starring Jane Seymour and *This Hour Has 22 Minutes*, a Canadian mock news series.

Dylan Curvin (Technical Director/Scene Shop Supervisor)--This is Dylan's first year with the UWL Department of Theatre and Dance. Dylan is from Piedmont, Alabama, and studied at Jacksonville State University where he obtained his B.A. in Integrated Studies with a focus on Theatre. He also has been working professionally in theatre for around 10 years with most recent credits including *Sweeney Todd* and *The Barber of Seville* with Des Moines Metro Opera Theatre, *The Cher Show*, *STOMP*, and *Fiddler on the Roof* Broadway tours.

Gianna Gleason (Julius)--Gianna is a freshman this year and is excited to take part in her first college play. This will be her second production at UWL after performing in *Art in Motion: A Concert of Dance* this past fall. She would like to thank her family, friends, and teachers for all of their support.



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David Harlan (Sound Designer)--David is in his first year with the UWL Department of Theatre and Dance as faculty Sound Designer and Sound/Lighting Supervisor. He has an MFA in theatre from the University of Idaho and worked for UI, Idaho Repertory Theatre and his own theatre company - Moscow Art Theatre (Too) - as an actor, director, designer and technician for the past 17 years.

Stella Hayward (Dawson BB/FBI 1)--Stella is a second year student at UW-La Crosse. She majors in Psychology and minors in Childcare & At-Risk Youth and Theatre Performance. This is her second production on campus, and she is so excited to be a part of this show!

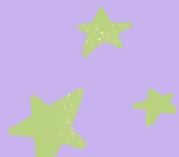
Lillie Helseth (Asst. Costume Designer)--Lillie is a first-year costume design major and super excited to be an assistant costume designer for the first time. She's so grateful for the amazing team she gets to learn from. This has been such a fun and inspiring experience, and she can't wait to see what's next!

Jaydan Hostettler (Father)--Jaydan is a freshman at UWL and is excited to be a part of her second show at UWL. She was previously on crew for *Puffs* in the fall. She would like to thank her family and friends, who have always supported her.

Paige Huling (Mother)--Paige is so excited to be in her seventh production at UWL! Paige is a junior and a double major in Theatre and Communication Studies. Some of her recent roles include Professor Mc.G/Xavia in *Puffs* and Spiker in *James and the Giant Peach*. She hopes you all enjoy this fun, heartfelt show!

Matthea Jones (Grammy/Raphael)--Matthea is a freshman at UW-La Crosse and has loved being in *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse*! They grew up reading Kevin Henkes' books and their favorite was *Chrysanthemum*. They want to thank their family for supporting their theatrical and academic adventures. They hope you enjoy the show and have lots of fun!


Apollo Kasprzyk (Asst. Sound Designer)--Apollo is a freshmen Design/Tech major with a minor in Art History. They most recently worked on the lighting crew for last semester's productions of *Puffs* and *The Wickhams: Christmas at Pemberley*. While in high school, Apollo worked in many different areas for the school's theatre productions including costume design assistant, props master, sound engineer, and more.






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Laurie Kincman (Production Manager)--Laurie is Chair of the Department of Theatre and Dance where she teaches stage management, arts administration, dramaturgy, and serves as the Production Manager. She has worked professionally in theatre, dance, and opera. Laurie was co-author and projections designer for the department's world premiere of *Severe Clear- September 11 from Memory to History*. Other UWL credits include stage management of *26 Pebbles*, *Big Fish*, *The Importance of Being Earnest*, and *Spring Awakening*, and dramaturgy for *Romeo and Juliet*, *The Laramie Project*, and *Proof*. She is a member of the United States Institute for Theatre Technology, the Stage Managers Association, the Literary Managers and Dramaturgs of the Americas, and Actors' Equity Association. Laurie is the author of *The Stage Manager's Toolkit*, published by Routledge Press.




Mandy Kolbe (Asst. Lighting Designer & Props Designer)--Mandy earned their MFA in scenic and lighting design from Ohio State University. They have designed over 50 shows at UWL including *A Christmas Carol*, *Eleemosynary*, *26 Pebbles*, *Hair*, *Twelfth Night*, *Urinetown*, *The Last Days of Judas Iscariot*, and many more. They have also designed for the Ashland Theatre, Arrow Rock Lyceum Theatre, The Brick, and the Hudson Guild.



Kacey Kotvis (Tim BB/Victor)--Kacey is ecstatic to be a part of her first theatre production at UWL! As a junior Elementary Education major with minors in Theatre Performance and Dance, she is thrilled to combine her passions to help tell such a fun story! She would like to thank everyone who has supported her and helped put this show together! Enjoy the show!

