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ACT I, Scene 1
The Bridge of the Rebel Blockade Runner
1. Overture/Rebels Are We 1 (Rebels 1-2, Princess Leia, Rebel Chorus)
2. Dear Obi-Wan 1 (Leia)
3. Oh Dear 1 (C-3PO)
4. Rebels Are We 2 (Rebels 3-4, Rebel Chorus, Stormtrooper Chorus)
5. The Interrogation (Leia, Darth Vader)
6. Our Darkest Hour (Rebel 5, Leia, Rebel Chorus)

ACT I, Scene 2
The Home of Luke Skywalker on Tatooine
7. Tatooine (Luke Skywalker, Droid Chorus)
8. The Purchase (Uncle Owen, Jawas 1-2, Luke, Jawa Chorus)
9. Dreadful (C-3PO, R2-D2, Owen)
10. Good Morning (Luke)
11. Oh Dear 2 (C-3PO, Luke, Droid Chorus)
12. Vader’s Orders 1 (Vader, Stormtroopers 1-4, Stormtrooper Chorus)

ACT I, Scene 3
The Desert, Near the Home of Obi-Wan Kenobi on Tatooine
13. In the Wilderness (R2-D2)
14. To the Rescue (C-3PO, R2-D2, Obi-Wan Kenobi, Sandpeople Chorus)
17. Anakin (Obi-Wan)
18. Destiny 1 (Luke, Sandpeople Chorus)

ACT I, Scene 4
Mos Eisley Spaceport
19. At the Spaceport (Obi-Wan, Stormtroopers 5-6, Luke, Chewbacca)
20. I’m the Best (Han Solo)
21. It’s a Deal (Obi-Wan, Han)
22. Jabba Jive (Jabba the Hutt, Alien Chorus)
23. The Little Chat (Jabba, Han)
24. Vader’s Orders 2 (Vader, Stormtroopers 7-10, Stormtrooper Chorus)

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ACT II, Scene 1
The Bridge of the Millennium Falcon
25. Light Speed 1 (Han, Luke)
26. Use the Force (Obi-Wan)
27. Something Terrible (Obi-Wan)
28. Alderaan (Han, Luke, Obi-Wan, Chewbacca)

ACT II, Scene 2
The Hangar Bay of the Death Star
29. What Do We Do? (Stormtroopers 11-14, Stormtrooper Chorus)
30. Secret Compartments (Han, Obi-Wan, R2-D2, C-3PO, Luke)
32. He Found Her (R2-D2, C-3PO)
33. The Plan (Luke, Han)

ACT II, Scene 3
In and Around the Detention Cells of the Death Star
34. Prisoner’s Lament (Chewbacca)
35. Prisoner Transfer (Stormtroopers 15-16, Han, Chewbacca, Rebel Prisoner Chorus)
37. Some Rescue (Han, Leia, Luke, Stormtrooper Chorus)

ACT II, Scene 4
In the Corridors of the Death Star
38. Waiting for Obi-Wan (Obi-Wan, Vader)
39. The Dark Side (Vader, Stormtrooper Chorus)
40. The Titans (Vader, Obi-Wan, Han, Luke)

ACT II, Scene 5
The War Room on Yavin Four
41. Rebels Are We 3 (General Dodonna, Scientist, Admiral Ackbar, Leia, Rebel Chorus)
42. Take Care of Yourself (Luke, Han)
43. The Battle 1 (Rebels 6-8, C-3PO, Rebel Chorus)
44. The Battle 2 (Luke, Vader, Han)
45. The Battle 3 (Luke, Leia, Obi-Wan, Han)
46. Grand Finale (Leia, C-3PO, R2-D2, Chewbacca, Han, Luke, Company)
(This story may be familiar to some of you...)

**ACT I, Scene 1:** Princess Leia, leader of the Rebellion against the evil Galactic Empire, is on a secret mission to the planet Alderaan to deliver stolen plans for the Empire’s ultimate weapon, the Death Star. When her ship is intercepted and captured by an Imperial star destroyer manned by Darth Vader and his stormtroopers, Leia loads the plans into two robots (“droids”), R2-D2 and C-3PO, who then escape in a pod to the remote planet Tatooine.

**ACT I, Scene 2:** The droids are found by a band of Jawas, who sell them to Owen Lars, a farmer on Tatooine, and his young nephew, Luke Skywalker.

**ACT I, Scene 3:** The droids lead Luke to the mysterious old Jedi knight, Obi-Wan Kenobi.

**ACT I, Scene 4:** Luke, Obi-Wan and the two droids travel to Mos Eisley Spaceport, where they meet a pair of smugglers, Han Solo and Chewbacca, who agree to take them to Alderaan to complete Leia’s mission.

**ACT II, Scene 1:** When they arrive at Alderaan, they find the planet has been destroyed by the Death Star, a giant space station built by the Empire. Their ship is taken aboard the Death Star.

**ACT II, Scene 2:** Obi-Wan leaves to deactivate the Death Star’s tractor beam. The others discover that Princess Leia is held prisoner on the Death Star.

**ACT II, Scene 3:** Han, Luke and Chewbacca rescue Leia.

**ACT II, Scene 4:** Obi-Wan does battle with the evil dark lord, Darth Vader. Obi-Wan is struck down as the others escape in their ship and head for the secret Rebel base on Yavin 4.

**ACT II, Scene 5:** The Death Star follows them to Yavin 4, but the Rebels are waiting for them and in the ensuing battle, Luke destroys the Death Star, with the assistance of Han Solo and the spirit of Obi-Wan Kenobi.
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Here we are at the end (almost) of another successful Family Opera production. This year that success is all the more miraculous in the light of our negotiations with LucasFilm, our efforts to revise the score to make it shorter and more engaging (“which notes shall I leave out, your Majesty?”), and the unavailability of several key personnel. Yet once again, thanks to the efforts of many, many people, here we are!

To begin with, we are of course grateful to the Peabody School, especially Principal Jennifer Ford and music teachers Josh DeWitte and Wendy Silverberg, who have generously shared the stage and the adjoining music room with us. And none of this would be possible without the support and patience of the custodial staff, including Chris, Todd, Bobby, and especially Lance. Bio-Med Realty has once again been able to offer us space in which to paint and construct our sets and scenery, and we are grateful to them for that. We are also lucky to have friends like Dave and Wink Merrill and Dan Weinreb and Cheryl Moreau, who gladly store our sets in their barn and basement respectively. Thanks also to Iggy’s Bread of the World for their donations.

We are fortunate to have energetic and talented interns from Longy (vocal coach Kristine Schwenck) and from Emerson College (publicity and marketing intern Caitlin Sanders and lighting intern Brittany White). We are also grateful to our two lawyers, Howard Zaharoff and Bruce Ricker, who donated their time to approach LucasFilm on our behalf. Finally, a special thank you to two people: Mike Ames, who at the last minute cheerfully stepped into the very large shoes that Mark Jaquith left behind; and Peter Jehlen, whose enthusiasm for and dedication to teaching Obi-Wan and Vader how to duel was just inspiring.

As always, we are grateful to our sponsors, who this year comprise FilmNation, Thalia Tringo Real Estate, and Melinda Hall. Your belief in our organization is humbling. And of course, thank you thank you to all of our volunteers who direct, sew, paint, sing, dance, act, and donate to Family Opera. Without you there would be no Space Opera 2011. And one final thank you to George Lucas, without whom there would have been no Space Opera in the first place and maybe no Family Opera. May the Force be with you all!
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To my grandsons Sam and Jacob Klibaner - in the wings and on stage you both do a great job.

To the Spitz and Roseman Stormtroopers – You are the very best! May the Force be with you! Love, The Spitz-Beigelman family

Congratulations to the entire NCFO cast, direction, & crew, with extra-boisterous applause for the amazing Gilman Biglers! With HUGS and LOVE from Auntie Anne

Madeleine! Mommy, Daddy, Josie, Grandma, Grandpa & the rest of your extended family are so proud of you! Love those dimples! Have fun & enjoy every minute! xoxo

Chloe - Break a leg in Hyperspace! Love, Dad, Ian, and Mom

YOU ARE OUR SHINING STAR, SOPHIA! Love, Meme and Nana

Shayla – You are a lovely droid, alien, and rebel with a strong voice and a heart of gold. Love, Grandma Myrna and Papa Micky

Carla, without you nothing we have done this year would have been possible. Thanks for allowing me to just worry about the music. - David

Arabella, we admired your 3 stage sets, Springtime for Haman shirts. We now wish you Good Luck in STAR WARS. Lots of love, Mom and Dad

Chloe - Wish we could be there. Break a leg! Aunt LuAnn & Uncle Edson

Cullen: We always knew you were a rebel. Knock ‘em dead. Mom, Dad & Owen.

Break a leg Margaret & Laura (Jeff too!). We love you and are so proud of you! Aunt Pam, Uncle Chris, Jon Jon and Ben

Alexa Rowe: Hooray, you made it! Congratulations on your opera debut. Love, Mom

Cooper - You’re a great Trooper, Storm and otherwise. Love, Dad

Maia - Go girl go! Rock that house! Break a leg! May the Force be with you :) Love, Zoë and Mom

To Liam Caramello, Stormtrooper extraordinaire! You’ll blast everyone out of their seats with your fabulous performance. We’re so proud of you. Love, Nonna & Poppa

Dear Corrina, We wish you lots of luck! Sorry we can’t see you act in this opera. But we know you will sing like an angel. Break a leg, proud Papi and Mema.

Emily and Paloma, oh dear oh dear oh dear we will be singing along with you...Love, Coco, Satchie and Dad

Jacob K. You are a rebel, a sandperson and a stormtrooper. Does that make you a rebel sandstorm? Congratulations from Aunt Ellen, Uncle John, Peter & Andrew

To Laura Gill. Best wishes & have a great time. I’m proud of you. Uncle Matt
To: Mattie, Linus, Toby and Zoë.
Our Jawas will be dropping at your great performances! Pop and Mor Mor

To Robbie Oldemar, we sing her acclaim and pray this hero will never choose to leave our quest to dress the galaxy.

Our hearts are filled with pride as we anticipate watching Paloma Rose and Emily perform on stage together in their debut in the world of opera! With Love Mimi and Bobby

Nina - to an optimistic General Dodonna. How does you being a general affect my parental status? love, Alan

To the Fernandopulles, We have said it before, we will say it again. Thank you for making so much of what we do so much fun. - Love, the Carneys

Shayla - You beautiful thing! Your hard work paid off. Congratulations!! We love you so much! Daddy, Momma, Sammy, Sophie, and Moussey.

