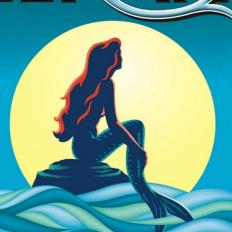
Dodge City High School Choral Music Program



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Dodge City High School Auditorium



Music by: ALAN MENKEN
Lyrics by: HOWARD ASHMAN and GLENN SLATER

Book by: DOG ARGHT

Based on the Hans Christian Anderson story

and the Disney film produced by Howard Ashman & John Musker

and written & directed by John Musker & Ron Clements



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ACT 1

riel, a beautiful young mermaid, crashes to the sea's surface, delighting in the expansive sky and the warm sun on her skin (**The World Above**). In the distance, a ship appears bearing a sea-loving Prince Eric and his guardian, Grimsby (**Fathoms Below**). As the ship sails into the horizon, Ariel, shadowed by her best friend, Flounder, recovers a sinking fork that Eric has tossed overboard. The seagull Scuttle swoops in and teaches them about this "dinglehopper" and other human stuff, reminding Ariel that she's late for an engagement below the surface.

On the ocean floor, Sebastian has arranged a concert in celebration of King Triton's anniversary as reigning monarch, featuring the King's seven daughters (**Daughters of Triton**), but Ariel arrives late and ruins the concert. King Triton wonders if his daughter would be better off if her mother was still alive to guide her (**If Only – Triton's Lament**), and he appoints Sebastian as her chaperone to keep her out of trouble.

In Ursula's lair, her flunkies Flotsam and Jetsam report back on the celebration, prompting the Sea Witch to reminisce bitterly about her childhood and her brother Triton's ascension to the throne (**Daddy's Little Angel**). Ursula vows to ruin King Triton by destroying what he loves most in the world – Ariel. Meanwhile, Ariel bemoans her dad's lack of understanding and wonders how he could hate a world that she finds so beautiful (**Part of Your World**). Sebastian barges in and begins taking charge, but Ariel becomes distracted by a ship passing overhead.

On the ship, Prince Eric and Grimsby argue. Eric has no interest in becoming King, but Grimsby insists that the Prince will be married by his next birthday. Suddenly, a violent storm overtakes the ship, throwing Eric overboard. Ariel, who had been admiring the Prince from afar, dives below the surface to rescue Eric, whom she returns safely to the shore (Part of Your World – Reprise). Back under the water, the Mersisters grill Flounder about Ariel's odd behavior (She's in Love), while on the beach an enamored Eric resolves to find his savior with the enchanting voice (Her Voice). In an effort both to please Eric and find him a bride, Grimsby arranges a singing contest in order to locate the owner of the mysterious voice.

Upon discovering her love for the world above, Sebastian extols the virtues of the ocean (Under the Sea). Undeterred, Ariel swims away to her secret grotto where King Triton, furious at his daughter for saving a human, destroys her human treasures, including a bust of Prince Eric. Sebastian tries to comfort her, but Ariel, still hurt by her father's actions (If Only - Ariel's Lament), is lured to Ursula's lair by Flotsam and Jetsam. The Sea Witch offers to transform Ariel into a human in exchange for her voice (**Poor Unfortunate Souls**). Ursula's contract states that Prince Eric must kiss Ariel within three days or she will turn back into a mermaid and become Ursula's slave forever. Overcome by her dreams of the world above, Ariel agrees to the bargain and trades her voice for human legs.





ACT 2

n the beach, Flounder and Sebastian fret about the three-day timeline. Ever optimistic, Scuttle is convinced that Ariel has what it takes (**Positoovity**) to win over Prince Eric, who finds her and brings her home to the palace. Below the surface, King Triton worries about his daughter's safety, but up on land, Ariel is elated by the wonders of palace life (**Beyond My Wildest Dreams**). Sebastian, who has followed Ariel to the palace in order to protect her, finds himself in jeopardy in Chef Louis's kitchen (**Les Poissons**). Sebastian continues to elude the frustrated chef's grasp (**Les Poissons** – **Reprise**), while Ariel's silence prompts Prince Eric to find other ways to communicate, like dancing (**One Step Closer**) – but he is still haunted by the mysterious voice.

