



A note from our director:

This type of a show is unique in that it does not begin with an existing script. It began with a children's book, music and an idea. From there, all the action, specific characters, and circus acts had to be created. What you will witness today is the culmination of over 150 hours of group rehearsal, not to mention the countless hours these performers and musicians spend honing their craft. It has been my tremendous honor to weave together this intricate tapestry of talents, abilities and creative ideas into the performance you will see today.

Oscar Wilde's story is simple and relatable, but also profound. We see the Giant close himself and his garden off to the children and the town. But we also witness a change and an ending full of hope. I do believe that Christ came into this world to enter the garden of our heart and soften our defenses. He breaks down the wall that isolates us from God the Father and from relationship with other humans. It is his wounds of love that make it possible for us to go with Him to His eternal garden in paradise when this life is over. I hope that today's show brings you joy, helps you ponder and gives you hope.

Vanessa

Please note that:

- Cell phones should be silenced.
- Food should be enjoyed in the lobby only.
- Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the building.
- Latecomers will be seated at the discretion of the ushers.
- Photography, videotaping or other video or audio recording of this production is strictly prohibited.
- If do not plan to keep your program, instead of throwing it away, please help us by placing it in one of the Program Recycling bins following the show.

Thank you!

An Original Retelling of the Oscar Wilde classic The Selfish Giant

Orchestration by Dan Goeller.

Directed, Choreographed and Adapted by Vanessa Waggoner-Zayas & Jaime Zayas
Orchestra Conductor and Direction by Joe Paule, Sr.

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Welcome to our production of *The Selfish Giant*. As a church, we love engaging with our community. Theater is one way we do this. Christ Memorial is inspired by two simple words: Loved and Sent. We experience the depths of God's love, proven with blood on a cross. This love compels us to be sent - to people and places in need of God's love. We hope to see you again, beyond the show. You can see how you can connect with us at cmstl.org.

> God bless. Pastor Jeff Cloeter, Senior Pastor

Connect with Christ Memorial and be a part of our Christ-centered and community-oriented family. We have many opportunities for personal growth in spiritual life, areas of service, worship, and relationships with caring people. We invite you to join us for Worship, Bible Study or Sunday School:

5:00 p.m. Worship—Formal, Traditional music Saturday Evening:

7:45 & 9:00 a.m. Worship—Formal, Traditional music Sunday Morning:

> 10:00 a.m. Connections Bible study/small groups 11:00 a.m. Worship—Casual, Contemporary music 10:30 a.m. Reliant Worship, Casual, Acoustic music at

> > Crave Coffee House, in Mid-town at

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Overture—Orchestra

Scene 1: Opening Road

Scene 2: Birds in the Garden

Scene 3: Games in the Garden

Scene 4: Ogre Goodbye

Scene 5: The Giant Returns

Scene 6: Shut Out

Scene 7: Winter Settles In

Scene 8: Spring Arrives Outside the Garden

Scene 9: The Lone Flower

Scene 10: Winter Takes Over

Scene 11: Ice and Frost

Scene 12: Hail

Scene 13: Winter

Scene 14: No Spring

Scene 15: The Linnet

Scene 16: Garden Spring

Scene 17: Little Boy

Scene 18: Break Down the Wall

Scene 19: The Children Play

Scene 20: Aging Giant

Scene 21: The Little Boy Returns

Finale and Bows

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Please join us for refreshments in the Commons following the performance!

CAST

Narrator	Dianne Mueller
Giant	Jaime Zayas
Little Boy	Sophia Wurth
Garden ChildrenElean	or Aughey, Suzanna Franz, Colin McClellan,
Ha	nnah Perjak, Isabelle Perjak, Sophia Wurth
Lone Flower	Gigi Gilbert
Flower DancersCass	ie Harashe, Dierdre McClellan, Jodie Schutt
Cornish Ogre	Tony Jaskiewicz
Spring Clown	Debbie Sharp
Summer Clown	Hannah Perjak
Autumn Clown	Tony Jaskiewicz
Bird—Aerial Silks	Lulu Geary, Cassie Harashe
Linnet—Aerial Hoop	Vanessa Waggoner-Zayas
Snow—Aerial Silks	Lauren Bethel, Lulu Geary, Katie Geary
Ice & Frost Acro Partnering	Benji Damti, Zoe Paull
Hail Juggler	Lucy Muller
North Wind Skater	Vanessa Waggoner-Zayas
Butterfly Aerial Silks/Dancer	Kate Holmer, Meg Yeater
Townspeople/Wall Dancers	Tony Jaskiewicz, Dianne Mueller,
	Carol Sjelin, Debbie Sharp
Town Children	Kate Holmer, Cannon Weaver
Additional TownspeopleLauren Bethel, Lulu Geary, Benji Damti, Zoe Paull	