Sophie – You do it all and we are incredibly proud of you! -Grandma Myrna and Papa Micky

Dear Ruth, You’re a super stage Mom and performer! Next year, perhaps the twenty elephants will appear. Love, Mom & Dad

Laura Bigler: Here’s to the best arboreal Storm Trooper ever! Sock it too them! - FaFa & Mary-Jo
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Oh Dear, Oh Dear! We think that our life-sized gold Oscar statue deserves one! Congratulations, Sophie C! Love, Mom, Dad & Eliza

To Da Croo: You guys are great! You’re fun to work with and we sure couldn’t do the show without you. Have a great time being invisible! Carla

Hope - Please get better soon. All the elves have stopped doing housework since you got hurt. Love, Craig

Jennifer and Kristine, terrific job teaching the troops to sing. You’ve won everyone’s heart and admiration. - David

Chloe - to our amazing Han! “You’re the Best.” Love, Mom, Dad, & Ian

Liana - We are pleased, proud and excited as you make the transition this year from NCFO audience to stage. We can’t wait to watch you! Lots of love, Mom and Dad

To Margaret, Laura and Jeff Gilman Bigler. Thank you for the joy of your music. You make my heart sing. Love, Oma/Judy

TO THE SWEETEST, LOVELIEST REBEL! You’re a star Sophia! Love Mom and Dad

Ruby, you are a superstar! We are all very proud of you. From Mom, Dad, and Ivy

Congratulations McKinneys. Outer space is nothing new to you guys. Come back soon. GW
Sophie and Julian - it's been great jiving with you on stage this season. Thanks for keeping me out of trouble. Love, Mommy

Sweet Sophia -- To the most wonderful rebel in the galaxy: We love you dearly, and will shield you from all tractor beams. You rock! Love, Mom, Dad and Julia

Dear Luke aka Sarah, You are the brightest star of the show in our opinion and we love you very much. May The Force be with you. Love, Grandma Rebecca & Grandpa Marc

To my awesome son & granddaughters “The McElhoe’s” - Good Job - I Love you - Mom - Grandma

For Alexandra, Sam, and Tim Rowe, We are very proud of you. Congratulations. Love, G&G

Serena and Kathryn, good luck on your performance! We are very proud of you. Love, Halmouni, Haraboji, and all your cousins

Cullen: You’re the cats pajamas and the rats...um...nighties(? ). Wish we could be there, but they don’t allow vermin! XXXOOO Hannah, Inky, Puds & Nibs.

To Erica, Reina, Molly, Anisha, and Casey, For being such awesome friends!

Space Opera Haiku
Stormtroopers blasting,
Cutting down the rebel scum,
Will the dark side win?

Linus, Toby, Mattie... you guys are so far gone you’re OUTASIGHT! KEEP IT UP! See you on Earth. Love, yr Grandma and Grandpa.

Go R2D2! Great beeping and be-deeping, Jeremy! We are proud of you and always love watching you on stage. Your fans: Daniel, Eliza, Mommy and Daddy

Ruby - Knock ‘em dead! From your loving uncles Matt and Nick (alunk)

Bravo, Kailash and Anisha - our shining stars. Keep soaring at lightspeed. - your admiring throng, Chotie Aie, Baba, Manamama, Aunt Tiffini, and Tej

Leia, Have fun in jail. Muahahahaha, Vader

David & Sue - You folks are the best! Thanks for doing all you do for all of us.

To Sam Klibaner, stage crew member for his fifth family opera, GOOD JOB from Mom, Dad and Jacob.

To Alexa and Sam, Sing and shine through space and time! Love, Grandma Judy

Sophie – Nice job, tough guy! You’re the Best (daughter/sister we could ever want)! Funny, talented, and beautiful with brains. Love Dad, Mom, Sam, Shayla, and Mousse

Dave Haas - even though you defected to the other cast, we stil lthink you rock! Lotsa luck, the Fischer Franks
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Dear **Spitz-Roseman** family  
Congratulations from Mom & Dad  
- Grandma and Grandpa Roseman

**Sam Rowe:** You could bend a bar of steel... you could do anything! I am very proud of you. Love, Mom

Kiss a wookiee, kick a droid, fly the Falcon through an asteroid! Till the princess is annoyed! This is space ships, monsters, Star Wars, we love it! Love Mumu, Daddy, & Roland

**Ruby,** you are fantabulous, wonderful, and brave. We love you tons. Grammy and Amy

**Sue** you’re the best! You’re so beguiling. Even when you’re stressed, you’re always smiling. Your practice mp3s are fine, and you have mastered Indesign, it makes me glad to know you’re mine because you’re the best. - LTB

My dearest **Sophia** -- I love you with all my heart. Your Bonna

**Robbie** - Thanks for keeping your mom company. You’re a wonderful son. Love, Dad

**Sophie** and **Julian**- Even though you seem so alien to me, I’m still so proud of you. Love, Daddy

Dear **Ilana,** You are a super great cast member and we love you very much. Thanks for being you! Love, Grandma Rebecca & Grandpa Marc

**Jeff Bigler:** Hard to top your performance as a Lord-a-leaping in ‘Haman’ but we’re sure you will. - FaFa & Mary-Jo

Dear **Corrina,** you are the prima donna in our thoughts and hearts. Love, Chris, Beau Pere, Grandma Barbara, Uncle Andy, and Aunt Jenna

**Dan** - We always knew you were a rebel, now we know that you’re an alien too. May the Force be with you. Love, Zoë and Ariadne

She plays piano, stride and rag,  
You won’t believe how fast she goes; Playing David’s finest songs,  
Every note right where it goes! We all love you, **A. J.**!

Dear **Corrina,** We are so proud of the newest scientist in the family. You have put so much effort into all that you do. You Rock! love and hugs, Mommy and Daddy

**Julie** – You go, girl! Do your thing! Lay it on us! Keepin’ it real! Fonkin’ on the rebel ship! Signed, - Your Mother-in-law and Father-in-law

**Jen,** Your love of singing is inspirational, and I am glad to be by your side as you keep singing with your beautiful voice. I love you. David P.S. bluh bluh

To **Carmen D.**: Be the best Jabba you can be! GL must have had you in mind when he created the character. We are so proud of you. Love, your Dads
It’s April, and in a Galaxy just up the Pike, our stars are shining brightly. Force-filled wishes to Ilana and Ruth, and to Sarah Skywalker. From Danny and Rena.

Congratulations to Alexa, Sam, and Tim for continuing and expanding the family tradition. You are all out of this world, and we can’t wait to see the show! Marion and Wolfgang

Sophie and Julian - to my favorite aliens. I know you’ll shake it up on stage. Love, Aunt Sharon

To the loves of my life, Thank you and NCFO for filling our home with beautiful music for the past seven years. The Mommy

David & Sue: You guys are astounding! You are the driving force behind a show that is a fantastic experience for many families. -Your awestruck & slightly frazzled assistant

To James D.: We see a future in law enforcement. Or security guard. Or mall cop. Or stunt man who sings! We are so proud of you. Love, your Dads

Dear Jeremy, Once again, I am so proud of you! I can’t wait to see your performance this year. Lots of love, Grammy

To Laura, beloved Stormtrooper: Yet another chance to “bust my buttons!” Congrats. Love, Grammi

OUR STARS!

Love Abuela, Papa, and Derek
Dave, David, Dale, AJ, Jenny, Dan, Peter, Elizabeth, and especially Kathy. You are a storm of creativity, from the eye of which I observe it all in wonder. Thank you for making Space Opera a triumph.
- David

David G: I couldn't be prouder of or happier for you right now. You've done the work, now enjoy it - you've earned it. I love you -- Jen PS: I told you about stairs, bro.

Margaret Bigler: Here's to the Storm Trooper with the most explosive vault! You go, Girl! - FaFa & Mary-Jo

Congratulations Liam and Esme from your Springfield, Illinois, fans!

To the Stompkin: Thank you for your hard work and sensibleness and calmness and ingenuity and sense of humor and just generally being a pleasure to be around.

Moonbeam

Reina is our dancing queen, She even taps on Tatooine! Congratulations on a great performance as Luke! Love, Susan and Da

Break a leg, Scientist Eva! With love from Brooke, Mason, Aunt Donna, Uncle Phil, and (of course) Bubbie.

Tim Rowe: I can't wait to see you in costume and makeup! Break a leg. Love, Amy

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To Ruby: From one opera diva to another - you are the best! From Boma, and Great job Ruby! From Bopa

EBG: I like you because you’re a scoundrel. You truly belong with us among the clouds. Found someone, you have. I know. (Don’t get cocky, kid.)

Imo and Elo - we will miss all those impromptu locker room practices.. On with the show! Love the Fischer Franks

Dear Laura, Like stars in the night, our love for you burns bright. Sorry we couldn’t join you tonight! Uncle Rayme and Aunt Diane from Bellingham

Laura & Suzan, Have Fun! Break a leg! From Sarah

To the best Stage Crew a Stage Manager could ever have - You guys rock! (Even though our set doesn’t :-(( and don’t get me started on the cactus!) Love, Sue

To: Laura Bigler - Sorry I can’t be there. Have fun. - Grandpa

Congratulations Pamina! You are an outstanding Stormtrooper! Love, Mom and Dad

To Jacob Klibaner - rebel, sandperson, stormtrooper, Mortimer - sometimes multiple personalities rule. Mom, Dad and Sam

Mattie, Linus and Toby - a trilogy and tribute to George Lucas! Love, Nan
**Star Notes**

**Julie** – Your family is yet again astonished by your tremendous talent! Love from PB, SQG, SAG, SPG, & Md’VV.

To **Emily & Paloma**... May the Force be with you. Love, Pops & YaYa. P.S., Watch your legs!

Hurray for the star of this glorious day! That would be you, **David Bass**. I love you, and I love your music! Itg

To **Tim Rowe**, A great singer and a great dad! Love, Judy

To **David & Sue** for all you do, **Corinne** the dance queen, **David C**. who puts meaning into “to be”, **Carla P**. a busy bee, and **Kathy, Jen, Kris**, cast and crew -- I love you! Susan F.

To our somewhat braver StormTr13: Good thing one of us has an idea of what we should do! At least we get “looked up to” when we’re dead rebels! Love ST3 (& Daddy)

To: **Margaret Bigler** - Sorry I can’t be there. Have fun. - Grandpa

**Eloise & Imogene** - Congratulations to my stars! I’m so proud of you! Love, Bubbie

To **Emilija/Leia**: Break a leg! Bona fortuna! Sëkmës! Bonne chance! Alles Gute! Καλοτυχία! Buena suerte! Quch qoS!

To **Tess, Hanna, and Rob Carney** - Congratulations on another spectacular performance! Your adoring fans - Rushika, Maria, Gabrielle, Serena, and Kathryn

**Shaina**, you are our favorite Rebel and you make a cute slug! We are so proud of you. Love, Dad, and Mom

Dear **Yuval and Gal**, I am so proud of you for singing in the Space Opera. You have been working so hard in rehearsals and it shows. You guys rock! Love, Dad

**Corrina**, Obi-Wan Grandpop here with Chewbacca. I say, let go, let the Force take you. The Big Hairy Rug says to practice a little. We both agree, you’ll be magnificent.

**Mo** and family - Thanks for coming!

**Caitlin**: Thank you for your hard work. You’ve done a great job interpreting sketchy instructions & figuring out what needs doing. I hope you’re having a good time.

