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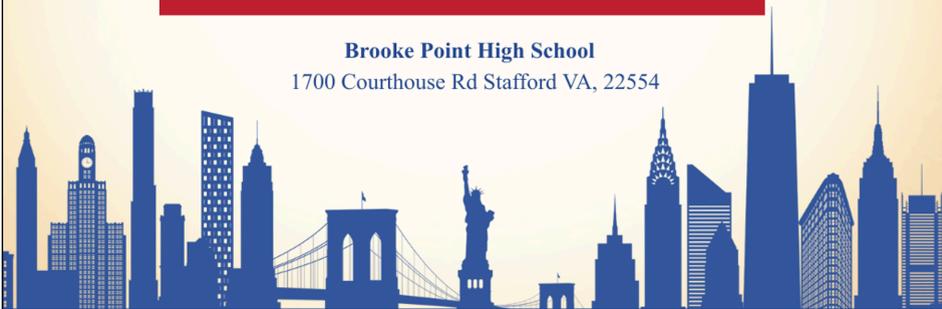
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SONGS

ACT I

Santa Fe (Prologue)	Jack and Crutchie
Carrying The Banner	Manhattan Newsies Company
Carrying The Banner Reprise	Manhattan Newsies
Just a Pretty Face	Medda, Ethel, Ada, Olive, Bowery Brigade, Jack, Katherine
The World Will Know	Full Manhattan Newsies Company
Watch What Happens	Katherine Plumber
Seize The Day Part 1	Full Manhattan Newsies Company
Seize The Day Part 2	Full Manhattan Newsies Company
Santa Fe	Jack

Act II

King of New York	Manhattan Newsies
Letter From The Refuge	Crutchie
Brooklyn's Here	Spot Conlon, Brooklyn Newsies, Full Manhattan Newsies Company
Seize The Day (Reprise)	Brooklyn Newsies, Manhattan Newsies
Once And For All	Working Children, Katherine, Full Manhattan Newsies Company, Brooklyn Newsies
Finale	Full Company

CAST

Cast Members

Jack Kelly - Saturday	Adam Sunderlin
Jack Kelly - Sunday	Cohen Steiniger
Katherine Plumber - Saturday	Brayden Arends
Katherine Plumber - Sunday	Olivia Ablondi
Crutchie - Saturday	Italia Coleman
Crutchie - Sunday	Rowan Steele
Davey - Saturday	Mason Hockaday
Davey - Sunday	Liam Steele
Les - Saturday	Bradley Grim
Les - Sunday	Tie Xuan-Eaddy
Race - Saturday	Kiyari Palomino
Race - Sunday	Bethany Ablondi
Muriel - Saturday	Sianna Loeffler
Muriel - Sunday	Charlotte Steele
Pigtails - Saturday	India Coleman
Pigtails - Sunday	Ainsley Daniel
Albert - Saturday	Autumn Dean
Albert - Sunday	Brooklyn Ball
Nancy - Saturday	Ella Williams
Nancy - Sunday	Sofia Choi
Hazel - Saturday	Lillian Allen
Hazel - Sunday	Raegan Wood
Buttons - Saturday	Juliana Williams
Buttons - Sunday	Naomi Ablondi
Romeo - Saturday	Isabella DeFazio
Romeo - Sunday	Linc Steele
Tommy Boy - Saturday	Olivia DeFazio
Tommy Boy - Sunday	Nara Palomino
JoJo - Saturday	Evelyn Holt

CAST

Cast Members (continued)

JoJo - Sunday	Naomi Renault
Spot Conlon - Saturday	Aubree Sitton
Spot Conlon - Sunday	Isabella Berkeley
Joseph Pulitzer - Saturday	David Trudell
Joseph Pulitzer - Sunday	Nathaniel Williams
Hannah - Saturday	Reese Nelson
Hannah - Sunday	Maddie Ball
Medda Larkin - Saturday	Ella Dunnivan
Medda Larkin - Sunday	Cherish Lawson
Ada - Bowery Brigade	Nora Feltner
Ethel - Bowery Brigade	Lydia Hill
Olive - Bowery Brigade	Sophia Hill
Oscar Delancey	Atlas Hill
Morris Delancey	Gideon Hill
Darcy	Elaine Holt
Warden Snyder	Cristian Cooke-Romero
Scab 1 - Saturday	Yanna Palomino
Scab 1 - Sunday	Giselle Renault
Working Child, Refuge Child, and Customer	Mason Pilgrim
Working Child, Refuge Child, and Customer	Paisley Raine Hodges
Tech Team	Ben Trudell

