FRASER PERFORMING ARTS CENTER



The Fraser Performing Arts Center

Presents

Newsies

Music by Alan Menken

Lyrics by Jack Feldman

Book by **Harvey Fierstein**

Based on the Disney Film written by **Bob Tzudiker** and **Noni White**

Originally produced on Broadway by **Disney Theatrical Productions**

| <i>Hair & Makeup</i> Julia Janusch | Costumes Rachael Parrott | Lighting Design/Tech. Matthew Cobus* ▲ | Sound Design/Tech. Matthew Cobus* ▲ |
|---|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Megan Janusch | Tina Pelkey | Lucas Wioskowski | Z Fowler |
| | Karyn Watson | | Lana Kauffman Katelyn Nielsen |
| Scenic Painting Olivia Vorgitch | Set Design Rob Lindsay | Follow Spot Operators Sawyer Ambory | Projector Operator Lana Kauffman |
| | | Jose Arellano-Cardennas | |

Set Construction

Sawyer Ambory, Karen Brown, Jake Cross, Rob Lindsay, Adriannah Pineau* A., Jerry Pokorney, Bonnie Roddy, Patrick Roddy, Rebecca St.Onge* ▲, Scott Wallace, Samantha Walzak*

| Props & Set Dressing Bev Dobosenski | Stage Managers Margo Authier* • | Asst. Stage Managers Riley Barton* ▲ | Stage Crew Z Fowler |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| | Jacob Rapp* ▲ | Codenne Fleming* ▲ | Madison Middler |
| Choreography | Accompanist | Vocal Director | Orchestral Director |

Choreography Accompanist Vocal Director Beth McLeod Jess Longo Danny Reeves Jim Rodgers

> Assistant Director Technical Director Rob Lindsay Bev Dobosenski

Director Artistic Director Matthew Woods Nicholas Charland



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Cast of Characters

(in order of appearance)

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|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---|--|
| | Calvin Custance | | Rebecca St.Onge* ▲ | |
| | Natalie Watson* ▲ | Nuns | Sophia Duffy Ava Johnston | |
| 11,000 | Mitch Daniel Nummer* • | | 11.400011111111111111111111111111111111 | |
| 120011 | Chelsea Becker* | | Audrey Kanne* ▲ | |
| • | Abby Pelkey ▲ | | Audrey Steepe | |
| • | Jessica Pelkey | M | Olivia Wittstock • | |
| 1 | Samantha Walzak* | • | Jordan Fabirkiewicz | |
| | Calen Agnew | • | Aubrey Fabirkiewicz | |
| | Jonah Woods* ▲ | | Liam Taylor | |
| | Breyanne Stallman | • | Keon Celestine* | |
| Buttons | Avery Dobosenski | | Tyler Anderson | |
| | Anthony Lupo | | Ryan Donnelly | |
| Tommy Boy | Cameron Durnell | Joseph Pulitzer | • | |
| Jo Jo | Paityn Kosorski | | Sophia Duffy | |
| Newsies | Jacob Anderson | | Audrey Steepe | |
| Alexandra Bariatakis | | | Olivia Wittstock * | |
| | Marianna Bariatakis | Woman | Ava Johnston | |
| Cormac Custance | | • | Ryan Donnelly | |
| Mia Dunham* | | | Audrey Kanne* ▲ | |
| Ella Gerber | | Stage Manager | Liam Taylor | |
| | Kyle Gumm | Bowery Beauties | 1 2 | |
| Nadya Krawchenko | | | Ava Johnston | |
| Logan La Rosa | | | Audrey Steepe | |
| | Hannah Laing | | Olivia Wittstock • | |
| | Adriannah Pineau* • | Mr. Jacobi | Ava Johnston | |
| | Elanor Podgorski | Scabs | Avery Dobosenski | |
| | Braeden Roels | | Cameron Durnell | |
| | Ava Salvaggio | | Anthony Lupo | |
| | Vera Temnyk | Mayor | Liam Taylor | |
| | Madeline Vanderford | Spot Conlon | Ava Salvaggio | |
| | | Darcy | Ava Johnston | |
| | | Bill | Nadya Krawchenko | |
| | | Governor Roosevelt | Scott Wallace | |

Featured Dancers

Sydney Dillon, Isabella Mikha, Erin Minor, Jessica Reinhart, Kiley Robidou, Leah Roels, Grace Vander Hagen •, Samantha Walzak*

Featured Tumblers

Lylah Rodgers, Leah Roels, Samantha Walzak*

Musical Numbers

ACT II ACT I

"Watch What Happens"

"The Bottom Line"

"Brooklyn's Here"

Scene 6: Pulitzer's Cellar

"Once and for All"

Scene 8: Newsie Square

"Finale"

"Something to Believe In"

"Seize the Day" (Reprise)

"Seize the Day" (Reprise)

Scene 7: Pulitzer's Office, Next Morning

Guitar

Rass

Andrew Toering+

Greg Platter

April Fiedler+ Beth McLeod+

Michael Domenicucci A

+ Fraser Public Schools Staff Member * Fraser Performing Arts Career Academy Student ▲ Member of the Tri-M Music Honors Society

Keyboard

Drums

Percussion Nicolas Durnell

Scene 3: Pulitzer's Office and Cellar, Afternoon

Scene 4: Brooklyn Bridge and Medda's Theater

(Reprise)

(Reprise)