**Carla**

**Space Opera Haiku**
Granddaughter Abby,
We wish you luck, stormtrooper!
Watch out for Chewie!

**Kathy**: You’re amazing! Do you sleep? You have good ideas about almost everything & carry them through. And you’re cheerful 99.7% of the time - One of your sometime sewer rats

**Chloe** - thanks for your warm heart and cozy lap. I love your long legs. You’re a shining star. Love, Sophie

**Carla**, thank you for the phone calls, the schlepping, the cleaning, the emailing, taking initiative, and mostly being cheerful through it ALL! - Sue
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CAST BIOGRAPHIES

Against all reason, odds, and predictions, Andy Adler (Rebel/Alien chorus) appears in a NCFO production for a fifth year. If he looks like he has no idea what he is doing on stage, it is because he has no idea what he is doing on stage. Maybe his daughter Emma will tell him.

Chloe Adler (Han Solo) is a ninth-grader at Cambridge Rindge and Latin. She is so happy that this is her fifth NCFO Production. Her past roles have been Bigtha in Springtime for Haman (2010), Nina in The Weaver’s Wedding (2009), Secretary of Jigland Security in The Puzzle Jigs (2008), and a Solider Ant in Antiphony (2006). She most recently performed in Watertown Children’s Theatre as Little John in Robin Hood. Chloe is in the CRLS Modern Dance Company and is excited for her second degree black belt test coming up in March.

Emma Adler (Rebel 1, Rebel/Alien Chorus) is eleven years old. She goes to the Graham and Parks School and loves to read. This is Emma’s fifth year performing with NCFO and her fourth opera. Previously she was in The Puzzle Jigs, Weaver’s Wedding, and Springtime for Haman.

Gal Agam (Jawa/ Alien/Rebel Chorus) is making his first appearance with the NCFO. Gal is seven years old, and he attends Burr school in Newton. When Gal is not practicing his opera lines, he is often seen drawing or building LEGO. Gal also enjoys skiing, ice skating, and horseback riding. Gal is looking forward to a great season with the NCFO.

Hadar Agam (Jawa/ Alien/Rebel Chorus), a native of Israel, lives in Newton with her husband and three wonderful children. Hadar enjoys hiking, camping, and spending time with her family. When not singing, Hadar works for Bluespec Inc. as a hardware design engineer. Hadar is making her debut with NCFO this year and would like to thank Yigal and Maya for their patience and support.

Yuval Agam (Jawa/ Alien/Rebel Chorus) is nine years old and is currently a third grader at Burr school in Newton. You might recognize Yuval from his performance in some great plays such as Captain Underpants or Who broke Humpty Dumpty’s Shell?, which he performed with the All Newton Music School. Yuval is passionate about science and robotics. He enjoys playing the recorder and loves rock music. Yuval is thrilled to be performing with the NCFO for his first time.

Emilija Baksys (Princess Leia) has been rescued from her cell and is working as a Wookiee speech therapist. Emilija is sixteen years old and attends the Woodward School for Girls. Emilija was Hathach in Springtime for Haman (2010), the Princess in The Weaver’s Wedding (2009), and had the Sky Jig solo in The Puzzle Jigs (2008). This spring, Emilija mastered the role of Starkey in her school’s production of Peter Pan. Emilija would like to thank David, David, Sue, and Kathy for making the show great! In her spare time, she likes to play Quidditch, study Latin, and is looking forward to wearing a hairstyle that features bagels.

My name is Finn Bamber (Stormtrooper 10, Stormtrooper Chorus) and I am eleven. I moved from Utah two years ago. I go to school at a school named Shady Hill. I love to sing and dance and act, so most summers I go and do a theatre group in Perth, Canada. I like to do magic tricks and play Pokémon. I would like to thank my friends Susan, Jeff and Julian for introducing me to all of this.

David Bass (Founder, Artistic Director, Composer/ Librettist) As a teenager, David was a prolific composer of pretentious music, but during his college studies, he became discouraged with pursuing music professionally. Instead, he received a BS in chemistry from Yale and a doctorate in chemical engineering from MIT, during which time he arranged dozens of songs for the a cappella groups at these institutions. After a 20-year hiatus from musical composition, David wrote the distinctly unpretentious Space Opera for the enjoyment of his three young children, their friends, and their families. He directed productions of Space Opera in the spring of 1999, 2000, and 2005. His second opera, The Coronation of Esther, was performed in 2001; its sequel, Springtime for Haman, in 2004 and 2010; and Kids Court, his first collaboration, in 2007. David has also directed three other family operas, Antiphony in 2002 and 2006, The Puzzle Jigs in 2003 and 2008, and The Weaver’s Wedding in 2009. In 2007, he founded the Festival Chorus, which performs a concert of songs about science annually at the Cambridge Science Festival. He plans to continue writing and directing music for as long as he can avoid taking himself too seriously.

Reina Bass (Luke Skywalker) has been part of NCFO since before she can remember. She was R2-D2 in Space Opera 2005 and is glad that in this performance she has real words! She enjoys dancing, singing, drama, and playing violin. She is currently in 8th grade at Cambridge Friends School and is excited to move on to high school next year. She gives a shout out to her family and her dogs, whom she loves very much.


Eva Beram (Scientist, Rebel/Alien Chorus) is ten years old and a fourth grader at the Amigos School...
in Cambridge. Her favorite food is pizza with French fries on the side. She likes to challenge herself on Poptropica and has recently discovered Fantage. Eva has sung in the NCFO productions *Lifetime: Songs of Life and Evolution* (2007), *The Puzzle Jigs* (2008), *The Weaver’s Wedding* (2009), and *Springtime for Haman* (2010). She would like to thank her family, friends, and stuffed animals. She is a crazy monkey-lover. Monkeys and bananas rule!

**Jeff Bigler** *(Rebel/Sandpeople Chorus)* is a science teacher at Salem Academy Charter School. He also plays viola professionally and is the foreman (dance instructor) of two morris dance teams. Jeff has been involved in theater, both on and off-stage, for most of his life. He was a prince in the NCFO 2010 production of *Springtime for Haman*.

**Laura Bigler** *(Stormtrooper 14, Rebel/Sandpeople Chorus)* is a first-grader at Stoneridge Children’s Montessori School in Beverly. Laura has always loved music and art. She plays piano and violin and sings in her school’s chorus. Laura was a chamberlain in the NCFO 2010 production of *Springtime for Haman*.

**Margaret Bigler** *(Stormtrooper 11, Rebel/Sandpeople Chorus)* is a fifth-grader at Stoneridge Children’s Montessori School in Beverly. She plays piano and flute and sings in her school’s chorus, but this is her first time performing in an opera. Margaret is also a member of a competitive gymnastics team and a children’s morris dance team.

**Eli Bildman** *(Rebel 6b, Droid/Alien/Rebel Chorus)* is a fifth-grader at the Peabody School in Cambridge. *Space Opera* is his first performance with NCFO and his first dramatic performance ever. He plays the guitar, plays soccer, and enjoys designing and building stuff like IncrediBots, small mechanical devices, and igloos in the snow. Eli thanks his influential music teachers over the years: Josh DeWitte and Wendy Silverberg with the Peabody Early Bird Singers and Laura Brereton with the Medford Music Studio.

**Mark Bildman** *(Droid/Alien/Rebel Chorus)* joins his son, Eli, in performing for the first time with the Opera. His previous acting experience included the role of Nicely-Nicely Johnson in *Guys and Dolls* at Trails End Camp. By day, Mark is the Computer Handyman, his small computer repair business of ten years. His long list of happy customers includes many NCFO performers, past and present. Mark thanks his daughter, Heather, who played Zethar in last year’s *Springtime for Haman*, for getting him back to the stage.

**Sharon Bober** *(Jawa/Alien/Rebel Chorus)* Along with her daughter, Madeleine Dickman, Sharon sang in two NCFO oratorios before taking a mad leap into the opera world with the 2010 production of *Springtime for Haman*. Sharon is again delighted to be singing with her daughter. She wants to extend much gratitude to her husband, Steve, and younger daughter, Josie (who also serves as Sharon’s personal opera coach). When she is not learning to dance and sing at the same time, Sharon works as a psychologist at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

**Eloise Botka** *(Rebel 3, Rebel/Alien Chorus)* is ten years old. This is her fourth time being in the opera. She was an Earth Jig in *The Puzzle Jigs* (2008), a Weaver/Jackal in *The Weaver’s Wedding* (2009) and a Citizen in *Springtime for Haman* (2010). She goes to the Amigos school and goes to the Massachusetts Gymnastics Center. She likes to play guitar, do gymnastics, hang out with her friends, eat pie, and read. She would like to thank her mom, dad, and sister for helping her through the opera.

**Imogene Botka** *(Stormtrooper 2, Rebel/Alien Chorus)* is seven years old. This is her second time in an NCFO production. She was a Citizen in *Springtime for Haman* (2010). She goes to the Amigos school and to the Massachusetts Gymnastics Center. And she thinks it is a great opportunity to be in the opera. And she loves to read.

**Shaina Boyd** *(Jabba the Hutt, Rebel/Alien Chorus)* is thirteen and in the seventh grade at Graham and Parks School in Cambridge. This is her sixth season with NCFO, having previously been Haman’s Friend in *Springtime for Haman*, a Prime Minister in *The Weaver’s Wedding*, an Earth Jig in *The Puzzle Jigs*, an Audience Member in *Kids Court*, and a Soldier Ant in *Antiphony*. Shaina enjoys creative writing, reading, and listening to music. She thanks her Dad for all his behind-the-scenes help as a stagehand every year for six years!

**Liam Brann-Singer** *(Droid/Alien/Rebel Chorus)* is eleven and in fifth grade at the Waldorf School. Liam enjoys performing in his yearly class play, most recently playing the role of Hermes in *Theseus* and a Soldier Ant in *Antiphony*. Liam plays the cello and is very enthusiastic about Chorus. This will be his first year performing with the NCFO. Liam gives thanks to his family, and especially his father, for giving him the time to participate in *Space Opera*.

**Kerri Brann** *(Droid/Alien/Rebel Chorus)* is performing for the first time with the NCFO. Although Kerri studied theater at NYU, it has been many moons since she has been involved with performing, and she is pleased to have the time to participate with her son Liam. When not performing, Kerri can be found working with Julie Viens, cooking in the Waldorf School kitchen, or participating in an activity that involves one of her five children. Thank you to friends and family who have pitched in with babysitting this year.

**Phil Budne** *(Obi-Wan)* was in the chorus of the seminal 1999 production of *Space Opera*, sang
the role of Obi-Wan in 2000, and the Han Solo in 2005. Phil has also played an Undersecretary of Jigland Security, a Wasp, a King, and an ambulance chaser in other Family Operas. He worked on the dark (or at least unlit) side of several other productions and is now enjoying his return to the Lit Side of the Curtain.

