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By Laura Eason

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CAST LIST

**in order of appearance*

Narrator.....	Elisha Mummert
Tom Sawyer.....	Rowan Brown
Huckleberry Finn.....	Graham Mataxis
Becky Thatcher.....	Olivia McGuffey
Aunt Polly.....	Brook Colgan
Injun Joe.....	Isacc SwiftBird
Master Dobbins/Minister.....	Stephan Cain
Muff Potter/Window's Brother.....	Lucas Robinson
Doc Robinson/Prosecution Lawyer.....	Nik Dokich
Widow Douglas.....	Lorraine Edwards
Defense Lawyer/Accomplice/Ensemble.....	Thomas Avon
Joe Harper/Ensemble.....	Gracie-Rae SwiftBird
Sid Sawyer.....	Liam Entzminger
Amy Lawrance.....	Jane Anderson
Ensemble.....	Charlotte Nazario
Ensemble.....	Catherine Nazario
Ensemble.....	Tatum Moss
Ensemble.....	Tucker Moss
Ensemble.....	Dillon Jones

PRODUCTION TEAM

Producer.....	Sarah Lankford
Director.....	Juliet Eden
Stage Manager.....	Connor Gerney
Lighting Designer.....	Cana Strong
Set Designer.....	Connor Gerney
Costume Designer.....	Jamie Barnes
Light Board Operator.....	Wayne McCloskey
Running Crew.....	Katelyn Michel, Lera Holmes, Branch Mummert

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Ryan Gerney, Luke Taylor, Ryan Harris, Liz Sanders

WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST



Elisha Mummert (*Narrator*) is a homeschooled senior who is thrilled to return to the Encore stage for the telling of such a timeless tale! He last starred as Odysseus in Encore's production of "The Odyssey, A Comedy, Mostly". Along with his passion for drama and stories, he enjoys singing and playing music, running, and spending time with his family and friends. He would love to express profound gratitude to everyone at Encore for helping him realize his dream of acting on stage, and to his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for guiding him every day.



Rowan Brown (*Tom Sawyer*) is a performer based in Southern Pines and also a seventh grader at STARS Charter School. He moved to Southern Pines in 2024 and struggled to find community until he came across Encore and immediately fell in love. He is so excited to be playing Tom in The Adventures of Tom Sawyer. Some of his favorite previous roles were Augustus Gloop (Willy Wonka jr.), Mr. Mayor (Suessical jr.), Christian Anderson (Hans Christian Anderson jr.), Peter Pan (Peter Pan jr.), and Harold Hill (Music Man jr.) He would like to thank the Encore Center for creating such a fun theater environment. He would also like to thank friends and family for their constant support. Enjoy the show!



Graham Mataxis (*Huckleberry Finn*) is 13 years old and attends 8th grade at STARS Charter School. He has been involved in several productions at STARS and with Encore Theater with some of his favorites being Newsies, The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, and Bugsy Malone. He is honored to be chosen to participate in the current production and enjoys making new friendships and challenging his skills.



Olivia McGuffey (*Becky Thatcher*) is a junior at Pinecrest High School. She is originally from Los Angeles, California, and she loves the arts. She has done several other plays and musicals since moving to North Carolina, and she is in the men's and women's Pinecrest Honors choir, known as Chamber.

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Brook Colgan (*Aunt Polly*) is thrilled to make her debut on the Encore stage with this production. She has previously been in Peter Pan and Wonka with the Camp Zama Theatre Group in Japan. She is endlessly thankful to her husband, Jamie, for his encouragement and to her three children, Rowan, Viviana, and Wren for their support. Lastly, thank you to Encore for this amazing community!



Isacc SwiftBird (*Injun Joe*) is excited to make his second acting appearance at Encore alongside his daughter, Gracie-Rae (*Joe Harper*)! Over the past four years of watching Gracie's theater performances, he has been inspired to learn how plays are brought to life. After serving 22 years in the Army, Isacc enjoys spending quality time with his family, pursuing his undergraduate degree, and venturing beyond familiar bounds.



Steve Cain (*Master Dobbins/ Minister*) is excited to return to Encore! Steve has appeared in Encore productions of A Christmas Carol (Ghost of Christmas Present), Smoke on the Mountain (Burl Sanders), The Spitfire Grill (Caleb Thorpe), Sander's Family Christmas (Burl Sanders), Fox on the Fairway (Dickey) and The Secret Garden (Archibald). He's also recently appeared in School of Rock at The Sunrise Theater. A special thanks to the greater Moore County performing arts community for supporting local theater and enabling opportunities like this!



Lucas Robinson (*Muff Potter/Widow's Brother*) has been a theatre enthusiast since he was a child. 2025 was his favorite year as he showed off his comedic and dramatic talents in both Dearly Departed as the lovable bum Royce and Encore's production of The Lion, The Witch And The Wardrobe as The Great Lion Aslan. Both of which were dream roles. His last show, he got to dabble in the role of villainy in the triple threat role of the Cyclops, Agamemnon, and Antinous in The Odyssey (No, not THAT Odyssey). This is his sixth show with Encore Center to which he, as always with Encore, has had a blast doing.



Nik Dokich (*Doc Robinson/Prosecution Lawyer*) Nik Dokich is a long-time resident of Pinehurst. He has been acting since 1996. He has taken part in four Encore productions, most recently seen as Mister Beaver in "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe." Favorite past roles have included Frank Gilbreath in "Cheaper by the Dozen", Samuel in "The Pirates of Penzance" and Lazar Wolf in "Fiddler on the Roof".

