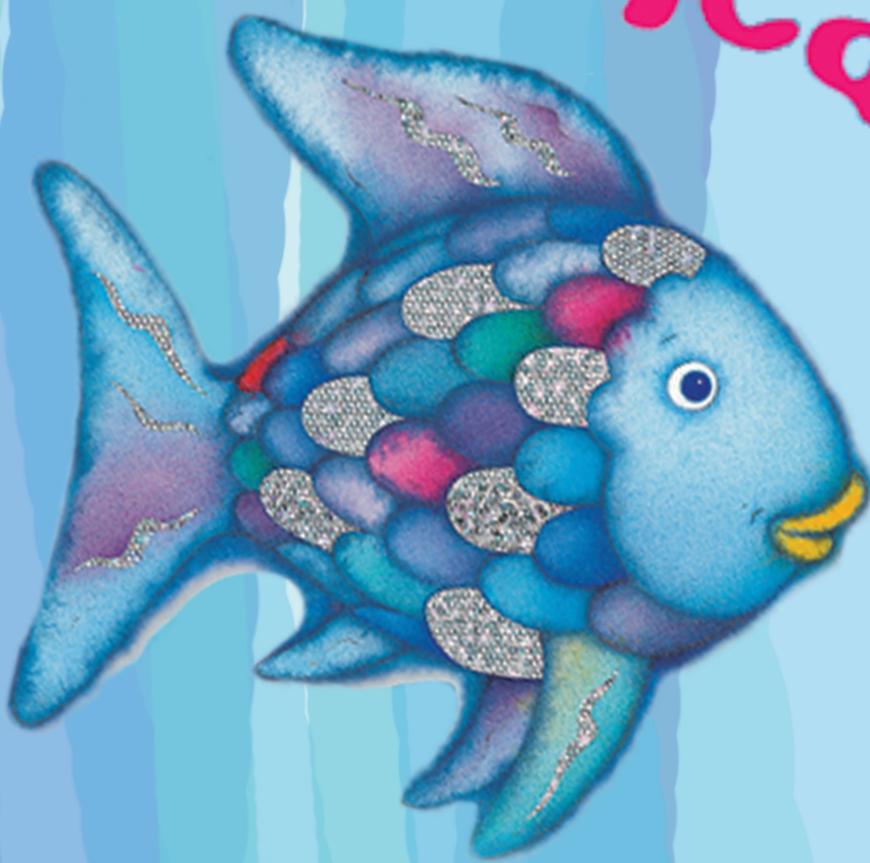


Meet the Cast of

The  
Rainbow  
Fish  
Musical



February 26th to March 6th  
Matthews Playhouse of the Performing Arts

Directed by Sarah Baumgardner  
Choreographed by Ron Chisholm





## Shelby Annas

**Ms. Minnow / Octopus & Starfish Understudy**

Shelby was a show choir and marching band geek in high school and still is at heart. Her first ever job was as an apprentice for Matthews Playhouse summer camps. She's a musical theatre nerd, and thinks of the first live show she ever saw as one of her fondest memories. She loves to craft, sing, bake, and watch musicals. Previously, she's been in *When the Whistle Blows* and *Miracle on 34th Street* at Matthews Playhouse and a series of choir shows at Butler High School.

## Lydia Baumbardner

**Ensemble / Hermit Crab Understudy**

Lydia is a homeschooled sixth grader with a huge heart for animals. She often feels like she lives in a cuddle castle, and her family includes four cats, two dogs, and pet Madagascar Hissing Roaches. When she isn't acting, singing, and dancing onstage, she can be found drawing and crafting. Lydia has previously been in *101 Dalmatians* and *Babe the Sheep Pig* at Matthews Playhouse.



## Adi Callaghan

**Rainbow Fish**

Adi is in the eighth grade at Cuthbertson Middle School. They have been doing theatre for six years now, and were previously in *Pinocchio*, *Stuart Little*, and virtual performances of *Lemonade Stand* and *Rainbowfish* at Matthews Playhouse. They love music and are committed to listening to three new albums every week. They also play guitar at a local open mic night and take and develop their own film.



## Rachel Helms

### Ensemble Understudy

Rachel has been involved in theatre and sketch comedy since 2010 when she began performing with the Wilmington-based sketch comedy troupe, Pineapple-Shaped Lamps. After touring with PSL and performing monthly shows, she relocated to L.A. in 2014 where she performed with Folks Next Door while taking improv and writing classes at the Upright Citizens Brigade and writing for iO West before eventually moving back to Charlotte in 2020. Some of her previous performances include *The Lion in Winter* with Big Dawg Playhouse, *Boy's Life* with Browncoat Theatre, *Reservoir Dogs* with TreStage and, most recently, *Miracle on 34th Street* with Matthews Playhouse.



## Amanda Mooney

### Starfish

Amanda is a special education teacher at St. Ann Catholic School. She was in many theatrical performances when she was younger, and attributes her reignited love of being onstage to her daughter, Lilly. She was previously in *Pinocchio: Without Strings* and the virtual performance of *Rainbowfish* at Matthews Playhouse. She loves to spend time with her family, which includes her husband (Dave), children (Tommy and Lilly), and dogs

(Penny and Louie). She has a great memory for useless facts, and usually has lines from comedy routines, musicals, or movies running through her head.

## Nick Morris

### Hermit Crab

By day, Nick is a leasing professional studying to become a licensed real estate broker. By night, he's an actor, and previously, he's performed in *Dinner with the Macguffins*, *the Sound of Music*, *Going to School*, and *Shoes Along the Highway* at Butler High School, *It's a Wonderful Life* and *Miracle on 34th Street* at Matthews Playhouse, and *Down to Earth* in Piedmont Players.

Besides acting, he also enjoys photography and interior design as creative outlets, and likes to golf on the weekends.





