

# CHRISTMAS CHORISTERS





# Emma Brandon

Emma Brandon is returning to the NALC cast for the second time! She enjoys riding her horse, spending time with her dog, and playing volleyball with her friends. Emma hopes you will have a merry Christmas and a peace filled New Year!



# Luke Brandon

Luke Brandon is back again! This is round two with the NALC cast, and he's loving it! Luke loves working on the crew of his dad's landscaping business. He loves airsoft, sports cars, and hanging out with friends. Luke hopes you all will have a Merry Christmas!



## Melissa Brandon

Melissa is excited to be a part of this wonderful Christmas tradition for the fourth time! Her favorite thing about the show is the incredible people she meets in the cast, and how together they can offer a joyful and meaningful experience to our community. She hopes this season will be a blessing to you and we celebrate Jesus, the hope of Christmas!



## Rob Brandon

Rob is a father of four, and a local businessman.

He is very active in local ministries and discipleship. He is excited to be a part of this Christmas show for the fourth time, and the opportunity to share the hope of Christ at Christmas with this wonderful group of people



# Lily Ann Chiarizio

Lily Ann Chiarizio is delighted to be a part of Need A Little Christmas CDA! Her most recent performance was as a Villager in Cinderella. She has also student-directed several shows, including The Rise of Robin Hood and Mary Poppins. Lily Ann is homeschooled and in 10th grade, and when she's not performing, she enjoys Irish step dance, rock climbing, and listening to musicals (and sometimes singing along very loudly). She would like to thank her family for being so supportive!



# Michaela Chiarizio

Michaela Chiarizio has loved the stage since the age of 4, when she first appeared as a mouse in the ensemble of *The Lion King*. At 6, she delighted audiences along side her sister with her performance of *I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas*. Now, 13, Michaela continues to enjoy theater while also pursuing her many other interests, including crocheting, Irish dance, and making matcha lattes. She is the second of seven children and recently moved with her family from Tyler, Texas, to northern Idaho.



# Rae Ann Fritsche

Rae Ann is delighted to return for her third year as a Chorister in *Need a Little Christmas*. She began performing at age 11 as Pepper in *Annie* (Coeur d'Alene Summer Theatre, 1983) and appeared in numerous productions throughout the Spokane area during her youth. After a long hiatus, Rae Ann rediscovered her love of music in 2021 and now studies at Monitz Vocal Studio. She currently sings Alto 1 with Chorale Coeur d'Alene. Offstage, Rae Ann works as the Accounting Manager in the Kootenai County Auditor's Office. She also enjoys traveling and camping with her husband, Scott, and their two Boston Terriers, as well as crocheting and knitting. She is deeply grateful to her husband and family for their support—and to Jesus for redeeming her life.



## Joel Griffin

Joel is delighted to be experiencing his first time performing with TOCNW in Need a Little Christmas, after having attended it the previous two years! Joel has been involved with Church and Choral singing with South Coast Christian Assembly, The Welsh Choir of Southern California, along with performances in Handel's Messiah with the Music Conservatory of Coeur d'Alene, and ongoing performances with the Chorale Coeur d'Alene, and is looking forward to expanding opportunities to serve the public in the North Idaho area.



# Addison Hemphill

Addison is thrilled to join Need a Little Christmas for her first year! A longtime fan of the show, she's excited to take the stage. With five years of dance experience and numerous theater productions through school and CYT, she's ready to shine.



# Tiffany Hemphill

This is Tiffany's first year in Need a Little Christmas! Having watched the show numerous times, she's thrilled to join this wonderful Christmas production alongside her daughter. With a background in choirs and theater from her youth, Tiffany is eager to make this her first stage performance. Having known the Taylor family since her high school choir days, she's excited to join them in this heartwarming show. She is so grateful to her family for their love and support!



# Aaralyn Hill

Aaralyn is a sophomore in high-school. She performs with a choir and jazz choir along with musical theater with HMM. Most recently, Little Women. Her favorite thing to do is to sing and plans on furthering her education.



## Olivia Hill

This is Olivia's second year doing Need a Little Christmas. She loves doing dance and theater. She also does shows with Expressions and HMM Productions along with school plays. She is super excited to perform this year and all upcoming years with Need a Little Christmas!



# Shelby Hill

Shelby Hill is excited to be returning to the Need A Little Christmas stage for her second year as an elf. She enjoys theater and has been a part of How Much More's productions of Beauty and the Beast, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and Cinderella. Shelby is currently a 7th grader at Waymaker Christian Academy and is looking forward to performing for you once again. She hopes you enjoy the show and have a very Merry Christmas!!



## Drew Hubbell

Drew is excited to be part of Need a Little Christmas this season! He's usually found behind a piano, guitar, or drum set, making music whenever he gets the chance. A former competitive swimmer, Drew now spends his summers lifeguarding for Spokane County Pools. He's currently a high school junior, having fun with great friends and embracing the freedom that comes with a driver's license (watch out, world!). He's grateful to share the stage with such a talented cast—enjoy the show!



## Jaden Knudsen

Jaden is relatively new to musical theater, having appeared with *Need A Little Christmas* the last two years. He loves learning and looks forward to finding more opportunities to participate in more local productions in the future!



## Lyra Johnson

Lyra Johnson is very excited to be apart of this year's rendition of Need A Little Christmas! She is playing various roles and is so thankful for this opportunity as she strives to one day be on Broadway. She wants to thank all her friends and family who have supported her through her theater journey



# Marla Landis

Marla feels so blessed to be joining the Need a little Christmas family this year. At age 7, she started performing in church plays/musicals where she developed her love for singing/performing. In 2016, she graduated from Portland State University with a bachelor's degree in music with a vocal performance emphasis. She has performed for multiple theater and opera companies all around the PNW as well as The Portland Singing Christmas tree. After a long break, a big move to North Idaho with her husband and dog in 2021, she found her passion for singing again by joining the worship team at her church, Calvary Rathdrum. She finds no greater joy than singing for Jesus. In her spare time, she enjoys cooking, camping, snowboarding and watching football (Go Pack Go!).



# Dawn Lagace

Hello, my name is Dawn Lagace and I enjoy music, singing and laughing!

While I have sung in various church groups and choirs over the years (I currently sing on the Sunday morning worship team at Mountain View Bible Church with Rick & Beth Taylor) this is my first time singing and participating in a production.

I am very excited, nervous and blessed to have been given this opportunity.