Craig Burket (Rebel/Sandpeople Chorus) served as an assistant music director for Kids Court and Lifetime: Songs of Life and Evolution in 2007, and was a People Jig in The Puzzle Jigs (2008), a Frog in The Weaver’s Wedding (2009) and a Prince in Springtime for Haman (2010), as well as performing in three previous NCFO productions. In the distant past, he sang with the New England Conservatory Chorus and played violin in the orchestras of the Opera Company of Boston, the Boston Concert Opera, and the Handel and Haydn Society.

Nate Burket (Darth Vader) attends Holliston High School and is very excited to return for his ninth production with NCFO. He played Luke Skywalker in Space Opera (2005), the Fly in Antiphony (2006), Johnny Strepp in Kids Court (2007), a People Jig in The Puzzle Jigs (2008), Rajah in The Weaver’s Wedding (2009) and King Ahashveros in Springtime for Haman (2010). He sang in the NCFO Science Festival Chorus performances of Lifetime: Songs of Life and Evolution (2007) and Powers of Ten (2008). He has performed with Metrowest Family Theater (Oliver!), the Christmas Revels (2005), and the Summer Revels (2006), and has starred in several musicals with the Hockomock Area YMCA Theater and the Mansfield Arts and Education Center. Nate likes to act, sing, dance, play piano and electric and acoustic guitar, and hang out with his friends.

Esme Caramello (Stormtrooper Chorus) fell in love with acting when she was cast as a tombstone in her sixth-grade musical and still managed to make people laugh (at her lines, not her voice, or so they assured her). Singing out loud every Sunday afternoon has been the greatest thrill, and she thanks her son, Liam, and her Space Opera friends for making it possible.

Liam Caramello (Stormtrooper Chorus) is a first-grader at the King Open School and a rock and roll legend, at least in his mind. He owns two light sabers that auditioned for the show but were deemed too awesome to be used as props in the duel between Darth Vader and Obi-Wan. Vizhoooommm.

Hanna Carney (Jabba the Hutt, Jawa/Alien/Rebel Chorus) is a ten-year-old fifth grader at the Cambridge Montessori School. This is Hanna’s fourth appearance with NCFO. In 2008, she debuted as Bob Barker in The Puzzle Jigs; in 2009’s The Weaver’s Wedding, she was a Frog/Courtier. Last year, she played a chamberlain in Springtime for Haman. Hanna loves soccer, piano, acting, outdoors, animals, food, and the color green. She
would like to thank everyone who has worked at, or sponsored, the NCFO, including the Peabody School.

**Rob Carney (Obi-Wan)** Since playing Owen Lars in *Space Opera* 2005, Rob has aged as quickly as Obi-Wan himself in the nineteen Coruscant years from Episode III (Ewan McGregor) to Episode IV (Sir Alec Guinness). This will be his seventh NCFO production, having also previously played a Formicidae Train Conductor, an Accident Lawyer, a Doggie Jig, a Frog/Courtier, and a Persian Prince. Rob is indebted to his wonderful wife, Doreen, and is inspired by his talented daughters, Tess and Hanna. He is grateful to David and the multiple producers, directors, instructors, sponsors, and other behind-the-scenes folks for their hard work in making these shows possible, and thanks Jennifer Norman in particular for her endless patience in vocal prepping for Alderaan.

**Tess Carney (Princess Leia)** Tess is thirteen years old and in Middle School at Cambridge Montessori. Not easily typecast, she was Rebel Two in *Space Opera* 2005, a Wasp in *Antiphony*, Jury Foreperson in *Kids Court*, Secretary of Jigland Security in *The Puzzle Jigs*, “Steve” in *The Weaver’s Wedding*, and Carcas in *Springtime for Haman*. This year is her biggest role yet and she is very excited, especially as this is one of her favorite operas. Singing is Tess’ primary musical activity. Along with NCFO she also takes vocal lessons. When not singing or in school, Tess likes swimming, playing soccer, and reading.

**David Cash (Dramatic Director)** is participating in his fifth production with NCFO, helping direct *Antiphony, Haman,* and now *Space Opera*. He is delighted to be doing this show with his first-born droid, C-3PO, Sophie. His second-born droid, Eliza, has also been in NCFO operas and his droidwife, Annie, defends the home from aliens.

Sophie Cash (C-3PO) is a freshman at Newton South High School in Newton. She loves drawing, acting, reading, singing, and overalls. This is her fifth year in the opera, performing in *Springtime for Haman* (2004), *Space Opera* (2005), *Antiphony* (2006), and *Springtime for Haman* (2010). She has had so much fun walking stiffly and talking in a high, unnatural British accent as (who else?) C-3PO this year, and she hopes you enjoy the show!

**Pixie Christy (Droid/Alien/Rebel Chorus)** has a long background in music, singing, and performing. She studied at the Juilliard School of Music and sang for thirty years in bluegrass bands. She looks forward to her sixth year performing with NCFO.

**David Cluett (Droid/Alien/Rebel Chorus)** is making his first NCFO appearance in *Space Opera*. Not only did he begin singing less than a year ago, but he had never appeared on stage prior to a summer 2010 production of the musical *Annie*. David has since appeared in Shakespeare’s *The Two Gentlemen of Verona* and as Ferdinand in *The Tempest*. Off stage, he enjoys dreaming up fun activities for his social circle, and he frequently can be found running, biking, hiking, kayaking, or nordic skiing around his beloved Cape Ann. David is a ruthless pub trivia competitor and a backyard badminton bully. Finally, he would like to thank his voice teacher and NCFO vocal coach, Jennifer Norman, for encouraging him to audition and David Bass for giving him his big break.

**Bette Colombo (Jawa/Alien/Rebel Chorus)** joins NCFO for the first time this year. Bette has been singing since childhood, and has fond memories of performing in school musicals and Madrigal choruses. She also founded a Beautyshop Sextet in high school and a Barbershop Quartet in college. When not singing, Bette researches the telecommunications and cable industries, and is a Housemaster at Next House at MIT.

**Michael Colombo (Jawa/Alien/Rebel Chorus)** is an eleven-year-old in fifth grade at the Cambridge Montessori School. Although this is his first opera performance, Michael is a veteran of song and stage. Since moving to Cambridge, he has played Howie in *Metaphasia* (2011) and Prince Jason in *Doo Wop* (2010), both CMS musical productions. When not singing or memorizing his lines, Michael enjoys ice skating, skiing, sailing, and reading.
Jean Cummings (Jabba the Hutt, Stormtrooper Chorus) sat at the opening night of Star Wars as a senior in high school, and said to herself, “When I grow up I want to sing the part of Jabba the Hutt in an opera, at the side of my future husband and my future seven-year-old daughter (whom I would like to name Abigail).” And her dream came true!

Emily Cunningham (Rebel 6a, Droid/Alien/Rebel Chorus) is a music teacher in the Gloucester Public Schools, and is very happy to join in her first performance with NCFO. She would like to thank her most wonderful husband for being so encouraging and supportive.

Christine Cuttitta (Rebel/Sandpeople Chorus) is a mom of three and an architect who teaches at Wentworth in Boston. Her musical training was five years of Music Together classes with her kids at the New School of Music in Cambridge. She would like to thank her wonderful family for singing along to Space Opera tunes with her at home.

Molly Day (Rebel 7, Rebel/Sandpeople Chorus) is an eighth-grader at the Watertown Middle School. This is her eighth year at NCFO. She most recently played Zenda and a member of the Concupine Chorus in Springtime for Haman. She enjoys acting and singing, writing, reading, and soccer. She would like to thank her family and their two fat cats.

Carmen DeBenedictis (Jabba the Hutt, Jawa/Alien/Rebel Chorus) is in the sixth grade at the Amigos School and enjoys singing, dancing, and watching YouTube. Carmen is excited to play Jabba, though she would have preferred if her character “wasn’t quite so nice”. Carmen played Abagtha in last year’s production of Springtime for Haman and enjoys performing with her classmates and friends in CityStep. This is Carmen’s third NCFO production.

James DeBenedictis (Stormtrooper 16, Stormtrooper Chorus) is in the third grade at the Amigos School and enjoys soccer and downhill skiing. Last year, James was Eve Harrington to his Dad’s Margo Channing when James “totally nailed” his Dad’s solo when his Dad suddenly came down with laryngitis. This is James’ second NCFO production, and he hopes that his Dad stays healthy - but is prepared just in case.

Corrina de Boef (Scientist, Rebel/Alien Chorus) is twelve years old and in the sixth grade at the Kennedy Longfellow School. This is her second time performing with NCFO. When she is not busy plotting how to defeat the Empire, Corrina enjoys playing hockey, practicing guitar, and spending time with her friends. She would like to thank the NCFO singing coaches for all their help.

Madeleine Dickman (Jawa/Alien/Rebel Chorus) is a nine-year-old fourth-grader at the Baldwin School in Cambridge. Starting in kindergarten, she sang in the NCFO oratorios Lifetime, Powers of Ten, and Naturally Selected. She first made it to the big stage in 2010, when she appeared as a member of the chorus in NCFO’s Springtime for Haman. Once again this year, she and her mom, Sharon, are both performing. When not singing, Madeleine loves to spend time reading, ice skating, swimming, and playing piano.

When Chris Dodge (Rebel/Alien Chorus) is not working as a Software Architect at Carbonite, he is often found bumbling around the house trying to figure out how parenting is supposed to be done. In the wee little time left over, he’s bumbling on the ice trying to figure out how instructional adult ice hockey is supposed to be done.

Esmé Dodge (Rebel/Alien Chorus) is eight years old and is in second grade at Shady Hill School. Esmé likes to cook, take care of animals, and dance with her Mom while playing Just Dance Two on the family Wii. Esmé has just finished her first book of poems.

Christopher Edel (Stormtrooper 7, Stormtrooper Chorus), in a past life, had an enormous fear of microphones. Long ago, in a far away place, he happily played bass in several bands and community
orchestras, but he would panic at even the thought of singing in public. Reincarnated as a father, his fear of looking ridiculous in public disappeared so that he was able to perform with his son in three productions with the NCFO Festival Chorus and four NCFO operas. Chris restores fine violins for Reuning and Son Violins in Boston.

Meredith Schmidt Edelstein (Rebel 5, Rebel/Sandpeople Chorus) is pleased to be joining the North Cambridge Family Opera this year. Having dabbled in musical theatre and dance in years past, she’s excited to be getting back to the world of the arts! She sends her love to her parents, brothers, husband, and dog, Oogie!

Cullen Fagan (Jawa Two, Jawa/Alien/Rebel Chorus) is a sixth grader at Amigos School and is eleven years old. She is fluent in Spanish. This is her fifth year with NCFO, and she loves it. She enjoys singing and acting. She also enjoys dancing, writing poetry and short stories, playing with her cats and rats, spending time with her family, watching anime, and hanging out with friends. She does a dance program called CityStep and would like to thank her family and friends who supported her and her relatives who came to see her.

Caroline Falk (Stormtrooper Chorus) is participating in NCFO for the first time this year. When she is not providing for the human and animal menagerie in her home, she is practicing tai chi, feng shui, or seamm jasani.

