

**Chris Carpenter (Cheshire Cat)** is an actor, singer, and aerialist from Springfield, GA and is crazy excited to be back with Hands In!

Previous Hands In! credits include Nottingham, Ever After, A Sight on the Town, and Space High. He is a recent graduate of the Horizon Theatre Apprentice Company and the University of Georgia with a B.A. in Theatre. Other credits include Cirque Italia: Silver (Neptune), The Little Mermaid (Flounder), The Rocky Horror Show (Narrator), Newsies (JoJo/Darcy) and Dracula (Jonathon Harker). He would especially like to thank Haley, Amara, and Jordan for all of their hard work and for giving him this opportunity to grow, learn, and interact with the Deaf community!



## **Kimberly Simpson (*Voicing for Duchess*)**

Kimberly is so excited for her second production with Hands In! after signing as Cinderella in 'Ever After' in January. She works in a learning center that specializes in reading skills, and she can be seen in August as Puck in a Midsummer Night's Dream with Town and Gown.



**Luke Bundrum (*Tommy, March Hare*)**

is an upcoming senior at the University of Georgia. He also serves as the Deaf Ministry Coordinator at UGA Baptist Collegiate Ministries. Luke is Deaf and loves to sing and sign songs... at the same time. He is honored to return to this year's production after playing the Wizard in No Place Like Home two years ago, and Shakespearean Narrator/Ensemble in Nottingham last year. Luke loves to meet new Deaf people and is always looking for fun opportunities to hangout with Deaf peeps and Hearing folks who sign!

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**John Olive** (*Voicing for Caterpillar and Mad Hatter*) is a retired Professor Emeritus of Mathematics Education from UGA. Over the past six years he has appeared on the Town & Gown stage as Polonius and the First Grave Digger in Hamlet (2013), Robert in Proof (2014), Alcandre in Tony Kushner's adaptation of The Illusion (2015), Father Willow in By the Bog of Cats (2016), and was most recently on the Town & Gown stage playing Dr. Lombardi in The Servant of Two Masters (2018). John also works with Circle Ensemble Theatre Company, appearing in Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol in 2017 and last year (2018) as Scrooge. John was the voice for both the King and Prince Charming in Hands In! ASL production of 'Ever After' last year.



Killian Ross (*Voicing for White Rabbit, Red Queen, and Cook*) is excited to be working with Hands In! again after “A Sight on the Town.” She also performs with Town and Gown Players, and enjoys singing and gardening. In addition to ASL, she is also learning German, Russian, and Spanish, and has a Bachelor’s in French from UGA.



**Cody Ashfield** (*Voicing for King of Hearts*) is very excited to be a part of Wanderland! Cody is a returning cast member of Ever After. Cody is a graduate of the University of Georgia, and is an experienced improv performer.



**Amberley Harris (Alice)** is so happy to be making her signing debut with *Wanderland*! Amberley is a third-year theatre major at the University of Georgia. Amberley first became involved with competitive theatre in high school and has since appeared in plays such as *The Sound of Music*, *The Longview*, and *Mary Poppins*. Amberley is a classically trained vocalist and an accomplished flautist that plays with the UGA Symphonic Band as well as The Redcoat Band. Upon graduation, Amberley will pursue an acting career as well as her musical interests. She would like to thank her family and friends for coming to support Hands In!



**Chloe (better known as Chloë here)** is so excited to be part of another Hands In! production this summer! You may recognize her from Nottingham, her role as Trixie in Ever After, or even as Hands In!'s administrative assistant. Chloe is a sophomore at UGA studying special education. If not at Hands In! rehearsals, you can find her at Extra Special People in Watkinsville or hanging out with her sorority sisters at Delta Gamma! Thanks so much for coming and supporting Hands In! Enjoy the show!