WHO'S WHO



Adam Sunderlin *as Jack Kelly - Saturday*

I'm Adam, 18, and honored to play Jack Kelly. This is my 9th year of acting. My favorite past roles are George Banks and Maui. Offstage, I enjoy roller-skating, balisong flipping, and gaming. I'd like to thank our directors. I especially thank Mrs. Lisa for her encouragement and support during the last 9 years. I hope you enjoy the show!



Cohen Steiniger *as Jack Kelly - Sunday*

Hello! My name is Cohen, and I'm very excited to be the police officer. Playing Jack Kelly will also be fun. I've been performing for around 8 years. My favorite role I've played is Scar from The Lion King! Thanks to my family, the cast, and thank you for coming to our show!



Brayden Arends *as Katherine Plumber - Saturday*

Hello! I'm Brayden! I'm 16 and over the moon to play Katherine! My favorite past role is Oaken from Frozen Jr. When I'm not on stage, I'm embroidering or writing. Thank you to my parents, my cast mates, and my directors. Thank you Mrs Erin Wood for getting me home from theater. Thank you to my sister Blair for helping me learn my lines. Love you lots. Thank you to my best friend David for helping me believe in myself. Enjoy the show!!



Olivia Ablondi *as Katherine Plumber - Sunday*

Hi! My name is Olivia and I am sixteen years old. I have been acting for seven years and I am very excited to be playing Katherine (Sunday) and ensemble (Saturday). Some of my favorite past roles have been Boulda, Belle, and Ms. Brill. In my spare time I love to sew and to dance. A big thank you to everyone who made this show happen and the wonderful cast. Thank you for coming and enjoy!

WHO'S WHO



Italia Coleman

as Crutchie - Saturday

Hi, I'm Italia and I'm 16 years old. I am playing the roles of Crutchie (Sat.) and Newsie ensemble (Sun.). This is my 14th musical theater production. Some of my favorite shows have been Moana, Jr., Mary Poppins Jr., and Matilda. I like playing soccer, going swimming, attending my church youth group, and hanging out with my friends. Thank you to my family, friends, God, and our directors for helping put together a great show. Enjoy!



Rowan Steele

as Crutchie - Sunday

Rowan is a 14 year old aspiring actress who is honored to portray the role of Crutchie in her 14th theatre performance! Some of her favorite roles include Marta von Trapp in The Sound of Music: Youth Edition, Young Amy in Little Women, Dory in Finding Nemo Kids, and Molly in Annie Jr. Rowan would like to thank God, her family, the directors, and this incredible cast!



Mason Hockaday

as Davey - Saturday

Howdy! I'm Mason H., I'm 15 years old and am excited to play the role of Davey. I've been acting for 2 years, and this is my fourth show. My favorite past roles are Jesse Marlowe and Weselton. Offstage I enjoy gaming, listening to Michael Jackson and roller skating. I would like to thank my family and my Talents teachers and friends for their support and encouragement. Thank you for coming and enjoy the show!



Liam Steele

as Davey - Sunday

Hey guys. It's me, Liam (18, senior), and i like trains. I'm interested in composing music, and I'm doing just that for a video game I'm designing. I loved this show because I got to spend time with the sweetest people I've ever met. Enjoy! Oh, and if you see any quarters lying around, let me know. I lost mine and I don't know how else I'll pay for my barbershop haircut. Thanks.

WHO'S WHO



Bradley Grim

as Les - Saturday

Hi! I'm Bradley, 11, and I'm so excited to be playing Les! I've been acting for 3 years, and this is my 5th role. I've played Pinocchio in Shrek, Michael Banks in Mary Poppins, Perch Perkins in SpongeBob, James A. Bailey in The Greatest Showman, and Omar in Aladdin. Outside of theater, I love to animate my own shows and spend time outdoors. I'm so thankful to my family, my friends, and everyone at Talents! I hope you enjoy the show!



