#### Excelsior Arts Academy Presents

Written & Directed by Mary Kay Clark Based on the book by E.B. White



Youth Cast Ages 8 - 14

#### February 29, March 1-2 At The Excelsior Theater

(First Christian Church) 910 N. Indiana Avenue, Auburn



Scene 1 – The Arable's Home Scene 2 – The Beauty Shop/Fern's Friends Scene 3 – Several Days on Zuckerman's Farm Scene 4 – The Next Day on Zuckerman's Farm Scene 5 – Days Later on Zuckerman's Farm Scene 6 – The Townspeople at Zuckerman's Farm Scene 7 – Days Later on Zuckerman's Farm featuring the song: Deep in the Dark sung by Charlotte and the Barn Animals

ACT 2

Scene 1 – The Hamhock County 4H Hog Fair featuring the song: Zuckerman's Famous Pig sung by the Cast

Scene 2 – Several Months Later on Zuckerman's Farm



Mary Kay Clark ~ Writer / Director Light and sound - Kent Johnson & Andrew Hathaway Set design - Mary Kay Clark & Kent Johnson Costumes - Signa Shuff, Terry Turner & Shelley Johnson Music - Shelley Johnson & Mary Kay Mandy Kling (parent) ~ General Management & Volunteer Coordinator Brianne Less (parent), Traci Surber (parent), Samantha Dunn (parent) ~ Set Mary Easter (parent), Maya Sells (student), Marissa Rowe (student)~ Rehearsal Assistants

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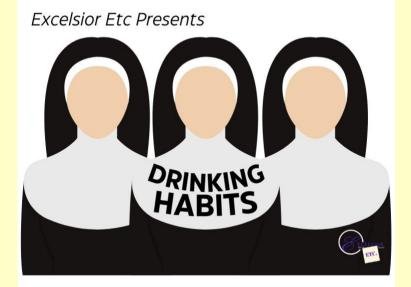
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Adult Cast (Volunteer & Community Builder) Auditions: March 10 & 11 Show Dates: May 2, 3, 4



**Myla Scheuman (Charlotte)** - Myla is extremely excited to bring to life the role of Charlotte in this production of "Charlotte's Web". This is Myla's 9th production with Exelsior! She is 13 years old and in the 7th grade at DeKalb Middle School. Myla has a cat named Scrooge and a dog named Macy that she enjoys spending time with. Her favorite thing about Excelsior is being up on stage and acting in front of an audience. She enjoys being able to spend time with the directors and her fellow actors. Myla's favorite farm animal is a barn owl!

**Emory Long (Wilbur)** - Emory is so excited about making her Excelsior debut as Wilbur in our production of "Charlotte's Web". Emory is 8 years old and in 3rd grade at McKenney Harrison Elementary School. One thing Emory enjoys about Excelsior is being able to hang out with her friends and fellow students while learning how to become better actors. When Emory isn't at school or rehearsal she likes to spend time with her dog. Just like Wilbur, Emory's favorite farm animal is a pig, making this a perfect role for her! **Ellie Pruit (Fern Arable - Child)** - Ellie is pumped about playing the role of Fern in her debut performance on the Excelsior stage! Ellie is 10 years old and in 5th grade at Cedar Canyon Elementary School. She loves being part of Excelsior and the hard work they put in to make an amazing show come together. Ellie has 2 pets she enjoys spending time with and her favorite farm animal is a goose!

**Dawson Lambert (Avery Arable - Child)** - Dawson is thrilled about being in his 2nd Excelsior show! Dawson is 8 years old and in 2nd grade at JR Watson Elementary School. His favorite thing about being in Excelsior shows is that he gets to be dramatic! Even though Dawson doesn't have any pets at home - his favorite farm animals are goats! **Gage Brzezinski (Mr. John Arable / Rooster - Foghorn)** - Gage is pumped to be back on the Excelsior stage for his 10th performance! Gage is 13 years old and in 7th grade at Dekalb Middle School. Gage has a dog named Scout that he enjoys spending time with when he's not in rehearsals. One thing that Gage likes about Excelsior is that he gets to spend time with his friends and fellow actors, while having fun and laughing with the directors. Gage's favorite farm animal is a dog!

Aubrey Dunn (Mrs. Martha Arable / Gander) - Aubrey is excited to be playing the role of Mrs. Martha Arable in Excelsior's production of "Charlotte's Web". Aubrey is 13 years old and in 8th grade at DeKalb Middle School. This is Aubrey's 9th show with Excelsior and she keeps coming back because she loves getting to meet new actors! When she's not at rehearsals she likes spending time with her pets at home. Aubrey's favorite farm animal is a tough choice between rabbits or goats!

