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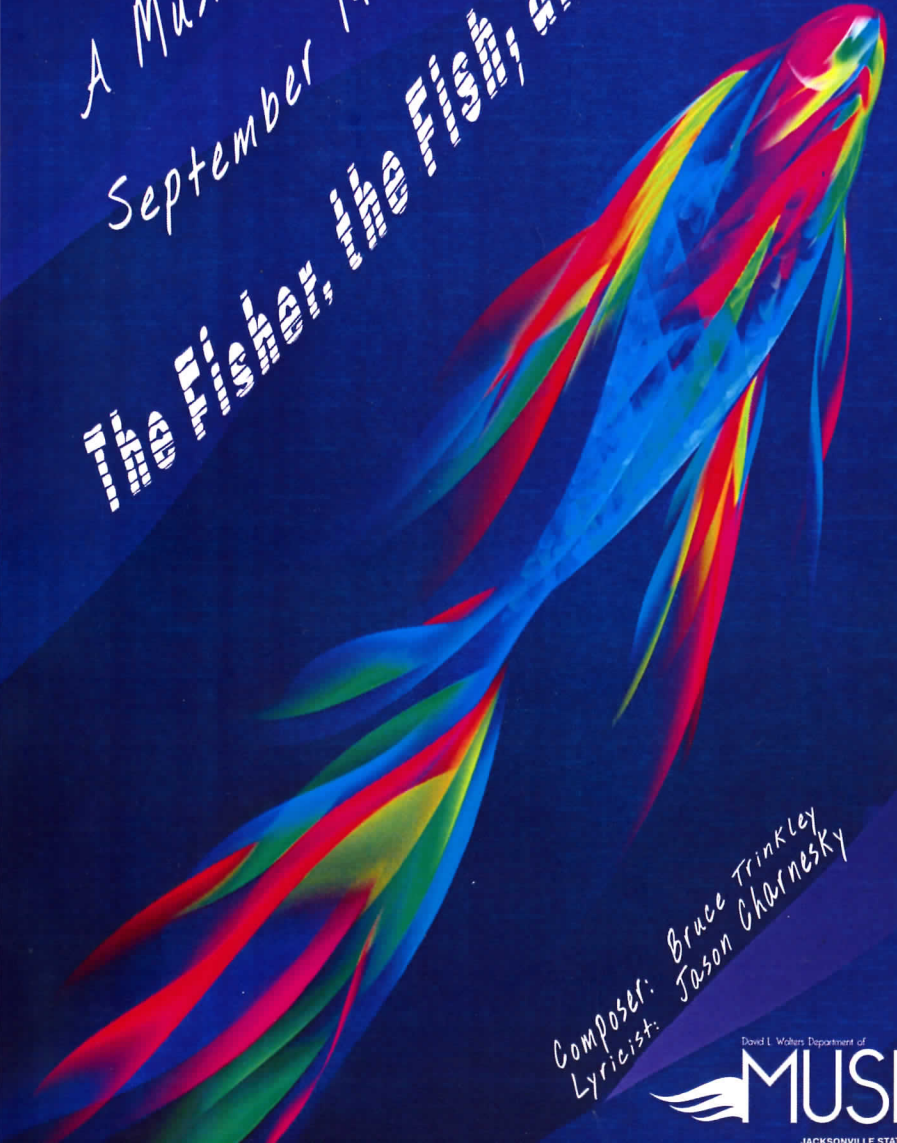
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*A Musical for Children  
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The Fishes, the Fish, and the Wife*



*Composer: Bruce Trinkley  
Lyricist: Jason Charnesky*

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Maid/Press Secretary/Speaker of the House ..... Christina Booker  
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Ellen Abney (Gertrude) is a native of Tallapoosa Georgia in her third year at Jacksonville State University. She is a vocal music education major studying with Teresa Stricklin. This is Ellen's second production with JOT. She was previously the Notary in *The Sorcerer*. Outside of JOT Ellen has previously been seen as Rizzo in *Grease*, Tin Man in *The Wizard of Oz*, Ruth in *Pirates of Penzance*, and Winthrop in *The Music Man*. Ellen is a member of A Cappella choir, Chamber Singers, Encore! Show Choir, the Marching Southerners, and Sigma Alpha Iota: an international professional music fraternity for women.