Scene 5: Rooftop

Les, Newsies

Davey, Jack, Katherine, Les

Pulitzer, Seitz, and Mayor

Spot Conlon and Newsies

Katherine, Jack

Newsies

Newsies

Jack, Newsies

Jack, Davey,

Katherine, Newsies

Entr'acte

"King of New York" Davey, Katherine,

"Carrying the Banner" Jack, Newsies

Medda

Newsies

Katherine

Jack

Place: Lower Manhattan Time: Summer, 1899

THERE WILL BE ONE 15-MINUTE INTERMISSION

Conductor: Jim Rodgers Apprentice Conductor: Nolan Pieprzyk

Sheldon Santamaria+

Jacob Paradowski* A

Trombone/Bass Trombone

Saxophones

Hailey Burns A

Trumpet

Trombone

Riya Engle

Ben Marcus

Davey, Jack, Newsies

Scene 2: Pulitzer's Office, Afternoon Scene 2: Medda's Theater

Pulitzer, Seitz, Bunsen, Hannah

Jack, Bowery Beauties

Jack, Davey, Les, Newsies

"The Bottom Line"

Scene 3: A Street Corner

Scene 4: Medda's Theater

"I Never Planned on

You/Don't Come a-

"The World Will Know"

"The World Will Know"

Scene 7: Katherine's Office

"Seize the Day"

Scene 9: Rooftop

"Santa Fe"

"Watch What Happens"

Violin

Cello

Flute

Shayley Temnyk

Kevin Irving

Piccolo/Flute

Gabby Tonn ▲

Anna Colley A

Denim Scott* A

Clarinet/Bass Clarinet

Scene 5: Newsie Square, Next Morning

Scene 8: Newsie Square, Next Morning

Scene 6: Jacobi's Deli and Street, Afternoon

"That's Rich"

Knocking"

(Reprise)

Scene 1: Newsies Square

Jack, Crutchie

"Santa Fe" (Prologue) Scene 1: Jacboi's Deli, Next Morning

Prologue: Rooftop, Dawn

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CALEN AGNEW (Elmer) is in the eighth grade and making his third appearance on a Fraser Performing Arts Center stage. He previously appeared as a Lost Boy in Peter Pan Jr. (*19) and as Babkak in Aladdin Jr. (*22). Calen plays the trumpet and is a member of the Jazz Band. He plans on attending Michigan State University to study Pre-law.

JACOB ANDERSON (Newsie) is in the fifth grade and making his second appearance on a Fraser Performing Arts Center stage. He previously appeared as a Raccoon Twin in Peter Pan Jr. ('19). Jacob was also a cast member of Warren Civic Theater's production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat ('16) and Clintondale Community Theater's production of Beauty and the Beast ('17). He is a member of the Elementary Band, Fraser Youth Choir and Student Council and in his free time enjoys games, swimming, sports, and theater. "Thanks to my parents for getting me more into theater and singing."

TYLER ANDERSON (Les) is in the seventh grade and making his fourth appearance on a Fraser Performing Arts Center stage. He previously appeared as a Cheese Grater in Beauty and the Beast Jr. ('17), a Who Cadet in Seussical ('17) and a Raccoon Twin in Peter Pan Jr. ('19). Tyler was also a cast member On Our Own Productions of Seussical ('11), of Warren Civic Theater's production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat ('16) and Clintondale Community Theater's production of Beauty and the Beast ('17). He is a member of the band, choir, swim team and Student Council and has received medals and trophies for Science Olympiad, baseball, and tee ball. Tyler plans on attending Wayne State University for singing and theater. "I would like to thank my mom, dad, brother Jacob, and and the rest of my family. Also, my friends specifically Cameron, Liam, Jacob, Phoenix, Colin, Emma, Marlia, Allie, Alexia, Peyton, Leah, and Nora, my girlfriend Aubrie and everyone else."

ALEXANDRA BARIATAKIS (Newsie) is in the fifth grade and making her second appearance on the Fraser Performing Arts Center stage. She previously appeared as a Beggar in Aladdin Jr. (*22). She is a member of the Student Council, Service Squad, Fraser Youth Choir and Science Olympiad and has received a medal for her Science Olympiad work and for soccer. In her free time, she enjoys playing soccer, tumbling and Greek dance. "I would like to say thank you to Mr. Reeves for encouraging me to try out in these awesome plays. I would also like to thank my sister Marianna for practicing with me."

MARIANNA BARIATAKIS (Newsie) is in the fifth grade and making her second appearance on the Fraser Performing Arts Center stage. She previously appeared as a Beggar in Aladdin Jr. (*22). She is a member of the Student Council, Service Squad, Fraser Youth Choir and Science Olympiad and has received a medal for her Science Olympiad work and for soccer. In her free time, she enjoys playing soccer, tumbling and Greek dance. "I would like to say a special thank you to my mom and dad for encouraging me to do Newsies and practicing with me."

CHELSEA BECKER (Albert) is in the ninth grade and making her third appearance on a Fraser Performing Arts Center stage. She previously appeared as a member of the ensemble in Guys and Dolls (*22) and as Jafar in Aladdin Jr. (*22). Chelsea has also been involved in Parkway Christian School's productions of Christmas Play (*18), a member of the ensemble in Annie Jr. (*19) and was cast as Anita in 101 Dalmatians (*20) before the production was cancelled due to the pandemic. Chelsea is a member of the cross-country and

track teams and in her free time she enjoys playing the piano, guitar and singing. "Thank you to my parents for continuing to encourage me to do theater and thank you to my friends for making these plays such a fun experience. But I am most thankful for God and all the blessing he given me."

ABBIGAIL BRODERICK (Featured Dancer) is a freshman and making her debut performance on a Fraser Performing Arts Center stage. She is on the competitive cheer team and enjoys video games and cooking in her free time. In the future she plans on studying law at Michigan State University.