## Tatum Moxley

### Sardine

Tatum is in the eighth grade at Charlotte Country Day School. Some of her previous work onstage includes Sleepy Hollow and Shrek the Musical at Charlotte Country Day School, and Into the Woods at Acting Out Studios. In her spare time, she likes to bake, sing, garden, and binge Grey 's Anatomy.

## Kaylee Philips

### Little Fish

Kaylee is excited to be in her second performance at Matthews Playhouse. She is a senior at Parkwood High School and is planning on attending the College of Charleston next year to study theatre. She has previously been in A Night of Fairytale One Acts, Mr. Flannery 's Ocean, and the Crucible at Parkwood High School, Into the Woods at Acting Out Studio, Grease at Stageright Performing Arts, and Miracle on 34th Street at Matthews Playhouse, and she will be in The Book of Esther at her high school this spring. At her high school, she 's a senior class representative on the student council and the president and marketing manager of the drama club. When she isn 't onstage, she can usually be found spending time with her younger sisters, listening to Taylor Swift, or indulging her sweet tooth.



## Riley Schauer

### Clownfish & Pufferfish Understudy

Riley is a junior at the Central Academy of Technology and Arts. She 's been in seven musicals so far at Matthews Playhouse, as well as productions of The Triple Blind Date at The ArtsC, Alice in Wonderland at Theatre Charlotte, Legally Blonde at the Junior Theatre Festival, The Trojan Woman at the Central Academy of Technology and Arts, and Beauty and the Beast at Weddington Middle School. She is very athletic, and besides dancing in musicals, she also runs the hurdles in track, has been a cheerleader for six years, and is a certified life guard.

## Randi Seffinger

### Octopus

Randi is one of our Musical Theatre teachers at Matthews Playhouse. She moved to Charlotte recently from New Jersey, where she performed in, directed, and produced shows. She is very crafty, and some of her hobbies include knitting, decorative painting, and choral singing. Recently, she has been in A Grand Night for singing at Dilworth Players, Falsettos at Rhino Theatre, Next to Normal at Buzz Theatre, Catch Me If You Can at Old Library Theatre, The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee at Porch Light Productions, and the King and I at 9 Arts Theatre.



## Cam Sweeney

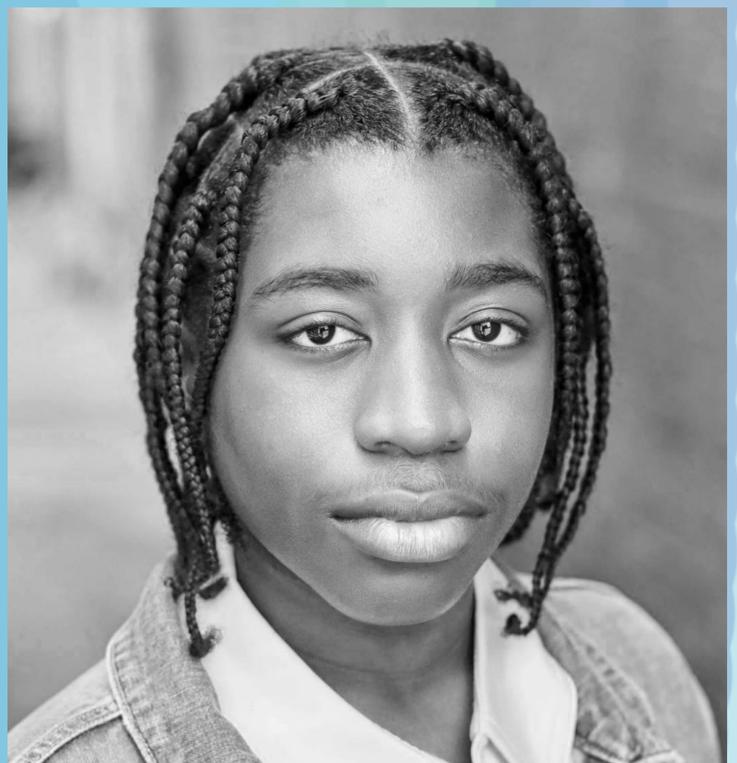
### Ensemble / Sardine Understudy

Cam is a 7th grader at Northwest School of the Arts. Having been a singer since the age of three, she has decided to concentrate her studies in musical theatre, and she can play both piano and guitar. Some of her previous performances include Annie, Pinocchio, 101 Dalmatians, Peter Pan, and Alice in Wonderland at JStage, and Hamilton Jr. at Matthews Playhouse. In her spare time, she likes to swim and play video games.

## Justice Thomas

### Pufferfish / Rainbowfish Understudy

Justice is thrilled to be making his debut with Matthews Playhouse. He was previously seen as Larry The Lobster in Spongebob: The Musical at Blackstar Theatre Company, Curly in Peter Pan, and Tommy in Matilda the Musical at Children's Theatre of Charlotte. He has also played a choir kid in the Hallmark movie, "A Christmas Love Story". Justice is a sophomore at Northwest School of the Arts as a musical theatre major. He loves singing, acting, dancing, and most importantly serving God. Justice would like to send a special thank you to his mom, family, friends, musical teachers, and voice coach for their hard work and continuous support.





## Julia Vanella

Ensemble / Ms. Minnow Understudy

Julia is in the 8th grade at the Northwest School of the Arts. She was in the 2021 production of The Rainbow Fish Musical at Matthews Playhouse, and Anything Goes, The Coloring Book, Mary Poppins Jr., The Secret Life of Toads, Shrek Jr., and All I Really Need to Know I Learned by Being in a Bad Play at Charlotte Preparatory School. In her free time, she likes to hang out with her friends and train her dog to do new tricks. She enjoys baking, and often invents new recipes.

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