Pamina Falk (Stormtrooper Chorus) is eight years old and a third-grader at Cambridge Friends School. This is her first production with NCFO. She loves science, piano, reading, art, and her guinea pig, Gina.

Susan Fendell (Admiral Ackbar, Droid/Alien/Rebel Chorus) is a public interest attorney by day and a Broadway singer and dancer at night (in her dreams). Susan has appeared with NCFO in Springtime for Haman, The Weaver's Wedding, The Puzzle Jigs (the Mother), Kids Court, Antiphony, and Space Opera. Susan also has appeared in HRDC's Danton's Death (Loeb Mainstage 2010) and as the Nurse in Romeo and Juliet (MIT Shakespeare Ensemble) this past March. Susan wishes to thank the directors, choreographer, cast, and crew for being so fun, and her friends and family for their love.

Kathryn Fernandopulle (Rebel/Alien Chorus) is a seven-year-old second-grader at the Shady Hill School. This is her first opera performance. She was only one year old when she saw Space Opera for the first time, and knew even then she someday wanted to become a NCFO star. She is happy that her friends Tess, Hanna, Esmé, Sophia, and Alexa are doing the opera with her.

Rushika Fernandopulle (Stormtrooper 2, Rebel/Alien Chorus) is an internal medicine physician on staff at the Massachusetts General Hospital, and president of Iora Health, a startup building a new model of primary care delivery. He was a Soldier Ant in Antiphony (2006), a Security Guard in Kids Court (2007), and Doggie Jig in The Puzzle Jigs (2008). He would like to thank his daughters Gabrielle, Serena, and Kathryn, and his wife Maria for helping him learn his lines and not teasing him too much about his singing voice.

Serena Fernandopulle (Rebel/Alien Chorus) is a ten-year-old fourth-grader at the Shady Hill School. She returns to the opera after a two-year break after being a Doggy Jig in The Puzzle Jigs (2008). She likes reading, history, astronomy, and drawing.

Nina Fischer (General Dodonna, Jawa/Alien/Rebel Chorus) is happy to have the opportunity to be part of the opera again this year. This is her second year with NCFO, and it’s great to have a chance to share her passion for singing with her children. Nina’s musical talents first surfaced when sitting on her father’s knee belting out endless verses of Hey Lolly Lolly while he strummed the guitar. She went on to perform in madrigal, a cappella, large classical choral works, and spent several years as a lead vocalist in a Klezmer band. When she isn’t singing, you might find her closely examining worms and bugs with children, or cheering from the sidelines at her children’s soccer games. Nina is thankful to the entire NCFO community who all do their part in making the opera come together.

Julian Fischer Frank (Jawa/Alien/Rebel Chorus) is twelve years old, and is enjoying his second year with the opera. Last year he performed as one of Haman’s friends in Springtime for Haman. He is a serious soccer player, and also recently has taken up cross-country skiing with a vengeance, skiing all winter with the Bill Koch ski team. Julian also loves playing saxophone, building with LEGO, and getting into mischief of one kind or another with his sister, Sophie (though preferably not during opera rehearsals). Julian hopes to become an inventor someday. He is thankful for the delicious Iggy’s rolls at the end of rehearsals.

Sophie Fischer Frank (Jawa/Alien/Rebel Chorus) is nine years old, and returns for her second year to NCFO. Last year, she was a friend of Haman’s in Springtime for Haman. Sophie is an avid soccer player, playing for the Green Dragons in Arlington. She loves singing and dancing, and recently performed for the first time with Arlington Children’s Theatre in Air Granry in a Pickle. Sophie works hard maintaining her role as the family drama queen. This year, along with her brother, Julian, she has taken up cross-country skiing, and has found her passion for skate skiing with the Bill Koch Cross Country ski team. Sophie is thankful for her many friends who are also are in the opera.
Caleb Fried (Rebel 2, Rebel/Alien Chorus) is eleven years old, and he is returning to the NCFO after performing in last year’s Springtime for Haman. Caleb lives in Newton, and is a member of the all-city chorus there as well as playing trumpet in all-city band. He has performed with his brother, Jackson; sister, Linnea; and cousins in numerous backyard theatrical productions such as The Golden Zinger, The Tiger Mask, and Rea’s Cafe to widespread familial acclaim. Caleb enjoys reading and drawing manga, decorating cakes, and rock climbing.

Jackson Fried (Rebel 6b, Rebel/Alien Chorus) is fourteen years old and only recently became a bass. He appeared in last year’s Springtime for Haman and in numerous family musical productions (see Caleb Fried). Jackson enjoys making videos— he has co-created a series of stop-action animation videos featuring sporks, which are available on YouTube, and has made two videos which appeared on Newton Cable TV. Jackson is able to recite full Monty Python episodes in a single breath, and is dangerous with a pack of Magic cards. He is into Capoeira, anime, dungeons & dragons, science, writing, and sleeping late. After trying in vain to establish a formal contract with NCFO, he resigned himself to being a rebel without a clause.

Jeff Fried (Chewbacca) has landed the perfect part, where he is not required to dance gracefully or memorize words. Jeff has sung in many a cappella groups and choruses, and also plays low brass (trombone & tuba). Prior to last year’s Springtime for Haman, however, he had never appeared in anything that required dramatic talent or (gasp!) dancing of any kind - it took his kids’ involvement to bring this about. In his spare time, Jeff develops search software.

Linnea Fried (Rebel/Alien Chorus) is making her NCFO debut at six years old. She loves cats, drawing, gymnastics, and swimming. She has appeared with Jimmy’s children’s theatre in Needham, and in numerous family musicals (see Caleb Fried). She is in first grade at Mason-Rice school in Newton. Linnea is excited about performing onstage, and about restoring freedom and democracy to the galaxy.

Danielle Giguerre (Rebel/Sandpeople Chorus) This is Danielle’s first production with NCFO. However, she is no newcomer to the stage. She has performed in numerous theater productions over the years, even participating in a cappella. Danielle is glad to be putting her musical talents to use again. When she isn’t working or singing, Danielle likes to spend her time with her family, boyfriend, and friends. Enjoy the show!

Laura Gill (Stormtrooper 13, Stormtrooper Chorus) is eleven years old and goes to the Peabody School. This is her third year performing with NCFO. She was citizen Dara in Springtime for Haman (2010)
and a peacock in the *The Weaver’s Wedding* (2009). She participates in the Early Bird Singers chorus at Peabody. She enjoys drawing, playing violin, and writing.

**Bennett Gillig** (Rebel/Sandpeople Chorus) is in first grade in Cambridge. He plays the piano, composing his own songs and putting interesting spins on old favorites.

**Linus Glenhaber** (Rebel 8, Jawa/Alien/Rebel Chorus) is ten years old, and was in last year’s opera as part of the Chamberlain chorus. He also performed in *Naturally Selected*. He’s the Jawa who looks a lot like Toby and a little like Mattie and Zoe.

**Mattie Glenhaber** (Rebel 7, Jawa/Alien/Rebel Chorus) is thirteen years old and was in last year’s opera as part of the Chamberlain chorus. This is her third time with the opera: she was last seen as Zenda in *Springtime for Haman*, and made her operatic debut in *The Weaver’s Wedding* as a Myna Bird. This year, she’s the Jawa who looks a little like Linus and Toby and Zoe, but taller.

**Toby Glenhaber** (Rebel 8, Jawa/Alien/Rebel Chorus) is ten years old, and was also in the Chamberlain chorus last year. He’s the Jawa who looks a lot like Linus and a little like Zoe and Mattie. Like Tatooine, **Ezra Glenn** (Rebel/Alien Chorus) has twin sons. He also has a daughter and a niece in this production. He works at MIT in the department of urban studies and planning, and is the rebel who looks a little like Mattie, Linus, and Toby, but older and with a beard. He doesn’t really look that much like Zoe, but they like many of the same things.

**Dina Gorelik** (Jawa 1, Jawa/Alien/Rebel Chorus) is nine years old, and this is her third year with NCFO. Dina was a noisy mosquito in *The Weaver’s Wedding* and Hadi, Haman’s friend, in *Springtime for Haman*. When Dina is not singing, she is either reading or practicing piano. Dina would like to thank her Mom for making her sing her solo over and over again to get the right notes.

**Sophia Gottlieb** (Han Solo) is fourteen years old, an eighth grader at the Cambridge Montessori School, and headed to CRLS in the fall. She is performing in her eighth NCFO production, playing the role of Han Solo. Sophia is an avid dancer, and when not performing in operas or busy with school activities, Sophia works on her tap, modern, and jazz dance (Deborah Mason School of Dance). Sophia loves doing the Tufts’ *Magic Circle* theater camp each summer. Sophia sends her love and thanks to her family for their support and for coming out to see her!

**Aviva Kohl Gould** (Stormtrooper 15, Droid/Alien/Rebel Chorus) is in third grade at Graham & Parks Alternative School in Cambridge. *Space Opera* is her second time in an NCFO production. When not at rehearsal, she reads, practices piano, and plays soccer, but not all at the same time. She is grateful for the support of her family, even her younger brother, Adam.

**Tom Gould** (Droid/Alien/Rebel Chorus) is singing for the second time in NCFO after thoroughly enjoying last season’s *Springtime for Haman*. NCFO seems to be the intersection of many threads in his life: work, children’s schools, and activities, synagogue, and the neighborhood. He adores his wife, Maura, and children, Aviva and Adam, and thanks them for letting him sing to them at bedtime. He dedicates his performance to his mom, Karolyn, a lifelong opera lover.

**Jen Graña** (Admiral Ackbar, Droid/Alien/Rebel Chorus) couldn’t be happier to return to the

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NCFO stage for a second year, after performing as a Persian concubine in *Springtime for Haman* in 2010. She’s thrilled to be sharing the stage for the first time with her husband, David, even if they are on opposing sides. When she isn’t plotting to overthrow the Empire, she works at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. Jen also enjoys writing, music, gaming, and knitting. She’d like to thank Kristine for all of the work with vocal coaching, her castmates for being wonderful, and her friends and family for their support.

David Graña (*Stormtrooper Chorus*) will be performing in his first-ever musical production in *Space Opera* 2011. During his working hours, he uses his Ph.D. in biomedical engineering as a postdoctoral fellow at Boston University, and enjoys reading, playing video games, and hanging out with friends. David wants to thank his family and friends for their support in this bold new endeavor, God for giving him the apparent ability to sing in a range he never thought possible, and his wife for finally twisting his arm enough to get him on stage.

Dave Haas (*Stormtrooper 1, Stormtrooper Chorus*) is in his second year at NCFO. He works full-time as an Environmental Analyst at Eastern Research Group, plays the bass guitar, and takes care of the family dogs and two exchange students in his spare time. His wife, Beth Loomis, and daughter, Nicole, are also in NCFO.

Zoë Haber (*Rebel 2, Jawa/Alien/Rebel Chorus*) is eight years old and likes dancing, fashion design, and science. This is her first opera and she is excited to perform with her uncle Ezra, and cousins Linus, Toby, & Mattie.

