

GERTRUDE CHANDLER WARNER
DIRECTED BY ROB ZAPPLE

July 22 - August 13

TUESDAY - FRIDAY AT 6 PM

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Cape Cod Theatre Company/Harwich Junior Theatre, Inc presents

THE BOX CAR CHILDREN

BY GERTRUDE CHANDLER WARNER,
ADAPTATION BY BARBARA FIELD

Producing Artistic Director, Nina Schuessler

Directed by Rob Zapple

Choreography by Michele Zapple

Scenic Design by James P. Byrne

Costume Design Tristan DiVincenzo Sound Design J Hagenbuckle

Technical Direction by Matt Kohler



The Boxcar Children

Cast

Jameson ZappleHenry
Melina Zullas
Ashlynn Nee
Garrett BerubeBenny
Rod Owens
Edward Coppola
Erin O'SullivanSarah Calder
Steph Deferie
Dianne WadsworthMrs. Truman
Jillian Annessi Bakery Woman, Momma
David Wallace
Coco Kemp Kid

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PRODUCTION TEAM

Producing Artistic Director	Nina K. Schuessler
Director	Rob Zapple
Choreography	Michele Zapple
Scenic Design	James P. Byrne
Costume Design	Tristan DiVincenzo
Costume Assistants	. Erin O'Sullivan, Gracie O'Leary
Sound Design	Hagenbuckle
Technical Director	Matthew Kohler
Assistant Technical Direcor	Ciaran Cusick
Production Stage Manager	Samantha Walker
Properties	Marybeth Travis
Set Construction & Painting	Matthew Kohler; James P. Byrne;
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The CAST

JAMESON ZAPPLE (*Henry Alden*) is the 4th generation of Zapples at CCTC/HJT. Jameson has appeared in *Charlotte's Web, Tom Sawyer*, and *Treasure Island* at CCTC/HJT, and in *A Christmas Carol* in Wilmington, NC, where he lives during the year. He is a rising 8th grader at The Friends School of Wilmington.

MELINA ZULLAS (*Jessica Alden*) is very excited to take the stage at the Cape Cod Theatre Company/Harwich Junior Theatre for the first time. Melina has performed in many productions over the last few years, including *The Wiz Jr.* at Wheelock Family Theater, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* at the Pierce Middle School in Milton, and *James and Giant Peach* and *Annie Jr.* at Riverside Theater Works. A rising 8th grader in Milton, MA, she also sings with the Tour Choir of the Boston City Singers. Melina is fluent in Portuguese and French, is an avid reader, enjoys basketball, and loves to learn about nature. She hopes that she can help transport the audience into the world of The Boxcar Children.

ASHLYNN NEE (*Violet Alden*) is 10 years old and a Cape Cod resident who loves the beach, theater, music, and sports. Her past productions were *The Emperor's New Clothes, The Wind in the Willows* and *Alice Wonderland*. Ashlynn enjoys her acting and dance classes and plays several instruments. Ashlynn plays softball, and cheerleads for Y-D, and plays field hockey for the Cape Cod Field Hockey Club.

GARRETT BERUBE (*Benjamin Alden*) loves acting in and directing his own movies. He played Mr. Body in the Acting Out performance of *Clue*, he was a member of the lollypop guild in *The Wizard of Oz* for the South School Cooperative Theater, and most recently played the Tin Man in ACT Infusion's performance of *The Christmas Wizard of Oz*. Garrett loves to read and play the piano. He is learning how to play the saxophone. He also enjoys skiing, tennis and writing! He has 3 older siblings.

ERIN O'SULLIVAN (*Sarah Calder*) will be a Senior at Marlborough High School next year, and is an Apprentice this summer at the CCTC/HJT. She is beyond excited to get back to doing the things she loves the most. Recently, before the covid shutdown, Erin was going to play the role of Dolly Parton in the showing of 9 to 5 at her High School. Like many other events last year, it was shut down before performances could begin. Erin is so thankful to CCTC/HJT for all they have done to make this season possible, and she is filled with so much love for all of her theatre family.

STEPH DEFERIE (*Mrs. Alberts/Big Mike/Secretary*) also writes plays for young actors and audiences. Please visit her at StephDeFerie.com

ROD OWENS (*Sheriff Banning/Mr. Alden*) "played well with others" in CCTC/HJT's *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow, Tom Sayer*, and *Treasure Island*, and in: *A Women's Heart* (five live venues The Mooncusser's Tale on WOMR; The Weight of Silence at Cotuit Black Box; Eventide's Trial by Jury musical; and ZOOM'd Magdelina and Water Serpents' Colloquy.) Gracias, Rob'n'Cute-Creative-Cuddly-Clever BOXCAR-Bringers-of-Beauty.

DIANNE WADSWORTH (*Mrs. Truman*) has been enjoying acting at the theatre for many years. She always loves to be part of Rob Zapple's plays. She has retired from teaching and just does volunteer work now. She recently narrated Cape Noir's Radio Theatre's Starfish and the Fisherman on WOMR.

ED COPPOLA (*Cookie*) Since 2008, Ed has appeared in many CCTC/HJT productions. Among his favorites are: *Promises, Promises; Anne of Green Gables; Forever Dusty; Annie; A Christmas Carol*; and *To Kill a Mockingbird*. In 2018, he joined the newly founded Veterans Company at Cape Rep Theatre, appearing in *Cyrano* and *Red Herring*.