Ariel's progress with Eric on the first day makes Ursula nervous, but she vows to take revenge on Triton through his daughter (**Daddy's Little Angel** – **Reprise**). On the second day, Sebastian calls on lagoon animals to serenade the couple (**Kiss the Girl**), but Flotsam and Jetsam cause a commotion that blocks their kiss. In desperation, Sebastian informs King Triton of Ariel's contract, and the King swears to settle things with Ursula once and for all.

As night falls on the second day, Ariel wishes she could tell Eric how she truly feels while Eric longs for the mysterious voice, Sebastian wishes he could solve this predicament, and King Triton regrets pushing Ariel away (**If Only – Quartet**).

At the singing contest the next day (**The Contest**), Ariel bursts through the crowd of opportunistic princesses and rather than singing, she dances, prompting Prince Eric to realize how much he truly loves her. But the sun has set, breaking the spell, and Ursula drags Ariel, a mermaid once again, back into the sea.

King Triton confronts Ursula, who agrees to free Ariel if he hands over his trident and becomes Ursula's slave (**Poor Unfortunate Souls** – **Reprise**). Just as Ursula attempts to harness the power of the seas now in her control, Ariel swims past her and grabs her magic shell, regaining her voice. Unable to control her pride, Ursula reveals that she was the one who murdered Ariel's mother, prompting Ariel to destroy the shell and, with it, the Sea Witch.

With order restored, Ariel returns the trident to her father. Realizing that Ariel has grown up and that she cares deeply for Prince Eric, King Triton decides to restore her human form. Together, father and daughter swim to the surface, where Prince Eric proposes to Ariel, then learns that it has been her voice he has been seeking all along (**Finale Ultimo**).





ACT ONE

	Scene One (The Water's Surface)	١
	The World Above Ariel	
	Fathoms BelowPilot, Sailors, Prince Eric, Grimsby	
	Scene Two (King Triton's Court)	
	Daughters of TritonMersisters	
	If Only (Triton's Lament)	
	Scene Three (Ursula's Lair)	
	Daddy's Little AngelUrsula, Flotsam, Jetsam	
	Scene Four (Ariel's Grotto/Surface of the Water)	
	Part of Your WorldAriel	
	The StormSailors	
	Scene Five (Prince Eric's Ship/Sea Below/Beach)	
No.	Part of Your World (Reprise)	
	Scene Six (Girl Cave)	
	She's In Love	
	Scene Seven (The Pond near the Castle)	
-	Her Voice Prince Eric	
	Scene Eight (Open Water)	
	Under The SeaSebastian, Sea Creatures	
3	After Under The SeaSebastian, Sea Creatures	
	Scene Nine (Ariel's Grotto)	
	If Only (Ariel's Lament)Ariel	
	Sweet Child	
	Scene Ten (Ursula's Lair)	
Date (Poor Unfortunate SoulsUrsula	
	Act One Finale	y

ACT TWO

Scuttle, Gulls
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Maids, Grimsby
Chef Louis
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Prince Eric
lotsam, Jetsam
oastian, Animals
tian, King Triton
nsby, Princesses
Ursula
Ursula
Mersisters
Eric, Ensemble

Cast & Crevi

ARIEL	Oliva Buddy
PILOT	Alyna Chavez
PRINCE ERIC	Nelson Loosli
GRIMSBY	Eliceo Pablo
SAILORSHe	idi Kimball, Katie Klecker, Justin Klenke, Tadea Briones-Romo
FLOUNDER	Grace Pelton
SCUTTLE	Newel Loosli
WINDWARD	Alyna Chavez
LEEWARD	Tamara Schubert
KING TRITON	Jorge Estrella
SEBASTIAN	Jose Martinez
AQUATA	Amarai Bogner
ANDRINA	Hailey Hernandez
ARISTA	Kenadie Thompson
ATINA	Samara Richins
ADELLA	Kara Haselhorst
ALLANA	Addison Heeke
FLOTSAM	Vianney Vargas
JETSAM	Dakota Arntt
URSULA	Sarah Arraiga
	Nila Alvarado, Heidy Juarez, Brenna Zellers
PALACE MAIDS	Tadea Briones-Romo, Heidi Kimball
	Esai Valverde
SOUS CHEFS	Nila Alvarado, Mariah Biltz, Heidy Juarez,
	Brae Martin, Emily Perez, Giselda Ramos, Brenna Zellers
SEA CREATURES/POND ANIMALS	SNila Alvarado, Mariah Biltz, Tadea Briones-Romo,
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	Brae Martin, Emily Perez, Giselda Ramos, Brenna Zellers
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CAST & CREW BIOGRAPHIES

