



## **Demi Lehman- Roxanna**

Demi Lehman is currently a first year student at the University of Georgia studying Theatre and Entertainment and Media Studies. Demi began participating in theatre when she was about eight years old and has performed in several productions throughout middle and high school and in local community theaters back at her home in Norcross, GA. Some of her favorite roles include Lucy in *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, Mrs. Tottendale in *The Drowsy Chaperone*, Martha in *High School Musical Jr.*, and Nadine in UGA Next Act's upcoming show *Wild Party*. She has also begun to step into the film scene acting in student short films and recently doing background work in shows such as *Ozark*. This is Demi's first show with Hands In! Presents and her first time ever learning American Sign Language. She would like to thank the cast and crew for their constant hard work and support, and she hopes you enjoy the show!



## **Emerson Shuster- *Princess Lilith***

Emerson is thrilled to be in her second show with Hands In! She was previously in Ever After as a Charming Chaser. Emerson is a third year student at the University of Georgia and has been learning sign language since her first semester. She wants to thank everyone for coming and supporting Hands In! and hopes you enjoy the show.



## Jacob Rynne- *Prince Henry*

Jacob Rynne is a recent graduate from UGA. Graduating with a Bachelor of Fine Arts, his most notable roles at UGA were Shylock in Shakespeare's *A Venince Merchant*, and his director showcase of *All Things Blue*. A stunt actor by trade, he's worked with Open Rover Pictures and Pinewood Studios. He's going to stunt school this summer to hone his craftmanship.



## **Jesse Hylton-Lemons-Link- Jesse**

Jesse Hylton-Lemons-Link is 32 and has resided in the Athens area for the past three years. He is part of the local Drag community and performs monthly with “The Athens Showgirl Cabaret” under the name Jasmine Antoinette. He has always loved the theatre and performing, however the addition of sign has been a thrilling new experience and taught him so much. Very proud to be a part of Hands In! and the amazing cast!



## **Sage Hylton-Lemons-Link- *King Oliver***

Sage is originally from Portland, Maine and moved to Athens three years ago. He graduated from Georgia State University with an A.A in American Sign Language and is currently pursuing a B.S. in Public Policy. This is his first show with Hands In Presents and he is grateful for the opportunity to participate in ASL theater with this group of amazing artists and new friends.



## Theresa Dearman- *Queen Jade*

Theresa has been involved interpreting with numerous productions including *Grease*, *Oklahoma*, and *West Side Story*. This is her first performance with Hands In! Theresa is a sign language interpreter with Northeast Georgia RESA. She is dedicating her performance in memory of her dad who recently passed away and in honor of her mom and her husband for their constant encouragement to reach for the stars.



## Debra Brenner- *Queen Lilac*

Debra co-founded and performed with the ASL theatrical troupe, Stage Hands, in the Atlanta area prior to relocating to Athens. As a certified Sign Language Interpreter, she is one of the few individuals to earn certification as an Artistic Sign Language Interpreter from the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf. She has performed with the Town and Gown Theater both onstage, costuming, and in various other capacities. She has thoroughly enjoyed her time working on this performance with Hands In!



## Brittany Cotton- *Witch*

This is Brittany's fourth show with Hands In! and she loves the variety of characters she's played with each production. You may recognize her from her roles as the Stepmother in *Ever After*, and Lil Jon in *Nottingham*.

She's enjoyed the experience of getting to know each of the different casts and learning more about Deaf culture and the importance of language accessibility. She's grateful for another opportunity to work with such a wonderful team!



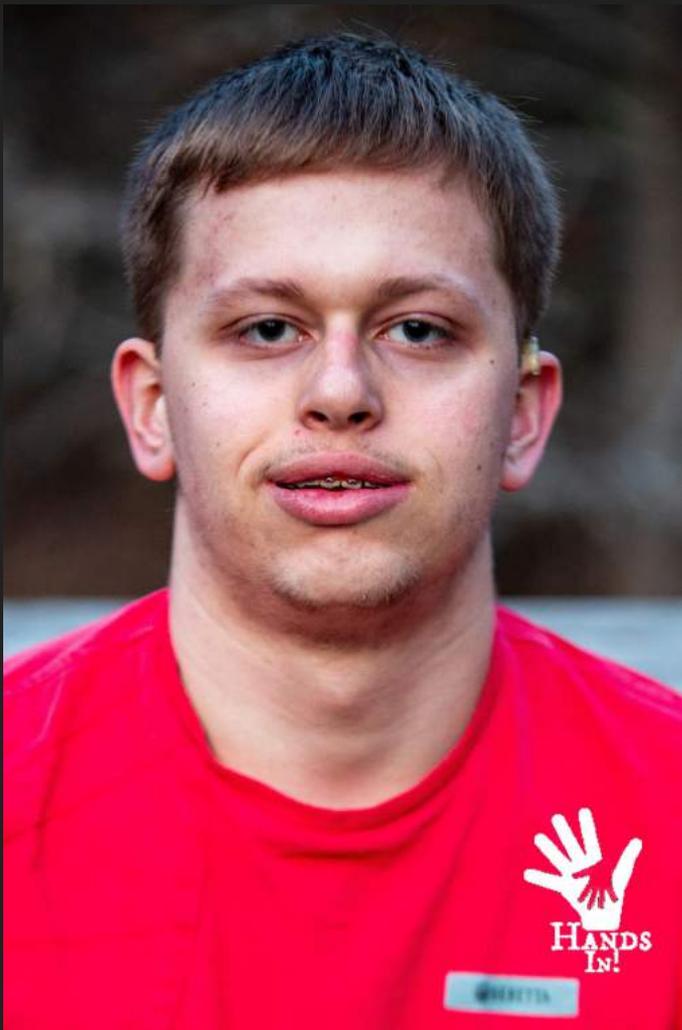
## **Ashley Gershon- *Bichrome Battalion***