Tie Xuan-Eaddy

as Les - Sunday

Hi! I'm Tie-Xuan Eaddy and I am excited to be playing Les in the Sunday cast. I've been doing musical theater for the last 2 years and have participated in "Shrek the Musical" and "SpongeBob the Musical." My favorite past role was Lord Farquaad in "Shrek the Musical." When I'm not doing theater, I enjoy crocheting and spinning yarn from natural fibers. I want to thank my mom and dad for always getting me to and from rehearsals and the artistic team for putting together a great show! Thank-you for coming and enjoy the show!!



Kiyari Palomino

as Race - Saturday

Whats up? My name is Kiyari, I'm 15, and I am beyond excited to be playing Race! I've been acting for, probably, like 3 years. Not very long BUT I LOVED EVERY PART OF IT! My favorite past roles have been, Fille girls, and Pabbie! Offstage, I play electric guitar in a house band, and I skateboard. The biggest thanks to Mrs. Lisa, Mrs. Maria, Ella Dunnivan, Bethany Ablondie, Ben Trudell, Ms. Mindy and the entire cast of NEWSIES!! Not many people will take the time to see a couple kids theatre show, so I'm glad you did!! Have a blast, and thank you for coming!

WHO'S WHO



Bethany Ablondi

as Race - Sunday

Welcome everyone! My name is Bethany and I will be playing Race. I have been performing with Talents FXBG since 2019 and some of my favorite shows have been Beauty and the Beast Jr. and Frozen Jr. where played the role of Anna. I own my own art business, Graceful Hands Art Co. and I am a pre-professional ballerina. A huge thank you to all of my friends, to my family, and to the Lord. A special thank you to my very best friend, I love you more than words can express and I will miss being in Talents with you. Thank you all for joining us on this journey!



Sianna Loeffler

as Muriel - Saturday

Hello, my name is Sianna, I am so excited to be playing Muriel and ensemble. I've been acting with this cast for 7 years I think, how time flies. My favorite past roles have been Elsa, Monsieur D'Arque, a Narrator, and Zazu. Outside of dancing and Theater, I enjoy learning to interpret and Writing stories. Finally I'd like to thank God for this amazing cast, my friends, and family for apart of this amazing show. Thank you for coming enjoy the show!



Charlotte Steele

as Muriel - Sunday

A lover of pug dogs and the arts, Charlotte is 16 years old and elated to be performing in her dream show. This is her 1st production with Talents, although she is no stranger to theatre. Offstage, she can be found perfecting gymnastics, reading, dancing, and rock climbing. Charlotte would like to thank God, her family, her adorable baby pug, and everyone who came to see the show!



India Coleman

as Pigtails - Saturday

Hey ya'll, I'm India and I am 13 years old. I'm excited to be Pigtails and in the Newsie ensemble. This is my 15th musical theater production. Some of my favorite past roles have been Annie (Annie), Jane Banks (Mary Poppins Jr.), and Amanda Thripp (Matilda). I like dancing, singing, cheerleading, and hanging out with my friends. I want to thank my directors, God, my family, friends, and this amazing cast and crew.

WHO'S WHO



Ainsley Daniel

as Pigtails - Sunday

Hey y'all! I'm Ainsley! I'm so excited to be in this production of Newsies as Wiesel and Pigtails! This is my first show with Talents, but 5th overall! Some of my favorite roles in past shows have been Juror #7 in Twelve Angry Jurors, and a jitterbug and twister-man in The Wizard Of Oz! Some of my hobbies outside of theater are tapping, drawing, and writing! I enjoy nature walks and singing within the trees! I'd like to thank my mom, dad, and siblings for their help in the show, my friends for their love and support in the audience, and the amazing cast and crew I got to meet and hang with in the process! Thank you for coming and I hope you enjoy the show!



Autumn Dean

as Albert - Saturday

Hi! I'm Autumn and I am 13 years old. I am so excited to play Albert and a Newsie. This is my 9th show! Some of my favorite past roles are Sven, a German pig, Parker Jones, and Jasmine. I love to paint and read during my free time. I want to thank my family, friends, and the amazing directors! Thank you all for coming and I hope you enjoy the show!



Brooklyn Ball

as Albert - Sunday

Hi, my name is Brooklyn and I'm 14. I'm playing Albert in the show! This is my fourth year in drama and my tenth show. My favorite role ever so far has been Olaf in Frozen Jr.! I love playing comedic characters and making people laugh. Thank you to my friends and family for all your support. I hope you enjoy the show!



