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PROGRAM

Newsies Jr.

CAST

Jack	Cameron Keffer
Katherine	Ashlyn Young
Crutchie	James Matig
Davey	Alex Toporcer
Les	Milo Hart
Medda	Eliza Primous
Pulitzer	Xavier Garcia
Wiesel/Jack Understudy	Izabella Krekus
Oscar/Davey Understudy	Landon Eli
Morris	Raquel Allison
Race/Medda Understudy	Finlay Andrei
Albery	Jakob Primous
Muriel	Ashley Graczyk
Specs/Teddy Roosevelt	Donovan Stringer
Pigtails	Alyssa Moliterno
Buttons/Hannah	Hannah DeRenzis
Hazel/Katherine Understudy	Halina Bakeris
Nancy/Scab 2	Avery Chambers
Romeo/Pat	Trip Matthews
Jojo	Alex Cook
Darcy/Les Understudy/Bill	Casey Herrholtz
Tommy Boy/Ethel	Ava Kuntz
Snyder	Liam McLaughlin
Bunsen	Trudi Herrholtz
Ada/Scab 3	Mia Mackey
Olive/Dorothy	Breckan Neuhaus
Seitz	Leonardo Valente
Spot Conlon/Scab 1	Theo Hart

SETTING

1899, New York City

RUNNING TIME

1 hour and 5 minutes

CREATIVE TEAM

Director	Savannah Teter
Stage Manager	Caitlyn Santiago
Choreographer	Wayne Bonner III
Music Director	Adam Dominick
Tech Director	Johnny Pecano
Lighting Designer	Cordell Ramsey
Costumer	Emelia Sherin
Assistant Lighting Designer	Kenzie James
Student Director	Finn O'Hara

CREW

Scenic Builder	Isa Foltz, Meredith Pallo
Audio Tech	Evan Gottschalk, Brendan Burke

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Newsies Jr.

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

"The things we do today will be tomorrow's news!"

-Newsies, 2011

I came into this project knowing nothing about this show (which isn't unusual for me...I like a challenge). With this approach, I am able to have an open mindset when beginning, instead of having to set aside any preconceived thoughts and/or ideas. The vision I had for this production was based solely on the word "anarchy". I want the audience to feel as if they are a part of this monumental Newsie's revolution.

When walking into the first rehearsal for Newsies Jr, I was completely overwhelmed by the talent and support these students had for one another. Not a day went by where I wasn't smiling and laughing along with them on stage. This entire experience has been a rollercoaster of excitement (when a scene finally comes together) and struggle (when we come back the next day and everything is forgotten...). They have all worked tremendously hard to tell this amazing story of brotherhood, courage, and triumph. Working side by side with these young actors for the past 3 months has brought me an immense amount of happiness and honor that can only be found on the stage. I will forever be grateful for this opportunity that allowed me to know them not only as creatives, but as people. It is hard to express just how proud I am of their hard work and care towards this wonderful production. I would also like to thank the Youngstown Playhouse staff and production crew for bringing this story to life. the parents and guardians who drove endless miles to make sure their children were on time and had everything they needed, and most importantly, YOU. Without your support and admiration for the arts of this community, this production could not have been possible. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart for making my dream a reality <3

Love, Savannah:)

Savannah Teter (Director) graduated from West Virginia Wesleyan College, where she majored in Theatre Arts: Acting and Directing. Since then, she has been working in the Youngstown area as an actor, teacher, and director. She began the School of Theatre at the Youngstown Jewish Community Center back in January of 2021. While there, she directed many youth productions including; Willy Wonka Jr, Jungle Book Jr, Wizard of Oz Kids, and Seussical Jr. She is truly honored to be directing her very first show here at the Youngstown Playhouse! Outside of directing, you can be sure to catch her in the interactive murder mystery dinner show "The Dinner Detective" in Cleveland and Pittsburgh, along with her hilarious improv troupe "The Dinner Theatre Rejects" of Youngstown. She would like to thank the cast and crew of Newsies Jr. for bringing her work to life and her family and friends for their endless support <3

