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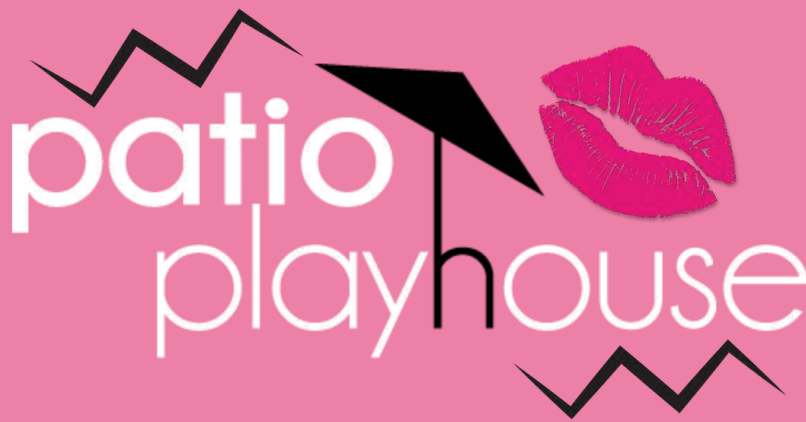
may 14 - may 31



MEAN GIRLS

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PRESENTED BY:



Directed by: Jennifer Guttiere

Produced by: Sara Grosse

Produced by special arrangement with MUSIC THEATRE
INTERNATIONAL

Based on the 2004 screenplay and film by Tina Fey

Lyrics by Nell Benjamin, Published by Useful Yak Music (ASCAP),
Music by Jeffrey Richmond, published by Jeffrey Richmond Music
(ASCAP); administered by Kobalt (ASCAP)

This production was supported in large part by a grant from
Janecek Family Charitable Fund.

Any video or audio recording of this production is prohibited.

Patio Playhouse acknowledges that this production is being performed on the traditional
lands of the Kumeyaay-Ipai Peoples and wishes to pay our respects to Elders both past
and present.

THANK YOU!

This production was made in part by the generous support of Janecek Family Charitable Fund. Their commitment to the arts and community has played a vital role in bringing our performances to life. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for their contribution, which helps us continue to enrich and entertain our audience.





WELCOME



As we close out our 59th season with *Mean Girls*, I find myself reflecting on what an incredible year this has been for Patio Playhouse. It has truly been a season of growth—literally and artistically. From expanded spaces to bold storytelling, and so many productions playing to completely sold out houses, this community has shown up in the most beautiful way.

Mean Girls may be wrapped in pink, but at its core, it tackles very real issues—identity, belonging, pressure, and the impact of how we treat one another. It also touches on sensitive topics, including body image and disordered eating. If you or someone you love is struggling, please know you are not alone. Support is available through the National Eating Disorders Association (NEDA) Helpline at 1-800-931-2237 or by visiting nationaleatingdisorders.org for resources and guidance.

At Patio, we believe theater should entertain, but also start conversations, build empathy, and remind us of our shared humanity. I am so proud of this cast and team for bringing both the humor and the heart to this story.

Thank you for being part of our 59th season. Your support, your laughter, and your presence make all of this possible. We can't wait to welcome you into our 60th—our diamond season—just around the corner.

With gratitude,
Jennifer Guttiere
Artistic Director, Patio Playhouse





DIRECTOR'S LETTER



First of all... at the theater, we wear pink. ❤️

Mean Girls has been one of my favorite movies for years (right up there with Clueless—because obviously), so getting to bring it to life on our stage has been so fetch... yes, I said it.

I have to admit, I resonate deeply with Gretchen Wieners. The loyalty. The overthinking. The occasional need to make “fetch” happen against all odds. I see you, girl. 🧑🏻♀️

But beyond the Burn Book, the Plastics, and the perfectly timed one-liners, this show reminds us how easy it is to get caught up in labels, cliques, and comparisons—and how much better life is when we choose kindness instead. Or at the very least... when we don’t sabotage each other over a protein bar.

This cast? Totally grool. They’ve brought the energy, the comedy, and the heart, and I couldn’t be prouder of the work they’ve done. It’s been a joy watching them build this world—and maybe stir up just a little harmless drama along the way.

So sit back, laugh loud, and remember: you can’t sit with us... unless you bought a ticket. 😊

Enjoy the show! ❤️
Jennifer Guttierre
Director





ACT 1

Scene 1: Mean/Cautionary Tale

Scene 2: It Roars

Scene 3: Where Do You Belong?

Scene 4: Meet The Plastics

Scene 5: Stupid With Love

Scene 6: Apex Predator

Scene 7: What's Wrong With Me?