Ella Williams

as Nancy - Saturday

Hey, I'm Ella, and I'm 15 years old. I'm thrilled to be playing Nancy in Saturday's cast! This is my 6th show, and one of my favorite past roles was Sven in Disney's Frozen JR. I've especially enjoyed hanging out with friends and learning choreography. In my free time, I love crocheting and reading. I'd like to thank God, my family, and the entire cast and crew. I hope you enjoy the show as much as I've enjoyed being part of it!

WHO'S WHO



Sofia Choi

as Nancy - Sunday

Hi, I'm Sofia! I'm 13 years old and excited to be playing the roles of Nancy and Dorothy in Newsies! This is my 4th show with talents. My favorite past roles are: The Enchanted Rose in Beauty & the Beast, a snowflake in Frozen, and a honeybee in Mary Poppins. Besides acting, I love to train/play with my cats and dance ballet. Big thanks to God, my amazing family, wonderful cast and crew, and awesome directors! Thank you for coming and I hope you enjoy the show!



Lillian Allen

as Hazel - Saturday

Hello! I'm Lily, 13 and excited to play Hazel. I've been acting for four years, and my favorite past roles include Quaxo in Cats and Sally in Sally Cotter. I love singing and fostering animals from my local animal shelter. Many thanks to everyone for making this show a success.



Raegan Wood

as Hazel - Sunday

Hello! My name is Raegan and I am 15 years old! I have been in Shrek Jr. The Musical, Murder Mansion, and Newsies Jr. The Musical. When I'm not at theater I enjoy doing martial arts 5 days a week and diamond art painting. I would like to thank my mom, my family, Mrs. Kristen for bring me home from some practices, my friends, and God. I've really enjoyed working with this amazing cast and I hope you enjoy the show!



Juliana Williams

as Buttons - Saturday

Hi! I'm Juliana, and I'm 12 years old. I'm thrilled to be part of the Newsies cast in this production! This is my sixth show with Talents FXBG, and one of my favorite roles so far was playing Chip in Disney's Beauty and the Beast JR. Offstage, you'll usually find me reading a good book or listening to music. I'm grateful to God, my family, our cast, and our directors for making this experience possible. Enjoy the show!

WHO'S WHO



Naomi Ablondi

as Buttons - Sunday

Hi y'all! My name is Naomi Ablondi, I am 11 yrs old, I love playing Buttons on Sunday! I been acting for 6 years now, my favorite past role has been Young Elsa in Frozen JR! My favorite activities are ballet and going to Disney World. Thank you to God, my family and friends and the board of directors! Have fun and enjoy the show!



Isabella DeFazio

as Romeo - Saturday

Hi! My name is Isabella, I am 14 years old, and I am so excited to play Romeo (Sat.) and Bunsen (Sun.!) This is my 8th show with Talents. Some of my favorite past roles are LeFou in Beauty and the Beast Jr. and Young Anna in Frozen Jr. In my free time I enjoy playing piano and playing softball. I would like to thank Mrs. Lisa and the directors for leading this production, as well as my Mom for putting together the amazing newsies costumes! Also, huge thank you to all of the cast for being so dedicated this year. Enjoy the show!



Linc Steele

as Romeo - Sunday

Linc is 12 years old and adores acting, legos, and raccoons! His favorite roles include Michael Wormwood in Matilda Jr., Nemo in Finding Nemo Kids, Pugsley in The Addams Family, Rooster Hannigan in Annie Jr, and Nibs in Peter Pan Jr. This is his 10th show! A big thank you to God, the cast, crew, and directors, his beloved Mr. Monkey, and his family. Enjoy the show!



Olivia DeFazio

as Tommy Boy - Saturday

Hi! I'm Livi, 11 years old, and very excited to play Tommy Boy! This is my 6th show, and my favorite past roles were Young Elsa and Pua. I also enjoy playing softball and practicing marksmanship in my free time. Huge thank you to God, my mom, this amazing cast, crew, and directors! Thank you for coming and I hope you enjoy the show! :)

WHO'S WHO



Nara Palomino

as Tommy Boy - Sunday

hey zesty bestie my name is Nara i am 10 i have been acting for three years i have been in beauty and the beast!! and frozen!! i like to paint and make crafts in my free time my favorite roles in the past and now are oaken family and tommy boy i would like to thank miss lisa miss maria and miss lyla and my friends and the cast i have really i love saying my LINEEEEE!!! and doing king of new york and WELCOMMEEE if you have never seen thee show YOU ARE GOING TO LOVE IT !! and i will be finding my zesty bestie from the stage ehehehehehi will find you XIADANIIIIII!!!