Loren Gutierrez (*Ms. Carol*) is a newcomer to Hands In! In high school, Loren was actively involved in the drama department and participated in every production either on stage or on the technical team. She appeared in *The Diary of Anne Frank*, *Footlose*, and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Loren graduated from Galludet University in 2014 where she was in *Charlotte's Web* as a voicer and ASL narrator. Since moving to Georgia in 2015, Loren has been teaching high school as a Teacher of the Deaf. Loren is very excited to be a part of this wonderful production of *Wanderland* and looks forward to future shows! Always keep your head up!



**Debra Brenner (Mrs. Hart and the Queen of Hearts)**

Debra co-founded and performed with the theatrical troupe, Stage Hands, in the Atlanta area prior to relocating to Athens. She has performed in many American Sign Language productions and Alice in Wonderland is by far her favorite. She tells people that she is having so much fun it ought to be illegal! Hope you enjoy the show as much as she has.



**Shelby Wise (King of Hearts)** is so excited to be part of a Hands In! production this summer, debuting in “Wanderland”. While acting and signing are both new to her, she’s excited to show you all that she’s learned so far! She is a rising sophomore at Winder-Barrow High School and is involved in FFA. In her free time she likes to spend time hanging around barns and working with horses. Shelby would like to thank her family for supporting her in this new experience and especially her sister, Chloe, for getting her involved. Thanks for coming and supporting this new adventure!



**Jacob Ash** (*Timmy Hart*) Jacob is excited to be part of his first Hands In! production. Jacob currently is not attending college and working as an apprentice plumber. Jacob enjoys photography and hiking.



**Bekah Meritt** (*Duchess*) This is Bekah's second production with Hands In! Presents. She is very excited to be involved again and take on the role of the Duchess in Wanderland. She is currently working 2 jobs and will attend Georgia Piedmont in the fall for their LPN program. She thanks you all for coming to the show and hopes you enjoy!



**Emily Harris** (*Dormouse*) This is Emily's second production with Hands-In, and she's super excited to be apart of this amazing cast! Emily is attending the University of North Georgia in Dahlonega perusing an Early Childhood Education degree. She enjoys spending time outdoors, exploring new places, and hanging out with family and friends! Emily feels so blessed to be apart of this amazing cast and crew, and she hopes everyone enjoys the show!



**Liam P. Cavanaugh** (*Mad Hatter*) Hats off to anyone who may recognize him, as he's yet to grace the stage but did voice for the role of Gene in "Space High" also from Hands In! Presents, and was a stagehand for Town & Gown's production of "Ripcord." Liam graduated from Georgia Southern University two Springs past with a B.A. in Chemistry and Spanish. What do his areas of study and theatre have in common? Why they're not a bit similar, one might say. However, he has always admired many of his dear friends who studied the art and always yearned to become involved. Among Liam's varied plans for the future (on which he is undecided) are research, law, science policy, and translation or interpreting. Whichever rabbit hole he wanders down though he intends to dedicate his efforts towards addressing environmental issues and bridging the gap between the scientific community and the public. Now he would say "grab a seat and enjoy the show!" but there's simply no room. Nonetheless, he thanks you for coming and hopes you came ready to celebrate (in Time you'll know why).



Lilly Powell (*White Rabbit*) Meet Lilly Powell, she is 13. It is her third time doing a play with Hands In! She has been a flying monkey in No Place Like Home and Young Marian in Nottingham! She is a freshman at North Oconee High School and a Junior Varsity sideline cheerleader! She enjoys swimming and baking in her free time. She hopes you enjoy the show!





**Rae Merritt** (*Butterfly, Card 2*) Rae is very excited to be in her second production in Hands In. Her first production was in Ever After the voice of Cinderella. Rae started her Acting Career in High School as Mayze La Bird in Suessical. She is in her Senior Year of college and she is going for an Event Planner. She is very excited for Graduation. Her hobbies include painting pottery, drawings and Cosplaying. She hopes you Enjoy the Show!