Caitlyn (Stage Manager) is very excited to be involved with yet another Playhouse production. Although she's never acted on the main stage, she has been involved in many productions, working as crew, starting with A Christmas Carol back in 2017. She considers the Youngstown Playhouse to be her home theatre and is fortunate to have the opportunity to work on shows. She's incredibly privileged to have worked with the creative team: Savannah, Adam, and Wayne, and to have worked with such a wonderful and talented cast, as well as her crew! As always, Caitlyn would like to thank her Playhouse mentors, as well as her friends and family for their love and support during every production she works on.

Wayne Bonner III (Choreographer) is excited to be back at the Playhouse but in a different art form this time! Some acting credits include *Shrek the Musical* (Donkey), *Almost, Maine* (East/ Daniel), *HONK!* (Bullfrog), *RENT* (Angel Dumott Schunard), *Dreamgirls* (Ensemble), *Frozen Jr.* (Prince Hans), *The Color Purple: The Musical* (Harpo), *The Gospel According To Tammy Faye* (Angel Valazquez), *Elf: The Musical* (Store Manager), *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* (Ensemble) and *Sister Act* (Eddie Souther). Alongside acting, he is a theatre arts educator, photographer, and YouTuber Wayne is also a part of The MAC Experience LLC led by Michael A. Cotton Jr. Wayne is excited to continue his passion for the arts. He gives all thanks to God and to everyone who has supported him on his journey!

Adam Dominick (Music Director) is a recent graduate of the YSU BFA in Musical Theatre program, with extensive stage credits in his career. While he is mainly a performer, Adam has experience in directing (Moths, The Other Side, Bad Auditions by Bad Actors) and over 10 years of music experience. He currently teaches theatre classes and runs the drama department at Chaney Middle School, where he was awarded teacher of the month in January. At Chaney, he recently partnered with Operation Keepsake Inc. to create a short film featuring 8th grade scholars about avoiding risk behaviors in school, and also directed Chaney Middle School's first play Bad Auditions by Bad Actors. Newsies was Adam's first Broadway show, and what inspired him to pursue theatre, so music directing this show was an absolute joy for him, and he hopes you enjoy the show as much as he does!

Johnny Pecano (Technical Director) has created scenic, light, and sound designs for dozens of Youngstown Playhouse productions including *The 39 Steps*, *God of Carnage*, *The Woman in Black*, *Death of a Salesman*, *Speed-the-Plow*, *Dinner with Friends*, *Legally Blonde*, *Honk! For the Record*, *Gloria Birnbaum's Broadway Debut*, and *Man on the Street*. Youngstown Playhouse Youth Theatre design credits include *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*, *The Hobbit*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, and *Thespis and the Three Golden Feathers*. A multi-talented artist, Johnny frequently sound designs productions at Youngstown State University and has directed local productions of *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*, *The Goat*, or *Who is Sylvia?* and *Alice in Wonderland*. Acting credits include *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, *The Pillowman*, *The Elephant Man*, *Angels in America*, *Assassins*, and *The Odd Couple*.

Cord Ramsey (Lighting Designer) has been a part of the Theater for a decade filling in various roles including: actor, stage manager, crew, and electrician. For the last few years he has been a Lighting Designer working on shows such as *Romeo and Juliet*, *RENT*, and just last season *Die Mommie Die*. Cord hopes you enjoy this show as much as he has enjoyed working on it.