Sue Hall (*Associate Producer, Stage Manager*) is taking a year off from singing, acting, and dancing in order to participate more fully in other aspects of the production and in Reina’s life (much to Reina’s chagrin). She has taken the opportunity (and the necessity!) to become well-versed (or at least better-versed than she was) in both Photoshop and InDesign. Meanwhile, as Stage Manager, she’ll be singing in the wings, because she LOVES all of the music from *Space Opera* and thinks her husband is amazingly talented.

Aytan Hamill (*Rebel/Alien Chorus*) is a fifth-grader at the Wayland Middle School. In addition to performing with NCFO, he also sings in the Beth El Temple Center GLEE Club. When not singing, Aytan enjoys skiing, ice skating, and especially swimming. Aytan would like to send a big thank you to his mother for all of her help and support.

Tom Hamill (*Rebel/Alien Chorus*) is a long-time member of NCFO. In past performances, he’s sung roles ranging from the hot-tempered security guard, Donovan (*Kids Court*, 2007), to the Dung Beetle (*Antiphony*, 2006) and everything in between. Tom has also been seen as Breton Beret in *A Man of No Importance* at the Vokes Theater in Wayland. When not singing, Tom is an independent consultant specializing in the development and integration of financial accounting systems.

Yona Hamill (*Rebel/Alien Chorus*) attends the Westwood High School. He is making his ninth appearance with NCFO, having appeared in every production since the U.S. premiere of *The Puzzle Jigs* in 2003. Yona wants to thank his mother for helping him be in *Space Opera* (twice!). He loves *Space Opera*.

Evie Hartenstein (*Stormtrooper 12, Stormtrooper Chorus*) loves to act and sing. This is her first NCFO, but she has been watching them for a while. She is a singer in her band called the Eleven Feathers, and in a chorus called Early Bird Singers. She goes to
the Peabody School. She was in three plays in the last two years, and loves reading, writing, and pigs as well!

**Ruth Hertzman-Miller** (*Jawa/Alien/Rebel Chorus*) is performing in NCFO for her fifth year. She is delighted to be in the chorus of *Space Opera*, which is the first NCFO production she and her family ever attended. In an alternate universe, she is an internivist and public health researcher at Cambridge Health Alliance. She says, “thank you” again to husband, David Miller, for holding down the home fort during Sunday afternoon rehearsals.

**Sue Holcomb** (*Rebel/Sandpeople Chorus*) is a violinist and violin teacher, and is thrilled to be returning for her ninth NCFO production. She played Barbara Strother in *Kids Court* (2007), a Tree Jig in *The Puzzle Jigs* (2008), a Courtier in *The Weaver’s Wedding* (2009) and Samireh the Concubine in *Springtime for Haman* (2010).

**Bella Jaffe** (*Stormtrooper 13, Stormtrooper Chorus*) is eleven years old and goes to the Hagerty School in Cambridge. She is very excited to be performing for a third time in the opera. She also sang in the oratorio two years and in *Alice’s Adventures Underground* with the Underground Railroad Theater in Central Square. Three summers ago, she sang with the New England Conservatory Vocal Vacation Choir, finishing with a performance at Jordan Hall. She also plays goalie in the Cambridge girls hockey league, and likes to do arts and crafts.

**Erica Jaquith** (*C-3PO*) is very happy to be performing in her sixth NCFO production. She has previously been in *Antiphony* as a worker ant, *Kids Court* as a member of the jury, *Puzzle Jigs* as a water jig, *Weaver’s Wedding* as one of the five kids, and *Springtime for Haman* as a courtier. She is in eighth grade at the Amigos School in Cambridge and is very excited to be graduating soon. She is also a member of the Openair Circus, where she unicycles, stilts, and hula-hoops. She would like to thank her parents and opera buddies!! XP as well as the force and spirit of Obi-Wan Kenobi.

**Abby Jarcho** (*Stormtrooper 6, Stormtrooper Chorus*) is beside herself with joy to have made it to seven, so she could join NCFO (having warmed up with the Oratorio). She is in second grade at King Open. She loves reading, dancing, and Arts All Day summer camp. When she grows up, she would like to be an inventor and performer and choreographer. In five years, she would like to play Han Solo.

**John Jarcho** (*Stormtrooper 5, Stormtrooper Chorus*) is delighted to be performing in his first opera with the North Cambridge Family Opera. Many years ago, he performed as a prisoner in the prisoners’ chorus of the opera *Fidelio* with the Boston Opera Company. He has now graduated from prisoner to stormtrooper, but he is really a rebel at heart.

**Peter Jehlen** (*Stage Combat Director*) trained as a Jedi Knight in the OPENAIR Circus in Somerville and Wheelock Family Theater in Brookline during his youth. Since then, by day he works as a project manager, while by evening he employs his Jedi abilities to maintain order within the OPENAIR Circus through the chaos that is at its core. When North Cambridge Family Opera started planning for this year’s *Space Opera*, the directors couldn’t find a Jedi master in Cambridge so they had to cross into the enemy territory of Somerville to request assistance from one of the greatest Jedis of Massachusetts for choreographing the battle between Obi-Wan Kenobi and Darth Vader. Master Jehlen is proud of each of his apprentices and wishes them and the rest of the cast of *Space Opera* the best in their performances and reminds them to trust the force… always.

**Cooper Kelley** (*Stormtrooper Chorus*) is a fifth-grader at the Baldwin School in Cambridge. Cooper sang in the science oratorios *Lifetime, Powers of Ten, Naturally Selected, and Looking Up*, and was an Earth Jig in *The Puzzle Jigs*, a village child and a (very) annoying mosquito in *The Weaver’s Wedding*, and a citizen and Persian gambler in *Springtime for Haman*. When not brutally maiming and killing rebels, he enjoys soccer, clarinet, reading, and lots more!

**Hope Kelley** (*Stormtrooper Chorus*) sang with her two sons in the past four science oratorios, and was an Earth Jig in *The Puzzle Jigs*, a villager and mosquito in *The Weaver’s Wedding*, and a citizen and fruit peddler in *Springtime for Haman*. She has been an avid fan of NCFO since the first *Space Opera* in 1999 and has been in the audience (usually seeing both casts - hint, hint...highly recommended! :-) ) every year but one. When not singing, she can be seen biking around town and volunteering in elementary math and music classes.

**Robbie Kelley** (*Stormtrooper 9, Stormtrooper Chorus*) is an eighth-grader at the Baldwin School in Cambridge. Robbie sang in the science oratorios *Lifetime, Powers of Ten, Naturally Selected, and Looking Up*, and was an Earth Jig in *The Puzzle Jigs*, a weaver and cunning jackal in *The Weaver’s Wedding*, and a citizen and Persian gambler in *Springtime for Haman*. When not being a clueless stormtrooper, Robbie likes to sail, snowboard, and play the clarinet.

**John Kernochan** (*Stormtrooper Chorus*) “I was so happy to haf a chance again to be a Stormtrooper! I haf not had ze opportunity since 1945 except for brief period vith Sargeant Shulz!”

**Jeremy Klein** (*R2-D2*) performed in NCFO’s productions of *The Weaver’s Wedding* and *Springtime for Haman* as a village child and
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mosquito in the former and Soraya and Haman’s friend in the latter. He thanks his brother, sister, and parents for their support.

Jacob Klibaner (Stormtrooper 16, Rebel/Sandpeople Chorus) is a ninth-grader at the Cambridge Rindge and Latin School. He has appeared in a number of NCFO operas including Antiphony, Kids Court, The Puzzle Jigs, The Weaver’s Wedding, and Springtime for Haman. He is also a member of the King Open Players and has appeared in the Beyond the Wall’s productions of Into the Woods (Rapunzel’s Prince), Music Man (Charlie Cowell) and The Phantom Toll Booth (the Whether Man). Jacob lives at home with his Dad; his Mom; his older brother, Sam; and his cat, Lola. His hobbies are fencing, piano, tae kwon do, hiking, and camping. He is also a member of Boy Scout Troop/Crew 56. He is also the proprietor of Jacob’s Pet Sitting (You leave ‘em, We feed ‘em). Look for his ad in the program.

Joe Klompus (Cantina Bass Player, Rebel/Alien Chorus) is a professional bass player who performs locally, nationally, and internationally, everywhere from small clubs to outdoor festivals and occasionally on television. In addition to playing music, he is a co-owner of Mass Ave Music, a music school and instrument shop in Cambridge’s lovely Porter Square. He sang in the NCFO productions Lifetime: Songs of Life and Evolution (2007), The Puzzle Jigs (2008), and Springtime for Haman (2010). He would like to thank his daughter, Eva Beram, for dragging him into NCFO four years ago.

Julian Bellows Knight (Stormtrooper 7, Stormtrooper Chorus) is in fourth grade at the King Open school. He sang in NCFO’s two science oratorios Lifetime: Songs of Life and Evolution (2007) and Powers of Ten (2008). He also appeared in The Weaver’s Wedding (2009). Most recently he appeared in the Beyond the 4th Wall Expression Theatre’s production of Seuasical the Musical.

Maggie LaMaster (R2-D2) is eleven years old and is in the fifth grade at the Peabody School in North Cambridge. She enjoys hanging out with her friends, playing piano and cello, drawing, reading, singing with her band The Eleven Feathers and with the Early Bird Singers, skiing, canoeing, and swimming on her swim team, the Sea Dawgs. In Maggie’s previous years in the opera, she has been a member of the audience, a dog, one of the Five Kids, and Harbona. This is Maggie’s fifth year in the opera, and while she loves being in the opera with her dad, this year she is most excited that her best friend, Evie, has joined.

Steve LaMaster (Chewbacca) was not born hairy, nor was his childhood remarkable for glottal-stopping wookiee calls. But when he learned in 2003 that NCFO was casting for the role of Chewbacca in the production of Space Opera, he packed his entire family up and moved here from Iowa, believing that someday he’d get a shot at the coveted role. Today, Steve lives in East Cambridge, and works as the Director of Rehabilitation for Vinfen, also based in Cambridge. Steve believes he’s going to the Death Star in a bucket, but his spouse, Rachelle, and their two girls appear to enjoy the ride. Steve can’t be more proud of the greater Cambridge community for their support of participatory arts programs such as the NCFO. Steve also cherishes membership at First Church in Cambridge and the White Mules Ski Club of North Conway, NH, loves the annual canoe trips with friends and family, fishing, hiking, and running amok in America.

Dan Levitt’s (Droid/Alien/Rebel Chorus) celebrated musical stage debut was in college with P.D.Q. Bach. (They were desperate for basses). Since then he has sung in countless living rooms and showers. He expects some day to quit his job and go on to fame and fortune playing hot guitar licks and singing bluegrass in a fabulously famous group he has yet to launch. Until then, he resides in Cambridge with his fiddle- and mandolin-playing daughters and unbelievably tolerant and lovely wife.