Evelyn Holt

as JoJo - Saturday

Hello, I'm Evie, 11, and am so excited to be part of this cast! This is my second year acting. I played middle Elsa in Frozen, Jr. but my favorite role was playing the cook! I love to draw and play outside in my free time. I want to say thank you to Mrs. Lisa and Mrs. Maria for helping me grow as an actress. We've all worked really hard this year and I hope you enjoy the show!



Naomi Renault

as JoJo - Sunday

Hi! I'm Naomi, this is my second production, I'm very excited to perform the role of Jojo in the Sunday production. Thank you to my friends, family, and neighbors for coming out to see the show and support me.



Aubree Sitton

as Spot Conlon - Saturday

Hi, my name is Aubree! I'm 15, and will playing Spot Conlon. I've been acting for three years, and my favorite role in that time was Ms. Corry in Mary Poppins, and I enjoy writing and singing when I'm not in drama. Huge thanks to my amazing cast members and the directors for making this happen, and I hope enjoy the show!

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Isabella Berkeley *as Spot Conlon - Sunday*

Hi I am Isabella Berkeley (I go by Izzy), I am 14 years old and I am in 8th grade. I have performed in 5 shows in my life : some have been in Talents and others not. Some of the shows I have been in are : Aladdin (I was a Agraban), Wizard of Oz (gitterbug), I have done Wicked twice and I played Elphaba both times! I also performed in Too Many Detectives in The Murder Mansion with Talents (Paige Turner) Now I play Spot Conlon in Newsies which you are about to see!! In my free time outside of theatre I like to write music, play piano, sing, and acting out skits with my friends! Now that you have gotten to know me better, I hope and know that you will enjoy the show. Welcome to Newsies Jr!!!



David Trudell *as Joseph Pulitzer - Saturday*

Hi! My name is David. I'm 19 years old and I'm so excited to be playing Joseph Pulitzer! This will be my seventh year of acting and my third musical with Talents FXBG. Some of my past favorite roles include Oaken in frozen jr and John in Peter Pan. When I'm not on the stage you can find me writing, reading or hanging out with my friends. I would like to thank God, my friends, my awesome cast mates, our awesome directors and amazing tech crew. Thank you for coming to see our awesome show today. Enjoy your time in New York with the newsies!



Nathaniel Williams

as Joseph Pulitzer - Sunday

Hi, I'm Nathaniel! I'm 17, and this is my sixth show. One of my favorite roles was the Beast in Disney's Beauty and the Beast JR. This year, I've loved spending time with friends while playing Pulitzer. When I'm not on stage, I enjoy working out and running my online business. A huge thank you to God, my family, the cast, crew, and directors for making this year so incredible. And thank you all for coming to the show!

WHO'S WHO



Reese Nelson

as Hannah - Saturday

Hello! My name is Reese, and I'm 13 years old. I'm so excited to be playing Hannah and performing as part of the Newsie Ensemble! This is my first year with Talents, and it has been an amazing experience. Everyone has been incredibly kind, supportive, and encouraging, and I've loved being part of such an awesome cast. When I'm not on stage, you can usually find me singing in a band, reading, or listening to music. A huge thank-you to my friends, my parents, and everyone involved in this show for making it such a great experience. Thank you so much for coming—I hope you enjoy the performance!



Maddie Ball

as Hannah - Sunday

Hi, my name is Maddie and I'm 11. I'm excited to play Hannah! This is my fourth year in drama and my ninth show. My favorite role is Kassim in Aladdin Jr., and I also loved playing middle Elsa and Pabbie in Frozen Jr. I'm thankful for the friends I've made and the support from my family. I hope you enjoy the show!