DIRECTORS & PRODUCTION LEADERSHIP

Director, Choreographer & Aerial CoachVanessa Waggoner-Zayas
Assistant Director & Acrobatics Coach, Lighting DesignJaime Zayas
Orchestra Conductor, Contractor, DirectionJoe Paule, Sr.
Music AssistantGregg Mueller
Costumes and Costume DesignVanessa Waggoner-Zayas, Dianne Mueller
General Artistic Director and Set Design Dianne Mueller
Lighting Operation and assistance
Stage Managers Jonathan Hartley, Lauren Kreienkamp
Stage Crew Chris Gubser, Ben Clements
Assistant ChorographerGigi Gilbert
Refreshments Betty Rowold, Tammy Herzog
Video-closed circuit and recordingNate Rolland
Video Operation
Sound MixingLarry Jost
House Manager/Publicity/ProgramLynette Jost
Facility Coordination
General Production SupportLarry Jost, Lauren Kreienkamp

Thank yous and great appreciation is given:

To our Pastors and Staff for their constant prayers and support! ${}^{\infty\infty\infty\infty\infty}$

For Thrivent Action Team dollars!

To Charity Sharity for donation of fabric and to DaySpring Arts & Education for the use of set pieces and costumes ${}^{\infty\infty\infty\infty}$

To Christ Memorial Men's Club for proceeds from the BBQ for CMP.

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To the Christ Memorial Office Staff & Receptionists who helped us in so many ways:
Cheryl Becher, Debbie Perrine, Kathy Poppitz,
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An enormous THANK YOU to ALL of our incredible volunteers!! You are Amazing!



11 am - 6 pm at Christ Memorial on the 3rd Saturday of the Month.

Join us for Great Food!

ORCHESTRA

Conductor/Keyboard	Joe Paule, Sr.
Flute	Katrina Dickmann, Colleen Donohue
Clarinet	Mary Wiley, Kelly Austermann
Oboe	Jan Parkes
Basoon	Dan Shavers
French Horn	Mary Schmidt, Sandy Collins
Trumpet	Joe Paule, Jr., John Reichert
Trombone	Hadley Haux, Jim Schneeburg
Tuba	Tom Schwartz
Violin Marilyn Humiston, Twi	nda Murry, Darlene Lanser, Hanna Kroeger
Viola	Dragomir Page, Mike Hutchinson
Cello	Kristin Sage, Abby Sage
Bass	Barbara Paule
Harp	Michael Boone
Piano/Celeste	Gregg Mueller
Timpani/Bells	Debi Thuet
Drum Kit	Tom Appelbaum

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in... Matthew 25:35

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise. Luke 23:42-43



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MEET THE CAST and CREW (in alphabetical order)

ELEANOR AUGHEY (Garden Child) is doing her first production with Christ Memorial Productions. She has been practicing circus arts with Mr. Jamie and Mrs. Vanessa for 10 years and has been performing with the Barnstormers for 3 years. Eleanor has enjoyed classes in circus arts, musical theatre, dance, singing and acting at Kinetic Tapestry and DaySpring Arts & Education. There is nothing Eleanor likes more than to ride her unicycle around and perform tricks on it. Eleanor hopes you all enjoy the show!

LAUREN BETHEL (Snow Aerial Silks) An aerial student at Bumbershoot Aerial Arts, Lauren has performed in three showcases before, but is excited to be apart of a stage production for the first time with CMP.

BENJI DAMTI (Ice and Frost Acro Partnering) is the owner of Amis Italian Restaurant. He enjoys training, gymnastics, acrobatics and circus and in his free time eating pizza.

SUZANNA FRANZ (Garden Child) is thrilled to be making her first appearance on the CMP stage with this wonderful cast and crew. Suzanna is a student at DaySpring Arts & Education and has been taking circus classes with Kinetic Tapestry for the last four years. Thank you to everyone for this unforgettable experience!