**Theo Rowe (Lurvy - Farm Hand)** - Theo is delighted to be back up on stage and bring to life the character Lurvy in our production of "Charlotte's Web". This is Theo's 9th production with Excelsior! Theo is 11 years old and in 6th grade at DeKalb Middle School. Something that Theo enjoys about Excelsior is getting to perform in amazing shows and making new friends. When he's not at school, Theo enjoys spending time with his two dogs, Tucker and Darby. Theo's favorite farm animals are the sheeps! **Tucker Payne (Mr. Homer Zuckerman)** - Tucker is glad to be back on the Excelsior stage for his 11th show with Excelsior! Tucker is 14 years old and in 9th grade at DeKalb High School. The top three things that Tucker likes about Excelsior is: one - that he always has fun, two- that he makes new friends with every production he participates in, and three- that theater is an individualized experience for every student involved! When Tucker isn't busy memorizing his lines, he enjoys spending time with his two perfect and adorable dogs! However, his favorite farm animal is a horse!

**Arya Hovey (Mrs. Edith Zuckerman)** - Arya is excited to be joining the cast of "Charlotte's Web" for her 5th production with Excelsior! Arya is 13 years old and currently home-schooled in the 8th grade. Arya's favorite thing about being in Excelsior is all the acting and performing on stage. When she isn't at rehearsals she enjoys spending time with her family pets. Arya has two favorite farm animals, sheeps and cats!

Macie Hathaway (Denise - Hair Stylist) - Macie is pumped to be in her 8th show with Excelsior! Macie is 11 years old and in the 6th grade at DeKalb Middle School. Macie enjoys spending time with all her pets when she isn't at rehearsals. She has 2 cats, 1 dog, and 3 hermit crabs! To Macie, the best part of being in Excelsior is getting to act on stage and hanging with her friends. Macie's favorite farm animals are the goats! Lennyn Myers (Madge - Nail Tech) - Lennyn is so excited about making her Excelsior debut as Madge in our production of "Charlotte's Web". Lennyn is 10 years old and in 4th grade at McKenney Harrison Elementary School. She likes being part of Excelsior because everyone has been so nice and welcoming. When Lennyn is not at rehearsal she likes spending time with her 6 cats! Even though she has cats at home her favorite farm animals are goats!

Tatum Westafer (Horse / Mrs. Smith) - Tatum is thrilled about being her 1st Excelsior production! Tatum is 10 years old and in 4th grade at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic School. When Tatum isn't at rehearsal she likes playing with her pet dog! Even though Tatum is new to Excelsior she is loving everything about it! When asked what her favorite farm animals were she stated it was a tough choice between cats and horses! Kirk Barriente (Henry Fussy - Child) - Kirk is proud to bring to life the role of Henry Fussy in Excelsior's production of "Charlotte's Web". Kirk is 11 years old and currently home-schooled in the 5th grade. This is Kirk's 1st show with Excelsior and so far, thinks Excelsior is pretty cool! When he's not in rehearsals he enjoys spending time with his 4 pets at home. Kirk's favorite farm animals are horses and sheep!

**Kartyr Sobol (Mrs. Haynes) -** Kartyr is excited about being back on the Excelsior stage for her 4th production "Charlotte's Web"! Kartyr is 12 years old and in 7th grade at Eastside Jr/Sr High School. When Kartyr isn't memorizing her lines she likes to spend time with her pet cats named Pearl Tabitha Houzuki and Peanut Butter Cup. Kartyr likes being in Excelsior because it's a creative outlet and there is always a cast pizza party! Her favorite farm animals are cats!

**Payton Surber (Sheep / Hamhock Co 4-H Fair Hog Queen Teen)** - Payton is excited to be joining the cast of "Charlotte's Web" for her 2nd production with Excelsior! Payton is 14 years old and currently home-schooled in the 8th grade. Payton's favorite thing about Excelsior is meeting new actors and getting to perform with her friends. When she isn't at rehearsals she enjoys spending time with her family pets including 3 cats, 1 dog, and 6 chickens! Payton has two favorite farm animals, horses and ducks!

**Isadore Ramos (Grace Haynes - Child)** - Isadore is so excited about making her Excelsior debut as Grace in our production of "Charlotte's Web". Isadore is 8 years old and in 2nd grade at McKenney Harrison Elementary School. Isadore enjoys Excelsior because learning the scripts is fun and the directors are so nice. When she isn't at school or rehearsal she likes to spend time with her family pets. Isadore's favorite farm animals are cats and cows!