Emelia Sherin (Costumer) is a Warren native who has been professionally choreographing and performing for 10 years. Sherin currently coaches the Howland Speech and Debate team, is a teaching artist for the Ohio Thespians chapter of the Education Theatre Association, and is the Education Coordinator for Stambaugh Auditorium, Opera Western Reserve, DeYor, Youngstown Symphony Orchestra, and The Youngstown Playhouse. After graduating from Howland High School, she sailed the seas and worked for Disney Cruise Lines as a dancer and actress. Once she returned to land, she attended Kent State University and earned her degree in Public Relations with minors in Dance Studies and Theatre Management. She is a certified Intimacy Designer/Choreographer who helps actors and directors communicate scenes of intimacy or domestic violence in a safe and consensual manner. Over the years, she has choreographed for and performed with several theatre organizations. Her highlights include: Disney Dreams (Cinderella, Snake Charmer), Tangled (Bard, Stunt Double), Chicago (Hunyak), Hairspray (Amber VonTussle), Legally Blonde (Margot), Cats (Rumpleteazer), Little Shop of Horrors (Crystal), Living Dead the Musical (Barbara), Steel Magnolias (Shelby), Spring Awakening (Thea, U/S Martha), Macbeth (Witch), A Midsummer Night's Dream (Hermia).

Kenzie James(she/her) (Assistant Lighting Designer) is a current 3rd year BFA student at Kent State University, studying Theatre Design Technology and Production with a focus in Scenic Design. Kenzie grew up in the theater, but truly grew to love the tech side of things when she worked on *Footloose the Musical* in middle school. From that point on, Kenzie has had a hand in theatre of some sort. Kenzie's favorite show that she has worked on would be *RENT the Musical* at Kent State Trumbull in the summer of 2022. While Kenzie typically finds herself covered in paint in the shop, Kenzie has at least a little experience in nearly all aspects of theatre due to working several summers as a summer stock intern. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Finn O'Hara (Student Director) is the Student Director for this production of Newsies Jr. Finn is a Sophomore at Ohio Connections Academy and is no stranger to the stage. He is an Equity Member Candidate who has performed in over 20 plays and musicals since he began acting at the age of 4. Some of his most notable roles include Bedrick in the Broadway Premiere of *The Last Boy*; Bruce in *Matilda*, Ralphie in *A Christmas Story - The Musical*; The Artful Dodger in *Oliver!*; Enjolras in *Les Misérables*; Pugsley Addams in *The Addams Family*; and Les in the off-Broadway premier of *Newsies!* at Kent State's Porthouse Theatre. Finn is now taking a new approach to the creative process by student directing his first show! Finn would like to thank everyone involved in this production who has been working so hard to make this wonderful show come to life!



Cameron Keffer (Jack) is a Sophomore at Boardman High School. He has been involved in several productions, including: Aladdin (as Aladdin), Grease (as Roger), The Little Mermaid (as Prince Eric) and most recently, Seussical and The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee at Boardman High School. When Cameron grows up he wants to be an actor on Broadway and

film. Cam would like to thank his Grandpa, Grandma, Mother, Cari Auth, Savannah Teter, Caitlyn Santiago, and Adam Dominick!



Ashlyn Young (Katherine) will be playing Katherine Plumber in this production of Newsies Jr. She is a Junior at Lincoln Park Performing Arts Charter School, where she majors in Musical Theatre. Some of her past performances include *Seussical*, where she was a bird girl and *Frozen Jr.* where she was Queen Iduna and an ensemble soloist. Ashlyn has also

done performances at Crowne Theatre and Kids First Theatre Initiative. She has been a Mini Star with the New Castle Playhouse since 2019 and has participated in their Stars of Tomorrow talent show. Ashlyn works at Seneca Hills Bible Camp and Retreat Center. She would like to thank the production team for this opportunity and hopes you enjoy the show!



James Matig (Crutchie) is a 9th grade student at McDonald High School in McDonald, OH. He has appeared in various roles, some of his favorites including Ben/Lisa in *Disaster!* (TNT), Lance in *Excalibur High* (Youngstown Playhouse), lago in *Aladdin Jr.* (Kids First), Jojo in *Seussical Jr.* (JCC Youngstown), and as Michael in *Elf the Musical* (Youngstown Playhouse).

Outside of school and performing, James likes to play piano, sing, hang with friends, skateboard, watch Modern Family, and eat salad and chicken. When James grows up, he wants to be a veterinarian. James would like to thank his family and Laura Kunkle.