KATIE GEARY (Snow Aerialist) is making her debut performance with CMP. Katie loves Jesus and would love to talk to you about how to move from shame and condemnation to freedom in Christ. She is Rob's happy wife and homeschooling mother to Robbie, Lulu & Sam. Thanks to Vanessa and Jaime for being awesome.

LULU GEARY (Bird and Snow Aerialist) is also making her debut performance with CMP. Lulu is a singing, dancing, guitar and ukulele playing aerialist who enjoys things that make her cry, and her friends. Also, cats. She wishes to thank her family and Vanessa and Jaime at Kinetic Tapestry.

GARDENIA GILBERT (Lone Flower, Assistant Choreographer) is excited for working and performing with the cast and crew of CMP. This will also be her first show with them as well. Gardenia is local professional dancer with Skystone Contemporary Ballet Company and a teacher at DaySpring Arts & Education. Thank you everyone for their hard work on this wonderful production. I hope you enjoy the show!

CASSIE HARASHE (Bird Aerialist, Flower Dancer) is so excited to be making her CMP debut. She grew up taking dance lessons at Studio C Dance Studio and currently participates in Aerial Arts at Kinetic Tapestry. She would like to thank her family for all of their support while pursuing this art.

KATE OLIVIA HOLMER (Butterfly Aerial Silks, Dancer, Town Child) is so incredibly excited to be in the cast of *The Selfish Giant*. She is a circus and aerial student at Kinetic Tapestry and also enjoys ballet, acting, and musical theater classes at DaySpring School of the Arts. She would like to thank her friends, family, and teachers. Enjoy the show!

TONY JASKIEWICZ (Cornish Ogre, Autumn Clown, Townsperson, Wall Dancer) It's a Clown, It's an Ogre, no it's just Tony Jaskiewicz, back for his fourth production with Christ Memorial Productions. When not clowning around with his friends from CMP and Kinetic Tapestry, Tony enjoys long walks through his neighborhood with his dog, Piper, and having dinner with family and friends. Tony would like to thank his family and friends for all their support, and for CMP and Kinetic Tapestry for helping me to become the performer I am, whatever that may be. Also, a special shout out to my Warner Siblings, Yakko and Dot, who are always down for causing mischief. I hope everyone enjoys the show!

LARRY JOST (CMP Business Manager, Sound Design) enjoys mixing sound and doing post production work. He has been involved with all of the CMP productions and also assists with sound for DaySpring Arts & Education's productions and at various other events. He is married to Lynette Jost and is a member of Christ Memorial Lutheran Church. We hope you enjoy this production and meet some new friends along the way!

LYNETTE JOST (House Manager, Ticketing Director, Publicity) has been involved in each of CMP's productions, is a long time member of Christ Memorial and a paralegal at The Law Offices of Joanne M. Descher, LLC. Lynette enjoys volunteering for various projects at Christ Memorial and frequenting other community theater venues. She is married to Larry (see Larry's bio above) and we have two sons. Thank you for joining us, enjoy the show and come visit us again sometime.

LAUREN KREIENKAMP (Stage Manager, Production assistant) is thrilled to again be a part of the crew of *The Selfish Giant!* A lifelong member of Christ Memorial, Lauren debuted in *Joseph...Dreamcoat* (2005, 2006) as a member of the ensemble. In addition to *The Selfish Giant*, Lauren has been a member of the CMP crew for *Fiddler on the Roof!*, *The King and I, Godspell, Mary Poppins, Seussical, Meet Me in St. Louis* and *The Wizard of Oz!* She is a graduate of Hendrix College (2012) and enjoys reading, rock climbing, and playing field hockey in her spare time. Love to God, my family, and my husband, Stephen, who graciously shares me with the theater community. Thank you to CMP for this wonderful opportunity!

COLIN McCLELLAN (Garden Child) is excited to step out and debut with CMP! He is an acting and circus student at Dayspring Performing Arts Academy and has been in *A Christmas Carol* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Thanks to all cast, crew and directors for this amazing opportunity!

DIERDRE McCLELLAN (Flower Dancer) has loved her time debuting with CMP this spring! She is a dance student at Professional Dance Center and has danced competitively for five years. Thanks to all her fellow dancers, choreographer and directors for this amazing opportunity!

