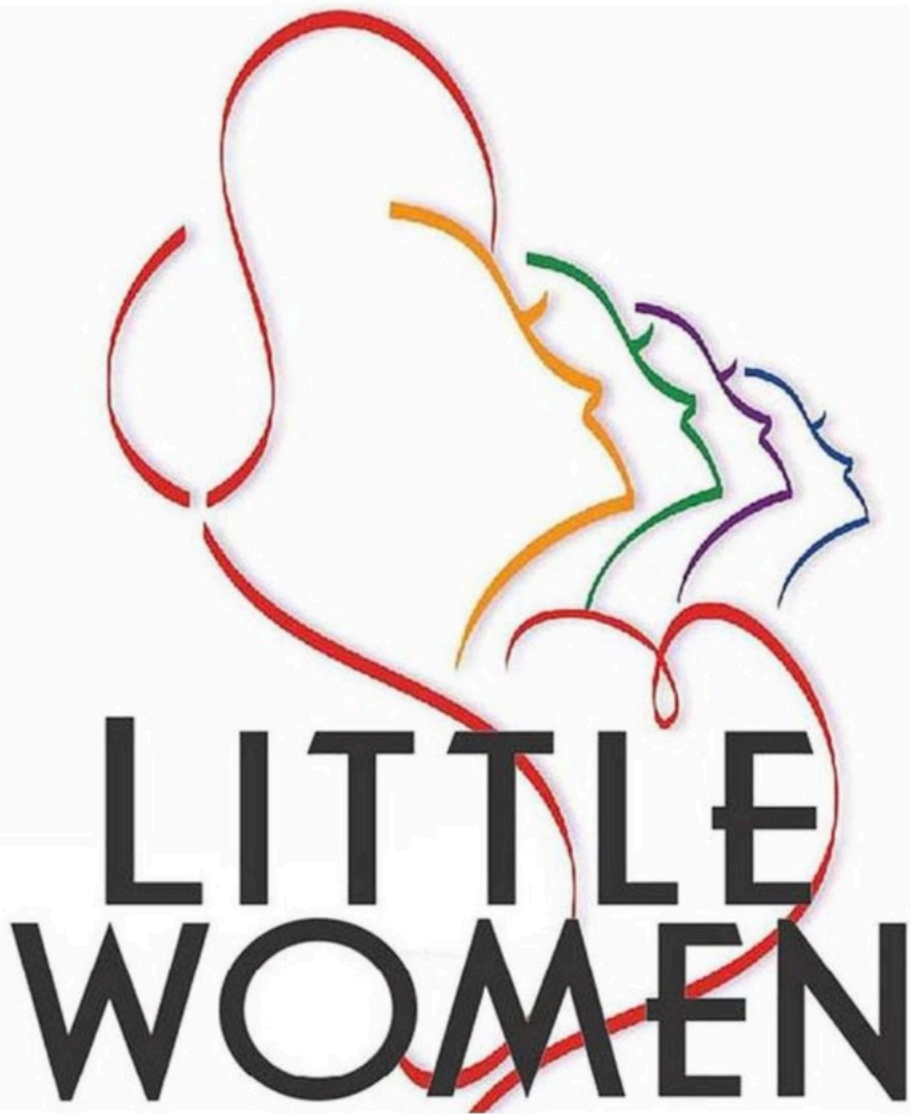


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Heber City, UT



**Heber Valley Entertainment**

PRESENTS

# **LITTLE WOMEN**

**The Broadway Musical**

Book by  
**Allan Knee**

Music by  
**Jason Howland**

Lyrics by  
**Mindi Dickenstein**

Based on the novel by Louisa May Alcott

with

Ashley Bates  
Sophie Shepherd  
Emme Chaffin

Maisey Blaser  
Lisa Blaser  
JC Wangsgard  
Cam Bronson

Tyson Augustus  
Michael McLean  
Nicole Cable

Choreography  
Sarah Tuttle

Music Director  
Karyn Anderson

Costumer  
Nicole Cable

Technical Director  
Dave Bates

Directed by  
Steve Anderson

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# SONGS

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## ACT I

An Operatic Tragedy .....	Jo, Clarissa, Braxton, Rodrigo
Better .....	Jo
Our Finest Dreams .....	Jo, Amy, Meg, Beth
Here Alone .....	Marmee
Could You? .....	Jo, Aunt March
I'd Be Delighted .....	Jo, Marmee, Meg, Beth
Take A Chance On Me .....	Laurie
Off To Massachusetts .....	Beth, Mr. Laurence
Five Forever .....	Jo, Amy, Meg, Beth, Laurie
More Than I Am .....	Mr. Brooke, Meg
Astonishing .....	Jo