Alec Toporcer (Davey) is a 6th grade student at Canfield Village Middle School in Canfield, OH. Alec has performed in various shows, with some of his favorites roles being Mike Teavee in Willy Wonka Jr. (Stage Left Players), Evil Minion in Excalibur High (Youngstown Playhouse), and Sir Ronald in Wake Up! Aurora (Stage Left Players). Outside of school and performing,

he likes to play golf in the PGA Jr. League, watch documentaries, and eat pepperoni pizza. When Alec grows up, he wants to be a technological engineer. Alec would like to thank his family and friends for all their support and encouragement.



Milo Hart (Les) This is Milo's debut performance on the Youngstown Playhouse stage! He has trained at Hart's School of Performing for musical theatre and improv performances. Milo plays the piano, saxophone and ukulele. His first performance was Whose Holiday is it Anyway? at the Kent State Trumbull stage for Hart's School. Along with his theatre performances,

he is also an Irish dancer and has enjoyed his time touring on St. Patrick's Day. He wants to give a big shout out to his Irish twin joining him on stage, Theo Hart and his little sister at home, Mara! He also wants to thank his grandma and mom for helping get him to all his rehearsals!



Eliza Primous (Medda) is an 8th grade student at Lowellville middle school in Lowellville, OH. She has performed as a featured soloist in Miracle on Easy Street at DeYor Performing Arts Center with Easy Street Productions, as well as appearing in the roles of Matilda in *Matilda* (Carnation City Theater), and Beth in *Best Christmas Pageant Ever* (Lowellville Middle School).

Outside of school and performing, Eliza likes to play softball, read, watch Marvel movies, and eat chocolate. When Eliza grows up, she wants to be an actress. Eliza would like to thank her parents, siblings and the rest of her family.



Xavier Garcia (Pulitzer) is a 10th grader at Hickory High School, Hermitage PA. He has been active in theater for over 12 years and some of his favorite roles have been Prince Reveille from *The Princess Who Had No Name* and Banzai from *Lion King Jr* at the New Castle Playhouse. He also loved his role of the Bishop in *Frozen Jr* here at YPH and Randolph in *Bye Bye Birdie* at his

high school. When he's not preparing for a theatrical show, he enjoys performing with the NCP Mini Stars and his school's choir, chamber Singers and marching band. Xavier would first like to thank Brianne Samson, Peggy Hanna and Justin Bryan for their countless hours of voice lessons, acting lessons and mentorship. He would also like to thank his mom, dad, Aubriana, Auntie Shelly and best friend Hope for all of their endless love and support. Finally, he would like to dedicate this performance to his late grandfather who just recently passed. He was Xavier's biggest fan and number one supporter.



Raquel Allison (Morris) As a senior at TCTC, Raquel Allison has already performed in various roles throughout the Youngstown Area. Some of her favorite roles include Jane in Descendants (Liberty High School), MacNeil / Clerk / Mrs. Fryer / Miss Whylie in Radium Girls (Liberty High School), and Gabe / Mr. D in Percy Jackson (Liberty High School). She also appeared

in *Elf the Musical* at the Youngstown Playhouse. Outside of school and performing, Raquel likes to sing, dance, watch New Girl, and eat popcorn. When she grows up, she wants to be a film actor. Raquel would like to thank her family and director.



Izabella Krekus (Wiesel/Jack Understudy) is a 9th grade student at Ursuline High School in Youngstown, OH. She has performed as the Cat in the Hat in Seussical Jr., the Tin Man in the Wizard of Oz (JCC), Mary Poppins in Mary Poppins Jr. (JCC), Mr. Salt in Charlie And The Chocolate Factory (JCC), as well as appearing in Jesus Christ SuperStar (DeYor). Outside of school and performing, she likes to draw, listen to music, watch horror

movies, read, watch South Park, and eat pesto pasta. When Izabella grows up, she wants to be a forensic pathologist. Izabella would like to thank her mom and dad, directors, and her Grandmother "Nee Nee" and Grandfather "Gee" who had recently passed away.