Maia Levitt (Rebel 8, Droid/Alien/Rebel Chorus) lives in Cambridge and goes to the Graham and Parks School. She loves to read and absolutely
adores Pi - she's up to 52 digits (but who is counting?). She plays the fiddle and she loves to sing the family opera over and over again...every day. Some of her favorite songs are *Wagon Wheel*, *Love of the Mountains*, and *I'm the Best*.

**Kathy Lindsay** *(Stormtrooper 11, Rebel/Sandpeople Chorus, Dramatic Director, Costumes)*

This is Kathy’s fourth production of *Space Opera*. Always looking for a new spin, instead of soloing this year she will be a rebellious chorus member, with a fatal flaw of telling everyone how to dress, how to behave on stage, and where to go afterward.

**Robyn Lindsay** *(Stormtrooper 11, Stormtrooper 14, Rebel/Sandpeople Chorus)* is a seventeen-year-old senior at Waltham Senior High School. She has performed with NCFO since 2000, as a Jawa, Rebel and Sandperson in previous productions of *Space Opera*, as a Kid in *Kids Court*, both a Worker Ant and a Soldier Ant in *Antiphony*, a Chamberlain and Queen Esther in *Springtime for Haman*, a People Jig and a Sky Jig in *The Puzzle Jigs*, and the Deputy Prime Minister in *The Weaver’s Wedding*. She plays French horn and trumpet in an award-winning Show Band, which just competed in LA. She never goes anywhere without a pack of cards, and holds her own nicely in an ultimate ninja duel. Robyn is planning on attending college next year, and is waiting expectantly for the application results.

**A.J. Liuba** *(Cantina Pianist, Rebel/Sandpeople Chorus, Set Art)*

A.J. knew when she first heard *Space Opera* years ago that playing the cantina music was her destiny. She thanks her Dad for bringing home early jazz records, her Mom for making possible classical piano lessons, a late family friend for the piano, her wonderful supportive friends for everything, and David for writing this music.

**Ruby Lyster** *(Jawa 1, Jawa/Alien/Rebel Chorus)* is an eleven-year-old sixth-grader at the Amigos School in Cambridge. Other roles included Mother Goose at the Frinton-on-Sea Primary School’s Christmas production of *Wilma and the Web*, Village Elder in NCFO’s *The Weaver’s Wedding*, and Boston Children’s Opera production of *Aunt Betty*. Ruby has a passionate interest in Japanese language and culture (particularly anime), and the diverse music of Kiss 108. She shares her home with her parents, a younger sister, and a Spanish ophthalmologist. She would like to thank David Bass; her mom, dad, and grandmother, who are her biggest supporters; and finally, her friend Carmen DeBenedictis, who, from her lofty role as Jabba the Hutt, congratulated Ruby on trying her best.

**Corinne Mason** *(Choreographer)* Corinne is very excited to be back with NCFO, having choreographed last year for *Springtime for Haman*.
Elementary School in Arlington. This is her third NCFO performance. Her first performance, The Weaver’s Wedding, inspired her father and sister to join NCFO. Nicole also enjoys soccer, volleyball, dancing and piano.

Casey McKinney (Uncle Owen, Rebel/Sandpeople Chorus) is an eighth-grader at the Graham & Parks School in Cambridge. This is his third appearance in the Opera, after playing a tree in The Puzzle Jigs and Mordechai in Springtime for Haman. He has also performed with NCFO’s Science Festival Chorus for the past five years and in several Beyond the Fourth Wall productions at Graham & Parks. He is playing the role of Danny in his school’s production of Grease in May. Offstage, he enjoys playing guitar in most of his free moments.

Julie McKinney (Rebel/Sandpeople Chorus) A longtime Family Opera groupie, Julie is usually found in the audience enjoying her talented friends and family. This is her first time in the cast, and she is very pleased to be allowed to sing with this fun group of people!

Riley McKinney (Stormtrooper 8, Rebel/Sandpeople Chorus) is a second-grader at the Graham & Parks School in Cambridge. He has enjoyed performing with NCFO’s Science Festival Chorus for the past three years and now is very excited to be in his first opera. He likes basketball, baseball, drama, and playing piano-guitar duets with his brother.

Anya Miller (Jawa/Alien/Rebel Chorus) is enjoying her second year with NCFO. Last year, she played a Chamberlain in NCFO’s production of Springtime for Haman. She also loves performing with Kidstock and with Fresh Pond Ballet. She is eight years old and in third grade at Dallin School in Arlington. Thanks to her uncle, Tom Hamill, her cousins, Yona and Aytan, and her mom and dad!

Ilana Miller (Jawa 1, Jawa 2, Jawa/Alien/Rebel Chorus) is a third-grader at Ward School in Newton. When not performing as a Rebel, Alien, or one of “those mean little men with the bright yellow eyes,” she can be found reading or playing soccer, but mostly reading. This is her second year at NCFO.

Sarah Miller (Luke Skywalker) is a sixth-year member of NCFO, and proud to be taking on her second lead role. She’s twelve and a sixth-grader at Bigelow Middle School in Newton. Her three-year-old sister watches in awe as her skyhopper soars upward, then descends. Her nine-year-old sister, Ilana, also in the opera, makes a very cute Jawa. Sarah loves singing and playing the trombone. She also enjoys reading.

Jeff Moore (Darth Vader) In his twelfth opera production with NCFO, Jeff Moore dons the Imperial black for the first time since 2000. As usual, he’s happy to be participating with family, Kathy and Robyn Lindsay.

Jenny Moseley (Props Designer) has designed props for every NCFO production since 2001, and has performed in the chorus for Coronation of Esther (2001), Antiphony (2002), The Puzzle Jigs (2003), Springtime for Haman (2004), Space Opera (2005), and The Weaver’s Wedding (2009). She is an origami artist, known internationally for her original designs made from business cards, and her work in the mathematical theory of curved origami. Her works have been exhibited at the Mingei International Museum in San Diego, the Peabody-Essex Museum in Salem, and the Worcester Art Museum.

Anisha Nakagawa (Rebel Five, Rebel/Sandpeople Chorus) is a ninth-grader at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School. This is her eighth opera with the NCFO, having particularly enjoyed roles as Deputy Prime Minister, Water Jig, and Black Ant. She also sang in the NCFO Festival Chorus oratorios at the Cambridge Science Festivals. In addition to singing, she plays soccer and cello, and learns Indian classical dance. She would like to thank all her singing coaches, as well as the entire supporting crew, and the whole awesome NCFO community.

Kailash Nakagawa (Stormtrooper 12, Stormtrooper Chorus), a nine-year-old fourth-grader at the Amigos School in Cambridge, joins NCFO for a third year after performances as an Earth Jig and Weaver/Jackal. He also performed in NCFO’s Lifetime, Powers of Ten, and Naturally Selected performances at the Cambridge Science Festivals. When he’s not singing, he plays soccer and tennis, and learns Indian Classical dance. He would like to thank his singing coaches and all the people who made this production possible.

Mike Nakagawa (Stormtrooper 1, Stormtrooper Chorus) joins his kids again in his seventh NCFO opera production and his first singing solo (How’d that happen?) He has also joined the NCFO Festival Chorus at the Cambridge Science Festival performances. He thanks the whole crew for continuing this great community asset and for helping him find his voice.
Liana Nogic (Stormtrooper 4, Rebel/Alien Chorus) is ten years old and goes to the Amigos School. She loves animals, singing, soccer, gymnastics, and tap dance. This is her first year in the Opera, but she is now in her fourth year singing in the Cambridge Science Festival Chorus. She would like to thank her parents for letting her do the Opera, even though she does tons of other activities.

Jennifer Norman (Vocal Coach, Assistant Producer), soprano and voice teacher, has very much enjoyed teaching voice at NCFO for her third production!! She began her relationship and work with NCFO in 2008 with The Puzzle Jigs and is thrilled to work again alongside the composer himself with this year’s Space Opera. Jennifer currently performs and teaches in the greater Boston area. Having performance experience in a wide array of musical styles and genres from Early Music to Opera to Contemporary, she also has extensive experience as a choral singer. Jennifer maintains a private studio teaching voice and basic musicianship to children and adults of all ages. She holds a Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Akron School of Music in Akron, OH and a Master of Music degree from the Longy School of Music in Cambridge, MA.

Jacob Padilla (Stormtrooper Chorus) is eight years old and a third-grader at The Fayerweather Street School. This is his first NCFO performance. He likes building with LEGO, anything Star Wars, and outdoor sports like hiking, camping, and rock climbing. He wants to thank his Dad for doing NCFO with him, his sister, Zoe, and his Mom.

Robert Padilla (Stormtrooper Chorus) is returning for his second year with NCFO. He is excited that both kids are joining him onstage this year. He would like to thank Zoe, Jacob and his wife Sara.

Zoe Padilla (Stormtrooper 4, Jawa/Alien/Rebel Chorus) is eight years old and a third-grader at the Amigos School. This is her second NCFO performance. Last year, she was a Chamberlain in Springtime for Haman. Zoe is very excited to have her first solo this year as a Stormtrooper, as well as being a Rebel, a Jawa, an Alien, and a Pilot. She enjoys playing with her two kittens, Luke and Anakin, and loves animals. She wants to thank her family for all their support.

Don Picard (Stormtrooper 15, Stormtrooper Chorus) would like to thank his son, James, for convincing him that playing Stormtrooper No. Fifteen was the best role to showcase his talents - in particular, dying on stage. This is Don’s third production with NCFO, having formerly had roles as Dove No. Three in The Weaver’s Wedding and Prince No. Five in Springtime for Haman. Don dreams of one day having a role without a number.
Carla Procaskey (Co-Producer) This is the eighth year Carla has been with Family Opera. She still loves snow, even after this winter, and she is very glad she doesn’t live on Tatooine. She wants to thank her husband for being ever interesting and her daughter for being sensible and cheerful.

Ruth Rogers (Rebel/Sandpeople Chorus) This is Ruth’s first year in the Opera. She joined hoping to inspire her children to join as well. That has not yet worked, but Ruth is having a great time!

Diane Roseman (Stormtrooper Chorus) Diane is so excited to be performing for the first time with the NCFO. She is thankful that her family is participating and that they can all carry a tune, as well as a blaster. She is also grateful to have the opportunity to delve into the Stormtrooper psyche—they have been badly misunderstood.

Avellana Ross (Stormtrooper 5, Stormtrooper Chorus) I am thirteen years old and currently home schooling. This is my first year with the NCFO. I am a huge fan of Star Wars, so this show was especially fun for me. I love to write, so I have really enjoyed the clever song lyrics.

Carolyn Ross and Edward Ross (Stormtrooper Chorus) This is our family’s first year with the NCFO. We are a homeschooling family who all enjoy both singing and Star Wars, so this has been a great experience.

Lidan Ross (Stormtrooper 10, Stormtrooper Chorus) I am nine years old and currently homeschooling. This is my first year with the NCFO. I love learning the dances for the show.

Merryn Ross (Stormtrooper 6, Stormtrooper Chorus) I am eleven years old and currently home schooling. This is my first year with the NCFO. Being a Stormtrooper means so much to me! I am really getting into the part.

