



"HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL: THE MUSICAL: THE HOLIDAY SERIES" TALENT BIOS

Olivia Rodrigo

Olivia Rodrigo plays the lead role of "Nini" on "High School Musical: The Musical: The Series." With nearly 300 million streams worldwide, the season one hit she wrote and composed, "All I Want," entered the Billboard Hot 100 chart at #90 and has been certified Gold in the U.S. and Canada. Rodrigo also debuted at #18 on the Billboard Emerging Artists chart.

Prior to HSMTMTS, Rodrigo starred as Paige Olvera in Disney Channel's live-action comedy "Bizaardvark." Her first professional acting job was in an Old Navy commercial and she then went on to star as the bubbly Grace Thomas in the popular direct-to-DVD movie, "An American Girl: Grace Stirs Up Success." Born and raised in Temecula, California, Rodrigo began taking singing and acting classes when she was six. Her love for performing continued to grow and she soon landed roles in several school plays as well as regional musical theater. Rodrigo currently resides in Los Angeles with her parents. In her spare time, she enjoys singing, playing piano, hanging out with friends and shopping at vintage stores. She loves to travel and explore new places.

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Joshua Bassett

Joshua Bassett plays the lead role of "Ricky" on "High School Musical: The Musical: The Series." He co-wrote and performed "Just For a Moment" with Olivia Rodrigo for season one and will debut an acoustic version of "The Perfect Gift," a song he penned for season two, on "High School Musical: The Musical: The Holiday Special."

He is also known for his recurring role as Aidan Peters on Disney Channel's "Stuck in the Middle." He recently guest starred on "Dirty John" and ABC's "Grey's Anatomy." An artist with Warner Records, Bassett unveiled his solo debut "Common Sense" in 2020. Within a month, it tallied 5 million total streams. Born in Oceanside, California, the 18 year-old actor, singer-songwriter and multi-talented musician started his career in theater and has landed nearly a dozen lead roles in local stage productions including Apostle James in "Godspell," The Cat in the Hat in "Seussical," Peter Pan in "Peter Pan," Kurt vonTrapp in "The Sound of Music" and Charlie in "Willy Wonka." In his downtime, Bassett enjoys writing music, playing his guitar and piano and watching as many films as possible.

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Matt Cornett

Matt Cornett plays "E.J." on "High School Musical: The Musical: The Series" for Disney+. He is also known for his recurring guest star role as Zach Barnes on "Bella and The Bulldogs," for which he earned a 2016 Young Artist Award for "Best Performance in a TV Series - Recurring Young Actor." Recently, he shared the big screen with Natasha Henstridge in the feature film, "Inconceivable." Other credits include notable roles on "Life in Pieces," "Game Shakers" and "Criminal Minds," as well as a host on Disney Channel's "Movie Surfers." Born in idyllic rural

Rogers, Arkansas, Cornett moved to Southern California to pursue his acting career full time in 2012. Soon after relocating, he booked a role on "Southland", for which he won a Young Artist Award for "Best Performance in a TV Series Guest Starring Young Actor." Cornett enjoys football, singing, guitar, video games, his car and spending quality time with his family and friends.

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Sofia Wylie

Sofia Wylie plays "Gina" on "High School Musical: The Musical: The Series" and showcases her dance moves in the Daytime Emmy Award-nominated short-form Disney Channel series "SHOOK." Wylie also starred in one of Disney Channel's award-winning, history-making, coming-of-age series, "Andi Mack" and continues to voice the character of Riri Williams (AKA Ironheart) in the "Marvel Rising: Heart of Iron" and "Spider-Man: Maximum Venom" animated shorts as well as the "Spider-Man" animated series. Wylie starred in MarVista's "Back of the Net," which was released theatrically in Australia in April 2019 and debuted on Disney Channel in the US in June 2019.

Born in Scottsdale, Arizona, Wylie started her performance career as a dancer. Trained in ballet, lyrical, Hip Hop, Contemporary, and Jazz, she studied at the world-renowned Second City Training Center in Hollywood and performed on stage with Justin Bieber for his World Tour. In 2016, Wylie transitioned to acting and was cast as "June," a recurring role on "Nicky, Ricky, Dicky and Dawn." She is also an IMG Models-signed model and owns AIFOS Productions, a production company that under her leadership will create film content with strong storylines. When not filming or on stage, Wylie choreographs her own dance routines, leads dance classes and interacts with her 8 million-plus followers on TikTok.

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Larry Saperstein

Larry Saperstein plays "Big Red" on "High School Musical: The Musical: The Series." Most recently, Saperstein portrayed the role of Timmy in the first season of "First Wives Club." He can also be seen opposite Kiernan Shipka in the film "Fan Girl," directed by Paul Jarrett. Formally trained as a dancer and vocalist, Saperstein has starred in several regional musicals including "Oliver!," "Fiddler on the Roof" and "Miracle on 3th Street." Born and raised in Long Island, New York, Saperstein is an alumni member of the prestigious Tap City Youth Ensemble and now works with the American Tap Dance Foundation. He has also trained extensively at the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre and Alpha Omega Theatrical Dance Company.