Scene 8: October Third

Scene 9: Sexy

Scene 10: Someone Gets Hurt

Scene 11: Revenge Party

Scene 12: Social Media Ethics

Scene 13: Fearless



INTERMISSION

ACT 2

Scene 1: Mean/Cautionary Tale (Reprise)

Scene 2: Stop!

Scene 3: What's Wrong? (Reprise)

Scene 4: Whose House Is This?

Scene 5: More Is Better

Scene 6: World Burn

Scene 7: I'd Rather Be Me –

Scene 8: Do This Thing

Scene 9: I See Stars



CAST LIST: FETCH

CADY HERON...RUBY NICHOLS
REGINA GEORGE...TAYLOR KEENAN
JANIS IAN...MATILDA JENKINS
DAMIAN...TOM RAFANAN
GRETCHEN...KAILEYA QUINDOY
KAREN SMITH...KELSEY WARD
AARON SAMUELS...ETHAN BATES
SHANE OMAN...MATTHEW RIVAS
KEVIN G....GRAYSON LEA
MATHLETE MARTIN...DASH GUTTIERE
TYLER K...CAMERON AVENDANO
MS. NORBURY...JORDAN CAMPBELL
PRINCIPAL DUVALL...ARLO COSTELLO
MRS. GEORGE...CAR THOMETZ
RACHEL HAMILTON...KATE MARSHALL
MRS. HERON...BEATRICE DUNNIVAN
MR. HERON...MIKE GROSSE
COACH CARR...ROBERT DIPLOCK
MRS. BUCK...MARISA YOUNG
FRENCH TEACHER/MASCOT...ADRIA COOK
MODERATOR...JAMIE RUSSO
LIL SISTER...MAYCEE GROSSE
LIL JANIS...AUTUMN WILLIAMSON

ENSEMBLE:

ALEXI AYER	KEIRA CARDINAL
AMBER ANTLE	LAYNEE GROSSE
ANASTACIA SIKORA	MAYA NUNEZ
CHARLOTTE BAESEL	RYLAN MCCARTNEY
ELLIE THROCKMORTON	SARAH BERMEL*
EMERSON KELLY	SYDNEY ASH
EMMA FONDREN	SYLVIE WILHELM
JAMESON MCDONALD	VANESSA SMITH

*Dance Captain

CAST LIST: FIERCE

CADY HERON...KIRRA IRVINE
REGINA GEORGE...SAGE JENNINGS
JANIS IAN...GRACELYNN CALDERON
DAMIAN...TOM RAFANAN
GRETCHEN...ADDY WILLIAMSON
KAREN SMITH...IZZY CRUZ
AARON SAMUELS...CALEB WOHLGEMUTH
SHANE OMAN...JAMESON MCDONALD
KEVIN G...CAMERON AVENDANO
MATHLETE MARTIN...DASH GUTTIERE
TYLER K...GRAYSON LEA
MS. NORBURY...JORDAN CAMPBELL
PRINCIPAL DUVAL...ARLO COSTELLO
MRS. GEORGE...CAR THOMETZ
RACHEL HAMILTON...KATE MARSHALL
MRS. HERON...BEATRICE DUNNIVAN
MR. HERON...MIKE GROSSE
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	VANESSA SMITH

*Dance Captain

ARTISTIC TEAM

Director: Jennifer Guttieri

Producer: Sara Grosse

Artistic Director: Jennifer Guttieri

Costumers: Alisha Kassel, Kellie Nichols, Jennifer Guttieri

Dressing Assistants: Ashley Shepley and Samantha Smith

Music Director: Mario Ledesma

Assistant Music Director: Kamryn Ribbons

Choreographer: Alyssa Williamson

Tap Choreographer: Addy Williamson

Fight Choreographer: Jordan Hall Campbell

Stage Manager: Mike Grosse

Set Painter: Corinne Price

Set Builders: Scott Heidemann and Cory Beiriger

Concessions Design/House Manager: Michelle Cocchia

Lighting Design: Rick Ashcroft, Haley Adams, Jennifer Guttieri,
Scott Heidemann

Light Operator: Mario Ledesma

Props Master: Leslie Williamson

Props Assistants: Brandy Baesel and Beatrice Dunnavan

Photographer: Jesse Williamson

Sound Operator: Kamryn Ribbons

Stage Hands: Scarlett Lang and Robert Diplock

Intimacy Choreographer: Rachel Mink

Graphics: Brandy Baesel

Program: Becky Golden-Harrell





ACTOR PROFILES



Addy Williamson (Gretchen Wieners, Fierce Cast) is thrilled to be a part of this talented cast and crew! Select credits include *Mamma Mia* (Local) with Classical Academy, *Freaky Friday* (Parker) with Star Theater, *Princess Whatsername* (Choreographer) with Patio Playhouse, and *Wizard Of Oz* (Aunt Em/Dance Captain) with Classical Academy. Addy would like to thank the creative team, her family, and everyone involved. Enjoy the show!



