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A stylized tree logo with a circular canopy. The trunk is a vertical line, and the branches are horizontal lines extending to the left and right. The canopy is a solid circle. The tree is positioned behind the word 'TREE' in the title.

A TREE
with arms
By James Saba

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A Tree With Arms Cast

Jeremy	Kaleb Dennis
Corky	Ian McGovern
Finch	Gabriel Breaux
Tara	Hayden DeWitt
Bree	Jacynda Santiago
Ruthie	Ava Gifford
Joel	Matthew-David Breaux
Brock	Ben Cann-Dusenberry
Lindsey	Audrey Schuller
Katie	Alison Keeler
Alex	Gabe Wagner

Time: Present Day

Place: Two suburban backyards

There will be a 15-minute intermission between Acts.

Act I

Scene 1	One summer morning
Scene 2	One hour later
Scene 3	That afternoon
Scene 4	That evening at dusk

ACT II

Scene 1	Same day, after dark
Scene 2	The next morning
Scene 3	Later that day
Scene 4	That evening
Scene 5	The next morning
Scene 6	Minutes later

Production Team

Director	Cheryl Clark
Stage Manager	Katelyn Hockemeyer
Director's Assistants	Parents of the Cast
Set Design	Cheryl Clark, Thomas Foster
Set Construction	Thomas Foster
Set Painting	Karly Good, Nicole Titus, Al Witte
Light & Sound Operator	Dawn Hockemeyer
Program	Lynn Arterburn
Marketing	Joel Anderson, Doug Arterburn, Lynn Arterburn, Sharon Dallmann, Adam Haselhuhn, Nicole Titus, Rebekah Tuttle, Barb Wagner
Logo Design	Rebekah Tuttle

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Cast Biographies



Gabriel Joseph Breaux (Finch) is going to be a 3rd grader in the fall and attends homeschool. He is an Ankeny resident along with his brother (Joel in the play!), two sisters, and his parents. Gabriel has not been in a play before. When he has free time, he spends it reading and playing video games and board games. How about a game of Battleship?



Matthew David Breaux (Joel) resides in Ankeny with his parents, one brother (Finch in this play!) and two sisters. He has just completed 5th grade as a homeschooler. *A Tree With Arms* will be his first opportunity to act. In his spare time, Matthew David enjoys building with Legos, watching youtube videos, and spending time with his family.



Ben Cann-Dunsenberry (Brock) is busy with Cub Scouts, camping, fishing, cooking, reading, playing video games, and watching movies. He will be a 4th grader this fall and lives in Ankeny with his parents and a cat and dog. His grandparents live in the Quad Cities. Ben has done skits with his Cub Scout groups but this is his first time acting in a play. He is very excited to be playing Brock and can't wait to try out for more plays.



Kaleb Dennis (Jeremy) played the part of Baby Jesus when he was five weeks old but is pleased that the role of Jeremy has lines. He lives in Ankeny with his parents, two brothers, one sister, two dogs, three cats, and a bunny (Fletcher, who is making his first stage appearance!). Kaleb will be a 4th grader at Southeast Elementary this fall. He likes to play hockey and video games and spend time with his family and friends.

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Hayden DeWitt (Tara) is making her theatre debut with *A Tree With Arms!* She lives in Ankeny with her dad, Matt, and mom, Krista, and two sisters, Makenzie and Charlotte. Hayden will be starting 5th grade in the fall at Prairie Trail Elementary School. Some of her favorite activities include palying softball, drawing, and playing video games. She has just started a youtube channel.



Ava Gifford (Ruthie) has a younger brother, Luke, and they live in Ankeny with their parents, Travis and Amy. Ava is going into 4th grade this fall at Prairie Trail Elementary. This play is Ava's first stage appearance. She enjoys doing crafts, spending time with animals, riding her bike, and playing with her friends and family.



Alison Keeler (Katie) lives in Bondurant with her parents, Jen and Bert, Kimi (a Siberian Husky), and Ozzie (a gray tiger cat). She has just finished her 4th grade year at Anderson Elementary in Bondurant. Alison recently appeared in *The Pirates of Penznce Jr.* at CAP Theatre in Altoona. She has performed at two ISU football game half-time shows and enjoys drawing, singing, and reading.



Ian McGovern (Corky) will be entering 5th grade in the fall at Grandview Christian School. He lives in Ankeny with his mom, dad, and sister, Moira. Ian has been on the ACT stage before, in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. Ian appeared last spring in the Des Moines Playhouse's *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe*. When not on the stage, he likes to play games - another Battleship player, perhaps!

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Jacynda Santiago (Bree) lives with her mom, dad, a brother, and a sister in Ankeny where she recently completed 5th grade at Southeast Elementary. She has attended ACT Summer Drama Camps since she was in Kindergarten. Jacynda would like to be an actress or a movie director someday. Her hobbies include playing The Sims, making crafts, watching youtube videos, and acting.



Audrey Schuller (Lindsey), along with her two sisters (Mallory and Courtney) and a cat, lives with her parents, Tony and Erin, in Ankeny. She will be a 4th grader this fall at Southeast Elementary. Audrey is VERY EXCITED about being in *A Tree With Arms*, her first theatre experience! Audrey likes to bake and cook, color and draw, boat, play with friends, dance, and do anything outdoors.



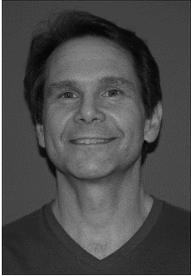
Gabe Wagner (Alex) lives in Ankeny with his parents, John and Amity, and his sister, Landry. He just finished 5th grade at East Elementary. Gabe has been in musicals with the children's choir at Ankeny First United Methodist Church and has attended ACT Summer Drama Camp. When not on stage, Gabe plays drums at school and with the Worship Team at Ankeny First. He enjoys rock climbing, camping, cooking, and playing with his friends.



Cheryl Clark (Director) has been active in theater for over forty years, filling many roles both onstage and off. One of the best parts about theater is passing this passion on to the next generation - her three daughters appeared with her onstage many times. One of her grandchildren, Kaleb, is giving the stage a try in this play and she hopes to get the other three involved soon! Cheryl and her husband, Max, live in Des Moines, and she works for Iowa State University Extension.

Spotlight on Volunteers

Our volunteers are the heart and life of ACT. We could not survive without them. During this show, ACT would like to thank John Claes for his contributions to ACT.



John's face is a familiar one to many ACT patrons from the numerous roles he's played on our stage since 1994 when he first appeared in *Our Town*. Notable roles include George Bailey in *It's a Wonderful Life* (2005), Jesus in *Godspell* (2007), Pseudolous in *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* (2014) and, most recently, Joe Preston in *Musical Chairs*. John has served as President of the

ACT Board of Directors as well as the Secretary and the Grants and Fundraising Chair. He is often seen working concessions with another valued ACT volunteer and actress, his lovely wife Anne. He has served as usher and box office person. This summer will be John's fourth year as a lead instructor for ACT's Summer Youth Drama Camps.

John is the Directory of Philanthropy and Corporate Relations at Lutheran Services in Iowa. He and Anne have a daughter, Katherine, who has also performed on the ACT stage. ACT is grateful for the time and energy that John has given to help ACT in its endeavor to be a success. Thank you, John!

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