## ACT 2

The Weekly Volcano Press .....	Jo, Professor Bhaer, Hag, Mrs. Kirk, Clarissa, Braxton, Rodrigo, Hag, Troll, Knight, Rodrigo 2
How I Am .....	Professor Bhaer
Some Things Are Meant To Be .....	Jo, Beth
The Most Amazing Thing .....	Amy, Laurie
Days Of Plenty .....	Marmee
The Fire Within Me .....	Jo
Small Umbrella In The Rain .....	Jo, Professor Bhaer
Sometimes When You Dream (reprise) .....	Jo



# CAST

## Cast Members

Jo	Ashley Bates
Meg, Clarissa	Sophie Shepherd
Amy, Troll	Emme Chaffin
Beth, Rodrigo 2	Maisey Blaser
Marmee, Hag	Lisa Blaser
Laurie, Rodrigo	JC Wangsgard
Professor Bhaer	Cam Bronson
John Brooke, Braxton	Tyson Augustus
Mr. Laurence, Knight	Michael McLean
Aunt March, Mrs. Kirk	Nicole Cable

## Production / Creative

Director	Steve Anderson
Tech Director	Dave Bates
Music Director	Karyn Anderson
Costumer	Nicole Cable
Choreography	Sarah Tuttle
Dance Captain	Lisa Blaser
Stage Crew	Samantha Owens
Stage Crew	Kaden Tomlinson



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# WHO'S WHO

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## Ashley Bates

*as Jo*

Ashley is so excited to be a part of this stunning show! She grew up listening to and loving the music, and playing Jo is a dream come true. She is so grateful to Steve and Karyn for this amazing opportunity. She has been in productions all over the Salt Lake valley and recently played Alice Murphy in Bright Star at the Empress Theatre in Magna. She has also played exciting roles such as Fiona in Brigadoon, Helen Keller in The Miracle Worker, and Little Red in Into the Woods. She is in awe of the talent in the cast and crew and hopes that everyone enjoys this beautiful performance! Ashley would like to thank all of the amazing people in her life for their unconditional support and love as she sings and dances through it. "We don't live for society. We live for what we have inside of us. We live to expand our minds. Fulfill our dreams."



## Sophie Shepherd

*as Meg, Clarissa*

Sophie Shepherd (Meg March) is thrilled to be a part of this show! She has been performing since she was little and feels so lucky to once again be sharing her love of the stage with an audience. Some of her favorite recent credits include: Little Shop of Horrors, Singin' In The Rain, Once Upon a Mattress, Peter and the Starcatcher, and Children of Eden. Sophie recently got home from attending the Disney College Program, working for WDW, and is currently studying theatre education at UVU. She loves to listen to the Gnomeo and Juliet soundtrack and yearn. She'd love to thank everyone who's been involved in this production for the trust they've put in her, and to her friends and family for their constant support. :)

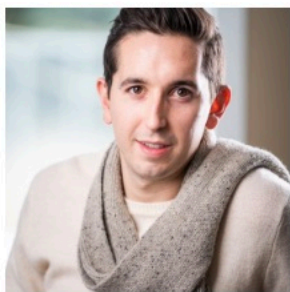


## Emme Chaffin

*as Amy, Troll*

Emme is 14 years old and is a freshman in high school. Emme is thrilled to be playing Amy! She has dreamed of being in this show ever since she saw her mom play Meg when she was two years old. Some of her favorite roles include Summer Hathaway in School of Rock (HCT), Annie in Annie (HCT), Mary Lennox in the Secret Garden (BYU) and Matilda in Matilda (ACT). She'd like to thank her amazing friends and family for their support and Steve, Karyn, and Sarah for giving her this amazing opportunity!