Adria Cook (French Teacher/Ensemble/Mascot) is delighted to be making her Patio Playhouse debut as the French Teacher (and a few other surprises) in *Mean Girls*, despite having zero qualifications in the French language. After a 10-year hiatus to focus on “adulting,” she’s thrilled to be back on stage. She works from home in a cat-centric career, making this production her primary source of human interaction. She sends lots of love to her supportive husband, family, and friends. Her cats tolerate her absence.



Alexi Ayer (Ensemble/Taylor Wedell/Marymount 3) is delighted to be returning to Patio Playhouse! Previously at Patio, she made her directing debut with *The Addams Family*. Alexi spends the majority of her time at Young Actors’ Theatre, where she serves as their Executive Assistant, Camp Director, and Musical Theatre Instructor (she also assistant directed *Mean Girls: High School Edition* there last year!). Aside from stage work, Alexi also performs with Legoland and Royal Entertainers. She would like to thank everyone who helped on this production for their dedication and mad schquillz!



ACTOR PROFILES



Amber Antle (Ensemble/Sonja Acquino) is excited to debut in her first role here at Patio Playhouse in this totally fetch role! You have seen her around town as both a performer and co-production chair of Encore Vocal Ensemble where she helps people explore their creative endeavors. Amber has been in numerous theatrical productions, including *The Addams Family* (Wednesday Addams), *All Shook Up* (Lorraine), and *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* (Gypsy/Ensemble) all in her hometown of Pittsburgh, PA. She is so excited for her first show here in the San Diego area!



Anastacia Sikora (Freshmen Ensemble) is 13 and very excited about her second production with Patio Playhouse. She started her stage appearance at four with Georgia's School of Dance. During the last seven years, she found a lot of passion for Musicals and Drama Theatre, performed in over 20 productions with multiple companies and holding various lead roles, such as Young Beth (*Little Women*), Narrator Show Fairy (*Nutcracker Ballet*); Witch (*Wizard of Oz*); The Ghost of X-mas Future (*Christmas Carol*); Lucy (*Charlie Brown*); Kate (*Annie*); Zazu (*Lion King*); Cheshire Cat (*Alice in Wonderland*); Sylvie the cat (*Kentucky*); Sergey (*Matilda*); Mike TV (*Willy Wonka*); Grinch (*Seussical*); Mrs. Which (*Wrinkle in Time*); Tiny Tim (*Christmas Carol*); Hei-hei (*Moana*); Aquata (*Little Mermaid*), and many more. Enjoy the show!



Arlo Costello (Principal Duvall) is so excited and grateful to be a part of this production of *Mean Girls*! Arlo studied Theatre Arts at Western Connecticut State University. He was a founding member of the 17 Debacles Improv in Brookfield, CT. Some of their past roles include Ben Affleck in *Matt & Ben*, Gonzolo in *The Tempest* at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, Lady Bracknell in *The Importance of Being Earnest* at the 413 Repertory Theatre, Harold Mitchell in *A Streetcar Named Desire* and Mushnik in *Little Shop of Horrors* at the Patio Playhouse.



Autumn Williamson (Young Janis) is excited to perform in *Mean Girls* as flashback Janis! This is her 17th overall show. Past favorite roles include Moana, Oompa Loompa, Piglet, Nemo, Lilo, Rapunzel, and Molly. She thanks Ms. Jenn, Mr. Mario, Miss Alyssa, the Creative Team, all the parent volunteers, and everyone watching here today! Philippians 4:13



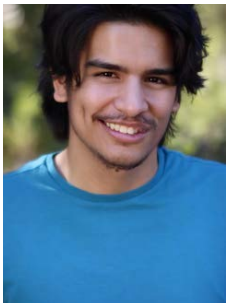
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Beatrice Dunnavan (Mrs. Heron) is delighted to play the role of a homeschooling mother whose career led her to Africa. Ironically, Beatrice actually is a 12-year veteran of homeschooling (and future homeschool mom) who really did live in Eastern Africa for seven months as part of a work assignment. Previous local credits include *Something Rotten* and *Annie '25* (mask & cape guy) at Star Theater. Thank you to the Women of the Corn for our instant and effortless friendship. Love to Nana Mac, Mom & Dad, and my cat Bobette Fosse.