JILLIAN ANNESSI (*Baker's Wife/Momma*) is an elementary school teacher. She is proud to have directed her 4th and 5th grade students over the years in numerous productions including *Hamlet* and *Peter Pan*. She has enjoyed performing at CCTC/HJT for years, appearing in many shows including, recently, *Treasure Island* and *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. In her spare time, she enjoys knitting, and hopes to one day write a bestselling novel, if she can ever finish a story before starting a new one.

CHARLOTTE "COCO" KEMP (*The Kid*) is 11 years old and this is her 5th show at CCTC/HJT and she feels so lucky to perform at CCTC/HJT!

The PRODUCTION TEAM

NINA K. SCHUESSLER (*Producing Artistic Director*) became Artistic Director at CCTC/HJT in 1996 and, has since, produced and/or directed over 270 plays and musicals. She has been a driving force in Cape Cod theatre for four decades. The Arts Foundation of Cape Cod and Wellfleet Harbor Actors Theatre recognized Nina for her "Lifetime Achievement in the Arts' and for her commitment to inspiring people of all ages to discover and nurture their love for the performing arts. Recent directing credits include Tuck Everlasting; the world premiere of Wolf Hollow by Lauren Wolk, adapted by Susan Kosoff; and Peter Boyer's Ellis Island, a collaboration with Cotuit Center for The Arts and Cape Symphony.

ROB ZAPPLE (Director) and his wife Michele live in Wilmington, NC where he designs and builds custom homes and serves the community as a County Commissioner for New Hanover County. Before moving to NC in 1997, they lived in Los Angeles for 19 years where their three children were born. While in LA, Rob worked in theatre and in the film and television industry as an actor, writer and director. Rob began his career at the Harwich Junior Theatre in 1959 and has had the good fortune of being a guest director for the CCTC/HJT during the summer season since 1985. Rob and Michele's children spent their summers growing up at the HJT and this year, as we celebrate the 70th season of the CCTC/HJT, they are happy to continue this family tradition with their grandson, Jameson, who is participating in the classes and performances that take place in the theatre and on the new Outdoor Stage. Their enjoyment in bringing to life wonderful stories for the entire family over the past 37 years would not have been possible without the creative collaboration and support of Nina Schuessler in her role as the CCTC/HJT Artistic and Producing Director over more than two decades – thank you.

JAMES P. BYRNE (*Scenic and Lighting Design*) is an actor/director/designer/teacher who grew up at CCTC/HJT. He has produced theatre from Boston to New Orleans, and New York to LA. Locally, Jim also worked extensively with Wheelock Family Theatre, The Gold Dust Orphans, and Provincetown Theater Company. Most recently Jim directed *Pippin*, *Matilda the Musical* and *Sleeping Beauty, Briar Rose* for CCTC/HJT. Jim is working his way through the Shakespeare canon. He is currently working on a one-man *King Lear*.

MICHELE ZAPPLE (*Choreographer*)Michele has enjoyed every minute of her time choreographing shows at CCTC/ HJT for the past 37 summers! The most gratifying aspect is being able to work in the theatre with her talented family, including her husband Rob, her 3 children, and now, her grandson. During the school year, Michele lives in Wilmington, NC, where she owns and operates Carolina Gymnastics Academy. Michele dedicates this show to Nina, and thanks her for her support, love, and dedication to the Harwich Junior Theatre and the entire Zapple family over the years.

TRISTAN DIVINCENZO(*Costumes*) Tristan is so excited to spend time here with his friends at his favorite theater in the world - Cape Cod Theatre Company / Harwich Junior Theater. Tristan has helped create amazing experiences on nearly every stage on Cape Cod for the past 31 years. He would like to thank the staff and YOU the audiences that keep this very important place moving forward.

J HAGENBUCKLE (Sound Design) is producer, writer and director for Cape Noir Radio Theater, a weekly show on WOMR 92.1 fm Provincetown, in partnership with Cape Cod Theatre Company/HJT. All shows on demand at womr.org/podcast_category/cape-noir-radio-theater

MATTHEW KOHLER (Buddy) is CCTC/HJT's Technical Director. He is a founder of the New Classics Company in the Guyer Art Barn in Hyannis and teaches stagecraft at Cape Cod Community College. Matt worked with theatre companies and schools in Boston and throughout Massachusetts. He is a graduate of Keene State College with a BA in theatre and dance; concentrations in directing, design and technical theatre. Matt also performs on stage, most recently was his memorable Buddy in Elf the Musical at CCTC/HJT.

SAMANTHA WALKER (Stage Manager) is thrilled to be working on the production side of CCTC/HJT's *Boxcar Children*. She was last seen as Ms. Honey in CCTC/HJT's production of *Matilda* and has been in numerous productions over the years. Samantha is a teacher for CCTC/HJT and teaches first grade at Hyannis West Elementary. She continues to be an active member of the theatre and is blessed to be a part of her theatre family.

MARYBETH TRAVIS (Prop Master, Signage, Scenic Painting) happily has been applying he graphic arts, window dressing, and wild goose-chasing skills to sign painting, set dressing, and props at CCTC/HJT.

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August 4 -27; Wednesday and Friday Mornings at 10 AM presented by the Junior Players. By Aurand Harris and directed by James P. Byrne A delightful dramatization of the beloved Beatrix Potter's story of Peter Rabbit.

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