

TO NEVERLAND! an original play by the Playmakers Spring 2024

THE CAST

Neverlandians

(Children and fairies from Neverland who have come to London to bring Wendy back)

EVELYN	Peter Pan <i>(a bold, adventurous child who refuses to grow up and delights in fun)</i>
AANYA	Tinker Bell <i>(an emotional fairy, Peter's best friend who goes on every adventure)</i>
NORAH	Flicker Bell <i>(an emotional fairy, sister of Tink, who never wants to be left out)</i>
WILLIAM	Captain Hook Jr. <i>(A Lost Kid who tries to be nice despite his pirate upbringing)</i>
BRAYDEN	Tootles <i>(a mischievous Lost Kid always looking for fun)</i>
JULIA	Slightly <i>(a tough Lost Kid who loves to play and would really like to be in charge)</i>

The Londoners

(The Darling Family in Modern Times)

MIA	Wendy Darling <i>(a great-great-grandmother who tells stories of Neverland)</i>
ARIANA	Jane Darling <i>(a sweet great-grandmother concerned about everything)</i>
RILEY	Margaret Darling <i>(a cool granny caring for her grandchildren in her family home)</i>
ALANA	Winnie Darling <i>(a trendy teen more interested in her devices than going outside)</i>
JOELLA	Joan Darling <i>(a fashion forward, trend setting middle child)</i>
KAROLINA	Michelle Darling <i>(the youngest child who really wants to play and have adventures)</i>

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SONG: To Neverland!

Lyrics by Jackie Daley and composed by Cooper Sheehy

CHORUS

FROM THE ROOFTOPS OF LONDON
STRAIGHT UP TO THE SKY
NOW THE JOURNEY HAS BEGUN
COME JOIN US AND FLY

WE'LL LEAVE HERE TONIGHT
THEN WE'LL GO EXPLORING
SECOND TO THE RIGHT
AND STRAIGHT ON TILL MORNING

VERSE 1

FAIRIES FROLICKING FREE IN THE FOREST
PETER PLAYING PAPA FOR PRETEND
CRICKETS AND CANARIES SING IN A CHORUS
CHILDREN CHASING CHILDREN 'ROUND THE BEND

YOU CAN SEE IT ALL FIRST HAND
WHEN WE GO TO NEVERLAND

REPEAT CHORUS

VERSE 2

MERMAIDS MINGLING MERRY IN THE MANGROVES
AND PIRATES PLUNDERING PEARLS IN THE PORT
CROCODILES CRAWLING CLOSE TO THE CALM COVE
THERE'S FISH AND FINS AND FROGS OF EVERY SORT

WE'LL BE PLAYING IN THE SAND
WHEN WE GO TO NEVERLAND

REPEAT CHORUS

ENDING

COME ON NOW AND TAKE MY HAND
AND WE'LL GO TO NEVERLAND

PROLOGUE

(The three grandmothers sit telling a story to their three granddaughters who sit at their feet. Michelle is very attentive and loves the story. Joan still loves it as well. Winnie is ignoring it all and scrolling on her phone.)

WENDY

A long, long time ago when I was a child, Peter flew through the window of this very home. His crying woke me up.

*[Slightly plays Young Wendy laying asleep on her back as Peter cries into his knees.
Young Wendy wakes]*

YOUNG WENDY (SLIGHTLY)

Boy, why are you crying?

PETER PAN

(getting up and ready for adventure)

Come away with me!

[Tinker Bell sprinkles pixie dust and Peter Pan, Young Wendy, and Tinker Bell fly right towards Tootles who bows and then onto Captain Hook Jr (now playing Captain Hook) who challenges them to a duel]

CAPTAIN HOOK (CAPTAIN HOOK JR)

Prepare to meet thy doom!

TOOTLES, PETER PAN, YOUNG JANE, TINKER BELL

Have at thee!

WENDY

We had the greatest of adventures! But then, I had to return to London to grow up.

[The Neverlandians disappear. Slightly prepares to be Slightly. Flicker Bell prepares to be Young Jane]

MICHELLE

But he said he would come back for you every spring.

JOAN

And sometimes he did. But then he didn't anymore. He forgot.

TOOTLES

Peter always forgets.

WENDY

When he finally remembered, I was too old to fly. With a daughter of my own, Jane. Peter was heartbroken.

JANE

Then it was my time to fly!

[The vision appears again with Tinker Bell beside a crying Peter and Young Jane played by Flicker Bell laying asleep]

YOUNG JANE (FLICKER BELL)

(waking and sitting up)

Boy, why are you crying?

TINKER BELL

Come away with me!