Caleb Wohlgemuth (Aaron Samuels, Fierce) is excited to be back for his second show with Patio Playhouse! Recent/Favorite credits include Hunter Bell in *[TITLE OF SHOW]* (New Village Arts); Baker in *Into the Woods* (Palomar Performing Arts); and Nick Bottom in *Something Rotten!* (Center Stage Productions). In his free time, he enjoys reading, gaming, and watching bad television. Caleb is also a current Music Performance major at Palomar College, and has plans to transfer to a four-year performance program.



Cameron Avendano (Kevin G, Fierce; Tyler K, Fetch, & Aaron Samuels U/S) is absolutely thrilled to be a part of this incredible production! He's been performing in theatre since his freshman year of high school and hasn't looked back since! Some of his most recent roles include Caldwell B. Cladwell in *Urinetown* (Grossmont College), Captain von Trap in *Sound of Music* (Young Actors Theatre), and Pirate King in *Pirates of Penzance* (Grossmont College). He also had the pleasure of serving as the Assistant Music Director for *Mean Girls the Musical* at Young Actors Theatre. When he's not on stage, Cameron enjoys playing video games, board games, and Dungeons and Dragons. He's beyond excited to share this experience with you all!



Car Thometz (Mrs. George) Such a pleasure to work with this production team and such a talented cast. She is forever grateful for opportunities to pursue theatre and for the great friends she has made along the way. She has been a high school math teacher for the last eight years, and recently earned her theatre credential in hopes to teach both math and theatre someday, rare and exciting! Since you are here, you must know that theatre is something truly special, please continue to keep theatre alive in all of your hearts.



ACTOR PROFILES



Charlotte Baesel (Ensemble/Teary Girl) is so excited to be in *Mean Girls*, her third production with Patio Playhouse! Some of her favorite theater roles include Blind Mice in *Shrek Jr.*, Ensemble in *Willy Wonka*, and Monkey Soloist/Featured Ensemble in *Lion King Jr.* When not on stage, Charlotte can be found singing, playing piano, cooking, or laughing with her friends and family. Charlotte is very grateful to Miss Jenn and her team for everything they have done to bring this show to life! She would also like to thank her family and friends for supporting her and is grateful to God for giving her these opportunities. Enjoy the show!



Dash Guttiere (Mathlete Martin) is thrilled to be part of *Mean Girls* as Martin the Mathlete! At Patio Playhouse, he has appeared in *Little Shop of Horrors* (Audrey II puppeteer), *The Addams Family* (Pugsley), *Winnie the Pooh* (Winnie the Pooh), and *Willy Wonka* (Augustus Gloop). At Classical Academy, his favorite roles include Daddy Warbucks in *Annie*, Crush in *Finding Nemo*, and Maui in *Moana*. He is also the inaugural recipient of the Gen Z Changemaker Award and a People's Choice winner at the Talent Bash Talent Show. Dash loves performing, making people laugh, and bringing big energy to the stage. He hopes you enjoy the show!



Ellie Throckmorton (Dawn Schwetzer) is 17 years old and she is excited to perform in her first show at Patio Playhouse. You may have seen her in other productions nearby, such as *Urinetown* (Little Becky Two-Shoes), *Legally Blonde* (Serena), *Hadestown Teen Edition* (Fate 2), *Heathers Teen Edition* (Heather Duke), *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolored Dreamcoat* (Pharaoh), and *13 the musical* (Lucy). She would like to thank her parents for introducing her to the thing she loves most, and all of the production staff and spectacular cast for putting together such a great show.



ACTOR PROFILES



Emerson Kelly (Freshmen Ensemble) is a seventh-grade student with a passion for dance and cheer, and she is thrilled to bring her energy to the stage in the Freshman Ensemble of *Mean Girls*. She would like to express her deepest gratitude to the wonderful Ms. Jenn, whom she absolutely adores, for her incredible guidance and inspiration. She also sends a big thank you to Ms. Sara for all of her hard work behind the scenes to make this show possible. Emerson is so grateful to be part of this cast and hopes the audience has a 'fetch' experience.



Emma Fondren (Ensemble/Sophie K.) is so excited to be part of the featured ensemble in *Mean Girls!* She has done many shows with Patio Playhouse, both backstage and on stage. Outside of theater, Emma enjoys reading, writing, and dancing. "Thank you to my mom, my family, and my wonderful friends for having my back always. A huge thank you to the cast, crew, and production team for helping us shine our best on stage. Love you all, and enjoy this amazing production!!"



Ethan Bates (Aaron Samuels, Fetch) is thrilled to make his debut with Patio Playhouse. Ethan has most recently portrayed Bobby Strong (*Urinetown*) and Orpheus (*Hadestown*) with Luminary Arts. Additional roles include Jacob (*Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*), Pulitzer (*Newsies*) and Ben (*Descendants*). Ethan is a sophomore at Rancho Bernardo High School, where he is involved in band and sports. Ethan would like to thank Amy Throckmorton for introducing him to musical theater.