Nila Alvarado '24 (Chef/Sea Creature/Pond Animal/Gull) is excited to be in another musical at DCHS. She last played the Fish and Circus Folk in *Seussical the Musical* and Fran in *Bye*, *Bye*, *Birdie*. This year, Nila is excited to perform in this year's musical *The Little Mermaid*. Along with performing in the musical, Nila plays the trombone in the DCHS band. Thanks to all her family and friends for their love and support.

Dakota Arntt '25 (Jetsam) is glad to be back in the musical at DCHS for the second year. She has performed in a few other musicals that were performed at Comanche MS and one other at DCHS. These roles being Small Alice in *Alice in Wonderland Jr*, Neleus in *Mary Poppins Jr*, and Ensemble in *Bye Bye Birdie*. Dakota would like to thank her friends and family for supporting her, cheering her on, and for encouraging her to do what she loves.

Lily Arntt ⁷26 (Stage Crew) is in her first year of musicals at DCHS. So far, she is loving every minute. She is making more and more memories everyday and can't wait for more.

Sarah Arraiga '23 (Ursula) is excited to be back and performing for her final DCHS musical! She is very involved in the Fine Arts here at the high school. Her previous performances include the Hippie Ancestor in *The Addams Family*, Wickersham Brother in *Seussical the Musical*, and Ursula Merkle in *Bye Bye Birdie*. She will be showcasing the name Ursula again this year as the evil sea witch in *The Little Mermaid*! She wants to thank everyone who has supported her along her high school career!

Mariah Biltz '24 (Chef/Sea Creature) was last seen at the Fall play at DCHS as Diane in *I Don't Have a Clue*. She was also in Depot plays and musicals such as *Ms. Nelson is Missing, James and the Giant Peach Jr.*, and *C-Rhyme and Pun-ishment*. A special thanks to her parents for all their love and support.

Izabel Bishop '24 (Stage Crew) is happy to be helping in another musical at DCHS. She last helped in *Bye, Bye, Birdie*. This year, Izabel is helping in this year's musical *The Little Mermaid*. Along with being in the musical, Izabel plays the trombone in the DCHS band. She would like to give thanks to all her family and friends for their support.

Amarai Bogner '25 (Aquata) is excited to make her second appearance on the DCHS Stage. You may have seen her before as Penelope Ann in DCHS's production of *Bye Bye Birdie* in 2022. She is very excited about this role in *Disney's The Little Mermaid* and is wishing the rest of her castmates and crew the best of luck. She would like to thank her family and friends for supporting her throughout her musical journey.

Tadea Briones-Romo '24 (Sailor/Maid/Sea Creature/Pond Animal) is pleased to show you what she has been doing with this musical. This is her first time being in a musical. She is excited about participating in more musical activities. She hopes you all enjoy the musical!

Olivia Buddy '23 (Ariel) is excited to be performing again in musicals at DCHS. She has been performing on the dance stage since she was 2 and has 6 years of competitive dance experience under her belt. She is involved with many clubs/extra curriculars at the high school and is also involved in the fine arts program by being in both Class Act Chorale and Madrigals. Her latest appearances were in *Addams Family* as the Flapper Ancestor, *Seussical the Musical* as a Bird Girl and *Bye Bye Birdie* as Kim. In this year's show, *The Little Mermaid*, you will see her both under the sea and a part of your world as Ariel. She wants to thank everyone for coming as well as her family and friends for their support!

Cynthia Cabrera '26 (Stage Crew) This is her first time ever being involved in a musical. She enjoyed helping tech crew build props and things needed for the musical. She has made amazing memories that she will forever remember.