**Grayson Kling (Photographer / Announcer)** - Grayson is pumped to be back on the Excelsior stage for his 9th performance! Grayson is 11 years old and in 6th grade at Dekalb Middle School. Grayson has several pets including 1 dog, 1 cat, 1 fish, and 2 rats that he likes to play with when he isn't memorizing lines or helping build Excelsior sets. One thing that Grayson likes about Excelsior is that he gets to spend time with his friends and fellow actors. Grayson's favorite farm animals are the cows!

Jayna Sparkman (Janet - Adult) - Jayna is so excited about being back on the Excelsior stage for her 3rd production as Janet in our production of "Charlotte's Web". Jayna is 11 years old and in 6th grade at Garrett Middle School. She likes being part of Excelsior because working together to put on great shows for people is so much fun! When Jayna is not at rehearsal she likes spending time with her family pets! Her favorite farm animals are the pigs!

**Brighton Ramos (Sarah - Child)** - Brighton is thrilled about being her 1st Excelsior production! Brighton is 8 years old and in 2nd grade at McKenney Harrison Elementary School. When Brighton isn't at rehearsal she likes playing with her family pet! Even though Brighton is new to Excelsior she is loving everything about it and enjoying trying new things! When asked what her favorite farm animals were she stated the farm cats! **Vera Barriente (Suzy - Child)** - Vera is proud to bring to life the role of Suzy in Excelsior's production of "Charlotte's Web". Vera is 9 years old and currently home-schooled in the 4th grade. This is Vera's 2nd show with Excelsior, and she thinks Excelsior is a pretty fun place and likes to be on stage! When she's not in rehearsals she enjoys spending time with her pets at home. Vera's favorite farm animals are pigs!



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Maleigha Kling poses with Thom's Ice Sculpture at Winterfest earlier this month.



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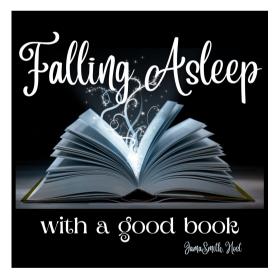
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**Lennon Cordial (Templeton - Rat)** - Lennon is delighted to be back up on stage and bring to life the character Templeton in our production of "Charlotte's Web". This is Lennon's 9th production with Excelsior! Lennon is 13 years old and in 7th grade at DeKalb Middle School. Something that Lennon enjoys about Excelsior is community, and the family vibe that it provides. Even though Lennon doesn't have any pets his favorite farm animal is the farm dog!

Atticus Brown (Dog / Fair Goer) - Atticus is thrilled about being in his 1st Excelsior show! Atticus is 8 years old and in 3rd grade at JE Ober Elementary School. His favorite thing about being in Excelsior is that he gets to try something new! When Atticus is at rehearsal learning lines he likes to spend time with his 2 dogs, Watson and Bernadette! Even though Atticus has dogs at home, his favorite farm animals are the cats!

**Zoey Every (1st Gosling)** - Zoey is pumped to be in her 3rd show with Excelsior! Zoey is 7 years old and in the 2nd grade at McKenney Harrison Elementary School. Zoey enjoys spending time with her family pet when she isn't at rehearsals. To Zoey, the best part of being in Excelsior is simply that it's fun! Zoey's favorite farm animal, just like the character she plays, is the goose!

Susan Anderson (Mrs. Fussy - Gossip / Goose) - Susan is excited about being back on the Excelsior stage for her 8th production "Charlotte's Web"! Susan is 12 years old and in 7th grade at DeKalb Middle School. When Susan isn't memorizing her lines she likes to spend time with her pet dog and 5 cats! Susan likes being in Excelsior because of the shows they choose and the friends she gets to hang out with! Her favorite farm animals are ducks, horses, and cats!

Maleigha Kling (2nd Gosling / Ticket Seller / Owner of Uncle - Missy) - Maleigha is pumped to be back on the Excelsior stage for her 12th performance! Maleigha is 9 years old and in 3rd grade at JR Watson Elementary School. Maleigha has several pets including 1 dog, 1

cat, 1 fish, and 2 rats that she likes to play with when sh helping paint the Excelsior sets or memorizing lines. One thing that Maleigha likes about Excelsior is that it's fun! Maleigh's favorite farm animals are the dogs!





