

The  
NoneSuch Playmakers  
present

# NEARLY GRIMM TALES

by Brack Llewellyn  
based on an idea by  
Angela Llewellyn

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May 17-19 2024

## Our Cast *in order of appearance*

The Narrator: **LESLIE WATTS**  
 The Stage Manager: **JESSICA LLEWELLYN WOOD**  
 Jack's Mother: **AVA CHRISMON**  
 Red Riding Hood: **ALYSSA MITCHEM**  
 Krasna, a Wolf: **SUSAN LAWRENCE\***  
 Jack: **ROWAN BUNTON**  
 Prince Sebastian Steadfast: **CHRIS POWELL**  
 Snow White: **BILLIE SMITH**  
 Sleeping Beauty: **ANGELA BRYANT**  
 Ormery, the Eighth Dwarf: **ROY FLINCHUM**  
 Gretel: **KEZIA BRYANT**  
 Hansel: **JONAS BRYANT**  
 Gingerbread Hag, a Witch: **BRISTOL MITCHEM\***  
 Donkey: **TOBY BUNTON**  
 Dog: **LILY THOMAS**  
 Cat: **JESSICA LLEWELLYN WOOD**  
 Rooster: **NATALY AVALOS\***  
 Queen Scarlett: **MADISON MALLORY**  
 King Tim: **BRIAN GREENE**  
 Page: **NOEL BRYANT**  
 Madame Ni Ni Ping Shrubbery: **DAWN EASTER**  
 Voice of the Giant: **COLE GENTRY**

*\* indicates a newcomer to the NoneSuch Playmakers*

## Meet the Cast of Nearly Grimm Tales



**Nataly Avalos (Rooster)** first started working backstage at her church in 2016, but she officially debuted at the Early College in 2021. This is her first play with the NoneSuch Playmakers. Nataly is a senior at Surry Early College High School. She will be graduating this May with her High School Diploma and Associate in Arts.

**Angela Bryant (OA) (Sleeping Beauty)** is the proud mother of five very talented and wonderful children and the wife of the equally talented and wonderful Lane Bryant. She's thrilled to be doing another play with her NoneSuch family. While not performing, you may find OA with her head in a book, chasing the aforementioned children, or running around like a chicken with no head at Lowe's. Note that if you must throw food at the cast, kindly direct all apples to Snow White. Please enjoy the show.



**Jonas Bryant (Hansel)** Though I stand in mire, I can see distinct fire.

**Kezia Bryant (Gretel)** is an aspiring author and artist who made her NoneSuch debut in Uncle Charlie's Christmas Carol as Belinda Cratchit. Like any 13-year-old girl, Kezia enjoys Tom Lehrer, crepes, tea parties and intense philosophical psychological and historical debates on such random topics as whether there is any "right and wrong."



**Noel Bryant (The Page)** has enjoyed working with NoneSuch on and off for over 10 years. She is happy to share the stage with her mom (Angela Bryant), Cool Dude brother (Jonas Bryant), and Super Mega Cool sister (Kezia Bryant). She enjoys fish, crocheting, silly video games, and spending time with her boyfriend. Today she plays the role of "Page" and thanks you for coming to the show. TLDR; Noel is a thoroughly alright and decent fellow.

**Rowan Bunton (Jack)** is a sophomore at Mt. Airy High School. Among his other accomplishments, Rowan is cofounder of the Mt. Airy Chess Club at the Mount Airy Public Library. He has participated in local theatre as a member of the Always Deweys and the NoneSuch Playmakers since 2019.



**Toby Bunton (Donkey)** was born in Mount Airy, NC, but has deep roots in the mountains of east Tennessee. His poems reflect his mountain heritage and blue-collar upbringing. Toby loves writing about tin roofs, rusty chains, and his family. His poetry has appeared in multiple print publications across North Carolina. Toby also loves to act and perform with NoneSuch Playmakers when they will have him! He is a graduate of UNCG with a degree in English. He is married and has two children.





**Ava Chrismon** (*Jack's Mother*) has been involved in theater for five years. Her first production as a NoneSucher was "Uncle Charlie's Christmas Carol" in 2022. Most recently, Ava appeared in the SECHS production of "Dracula." She plans to do more plays with the Playmakers as a major creative outlet for her, and she enjoys meeting new people from the experience. Later this year, Ava will make her debut as a director for a production of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever." She attends the Surry Early College and plans to major in psychology. Outside of theater, Ava likes to spend her time with friends, travel and play games.