KEON CELESTINE (Davey) is a sophomore and making his appearance in a Fraser Performing Arts Center production. His credits include an orphan in Oliver ('16), a Who Cadet in Seussical ('17), Chief Tiger Bamboo in Peter Pan Jr. ('19), and Lt. Brannigan in Guys and Dolls ('22). Keon also worked as a vocal director for Aladdin Jr. ('22). He is a member of Fraser Singers, Jazz Band, Marching Band, and Swim Team. He was part of the 2022 Homecoming Court and received the Top Rookie 2022 Award in the Marching Band and 3-Year Participation Award with The Macomb Children's Chorus. In his free time, he enjoys writing poetry, writing music, being with friends and playing the guitar. "Thank you to my wonderful mom and dad who always support me and help me with my musical passion. I Thank God for giving me the gift of my talent. I thank my friends and family for always being there."

CALVIN CUSTANCE (Jack Kelly) is a senior and making his second appearance on the Fraser Performing Arts Center stage. He played the role of Nathan Detroit in Guys and Dolls ('22) and also appeared in Parkway Christian School's productions as Mr. Mayor in Miracle On Our Street ('17), Horton in Seussical ('17), Grandpa Joe in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory ('18), and as Oliver "Daddy" Warbucks in Annie ('19). Calvin plays on the football and baseball teams, is a member of the Concert Band and Jazz Band and is Vice President of Ouill and Scroll. He has been awarded with All-Mac Academic award, Rambler Award for football and was JV Team Captain. In his free time, he enjoys playing guitar, bass guitar, piano and enjoys working on his podcast The Blueprint on which he interviews high school athletes and coaches. He plans on attending Central Michigan University where he will major in Secondary Education with Sport Management and Coaching minors. "I want to thank my parent for all the love and support. I want to thank my grandparents and sibling for coming to everything and supporting me. I want to thank all of my friends for being there for me. I also want to thank Ms. Mar, who helped get me to the point I am at today musically. And finally, I want to thank Mr. Charland and the rest of the directors for giving me this opportunity!"

CORMAC CUSTANCE (*Newsie*) is in the sixth grade and making his debut performance on a Fraser Performing Arts Center stage. He is the Student Council President and enjoys football, hanging out with friends, and playing the saxophone and piano in his free time. "I would like to thank my family, especially my brother, all my friends and God."

SYDNEY DILLON (*Featured Dancer*) is in the sixth grade and making her debut performance on a Fraser Performing Arts Center stage. She is a member of the Fraser Youth Choir and has been dancing since the age of 3 and loves ballet, jazz, and lyrical. "Thank you to my entire family for encouraging me!"

AVERY DOBOSENSKI (Buttons) is in the seventh grade and

making her fifth appearance in a Fraser Performing Arts Center production. She previously appeared as a Who Cadet in Seussical ('17), a Mermaid in Peter Pan Jr. ('19) the Ghost Voice in Blithe Spirit ('21), and in the ensemble in Aladdin Jr. ('22). She is a member of Student Council, Band, and Middle School Drumline. In her free time Avery enjoys crafting and painting. "Thank you to my sisters for getting me involved in theater and to all of my family for always encouraging me."

RYAN DONNELLY (Nunzio/Snyder) is a senior and making his second appearance in a Fraser Performing Arts Center production. He played the role of Dr. Amour Balducci and the Assistant District Attorney in Destiny ('22) and was a member of the pit orchestra for Guys and Dolls ('22). Ryan is the Vice President of the Student Council, Link Crew Commissioner, Quill and Scroll Historian and a member of the Be Nice Club and Marching Band. He's been awarded the Elite Marcher award for Marching Band and received the Maroon and gold Scholarship. In his free time Ryan enjoys hanging out with friends and spending money. He plans on attending Central Michigan University to study Broadcasting and the Cinematic Arts. "Thank you to my family and friends who has supported me over the yars. I also want to thank Mr. Charland for giving me the opportunity to let me be myself on stage. And finally, I would like to thank my Lord and Savor for putting me in this position. I could do nothing without Him!!!'

SOPHIA DUFFY (Nun/Bowery Beauty/Seitz) is a sophomore and making her third appearance on a Fraser Performing Arts Center stage. She previously appeared as Mrs. Bradman in Blithe Spirit (*21) and a member of the Mission Band in Guys and Dolls (*22). Sophia was also an Assistant Stage Manager for Aladdin Jr. (*22). She is a member of the Fraser Singers and hopes to attend college at Eastern Michigan University. In her free time, she enjoys singing and teaching herself the guitar. "Thank you to my mom and dad who pushed me to try out for this show. Thank you to all my directors for giving me the opportunity to be a part of this show. And a thank you to all my friends and family who have always encouraged me to be the greatest I can be!"

MIA DUNHAM (Newsie) is a freshman and making her fourth appearance in a Fraser Performing Arts Center production. She previously appeared in Peter Pan Jr. (*19), Guys and Dolls (*22), and Aladdin Jr. (*22). Mia is on the Cross-Country and Track teams and enjoys playing the piano, singing, and spending time with friends and family. "Thank you to my parent for always encouraging me and helping me feel more confident in myself. Thank you to my friends for always supporting me."

CAMERON DURNELL (Tommy Boy) is in the seventh grade and making his debut performance on a Fraser Performing Arts Center stage. He is learning how to play the electric guitar and plans on joining the track team in the spring. Cameron medaled in the Science Olympiad and enjoys draining, playing guitar and building random projects in his free time. He plans on becoming a mechanical engineer and would like to continue appearing on stage in Broadway shows. "I'd like to thank the Anderson's for introducing me to Hamilton and the theater! Thanks to my parents for having my back always."

AUBREY FABIRKIEWICZ (Oscar Delancy) is a freshman and making her fourth appearance in a Fraser Performing Arts Center production. She previously appeared as an Indian in Peter Pan Jr. ('19) a Crapshooter in Guys and Dolls ('22), and

Kassim in Aladdin Jr. ('22). Aubrey is a member for Women's Chorale, HOSA, and the Color Guard. In the future Aubrey hopes to become a lawyer or aphycologist. "Thank you to the people who casted me with such an amazing role. Thank you to my sister Jordan for being my brother/counterpart on stage. And lastly thank you to my friends and family that came to see the show and everyone who I may not know but came for a fabulous night."