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Lorraine Edwards (*Widow Douglas*) is a retired educator, wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and a long time Moore County resident. She is honored to be a part of Encore's The Adventures of Tom Sawyer. As an actor and director of The Senior Moments Players, performing and being involved with the theater has been an immeasurable pleasure in her life. She recently performed in Joseph: A Story of Faith and Forgiveness as Potiphar's wife. She's quite aware that nothing would be achievable without the love and support of her husband and family.



Thomas Avon (*Defense Lawyer/Accomplice/Ensemble*) is a seventh grader at STARS Charter School. Recent credits include Marcellus (Music Man, Jr.), The Captain (Fun in the Sun), Man 2 (The Odyssey: A Comedy, Mostly), The King of Denmark (Hand Christian Anderson, Jr), Hobie (The Best Christmas Pageant Ever), Edmund (The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe), Hansel (CandyLand), Mr. Wormwood (Matilda, Jr), "Johnny" Red Chief (Ransom of Red Chief), Hollywood Agent (Flat Stanley, Jr), and Randy (A Christmas Story). Much love and appreciation to friends and family who continue to support him on this amazing journey!



Gracie-Rae Swiftbird (*Joe Harper*) is 16 years old, born and raised in North Carolina. You may have seen her as Penelope in The Odyssey A Comedy, Mostly; First Man in Kiss Me, Kate; or as Liza/pirate in Peter Pan Jr. Outside of theater, she enjoys competitive shooting, singing, and living out Romans 12:12, "Rejoice in love, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." Enjoy the show!



Liam Entzminger (*Sid Sawyer*) is a fun-loving 8-year-old who just discovered his passion of the stage. He cannot help but to let his lighthearted joy for life seep into his performance. Liam loves to play with his friends, build Legos and play baseball. He is a brave dude, always ready to step up to bat!



Jane Anderson (*Townsperson 1*) This is her 4th production with Encore. Other than acting, she enjoys reading, running, sewing, and writing. Jane is in the 6th grade and attends Stand Sure Academy. If you are not familiar with the school it's because there are only two attendees (she's homeschooled). She hopes you enjoy The Adventures of Tom Sawyer as much as she's enjoyed being in it!

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Charlotte Nozario (*Ensemble*) is thrilled to be in her 6th production following roles in Seussical, The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, Peter Pan, The Sound of Music, and The Music Man. She is a 4th grader at SCCS and if she isn't on stage you can likely find her deep in a book reading. She would like to thank her parents, theatre friends, and Ms McKenzie for all the support!



Catherine Nazario (*Ensemble*) is excited to make her theatre debut in The Adventures of Tom Sawyer. She loves singing, listening to music, playing piano and spending time with her friends, family and pet bunnies. She is so thankful to her director, parents, cast-mates and her 1st grade teacher, Ms McCreery, for helping her learn to read and be stage ready!



Tatum Moss (*Ensemble*) From the Pride Lands of The Lion King to the historic banks of the Mississippi, 11 year old Tatum is ready for his next big adventure in the Adventures of Tom Sawyer! Offstage, Tatum tackles sports like basketball, flag football, and baseball, studies history, and builds complex LEGOs. He holds a deep appreciation to the military and their service to our country, he strives to honor God daily, and has a lifelong goal to fill his city with Jesus. Tatum wants to thank his family and directors for this wonderful opportunity.



Tucker Moss (*Ensemble*) is 9 years old and so happy to be part of The Adventures of Tom Sawyer. He last played in the Lion King and is excited for this new adventure. He enjoys sports and regularly plays baseball, basketball, and flag football. Tucker's greatest joy comes from his faith; he loves God and loves being at Grace Church as often as he can. He is an avid animal lover, enjoys the great outdoors and spending quality time with his family. Tucker wants to thank his family and directors for this wonderful opportunity! God bless America and enjoy the show!



Dillon Jones (*Ensemble*) is a North Carolina native. This is his 4th production with Encore Theatre. In his most recent show he was Mayor Shinn for The Music Man. He loves to read and learn other languages. Being a part of Tom Sawyer has been a blast. Enjoy the show!

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Juliet Eden (*Director*) has been performing with Encore almost since the beginning, and is so excited to direct on the Encore stage for the first time after her directorial debut last season with Richmond Community Theater's production of Dearly Departed! Some of her favorite Encore credits include On Golden Pond (Chelsea Thayer-Wayne), Nunsense: The Mega Musical (Sis. Mary Leo), and Clue (Miss Scarlet).



Sarah Lankford (*Producer/Owner*) is a native of Charlotte, NC. She saw a need to bring community theatre to our area 6 years ago. With a background in Musical Theatre and performing professionally from a young age and then earning a BA in Music and MA in Education, she is no foreigner to the stage. Sarah has sung with artists such as Shania Twain, Celine Deon, and toured Italy as a Mezzo-Soprano soloist. Encore was a dream to bring a home for the arts locally and ministry to share love and compassion through high quality artistic performances and education.



Connor Gerney (*Stage Manager/Production Manager*) was born, raised, and homeschooled in Swift Creek, North Carolina. He graduated with a BFA in Theatre Arts from East Carolina University. Since then, he has acted, directed, set designed and choreographed stage combat across the Southeast. He has written and produced multiple original works including a touring production called "Tall Tales of Appalachia!" He currently works as the Production Manager here at Encore Center. He would like to thank his parents, his beautiful wife, Kelly, and his daughter Marian for their constant love and support! He hopes you enjoy the show!

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