



Youth Ensemble Theatre Inc.

Presents:

# SHE KILLS MONSTERS



Young Adventurers Edition

by Qui Nguyen



**June 21st - June 30th**

**Tempe Center for the Arts**

**Directed by Dale Nakagawa**

**Stage Managed by Alexis Nomorosa**

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**Playwright:**

Qui Nguyen

**Director:**

Dale Nakagawa

**Assistant Director:**

Madelyn Myres

*with*

Lily Anderson  
Mya Blackshear  
Phelix Bowen  
NJ Burton  
Charlotte Christman-Russell  
Lily Croxton

Morgan Dos Santos  
Tobias Guisto  
Bella Johnson  
Asher Johnston  
Ella Kenney  
Simone Krich  
Grace Nyberg

Oli Pearson  
Kaila Phavivong  
KC Rawlings  
Annabelle Reveles  
Cadell Rodrigues Red  
Miles Whelan

**Props & Scenic**

Michael Esparza  
Jaedan Peru  
NJ Burton  
Mya Blackshear  
Morgan Dos Santos

**Costumes & Makeup**

Brenna Halverson  
K.C. Rockwell  
LaRai Nichols  
Ella Kenney  
KC Rawlings

**Lighting**

Nik Good  
Kenleigh Drake  
Cadell Rodrigues Red  
Fern White  
Finn Wisdom

**Fight Choreography**

Dart  
Joshua Huggins  
Phelix Bowen

**Sound**

Brianna Fallon  
Eliza Fleisher  
Cadell Rodrigues Red  
Fern White  
Finn Wisdom

**Stage Manager**

Alexis Nomorosa

**Assistant Stage Manager**

Zoe Garner

**Artistic Director**

Jason White

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## - SHOW DESCRIPTION -

TIME & SETTING: 1995; Athens, Ohio, and the imaginary land of New Landia

She Kills Monsters tells the story of high schooler Agnes Evans as she deals with the death of her younger sister, Tilly. When Agnes stumbles upon Tilly's Dungeons & Dragons notebook, she finds herself catapulted into a journey of discovery and action-packed adventure in the imaginary world that was her sister's refuge. In this high-octane dramatic comedy laden with homicidal fairies, nasty ogres, and '90s pop culture, acclaimed playwright Qui Nguyen offers a heart-pounding homage to the geek and warrior within us all.

Run Time: Approximately 90 Minutes

**This performance will feature the use of strobe lights.**



*Content Advisory: Off-stage death of family members, discussions of grief, staged violence and gore, depictions of bullying LGTBQIA+ youth, LGTBQIA+ slurs, PTSD, outdated humor and cultural references, sexual references, disability representation, ableist and strong language.*

*Recommended for ages 12+.*

# - CAST BIOS & HEADSHOTS -



Lily Anderson (Agnes Understudy) is excited to perform in her first show at Childsplay. She's also been in Trail to Oregon (Arcadia High School) as the Mother, Rock of Ages (Chandler Youth Theater) as Drew, and You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown (Chandler Youth Theater). She is also involved in dance at Arcadia High School.



Mya Blackshear (Kaliopé Understudy) is currently a YETi member for Childsplay. She has been in two other YETi productions, PUFFS as Ernie Mac and others, and The Plot like Gravy Thickens as Mrs. Vickers. Her other credits include Mrs. Memory/Mrs. McGarrigle in 39 Steps and Zazu in the Lion King as well as the Phoenix College production of The Tempest and Thank You 10.



Phelix Bowen (Chuck Understudy): The clumsy and a little absent minded Phelix Bowen is excited to be the cast fight captain, and Chuck's understudy in Youth Ensemble Theatre Inc's production of She Kills Monsters. This silly little guy has no clue who would let him swing around a fake sword, nor why he should be captaining it, but he sure has a lot of enthusiasm! Along with enthusiast clumsy-nis this will be Phelix's 5th production with YETi. He has been Roy Phillips in The Plot, Like Gravy, Thickens (YETi), Wayne Hopkins in Puff (YETi), Jimmy and others in Almost Maine (YETi) and one other production. Along with this he is a student at the New School For The Arts and Academics (NSAA), where this year he was Billy Boy Bill in Urintown (NSAA) and Farrah in another production of She Kills Monsters (NSAA). Phelix is quite excited to be here, let all just hope he doesn't hurt himself.



NJ Burton (Orcus/Ronnie Understudy) joined Childsplay in 2023 as a member of the Youth Ensemble Theatre Incorporated (YETi). As a part of YETi NJ was Lawrence Tate in The Plot, Like Gravy, Thickens. As a part of the admin team of YETi NJ helps organize funds and keep track of meetings. NJ also participates in theater at Kyrene Middle School. They played the Dodecahedron in The Phantom Tollbooth, Sergei in Matilda Jr., and ensemble in The Wizard of Oz. Outside of theater NJ skates as DangerNoodle for Arizona Junior Roller Derby.