Katie Last (Terry BB/FBI 2)--Katie is a junior majoring in Sociology with two minors in Criminal Justice and Theatre Performance. While this is her first onstage appearance at UWL, she has previously assistant stage managed UWL's *Dragons Love Tacos* and *The Wolves*. Katie is so grateful to be part of such a fun show, and she hopes you enjoy it as much as she does!

Morgan Millard (Stage Manager)--Morgan is a sophomore at UWL, majoring in Stage Management and minoring in Arts Administration. Recent credits include *What The Constitution Means to Me* (Assistant Stage Manager), *A Chorus Line* (Stage Manager) and *Grease School Edition* (Stage Manager) at Sunset Playhouse. Endless gratitude to her entire support system and Aunt April!



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Michael Muma (Asst. Props Designer)--Michael is a junior Biology and Performance double major. Most of his UWL Theater credits come from acting, including shows such as *Much Ado About Nothing*, *Puffs*, and *Orlando*. He is excited to take a bit of a deeper dive into the tech and design world as the assistant props designer for *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse*! He wants to thank his family and friends for all the support, and hopes you enjoy the show.

Grace Nekola (Lilly)--Grace is a freshman at UWL who couldn't be more excited to help bring this adorable and heartwarming story to the stage. This will be Grace's first college production, and they would like to thank the amazing cast, crew, and production team, as well as her parents for always believing in her.

River Podjasek (Scenic Designer)--River is making his scenic design debut in *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse*! Previous credits from this season include technical director for *What the Constitution Means to Me* and assistant stage manager for *Puffs*. River would like to thank his friends, family, and professors for always supporting him in his dreams. Enjoy the show!

Miranda Risher (Olga BB/Pregnant Lady)--Miranda, in her second semester of her freshman year at UW-La Crosse, is excited to be in her second show at UWL! She recently performed in the *Art of Motion: A Concert of Dance*. She would love to thank her friends and family for always supporting her, especially Mom and Dad.

Ilex Rosen (Asst. Stage Manager)--Ilex is so excited to be assistant stage managing *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse*! This is her second semester at UWL. Last semester Ilex was on run crew for *Art in Motion* and has stage managed several shows throughout high school.

Olivia Scharfenberger (Garland)--Olivia is super excited to be a part of the cast of *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse*. This is her first show with the Theatre program at UWL. Olivia would like to thank her parents who encouraged her to audition! She is so excited for you all to see the show.

Matthew Tollefson (Mr. Slinger)--Matthew is a freshman at UWL and is originally from Rochester, MN. This is Matthew's second role at UWL with his first being Oliver Rivers in *Puffs*. Matthew would like to thank his friends and family for their continued support. Matthew's favorite kind of cheese is Mozzarella.

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Mary Trotter (Director)--Mary is thrilled to be a part of the UWL Theatre and Dance faculty, teaching acting and musical theatre! She is an actor, director, and intimacy choreographer. Professional credits span the country including Black Hills Playhouse, Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey, Imagination Theater, Missouri Repertory Theatre, and Idaho Repertory Theatre. Locally Mary has served as Intimacy Director for Viterbo University, La Crosse Community Theatre and Grey Area Productions. In addition to receiving her BA from Bradley University and MFA from the University of Idaho, she has extensive training with Patsy Rodenburg, Theatrical Intimacy Education, and the Great Lakes Michael Chekhov Consortium. Mary has produced and directed theatre outreach programs such as *Las Memorias* and *The Performance Project*, focused on defining and sharing individual stories of participants.

Makenna Trumm (Wilson)--Makenna, who is currently a sophomore at UW-La Crosse, is excited to be a part of her first production at UWL. Makenna would like to thank her friends and family for their endless love and support.

Elin Voegeli (Costume Designer)--Elin is delighted to be costume designing UWL's production of *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse*. Elin is a third-year Costume Design major. His recent theatre design credits include costume design for *Art In Motion* and *Fuddy Meers* at UWL, *The Sound of Music* at The Malt House Theatre, and puppetry design for *James and The Giant Peach* at UWL.