Gracelynn Calderon (Janis Sarkisian, Fierce) is very excited to be in Patio Playhouse's production of *Mean Girls: The Musical!* This is her first show with Patio Playhouse and she hopes to do many more. Some of her favorite past roles include Hermes - *Hadestown* (Luminary Arts), *Dowager Empress* - Anastasia (Center Stage Productions), and Anna of Cleves - *SIX: Teen Edition* (Moonlight Youth Theatre). Janis Sarkisian has been a dream role of Gracelynn's for a very long time, and she's very grateful to Patio Playhouse for giving her this amazing opportunity! Gracelynn wants to thank her family and friends for always supporting her throughout her theatre journey, and she hopes you enjoy the show!



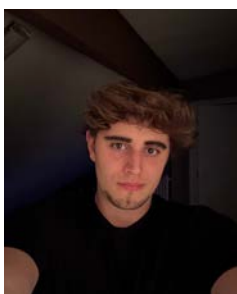
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Grayson Lea (Kevin G, Fetch; Tyler K, Fierce) is excited to be joining Patio Playhouse for the first time as a performer. His other recent performances consist of Algernon Montcrieff (*The Importance of Being Earnest*) and The Man (*Clue: On Stage*). He has worked both on stage and behind the scenes of shows, making sure to understand the artform from multiple aspects to deepen the appreciation of it. When not performing, you can find Grayson relaxing at home with his cat Dolly Parton the Invincible (when she allows), playing some of his favorite video games, or participating in weekly Dungeons and Dragons games with his friends. He can also be found enjoying cosplay conventions and taking pictures with friends dressed as fun characters.



Izzy Cruz (Karen Smith, Fierce), 17, is thrilled to be a part of such a FIERCE cast of talented actors in *Mean Girls!* In the past, you may have seen Izzy as the iconic ice queen Elsa in *Frozen Jr.* (Vibe Performing Arts), the domineering Agatha Trunchbull in *Matilda Jr.* (Students On Stage), and the eccentric school counselor Pauline Fleming in *Heathers: Teen Edition* (Luminary Arts), among many other exciting roles. Izzy would like to thank God, her family, and her friends for their support. She'd also like to thank Jenn and the Patio Playhouse for the opportunity to share the stage and asking her to sit at their table ;) Enjoy *Mean Girls!*



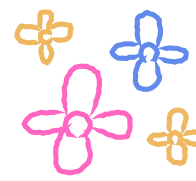
Jameson McDonald (Ensemble, Shane Oman) is excited to be part of *Mean Girls* at Patio Playhouse! You may have seen him in his most recent production *Into the Woods* at Palomar Community college as Rupunzel's prince. I am super excited for you guys to enjoy the show!



Jamie Russo (Teacher ensemble, Moderator) is a San Diego County native. She was born and raised in Escondido and loved attending Patio Playhouse shows on school field trips. She has always enjoyed watching live performances, but didn't make her stage debut until this past summer when she played Grandma Josephine in Patio's production of *Willy Wonka*. After that, she enjoyed playing several small roles in *A Streetcar Named Desire*, and is looking forward to *Mean Girls the Musical*.



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Jordan Hall Campbell (Ms. Norbury) is excited to be making her debut with Patio Playhouse! She received her bachelor's degree in theatre Direction and Performance at Utah Valley University. Some of her favorite roles include: Diana in *Next to Normal*, a Choir Member in Disney's Premier of *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* (at both the La Jolla Playhouse and Moonlight Theatre Productions), Annie in *The Play That Goes Wrong*, Sister Robert Anne in *Nunsense*, Maria in *Lend Me a Tenor*, Edwin Drood in *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*, The Baker's Wife in *Into the Woods*, Princess Leia in *The Phantom of the Empire*, and McGonagall/Umbridge/Bellatrix in *Wicked Wizards*. She would like to thank her husband, son, family, and friends for their never-ending support!



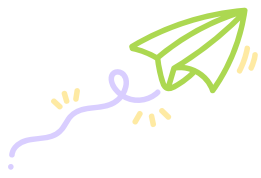
Kaileya Quindoy (Gretchen Wierners, Fetch), is a 17-year-old girl with a passion for performing. Balancing her love for the stage she is also a Varsity cheerleader. She brings a unique blend of enthusiasm and dedication to every role. She was recently Catherine Parr in *Six* with Moonlight Youth Theatre, Lydia Deetz in *Beetlejuice Jr* with Carlsbad Community Theatre, and Beth March in *Little Women* with Lighthouse Players. Kaileya is excited to now be playing as Gretchen as her first show with Patio! She hopes you enjoy!