Landon Eli (Oscar/Davey Understudy) Hello, my name is Landon Eli. I am a senior at Boardman High and have been a member of its drama program for two years. I have been in many productions, those being Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella as a knight, Guys and Dolls as the M.C. and Joey Biltmore, Seussical as Mr. Mayor, and The 25th Annual Putnam

County Spelling Bee as Leaf Coneybear. I have always loved the stage and the thrill of performing. I would not be where I am today had it not been for the massive amount of support from my family at home and on the stage. I am truly grateful for my wonderful friends and family for being so kind, loving, and caring of me. My only regret is not doing this sooner!



Finlay Andrei (Race/Medda Understudy) As they approach their tenth year in community theatre, Finlay Andrei is extremely excited to portray the role of Racetrack Higgins. Starting their musical theatre career in *Nuncrackers: The Nunsense Christmas Musical* at Salem Community Theatre, they have performed in fourteen plays and musicals. Some of their

favorite roles include Scaramouche in *We Will Rock You*, Prince Arthur in *Excalibur High*, and the understudy for Olive Ostrovsky in *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*. They are also an avid musician, playing five instruments.



Ashley Graczyk (Muriel) is a newly 16 year old sophomore at Lakeview high school and is beyond excited to be participating in our production of *NEWSIES* here at the Playhouse! She first fell in love with the Broadway production during the Covid-19 pandemic and ever since has held the dream and goal of being a Broadway performer. Some of her most favorite productions she's taken part in include Rebecca Hendrix in *The Gone Away*

Place (Youngstown Playhouse), Narrator 1 in *The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon* (Lakeview Drama Program), and getting the opportunity to direct an original small show for her school titled *Murder In the Cafe*.

She enjoys most of all her time and experience with the Lakeview drama program where along with being an actor, she serves as the program's treasurer. On top of being a performer Ashley is a lover of anything music! She is an active member of Lakeview's marching band where she plays the mellophone, the symphonic band as a French horn player, and Lakeviews Pop A Cappella group! Ashley would like to say "Break a leg" to her cast mates and a huge thank you to Adam, Caitlyn, Emelia, Savannah, and Wayne for their constant assistance, hard work, teaching, supporting and just the opportunity itself to be a part of this wonderful story.



Jakob Primous (Albert) is a 6th grade student at Lowellville Middle School in Lowellville, OH. Jakob was a featured soloist in Miracle on Easy Street at DeYor Performing Arts Center with Easy Street Productions, and also appeared in *Best Christmas Pageant Ever* at Lowellville Middle School. Outside of school and performing, he likes to skateboard, play baseball, kickball,

football, dance, watch sonic, cuphead, and Wakanda forever, and eat lasagna, ribs and mac and cheese. When Jakob grows up, he wants to be an actor and pastor. Jakob would like to thank his teachers, his parents, and his siblings.



Donovan Stringer (Teddy Roosevelt/Specs) is an 8th grade student at McGuffey Pre K-8 in Warren, OH. He has performed in *Excalibur High* as Sir Kay at Youngstown Playhouse. He has also performed as various characters in the production of *Fiddlesticks* at John F. Kennedy High School. Outside of school and performing, he likes to cook, play Sims 4, listen to music

and watch Steven Universe. He also enjoys Chipotle, Starbucks and sushi. When Donovan grows up, he wants to be an actor. Donovan would like to thank his parents and his "Titi" for getting him to and from rehearsal.



