

PLAYBILL

Favarh Players - The Arc of the Farmington Valley, Inc.
At Northwest Catholic High School Auditorium
West Hartford, CT



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FAVARH PLAYERS
Northwest Catholic High School Auditorium
PRESENTS

THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL

Based on the series by Stephen Hillenburg

Book by Kyle Jarrow

Musical Production Conceived by Tina Landau

Original songs by Yolanda Adams, Steven Tyler and Joe Perry of Aerosmith, Sara Bareilles, Jonathan Coulton, Alex Ebert of Edward Sharpe & the Magnetic Zeros, The Flaming Lips, Lady A, Cyndi Lauper, John Legend, Panic! At the Disco, Plain White T's, They Might Be Giants, T. I.

And songs by David Bowie, Tom Kenny & Andy Paley

Additional Lyrics by Jonathan Coulton

Additional Music by Tom Kitt

with

THE FAVARH PLAYERS

Directed by: Lori Solak

Musical Director: Lydia Borgio

Producers: Ronelle Cipolla

Costumer: Lori Solak

Choreographers: Lori Solak

Set Design: Steve Mountzoures

Set Construction: Steve Mountzoures

Scenic Painter: Lori Solak

Lighting Designer: Matthew Gilbert

Lighting Technician: Fiona Radmore

Sound Board Operator: Michael Seery

Sound Technician: Mariana Cruz Rodriguez

Run Crew: Brayden Thompson, Sabrina Montiel

Props: Lori Solak

Introduction MC's: Dan Lenz, Steve Morris

SONGS

Act 1

Bikini Bottom Day

(Part 1).....SpongeBob, Patrick, Squidward, Ensemble

(Part 2).....Sandy, Cowboy Fish

(Part 3).....Krabs, Plankton, Karen, SpongeBob, Ensemble

BFF.....SpongeBob, Patrick

When The Going Gets Tough

(Part 1).....Plankton, Townfish, Old Man Jenkins,
Karen, Ensemble

(Part 2).....Plankton, Ensemble

Look Out World (Cause Here I Come)#1.....Squidward,
Larry the Lobster

(Just A) Simple Sponge.....SpongeBob, Sponges, Mr. Krabs

Daddy Knows Best...Krabs, Pearl, Electric Skates, Ensemble

Hero Is My Middle Name

(Part 1).....SpongeBob, Sandy, Patrick, Ensemble

(Part 2).....SpongeBob, Sandy, Patrick, Ensemble

Act 2

Look Out World (Cause Here I Come) #2.....Squidward

Super Sea Star Savior.....Sardines, Ensemble, Patrick

Tomorrow Is.....Sandy, SpongeBob, Patrick, Ensemble

Bikini Bottom Boogie.....Electric Skates, Pearl, Ensemble

I'm Not A Loser.....Squidward, Ensemble

Loser (Playoff)Squidward, Ensemble

Chop To The Top.....Sandy, SpongeBob

Simple Sponge (Reprise).....SpongeBob

Best Day Ever.....SpongeBob, Sandy, Patrick,
Squidward, Ensemble

Finale: Bikini Bottom Day.....SpongeBob, Patrick,
Squidward, Krabs

SpongeBob Theme Song.....All

CAST

SpongeBob..... Jack Knall
Patrick.....Vu Tran
Plankton.....Joseph Theroux
Squidward.....Jaymie Bianca
Sandy.....Olivia Cruz-Bonilla
Mr. Krabs.....Jamis Conrad
Pearl.....Kate Henriques
Karen.....Lydia Borgio
French Narrator.....Jordan Lopez

Sardines/Electric Skates 1.....Amanda Conrad
Sardines/Electric Skates 2.....Robin Batchelder
Sardines/Electric Skates 3.....Liz Troiano
Sardines/Electric Skates 4.....Kelly Day
Sardines/Electric Skates 5.....Jay Joo
Sardines/Electric Skates 6.....Dante Bontatibus

Townfish 1.....Logan Haynes
Townfish 2.....Dan Fiorentino
Townfish 3/Gary.....Cate Alix
Townfish 4.....Brian Dexler
Townfish 5.....Chris Corbosiero
Townfish 6.....Chloe Rose Roberts

Ensemble/Old Man.....Alex Cable
Ensemble.....Bella Silva
Ensemble.....Ben McAlenney
Ensemble.....Brandon Bianca

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CAST

Continued...

