

## MORIAH MUSICALS CAMP STAFF

### Musical Director – Cynthia Ensign Baney



Children will have the opportunity to study music, theater and key economic concepts through the eyes of each of the Three Little Pigs as seen by playwright and educator, **Cynthia Ensign Baney**. Baney brings unique talents to the drama program as a licensed music educator, performer and author. Baney has earned numerous awards for educational excellence. She is a **two time recipient** of the coveted **Lilly Endowment Teacher Creativity Fellowship**. In 2001, the IPALCO Foundation awarded her the **Golden Apple** for excellence in teaching. Baney's ongoing work with the **Indiana Department of Education** has lead the creation of three original, musical comedies. Each musical has been selected by the Indiana Branch of Economics America for their outstanding impact on Economics Education. She is a three-time recipient of the **Olin Davis Award** from the Indiana Council of Economic Education for her creative musicals written to teach economic principles.

In 1995, Baney created the early childhood curriculum development company **moriah music**. Baney is frequently contracted by the Indianapolis Zoo and other prestigious local venues as a children's performer. In 2004, Cindy published her first children's CD, **Artic & Aquatic Adventures**, which is available for purchase.

Baney is a graduate of the **Indiana University School of Music** and has taught music from early childhood through college level for 20 years. She currently is a music specialist for Carmel Clay Schools.



### Assistant Director – Lindsey Ratner

Ms. Ratner attended Carmel High School and performed three years in both the Accents Women's Show Choir and Ambassadors Mixed Show Choir. Love for music led her to Ball State, where she participated in Chamber Choir and University Singers and graduated with a degree in music education. Ratner served four years in Warren Township as an elementary music teacher, directing numerous elementary musicals, including two township-wide musicals involving over two-hundred students. Presently, Ratner has been teaching two years in the Carmel Clay School District at Woodbrook Elementary, where she has directed and choreographed musicals and led 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade choir, recorder ensemble and percussion ensemble. Currently, Ratner is studying to earn a Master's Degree in Music Education from Anderson University.

### Curriculum Enrichment – Julie Williams



**Julie (Graybill) Williams** attended junior and senior high school in Kettering, Ohio, where she was involved in chorus her freshman through senior years. While a student at Fairmont West High School, Julie was a cast member of several musicals including **Kismet**, **Can-Can** and **Oliver**. She competed in many local and state speech competitions and was also involved in her senior class production of **Barefoot in the Park**. The best memory from high school speech class was actually having the voice of Bart Simpson (Nancy Cartwright) as a classmate and fellow competitor. As a freshman at **Indiana University**, she spent hours practicing and dancing with the **I.U. Red Steppers**. Her love of teaching changed her goals from acting to spending time in the classroom. She has

been a teacher in the Carmel Clay School district since graduating from I.U. in 1980. She currently teaches 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at **Carmel Elementary School**.



### Camp Director – Steve Baney

Steve is an Indiana University graduate and a long time educator in HSE schools. He has taught math at the junior high level since 1992. He also is a **Lilly Endowment Teacher Creativity Fellowship** recipient and participated in the **Key Teachers Program** through the Indiana Council of Economic Educators. Mr. Baney has also worked with youth through his involvement in coaching in youth recreation sports, junior high and high school athletics. Steve made his theatrical debut in March 2006 as **Coach Bolton** in Fisher Junior High's production of **High School Musical**.

*Additional staff bios provided at camp . . .*