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Beechmont Players announce musical cast

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Beechmont Players will perform the family-friendly summer musical, "Jack and the Giant," Aug. 6-14, with the book by Vera Morris, music and lyrics by Bill Francoeur.

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In "Jack and the Giant," the giant is making life pretty miserable for Jack, his mother and the entire kingdom. And where does Jack go? That's right! Jack goes up the beanstalk and into the castle where he not only fights Gogmagog, the giant, but the malicious Troll as well.

McNicholas student Max Kamphaus, a veteran of Beechmont's "My Emperor's New Clothes," returns to the Beechmont stage as the not-very-practical but very brave hero Jack. Grady Lehman, last seen in Beechmont's "Hyronomous A. Frog, the Frog Prince," portrays Jack's discouraged mother.

Beechmont favorite Vernon Burns, last seen in Beechmont's spring production of "Speaking in Tongues," portrays Miss Priss, a cow with attitude. Laura Boggs, who most recently portrayed Billie in Beechmont's fall production of "Unnecessary Farce," is Jack's sister Susan.

Beechmont audiences will remember Bean-seller Sharon Ann Shelton from her role as Domina in Beechmont's production of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" and also as the director of last winter's very successful "Messiah on the Frigidaire."

Beechmont regular James Ball is returning to the stage as High Sheriff Dumdum after roles in Beechmont's "Tom, Dick and Harry" and "The Confidence Man." Newcomer Bryce Willson creates the character of the not-quite-sharp-as-a-tack Scarecrow. Geoff Amann, Susie Hurst, Donna Surber and Benjamin Minney portray the poor, but hopeful villagers.

Abby Winternitz returns to the Beechmont stage as dutiful daughter Princess Tulip after performing with the Children's choir in Beechmont's summer blockbuster "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." Regular Joodi Archer portrays her mother, Good Queen Violet. Garry R. Hohnacker is Sir Stumble Mumble who... well... stumbles and mumbles.

Steve Phelan tackles the role of the terrible giant Gogmagog. Tommy Galvin, a Beechmont regular is the nasty Troll. Lynne Aronson, veteran of Beechmont productions including "This Must Be the Place," is the Wiggle-Waggle making Housekeeper. Rebecca Wiesman, seen most recently on the Beechmont stage in "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" and "Grease" is the giant's Cook and Caitlin Ingram, who was also in "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" is her assistant, the busy, busy Kitchen Girl.



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Rebecca Krausser is the Harp in Beechmont's production of "Jack and the Giant" that runs Aug. 6-14 at the Anderson Center Theater at 7850 Five Mile Road in Anderson.

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Beechmont regular Dave Cooley, seen as Hyronomous A. Frog among other roles along with veteran community theater performer Liz Ingram, ECU student Maggie Ingram and Amber Lutes (new to the Beechmont stage) help to satisfy Gogmagog's giant appetite in the kitchen. Local communitarian Sheila Mudd Baker makes her Beechmont debut as the Chicken, and Rebecca Krausser, most recently seen in Beechmont's "Speaking in Tongues," is the beautiful singing Harp who can lull the Giant to sleep.

"Jack and the Giant" is directed by founding Beechmont member Larry Behymer with assistance from Beechmont board member Carolyn Lipchik. "Jack and the Giant" is produced by Pam Kaesemeyer and Donna Surber, with musical direction by Faye Crawford and choreography by Pam Blessing.

Beechmont's production of the family-friendly musical "Jack and the Giant" runs Aug. 6-14 with evening performances at 8 p.m. Aug. 6, 7, 13 and 14 and matinees at 3 p.m. Aug. 8 and 14. All performances are at the Anderson Center Theater at 7850 Five Mile Road in Anderson Township.

To order tickets visit www.beechmontplayers.org or call BEECHMT (233-2468). Tickets are \$12 for general admission and \$10 for seniors and students.

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