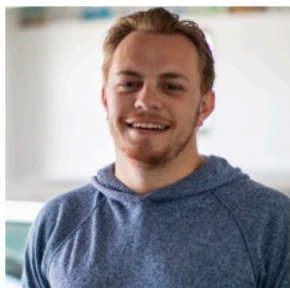
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## Cam Bronson

*as Professor Bhaer*

Cam is thrilled to be back on stage for his second show after a decade-long break from musical theater. He recently appeared as Bobby in Scera's summer production of Crazy For You. When he's not belting out high notes or perfecting jazz hands, Cam is deep in legal tomes as a student at BYU Law School. He firmly believes that all the world's a stage—whether it's under the bright lights of the theater or the stern gaze of a judge.



## Tyson Augustus

*as John Brooke, Braxton*

Tyson is thrilled to be working at the Ideal Playhouse with this amazing cast and director! Some of Tyson's recent credits include Prince Eric in The Little Mermaid (ACT) milky white in Into the Woods (Utah Valley Players) and helping with tech for How to succeed in business without really trying at HCTO.

Tyson is currently filming all sorts of events across Utah for work, as well as performing any chance he gets! He is so grateful for this amazing opportunity to perform for you and hopes you enjoy this magical moment! @miniowl1811



## Michael McLean

*as Mr. Laurence, Knight*

Michael is a songwriter, composer, author, performer, playwright, film producer and director. He has written music and lyrics for more than 40 albums and has sold over two million copies. He's also written six books, each with accompanying musical soundtracks. Michael wrote, produced, and directed the film "Nora's Christmas Gift" starring Academy Award winner Celeste Holm. He was also producer and co-writer of "Mr. Krueger's Christmas" starring film legend James Stewart. His stage musical The Ark, written with Kevin Kelly, was featured in the Festival of New Musicals on Broadway, and in 2005 opened to a limited run Off Broadway. Since 1991 Michael has starred in The Forgotten Carols on his annual holiday tour. He is thrilled to be performing the part of Mr. Laurence with this amazing cast which includes Lisa Blaser (Marmee), with whom he will be making the Heber Valley debut of his musical THREADS, here at the Ideal Playhouse (Spring 2025).



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## Maisey Blaser

*as Beth, Rodrigo 2*

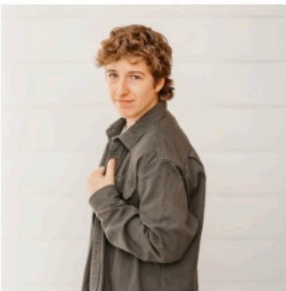
Maisey is so excited to be a part of Little Women at the Ideal Playhouse! She also loves performing with her mom, Lisa! Maisey is 16 years old and a junior at Wasatch High School. She is on the Girls Wrestling team and a part of the Advanced Ladies Choir. She also enjoys playing the violin and piano. Maisey has been in various productions around the Heber Valley, including "Newsies Jr." (Ensemble), "Peter and the Starcatcher" (Smee), and "Puffs - A Harry Potter Parody" (Harry Potter). She is so grateful to her friends and family who support her in all her activities!



## Lisa Blaser

*as Marmee, Hag*

Lisa is so excited to be a part of the Ideal Playhouse! She especially appreciates the opportunity to be onstage with her daughter, Maisey. Lisa's theater experience began in high school and continues through present day. Previous roles include The Baroness in "The Sound of Music", Mother in "A Christmas Story", and Annie Oakley in "Annie Get Your Gun". She studied at BYU where she received a bachelors of Science in Fitness and Wellness Management, a Masters Degree in Exercise Physiology and a minor in Dance. During that time she also performed and toured with the International Folk Dance Ensemble and the Ballroom Dance program. Lisa danced at Epcot Center, in both the Light of the World performances, and the Opening Ceremonies of the Olympics. She helped form a folk/bluegrass music band in which she was the lead singer. Lisa lives in the Heber Valley with her husband and four kids. She is grateful every day for her family and their support of each other!



## JC Wangsgard

*as Laurie, Rodrigo*

JC Wangsgard is excited to be doing such a beautiful show with a cast of brilliant people. JC has been acting since he was seven and is working towards a professional career. His favorite roles he's had the pleasure to play are Christopher Belling in Curtains, Tommy Boy in Newsies, Hugo in Bye Bye Birdie and Peter Pan in Peter Pan. "A special thanks to my mom who always pushed me to do my best and keep my acting dream alive and to my friends and family who support me and make me feel loved."