DIANNE MUELLER (Narrator, Townsperson, Wall Dancer, General Artistic Director, Set Design, Costume Design) has been a member of Christ Memorial since 1992 and has been involved in all aspects of the music and theatrical ministries of our congregation. Dianne has performed on stage since the age of four. She thanks God for the opportunity to be a part of this production and for a wonderful cast and crew who have made being a part of this production a joy. Dianne has been involved in all of CMP's productions and has previously directed CMPS's productions of *The Wizard of Oz, Meet Me in St. Louis, Seussical, Godspell and Once Upon a Tree.* She has also performed with Bravo, Backrow Ministries, Family Musical Theater and Kirkwood Theater Guild. Dianne shares her love of music and theater with her husband, Gregg, and with her talented daughters, Rebecca and Rachel.

GREGG MUELLER (Keyboards, Music assistant) Gregg has been playing music at Christ Memorial for more than 30 years, beginning with playing the organ for Sunday services at the age of 16. Currently, Gregg mentors youth musicians and plays keyboards and guitars for Christ Memorial's contemporary service, occasionally plays the pipe organ, and considers music "a hobby that has gone completely out of control!" Gregg has played for every CMP show and also plays for many other theater companies in the metro area. Gregg actually finds doing these productions relaxing and considers the nightly rehearsals the best part of his day. In the past year, Gregg has played in *Shrek, Once Upon a Mattress, Meet Me in St. Louis, The Drowsy Chaperone, All Shook Up, Godspell, Little Miss Sunshine, The Little Mermaid, Guys and Dolls, The Wizard of Oz and Seussical,* Gregg also enjoys photography, Nintendo, board games, shooting sports, puttering around the garden, and tormenting the children. Gregg endorses Kurzweil Professional Keyboards and Dr. Pepper products for which to date he has received no compensation.

LUCY MULLER (Hail Juggler) is a rising senior at WashU where she studies Women Gender and Sexuality Studies and performs with the WashU juggling club. This is her first solo act and her first performance with Kinetic Tapestry.

JOE PAULE (Musical Director, Conductor) After retiring from 30 years of teaching band, Joe continues to be involved in Community bands and theater. He taught in the Ferg/Florissant Sch. Dist. at Cross Keys Middle School and assisted with the McCLuer North High School's Marching Band and Musicals. Currently he is lead trumpet with the Northwinds Community Band in Florissant and performs with the 18-piece 'Sentimental Journey Big Band'. In 1974, Joe began playing and conducting for numerous theater groups which include, The Marquee Players, Glennon Players, Hawthorne Players, Alpha Players, Christ Memorial Productions, Family Musical Theater, Kirkwood Theater Group, Bravo Theater Group, and Studio J Productions. Add to this list the many years of high school shows, such as, McCluer, McCluer North, Ritenour, Notre Dame, Nerinx Hall, Villa Duchesne, Incarnate Word, CBC, and youth theaters of Gateway Center For Performing Arts and St. Charles Community Youth Theater. Some of his favorite acting roles have been Tevye in Fiddler On The Roof, Horace Vandergelder in Hello, Dolly, and Teddy 'Roosevelt' Brewster in Arsenic And Old Lace. Some of his favorite conducting shows have been The King And I for CMP, The Producers, Man Of La Mancha, and Oklahoma! for Hawthorne. Joe has conceived and arranged two of The Best Of Hawthorne shows--Cowboy Swing and Cowboy Christmas to award scholarship funds to high school seniors. Joe's wife, Barbara, is also a retired string teacher of 30 years of elementary and middle school orchestras. She has performed Bass for many of CMP's shows, including The Selfish Giant.

ZOE PAULL (Ice and Frost Acro Partnering) works as a certified yoga instructor and gymnastics coach. She trains gymnastics, acrobatics and circus in free time. She has loved working with Kinetic Tapestry on *The Selfish Giant*. Enjoy the show!

HANNAH PERJAK (Garden Child, Summer Clown) has been working with the instructors from Kinetic Tapestry for several performances over the years, and is thrilled to be a part of the CMP cast and crew! Hannah was a student at Dayspring Arts & Education for the past six years and currently participates in Youth Circus with Kinetic Tapestry. She has also been cast in community theater productions and was selected to participate in Actors, Models, and Talent for Christ (AMTC) workshops and showcases. Hannah is homeschooled and is twelve years old.

ISABELLE PERJAK (Garden Child) has participated in Dayspring Arts & Education and Kinetic Tapestry for the last few years, and is very excited to return to Kinetic Tapestry after almost a year off to perform in the Selfish Giant! Isabelle loves everything about circus, but is especially fond of using her tumbling skills any chance she can. She also plays soccer and basketball for her school team, and will be starting sixth grade in the fall.