Kate Marshall (Rachel Hamilton, Marymont 2) has always loved performing; she is a dancer turned actor who also has an interest in film. Some of her favorite past roles include Bridget (*Bring it On*), J. Finch (*Puffs*), Patrick (*SpongeBob*), and Barféé (*Spelling Bee*) at Young Actors' Theatre. Kate is so excited to be in her first production at Patio Playhouse and wants to thank the artistic team for this FETCH opportunity!



Keira Cardinal (Ensemble/Glen Coco, U/S Taylor) is so glad to be back acting with Patio Playhouse! She's currently attending Palomar College and has been busy taking a turn behind the scenes. You could've seen her in *Princess Whatshername* as Malificent, *Island of Anyplace* as the Clock, and stage managing *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. She's always loved the movie *Mean Girls* and is excited to get four candy canes! Enjoy the show!



ACTOR PROFILES



Kelsey Ward (Karen Smith, Fetch) is 17 year old and so excited to be in *Mean Girls*! She has been performing since nine years old in shows such as *Tuck Everlasting*, *Godspell*, *Legally Blonde*, *Mamma Mia*, and *Hello Dolly*. She would like to thank the artistic team for this wonderful opportunity to play a dream role.



Kirra Irvine (Cady, Fierce) is a spirited musician, actress, and dancer who is so thrilled to be playing Cady in *Mean Girls* following her most recent role as Crystal in *Little Shop of Horrors*! She is currently directing *Wizard of Oz* and is a music instructor at Leading Note Studios in San Marcos. There, she has directed multiple shows, including *Aladdin Jr*, *SchoolHouse Rock Jr*, *Frozen Jr*, and most recently: *Rudolph The Red-Nose Reindeer*. Kirra is also a student at Palomar College where she studies vocal performance and was a part of the Chamber Singers ensemble for two years. She is also a singer-songwriter with multiple songs out on all platforms and is excited to announce that she has two singles out and an EP on the way!



Laynee Grosse (Young Regina, Freshmen Ensemble) is thrilled to be part of *Mean Girls the Musical* at Patio Playhouse, taking on the iconic role of Young Regina George while also performing in the Freshman Ensemble. A true theater kid at heart, Laynee has been lighting up the stage for a quarter of her life and continues to grow as a confident and dynamic performer. She sends a huge thank you to her friends and family for their endless love and support. A special shoutout goes to her director and theater teacher, Miss Jenn—without her, Laynee would be nothing.



Marisa Young (Mrs. Buck) makes her community theater debut here at the “totally fetch” Patio Playhouse playing Mrs. Buck! Most recently, she has performed in several live music bands all over San Diego and the East Coast. Her past musical theater performances include Sandy in *Grease*, Lady Thiang in *The King and I*, Nellie’s understudy in *South Pacific* and Kurt in *The Sound of Music*. Marisa is thrilled to be a part of *Mean Girls* after a long hiatus from theater and wants to thank her family and friends for their ongoing support.



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Matilda Jenkins (Janis Sarkisian, Fetch) is beyond thrilled to be apart of *Mean Girls* here at Patio Playhouse! Some of her favorite past roles include Cherry Sundae, in Patio's *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, and Player, in *Pippin*. Outside of theatre, Matilda enjoys writing/playing music, and practicing aerial silks. "Thank you to everyone who has given their true support to me throughout my theatre journey. You've seen the best, and worst of me, and I couldn't be here without you. Every person a part of this production's dedication is incredibly unmatched and has made this show an absolute dream come true. Please enjoy!



Matthew Rivas (Shane Oman, Fetch) is currently a sophomore in high school and has been acting in main and supporting roles since the sixth grade. This is his fourth role with Patio Playhouse. He enjoys playing high school volleyball and watching basketball. He wants to become a personal chef when he is older and continue with acting throughout high school, college, and beyond. He has a cat, Midnight, and two birds. Other performances include Gilbert Blythe in *Anne of Green Gables*, Jack Frost in *Holiday Hullabaloo*, and Prince Valliant in *Princess Whatshername*, Patio Playhouse; Uncle Henry in *Wizard of Oz*, California Center for the Performing Arts; and Puffer Fish in *Finding Nemo*, Mr. Salt in *Wonka*, Escondido Christian School. Matthew wishes to thank God for his acting abilities and Ms. Jenn for the acting opportunities. Enjoy the show. It's so fetch!



Maya Nunez (Ensemble, Rachel Hamilton U/S, Dawn Schweitzer U/S). This is Maya's first show with Patio Playhouse and it's been a wonderful experience, the community is so kind and hardworking! Enjoy the show!



