# Children Of Eden



Cedar Valley Community Theatre Presents

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### **Music and Lyrics By**

Stephen Schwartz

Based on a concept by Charles Lisanby

Orchestrations by Bruce Coughlin and Martin Erskine

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### **Director's Note**

On behalf of Cedar Valley Community Theatre, thank you for joining us tonight. I hope you enjoy the show. Children of Eden is based on the book of Genesis. Through song and dance, it beautifully portrays the epic stories of the creation of the world, Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, the tragedy of Cain and Abel, and Noah and his family aboard the ark.

Despite its grandiose source material, Children of Eden is a show that truly "holds up the mirror," as Hamlet says, to our own lives and relationships. What happens when you make a choice that deeply hurts someone you love? Or when their choice hurts you? Is it worth it to leave safety and comfort to satisfy curiosity, especially without knowing the cost? What happens when your loved ones' values are at odds with yours? When promises are broken, are relationship bonds inevitably broken as well? Or can we heal and forgive?

I invite you to think of Children of Eden as an allegory about parents and children, especially repeating patterns within families. How do our choices echo the choices of our parents and ancestors? How will our children and descendants' choices mirror our own? Seeing our forebears as truly human, inherently flawed, allows us to view their actions (and our own) through a lens of mercy. It gives us permission to forgive the mistakes of the past, and inspires us to do better for the future. "Our hands can choose to drop the knife. Our hearts can choose to stop the hating. For every moment of our life is the beginning."

I believe that our human family can become more loving, more accepting, and more forgiving with each generation. May we have the wisdom to understand, honor, and forgive those who came before us, may we have the strength to carry on worthy traditions, and may we have the courage to break the cycles that must be broken.

With love,

Cassie Walker



### Cast

Father Trevor Walker

Adam/Noah Justin Olsen

**Eve/Mama Elise Adams** 

Cain/Japheth Hayden Neil

Abel/Ham Lehi Moran

Yonah Joely Sudweeks

Seth/Shem/Snake Stockton Palmer

Aysha/Snake Libby Perry

Aphra/Snake Megan McBride

Young Cain Roman Williams

Young Abel Zak Burton

#### **Snake/Storytellers**

Loryn Seidl, Conner Thornton, Kelsea Burton, Megan Harris, Shellee Younkin, Lis Williams

#### **Storytellers**

Morgan Palmer, Kennedy Owens, Clarity Perry, Aubree Robinson, Nicole Bailey, Madison McBride, Mandy Ballard, Noel Bauer, Lehi Moran, Angus Bulloch, Dillon Coburn, Meghann Jones, Nikolaus Brown, Brook Shearer, Jen Davis, Gracia Allen, Geneva Williams, Margaret Williams, Iris Williams, Bella Adams, Tessa Walker, Maren Walker

#### **Understudies**

Father: Conner Thornton, Adam/Noah: Stockton Palmer, Eve/Mama: Morgan Palmer Cain/Japheth: Angus Bulloch, Abel/Ham: Lehi Moran, Yonah: Kennedy Owens



## **Production Team**

Director Cassie Walker

Stage Manager Lisa Cox

Music Director Jacob Chipman

Choreographers Kyrsten Harper

Scene Design Rendall Seely

Costume Designer Jaimee Markham

Lighting Design Michael Cox

Sound Design Frank Stearns, Anna Olson

**Propmaster** Talise Mosley

Hair and Make Up Jessie Haley

Assistant Stage Manager Nichole Gericke

Assistant Stage Manager Lawrence Mbaki

Set Construction Rendall Seely

Stage Crew Steve Nolan (and family), Jeremy Cain,

Emma Griffin, Erica Griffin, Rendall Seely

Graphic Design Jessica Jones

Puppetry Specialist Stephen K Wagner

Accompanist Trevor Walker



### **Orchestra**

Conductor Carylee Zwang

Woodwinds Kortne Bradshaw, Tanisa Crosby,

Drew Holland, April Richardson

French Horn Camille Overson

Cellos Carson Butler, Sadie Schenk

Bass Freya Carlson, David Shurtliff

Drum Set lan Shaw

Percussion Nina Podmenik, Em Sexton

Keyboards Catherine Gardner, Joseph E. Morrow,

**Emily Shurtliff** 

Guitars Ike Petersen

### **Musical Numbers**

### ACT I

Let There Be	Father, Storytellers
The Naming	Father, Adam, Eve, Storytellers
Grateful Children	Adam, Eve
Father's Day	Father, Storytellers
The Spark of Creation	<i>Ev</i> e
In Pursuit of Excellence	Snake, Eve
A World Without You	Adam, Father, Eve
The Expulsion	Father, Storytellers
The Wasteland	Storytellers
Lost in the Wilderness	Cair
Close to Home	Adam, Eve, Abel, Young Cain, Young Abe
A Ring of Stones	Cain, Eve, Abel, Adam
The Mark of Cain	Father, Storytellers
Children of Eden	Eve, Storytellers

### ACT II

Generations	Storytellers
A Piece of Eight	Storytellers, Noah, Yonah, Japheth, Family
The Return Of The Animals	Orchestra Stranger
To The Rain	Yonah
In Whatever Time We Have	Japheth, Yonah
The Flood	Father, Storytellers
What Is He Waiting For?	Noah, Family
Sailor Of The Skies	Yonah
The Hardest Part of Love	Noah, Father
Ain't It Good?	Mama Noah, Family, Storytellers
In The Beginning	Company



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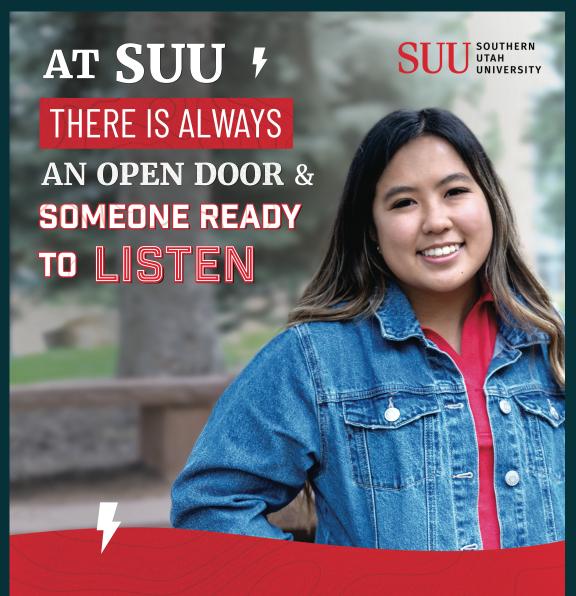
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