Alyna Chavez '23 (Westward/Pilot) is happy to continue her journey in performing arts by participating in the musical at DCHS again this year as Windward and The Pilot. Her stage experience has included being a teenage fan and reporter in *Bye Bye Birdie The Musical*, a Can-Can dancer at the *Boot Hill Museum Variety Show*, Gunfighter at the World Famous Boot Hill Museum reenactments, and has 13 years of dance experience, 6 of those as competition. She is involved in Class Act and Madrigals and is grateful for the opportunity of showing others her passion for the stage as she will continue to thrive in the performing arts in the future. Sending a sea full of love, she thanks everyone for the support into the fine arts program.

Jorge Estrella '25 (King Triton) is happy to be back on stage once again! He did 2 shows in middle school...*Alice in Wonderland* and *Mary Poppins*. He then went to High School and played Harvey Johnson in *Bye Bye Birdie*. Later on, he went to the Depot Theater and was casted Sonny for the production of *In The Heights*. Jorge is also a part of The Pride of Southwest Kansas and plays the Trombone. He is very excited to be playing King Triton for this year's *The Little Mermaid* and plans to continue his journey and gain more experience in musicals in the future.

Samantha Harmon '26 (Stage Crew) is thrilled to be a part of this amazing production. This being her first theater production was a very exciting experience. Being a part of the team was such a fun experience that she truly enjoyed. So, it's safe to say she'll be back for sure next year and many more to come.

Kara Haselhorst '24 (Adella) is excited to hit the stage again! She was previously on stage as Nancy in *Bye Bye Birdie* and as multiple roles two years ago in the play *Radium Girls*. She is heavily involved in the fine arts, being a part of Band, Class Act, and Madrigals. She would like to thank her family and loved ones for supporting her on and off stage.

Addison Heeke '26 (Allana) is very excited to be a part of this production. This is her very first musical on the DCHS stage, but she took the stage here for the very first time in *I Don't Have a Clue*, the fall play that was put in here at the high school. Although this is her second time here on the DCHS, this is not her first time on stage. She considers the Depot Theater Company her second home and has performed 10 out of her 13 shows there. She hopes you enjoy the latest DCHS musical, *The Little Mermaid!*

Hailey Hernandez '24 (Andrina) is very happy and grateful to be back in the musical at DCHS. Hailey has been seen in *Seussical the Musical*, *Bye Bye Birdie* and now *The Little Mermaid*. Hailey is extremely thankful for all the encouragement she has gotten. She would like to thank her friends and family for all the love and support.

Heidy Juarez '23 (Gull/Sous Chef/Sea Creature) is pleased to show you what she has been doing with this musical. She is proud of breaking out of her "shell" to show you all of what she's got. She is involved in Class Act, Band and of course the Musical Hope you all enjoy this musical and her performance as well.

Biographies...continued....

Heidi Kimball '24 (Sailor/Chef/Sea Creature/Maid) This is Heidi's first musical, but she is an experienced actress. She is in the DCHS school plays and always lands major roles. She has gotten the lead role in two plays she has participated in. Even though she is only a part of the chorus in this musical, she is a dedicated actress that will always perform her best.

Katie Klecker '25 (Sailor/Sea Creature) has appeared in many school productions such as *Bye Bye Birdie*, *I Don't Have a Clue*, *Don't Try to Wake HIm Hand Me the Shovel*, and *Burying the Hatchetts*. Katie is excited to be in the musical again and is grateful for all of the people who have made it possible.

Justin Klenke '25 (Sailor/Sea Creature) is playing a few chorus parts in the musical. Musicals have always been something he's enjoyed doing, and he's been doing them for quite a while now! (Since about 4 he believes..?) He's even won best supporting actor in the *Cinderella* musical, as Spitfire, the dragon! It's been really fun being in *The Little Mermaid*, and he thanks you for taking your time to watch the show!

Nelson Loosli '23 (Prince Eric) is thrilled to be in his first performance with the DCHS musical production group! As a senior, he is glad to have taken this opportunity to meet a great group of thespians and directors before life takes him elsewhere. Though this is his first production with the high school, Nelson is not a stranger to the stage. He has done solo performances in violin since he was four, and recently was selected through audition as the #1 violin in the district, and 16th chair in the All State Honor Orchestra. He has appeared in the past four DCHS talent shows in various acts, such as the orchestra and JROTC Exhibition Drill Team. Returning to the theatrical stage for the first time since he was eleven, Nelson has been in three plays, his favorite being *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe*. Nelson is proud of the work that the theater group has accomplished for *The Little Mermaid*, and is very grateful to the directors for their efforts, and for his family's support of this time commitment. Enjoy the show!"