[Tinker Bell sprinkles pixie dust and Peter Pan, Young Jane, and Tinker Bell fly to Tootles and Slightly who bow and then onto Captain Hook (played by Captain Hook Jr) who challenges them to a duel]

CAPTAIN HOOK (CAPTAIN HOOK JR)

Prepare to meet thy doom!

TOOTLES, SLIGHTLY, PETER PAN, YOUNG JANE, TINKER BELL

Have at thee!

JANE

But then I wanted to grow up too. He said he would come back in Spring.

[The Neverlandians disappear. Flicker Bell prepares to be Flicker Bell]

MARGARET

Winnie, will you get off your phone and pay attention?

WINNIE

(still scrolling)

Ew, Gram- I'm totally paying attention. Then Great-Grandma Wendy grew up.

JOAN

Knock it off, we're way past that.

MICHELLE

Yeah we're at Gram Margaret's part.

WINNIE

Ugh, I'm listening. It's the story of Patrick, the flying boy.

[They look at Winnie who is still scrolling, shake their heads, and move on]

JOAN

Let's keep going- the boy forgot.

NEVERLANDIANS

Peter always forgets.

JANE

And when he finally visited, I had a daughter of my own- Margaret.

MARGARET

And there's no way your Gram was going to miss out on fighting pirates and swimming with mermaids.

MICHELLE

And this time a new fairy came, right Gram?

[Peter appears with Tinker Bell and Flicker Bell]

MARGARET

Yes. And she was just as temperamental as Tinker Bell.

MICHELLE

And Peter was sad to see Grammie Jane grown up.

JOAN

And you woke up and said-

MARGARET and NEVERLANDIANS

Boy, why are you crying?

PETER PAN, FLICKER BELL, TINKER BELL

Come away with me!

MARGARET

I went to Neverland *three* times!

WINNIE, JOAN, MICHELLE

Three times!

(Winnie is not paying attention but knows the line by heart. Joan and Michelle love the excitement)

WENDY

And now Old Captain Hook's son Junior lived with Slightly and Tootles.

JANE

No longer interested in the piracy.

CAPTAIN HOOK JR

(in a playful, jolly way)

Prepare to meet your new friend!

NEVERLANDIANS

(bringing in a hug)

Have at thee!

(The Neverlandians exit, happy.)

ALL

The end.

SCENE ONE NEVERLANDIANS RETURN TO LONDON

(The Neverlandians have just arrived on the rooftop of the Darling family home. Although the fairies and Peter have been there before, the Lost Kids have not.)

PETER PAN

Here it is, Lost Kids! Wendy's rooftop.

CAPTAIN HOOK JR

Wooooah. This place is weird. This is London?

SLIGHTLY

What are those things moving fast on the paths? Monsters? Metal monsters!

(hides behind Captain Hook Jr)

TOOTLES

We will fight them!

(makes a brave fighting pose and Captain Hook Jr and Slightly join him)

SLIGHTLY

We shall throw stones at them.

CAPTAIN HOOK JR and TOOTLES

(like brave warriors)

We shall throw stones at them

TOOTLES

Look- that light on a stick. Is that a trapped fairy?

SLIGHTLY

Who would trap a fairy?

CAPTAIN HOOK JR

We shall free her from fairy jail.

SLIGHTLY

With stones.

CAPTAIN HOOK JR and TOOTLES

Aye, with stones.

(The Lost Kids silently get working on throwing stones at cars and street lamps)

PETER PAN

(looking around)

It looks a little different from last Spring.

TINKER BELL

Flicker Bell, that's my bracelet.

FLICKER BELL

But I like it so much!

TINKER BELL

Give. It. Back.

FLICKER BELL

Peter, Tinker Bell's being mean.

TINKER BELL

Peter, Flicker Bell's being annoying.

PETER PAN

Stop fighting. Look at the street lights. There's so many of them now.

(with an excited, adventurous energy) Let's go see Wendy!

FLICKER BELL

(like an over excited fan at a concert)

Wendy! I like her so much! She's so nice, I'm so excited, I can't wait to see her! Aaaah!

TINKER BELL

(pouty and grumpy)

I don't want to see Wendy. Let's go back without her.

FLICKER BELL

(suddenly incredibly sad)

How could you not like Wendy?

TINKER BELL

Peter's my best friend. I don't want her around.

FLICKER BELL

(suddenly incredibly angry)

Well I do want her around.

PETER PAN

Calm down. We are *all* friends and we are all going to Neverland together.

TINKER BELL

I *can't* calm down.

FLICKER BELL

I *won't* calm down.

PETER PAN

Well you can't go inside like this. Tootles, Slightly, Junior- go get Wendy and meet us here.