**Ava Wakefield (Emma - Child)** - Ava is proud to bring to life the role of Emma in Excelsior's production of "Charlotte's Web". Ava is 8 years old and in the 3rd grade at Arlington Elementary School. This is Ava's 2nd show with Excelsior and she enjoys hanging out and performing with her fellow actors! When she's not in rehearsals she enjoys spending time with her pets at home. Ava's favorite farm animals are the cats! **Jack Every (Mr. Haynes - Adult)** - Jack is glad to be back on the Excelsior stage for his 3rd show with Excelsior! Jack is 11 years old and in 5th grade at McKenney Harrison Elementary School. What Jack likes about Excelsior are the rehearsals and watching everyone get better at the shows get ready to debut! When Jack isn't busy memorizing his lines, he enjoys spending time with his chihuahua named Ely. Jack's favorite farm animals are the baby goslings!

**Natalie Vance (Meredith - Child)** - Natalie is thrilled about playing the role of Meredith in her 2nd performance on the Excelsior stage! Natalie is 9 years old and in 4th grade at McKenney Harrison Elementary School. She loves being part of Excelsior, getting to act on stage, stating that everyone is always so nice! Natalie has 2 pets, a dog and cat, she enjoys spending time with and her favorite farm animals are goats and horses!

Jessalyn Watson (Cow / Aunt Barbara / Judge - Mary Jo) - Jessalyn is so excited about being back on the Excelsior stage for her 3rd production "Charlotte's Web". Jessalyn is 13 years old and in 7th grade at DeKalb Middle School. She likes being part of Excelsior because of the acting experience it gives her, as well as all the friends she's made! When Jessalyn is not at rehearsal she likes spending time with her family dog! Even though she has a dog at home, Jessalyn's favorite farm animals are cats!

**Kimberlyn Shulenburg (Margaret - Child)** - Kimberlyn is so excited about making her Excelsior debut as Margaret in our production of "Charlotte's Web". Kimberlyn is 8 years old and in 2nd grade at McKenney Harrison Elementary School. She likes being part of Excelsior because she enjoys trying new things! When Kimberlyn is not at rehearsal she likes spending time with her family pets! When asked what Kimberlyn's favorite farm animal was, she couldn't decide on just one and has four favorites, cats, horses, dogs, and rabbits!

**Ellyanna Hovey (Lamb / Jenny - Child)** - Ellyanna is excited to be joining the cast of "Charlotte's Web" for her 2nd production with Excelsior! Ellyanna is 9 years old and currently home-schooled in the 3rd grade. Ellyanna's favorite thing about being in Excelsior is that she gets to act on stage with her big sister Arya. When she isn't at rehearsals she enjoys spending time with her family pets. Ellyanna couldn't decide on her favorite farm animal, as she stated she loves them all!





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**Hudson Foote (Sammy - Child)** - Hudson is glad to be back on the Excelsior stage for his 3rd show with Excelsior! Hudson is 9 years old and in 3rd grade at Canterbury Lower Elementary School. What Hudson likes about Excelsior is getting to hang out and perform with his fellow actors and new friends! When Hudson isn't busy memorizing his lines, he enjoys spending time catching fish. Hudson couldn't pick just one favorite farm animal, he said he loves them all!

**Sophia Eyster (Donna - Adult)** - Sophia is excited about being back on the Excelsior stage for her 8th production "Charlotte's Web"! Sophia is 9 years old and in 4th grade at Waterloo Elementary School. When Sophia isn't at school or rehearsal she enjoys playing with her pet dog and 5 cats! Sophia likes being in Excelsior because it's fun and she has made lots of friends! Her favorite farm animals are the sheep!

**Emma Randall (Sally - Adult)** - Emma is pumped to be in her 1st show with Excelsior! Emma is 9 years old and in the 3rd grade at JR Watson Elementary School. Emma enjoys spending time with her family pets, 1 cat and 4 fish, when she isn't at rehearsals. According to Emma, the best part of being in Excelsior is that it's fun! Emma's favorite farm animals are the horses!

Travis Moeller (Reporter / Food Vendor / Uncle - Pig) - Travis is thrilled about being in his 2nd Excelsior show! Travis is 8 years old and in 3rd grade at McKenney Harrison Elementary School. His favorite thing about being in Excelsior shows is that he gets to be dramatic and get to act up on a real stage! When Travis isn't rehearsing he enjoys spending time with his two family pets.Travis' favorite farm animals are the farm dogs! Serenity Reeves (3rd Gosling / Molly - Child) - Serenity is pumped about playing the role of 3rd Gosling and Molly in her 2nd performance on the Excelsior stage! Serenity is 9 years old and in 4th grade at JR Watson Elementary School. She loves being part of Excelsior. Her favorite part is the costumes! Serenity has 2 pet cats she enjoys spending time with and her favorite farm animals are also cats!

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