Newel Loosli '25 (Scuttle) is splendiferously excited to return this year with the DCHS Musical Team to perform Scuttle in this year's production of *Disney's The Little Mermaid*. Last year, Newel played Randolph MacAfee in *Bye*, *Bye Birdie*. Newel enjoys singing and recently was selected to perform in the All-State Honor Choir for the second year in a row. When not in Choir or in the Musical, Newel enjoys marching and playing his Sousaphone in the DCHS Band and participating in the schools AFJROTC Corps. Newel would like to thank the directors, cast, crew, and especially his family for supporting him and this amazing production, and he invites you to enjoy *The Little Mermaid*!

Brae Martin '23 (Sea Creature/A Sous Chef) is from Greencastle, Indiana, but moved to Colorado at a young age. She participated in her first musical *The Jungle Book*, in sixth grade. She also has been in *The Little Mermaid Jr.* and *Willy Wonka Jr.* Since she's attended Dodge City High, Brae has been involved in one play as Officer Cleever and will be joining the spring play too. She is glad to part of this show!

Jose Martinez '24 (Sebastian) is pleased to participate in his third musical at Dodge City High School. His previous theatrical appearances include *Seussical* as various characters and *Bye Bye Birdie* as Hugo Peabody. Jose would like to thank his family and friends for their support in his musical career.

Eliceo Pablo '24 (Grimsby) is excited to participate in this year's musical, with his previous performance being *Bye Bye Birdie*. He's also a part of the DCHS Madrigals and is happy to be part of the Fine Arts.

Grace Pelton '23 (Flounder) is happy to be back on the stage. She has made appearances in, *Bye Bye Birdie* and *Seussical*. She has also been in floorshow the past 4 years. She would like to give a round of applause to parents, friends, family as well as cast and crew! She is happy to have an amazing group to end out her high school career.

Emily Perez De La Cruz '25 (Chef/ Sea Creature/Pond Animal) is ecstatic to be in yet another musical at DCHS. She last appeared as Winnie in the spring play *Burying the Hatchets* and as Mrs.Perez and the trainwoman in *Bye Bye Birdie*. She's glad to be able to perform in this year's musical *The Little Mermaid*. Not only does she participate in the musical, but she's also in band/colorguard and JROTC.

Antonio Quezada '25 (Stage Crew) is working on his first theatrical performance for DCHS. He is helping support *The Little Mermaid* musical by providing and making props for the show. He was happy to help back stage and help get things done. He has been in a one other musical during his middle school life and that was a police officer and ensemble in *Mary Poppins Jr*. He is happy and excited to help bring this year's musical together.

Giselda Ramos Larios '26 (Chef/Sea Creature/Pond Animal) is pleased to make her debut in DCHS musical *The Little Mermaid*. She is excited to be in her first ever musical/theatrical performance and is pleased to be participating with many talented voices and dancers. Along with participating in the musical, Giselda also participates as a trombone player with the Pride of Southwest Kansas. She hopes everyone enjoys the show and thanks all her family and friends for their support.

Samara Richins '25 (Atina) is thrilled to be making her 2nd appearance on the DCHS stage! She has previously played Sally and Sad Girl from "Put on a Happy Face" in last year's production of Bye Bye Birdie, and the role of Winifred Banks in Comanche Middle School's Mary Poppins. Samara is also involved in several activities at DCHS including band, color guard and drill team. She has also had 14 years of dance experience and is in her first year of competitive dance. Samara would like to thank all the directors, cast, and crew for all their hard work and for making this musical an amazing experience! She would also like to thank her family for their love and support!

Eddie Salinas '25 (Stage Crew) is back behind the scenes of this year's musical *The Little Mermaid*. The last time Eddie was seen in a musical was in middle school in the musical *Alice in Wonderland*. He really enjoyed the musical all those years ago and decided to come back to the theater, a different way. By helping behind the scenes of *The Little Mermaid* Eddie enjoys his time and making memories.

Shelby Senn '25 (Stage Crew) is in tech crew for *The Little Mermaid* and she was in the Floorshow this year too! She plans on being involved in many more school productions! She hopes everyone enjoys the show!