Maycee Grosse (Kylie George) is excited to take the stage as "Little Sister" in *Mean Girls the Musical* at Patio Playhouse. She loves performing and has been shining on stage since 2023 bringing energy, confidence, and lots of personality to every role she plays. When she's not performing, Maycee enjoys singing, dancing, and having fun with her friends. She is so grateful to be part of such a fun production. Maycee would like to give a big thank you to Miss Jenn, as well as her family and friends, for all their love and support—she couldn't do it without you!



ACTOR PROFILES



Michael Grosse (Mr. Heron) is proud to be stage managing his 10th production at Patio Playhouse while also making his third onstage appearance. Known for his sharp eye and steady presence behind the scenes, Mike keeps everything running smoothly with his detail-oriented mindset and calm, can-do attitude. When he's not at the theater, Mike enjoys spending time on his bike and staying active. He's grateful to be part of such a dedicated team and to help bring the magic of this production to life.



Robert Diplock (Coach Carr) was born and raised in California. His interests include acoustic guitar making, ceramic pottery, and writing palindromes/jokes. He had a small extras part in *Wayne's World 2*, and made his stage debut this past summer with Patio Playhouse as Grandpa George in *Willy Wonka*. After that, he played Pablo in *A Streetcar Named Desire*, which was fun, but he is excited to be in a more comical role again as Coach Carr in *Mean Girls the Musical*.



Ruby Nichols (Cady Heron, Fetch) is thrilled to be back on stage and to take on the role of Cady Heron! Previous favorite roles include Nala in *The Lion King*, Violet in *Willy Wonka*, Anne in *Anne of Green Gables*, and Dragon in *Shrek*. When she's not performing or rehearsing, Ruby enjoys spending time at dance class, hanging out at the mall, or grabbing Starbucks with her (totally fetch) mom. She would like to thank Ms. Jenn and Mr. Mario for making this such an awesome experience, and she's already looking forward to the next show!



Rylan McCartney (Freshmen Ensemble/Caroline Krafft) is extremely proud to be joining the cast of *Mean Girls the Musical*! Rylan is in 4th grade, 10 years old, and has been participating in musical theater for 3 years! When she isn't on stage, she enjoys singing at the top of her lungs, reading books, and writing her own scripts. Getting to take the stage with all of these talented actors has been so FETCH! She would like to thank Miss Jenn, and the entire cast and crew for such a wonderful experience!



ACTOR PROFILES



Sage Jennings (Regina George, Fierce) is so excited to take part in Patio Playhouse's production of *Mean Girls*. She has been a part of the theater scene as an actor for three years! Some notable roles have been Carrie in *Carrie the Musical*, Heather Chandler in *Heathers* and Jo March in *Little Women*. She is so thrilled to have the opportunity to be in this show!



Sarah Bermel (Ensemble/Dance Captain) is ecstatic to be a part of her first show at Patio Playhouse. Sarah has been dancing since the age of two and moved to NYC to pursue dance back in 2016. While she attended Marymount Manhattan College, she took dance classes at BDC and Steps for five years. Since moving back to San Diego, she started taking dance classes at SDMT and Tap Fever Studios. She would like to thank her teachers Morgan, Chantel, and Xavier for all her training to prepare her for this amazing opportunity. Thank you Jenn, Mario, and Alyssa for believing in me. Now sit back and enjoy the fierce dancing in this show. Instagram: @sbdancer96



Sydney Ash (Ensemble/Marymount Captain). This is Sydney's second show on the Patio Playhouse stage, and she's happy to be back! Previous credits include *American Idiot*, *Pride and Prejudice*, *Carrie: The Musical*, and *Little Shop of Horrors*. She is currently a vocal performance major working to become a music educator, and is grateful for the opportunity to take part in this show!



Sylvie Wilhelm (Ensemble/Lizzie Therman). Right off the heels of her first show at Patio Playhouse, Sylvie is incredibly excited to have been welcomed into *Mean Girls*! Everyone at Patio has been so friendly and the creative team for *Mean Girls* have been a pleasure to work with. She hopes this is only one of many productions she gets to be a part of!

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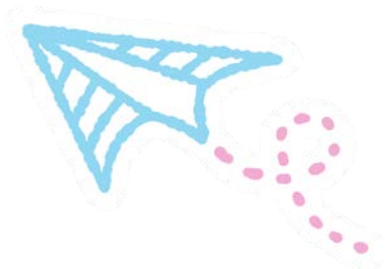
Taylor Keenan (Regina George, Fetch). This is Taylor's 24th musical and her Patio Playhouse debut! She is thankful for the opportunity to play such an iconic character with such a talented cast and crew. Taylor would like to thank her friends and family for all their support and her vocal coach for her guidance. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Tom Clemen Rafanan (Damian) is a child therapist in San Diego. Originating from the Big Island of Hawaii, Tom has done numerous shows such as *Beauty and the Beast*, *Evita*, and *Next to Normal*. Wanting to further hone his skills, Tom has come to California to see what the next steps in his life is, and it looks like his journey brought him to San Diego! After performing in Patio's production of the *Addams Family*, Tom has made a true family at Patio and is forever thankful. Tom has just finished his dream role of Seymour in *Little Shop of Horrors* and can't wait to bring more zest to the stage as Damian! Thank you to Jenn and the creative team for the chance to play this role!