JORDAN FABIRKIEWICZ (Morris Delancey) is a junior and making her third appearance in a Fraser Performing Arts Center production. She previously appeared as an Indian in Peter Pan Jr. ('19) and a Crapshooter in Guys and Dolls ('22). Jordan a member of NTHS, secretary and treasurer for HOSA, and plays Softball. She has received All County, All League, Scholar Athlete, and All Academic for softball and enjoys writing, reading, music, and film in her free time. Jordan plans on attending school to become a movie director. "I would like to thank all my friends outside of theater for supporting me, thank you to my friends in the theater who inspire me. I would like to thank my sister, Aubrey, for being my partner in crime and my parent for supporting me in everything."

ELLA GERBER (*Newsie*) is a freshman and making her second appearance in a Fraser Performing Arts Center production. She previously appeared in *Aladdin Jr.* ('22). Ella is involved with softball, cross country, choir, and enjoys playing the piano, teaching catechism, reading, crocheting, and baking.

KYLE GUMM (*Newsie*) is in the sixth grade and making his second appearance in a Fraser Performing Arts Center production. He played the role of Prince Abdullah in *Aladdin Jr*. ('22). Kyle is a member of the Chess Club, Karate, Choir, Science Olympiad, and Social Studies Olympiad and enjoys playing soccer in his free time. "I want to thank my mom and dad for supporting me."

AVA JOHNSTON (Nun/Bowery Beauty/Jacobi/Darcy) is a sophomore and making her fifth appearance in a Fraser Performing Arts Center production. Her credits include a Who Cadet Seussical ('17), a Lost Boy in Peter Pan Jr. ('19), Agatha in Guys and Dolls ('22), the Secretary in Destiny ('22), and was an acting director for the summer theater production of Aladdin Jr. ('22). Ava was also a cast member of Warren Civic Theater's productions of Elf Jr. ('19) and Frozen Jr. ('20). She is a member of the Tennis Team, Fraser Singers, and Art Club and enjoys painting, reading, and spending time with friends in her free time. Ava plans on attending college to become a psychologist. "Thank you to my friends and family for their continued support. Additionally, a special thanks to my current and former music directors. And finally, thank you to the cast for making this show great!"

AUDREY KANNE (Medda) is a sophomore and making her debut performance on a Fraser Performing Arts Center stage. She was part of the set design team for Aladdin Jr. (*22). Audrey is a member of the Marching Band, Fraser Singers, JV Tennis Team, Fraser Performing Arts Career Academy, NHS, Tri-M Music Honors Society, and Concert Band. She has been in karate for 10 years and is an assistant instructor and 3rd degree black belt and during the summer months she enjoys playing softball. "Thank you to Mr. Charland for this opportunity, Megan Janusch for helping me grow as a performer, and Mrs. Paradowski for always believing in me when I was younger."

PAITYN KOSORSKI (Jo Jo) is a freshman and making her fifth appearance in a Fraser Performing Arts Center production. Her credits include a plate in Beauty and the Beast ('17), Brave Shrub in Peter Pan Jr. ('19), Big Jule in Guys and Dolls ('22), and Rajah in Aladdin Jr. ('22). Paityn was also a cast member of Warren Civic Theater's productions of Elf Jr. ('19) and Frozen Jr. ('20). She is a member of HOSA, Color Guard, Choir, and FHS Youth Ministry. In her free time, she enjoys being our doors, art, writing, and cooking. She hopes to work with infants in the medical field some day. "Thank you to Fraser staff for being able to put on this show and big thank to my vocal coach, Megan Janusch!"

NADYA KRAWCHENKO (Newsie/Bill) is a freshman and making her third appearance in a Fraser Performing Arts Center production. She previously appeared as a member of the ensemble in Guys and Dolls ('22) and Aladdin Jr. ('22). Nadya also appeared as Miss Hannigan in Fraser's virtual production of Annie Jr. ('20). She is a member of Women's Chorale and has received many trophies for her 10 years of dance. In her free time Nadya enjoys singing, art, reading, writing, dance, and photography. "Thank you to my mom, dad, and stepdad. Also, to my amazing friends and castmates. Thank you to Mr. Charland and everyone else who made this show possible."

LOGAN LA ROSA (Newsie) is in the fourth grade and making his debut performance on a Fraser Performing Arts Center stage. He enjoys playing soccer, drawing, and riding his bike. "Thank you to my mom and dad."

HANNAH LAING (Newise) is in the sixth grade and making her second appearance on the Fraser Performing Arts Center stage. She previously appeared as a member for the ensemble in Aladdin Jr. (*22). Hannah is a member of the Fraser Youth Choir, Broadcast Club, Student Council, Green Team, Safety Patrol and Band. She has received The Green Protector's Award, Science Olympiad Certificate, and Student of the Month. In her free time Hannah enjoys crafts, rollerblading, music, singing, dancing, fishing and camping. "Thank you to my family and friends for their support."

ANTHONY LUPO (Splasher) is in the fourth grade and making his second appearance on the Fraser Performing Arts Center stage. He previously appeared as the Apple Seller in Aladdin Jr. (*22). Anthony also appeared in International Academy of Macomb's production of Alice in Wonderland (*22). He is a member of the Science Olympiad Team for which he won 3rd place for Crime Busters and 6th place for Reflection Relay. Anthony has also been recognized every year as a R.O.C.K.S Star Student at Twain. In his spare time, he enjoys football, soccer, watching videos and playing with his friends. "I would like to thank my friends and family for coming to watch the show. And a big thank you to the directors and cast members. This has been so much fun!"