Charlotte Christman-Russell (Monster Ensemble) joined Childsplay in 2024 as an actress. They are thrilled to be performing their fifth show with Childsplay. They have been in productions from The Young Playwright's Festival, playing Cooper in 'Lively Decisions' and Evil Council Member in 'The Earthly Candidate'. She has also taken two of Childsplay classes, 'Pop Musicals II' and 'Make Up a Character II'.



Lily Croxton (Tilly): This is Lily Croxton's first show at YETi and she is so happy to be playing Tilly in She Kills Monsters! She has had so much fun doing this show and is one of her favorite shows she has ever done. She has been doing theater for as long as she can remember, and she is super happy to add this to the list of shows she has done! The rehearsal process has so much fun and she has made so many new friends. She hopes you enjoy the show!!



Morgan Dos Santos (Kaliope/Kelly) is so excited and honored to be apart of YETi's production of She Kills Monsters! This will be her third show with YETi after being Hannah and Others in Puffs and Justine Worthington in The Plot, Like Gravy, Thickers. She will be a junior this August.



Toby Guisto (Chuck) is 17 years old and an upcoming senior at Chandler High School. In school, he is in the Company Theatre Class and performs at competitions as well as school plays and showcases, including the unique theatric experience of Trap by Stephen Gregg. This is his first performance with YETi, but he has been involved in school and community performances for many years. He started acting in elementary school and plans to continue to pursue theatre through college.



Bella Johnson (Vera/The Beholder) is a sophomore at Marcos De Niza High School. She is a member of the YETi ensemble and was in the past YETI show Puffs, as Sally Perks and others and The Plot, Like Gravy, Thickers, as Debra. She has been involved with theater since she was 7 years old and has been in past Marcos De Niza productions such as Wizard of Oz, Peter and the Star Catcher, Yellow Boat, 4am and Check, Please. She also worked on the tech crew for the Fall production of Romeo and Juliet. She is a part of choir, theater and in the fine arts program at Marcos.



Asher Johnston (Miles) began working with YETI in 2023 as an stagehand and then assistant director and now is ecstatic making his acting debut with YETI in his third show with the company. Previous YETi productions include Puffs and The Plo, Like Gravy, Thickers. Other credits: Heathers (Ram Sweeney), A Christmas Carol (Broadway World Award: Best Ensemble), Radium Girls (Tom Krieder), Unrietownn (Cladwell/Ensemble), and Midsummer Night's Dream (Oberon/Edgus). Asher has also done handfuls on technical work for various companies in numerous fields. His hobbies include exercising, singing and playing with his dog!



Ella Kenney (Narrator/Farrah the Faerie) is a 15 year old performer, and this is her 5th semester as a member of the YETi ensemble, and her 5th YETi show, the previous being This Girl Laughs, This Girl Cries, This Girl Does Nothing as Beatrix, Almost, Maine as Glory and the Waitress, Puffs as Megan, and The Plot, Like Gravy, Thickers as Edith. She had also been a tech assistant for these shows. Ella is a graduate of the Childsplay Conservatory Program. She is also a Childsplay Intern. She is currently attending Marcos de Niza in the class of 2026. She is very involved in the arts, being on the drama council, choir council, and being an advanced dance captain. Some of her favorite roles in shows have been The Scarecrow in The Wizard of Oz, Juliet in Romeo and Juliet, and Essie in You Can't Take it With You.



Simone Krich (Evil Gabbi) is excited to be preforming in this production of She Kills Monsters. They are a junior at Horizon High School and has a passion for theatre both on and off stage. This is their second show with YETi and they couldn't me more excited. They were previously seen in The Plot, Like Gravy, Thickers (Childsplay) and Freaky Friday (Desert Foothills Theater). During this experience they have met many amazing people and made many new friends during the process. Hope you enjoy the show.



Grace Nyberg (Tilly Understudy) has been taking classes at Childsplay since 2019; including Theater Fundamentals, Conservatory: Level 2, Audition Pro, and several summer camps. "She Kills Monsters" is Grace's first time with YETI and her second full-length show with Childsplay, the first being the premiere production of "Paws" in 2022.



Ryan Parker (Agnes) is 18 years old and thrilled to be in her first production with YETi. Ryan was most recently seen as Brenda in *Catch Me If You Can* (DST). Some of her favorite roles include Ivy Robinson in *Bare* (SDM), Maggie in *Gifted* (GP), and Marcy in *Dogfight* (DST). Ryan will be attending the University of South Carolina in the fall as a Psychology major on a Pre-Law track! She is so fortunate to have gotten the chance to work with this entire team. Enjoy the show!!



Oli Pearson (Monster Ensemble) first worked with YETi in their annual playwrights festival in 2023. They are currently in the Childsplay Musical Theatre Conservatory Program in level four. Their previous credits include J Finch Fletchley in *Puffs* (Childsplay), Ram Sweeney in *Heathers* (Childsplay), Dr. Ehrin in *Freaky Friday the Musical* (Childsplay), Hollister in *The Plot, Like Gravy, Thickers* (Childsplay), the Baker in *Into the Woods* at their school, as well as working in the tech side of theater for other shows. *She Kills Monsters* is Oli's third show with YETi.



