

## ABOUT THE DIRECTOR - RACHEL BAUER

Rachel is excited to be back in the FAC. She's happy to be working with such a fun group of students. Rachel's been heavily involved with acting/directing since age 12. She has enjoyed many roles on and off stage. She comes to us as a UW-Whitewater Theatre/English Education graduate. She'd like to thank her amazingly supportive husband David and three beautiful children: Brooke, Courtney and Ethan! She also thanks her parents Gene & Linda, and in-laws Ernie & Karen, who have provided many hours of childcare, without which this would not be possible!

## DIRECTOR'S NOTES

*Ramona Quimby* is an emotional roller coaster of a show. It's fast paced and fun loving. Third grader Ramona is trying her best to navigate through growing up. This show has something for everyone, whether you can relate to Ramona or not. Maybe you had a "Susan," a "Mrs. Griggs," or even a fun "Aunt Bea"! This show does a wonderful job of capturing all of life's challenges when you're eight from Ramona's perspective. The cast of this show contains a lot of students for whom *Ramona* will be their first Hamilton show. It's been so rewarding to watch the upperclassmen welcome them into the Drama family. I sincerely hope you enjoy the show as much as we've enjoyed creating it for you!

## SUMMARY

Dramatized by Len Jenkin

Based on the books by Beverly Cleary

Unpredictable. Exasperating. Boisterous and independent. That's Ramona Quimby for you—always aggravating her older sister Beezus, constantly getting into trouble, and sometimes "making a big, noisy fuss" when things don't go her way. As narrator, Beezus (Beatrice Quimby) introduces the Quimby family and friends and thereby sets the scene for the collection of vignettes that trace Ramona's tumultuous passage through third grade and through her family relationships. At school, she throws a tantrum when provoked by a classmate and is sent home in disgrace. The teacher's wrath, an important family wedding, persistent sibling bickering and Mr. Quimby's attempts to give up smoking are part of the fabric that shape a humorous, loving family portrait. The characters and the material, adapted by Obie Award-winning playwright Len Jenkin, are as "today" as the morning newspaper. The problems facing the Quimbys, a middle-class Oregon family, are problems common to most families, and the family's togetherness in tackling the sacrifices and adjustments required when the father is unexpectedly fired from his job is a clear statement of traditional family values. Along with the discovery that life is not always fair, eventually Ramona and Beezus come to realize that sisters may not always agree, but they can be good to have around.

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## PRODUCTION STAFF

Director .....	Rachel Bauer
Set Building and Design .....	Amber Skaros and John Atlee
Costume Designer .....	Darcy Devans
Light Designer .....	Dean Wicker
Sound Supervisor .....	John Washbush
Publicity .....	Sarah Kowalske
Assistant Producer .....	Sarah Plamann

## CAST

Ramona Quimby .....	Becca Blaedow
Beezus Quimby .....	Ariel Hoefler
Dorothy Quimby .....	Lauren Schlaman
Bob Quimby .....	Christian Strutz
Aunt Bea .....	Izabel Krystowiak
Howie Kemp/Cub Scout .....	Jack Costa
Uncle Hobart .....	Jake Hudson
Mrs. Kemp .....	Morgan Waldenberger
Mrs. Griggs .....	Keeara Muellenbach
Susan/Brownie .....	Dorie Palmer
Tammy/Sponsor .....	Ashley Bissen
Selma/Head Cub Scout .....	Kayleigh Winston
Mr. Frost/Old Man/Elephant .....	Ian Moore
Doctor/Director .....	Charlie Bruch
Whopper Burger Boy .....	Sal Calatola-Young
Pastor Jones/Brownie .....	Brooke Brandtjen
Camera Operator/Brownie .....	Ashlee Albrecht
Child/Brownie .....	Kayla Kidman
Brownie .....	Lillia Thoms
Brownie .....	Jay Ware
Cub Scout .....	Briana Taylor
Cub Scout .....	Nikki Fenner
Cub Scout .....	Mariano Calatola-Pofahl
Cub Scout .....	Tyler McMurray