ISABELLA MIKHA (Featured Dancer) is in the fourth grade and making her debut performance on a Fraser Performing Arts Center stage. She enjoys swimming, flipping on her trampoline, making tiktoks, dancing, shopping, and hanging out with her friends. "Thank you to the entire staff that makes this all come together."

ERIN MINOR (*Featured Dancer*) is a freshman and making her second appearance on the Fraser Performing Arts Center stage. She previously appeared as a member for the ensemble in *Aladdin Jr.* ('22). Erin has also appeared in Mount Clemens Montessori Academy's production of *The American*

Revolution (*19), Lake Shore High School's production of Mary Poppins (*22), and NLAFCC Church's productions of David and Goliath (*15) and The Birth of Jesus (*19). She is a member of Student Council and J.V. Sideline Cheer. Erin is an Honor Roll Student, was Student of the Month, won an Award of Excellence for Social Studies, and many dance trophies. In her free time Erin enjoys dancing, swimming, baking, and cooking and hopes major in theater in college. "I would like to thank my family for cheering me on especially my mom and my friends for coming to support me."

MITCH DANIEL NUMMER (Race) is a junior and making his seventh appearance in a Fraser Performing Arts Center production. His credits include a Narrator in Beauty and the Beast ('17), a Whoville resident in Seussical ('17), Smee in Peter Pan Jr. ('19), a member of the ensemble in Cinderella ('20), Harry the Horse in Guys and Dolls ('22), and Rake Carbuncle in Destiny ('22). Mitch was also an acting director for the summer theater production of Aladdin Jr. ('22) and was also a cast member of The Life Players Productions of Fiddler On The Roof ('12) and A Christmas Carol: The Musical ('18). He is a member of Symphony Band, Jazz Band, Fraser Singers, and Tri-M Music Honor Society. He's been recognized for his talents with an Outstanding Performance Award for Guys & Dolls and Destiny. In his free time, he enjoys learning languages, social studies, politics, music, and playing his trumpet.

ABBY PELKEY (Specs) is a sophomore and previously worked as an Assistant Stage Manger for the summer theater camp production of Aladdin Jr. ('22) and Destiny ('22). Abby is no stranger to the Fraser Performing Arts Center stage. She previously appeared as a townsperson in Beauty and the Beast Jr. (17), a member of the Jungle of Nool in Seussical (17), Pirate Jukes in Peter Pan Jr. ('19), and Angie the Ox in Guys and Dolls ('22). Abby has also appeared in Warren Civic Theater's production of Alice in Wonderland ('19) and Frozen Jr. ('20). She is a member of the Marching Band, Concert Band, Fraser Singers, and Tri-M Music Honor Society and in her free time she enjoys playing softball through LCN Thunder and hanging out with friends. "Thank you, Mr. Charland, and everyone involved for selecting me as the part of "Specs" in this production. Thank you to my parents, family, and friends for always supporting my love of all things Performing Arts."

JESSICA PELKEY (Shop Owner/Ensemble) is in the seventh grade and making her third appearance in a Fraser Performing Arts Center production. Her credits include a Pirate Peter Pan Jr. ('19), Shop Owner in Aladdin Jr. ('22) and was the Junior Costume Assistant for Guys and Dolls ('22). Jessica was also a involved with Warren Civic Theater's productions of Alice in Wonderland ('19). She a member of the Band, Fraser Youth Choir, and hopes to be a member of the RMS Jazz Band and RMS Show Choir this year. Jessica is a member of Elementary S.H.O.U.T, Coding Club, Broadcast, Student Council, Green Team, and Safety Squad. In her free time, she loves to play softball, draw, playing the Bari Saxophone and drawing mini comics. "Thank you to Mr. Charland for giving me this opportunity to be in this show. I would also like to thank my parents and friends for supporting me in my theater life!"

ADRIANNAH PINEAU (Newsie) is a junior and making her third appearance in a Fraser Performing Arts Center production. Previously she was a part of the ensemble in Cinderella ('20) and in Guys and Dolls ('22). Adriannah was also a sound tech. for Destiny ('22). She is a member of the Fraser Singers, Color Guard, Band, Fraser Performing Arts

Career Academy, and Tri-M Music Honors Society. In her free time, she enjoys taking private lessons in voice for which she has received several trophies for her performances. Adriannah plans on pursuing a career in music and acting. "Thank you, Mr. Charland, for this wonderful opportunity and to my parents for supporting me through the performing arts."

ELANOR PODGORSKI (*Newsie*) is in the fifth grade and making her second appearance on the Fraser Performing Arts Center stage. She was previously in the ensemble for *Aladdin Jr*. (*22). Elanore is a member of the Fraser Youth Choir, Student Council, and karate. In her free time, she enjoys sketching, reading, photography, and exploring the outdoors.

JERRY POKORNEY (Pulitzer) is an alumni of Warren Mott and had a son graduate from Fraser in 2015. He has worked backstage on many of our sets over the years, nearly 20 at this point. Jerry has appeared in hundreds of productions around the Metropolitan Detroit area and in several commercials too. He owns and directs shows with his theater troupe, OnOurOwn Productions that was founded in 1996. "Just happy to be able to help Fraser however I can. Come see me in OnOurOwn Productions "The Wedding Singer" on this very stage in June 2023."

JESSICA REINHART (Featured Dancer) is a senior and making her fifth appearance in a Fraser Performing Arts Center production. Her credits include a princess in The King and I ('14), an Imperial Soldier in Mulan Jr. ('14), a Munchkin/Jitterbug in Wizard of Oz ('14), a Skater Kid in High School Musical Jr. ('15) and the title role of Destiny in Destiny ('22). Jessica was also a cast member of Camp Kodiak Productions of Shrek: The Musical ('19). She is a member of NAHS, Tennis, NHS, Podcast Club, D & D Club, and a reporter for the school newspaper, The Flash. Jessica has received The National Merit Scholarship and enjoys dance, writing, fashion designing, and volunteering at the Humane Society of Macomb. "Thank you to my parents for their support and all those years of dance lessons. Thank you to FHS's Butcher students for putting up with my practicing during our extra time before class."