Vanessa Smith (Ensemble/Caitlyn Caussin) is extremely hyped to be performing with her friends once again! Her previous roles include Stella in *Streetcar Named Desire* and Audrey U/S + ensemble in *Little Shop of Horrors*, both with Patio Playhouse. She would like to thank her friends and family for all the rides to rehearsals and the late night dinners at BJ's!



CREATIVE TEAM



Jennifer Guttieri (Director) is an award-winning director, actress, and arts educator who currently serves as Artistic Director at Patio Playhouse. A passionate advocate for accessible arts education, she has dedicated years to creating opportunities for performers of all ages on stage and behind the scenes. She works with The Classical Academy, where she directs and teaches youth musical theater.

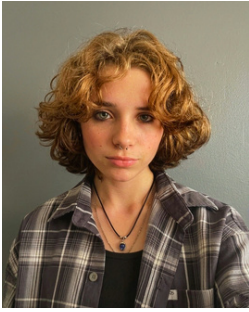
Jennifer is a former Miss Plus America and a Daytime Emmy Award-winning actress for NBC's *Starting Over*. She has directed and produced numerous productions throughout San Diego County, with a special love for large-scale youth and multigenerational theater experiences that bring families and communities together.

Jennifer shares her love of theater with her husband, Frank, who frequently performs alongside her at Patio Playhouse, and their two sons, Dash and Rowan, who have grown up onstage and backstage surrounded by the theater community they proudly call home. She is endlessly grateful for the talented casts, creative teams, volunteers, and audiences who continue to support the magic of live theater.



Mario Ledesma (Music Director) is a Music Director, educator, and performer with a decade of music study and four years of experience in music direction. Mario currently serves as the Resident Music Director for Patio Playhouse, the Music Director for The Classical Academy Elementary theatre program, and the Assistant Choral Director at Mission Hills High School, in addition to working as a private music teacher and vocal coach. Mario's extensive theatrical portfolio includes artistic and music direction for productions such as *The Addams Family*, *Frozen Jr.*, *Rudolph Jr.*, *Ride the Cyclone*, *Moana Jr.*, and *Pippin*. Mario also recently performed as Audrey 2 in *Little Shop of Horrors*. Mario is thrilled to lead the music for this production of *Mean Girls* and takes great pride in mentoring the next generation of performers. They extend sincere gratitude to the production team, talented cast, and the supportive community for their collaborative spirit in bringing this show to the stage.

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Kamryn Ribbons is honored to serve as the Assistant Music Director for this production of *Mean Girls*. As a dedicated multi-instrumentalist with five years of focused musical study, Ribbons has developed strong leadership skills through the band program, serving in several key roles, including a position on the Student Affairs Cabinet. This production marks Kamryn's theatrical debut. Kamryn is deeply grateful for the opportunity to learn the intricacies of music direction under the guidance of Mario Ledesma. Beyond the band room, Ribbons has recently discovered a profound passion for the choral arts, which has become a primary focus of Kamryn's musical interest and free time. Kamryn would like to extend the most sincere thanks to the music directors and the community at Mission Hills High School for their guidance and support. Ribbons would also like to extend all the love and appreciation to their family, and girlfriend, Gian, for their constant support.



Alyssa Williamson (Choreography) is a student at Cal State San Marcos and Patio Playhouse's resident choreographer. This is the seventh musical she has choreographed, most recently *Moana Jr.* with Classical Academy, and she has been teaching dance for over three years. She is beyond proud of this cast and all the hard work they have put in. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Leslie Williamson (Props Coordinator) is a Patio board member and serves as the in-house Props Coordinator. She has worked in props since 2018 with various theaters and has been part of PATIO since 2023, supporting productions behind the scenes and helping bring each show to life.

Jesse Williamson (Photography) is Patio's in-house photographer and has been capturing show moments since 2023, when his daughters fell in love with performing at Patio Playhouse. He has been married to Leslie Williamson since 2004 and is the proud dad of three daughters, ages 18, 15, and 10. Jesse loves preserving the energy, heart, and behind-the-scenes magic of each production through his photography.

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