Christina Booker (Chorus), a Senior Vocal Music Education major from Madison, Alabama, is studying voice with Mrs. Teresa Stricklin. This is her fifth production with JOT. Ms. Booker has been seen in *Iolanthe* (chorus), HMS Pinafore (Cousin Hebe), *Daniel and the Dreamcatcher* (Amanda/Ameliora), and *The Sorcerer* (Aline). She has also performed in the musical theater production *Hello Dolly* (Chorus). Christina is a member of the JSU A Cappella Choir and Chamber Singers where she has served as section leader for three years, and she is a member of Sigma Alpha Iota International Women's Music Fraternity where she is Music Chair.



Kaylon Gilley (Tybalt) is a senior at Jacksonville State University pursuing a degree in Music Education. His appearances with JOT include Chorus Member in *Iolanthe*, The Boatswain in *H.M.S. Pinafore*, Daniel in *Daniel and The Dream Catcher*, Kit Raccoon I in *In a Garden*, and Alexis in *The Sorcerer*. While attending JSU, Kaylon has received the Outstanding Freshman Music Student Award, performed as a soloist in several concerts, and placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in his division at the Alabama NATS competition in 2011. He thanks God for these exciting opportunities. Kaylon is the Minister of Music at Fairview Heights

Northside Baptist Church.



Kaitlyn Graves (Chorus) is a vocal music education major studying with Mrs. Teresa Stricklin. She is from Tuscaloosa, AL and transferred to JSU from Shelton State Community College, where she studied under Mrs. Glinda Blackshear. This is Kaitlyn's second production with Jacksonville Opera Theatre. She made her debut as the Princess in *The Princess and the Pea* in the fall of 2011. She is a member of the JSU A Cappella choir and Chamber Singers. Kaitlyn is also a sister of Sigma Alpha Iota, an international professional music fraternity for women. Kaitlyn is excited to be a part of JOT.



Meg Griffin (Stephano) is a recent JSU graduate, from Carrollton, Ga. She studied piano and voice, and she was a member of Encore!, A Cappella Choir, and Chamber Singers. She has been in several JOT productions, including *Pirates of Penzance*, *Iolanthe*, *St. George and the Dragon*, *H.M.S. Pinafore*, *Daniel and the Dreamcatcher*, *In A Garden*, and *The Sorcerer*. Meg has also appeared in several JSU drama musical productions, including, *Seussical! the Musical*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Sweeney Todd*, and *Beauty and the Beast*. Currently, Meg is a graduate assistant, and actively accompanying, in the David L. Walters Department of Music.



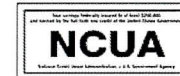
David W. Lawshe (Capulet) is a lyric baritone from Columbiana, AL. David is a Vocal Music Education Major at JSU. While performing with JOT David has played the roles of The Magistrate in *Signour Deluso*, Mr. Schofield in *A Question of Taste*, and a chorus member in *Down in the Valley*. David has performed with Alabama Operaworks as the Baritone in *What's So Grand About Opera?* He has also been a featured soloist in Handel's *Messiah* at the First Baptist Church of Columbiana and Southminster Presbyterian Church and a featured singer with MCCA. David studies voice with Dr. Nathan Wight.



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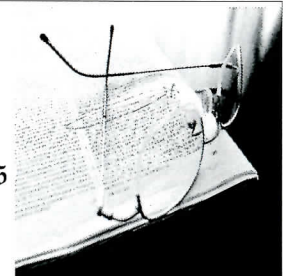
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