

Interlochen, Michigan 145th Program of the 98th Season

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YOUNG ACTORS WORKSHOP PRESENTATION

Mavis Jennings, director Katie Boyd, assistant Alexa Warmuth, assistant

Friday, July 18, 2025

3:00pm, Penn Hall

Shel Silverstein Takes the Stage

Adapted for the stage by Mavis Jennings

In this playful and imaginative performance, we've brought the poetic world of Shel Silverstein to life through ensemble storytelling, physical theatre, and collaborative staging. Working with this vibrant cast of the Young Actors Workshop, we explored a variety of acting tools, tableau, and ensemble-building techniques to interpret and embody Silverstein's iconic poems.

Shel Silverstein was not just a poet, but a true creative force—a cartoonist, playwright, performer, and songwriter whose work dances between the silly and the sincere, the light and the unexpectedly profound. His poems carry a childlike wonder that often speaks directly to the deepest parts of us.

As we explored his words, we found ourselves asking: What happens when a poem jumps off the page and walks around? What characters live inside the rhythms, jokes, and turns of phrase? This performance is our answer—a celebration of imagination, humor, and the odd little truths tucked between Silverstein's lines.

ENSEMBLE

Mia Alappattu, San Jose, Calif.
Emma Amezquita, New York, N.Y.
Charlotte Applebaum, Birmingham, Mich.
Anya Aravind, Chicago, Ill.
Chapin Baumeister, Zionsville, Ind.
Monroe Boysen, Traverse City, Mich.
Ronan Dahl, Winnetka, Ill.
Brooklyn Eiland, Grand Rapids, Mich.
Scout Fried, Singapore
Claire Harah, Alamo, Calif.

Astrid Hounshell, Washington, D.C.
Calder Jenkins, Northville, Mich.
Della Kelly, Rockford, Mich.
Ella Krasnick, Wayne, Pa.
Zoe Norton, Ada, Mich.
Pia Norweb, Pinecrest, Fla.
Alexa Nunez-Vazquez, Oak Park, Ill.
Enzo Potente, San Francisco, Calif.
Avery Vorenberg, Henrico, Va.

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