Alyssa Moliterno (Pigtails) is a 6th grade student at Girard Intermediate School in Girard, OH. Alyssa has performed in various shows, with some of her favorite roles being Isir in Aladdin Jr. (Oakland Center for the Arts), Minion in Excalibur High (Youngstown Playhouse), Young Kangaroo in Seussical Jr. (JCC Youngstown), Mrs. Teever in Willy Wonka (JCC

Youngstown), and also appeared in *Wizard of Oz* (JCC Youngstown). Outside of school and performing, she likes to dance, cook, draw, cheer, sing, hangout with friends, watch dance moms, and eat spaghetti. When Alyssa grows up, she wants to be an actor/singer. Alyssa would like to thank Mom, Dad, Emma, Ellie, friends, and family. She would also like to say she is happy to have friends that do theatre and would like to thank Savannah, Caitlyn, Wayne, and Adam for this wonderful time.



Theo Hart (Spot Conlon/Scab 1) This is Theo's second performance on the Youngstown Playhouse stage. She was the opener and lead Irish dancer for *The Irish and How They Got That Way*. Theo trains at Hart's School of Performing Arts for musical theatre, improv and playwriting. Her first performance was an improv showcase "Whose Holiday is it Anyway?" at

Kent State Trumbull stage for Hart's School. She plays the Violin, Irish Tin Flute, and sings in the St. Rose school choir. Theo wants to wish her Irish twin Milo, Break-a-leg. A huge shout out to her little sister Mara and a great big "thank you" to her grandma and mom for helping get her to all the rehearsals!



Hannah Derenzis (Buttons/Hannah) is a Junior at Liberty High School. Her passion for theatre began several years ago when she began attending the Cari Auth Vocal Studio. Her vocal instructor introduced her to theatre and she fell in love. Hannah's first role that she was cast in was as a Chiffon Girl in

Little Shop of Horrors at her high school. She has also been in many community theatre productions such as, Something Rotten (Ensemble) at Trumbull New Theatre, Grease (Ensemble) at the Millennial Theatre Company, and Seussical the Musical (Bird Girl) at the New Castle Playhouse. Most recently, Hannah performed in Percy Jackson's The Lightning Thief (Annabeth) and Disney's Descendants (Audrey) both at Liberty High School. Hannah loves spending time with her family, watching movies, and singing. She would love to continue performing after she graduates while possibly pursuing a degree in Performing Arts. She would like to thank her family for all of their support in all of her theatrical endeavors, and her vocal instructor, Cari, for all of her guidance and support throughout every show she is involved in. She would also like to thank Savannah and the creative team of Newsie's Jr. for giving her the opportunity to perform in her first production at the Youngstown Playhouse.



Halina Bakeris (Hazel/Katherine Understudy) is super excited to perform in *Newsies*, one of her favorite musicals, at the Youngstown Playhouse. You may have seen her in The Millennial Theatre Company's *Into the Woods* as Little Red. Some of her other favorite roles include Charlie (*Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*), The Wicked Witch (*The Wizard of Oz*), Karen (*Living Dead the Musical*), Young Fiona and Baby Bear

(Shrek), Jane (Mary Poppins), and Jojo (Seussical), as well as performing in the Youth Valley Players Showcase. Halina is a freshman at Howland High School. While not on stage, you can find Halina on the court playing tennis. Halina would like to thank her family for all of their love and support, her vocal coach, Cari Auth, and The Youngstown Playhouse for giving her this wonderful opportunity.



Avery Chambers (Nancy/Scab 2) is a 6th grader at Girard Intermediate School. Avery has performed as part of the ensemble cast in both *Children of Eden* and Seussical Jr. She also played Princess in *Monsters can be Princesses*, *Too*. Outside of school and performing, she likes to play basketball and soccer, sing, play piano, watch Sister, Sister and eat Chick-fil-a. Avery

would like to thank her sisters, Aliyah and Amerie, her mom and dad, and her memaw and papaw for all of their love and support and encouraging her to do what she loves.



Trip Matthews (Romeo/Pat) is a 6th grade student at Hubbard Middle School in Hubbard, OH. Tripp has performed in various shows in the area, with some of his favorite roles being Wickersham Bro in *Seussical Jr.* (Youngstown Playhouse), Babkak in *Aladdin Jr.* (Kids First Theater), Professor in *Excalibur High* (Youngstown Playhouse), Shane in *Camp Rock* (JCC

Youngstown), and Bert in So You Wanna Be A Cheerleader (Hubbard Middle School).