**Dawn Easter** (*Madame Ni Ni Ping Shrubbery*) has been active in theater for many years. She has been a proud member of the NoneSuch Playmakers for more than a decade and has been in several productions. Dawn is originally from Mt Airy and has traveled all over the world but knows there's no place like home. She is retired and enjoys spending time with her soon to be husband and their two poodles. She also has two adult children that she is immensely proud of. Dawn's hobbies include working in her yard and caring for her ridiculous amounts of house plants. Also, she enjoys painting, thrift stores and all things paranormal. After a diagnosis of Functional Neurological Disorder (FND), Dawn is very passionate about awareness of this little known yet debilitating disease. Dawn is very thankful for her supportive family, friends and members of NoneSuch Playmakers for all their love and encouragement in life and theater.



**Roy Flinchum** (*Ornery*) was rocketed from the doomed planet Th' ayter. Roy's small rocket crashed to earth and was found by the NoneSuch Playmakers. Raised by a group of Thespians, Roy grew very old and uses his minimal powers to fight for Comedy, Drama and Pathos.

**Cole Gentry** (*Voice of the Giant*) has been a proud NoneSucher since 2011. He was born and raised in Surry County, but as life would have it... he has moved out of North Carolina and traveled to California to pursue his lifelong dream of telling jokes on the internet! He has been waiting for his long awaited "return" to the stage... and unfortunately he must continue to wait while he cheers on his fellow NoneSuchers all the way from Los Angeles. Here he comically plays the voice of the Giant... even though he hasn't grown an inch since Grade 8. Enjoy the show!



**Brian Greene** (*King Tim*) has been acting (if you can call it that) with the Llewellyn clan for 30 years. This is his third time playing a King, so he hopes to get it right this time so he can move on to playing characters like trolls or murderous barbers. He is the webmaster for NonesuchPlaymakers.com. If Brian starts rambling about things being very bad, that means he forgot his lines!!

**Susan Lawrence** (*Krasna the Wolf*) has been involved with various theaters for the past 24 years. Some of her favorite roles include June Sanders in *Smoke on the Mountain* and a gargoyle in the *Hunchback of Notre Dame*. She is excited to perform in her first role with NoneSuch Playmakers as *Krasna the Wolf*! She has varying hobbies including baking, raising cats, anything horror related, and finally learning to ride a bike. She would like to thank her mom for encouraging her to continue with theater as well as Brack for creating such amazing stories and giving her the opportunity to bring a character to life.



**Jessica Llewellyn Wood** (*Stage Manager/Cat*) began her journey with the NoneSuch Playmakers in 2009 alongside her cousins Brack and Angela Llewellyn. Some of her favorite roles include "Annelle" in *Steel Magnolias*, *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten* & dancing in *Céilidhs*. She is more comfortable using her organizational skills behind the scenes as the stage manager. Outside of theatre she has the most loving family. Her husband, the love of her life, Sean. Her daughters, Alex, Eryn & Emma. Her parents, Cleve and Vicki. She has an amazing church family and is very active in her church where she teaches a children's class. She thanks God for this incredible life and the wonderful friends she has made throughout the years as a NoneSucher. Most of all she is thankful for the time spent with her partner in all shenanigans. Angela, until we meet again, I'll lock my doors.

**Madison Mallory** (*Queen Scarlett*) started her theatre career in 2014 as a Dewey Decimal Player, and has been with the NoneSuch Playmakers since 2015. She minored in Theatre at NC State University, and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Communications with a concentration in digital media in 2020. A few of her favorite roles over the years being with the Deweys and NoneSuch are *Stevil* from *How to Make Monsters and Friends*, One of *Dracula's Wives* in *Dracula*, *Audrey Quick* in *Hicksville*, and *Sophie Reinhardt* from *Stop the Press*. She sends all the love to her family, and the family she has found with the NoneSuch Playmakers.





**Alyssa Mitchem** (*Red Riding Hood*) has been in theatre since her debut with the Dewey Decimal Players in 2017. She has been working with the Nonesuch Playmakers since 2019. She loved working with Angela in and outside of the theatre. One of her fondest memories of Angela was helping her decorate for Halloween, which was Angela's favorite time of year. Angela and Brack's knowledge and guidance was the driving force for her love of Theater. Outside of the theatre she enjoys listening to music, hanging with her friends and family, and playing with her dog Groot. Alyssa currently attends the Surry Early College High School and intends to graduate with an associate in sciences and then major in chemistry.