Ella Dunnivan

as Medda Larkin - Saturday

Hellooo! My name is Ella, I am 18, and I am so excited to be playing Medda and Seitz! I have had the absolute honor of being the student director for this amazing cast and have loved every second of it. I have been in theater for 12 years and have been in 14 productions. Offstage, you can find me doing schoolwork or crocheting. Praise be to God for everything. Praise be to Him especially for this incomproable cast and crew, my amazing mom, my wonderful dad, beloved sister, all of my friends and family, Alex and Cylie, and you. Thank you for coming. Enjoy the show!

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Cherish Lawson *as Medda Larkin - Sunday*

My name is Cherish Lawson and I am so excited to be playing Seitz and Medda in my first Talents FXBG show! I have loved getting to know everyone and making new friends. In my free time, I enjoy designing creative make-up looks, playing guitar, and playing in my worship team at church. I started in theater at 12, and now at 16 this will be my 8th show. I would like to thank my dad for helping me with my acting and always encouraging me and my mom for being my biggest supporter and driving me everywhere. Enjoy!!



Nora Feltner *as Ada - Bowery Brigade*

Nora is delighted to be in her second year with Talents FXBG! Her favorite past roles include Duffy in Annie and Bulda in Frozen Jr. She is thrilled to be playing Ada and a scab in Newsies Jr. and is deeply grateful to her family, Erika Hogge Vocal Studio, and her directors for their continued support. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Lydia Hill *as Ethel - Bowery Brigade*

Hi my name is Lydia (Lulu) I'm thirteen and I've been in talents for two years my favorite past role would be the handmaiden in frozen jr In my free time i love to read and pray. I'd like to thank jesus for all hes done for my family my friends and for changing my life in the best possible way. my beautiful sisters Charlotte h. and Sophia and our student director ella dunnivin for being the most thoughtful loving and caring people in the world.and of course i could never do it with out my wonderful teachers mrs lisa mrs maria mrs Mindy and mrs liah should get all the credit.best part of my newsies experience has been being able to do this for my family and not just mine the whole cast alone is absolutely marvelous. Thank you for being here jesus loves you so much I hope you enjoy the show.



Sophia Hill *as Olive - Bowery Brigade*

Hi, I'm Sophia I'm 15 and I'm playing Roosevelt and Ethel. I like to read and crochet! My favorite past role is Queen Iduna from Frozen! I'd like to thank God, my family and friends, my wonderful teachers, and special thanks to Mama and My AMAZING Sisters Charlotte and Lydia, and my grandparents. I love you guys so much!!! I really hope you enjoy the show!! Xo Sophia ã™ □

WHO'S WHO



Atlas Hill

as Oscar Delancey

Hi I'm Atlas and I'm 10 and this is my 2nd year at talents! I Play Oscar delancey and im a newise extra! In my free time I like to study about the ocean, read and hangout with my family my favorite past role is the Stewart from frozen jr I'd like to thank my teachers, my castmates my family and especially God and that he has made all of this possible my favorite part of doing newises has been seeing everybody's hard work coming together to make an Amazing Show this is truly a amazing show and I hope you enjoy it



Gideon Hill

as Morris Delancey

Hey, my name is Gideon, and I'm 12 years old. I'm playing Bill and Morris Delancey. I'd like to thank Lord God Jesus Christ, my family for coming here today, and I'd like to thank our teachers Mrs. Lisa and Mrs. Mindy, Mrs. María, and Mrs. Lilah, and everybody's best friend Ella Dunnivan. And most importantly, you for coming to the show. See you at the show, folks!



Elaine Holt

as Darcy

Hello, my name is Lainey, 8, and this is my second year acting with Talents. I preformed in Frozen, Jr. and my favorite role was Oaken's daughter. I like to play with LEGO and play roller hockey. I'd like to thank my parents for their support. I've really enjoyed practicing for this show but especially the fight scene! Thank you for coming and I hope you enjoy the show!

WHO'S WHO



Cristian Cooke-Romero *as Warden Snyder*

Hi, I've been in the theatre world for a little over four years now, which means I've spent four years pretending to be other people or things ... and loving every second of it. My all-time favorite role was Card #7 in Alice in Wonderland. That's right. Theatre has taught me many important life skills, like how to project my voice, hit my mark, and panic calmly. I want to give a huge thank you to my mom for making sure I get to practice and performances. A big thank you to my Wawa for helping me run my lines over and over (and over) again. You're the real MVPs. A special shoutout to our incredible cast, directors, and crew. We've worked super hard, laughed a lot, and maybe caused just a tiny bit of chaos along the way. Now let's get out there, shine bright, and break a leg!