TOOTLES

Let's sneak down the chimney instead of going in the window like Peter does.

CAPTAIN HOOK JR

And tie Wendy up and make her walk the plank!

SLIGHTLY

No, Junior. We ask her nicely to come away with us.

TOOTLES

You're not a pirate anymore. Wendy is our friend.

CAPTAIN HOOK JR

Right. Sorry. But we still go down the chimney.

SLIGHTLY and TOOTLES

Aye, the chimney.

PETER PAN

Here, you'll need this pixie dust.

SCENE TWO THE DARLINGS

(Gram Margaret, Great-Grandma Jane, and Great-Great-Grannie Wendy are in their living room. The granddaughters are in their own room.)

MARGARET

Did you see the news this morning? There was a fire downtown.

JANE

I did see that! What if it had been our home? Can you imagine this place burning down?

WENDY

All those memories. And the girls! What would we do?

MARGARET

And there's been bears going into the stores lately. They come in and take the food.

JANE

Bears?! Oh my. Well I hope they don't come up here.

WENDY

Imagine the bears coming up all these stairs. We can't fight a bear. What if they come for my beans?

MARGARET

Nobody is coming for your beans, Grannie Wendy. And I'm worried about your beans. Sometimes you forget you're cooking them.

JANE

You could burn the whole place down if you're not careful. Bears and all.

WENDY

If anything burns this place down it's going to be this old chandelier. I'm worried about the cord on that one.

MARGARET

I need a new cord for my phone. I think I'm going to start going on that tic tac.

JANE

I'm worried about our Winnie on that phone all the time. She needs to get out and play.

WENDY

That's right, Jane. Her and her sisters need to get outside and play more. Use their imagination.

MARGARET

(calling out to the girls in the other room)

Winnie! Joan! Michelle! Go outside and play. It's a beautiful day.

WINNIE

(calling out to the grannies in the other room)

We can't hear you. Text us.

WENDY

What did she say?

JANE

They can't hear us.

WENDY

(getting up)

Okay granny's getting up. I'll go to their room.

JANE

Don't get up, mom. We'll send them a message.

MARGARET

(texting)

Girls go outside. It's a beautiful Spring day. Go play.

(Lights up on the girls in their room)

WINNIE

You want to make a video? I don't really care if you want to or not. Let's do it.

MICHELLE

I want to play dress up.

WINNIE

We'll make a fashion video- you can dress up for it.

JOAN

Ooh fun! I'm so excited to wear my new scarf.

(starts putting clothes everywhere trying to find it)

MICHELLE

(picking up one of Joan's accessories)

I'll wear this one.

JOAN

(putting accessories on)

This one is my favorite! How do I look?

WINNIE

Ew, you're making a mess. Look at the floor.

JOAN

Fine. I'll clean it up.

MICHELLE

I just want to play dolls. Mr. Puff Puff says making videos is boring.

WINNIE

Dolls are for babies.

JOAN

Winnie- chill. Michelle's only 6.
(to Michelle) I'll play dolls with you.

MICHELLE

Yay! You can play with this one.

JOAN

(hearing the phone sound)

Is that the text from our grannies? What does it say?

(reading over Winnie's shoulder)

Girls goat side? It's a beunigul Spong day? Go pay.

MICHELLE

I think they mean we should go outside and play.

JOAN

We should do it. We can play dollies out there.

MICHELLE

Mr. Puff Puff loves that!

JOAN

Come on Winnie.

WINNIE

Nah, I already texted them we're not going.

SCENE THREE: IN THE LIVING ROOM

(The lost kids have just entered the living room through the chimney, coughing.)

TOOTLES

(coughs)

I think I might faint. Not enough oxygen.

CAPTAIN HOOK JR

Bleh. I'm not going down that chimney again.

JANE

Oh my!

SLIGHTLY

(getting up and dusting off)

Excuse me, we're looking for Wendy.

WENDY

Wendy? Now that name sounds familiar...

JANE

Mom, that's you- you're Wendy.

SLIGHTLY, TOOTLES, and CAPTAIN HOOK JR

You're Wendy?!

SLIGHTLY

What happened to you?

TOOTLES

You look so old. You can't be Wendy.

MARGARET

This is the Wendy you remember. She just grew up.

CAPTAIN HOOK JR

Wow. Peter's going to be so upset.

SLIGHTLY

(crying)

We came to bring you back to Neverland. And now you're...old.

MARGARET

There there. I remember you- you're Slightly. We used to play when I was a girl. And you're Tootles.
And you're Captain Hook's son.

WENDY

Captain Hook. What a good fellow he was.

TOOTLES

Wait- *Margaret?* That's what you look like now?

