



Eddie VanRiper (Music Director and Conductor)

Eddie is thrilled to be back at YPT co-music directing *Into the Woods*. During the day, Eddie teaches math at Emerson School in Ann Arbor, and assists with the band, orchestra, and musical theater programs. He has also directed or played for many productions in the Ann Arbor area over the last several years. This show has been a rich musical experience for the cast, and it's been an honor to participate in the journey with them. Stephen Sondheim is an icon of musical theater, and has inspired many of the shows that young actors know and love today. Working on this show has pushed the cast's musicianship, as well as provided an important glimpse into the development of modern musical theater. Eddie would like to thank Ane for her support and dedication to YPT, Caroline, Cinderella, and Renee for their masterful direction, Jenn for her beautiful vision, the whole creative team for their hard work, and especially Rachel and Austin for their love and support!