Yanna Palomino *as Scab 1 - Saturday*

Hiii, Im Yanna I am 13 years old. This is my first year acting, I haven't done any other Roles. In my free time I like to blast Deftones in my headphones while doing a craft or just zoning out. I would like to thank my Autumn for being such a good friend. My favorite part of the play is probably the Fight scene i like it because it was very chaotic but fun. I'LL FIND YOU XIDONI!!



Giselle Renault *as Scab 1 - Sunday*

Hey! I'm Giselle, this is my second year in this theater group. I'm excited to perform with my fellow castmates in this production for the community's enjoyment. Thank you for coming out today and supporting the arts!



Mason Pilgrim *as Working Child, Refugee Child, and Customer*

Hello, I'm Mason. I've been acting for 2 years and was honored to play Olaf's Helper & a Townsperson in Frozen Jr. last year. I love all music and theatre. I love to play the trombone, sing and dance. I'd like to thank God, my loving parents, all of my directors, family and friends for supporting me. Thank you so much for coming! Hope you had fun!

WHO'S WHO



Paisley Raine Hodges *as Working Child, Refugee Child, and Customer*

Hi, I'm Paisley, 9, this is my first show and first time acting! I like to scalp clay and draw beautiful dresses. I want to thank everyone that is apart of this play. I have loved learning all the songs and I hope you all enjoy them too!!



Ben Trudell *as Tech Team*

Hey everyone I'm Ben Trudell and I'm 21 years old. I have been with Talents FXBG for 4 years helping on stage as the props person. I have been in a total of 4 musical productions such as Mary poppins, beauty and the beast, frozen and this one the newsies. I have also done several smaller shows such as murder on the 518 where I was the conductor and the executive chef and who's dying to be a millionaire where I was Sam's father and the stage tech. When I'm not on the stage I enjoy horseback riding and video games. I want to thank the awesome cast and the directors for this amazing show. Sit back and enjoy the show.

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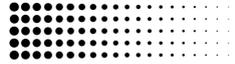
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We are grateful to the Hockaday family for the use of your wonderful benches.

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A special note of appreciation to Ben Trudell for his dedication to attending every rehearsal, taking detailed notes, and helping ensure our set came together exactly as it needed to on stage.

To all of our parents and families, your constant support has meant everything - from providing food, supervising students, assisting with costumes and props, to lifting and moving our large set pieces. This production simply would not be possible without you.

We are so thankful to everyone who contributed to our raffles. Your generosity helped make this production possible.

We are especially grateful to Brooke Point High School for hosting us, with sincere appreciation to Ms. McDonald for serving as our building supervisor this weekend, and to Jake Dodges, the drama director, for his incredible hospitality.

And finally, to our audience, we are so glad you are here. These students are incredibly proud of what they have created, and it is a joy to share it with you. Now is the time to seize the day! Enjoy the show!

END NOTES

Director's Note

It is such an honor and a joy to serve as the Talents FXBG director for our ninth season. We have had the absolute best time preparing for *Newsies* this year. This cast loves each other in a way that is rare and beautiful, and it has made this experience truly unforgettable. There is always magic on the stage, but the real magic lives in the rehearsals, in the laughter backstage, and in the way these incredible, hardworking, and deeply dedicated kids show up for one another every single day.

Thank you to my incredible directing team. Ms. Mindy, our music director, for your patience, talent, and for guiding our students so beautifully. Ms. Maria, our assistant director, for being by my side every step of the way. You have taken notes, kept me on track, anticipated needs before they even arose, and carried so much of this process with quiet strength and dedication. Your support, care, and steady presence have meant more than I can say, and I truly could not have done this without you. Ms. Lilah, our room coordinator and so much more, for being the steady heartbeat of everything behind the scenes and for always stepping in wherever needed with grace and consistency. Ms. Michelle, for your stunning costume work and for helping shape this production into what it is. Your creativity and dedication have brought so much life and beauty to this show.

To my daughter Chloe, thank you for holding down the fort at home and taking such loving care of the puppy and our other two dogs while we have been constantly back and forth between rehearsals and the school. You are such a dependable and faithful presence in our family.