CAPTAIN HOOK JR

Well we came here to bring you to Neverland so let's go.

WENDY

Neverland? I know that place. When I was a child a boy came to my window...

JANE

Mom's too old to go to Neverland. And so am I.

MARGARET

I think we're all just a little too old.

JANE

I can't believe you got in through the fireplace. People can come in through the fireplace? We could get robbed.

MARGARET

You're right, Mom. Someone could come right in and steal everything.

WENDY

They're coming for my beans. I just know it.

SCENE FOUR IN THE PLAYROOM

(Peter, Tinker Bell, and Flicker Bell look in through the window before entering through the door. Winnie is on her phone. Joan and Michelle are playing with dolls.)

MICHELLE

You can have Cool Man. I'll have Mr. Puff Puff.

JOAN

La la la la. Look- Cool Man is flying!

[Peter, Tinker Bell and Flicker Bell enter through the door. The fairies begin arguing.]

FLICKER BELL

Hey, I was first.

TINKER BELL

No, I was first.

PETER PAN

Shhhh. Knock it off.

MICHELLE

Oooh they look like dollies! Talking dollies!

JOAN

I love your costumes! How did you make those wings look so real?

WINNIE

(finally looking up from her phone)

Who is this kid? Did you order food? I hope you did not order food with my money.

JOAN

We didn't.

MICHELLE

Not today anyway.

WINNIE

Then what are you here for? Are you delivering something? Oooh are you upgrading the wifi?!

PETER PAN

(looks at the fairies confused and then gets back into position)

Come away with me to Neverland!

JOAN

The place from the stories? With the mermaids?

FLICKER BELL

Yes and you can play make believe all day.

TINKER BELL

All you need is my sparkly pixie dust and you can fly.

JOAN and MICHELLE

Wooooah.

WINNIE

I can't find Neverland anywhere on the map. What country is it?

TINKER BELL

It's not on the map. It's second to the right.

PETER PAN

I'll show you the way. I'm Peter Pan.

WINNIE

Peter Pan? You don't got instagram, facebook, tiktok, youtube- I can't find anything.

FLICKER BELL

(looking at Winnie's phone)

Look- it glows. I love it. I want it.

TINKER BELL

No, I want it. It's mine. *(takes phone)* There's something called snap chat.

FLICKER BELL

(taking it from Tinker Bell)

I can see my face in it.

PETER PAN

Snap out of it! You can't have her glow thing.

(taking the phone and giving it to Winnie)

Now, let's all go to Neverland.

MICHELLE and JOAN

Yay!

WINNIE

No way- we couldn't find anything about you online. We're staying here.

(in frustration, Peter sits and pouts)

Ew, boy- are you crying?

SCENE FIVE: The Rooftop Dinner Meeting

[Peter calls a Neverlandian meeting to order]

PETER PAN

Alright everyone we need some ideas. It's time for a dinner meeting Neverland style- with imaginary food.

FLICKER BELL

Oooh! I'm so hungry and this looks so delicious.

TINKER BELL

Candy and fried wings?! I'm in.

TOOTLES

Slightly, will you pass the roasted leaves? Mmm, my favorite!

SLIGHTLY

I want some of everything!

(everyone makes some eating sounds)

PETER PAN

So, how are we going to get them to fly away?

CAPTAIN HOOK JR

I've got it! We'll tie all them all up and tell them if they won't come they can walk the plank.

FLICKER BELL, PETER PAN, SLIGHTLY, TINKER BELL, TOOTLES

Junior, you're not a pirate anymore.

CAPTAIN HOOK JR

Ah, yes- that's right. We could steal their phone!

SLIGHTLY and TOOTLES

Aye, steal their phone!

TINKER BELL

Yeah, let's take it. It was so cool.

SLIGHTLY

And we can steal their beans.

CAPTAIN HOOK JR and TOOTLES

Aye, their beans!

PETER PAN

Stop it! We're not going to steal anything. There's got to be a better way to get them to Neverland.

FLICKER BELL

They would love it if we could just get them there.

TOOTLES

I figured it out- pixie dust.

TINKER BELL

Um, yeah Tootles, obviously pixie dust. But they'll also need to think happy thoughts to fly.

SLIGHTLY

That's not going to be easy for the adults.

CAPTAIN HOOK JR

All those grannies have been thinking a lot of unhappy thoughts.

FLICKER BELL

How can we get them in a good enough mood to fly?

TOOTLES
With music.

CAPTAIN HOOK JR, FLICKER BELL, PETER PAN, SLIGHTLY, TINKER BELL
Aye, with music!