KILEY ANN ROBIDOU (Featured Dancer) is a sophomore and making her third appearance in a Fraser Performing Arts Center production. Previously she appeared as an Indian in Peter Pan Jr. ('19) and as a Hot Box Girl in Guys and Dolls ('22). She was also a member of the crew for Blithe Spirit ('21) and a student director for Aladdin Jr. ('22). Kiley was also a cast member of Warren Civic Theater's production of Frozen Jr. ('20). She is a member of the Band, Football Team, and Robotics Team. In her free time, she enjoys singing, dancing, and welding.

LYLAH RODGERS (Featured Dancer/Tumbler)

BRAEDEN ROELS (*Newsie*) is in the eighth grade and making his debut performance on a Fraser Performing Arts Center stage. He previously appeared on stage with Broadway Kids Club as Ed in *The Lion King* ('19). Braeden on the Swim Team and enjoys playing soccer. "Special thanks to my parent for their support and allowing me to continue to participate in theater productions."

LEAH ROELS (Featured Dancer/Tumbler) is in the eleventh grade and making her debut performance on a Fraser Performing Arts Center stage. Leah is a member of the Varsity Gymnastics Team and Excel Gymnastic Team at Sterling Gymnastics Academy. She also enjoys competitive gymnastics

and playing soccer. "Thank you to my parent for allowing me this new opportunity to participated in the production. I am excited to show my gymnastic sills through a different avenue."

AVA SALVAGGIO (Spot Conlon/Newsie) is in the eighth grade and making her fifth appearance in a Fraser Performing Arts Center production. Her credits include a Villager in Beauty and the Beast ('17), a Cadet in Seussical ('17), a Pirate Peter Pan Jr. ('19), and Iago in Aladdin Jr. ('22). She is a member of the band and enjoys D&D and singing in her free time. "I want to give a thank you to my parents for constantly playing music around me and my friends for teaching me my true self is my best self."

REBECCA ST.ONGE (Katherine) is a junior and making her twelfth appearance in a Fraser Performing Arts Center production. She previously appeared as one of the king's children in The King and I ('14), a Hun in Mulan Jr. ('14), a munchkin in Wizard of Oz ('14), a brainiac in High School Musical Jr. ('15), a hyena in Lion King Jr. ('16), an orphan in Oliver ('16), a feather duster Beauty and the Beast ('17), a Who in Seussical ('17), Wendy in Peter Pan Jr. ('19), a townsperson in Cinderella ('20), and Sarah in Guvs and Dolls ('22). Rebecca was also a part of the stage crew for Bilthe Spirit ('21) and vocal director for Aladdin Jr. ('22). She is a member of Tri-M Music Honor Society, Marching Band, NSHS and has received six 1st division ratings at Solo and Ensemble for her classical repertoire and two 1st division ratings for her musical theatre repertoire. In her free time, she enjoys reading, plying with her dogs, and practicing archery. "I would like to thank my parents for being my biggest fans. I also want to thank my vocal teacher, Megan, without her I would be where I am now.

BREYANNE STALLMAN (Manal) is in the eighth grade and making her third appearance in a Fraser Performing Arts Center production. She previously appeared as a member of the ensemble Guys and Dolls ('22) and as Manal in Aladdin Jr. ('22). Jessica was also a cast member of Warren Civic Theater's productions of The Little Mermaid Jr. ('19) and Frozen Jr. ('21). She is a member of NJHS, Yearbook, Choir, Show Choir and plays the oboe in the band. "I would like to thank my mom, my dad, and my friends for always supporting me. I would also like to thank Mr. Santamaria, Mr. Reeves, Mr. Perkins, and Mr. Charland for being such amazing mentors and giving me this opportunity."

AUDREY STEEPE (Bunsen, Nun, Bowery Beauty) is a sophomore and making her third appearance in a Fraser Performing Arts Center production. Previously she was Tinkerbell in Peter Pan Jr. ('19), a Hot Box Dancer in Guys and Dolls ('22), she appeared as Grace Farrell in Fraser's virtual production of Annie Jr. ('20), and worked on props and backstage for Aladdin Jr. ('22). Audrey is a member of Fraser Singers, Varsity Sideline and Competitive Cheer. "Thank you to my family, friends, and music teacher for encouraging and supporting me in my love of music and theatre!"

LIAM TAYLOR (Wiesel/Mayor/Stage Manager) is a freshman and making his fourth appearance in a Fraser Performing Arts Center production. He previously appeared as a member of the ensemble in Beauty and the Beast Jr. (17) a Who Cadet in Seussical (17), an Indian in Peter Pan (19), and the title role of Aladdin in Aladdin Jr. (22). Liam is a member of Student Council and Fraser Singers and has appeared on the All A's Honor Roll. In his free time, he enjoys singing, watching musicals and playing football. "I would like

to thank my mom for always being there in the good times and the bad. Also thank you to Mr. Charland for giving me this opportunity and pushing me to grow and succeed as a musician!"

VERA TEMNYK (*Newsie*) is in the seventh grade and making her third appearance in a Fraser Performing Arts Center production. She previously appeared as Andria the Mermaid in *Peter Pan Jr.* ('19) and The Sultan in *Aladdin Jr.* ('22). She is a member of the Student Council and plays tennis and won 7th place in The Science Olympia. In her free time, she enjoys playing the flute, singing, and reading.