## STUDENT PRODUCTION STAFF

Head Stage Manager .....	Lauren Bruss
Assistant Stage Manager .....	Nikki Fenner
Head of Sound .....	Linsey Blattner
Head of Lighting .....	Krystal Fedie
Curtains .....	Tyler McMurray
Crew Manager/Props Mistress .....	Jay Ware
Props Apprentice .....	Max Cavadel
Stagehand Crew .....	Brenna Atlee, Sarah Bauer, Jessica Moegenburg, Emma Moss, Briana Taylor, Morgan Waldenberger

## UPCOMING PRODUCTIONS AND DRAMA EVENTS

Spring musical – *My Fair Lady* 5/4/17 to 5/7/17

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## HAMILTON DRAMA BOOSTER CLUB

Drama Booster Club is the parent organization that works to support the Hamilton Drama Club productions. The parents meet once a month to plan and organize events, production needs, and fundraisers to support the drama program.

<https://sites.google.com/a/hamiltonstudents.org/hamilton-drama/home>

## BOOSTER BOARD MEMBERS AND COORDINATORS

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Christina Hartwig .....	Raffle Basket Coordinator

## Support our Drama Club!

Buy a Talent Gram for students involved in the show! Grams are delivered to the students after each show with your personal message. Talent Grams can be purchased before the show or during intermission for just \$1 each (or 3 for \$2).

Buy tickets for your chance to win the 50/50 raffle, drawn at each show! Tickets can be purchased before the show or during intermission.

Also for sale are tickets for an autographed cast/crew photograph and themed raffle baskets. This show's baskets are all about reading! The Ramona Quimby Children's Basket contains a *Ramona Quimby* book set, Ramona Quimby bookmarks, a *Ramona and Beezus* Blueraay/dvd/digital copy combo, a diary/notebook, bubble gum, and a reusable bag from Half Price Books. The Reading and Relaxing Basket contains two \$15.00 gift cards to Half Price Books, a book light, Highlander Grogg coffee, a coffee mug, Yogi Chai Green Tea, candy, a reusable bag from Half Price Books, two 15% off coupons for Half Price Books, two candles, two bookmarks, and a throw blanket.

Concessions are available at the show during intermission.

## CAST BIOGRAPHIES



**Ashlee Albrecht-** Ashlee is a freshman and this is her first show in the Hamilton Drama program. She has performed in many of her elementary seasonal productions and was involved in the 8th grade drama class. She enjoys listening to music, taking part in the Hamilton robotics team, playing tennis, and working in any theatrical environment. Ashlee would like to thank her parents and peers for all their support in her career. She is profoundly excited to be a part of *Ramona Quimby* and hopes you enjoy the show!



**Ashley Bissen-** Ashley is a sophomore and this is her third show as part of the Hamilton drama program. She has performed in all of the productions at her elementary school and is ecstatic to be acting in *Ramona Quimby* amongst all of her talented drama friends! Ashley has many hobbies, including but not limited to writing, acting, singing, and playing the piano and the flute. She would like to thank all of her family and friends who have been so supportive of her throughout her drama career thus far. Ashley hopes you love the show just as much as she loved being a part of it!



**Becca Blaedow-** Becca is a junior this year at Hamilton, and is very excited to be a part of *Ramona Quimby* as Ramona herself! This is her fifth performance with the Hamilton High School Drama Department. Becca has made stage appearances in *The Addams Family Musical* (Pugsley Addams), *The Matchmaker* (Ermengarde), *Cinderella* (Grace, Step

Sister), and most recently in *Harvey* (Myrtle Mae Simmons). She is grateful and elated to be back on stage to put on this high energy children's play! She would like to thank her supportive family, friends, her amazing director, as well as her fellow cast members and crew for helping her along the way. Enjoy the show!



**Brooke Brandtjen-** Brooke is a freshman at Hamilton High School. This is her second play at Hamilton, but this is her first show as a member of the cast. She has also performed at Comedy Sportz and Second City Chicago. She would like to thank her wonderful family at the Hamilton Drama Program for supporting her and always being there to help her out.



**Mariano Calatola-Pofahl-** Mariano is thrilled to be a part of the cast for *Ramona*. This is his second performance at Hamilton; he also performed in the fall play *Harvey*. He is a freshman and enjoys video games and band, where he is a percussionist. He hopes you enjoy the show!



**Sal Calatola-Young-** Sal Calatola is overjoyed to be the Whopper-Burger boy in *Ramona Quimby*. This is his ninth Hamilton production. His hobbies include consuming large amounts of noodles, skiing, and show choir. You could have seen him previously as Dr. Chumley in *Harvey*. He'd like to dedicate his performance to Aurora for making it through the winter.