Ensemble.....	Chris Kerns
Ensemble/MC.....	Dan Lenz
Ensemble.....	Deb Bruce
Ensemble.....	Deryl Marrow
Ensemble/Mayor.....	Jessica Poon
Ensemble/Krabby Patty.....	Kim Sczygiel
Ensemble/Mrs. Puff.....	Lauren Traceski
Ensemble.....	Migdalia Ocasio
Ensemble/Perch Perkins.....	Quinn Smith
Ensemble.....	Scott Masson
Ensemble.....	Shannon Morin
Ensemble.....	Simon Kravetz

WHO'S WHO



Cate Alix

as Townfish 3, Gary

Cate is excited to be back for her fourth performance with the Favarh Players. She loves this Favarh team forever. Cate has been working as an office assistant for four years at Mintz and Hoke, advertising agency. Cate loves to choreograph and dance at Terpsichore Dance Company. When Cate is not working or dancing, she spends time with her family, friends, boyfriend Andrew, basset hound Fiona, and her sisters and their boyfriends.



Robin Batchelder

as Sardines/Electric Skates

Robin is very excited that this is her 3rd play with the Favarh Players. She previously was cast as a giraffe in The Lion King Jr. & the opening merchant in Aladdin. In Robin's free time she enjoys spending time with her cat, Birdy & assembling LEGO sets. She also enjoys playing basketball for Special Olympics. Robin was awarded the Eunice Kennedy Shriver award which is awarded to an athlete that embodies the true spirit of Special Olympics. She is now a member of The Special Olympics Hall of Fame. She would like to thank all of her friends & family, especially her Mom, for without them none of this would be possible.



Brandon Bianca

as Ensemble

Brandon is from Bristol, CT. This is his third year with the Favarh Players, previously performing in Aladdin Jr. and Lion King Jr. In addition to theatre, Brandon is a part of the Favarh GSE program and the Favarh Thrift Crew, and is also involved with Special Olympics Track, Basketball, Soccer, Softball, Bowling and Skiing, as well as the Baseball and Basketball Challenger Leagues and Bristol Parks and Recreation Swimming. In addition to his plethora of activities, Brandon enjoys dancing and taking long walks with his family. He also enjoys spending time with his friends, and beating his twin sister at Mario Kart!

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Jaymie Bianca

as Squidward

Jaymie is from Bristol, CT. This is her second year performing with Favarh Players. She previously appeared in Lion King Jr. and is excited for her first principal role as Squidward! Jaymie has been baton twirling and dancing competitively since the age of three, and currently teaches adaptive baton-twirling classes at Favarh. She is a graduate of Trinity College with degrees in Educational Studies, English, and Human Rights. She also starred in many Trinity productions, including Macbeth, and shows with the New Beginnings Performing Arts group, which is a collaboration between Trinity students and women recently released from prison. Jaymie is currently a middle school teacher, and enjoys spending time with family and friends, reading, writing, and operating her nonprofit OpportunAbility with her mom.



Olivia Bonilla-Cruz

as Sandy

This is Vi's second season participating with the Favarh Players and she is very excited to be part of SpongeBob the Musical. She has been in several productions at Connecticut Family Theatre. She has played the Queen in Cinderella, Sandy in SpongeBob, and Sebastian in the Little Mermaid. Vi would like to thank everyone who helped this year and she hopes that everyone enjoys the show as much as they have!



Dante Bontatibus as Sardines/Electric Skates

Dante is thrilled to be performing in his third season with the Favarh Players. He has been in a variety of other theater productions with the Act One Players and SHS Unified Theatre. He loves to dance, sing and write lyrics. Dante also plays hockey with the CT Chasers and loves bowling, and playing basketball and golf with the Special Olympics.

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Lydia Borgio

as Karen

This is Lydia's 9th season with the Favarh Players. She loves music directing for the group and also loves joining them on stage. Lydia lives in Middletown, CT and looks forward to Tuesday nights every week for rehearsal. She can't wait for the next show!



Deb Bruce

as Ensemble

This is Deb's tenth performance with the Favarh Players. Her favorite show so far has been Beauty and the Beast. When she is not doing theater, Deb works at the ShopRite in Canton making sure the place doesn't fall apart. Deb likes watching movies and listening to CDs in her spare time. She wants to thank Lori for her patience and dedication to the Favarh Players.



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Alex Cable

as Old Man Jenkins

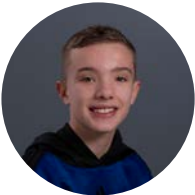
Alex played Emil Mahal in the Tunxis Community College play The Increased Difficulty of Concentration. His credits for the Favarh Players include: The Scare Crow in Wizard of Oz, Pinocchio in Shrek, Macy Store Manager in Elf, Cogsworth in Beauty and the Beast, Razuol in Aladdin, and Banzai in The Lion King. Alex is a co-team leader on the Focus Center for Autism SPECTRUM UNPLUGGED PANEL to advocate for people with autism. Alex enjoys playing his Fender guitar, hiking, and visiting zoos



Amanda Conrad

*as Electric Skate
/Town Fish/Ensemble*

Amanda has been part of the Favarh Players on and off for many years! Favarh Players is such an amazing program, and it brings so much joy to each person who experiences it, either on stage or in the audience! She is so grateful to be back and among the cast again! Break a leg to everyone!