Biographies...continued....

Tami Schubert '26 (Leeward) is excited to participate in her first musical theater performance on the DCHS stage. Although this is her first time performing in a musical, she does have experience with performing on stage. Tami participated in the KMEA district choir this year, and had an act in the 2022 DCHS Floorshow. She is also an active member of the DCHS band and choir, and has a deep love for musical arts. Tami would like to thank everyone who helped contribute to the making of this performance, and welcomes you to sit back and enjoy the show!

Peyton Stukenholtz '25 (Head Stage Crew) is a sophomore who played Edna in last year's production of Bye Bye Birdie. This

year she's going backstage and participating in set build at tech. She hopes you enjoy your journey under the sea.

Lennon Thomas '25 (Stage Crew) was last seen in *Don't Try to Wake Him, Hand Me The Shovel*. This year she's helping back stage with the dodge city high schools *The Little Mermaid*. She says she's enjoyed helping with the production. She's met new friends and learned new skills. Lennon is looking forward to helping in the future.

Kenadie Thompson '26 (Arista) is excited to hit the stage for the first time at DCHS. Although this is her first time at the high school, she is no stranger to the stage. She was last seen at the Depot Theater as the Pun-isher in *Law and Order: C-rhyme and Pun-ishment*. She also performed as Centipede in *James and the Giant Peach Jr* at the Depot. Kenadie would like to thank her

family and friends for helping her through her musical journey.

Esai Valverde Estrella '23 (Chef Louis) is a senior at Dodge City High School. He has been involved in the music program for seven years. He is in the Chamber Orchestra, Class Act Choral, and Madrigals. Esai has been on stage for *Bye Bye, Birdie* as Carl, and this year's *The Little Mermaid* as Chef Louis. He has been involved with Floorshow for four years in Tech Crew and has performed in two. Esai has received a Division 1 rating for his Orchestra Small Ensemble in the State Level and made it to All State Choir this year. Esai could not have accomplished anything without the help and support of his family and friends. He thanks everyone for their support and enjoy the show!

Vianney Vargas '23 (Flotsam) is happy to be on the stage again this year. Her past credits include *Bye Bye Birdie*, *Seussical*, *The Addams Family*, *Alice in Wonderland* and *Law and Order*; *C-rhyme and Punishment*. She is pleased to finish out high

school with this production.

Martín Villagrana '25 (Stage Crew) is happy to help in this year's musical *The Little Mermaid*. Along with being in the musical, Martin plays the saxophone in the DCHS band. He would like to give thanks to all her family and friends for their support. Avery Whelchel '26 (Stage Crew) is excited to be in the stage crew for her first theatrical performance! Avery is also involved in the band and jazz band at DCHS and is involved in volleyball in and outside of school. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Brenna Zellers '26 (Gull/Chef/Sea Creature/Pond Animal) is excited to make her musical debut at DCHS. Although this is her first time doing Musical Theater, she has been doing ballet for almost 13 years and had an act in the 2022 Floorshow. Brenna is also involved in choir, band, and color guard. She would like to thank her family and friends for their love and support. Brenna wishes the cast and crew good luck, and invites you to enjoy the show.

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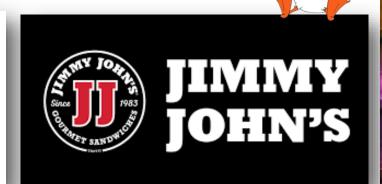
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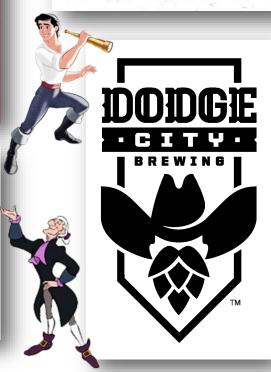


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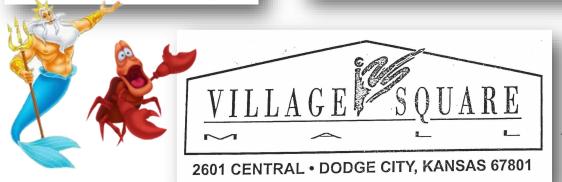
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