Upcoming Events

Musical Theatre Recital

April 11 at 12:00 p.m.
Annett Recital Hall
Lowe Center for the Arts

Senior Performance Recitals

April 11 at 6:00 p.m.
Will Nysse & Nick Bilyeu
Frederick Theatre, Morris Hall



Cabaret

April 25-26 & May 1-3 at 7:30 p.m.
April 27 & May 4 at 2:00 p.m.
Toland Theatre,
Lowe Center for the Arts

Student-Directed Ten-Minute Scenes Showcase

May 9 at 6:30 p.m.
Frederick Theatre, Morris Hall

Production Team



Asst. Stage Manager.....Ilex Rosen
Asst. Props Designer.....Michael Muma
Asst. Costume Designer.....Lillie Helseth
Asst. Sound Designer.....Apollo Kasprzyk
Light/Sound Supervisor.....David Harlan
Scene Shop Supervisor.....Dylan Curvin
Costume Shop Supervisor.....Michelle Collyar
Production Manager.....Laurie Kinckman
Sound Board Op.....Abby Huser
Light Board Op.....Thomas Hall
Costume Shop Staff.....Ella Dummer,
Lillie Helseth, Miranda Logan,
Vienna Tomkalski, Elin Voegeli
Costume Shop Crew.....Ellie Brown,
Ariana D'Silva, Sadie Ferguson,
Emma Harvey, Lauren Heckert, Ava Holtz,
Gracie Lochowicz, Jensen Popp,
Reyna Rasmussen, Samantha Sprosty,
Isabelle Wawrzynaik, Addyson Zettler
Costume Run Crew.....Kira Hirsch,
Lilly Kessler
Light Shop Staff.....Coleman Breedlove,
Leah Costello, Sage Goetsch, Amber Meyers
Light Crew.....Owen Corteen, Lily Engen,
Sam Oligney, Aubry Pufahl,
Carmen Rislow, Ariana Schnurr
Sound Shop Staff.....Connor Pangburn
Publicity.....Marley Hughes,
Jersey Lobner, Sophia West
Box Office.....Jaydan Hostettler,
Eva Mason, Morgan Millard
Run Crew.....Amanda Fontaine,
Mala Lor, Hanna Myrlie
Poster Design.....Laurie Kinckman
Cast Photos.....David Harlan
Lobby Display.....Ashley Rechtzigel
House Manager.....Josh Kaiser
Scene Paint Staff.....Natalie Giddings,
Sage Goetsch, Hailey Kluck,
Magdelana Stauffer, Paige Verbsky, Avery Weston
Scene Paint Crew.....Olivia Roe
Scene Shop Staff.....Josh Kaiser,
Jezelyn Lorraine, Josie Lucksted,
Michael Muma, River Podjasek,
Caden Prentice, Julia Sanchez, Avery Weston
Scene Shop Crew.....Mitchell Ballweg,
Maxwell Barton, Kyle Betz, Amelia Bonnett,
Nate Bornes, Karlyn Brockman,
Joseph Bruss, Aaron Casey, Marty Chavez,

Scene Shop Crew (cont).....Veronica Eich,
Mackenzie Fitzgerald, Kim Berbitz, Sophia Graham,
Matthew Greenfield, Summer Grigg, Janae Grissell,
Liam Guyette, Jacob Hachey, Matthew Hernandez,
Katie Jones, Evan Kantorowicz, Bella Kauth,
Jack Kicera, Alyssa King, Jack Kulig,
Thomas Lurie, Jonah Marshall, Victor McCullough,
Danica Neville, Hannah Olson, Jackson Olson,
Mya Perkins, Mckenzie Pertzborn, Aaron Poelma,
Roman Ranallo, Matt Raymon, Elena Rettler,
Grace Retzlaff, Brice Robinson, Grace Roder,
Dylan Schaefer, Aidan Solsvig, Hayden Sonzogni,
Brody Stefanik, Ben Stigler, Kiara Therriault,
Michael Turner, DeLana Vanasse, James Vanderloop,
Alex Walker, Gabrielle Whitworth,
Luke Wilson, Hannah Zumach

2025-2026 Season

Dracula: A Feminist Revenge Fantasy, Really.

By Kate Hamill

October 10-12 & 16-19, 2025

Tick, Tick...BOOM!

Book, Music, & Lyrics by Jonathan Larson
November 7-9 & 13-16, 2025

The Game's Afoot; or Holmes for the Holidays

By Ken Ludwig

December 4-7, 2025

Machinal

By Sophie Treadwell

Feb. 27-March 1 & March 5-8, 2026

Tales of Beatrix Potter

By Nic Barilar & David Harlan

April 11 & 12, 2026

A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder

Book by Robert L. Freedman

Music by Steven Lutvak

Lyrics by Robert L. Freedman and Steven Lutvak
April 24-26 & April 30-May 3, 2026