Jamis Conrad

as Mr. Krabs

This is Jamis' third experience with the Favarh Players and he looks forward to many more! At 14, Jamis is active in his school and can often be found playing Dungeons and Dragons. He has loved this experience, and he recommends it to others! He looks forward to the next show!



Chris Corbosiero

as Townfish

Chris has been doing plays at Favarh for eight years. For work, Chris can be found in the Favarh Cafe kitchen working for Avon Prime Meats. Chris likes to play sports, watch TV, play video games, and keeping up with his favorite sport teams. He also likes spending time with his girlfriend, Emily.

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Kelly Day

as Sardines/Electric skates

This is Kelly's seventh play with the Favarh Players. Kelly embraces a new role with every play she is in. Kelly enjoys seeing all her friends at rehearsals. Participating in the Favarh plays is Kelly's favorite pastime. Kelly enjoys working and keeping herself busy. She likes to take time to read and listen to music. The first play Kelly was in was The Wizard of Oz, the part she played was Munchkin and also Lollipop Guild. She continued to participate in Shrek The Musical playing Peter Pan, Elf the Musical playing Charlie, Beauty and the Beast playing the bookseller, Aladdin as the narrator, and The Lion King Jr. playing one of the hyenas. Kelly hopes every cast member has fun performing in the show and that the audience has a blast watching it!



Brian Drexler

as Townfish

This is Brian's second season with the Favarh Players. Last year he was in the ensemble in the Lion King Jr. He has been involved with the Special Olympics since 1986 and is a global messenger since 2002. He enjoys listening to music and competing in sports.



Dan Fiorentino

as Townfish

Dan is 33 and he lives at Lavender Fields in Bloomfield in his own apartment. This is his 4th Favarh Players production. Last year he was Ed in the Lion King Jr. Before Favarh Payers, Dan was in Unified Theatre in West Hartford. He works for Dr. Pennoyer and Good Cause Gifts. He loves spending time on the Cape with family and watching the Red Sox and UConn basketball – men and women. Go Huskies!

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Logan Haynes

as Townfish

This is Logan's third performance with the Favarh Players. He enjoyed being a part of the cast in the Lion King last year. Logan has been in many other plays over the years; including Aladdin, Lion King, Back to the 80's, Alice in Wonderland, Jr., Little Mermaid Jr., as well as many others. Currently Logan attends Favarh's Project Search at UCONN Health Hospital in Farmington working towards competitive employment. In his free time Logan enjoys riding his bike, playing basketball, playing Fortnite with friends and participating in Special Olympics sports. Logan would also like to thank his parents, his brother, Ethan, and his sister Megan for always supporting him!



Kate Henriques

as Pearl

SpongeBob is Kate's first show with the Favarh Players. She is so grateful for Lori and Steve for introducing her to the group. Kate is the chorus and band director at Thompson Middle School and is a rostered singer for CONCORA. The constant support from her fiancé, Sam, and roommates Billy and V have allowed her to be able to take part in this production. Kate hopes you enjoy the show!



Jay Joo

as Ensemble

This is Jay Joo's second year performing with the Favarh Players and he is excited to be part The SpongeBob Musical cast. He lives in West Hartford with his parents. He loves to sing and dance and also plays the piano and violin. He plays the piano every Sunday during worship time. Jay also performed in David and Goliath at his church. He loves to watch Blue's Clues.

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Chris Kerns

as Ensemble

This is Christopher's 11^h season with Favarh Players, and he is very excited to be performing in this newest theater play, *Sponge Bob the Musical Jr.* He has previously performed in *Lion King*, *Aladdin*, *ELF*, *School House Rock*, *SHREK*, *Beauty and the Beast* and other variety show events produced by the Favarh Recreation. Chris is 43 years old and a resident of Bear Woods, in Canton, CT. Chris works with a crew at USESI, an electrical warehouse in Cromwell, CT. He is very active in CT Special Olympic Sports and is a long-time participant at DREAM RIDE. Chris enjoys crafts, movies, and vacationing with family in Florida. He especially loves theatrical and musical performances.