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**Charlie Bruch-** Charlie is a sophomore this year and this is his third Hamilton show. Most recently, you may have seen him in the fall play *Harvey*. He hopes everyone who views the show has as much fun as he does while on stage.



**Jack Costa-** Jack is honored and delighted to be a part of such a fun production his freshman year. He has always enjoyed performing, but his first official experience on stage was last year as Lord Farquaad in TMS's production of *Shrek*. Jack also performs with HHS show choir, plays soccer, and is in a barbershop quartet.



**Ariel Hoefler-** Ariel is a junior at HHS and is performing as Beezus Quimby in her fourth production. She has loved acting ever since she was a child and is blessed to have this opportunity to receive this fun role. She wants to thank her cast, crew, director, friends, and family who have supported her through the good and bad during her experience in the theatre program. Enjoy the show!



**Jake Hudson-** Jake Hudson is a junior and this is his seventh show at Hamilton. He is playing Hobart Kemp and is ecstatic to be up on the Hamilton Stage once again. Jake has loved acting since his freshman year and would like to thank Becca Blaedow, Bailey Greenwood, Lauren Schlaman, and Jason Schlaman for helping

him grow as an actor. Hope you enjoy the show!



**Kayla Kidman-** Kayla is a freshman who is new to Hamilton drama. She's excited to become involved in high school drama, and has experience acting in the middle school show *Pass it On, or the First Period Note that Almost Destroyed the World*. She loves heavy metal music and art, both of which inspire her performances. Being in *Ramona* has been a terrific way to meet new people!



**Izabel Krystowiak-** Izabel is a junior here at Hamilton High School. She is playing Aunt Bea in her fifth Hamilton production, along with *Harvey One Act*, and is tremendously excited to be playing a character as upbeat and flamboyant as she is on a daily basis. Izabel has had a blast in this drama program. She would like to thank her parents, friends, and director for being so incredibly supportive and for making this show one of the best experiences! Enjoy the show!



**Ian Moore-** Ian is a sophomore at Hamilton High School and is thrilled to be in his third show. Being in the drama program has shed some light on his acting potential on and off the stage. It's a way for him to detox after a long day at school or after a stressful weekend. Meeting new people along the way, he is excited to continue his journey through the world of acting.

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**Keeara Muellenbach-** Keeara is a freshman and this is her first show with Hamilton drama. She has performed in the Sheboygan Theater Company's productions

*Macbeth* and *Children of Eden*. She enjoys reading and writing and loves the atmosphere of the theater. She is extremely excited to be a part of *Ramona Quimby* and sincerely hopes you enjoy the show!



**Dorie Palmer-** Dorie is a freshman and is super-duper excited to be Susan. This is her second show at Hamilton School, the first being the fall show of *Harvey*. Dorie

wants to thank her director, cast/crew members, friends, and family for always being there for her. She hopes you have a good laugh and have a ton of fun watching the show!



**Lauren Schlaman-** Lauren is a freshman and is thrilled to be playing Mrs. Quimby. This is her second show at here at Hamilton. You may have seen her in *Harvey* in the

fall. Lauren would like to thank her family, friends, director, and the cast and crew members for being so supportive and helpful. She hopes you enjoy the show!



**Christian Strutz-** Christian is a freshman and is grateful to be a part of the cast of *Ramona Quimby*. This is technically Christian's second show at

Hamilton, since he was recruited from Templeton Middle School in 2014 for the

production of *Fiddler on the Roof*, and he has been blessed to be able to work with another great cast for this show. Christian recently starred in *Shrek the Musical Jr.* last year at Templeton, and has done much more acting through community theatre with Waukesha Civic Theatre, Menomonee Falls Patio Player's, Imagination Theatre of Germantown, and Lake Country Playhouse. In Christian's free time, he likes to play guitar, make YouTube videos, and... well... act! He really hopes you enjoy the show and thanks you for coming!



**Lillia Thoms-** Lillia is a freshman this year and this will be her first year performing in a show for Hamilton. However, she has performed in multiple shows in the

past. She enjoys writing and acting and hopes to continue to grow with experience through the Hamilton drama program. Lillia would like to thank her wonderful family who supports her, but especially her mother who encouraged her to join drama in the first place. She hopes you will enjoy the show and all the effort put into it!