To my husband John, thank you for your endless support and for creating the incredible set you see here today. You have taken every vision and turned it into something even more beautiful than I imagined. I am so grateful for you.

To my amazing in-laws, Dick and Susie, thank you for always opening your space for our set pieces, for building alongside us, and for working tirelessly to make sure these kids have something they can be proud of. Your generosity and hard work mean more than you know.

To my daughter Ella, our student director, you are truly something special. You step into this role without a title every year, but this year you went above and beyond in ways I cannot fully put into words. You filled needs before I even saw them, carried so much responsibility with grace, and poured your whole heart into this cast. The love they have for you is a direct reflection of the love you pour into them. Your choreography was outstanding, your vision elevated this show, and your ability to jump in at any moment, run lines, become any character, and support wherever needed is nothing short of incredible. You will always be my muse, and I am endlessly proud of you.

This show has been especially meaningful. Watching these young people feel empowered to stand up for what they believe in has been inspiring. As we explored the lives of children from over one hundred years ago, I have seen empathy, compassion, and understanding grow in this cast. That is something far more important than anything we could ever put on stage.

And finally, thank you to everyone who came to support this show. These students have poured their hearts into every moment, and it is such a gift to share it with you. We hope you feel the joy, the passion, and the love that has gone into every part of this production. Now is the time to seize the day!

LETTER FROM THE STUDENT DIRECTOR

Helloooo!! My name is Ella Dunnivan, I am 18 years old, and this is my 14th show overall and my 7th show with TALENTS FXBG. Though TALENTS shows have only made up half of the shows I've been in, TALENTS has taken over 100% of my heart. I am thrilled to be playing Medda Larkin and Seitz, and I am extremely privileged and honored to be the student director for this magnificent production.

To this darling cast and crew, you all are my angels. Your dedication, hard work, tremendous effort, and continuous love and support for one another are what have made this show front-page (above-the-fold) worthy. Despite your immense (and I mean immense) talent, I am most proud of who you all are offstage. The true measure of pride is not being proud of one's accomplishments, but rather being proud of who someone is as a person. With this in mind, it is with every bit of honesty that I say I could not be prouder of every single one of you. There is no group of kids more kind, joyous, enjoyable, supportive, loving, and altogether wonderful than you, my angels. I could fill every newspaper with reasons why I love you guys. Thank you for being who you are. Thank you for being a dream come true. The world will most certainly know that you all are amazing, and I cannot wait to watch you all seize the day by being the incredible people that you are.

To our assistant director, Ms. Maria, and to our music director, Ms. Mindy, thank you both for always being there for our kids. You truly do so much for them, and I know you have made just as wonderful a difference in their lives as you have made in mine. We are beyond grateful for you both.

To Ms. Lilah, you are there every week, no matter what, and your presence never goes unnoticed or unappreciated. You are the true chaos coordinator, and we are so grateful for you.

To Ms. Michelle, who has been a part of TALENTS since its founding and has done so much for us over the past years—thank you for all of your dedication, hard work, and continuous support. We are so thankful for you.

To my mom, Ms. Lisa - you're the director, but I have you listed under "mom" since that's who you always are first to me. And boy, what a blessing it is to have a mom like you. There is no one more dedicated to these kids than you. Watching you pour everything into these kids for the past 8 years has been a delight. You're the best mom, best director, and my best friend. You are everything to us. Thank you for all that you are. Everything I do is dedicated to you, the best woman I've ever met. I love you with everything in me.

To my dad, John, thank you for always being so supportive of me and of TALENTS. Thank you for all the work you have put into our shows. No one is cooler than Johnny D, and I love you so much.

To my sister, Chloe, you will forever be my favorite scene partner. There is no better sister in the world than you. Getting to grow up in this theater world with you is one of my favorite parts of life, and being your big sister is my favorite role I've ever been in. I will always be in awe of you, and I am so proud of who you are. I love you.

To all of my friends and family, your support and love mean the whole world to me. Thank you all. And, of course, thank You to God, who has blessed me in the most unimaginable ways. All glory be to You.

Audience - if you've made it this far, you deserve a reward. And I don't think there's a better reward than getting to watch this amazing show! Thank you for coming, and enjoy this spectacular production!

Newsies forever!



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