Alex Cook (Jojo) took her first steps on stage at the age of three, starting with Easy Street productions, and has been hooked ever since. She is a fourth grader in Canfield Schools, and is dedicated to theater and also dance and basketball. Her past roles include Dorothy in *The Wizard of Oz* (2021), Veruca Salt in *Willy Wonka* (2021), Molly in *Annie Jr.* (2022), Rajah in

Aladdin Jr. (2022), and now as Jojo in Newsies Jr. She would like to thank her parents for their dedication, her vocal coach Cari Auth, Maureen Collins, and her family and friends for their constant support and guidance. Alex's dream is to be on Broadway to pursue her love for acting and singing.



Casey Herrholtz's (Darcy/Les Understudy/Bill) As a 6th grade student at Hubbard Middle School, this is Casey's 9th theatrical production! Outside of school and performing, he likes swim team, basketball, skiing, video games, watching the Simpsons, and eating pasta. When Casey grows up, he wants to be a news reporter. Casey would like to thank his family for their support.



Ava Kuntz (Tommy Boy/Ethel), a ninth grade student at McDonald High School, has loved acting, singing, and performing since a very young age. She has been the lead singer of two rock bands that have performed all over the valley. Ava was a member of the *Frozen* cast at the Youngstown Playhouse (Handmaiden/Ensemble), *Romeo and Juliet* by the Youth Valley

Players (Lady Montague/Balthazar) and was in 12 Angry Jurors (Juror 8) and is excited to be a part of Newsies Jr. Ava would like to take a moment to thank her voice teacher Cari Auth for helping her reach her vocal goals and being a positive person in her life. Ava would also like to thank her family especially her mom and dad, her number one supporters. Ava is honored to be a member of the Newsies Jr cast and is thrilled to share her love of performing with her community and loved ones.



Liam McLaughlin (Snyder) As an 8th grader at Springfield Local, Liam McLaughlin has performed in quite a few shows so far. Some of his favorite roles have been the Scarecrow in *The Wizard of Oz*, Clopin in *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, and Louis in *The King and I* in the Springfield Drama Club. Liam has also appeared in *Mary Poppins*, *James and the Giant Peach*, and A

Christmas Carol in various local theaters.



Trudi Herrholtz (Bunsen) is 14 years old and attends Lakeview Middle School. She has most recently been seen in *Disaster!* as twins Ben and Lisa, *Excalibur High* as Gwen, and *Aladdin Jr* as Narrator #4. She is thrilled to be in this production and thanks her vocal teacher Amanda Beagle for helping her grow as a performer. She would also like to thank her family and friends

for their love and support.



Mia Mackey (Ada/Scab 3) plays Ada in *Newsies*. After her last role of Igraine in *Excalibur High*, Mia is so excited to perform the role of Ada in Newsies Jr! She wants to thank Caitlyn for keeping her on track, Savannah for being a great director, and Adam and Wayne for being such great teachers! She also hopes everyone enjoys the show!



Breckan Neuhaus (Olive/Dorothy) is in 7th grade at Canfield Village Middle School. Her most recent theatre credits include: Teen Ensemble in Matilda, Spirit of Christmas Past and Belinda Cratchit in A Christmas Carol, Flounder in The Little Mermaid Jr., Unicorn in The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe at the Salem Community Theatre and Young Anna in Frozen Jr. at the

Youngstown Playhouse. In Breckan's free time, she enjoys singing, reading, playing lacrosse, spending time with friends and being active in drama club at her school. Breckan would like to thank her friends and family for their continued support.