**Kayleigh Winston-** Kayleigh is a junior and is thrilled to be back for another show at Hamilton! Returning after *The Matchmaker* and *Harvey*, she'd like to

thank her lovely cast mates and crew members for being fantastic to work with.

## CAST AND CREW BIOGRAPHIES



**Nikki Fenner-** Nikki is a junior at Hamilton High School this year. *Ramona Quimby* will be the seventh show she is working in as crew. She is especially excited to try

her hand at acting, as she takes on the part of a young Boy Scout. She hopes you enjoy the show!



**Tyler McMurray-** Tyler will be working his third show with crew and is happy to be working alongside the friends he has made since being a part of drama. He has previously been

behind the scenes for Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella Enchanted* and *Harvey*, and enjoys making really bad jokes and looking at funny dog pictures. All in all, Tyler would like to thank his family, friends, and especially Taylor Bui for giving him this opportunity and for supporting him in what he does. Enjoy the show!



**Briana Taylor-** Briana is a freshman at Hamilton and is fairly new to the Hamilton Drama program. She was in *Harvey* as a stagehand, and loved being able to do what she

did. She loves the theater atmosphere and is excited to be in both cast and crew this show. Being in crew has given her the chance to make so many new amazing friends. Briana hopes you enjoy *Ramona Quimby*!



**Morgan Waldenberger-** Morgan is super excited to be in *Ramona Quimby* playing Mrs. Kemp. She has been in two other shows and loves to help with crew when she can.

Morgan loves to read and play video games when she has spare time.



**Jay Ware-** Jay is a junior this year, and this will be her eighth show. She's excited for the annual kid show to commence! She's been enjoying being the manager for

the crew this year and is excited to fully take over as prop mistress. She would like to thank any friends and family coming out to see her hard work put together on stage!

## Attention Hamilton Students! Want to be a part of the drama family?



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HHS production of  
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## CREW BIOGRAPHIES



**Brenna Atlee**- Brenna is a freshman in her second production with Hamilton's drama department. She likes working in the shop, so being in crew again was a no brainer. She's a hard worker who enjoys a good challenge. For this show, she is starting to learn about the props manager, which she will take over in the next year. She is super excited to be back with every one of the drama crew and cast.



**Sarah Bauer**- Sarah is a dedicated member of the HHS drama program who enjoys participating both as a crew member as well as a cast member. She has participated in two HHS drama productions thus far, *Ramona Quimby* being her third. She loves working with the other drama members, and looks forward to many future shows. She cannot wait for you to see *Ramona Quimby*!



**Linsey Blattner**- Linsey is a junior this year, and this will be her eighth show. Linsey is very excited to be participating in this production with her tech, crew, and actor friends. She really enjoys working in sound and backstage, and in this show she is the head of sound. She hopes you enjoy our production of *Ramona Quimby*!



**Lauren Bruss**- Lauren is a junior and this will be her seventh show! Lauren loves crew and is looking forward to meeting new people in drama and working with her partner in crime Nikki Fenner. She is very excited to be Stage Manager for this show! Lauren

would like to thank her parents for always supporting her throughout the show process and hopes you enjoy another great show!



**Max Cavadel**- Max is a senior doing his first show. He has enjoyed meeting new people and has made several new friends. He is very excited to become a prop-apprentice for his first show, *Ramona Quimby*.



**Krystal Fedie**- Krystal is excited to be running the lighting board for this show. Krystal is a junior, and she absolutely adores working with lights. This is the eighth show she's been involved in. She would like to thank her mentor Dani for training her in lighting, stress management, and life.



**Jessica Moegenburg**- Jessica is a junior here at Hamilton. This is her eighth show with Hamilton High School Drama. Jessica was also a part of the *Harvey One Act*. She is excited to be working on *Ramona* and is looking forward to being a part of crew for future shows. Jessica would like to thank her family for their support and can't wait for you to see the show!



**Emma Moss**- Emma is a junior who was born in California and moved to Wisconsin. She soon discovered her love for crew during *Harvey* and this is now her second show in drama. Emma would like to thank her dad for being supportive of her after school activity. She can't wait for you to experience *Ramona*!