-Dream so big you feel uncomfortable telling small-minded people-

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## WHO'S WHO

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### **Nicole Cable**

*as Aunt March, Mrs. Kirk*

Nicole is thrilled to be working with The Ideal Playhouse and so grateful they saw something special about her. Nicole's favorite role to date was Mrs. Potts, where she was lucky to have her 2 daughters shared the role of Chip. Nicole has been a hairdresser for 20+ years, and works with theatre companies doing hair/wig makeup and costuming. Nicole's other talent is being a Cancer-Slaying Goddess. She is a 5-time cancer survivor and is passionate about helping cancer patients go through their diagnosis with optimism and hope.



### **Steve Anderson**

*Director*

Steve Anderson is an award-winning television producer, theater director, and theme park ride designer. Some of his favorite past projects include: producing a tv event with Britney Spears, directing "Bugsy Malone" (Greasepaint), and theming the Van Helsing rollercoaster at Movie Park Germany. Steve is also our creative director at the Ideal Playhouse and is excited to see live shows back on the stage at this wonderfully historic and magical 110-year-old theater.



### **Dave Bates**

*Tech Director*

Dave is a pioneer in projection mapping and has been winning awards for his projections for the past 25 years! He has a well-known Halloween house haunt that was featured on Good Morning America as one of the country's best and has thousands of visitors each year. Dave has done projection for theaters all over Northern Utah, and the Ideal Playhouse is so thankful to have him bringing his talents to Heber! He loves to go on adventures and to create whatever crazy things he imagines. By day, he works as a website designer. He lives in Taylorsville with his wife and 5 kids.

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### **Karyn Anderson**

*Music Director*

Karyn has been involved in music throughout her life. Her family sang together at events around the Salt Lake Valley for over 30 years. She was a member of Salt Lake Harmony Singers and spent several years directing local choirs. Karyn is also a special education teacher and attorney (and suddenly a digital marketer) and she has 7 kids. She wants to thank the cast for working hard and making her job so easy. She has loved this opportunity to work with such talented singers!



### **Sarah Tuttle**

*Choreography*

While pursuing a dance major at the University of Utah, Sarah also works in the entertainment department at Walt Disney World. Excited to collaborate with the creative team and exceptional actors at the Ideal Playhouse for the second time around, Sarah is passionate about her craft and deeply grateful for the opportunity to showcase with this talented cast.



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# END NOTES

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PLAYHOUSE

The story of Little Women is timeless, and this musical brings it to life beautifully. As we have poured over its words and listened endlessly to the music, the story of the March sisters, and Jo in particular, have taught us unexpected messages about life.

Jo is a fighter. She has a plan, and she is going to reach her dreams no matter what! Truly, she does everything she can. Yet, it never seems to work out the way she intends. Her sisters are the supporting cast to her hoped-for achievements. In fact, everyone is her supporting cast. When she sings the heartfelt song Astonishing, it's almost as if she's crying out to know what she should do. She feels it in her heart that she should do something amazing. Jo is going to do whatever it takes to be a "world-famous writer." And with "Weekly Volcano Press" it's within her reach!

Suddenly, the rug is pulled out from under her. When she loses each one of her sisters, in some way, she begins to understand how little control she actually has. But how can she go on? She's quickly losing her grasp on her carefully-planned future.

Marmee, as always, is there for her. After sharing some wisdom with her struggling daughter, she leaves Jo alone with her thoughts. The song "The Fire Within Me" details Jo's journey in such a touching and beautiful way. She learns that her sisters are more important than her dreams, and they will always be with her. In realizing this truth, and letting go of what she thought she knew, she somehow finally reaches her dream of being a famous writer. She learns that love is "A Small Umbrella in the Rain," that each day can be amazing, and that dreams come true in extraordinary ways. The world, her world, is her family--and they are waiting for her.

Little Women reminds us that, at the end of the day, our most important accomplishments happen within the walls of our own homes and neighborhoods, with those we call our family and friends. They're all that truly matter.

We hope this show takes you to a peaceful place, where you can enjoy the warmth of a tale that belongs to all of us--for this is your story of love and loss, heartache and disappointment, sprinkled with a touch of humor and good cheer. It reminds us that there will always be hope, love, and memories.

To our cast and crew, family and neighbors, and our wonderful audience, thank you for being a part of this show tonight. You're amazing, astonishing, and we're so glad you're here! Welcome to the family!

XO Steve and Karyn

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