GRACE VANDER HAGEN (Featured Dancer) is a sophomore and making her third appearance in a Fraser Performing Arts Center production. Previously she appeared as a pirate in Peter Pan Jr. ('19) and a Mission Band Member in Guys and Dolls ('22). Grace has also appeared in Mamma Mia ('22) with OnOurOwn Productions. She is a member of Tri-M Music Honor Society, Fraser Singers, and dances at Encore Dance Centre. Grace loves to dance, play drums, and hangout with friends in her free time and plans to attend college for Music Education. "Thank you to my mom, dad, and sister for always being my biggest cheerleaders. Thank you for the rest of my family and to Ben and Zack for always supporting m in whatever I do."

MADELINE VANDERFORD (Newsie) is a freshman and making her debut appearance on the Fraser Performing Arts Center stage. She did appear as Lily St. Regis in Fraser's virtual production of Annie Jr. ('20). She has been awarded for her academic excellence and enjoys swimming, reading, drawing and being involved in community service for St. Pio Parish. Madeline hopes to attend Michigan State University for education. "I would like to thank my mom for always supporting and believing in me."

SCOTT WALLACE (Governor Roosevelt)

SAMANTHA WALZAK (Finch) is a freshman and making her fourth appearance on a Fraser Performing Arts Center stage. She previously appeared as a Crapshooter in Guys and Dolls ('22), the Genie in Aladdin Jr. ('22), and the Reporter in Destiny ('22). She also appeared as Rooster in Fraser's virtual production of Annie Jr. ('20). She is a member of the Fraser Performing Arts Career Academy and enjoys gymnastics, music, and photography in her free time. Samantha plans on going to college for Performing Arts and Psychology. "Thank you to Mr. Charland, Mr. Reeves, and all of the tech. people who make our shows possible."

NATALIE WATSON (Crutchie) is a senior and making her appearance in a Fraser Performing Arts Center production. Her credits include White Bird/Hyena The Lion King Jr. ('16), an Aristocratic Lady in Beauty and the Beast Jr. (17), Jojo in Seussical (17), a Mermaid in Peter Pan Jr. ('19) a Peasant/Lady of the Court in Cinderella ('20) Ruth Condomine in Blithe Spirit ('21), Rusty Charlie/Dance Captain/Hot Box Dancer/Havana Dancer in Guys and Dolls ('22), Pandora/Nurse in Destiny ('22) and was a vocal coach for the summer theater production of Aladdin Jr. ('22). Natalie was also a cast member of The Premier Plus Production of Alice in Wonderland The Musical Revue ('19), The Michigan Opera Theater Production of Hänsel and Gretel ('19), and LCA Musical Theatre Intensive Productions of Les Miserables ('19) and Anne of Green Gables ('21) and a member of RWB Theatre Company's production of Footloose ('22). She is a member of Fraser Singers, Symphony Band, Jazz Ensemble,

Marching Band Section Leader, Fraser Performing Arts Career Academy, DECA, 3-TimeNational History Day Finalist, and Treasurer of Tri-M Music Honor Society. Natalie has been awarded 1st place in the MMA Vocal Classical Open, 2nd place in the MMA Vocal Inspirational Open, and Vocal Classical Finalist for AGM. After high school, her plans include attending college to study Theatre Marketing, Creative writing, and Performing Arts. In her free time, she enjoys playing the piano and guitar, ice skating, reading, and writing scripts/screenplays. "I would love to thank my family, especially my mom, for always being there for me and pushing me to do my best for everything that I'm in. And I would like to thank my vocal coach, Alyssa Phelps, and vocal coach Jessica Wagner, for helping me prepare for my final lead at Fraser. Finally, I would like to thank Mr. Charland for all of the opportunities all these years."

OLIVIA WITTSTOCK (Hannah/Nun/Bowery Beauty) is a senior and making her twelfth appearance in a Fraser Performing Arts Center production. Her credits include a member of the ensemble in Mulan Jr. ('14), Wizard of Oz ('14), High School Musical Jr. ('15), Lion King Jr. ('16), Oliver ('16), a silly girl in Beauty and the Beast Jr. ('17), an ensemble member in Seussical ('17), a mermaid in Peter Pan Jr. ('19), an ensemble member in Cinderella ('20), a Hot Box Girl in Guys and Dolls ('22), and Mrs. Carbuncle in Destiny ('22). Olivia worked backstage for Blithe Spirit ('21) and was a choreographer for Aladdin Jr. ('22). She plans on attending college for elementary education. Olivia is a member of Fraser Singers, Student Council, and Peer-to-Peer and in her free time she enjoys singing and hanging out with her friends.

JONAH WOODS (Romeo) is a junior and making his eleventh appearance in a Fraser Performing Arts Center production. His credits include a member of the ensemble in Mulan Jr. ('14), Wizard of Oz ('14), High School Musical Jr. ('15), Footloose ('15), Lion King Jr. ('16), Oliver ('16), Beauty and the Beast Jr. ('17), Jojo in Seussical ('17), John in Peter Pan Jr. ('19), and an ensemble member in Cinderella ('20). Jonah was also a student director for Aladdin Jr. ('22). He is a member of Student Council, Link Crew, Fraser Singers, Drumline, Symphony Band, and Be Nice Club. In his free time, he enjoys playing video games, singing, playing drums, and spending time with his friends and family. Jonah plans on attending Michigan State University to become a Science teacher.

MARGO AUTHIER (Stage Manager) is a senior and no stranger to The Fraser Performing Arts Center stage. She appeared as a member of the ensemble in Mulan Jr. (*14), The Wizard of Oz (*14), Footloose (*15), Lion King Jr. (*16), Oliver (*16), Seussical (*17), and Cinderella (*20). Margo was also a narrator in Beauty and the Beast Jr. (*17) and played the role of Mrs. Darling Peter Pan Jr. (*19). Most recently she was the stage manager for Blithe Spirit (*21), Guys and Dolls (*22), Aladdin Jr. (*22) and Destiny (*22). She is a member of the Marching Band, Fraser Singers, Symphony Band, Jazz Ensemble, Link Crew and is the Vice President of the Tri-M Music Honor Society. Her future plans include attending college for psychology and in her free time she enjoys hanging out with friends and shopping.