Collisa “CoCo” Lankford (*Caterpillar*) is excited to be returning to the stage in her inaugural role with Hands In! production. Her love for Theatre piqued after she saw ANNIE on Broadway as a child. Shortly after seeing her first play she performed in a number of school plays and competed in a number of oratorical contests. After graduating high school she became a member of the Spark Peer Players, an educational theatre company that performed for students in New York City high schools. She then went on to perform with Hezekiah Walker and The Grammy Award Winning Love Fellowship Crusade Choir. In her free time she enjoys teaching Zumba. Though very new to ASL, she is grateful for the awesome support of her Hands In! Family and is honored to be a part of the “Wanderland” Cast!



**Aniya Naomi Lankford-Reese** (*Ace Card*) is new to the theatre and is the youngest member of the “Wanderland” cast. This is her first time on stage, but she is definitely up for the challenge.

She nailed her audition with a heartfelt performance of her favorite song from the Frozen soundtrack. She has quickly become an integral member of the Hands In! Family and is grateful that she has been lovingly embraced by the cast. Aniya is an avid lover of Frozen (and Disney movies in general). She loves pizza, dolls and dressing up like a princess. She is looking forward to performing alongside the extremely talented team members of the Wanderland cast.



**Mariana Self** (*Butterfly, Card 5*) is familiar with ASL and Deaf culture because Deafness runs on her father's side of the family. In her free time, Mariana loves to swim, play with her toys, her family, and her dog, Boston. This is Mariana's first time on the Hands In stage, however she has been involved in many school plays and musicals. She wanted to join Wanderland, because it was in ASL and she knew it! Her mom and dad encouraged her to audition for the show and Mariana is very glad she did!



**Damien Self** (*Knave of Hearts*) is a very active and curious 8-year-old. This is the first time Damien has been on stage and is excited to be part of Wanderland! Damien likes to play with his cousins, watch TV and play sports.



**Sa'ida Arnold** (*Card 3, Butterfly*) Sa'ida has studied acting with Rose of Athens Theater summer camps and American Sign Language at Cleveland Road Elementary. She has been in several school performances and has taking various dance classes for over three years. Sa'ida is very excited to be acting with this wonderful cast and crew! She hopes you enjoy the show!



**Ashley Gershon** (*Card 6, Butterfly*) Ashley is 11 years old. She likes bowling, going to Starbucks and watching YouTube. Ashley wants to be an actor when she grows up!



**Seth Johnson** (*Card 7, Butterfly*) This is Seth's acting debut and he's super excited it's with Hands In! He is a rising sixth grader at Haymon Morris Middle School. Seth is the drummer in the teen praise band at Grace Missionary Baptist Church in Auburn, Ga. His other hobbies include writing and drawing. He wants to say thank you to his parents and family for supporting and encouraging him.





Evander Baker (*Voicing for March Hare*) is from Mount Vernon, Georgia and is performing in his fourth theatrical production and first with Hands In! Previously, he performed in the Athens Creative Theatre's production of Newsies and the Athens Musical Theatre Orchestra's production of The Hunchback of Notre Dame. As a student at Vidalia Comprehensive High School, he performed in show choir and participated in five GMEA All-State Chorus performances. He is currently in training to become a voice over artist and is the Environmental Health Specialist for the Madison County Health Department in Danielsville, GA. Please enjoy the performance today!



**Christina Boothe** (*French Mouse*) is excited to perform in her second Hands In! show. She is a rising sophomore at Anderson University and is working towards a Bachelor of Fine Arts musical theatre degree. She has performed locally with Brightstone Productions, Athens Creative Theater, and Rose of Athens for many years. Some of her favorite shows that she has been a part of include *Godspell*, *The Little Mermaid*, and *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. Christina has enjoyed learning the beautiful language of ASL through theatre, and she hopes that you enjoy the show!



**Pamela Wilkerson (Cook)** This is Pam's second performance. She was Queen Katherine in the Hands In! play 'Ever After'. She is grateful to be part of this family production. In the past, she was involved with Visual Effects Performing Arts, Inc. acting, story telling, and dancing. She enjoys photography, working with children at the Camp Dove, hiking, and gardening.