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Julia Lester

Julia Lester plays "Ashlyn" on "High School Musical: The Musical: The Series." Lester's television credits include recurring roles on "Mom," "Prince of Peoria" and "Mr. Student Body President." Her guest starring roles include "Game Shakers," "The Thundermans" and "Bella and the Bulldogs." A native of Los Angeles, Lester has been working professionally since the age of five. Having an extensive musical theatre background, Lester has performed in almost 30 stage productions, including the title role in "Carrie: The Musical," "Next to Normal" and "Calvin Berger." Also a dancer since the age of two, she has choreographed professionally for various dance teams and is trained in hip-hop, jazz, contemporary and tap dancing.

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Dara Reneé

Dara Reneé plays "Kourtney" on "High School Musical: The Musical: The Series" for Disney+. Most recently, she starred as Savannah in the Disney Channel Original Movie "Freaky Friday." She's also been featured in a recurring role on the hit ABC series "black-ish" and a guest starring role on ABC's "The Kids Are Alright." The versatile performer from Los Angeles began her career at the early age of two where she appeared in numerous commercials and various print ads. Renee' eventually moved to Baltimore, Maryland for a few years where she and her mom opened the Performing Arts Studio, "Encouraging Youth to Dream." There, Reneé trained and performed memorable roles in countless productions including "Annie," "West Side Story," "The Wiz," and "Grease," before returning to Los Angeles, where she currently resides.

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Frankie Rodriguez

Frankie Rodriguez plays "Carlos" on "High School Musical: The Musical: The Series." He has several years of experience working in television, film and commercials. Most recently, he was featured in a reoccurring role on ABC's "Modern Family." Originally from Central Valley, California, Rodriguez holds a BFA in Musical Theatre from The American Academy. He currently resides in Los Angeles.

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Joe Serafini

Joe Serafini plays "Seb" on the Disney+ original series, High School Musical: The Musical: The Series. A Pittsburgh native, the actor and musician has been performing regionally for most of his life on stage. An avid pianist, Serafini is a recent alum of the University of Michigan, where he earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts studying Musical Theatre. He resides in Salt Lake City while filming and plans to make the move to Los Angeles soon after.

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Mark St. Cyr

Mark St. Cyr plays "Mr. Mazzara" on "High School Musical: The Musical: The Series." Notably, St. Cyr can be seen opposite the late Chadwick Boseman in the critically acclaimed film "Marshall" as well as the independent feature "A Modern Persuasion," a Jane Austen adaptation. His television credits include guest starring roles on "Chicago P.D.," "Kevin Can Wait" as well as starring in the indie series "Doomsday" which won top awards at NYTVF, ITVFest and Brooklyn Webfest. Born and raised in Lafayette, Louisiana, St. Cyr is a graduate of Elon University, with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Acting. He is an alumni of the ABC Diversity Talent Showcase alongside the likes of Chadwick Boseman, Laz Alonso, and Jesse Williams. St. Cyr currently resides in New York.

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Kate Reinders

Kate Reinders plays "Miss Jenn" on "High School Musical: The Musical: The Series." On television, Reinders was a series regular on both ABC's "Work It" and Lifetime's "Sherri" and has guest starred on many shows including "Instinct," "Anger Management," "Modern Family" and "Ugly Betty." Her film credits include "Russell Madness," "Grudge Match," "Such Good People," "Certainty" and "Kinsey."

As half of the singing/songwriting comedy duo "Tastiskank", Reinders has performed on the New York comedy and cabaret circuit, the TBS Comedy Festival in Las Vegas and the HBO Comedy Arts Festival in Aspen, where the duo received the 2007 Breakout Award. Reinders has starred in numerous Broadway productions and was most recently seen on Broadway starring as Cynthia

Weil in "Beautiful, the Carole King Musical." Previous Broadway credits include "Steve Martin's Meteor Shower," where she served as standby for Amy Schumer; Portia in "Something Rotten!" (Original Cast recording); Glinda in "Wicked" for which she received a Jefferson Award nomination (Broadway and Original Chicago company); June in Sam Mendes' revival of "Gypsy" starring Bernadette Peters; Caroline in the Beach Boys musical "Good Vibrations;" and the 2002 revival of both "Into the Woods" and "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer."

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Tim Federle

Tim Federle is the executive producer of "High School Musical: The Musical: The Holiday Special" and the creator, showrunner and executive producer of "High School Musical: The Musical: The Series." Federle also serves as executive producer of the animated musical "Foster" for Blue Sky Studios, with songs by Pasek & Paul. He won the Humanitas Prize for co-writing the Golden Globe and Academy Award-nominated Best Animated Feature "Ferdinand," starring John Cena and Kate McKinnon. Federle is also the author of several books, including the YA novel "Better Nate Than Ever," a New York Times Notable Book, and its Lambda-winning sequel, which Lin-Manuel Miranda called "a wonderful evocation of what it's like to be a theater kid" (New York Times). He has a series of cocktail recipe books, including "Tequila Mockingbird," that have sold over half a million copies worldwide. Federle made his theater debut co-writing the Broadway musical adaptation of "Tuck Everlasting," and began his career as a Broadway dancer, including an appearance in the original cast of Disney's "The Little Mermaid."

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