JACOB RAPP (Stage Manager) is a senior and worked as a member of the crew for Cinderella (*20) and was a stage manager for Blithe Spirit (*21), Guys and Dolls (*22), Aladdin Jr. (*22), and Destiny (*22). He is a member of Fraser Singers, Marching Band, Fraser Performing Arts Career Academy, Jazz Ensemble and the Symphony Band. He plans on joining "The

President's Own" United States Marine Band.

RILEY BARTON (Assistant Stage Manager) is a junior and working on her second production. She was also Assistant Stage Manager for Destiny ('22). Riley is a member of Student Council, Marching Band, Tri-M Music Honor Society, Fraser Performing Arts Career Academy, DECA, and Link Crew. Riley has been awarded Most Dedicated in Varsity Band and Most Dedicated Class of 2024 of Student Council. In her free time, she enjoys playing the guitar and working at the Dairy Maid during the summer months.

CODENNE FLEMING (Assistant Stage Manager) is a junior and working on her second production. She was also Assistant Stage Manager for Destiny ('22). Codenne is a member of Symphony Band, Marching Band, Drumline, NHS, Fraser Performing Arts Career Academy, and Tri-M Music Honor Society. In 2020 she was awarded with Band Student of the Year and received Most Dedicated in the 9th and 10th grades. Codenne enjoys playing the drums, teaching the middle school drumline, and she plans on attending college to become a band director.



The History of Fraser Theater & Performing Arts Center

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| 1958 1959 | Paint The Town Pink The Fakers | 1984 | Night Watch The Sunshine Boys Arsenic & Old Lace | 2011 | The Phantom Of The Opera Willy Wonka White Christmas |
| 1960 | Best Foot Forward | | Dream Shadows | 2012 | Clue: The Musical |
| 1961 | Our Town | 1985 | They're Playing Our Song Annie | 2012 | The Jungle Book: Kids Anything Goes |
| 1962 | My Three Angels | | Murder On The Nile | 2013 | The Giver |
| 1963 | Diary Of Anne Frank | 1986 | Brighton Beach Memoirs Anything Goes | 2013 | Schoolhouse Rocks Live! Jr. Afraid of the Dark |
| 1964 | The Death & Life Of Larry Benson | | You're A Good Man Charlie Brown | 2014 | The King & I |
| 1966 1967 | Arsenic & Old Lace You Can't Take It With You | 1987 | The Wizard Of Oz Harvey | | Mulan Jr. Wizard of Oz |
| 1968 | The Mouse That Roared | | I Believe In Make Believe | 2015 | Snoopy!! |
| 1969 | The Miracle Worker | | The Odd Couple Dracula | | High School Musical Jr. Footloose |
| 1970 | The Apple Tree | 1989 | The Little Shop Of Horrors The Diary Of Anne Frank | 2016 | Almost, Maine Lion King Jr. |
| 1971 | The Cat & The Canary There's No White Chalk Dust In This Garden Little Red Riding Hood | 1990 | The Music Man Arsenic & Old Lace | 2017 | Oliver! Rumors Beauty and the Beast Jr. |
| 1972 | West Side Story | 1991 | Charlie Brown Death | | Seussical Seussical |
| 1973 | Dracula | | Godspell The Murder Room | 2018 | Little Women Mixed Nuts |
| 1974 | Don't Drink The Water Funny Girl | 1992 | Fiddler On The Roof Dracula | 2019 | Little Shop of Horrors Peter Pan Jr. Harvey |
| 1975 | Damn Yankees Fiddler On The Roof Generation | 1993 | Fools Godspell | 2020 | Cinderella |
| | Prisoner Godspell | 1994 | The Sound Of Music My Three Angels | 2021 | Annie Jr. (virtually) Blithe Spirit |
| | Li'L Abner God's Favorite | 1995 | Annie Barefoot In The Park | 2022 | Guys & Dolls Aladdin Jr. |
| | Exit The King Diary Of Anne Frank O-B-A-F-G | 1996 | Peter Pan Don't Drink The Water | | Destiny |
| | A Funny Thing Happened On the Way to the Forum | 1997 | The King & I Rehearsal For Murder | | |
| 1977 | Mousetrap Haunting Of Hill House The Odd Couple | 1998 | Oliver! Knock 'em Dead | | |
| | Anything Goes The Miracle Worker You're A Good Man Charlie Brown | 1999 | You Can't Take It With You Come Blow Your Horn The Little Shop Of Horrors | | |
| 1978 | Bye Bye Birdie Ginger The Fantasticks | 2000 | West Side Story You're A Good Man Charlie Brown | | |
| 1979 | Godspell | 2001 | South Pacific Arsenic & Old Lace | | |
| The F | My Three Angels The Roar Of The Greasepaint – The Smell Of The Crowd | 2002 | Annie 12 Angry Men | | |
| 1980 | The Man Of La Mancha Annie Get Your Gun | 2003 | Barefoot in the Park Anything Goes | | |
| | Junie Moon FACES Runaways | 2004 | Death By Chocolate Bye Bye Birdie | | |
| 1981 Finian's | Finian's Rainbow You're A Good Man Charlie Brown | 2005 | Harvey Web Of Murder | | |
| | Philemon The King & I | 2006 | The Foreigner The Wizard Of Oz | | |
| | Grease Barefoot In The Park | 2007 | The Sound Of Music Frankenstein | | |
| 1982 | West Side Story McBeth Did It The Gin Game | 2008 | The Music Man A Christmas Carol | | |
| 1983 | Veronica's Room Carousel | 2009 | Seussical Fools | | |
| | Snoopy Come Blow Your Horn Godspell | 2010 | Annie Halloween Screams | | |

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