Alexandra Rowe (Rebel/Alien Chorus) will be performing with the NCFO for the first time, after watching her brother and mom onstage for the last few years. However, Alexa is no stranger to the spotlight. She has performed in both Powers School of Music operettas and Revels workshop shows, and is a regular of the Theatre Arts club at Shady Hill School where she is a second grader.

Sam Rowe (Stormtrooper 8, Stormtrooper Chorus) is pleased to be back at the NCFO performing alongside friends and family. He previously pleased audiences as a cute puppy (The Puzzle Jigs), an annoying mosquito (The Weaver’s Wedding), and a Persian boy (Springtime for Haman). Sam is in the fifth grade at Shady Hill School.

Tim Rowe (Rebel/Alien Chorus) has been a Star Wars fan from the dawn of history. Tim is excited to
be part of Space Opera alongside his son, Sam, and daughter, Alexa, who are patiently teaching him how to sing. The family lives in Cambridge, where Tim leads Cambridge Innovation Center.

Ethan Saff (Rebel/Alien Chorus) is eight years old and is in second grade at Park Street School. This is his first time performing with NCFO, but he does love to sing in Park Street Church’s Children’s Choir. He loves to read, especially about space, Greek mythology, and computer programming, as well as play soccer and ride his bike.

Rebecca Saff (Rebel/Alien Chorus) is an Allergy/Immunology Fellow at Massachusetts General Hospital and mom to 3 wonderful boys. Her last performance was years ago (high school), and she has enjoyed the chance to sing and dance. Special thanks to David Saff who kept the smaller boys busy every Sunday so we could rehearse! Rebecca likes to hike with her family, garden, and cook in her spare time.

David Sandberg (Dramatic Director) celebrates his eleventh year with the company, happily ceding the role of Obi-Wan (which he played in the 2005 production) to the very capable hands (and voices) of Rob and Phil. While despondent that, for the first time during his tenure with NCFO, neither of his daughters is appearing on the stage, he is nonetheless greatly encouraged by the enthusiasm and ability of this cast. They have been a pleasure to work with and have put together a wonderful production. David has been a dramatic director since 2006 and, as usual, is delighted to have worked again with Kathy and Dave, as well as the rest of the creative and production teams. In civilian life, David is a lawyer for a software company, and is the unofficial cantor at the Tremont Street synagogue. He likes to sing Gilbert and Sullivan when he has the opportunity.

Caitlin Sanders (Publicity Intern) is thrilled to be working for Space Opera this year. A Marketing Communications and Writing, Literature and Publishing double major from Emerson College, Caitlin has enjoyed the opportunity to step away from the big city and return to her community theater roots. This is her first experience with the North Cambridge Family Opera Company, and she would like to thank everyone for making rehearsals so lively and enjoyable.

Emily Sequeira (Jawa/Alien/Rebel Chorus) is a full-time mother of Paloma, Coco, and Satchel. After almost seven years of Music Together classes, she’s taken the big next step into the NCFO. When not mothering, she enjoys cooking, knitting, sewing, creating things, and being with friends. Emily would like to thank Paloma for bringing singing to the family and her husband John for taking over Sunday afternoon and dinner times during rehearsal season.

Paloma Sequeira (Jawa/Alien/Rebel Chorus) is seven years old. She is in second grade at the Baldwin Elementary School in Cambridge. This is her first year with the NCFO, although she has narrated her life thus far through song. Paloma takes voice lessons at the New School of Music. She has participated in theater camps at Watertown Children’s Theater and Wheelock Family Theater. Paloma’s other interests include her family, playing, reading, ballet, and recorder.

Lior Shavit (Stormtrooper 9, Stormtrooper Chorus) is eleven years old and studying at the Jewish Community Day School in Watertown, MA. He loves to sing to the tunes of Guitar Hero. Lior studies both classical and electric guitar. He plays soccer, hockey, basketball, and tennis, and is known for his

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**Nir Shavit (Stormtrooper Chorus)** is a computer scientist by day and a part-time playback theater actor by night, appearing with the Weizmann Playback Group in Israel and True Story Theater in Boston.

**David Spitz (Stormtrooper Chorus)** is a third-grader at King Open School in Cambridge. This is his first performance with the NCFO. David loved *Star Wars* when he was younger, but he’s not obsessed with it anymore now that he’s older. David doesn’t really believe that fish are free, so there, Rebels.

**Ella Spitz (Stormtrooper Chorus)** is a second-grader at the King Open School in Cambridge. Her most recent acting experience was in kindergarten when she performed the role of Baba in *The Mitten*. Ella finds acting and singing quite fun and exciting! She loves to tackle people, so is glad to be a Stormtrooper!

**Steven Spitz (Stormtrooper Chorus)** is a Software Engineer at ITA Software. This is his first excursion onto the stage in general and with NCFO in particular. He generally prefers to be out of the spotlight, but decided to try this out for the sake of family togetherness and all around fun! Steven was raised in Israel and was exposed to light opera at a young age listening to his father rehearse Gilbert and Sullivan roles in the Light Opera Group of the Negev.

**Talia Spitz (Stormtrooper Chorus)** goes to school at the King Open School in Cambridge and is in the fifth grade. She has not had much practice singing onstage, but is ready to take on this challenge. Talia is excited to march around in circles behind Vader, and shoot some rebel scum! “Stormtroopers are / somewhat bizarre…”

**Zachary Spitz (Stormtrooper Chorus)** is fourteen years old and a freshman at the Cambridge Rindge and Latin School. He hasn’t acted in a play since the third grade, but is taking on the duties of a Stormtrooper because if he didn’t, his family just might Force-choke him. Zach is joining his five other Stormtrooper family members onstage and is looking forward to shooting up some rebels and singing to Darth Vader in this production of *Space Opera*.

**Elizabeth R. Stone (Makeup Designer)** has been doing makeup for the MIT Gilbert & Sullivan Players, the Emmanuel Theatre Guild, MIT Musical Theatre Guild, Emerson Umbrella Theatre, and MIT Community Players, and has worked with Theatre@First and various haunted houses. She’s also a musician with Red Herring Morris and plays with words, art supplies, and her cats. Heartfelt thanks to David Rabkin, Katie Drexel, and the makeup crew.

**Sophia Teller (Rebel 4, Rebel/Alien Chorus)**, eight, is a second-grader at Shady Hill. She has always loved to sing and dance, but this is her first opera, and she is thrilled to be a rebel. In addition to performing, Sophia loves to read, and her favorite books are the seventh *Harry Potter* and all the *Percy Jacksons*. She would like to thank all of the people at the North Cambridge Family Opera for being such wonderful teachers.

**Sophia Thurau-Gray (Rebel 1, Rebel/Alien Chorus)** enjoys acting in the North Cambridge Family Opera. She has performed in *The Puzzle Jigs* and the *The Weaver’s Wedding*. She has also performed in *Fiddler on the Roof, Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*, and *School House Rock* in Beyond the 4th Wall Productions at Graham and Parks. When she is not in a play, Sophia likes to knit, take care of small children, and volunteer at Youville House.

**Cameron Tracy (Stormtrooper Chorus)** is nine years old and a third-grader at the King Open School in Cambridge. Cameron has wanted to perform in *Space Opera* since he was three years old. His awesome older brother, Ryan, and amazing sister, Tessa, were Stormtroopers in the 2005 *Space Opera*. He has watched the DVD of that production many times. Yielding to his younger brother, Nolan, Cameron is a Stormtrooper, but really is a Rebel at heart. He sang in *The Powers of Ten* in 2008. Cameron plays soccer as much as possible. He enjoys reading, writing stories, and playing Wii. He is also a good swimmer and baseball player, and makes his family happy with his superstar smile.

**Faith Tracy (Stormtrooper Chorus)** is proud to be performing with Cameron and Nolan in their first *Space Opera*. She performed with her two older children, Ryan and Tessa, in the 2005 *Space Opera, Antiphony, Kids Court, and The Weaver’s Wedding*. Being a part of NCFO is always an educating experience, and she is so grateful. She has learned so much being part of such an amazing group of people, and working so close with her children. She is dedicating this performance to her husband for his enthusiasm and support. Thank you, Joe!

**Nolan Tracy (Stormtrooper Chorus)** is seven years old and in the second grade at the King...
Open School in Cambridge. His favorite older brother, Ryan, and favorite older sister, Tessa, were Stormtroopers in the 2005 Space Opera, and it left a huge impression. 2011 is a very special year because he gets to be a Stormtrooper with his mom and his brother, Cameron. Nolan loves animals, especially birds, hamsters, cats, and dogs. He also plays an intense game of soccer. Art, recess, and gym are his favorite school subjects. Nolan always makes his family laugh with his silly faces and funny stories. Thank you, NCFO!

Julie Viens (Droid/Alien/Rebel Chorus) is performing in her third NCFO performance with her daughters, Sophia and Shayla. Depending on the scene, she plays a rebel, a droid, or an alien. Julie is also performing in her third NCFO Science Oratorio this year. She thanks her husband for surviving those difficult eight measures over and over and over. She thanks her family for coming out to see the show.

Dan Weinreb (Uncle Owen, Rebel/Sandpeople Chorus, Stage Manager) has been with the opera company since 2000, and has performed in Space Opera, The Coronation of Esther, Antiphony, The Puzzle Jigs, and the 2004 and 2010 productions of Springtime for Haman. He has also produced DVD’s for many of NCFO productions shows. By day, Daniel is a software engineer at ITA Software, Inc.

Rowan Wheeler (Stormtrooper 14, Stormtrooper Chorus), eleven and in sixth grade at Cambridge Friends School, sings in her first performance with NCFO. She loves reading, drawing, and singing the Portal closing theme.

Suzan Wolpow-Gill (Stormtrooper 3, Stormtrooper Chorus) is glad to be back again for her third year with NCFO. She enjoyed being a peacock (and courtier) in The Weaver’s Wedding and a rug-selling citizen in Springtime for Haman, both times with her solo-singing daughter, Laura. Moving from being an anonymous citizen to an even more anonymous, yet nasty, and very briefly solo, stormtrooper this year is fun. In real life, Suzan is a psychotherapist and career counselor in Cambridge.

Rachel Zimmerman (Rebel/Alien Chorus) is very excited to be a rebel this year – it reminds her of the musicals she was in during high school – but it’s a far cry from H.M.S. Pinafore. As an adult, she writes about health care on the WBUR website, CommonHealth, and recently co-authored a book about birth. She would like to thank her lovely daughter and rebel comrade, Sophia, her younger, delightful daughter, Julia (who can really belt out I’m The Best), and her fabulous husband, Seth, for all those Sunday nights, and much, much more.
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A founding member of North Cambridge Artists Open Studios (NoCA) and longtime North Cambridge resident, Thalia lives in Davis Square. After years working for a larger company, Thalia decided to open her own agency in 2011 and is proud to be a local business owner. She focuses on the Cambridge and Somerville markets and loves introducing people to the rich resources and great lifestyle these two communities offer.

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