KATHY POPPITZ (Facility Coordination) This will be the 15th year for Kathy to be involved with CMP. Her role will be off stage readying rooms, examining schedules, checking space for practice and helping with tickets. Kathy is employed here at Christ Memorial Lutheran as Volunteer coordinator for the office and assistant to the Director of Worship. Solo Deo Gloria – Glory to God alone.



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JODIE SCHUTT (Flower Dancer) is ecstatic to be a part of this unique production. Jodie was introduced to the wonderful circus world when she started working at DaySpring Arts and Education. She is very grateful to not only have found a job with DaySpring, but a second family as well. Jodie has been performing since she was a little girl, but this is her first production back since an accident last summer. She would like to thank everyone who helped her get back on her feet and back to doing what she loves again.

DEBBIE SHARP (Spring Clown, Spring Clown, Townspeople, Wall Dancer) thanks God for being a part of The Selfish Giant. She is grateful to have worked, for the first time, with Kinetic Tapestry, led by Jaime Zayas and Vanessa Waggoner-Zayas whose infectious energy and leadership epitomize artistry at its finest. Debbie is also blessed to work with the remarkable Christ Memorial Productions (CMP) staff and crew, having been cast in its 2018 production of The Wizard of Oz. Debbie ends this experience as it began for her, with praise to God and a special thanks to family and friends. Please, enjoy the show!

CAROL SJELIN (Townsperson, Wall Dancer) is very happy, after a hiatus of many years, to be appearing on the CMP stage with this amazing cast and crew. She enjoys both acting and writing. Thank you to everyone for all of their hard work on this production.

VANESSA WAGGONER-ZAYAS (Director, Choreographer, Costume Designer, Linnet Hoop Aerialist, North Wind) is proud to be part of the thriving arts community here in her home city. She has B.A. in Theatre from Belhaven University with additional circus training from Avner Eisenberg, Hovey Burgess, Elsie Smith and she is the Artistic Director for Kinetic Tapestry. In addition to performing and teaching circus full time with Kinetic Tapestry, Vanessa has performed with many theatre and dance companies including St Louis Shakespeare, Mustard Seed Theatre, Next Gen, Off-Kilter Comedy, WyCliffe Dinner Theatre, and PUSH Physical Theatre. In her 18 years as an arts educator and director, she has directed musicals, straight plays, dance productions and circus shows. Her performance and teaching have taken her all over the United States and the world, including Puerto Rico, Honduras, Egypt, Nicaragua and Spain. She is honored to work with the production team here at CMP and this cast of talented performers and musicians to bring Oscar Wilde's story to life with this amazing musical score and captivating circus performances.

CANNON WEAVER (Town Child) Henry Cannon Weaver is thrilled to be making his stage debut in *The Selfish Giant*. He is a fifth grader at Dayspring Arts and Education. In his free time, he enjoys circus, art and baseball. Enjoy the show!!!!

SOPHIA WURTH (Garden Child, boy) is a fifth-grade home schooler and has been in musical theatre at DaySpring Arts & Education for 5 years. This will be Sophia's 10th theatre production. Sophia is also a member of the Barnstormers Youth Circus Troupe, which is led by Kinetic Tapestry. Sophia also loves to travel, make videos, and runs her own slime business. Thank you to all my family, friends and coaches for supporting me and training me!

MEG YEATER (Butterfly Aerial Silks, Dancers) is a 4th grader at McKelvey Elementary. She studies dance at DaySpring School of the Arts and circus arts at Kinetic Tapestry. In her free time, she enjoys camping with her Girl Scout troop and hanging out with friends and family. She also plays guitar. She most recently appeared in DaySpring's *Nutcracker*. Thank you to my family for your support!

JAIME LUIS ZAYAS PEREZ (Assistant Director, Acrobatic Choreographer, Lighting Design, Giant) Born and raised in Ponce, Puerto Rico, Jaime has a B.A. in Theatre from the University of Puerto Rico. He trained in mime at the School for Mime Theatre in Ohio and clowning with Cirque Du Soleil's clown, Alex Navarro. He performed with PUSH Physical Theater and for the Walt Disney Company and is the Executive Director of Kinetic Tapestry Physical Theatre.



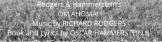
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