Ashley Gershon is an 11 year old, 6<sup>th</sup> grade student at Clarke Middle school. This is Ashley's second show with Hands In! After being in the summer production of *Wanderland*. Ashley had also been in several plays at Athens Little Playhouse. Her hobbies include watching YouTube and hanging out with her dogs. She is looking forward to performing in *Polliwog Prince!*



## **Molly Gershon-Bichrome** *Battalion*

Molly Gerson is 15 years old and is Deaf. She is currently in 9<sup>th</sup> grade at Clarke Central High School. You may recognize Molly from Hands In!'s 2018 production of *Nottingham*. Her hobbies include participating in Athens Youth Peer Court and reading. Molly is excited about performing in *Polliwog Prince!*



## **Thomas Moody-*Bichrome Battalion***

Thomas Moody has participated in past Hands In! plays such as *Nottingham* and *Ever After*. He also is a part of his high school drama program with experience on the stage in both ASL and mainstream plays. He hopes that each and every one of you enjoys the Polliwog Prince!



## **Amberley Harris- *Bichrome Battalion***

Amberley is so happy to be working with Hands In! again this semester. She first joined Hands In! during the summer of 2019's production of *Wanderland* in the role of "Alice" and has since fallen in love with American Sign Language. She is a third year theatre major who most recently played Betty 1 in the Thalian Blackfriar's production of *Collective Rage: A Play in Five Betties*. She is also currently Assistant Directing *Shrek The Musical* through the UGA BCM. Amberley enjoys acting, directing, and both vocal and instrumental performance. She would like to thank Hands In! for their continued generosity, and her family and friends for their support.



## **Mariana Self- *Bichrome Battalion***

Mariana is 9 years old and likes to perform and put on shows for her family and friends in ASL and English. She likes to spend time with her family any chance she can. This is Mariana's second show with Hands In! and is very excited to be a part of it. She was previously cast in *Wanderland* as a kid, a butterfly, and a card. Mariana is stoked for this play and hopes you enjoy it!



## **Chloe Wise- *Bichrome Battalion***

Welcome to Chloe's fourth show with Hands In! Presents! Chloe Wise is a sophomore at the University of Georgia studying Special Education. Aside from her studies, Chloe has spent time in many roles in Hands In! Productions from voicing to dancing to being the iconic Trixie from Ever After! Chloe is also wrapping up her assistantship with Hands In! at the end of this show. Thank for coming and taking a chance on Hands In! and supporting accessibility for all!



## **Caroline Derucki- *Bichrome*** *Battalion*

Caroline has been studying ASL for eight years and this is her first Hands In! performance. She is a senior at the University of Georgia studying Communication Sciences and Disorders and Linguistics and hopes to go on to earn a PhD in Neurolinguistics. She is so happy to have been involved in this show and hopes you enjoy it!



## **Gena Hill- Voice**

Gena is a student at the University of Georgia. She has participated in many different shows since the 3rd grade in Savannah, GA, such as *Annie*, *Cinderella*, *The Wizard of Oz*, and more. However, she has never participated in a show using ASL! Gena has loved getting to learn a little bit of ASL through this production, making new friends, and getting back in to the theater world for a while!



## **Evander Baker- *Henry Voice & Bichrome Battalion***

Evander Baker is from Mount Vernon, Georgia and is performing in his second theatrical production with Hands In! Previously, he voiced in the Hands In! production of *Wanderland*, performed in Athens Creative Theatre's production of *The King and I* and *Newsies*, performed in Athens Musical Theatre Orchestra's production of *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, and and will perform in ACT's upcoming theatrical adaptation of the novel *Reawakening Rebekah*. As a student at Vidalia Comprehensive High School, he performed in show choir and participated in five GMEA All-State Chorus performances. Outside of theatre, he performs as a voice over artist and is the Environmental Health Specialist for the Madison County Health Department. He is excited to perform for the community today and hopes you will enjoy the show!



## **Anna Hillsman- *Voice***

Anna participated in musicals at her high school as a member of the ensemble and currently is a member of improvisational comedy group: Improv Athens. She is excited to lend her talents with her wacky voices as the Witch and Queen Lilac.



## Jeff Blankenship- *Voice*

Jeff is a middle school teacher, assistant football coach and church worship leader who enjoys woodworking and riding his tractor in his spare time. He is married to Dawn and has 2 children, Chris and Laura. Laura has also performed in past Hands In productions. Jeff has had numerous musical theatre roles including Uncle Max in the Sound of Music and various church productions. His debut with Hands In was voicing in the production of Nottingham. Jeff is excited to be joining the team again voicing in The Polliwog Prince and hopes you enjoy the show.



## Killian Ross- Voice

Killian Ross is excited to perform in her second show with Hands In! after voicing for the Queen of Hearts, Ms. Carol, and the Dormouse in *Wanderland*. She also has been in numerous productions with Town and Gown Players, most recently *Starstruck* (Krabian) and *Urinetown: The Musical* (Soupy Sue). She also enjoys painting and tap dancing, but not at the same time (yet). Thank you to Haley and Amara for creating these wonderful, fun learning opportunities; the cast for working so hard; and you, the audience, for supporting accessible theatre!