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Sunday at 3 PM Pacific

September 6th 2020: Cast of **Mighty Oak, the Movie**

Teen hosts Andrea Smith and Siri Phaneendra are joined by ebullient and talented cast members from the new Sean McNamara (Soul Surfer) directed film, **Mighty Oak**: Tommy Ragen (his music inspired the screenplay), Gianna Harris, Rodney Hicks, and Ben Milliken. **Mighty Oak** is the story of a band manager who struggles after losing her brother/lead singer in a fatal car accident while traveling to a gig. A decade later, she meets a 10-year-old music prodigy named Oak, played by Tommy. The cast talks about the deep chemistry between the actors that evolved during shooting that was transformative and

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## Featured Guests



### Tommy Ragen

Tommy Ragen is a 12-year-old musician, songwriter, producer, and actor. He has released three albums "9, Rocket, and Heart Emoji". He played the lead role of "Oak" in the Paramount Pictures movie **Mighty Oak**. **Mighty Oak** features eight original songs co-written by Tommy and Caroline Corn. He was, also, a cast member on the First National Broadway Tour of **The School Of Rock the Musical**.  
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### Gianna Harris

Gianna Harris is a 15 year-old singer, musician, actor and dancer. She plays the guitar, piano, bass and ukulele. Gianna discovered her love for performing in 2015 and as an amateur she performed at MSG during the Knicks half-time show and Apollo Theater. Gianna's professional career started in March of 2016 when she got her first big role in Andrew Lloyd Weber's **School of Rock** on Broadway. In 2017 she graduated from Broadway and joined the touring company of **School of Rock**. Her most recent role is Emma Biggs in **Mighty Oak**. When Gianna is not acting she is either writing and recording music, reading or riding her skateboard. Her favorite color is lavender and her favorite dessert is choc chi

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### Rodney Hicks

Rodney is a longtime New Yorker, originally from Philly who now resides in Colorado. He is an Award winning Black Gay Male Artist. His play **FLAME BROILED** had its World Premiere at Local Theater Company in Boulder, CO in the Fall of 2019. The play was awarded the 2019 Eulipions Fund on behalf of The Denver Foundation. Previous versions of his plays **MS. PEARL'S CABARET** and **JUST PRESS SAVE** were a 2019 and 2018 Semi-Finalist for the Eugene O'Neill Theater Conference., respectively. Rodney was last seen on Broadway as Bob & Others in **Come From Away**; Clarence Norris in **The Scottsboro Boys**, Peter in **Jesus Christ Superstar** (2000 Revival) and the Original Cast of **RENT**. He currently has a supporting r

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### Ben Milliken

Born in Manchester, England, Ben was raised in Bilgola Beach located on Sydney's Northern Beaches. Ben, then moved to Los Angeles where we quickly began landing roles in multiple film and television projects, including Universal's "Blue Crush 2". Most recently, Ben landed a role in season 5 of Amazon's hit show "Bosch".  
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