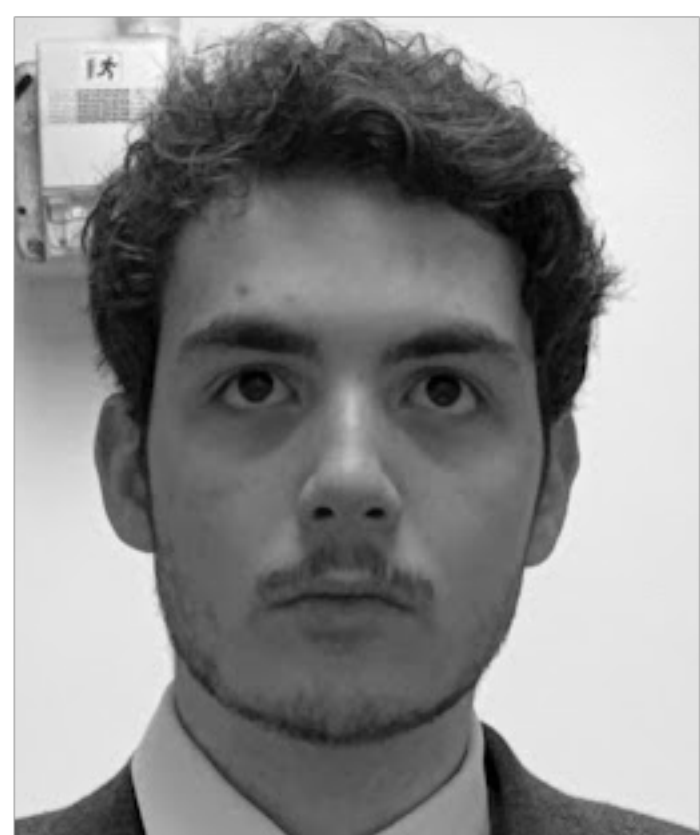
Kaila Phavivong (Agnes Understudy) is so excited to make her YETi debut as Agnes Evans in *She Kills Monsters*! Starting her theatre journey at Desert Vista, Kaila has been both on-stage and backstage for productions such as *Footloose!*, *Romeo & Juliet*, and *The Little Mermaid*. With her dedication to the arts, Kaila is ecstatic to continue working with YETi and Childsplay.



KC Rawlings (Lily/Lilith) joined the acting world through Childsplay in 2017. They graduated Childsplay's Conservatory Program in May of 2022 and are now working as a part of the YETi ensemble (Young Ensemble Theatre Inc). Their previous productions include Ginette/Marci in *Almost Maine* (Childsplay), Cedric/Mr Voldy in *Puffs* (Childsplay), Beatrice in *The Plot, Like Gravy, Thickers* (Childsplay), Aslan in *Narnia: The Musical* (Keystone Montessori), and Ensemble in *The Little Mermaid* (Thunder Theatre Company). *She Kills Monsters* is their fourth mainstage performance with YETi!



Annabelle (Evil Tina) is so excited for her second time performing with YETi! Her first performance with YETi was *Puffs* (Susie Bones and others). She's been involved with theatre and other performing arts at Kyrene Middle School for three years, including shows such as *Honk! Jr. (Fluff)*, *Matilda Jr. (Matilda)*, and *The Phantom Tollbooth (King Azaz the Unabridged)*. Annabelle has been involved in theatre for ten years, and she is very excited to grow as an actor and continue getting involved with Childsplay.



Cadell (Orcus/Ronnie) is very excited to partake in *She Kills Monsters* as Orcus. In addition to being a YETi ensemble member, Cadell was in YETi's previous show, *The Plot, Like Gravy, Thickers* as Walter. His previous work includes *Trap* (Gander Main), *Is He Dead?* (O'Shaughnessy), *Urinetown* (Caldwell B. Cladwell) and the New School for the Arts production of *She Kills Monsters* (Chuck).



Miles Whelan (Steve): This is Miles's second production with Yeti. He has previously performed in *The Plot Thickers* with Yeti, and was in *Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Twelfth Night* with Childsplay. He has also been in multiple Childsplay Conservatory productions. His other performances include *Frozen Jr* and *Treasure Island*. He is in 7th grade at Sunrise Middle School where he is a member of the Sunrise Players theatre production group. In that theatre group he was in *Grim and Gruesome Grim* and *Rock around the Block*. When he isn't performing in theatre he plays the cello with the Phoenix Youth Symphony String Orchestra and enjoys playing piano and hockey.

# Apply to Join the Ensemble!



Are you a teen who LOVES theatre? Apply to join our teen ensemble. Participants learn to produce theatre from selecting shows, to learning to market and fundraise. Ensemble members participate in a weekly meeting where they work out the logistics. They get guaranteed casting in all of the shows and first pick on which production areas they want to work in (costuming, set, lighting etc.). Spend a semester working with theatre professionals and build your resume!

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**A HUGE thank you to YETi's ensemble for all of their hard work this year. Producing theatre is a huge challenge and you all did an amazing job. Thank you for the countless hours spent planning, advertising, building, and raising funds to make this show happen!**



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**And introducing our  
new YETi Program  
Manager for our  
thrilling upcoming  
semesters...**



**Iliana Swartz**