Jack Knall

as SpongeBob

Jack is currently a theatre major at Tunxis Community College scheduled to graduate with his associates degree in the field in May of 2025. He is thrilled to be playing one of his bucket list roles, and couldn't think of a better place to do it than with the Favarh Players! Jack was previously seen as Timon in *The Lion King* and Aladdin in *Aladdin*, but overall, this is his tenth season in the theater industry! Jack also works at Stop and Shop in Granby and wants to someday direct middle or high school theater. Thanks to Lori for trusting me with bringing yet another iconic character to life, and thanks to my Mom, brothers Patrick and Jameson, and dog Elenor for coming out to support me. Enjoy the show! Enjoy the show!



Simon Kravetz

as Larry the Lobster

Simon has been doing plays with the Favarh Players for seven years! In his free time, he likes to watch movies, listen to music, play sports, and hang out with his girlfriend, Migdalia. Currently he work at US Electrical Services.

WHO'S WHO



Dan Lenz

as MC, Ensemble

Dan has been in theatre for several years and has enjoyed his role, with his friend Steve Morris, as the MC for the production. He and Steve meticulously relay the ground rules quite clearly to the audience! Dan also keeps the rehearsals running smoothly keeping us all on timely tasks! Dan is also an active athlete with the Farmington Valley Special Olympics. Dan would like to thank all of his friends who support him and especially his Mom and Dad for being there for him always!



Jordan Lopez

as French Narrator

This is Jordan's second season with the Favarh Players. He has previous experience as a member of the ensemble in The Lion King and as an actor with his Unified Theater program at high school. Jordan is 25 and a life-long resident of Bristol, CT. He works as a Pharmacy Technician at CVS Pharmacy. Jordan is a Special Olympics athlete and advocates for people on the spectrum through his work with the /social /chase and previously as a member of the Bristol Diversity Council. In his free time, he enjoys other forms of artistic expression including drawing, graphic design, and creative writing. He published his first novel Looked Down Upon: The Exiled in 2023 which highlights a teenager on the autism spectrum as the main character. In 2025, Jordan plans to publish the sequel novel, Looked Down Upon: A Masked Wickedness.



Deryl Marrow

as Ensemble

Deryl (DJ) has been part of the Favarh Players for 10 seasons. His passion for being part of the ensemble shines through his love for singing, dancing, and embracing the joy of costume changes. In his free time, he enjoys hanging out with friends, playing sports like basketball, football, and wrestling, and immersing himself in the rhythms of music.

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Lauren Traceski Masson *as Mrs. Puff/Ensemble*

Lauren has been doing plays with the Favarh Players for nine years. She recently changed careers and now works at MicroCare. She enjoys playing sports and watching movies, participating in Special Olympics and spending time with her husband and other family members.



Scott Masson *as Ensemble*

Scott has been performing with the Favarh Players for four years. Currently he is interning with Favarh's Project SEARCH at UConn Health. During his free time he enjoys participating in Special Olympics, watching sports, and hanging out with his wife and friends. He is 34 and lives in Canton. He's also a fan of Dancing with the Stars!



Ben McAllenney *as Townfish*

Ben has been with the Favarh Players for many years and has loved every play that he has participated in. Ben enjoys working, Zumba, playing basketball with his teammates, and has played hockey with the Connecticut Chasers Special Hockey Team for over twenty years! Living on his own and having his own apartment means a great deal to Ben and makes him feel very proud and independent. He is extremely grateful to all of his Favarh staff members who help him achieve his personal best every day.



Shannon Morin *as Ensemble*

Shannon is 22 years old. This is her second season with the Favarh Players. She loves to sing and dance. Her favorite time of year is summer. Shannon is great at puzzles and she loves making jewelry for family and friends. Shannon loves theatre and hopes that you enjoy the show!

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Migdalia Ocasio

as Ensemble

This is Migdalia's second play with the Favarrh Players and she is very excited to be part of a great group of actors. She likes to go to work at Avon Prime Meats, and I put all her efforts into doing her job well. For hobbies she enjoys going on walks, hiking and hanging out with her boyfriend Simon. They love to go to the movies!



Jessica Poon

as Bikini Bottom's Mayor

Jessica is excited to be back performing with the Favarrh Players this year, performing the part of Bikini Bottom's Major. She loves dancing, so practicing choreography with the cast members every Tuesday is one of the highlights of her week. She has previously performed alongside the other Favarrh Players in "Seussical", "School House Rock", "The Wizard of Oz", "Shrek", "Elf", and "Beauty and the Beast". Thank you to the whole cast for all the laughs, and a big thank you to Lori for her hard work and dedication to the Favarrh Players. Break a leg everyone!