Leonardo Valente (Seitz) is a 5th Grader at Poland Middle School. He has performed in: *Frozen* (Youngstown Playhouse 2019) as a Palace Guard, *Romeo & Juliet* (Youngstown Playhouse 2023) as Tybalt / Friar John. Outside of school and performing, he likes to play sports, make art, write, 3d design, and hang out with friends. He also likes to watch Marvel and Star Wars and eat Indian food. When Leonardo grows up, he wants to be a

video game designer, a lawyer, or a movie director. Leonardo would like to thank his mom, dad, sister, grandpa, and grandma for giving help and support.

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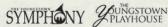
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Ashley, We are so proud of you. You're absolutely amazing! Break a leg!! Love, Mom, Dad, Tyler, and Kam



Breckan Neuhaus

Good luck Breckan! We love our shooting star and are proud of your hard work. Love, Mom, Dad, Aubree and Nonna



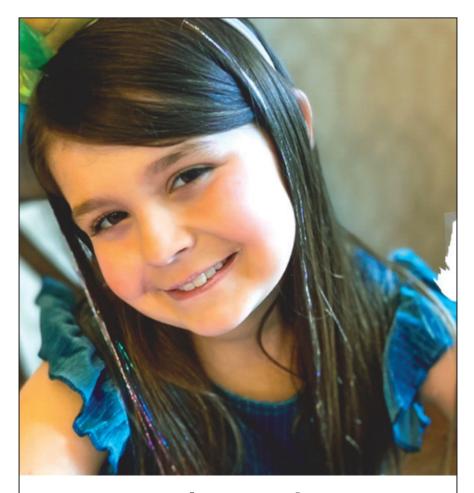
Ashlyn Young

Ashlyn,

From your first time on stage at three, we all knew you had found your calling. It has been such a joy to watch you go from a flower in Alice in Wonderland to your dream role as Katherine!

We are so proud of the beautiful young woman you have become, both inside and out. We cannot wait to "Watch What Happens" next as you keep using the gifts God has given you to glorify Him!

Lots of love, Mom, Dad, Reagan, Grantham & Brynlee Gram Grandma & Grandpa Aunt Marilyn & Uncle Bruce Aunt Peggy Aunt Andrea, Elliot & Jovie Aunt Rhonda, Uncle Dave, Stan & Maria



Alex Cook

Alex, We love watching you do what you love! You will accomplish great things. Keep working hard and reaching for the stars!

Broadway bound!

Love Mom, Dad and Ricky IV



Cam Keffer

Congratulations Cam!

Love Pappap



Ava Kuntz

Ava, Continue to have courage and be kind. We are so proud of you! Love, Mom, Dad, and Halle



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Congratulations Xavier!

You are the brightest star we could have ever wished for. You light up our lives, now light up the stage!

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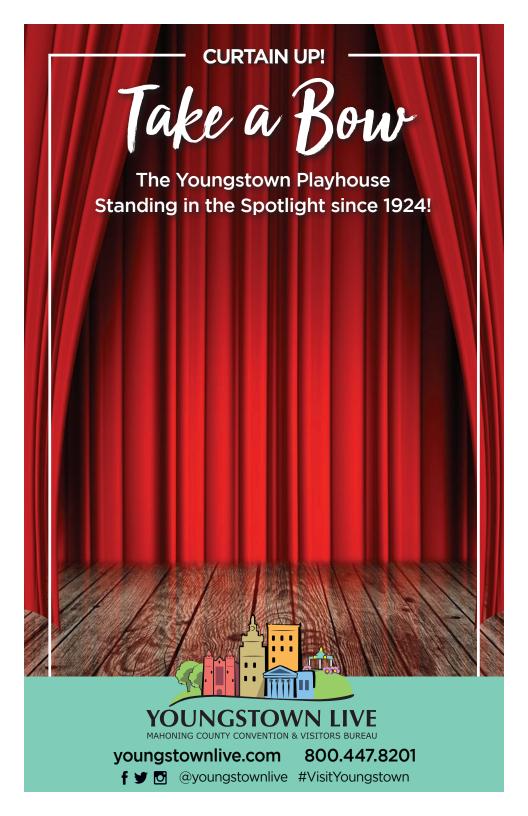


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