**Bristol Mitchem** (*Gingerbread Hag*) is new to the stage but she has been a supporter of the Nonesuch Playmakers for several years. She is excited to join this amazing cast that includes her daughter Alyssa Mitchem. Originally from the mountains of West Virginia she moved to Mount Airy as a senior in high school. She is the mother of a teenager daughter and two grown sons. In addition, she is the proud grandparent of four wonderful grandchildren.



**Dr. Chris Powell** (*Prince Sebastian*) has been a proud NoneSucher for 22 years. He was raised in Surry County where he practices pharmacy and performs with his band Pen-N-Carol. He'd like to thank his mother Diane, his daughter Kayleigh, his girlfriend Krista, his friends, and his fellow NoneSuchers for their incredible support and challenging opportunities.

**Billie Smith** (*Snow White*) has been a member of the NoneSuch Playmakers for over a decade. She is so excited to be type cast as a princess in this show. Some of her favorite roles include "Truvy" of Steel Magnolias, "Karen" from Charlie America and "Nina" from The Christmas House. She wants to thank her husband Darren and daughter Adella for putting up with her crazy schedule and all her hobbies like theater, collecting farm animals and volunteering for everything. Thanks to Brack for all his dedication to this group and keeping theater alive in our community.



**Lily Thomas** (*Dog*) is a proud member of both the Always Deweys and the NoneSuch Playmakers. She was last seen on stage in the role of "Dr. Seward" in the SECHS production of Dracula. Off the boards, Lily is a student at the Surry Early College and an aspiring artist. She sends her best wishes to her fellow cast members. Break a leg, all!



**Leslie Watts** (*The Narrator*) started her theatre career at 15 with the Dewey Decimal Players making her debut in the original version of Nearly Grimm Tales and was adopted into The NoneSuch Playmakers crew not long after. She continued on to study theatre in college and won an award for "Best Actress in a Supporting Role" for her role in her University's production of Peter and the Starcatcher. Some of Leslie's favorite roles with Nonesuch have been "Quinn Bennet" in The Case of the Disappearing Doctor, "Mrs. Cratchit" in A Christmas Carol, and "Erica Benes" in A Process of Elimination. When Leslie isn't acting or working, she enjoys cuddling with her cats, going to concerts, or curling up with a good book. Leslie would like to give a very special thank you to Brack and Angela Llewellyn for always supporting and encouraging her in everything she does and for teaching her so much not only about theatre and acting, but about life and love as well.

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## Production Team

Stage Manager: Jessica Llewellyn Wood

Costume Coordinator: Angela Bryant

Special Costume Assistance: Susan Lawrence  
and the Cast

Props: The Cast

Lights/Sound: Sean Wood, Brack Llewellyn

Makeup Design: Lily Thomas

Makeup: Leslie Watts, Susan Lawrence,  
Kezia Bryant, Dawn Easter

Beanstalk Design: Brian Greene, Roy Flinchum, Ken White

Beanstalk Construction: Brian Greene, Roy Flinchum,  
Ken White, Sean Wood

Stage Ninjas: Patti Bunton, Ken White

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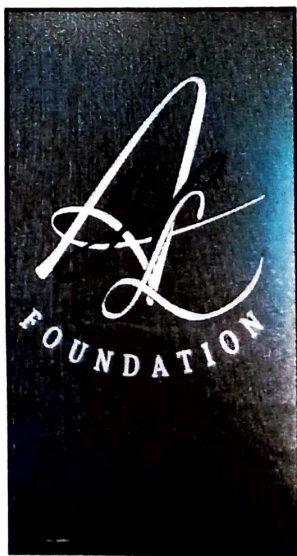
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*This NoneSuch Playmakers production is dedicated to the memory of NoneSuch Co-Founder and Dewey Decimal Players founder Angela Hudson Llewellyn (1965-2023.)*



The Angela H. Llewellyn Foundation has been established to fund scholarships for local college-bound students pursuing degrees in the performing arts, visual arts, writing, and library science. A portion of tonight's proceeds will go toward this fund.