SCENE SIX: The Family Argument

(The Grannies join the girls in the playroom)

WENDY

Girls, we've come in to discuss... What is it now we came here for?

MARGARET

We think you need to go outside for fresh air.

JANE

When I was your age, I was outside all the time- climbing trees, running around. So go outside and have an adventure.

JOAN

Hard pass.

MICHELLE

I don't want to get my dollies dirty.

WINNIE

Ugh this wifi is terrible.

MARGARET

Why don't we pretend that I bought you a new iphone and buried the box in the yard. You could go dig it up! It would be like a treasure hunt.

WINNIE

Nice try, Gram.

WENDY

Well then I'll go dig it up. We shouldn't be leaving things like that out there.

JANE

Mom, where are you going?

WENDY

To get my shovel. It's supposed to rain tonight.

JANE

Remember- we're trying to get them to go out and play.

JOAN

But we have fun inside.

MICHELLE

And Mr. Puff just took a bath and doesn't want to get dirty.

MARGARET

Girls, enough. All these things are going to be here waiting for you when you get back. *(Takes the dollies and accessories)*

MICHELLE

But *GRAM!*

JOAN

No fair.

(Margaret takes Winnie's phone)

JANE and MARGARET

Let's go.

WINNIE

How about YOU go out and play!!

SCENE SEVEN: Grannies on the Roof

(Peter Pan, Tinker Bell, and Flicker Bell wait on the rooftop as the Lost Kids enter the playroom.)

SLIGHTLY

Pardon me. Your presence has been requested on the rooftop.

CAPTAIN HOOK JR.

Or else you'll walk the plank.

TOOTLES

Please excuse that part about the plank.

JANE

The rooftop? That sounds dangerous. What if we fall?

WENDY

Oh come on, it'll be fun. When I was a child I flew off this rooftop every spring. *(exits)*

MARGARET

Grannie Wendy no! (*Granny Wendy is gone with Jane after her*) Well girls, we're all going to the roof.

WINNIE

Cool, let's take pictures with the view.

JOAN

Oooh I'm totally wearing this.

MICHELLE

Wait for me!

(everyone gathers on the rooftop)

PETER PAN

Listen up everyone. Adventure awaits. We're all flying away to Neverland.

WENDY

I remember that place. When I was a child a flying... (*recognizes Peter*) oh look it's you. You're the one I used to fly with.

FLICKER BELL

Yes, Wendy. And now you can fly again- and your whole family too!

JANE

No, no no. That does not sound safe.

MARGARET

Just think of all the things that could go wrong.

TINKER BELL

Just think of all the things that could go right!

SONG: Get out there!

Lyrics by Jackie Daley and composed by Cooper Sheehy

VERSE 1

IF YOU'RE GOING TO IMAGINE
THE THINGS THAT COULD HAPPEN
YOU MIGHT AS WELL IMAGINE THEM BRIGHT

DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME ON WORRYING
WHEN YOU COULD BE DISCOVERING
ALL THE THINGS IN YOUR LIFE THAT ARE RIGHT

CHORUS

DON'T SIT AROUND DOING NOTHING
LETTING THE TIME PASS YOU BY
GET OUT THERE AND MAKE SOME MEMORIES
SMELL THE AIR AND FEEL THE SUMMER BREEZE
LET YOURSELF LIVE- GIVE IT A TRY

VERSE 2

DON'T FILL YOUR MIND WITH FEARS AND DOUBT
AND SPEND YOUR DAY JUST HANGING 'BOUT
YOU CAN LIVE IN A WORLD OF DELIGHT

SO GET UP NOW AND TAKE MY HAND
IT MIGHT BE BETTER THAN WE PLANNED
YOU GOT TO COME AND PLAY TONIGHT

CHORUS

DON'T SIT AROUND DOING NOTHING
LETTING THE TIME PASS YOU BY
GET OUT THERE AND MAKE SOME MEMORIES
SMELL THE AIR AND FEEL THE SUMMER BREEZE
LET YOURSELF LIVE- GIVE IT A TRY

PETER PAN

Who's ready for an adventure?

SLIGHTLY

With a mermaid lagoon!

TOOTLES

And a jungle!

CAPTAIN HOOK JR

And not as much danger as you might think.

WINNIE

Wait- so you're Patrick, the flying kid? This is so cool.

MICHELLE

I want to go with them! *(to her grannies)* Can we go?

JOAN

I want to go too! Please?

(There is a brief moment in which the girls beg before the grannies nod yes.)

TINKER BELL

And now all you'll need is pixie dust-

FLICKER BELL

And to think happy thoughts!

(As the fairies spread pixie dust each says their happy thought.)

SONG: To Neverland!