Chloe Roberts

as Townfish/Ensemble

This is Chloe's debut with the Favarrh Players. Chloe is excited to be joining friends, new and old, singing and dancing. She loves the energy and the family feeling with her fellow actors. Chloe enjoys horseback riding, jazz dance, Special Olympics bowling, snowshoeing, and swimming. She sends a big thank you to her Mom and Dad for being her champions and for Alexis for coaching her singing.



Kimberly Sczygiel

as Krusty Krab Customer

Kimberly been at Favarrh for six years, but she's been doing plays with The Favarrh Players for seven years. In her free time she likes going out for walks, keeping active, and hanging out with her roommate. She also loves working at her job at the factory.

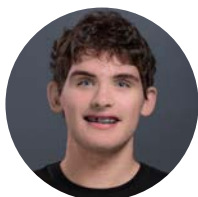
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Bella Silva

as Ensemble

Bella is so excited to be participating in her third season with the Favarh Players. Bella lives in Wethersfield with her Mom and Dad and attends Favarh's GSE program. Last year she played multiple roles in the ensemble for The Lion King Jr. and the year before that she played a townspeople in Aladdin Jr. During her school years, she performed in Little Mermaid Jr. And Into the Woods. Bella was also a Wethersfield High School Sparkle Cheerleader, a member of the Wethersfield High School Instrumental Marching Band, where she played in the Pit, and finished her senior year as a member of the Color Guard, where she performed at Nationals Competition at MetLife Stadium. She has also competed in Special Olympics Track & Field since she was 8 years old. Bella and her family would like to thank Favarh, along with the cast and crew for providing such wonderful opportunities through their programs and recreational activities. Break a leg everyone!!



Quinn Smith

as Perch Perkins/Ensemble

This is Quinn's first time being involved with the Favarh Players. Quinn has been in many CFT shows including The Lion King, Once upon a Mattress, The Wizard of Oz, and Samalot. Quinn would like to thank the whole cast for this opportunity.



Joe Theroux

as Sheldon J. Plankton

This is Joe's 3rd year with Favarh Players for three years. He saw Beauty and the Beast over five years ago and said he wanted to be part of this group! He's been part of Unified Theatre and Concert Choir in South Windsor Schools. With Favarh Players he's been Lago in Aladdin, Adult Simba in The Lion King and now Plankton in SpongeBob. He looks forward to the play every year to be among friends.

WHO'S WHO



Vu Tran

as Patrick Star

Vu is excited to be making his Favarrh Players debut as none other than everyone's favorite enthusiastic sea star. He has been a fan and fundraiser for Favarrh for the past few years and is ready to make his transition to the stage! By day, Vu works as an accountant and outside of work, he volunteers with the Imperial Sovereign Court of All Connecticut and sings with the Hartford Gay Men's Chorus. He can also be found greeting folks as a volunteer usher at The Bushnell and Hartford Stage. He'd like to thank his blood, chosen and SpongeBob family for all their love and support. Instagram: @vumantran



Liz Troiano

as Sardines/Electric Skates

This is Liz's sixth performance with the Favarrh Players. She has previously been in Shrek, Elf, Beauty and the Beast, Aladdin and the Lion King. She has worked at Favarrh as a DSP for the last ten years. When she's not working or rehearsing for a show, she loves spending time outdoors, whether it be a day at the beach or a walk on a local walking trail. She is thrilled to be a part of Favarrh Players and wants to thank Lori for her patience and dedication to the group.

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Thank you Lori and Steve from the cast.

ABOUT THE FAVARH PLAYERS

Prepare to be enchanted as The Favarh Players, an inclusive theater group featuring people with and without disabilities, take center stage to present The SpongeBob Musical.

The unified performance promises an extraordinary experience filled with heartwarming melodies, captivating performances, and the magic of theater. The show features an ensemble of 40 actors, hailing from two esteemed nonprofit organizations: Favarh - The Arc of the Farmington Valley and [Connecticut Family Theater of West Hartford](#). In its impressive 10th season, The Favarh Players, under the dynamic leadership of director Lori Solak, founder of Connecticut Family Theater Inc., proudly adheres to the motto, "No Boundaries. Just Possibilities." This year's production showcases the incredible talent and diversity within the ensemble, bringing together actors from Favarh individuals with disabilities, Connecticut Family Theatre members, and the wider public.

Rehearsing with dedication from October to March each year, the actors gather one night a week, investing 2.5 hours in each rehearsal to perfect their craft. Past performances have left sold-out audiences spellbound with memorable renditions of Shrek, Elf, Wizard of Oz, Beauty and the Beast, Aladdin Jr., and The Lion King, Jr.

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ABOUT FAVARH



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