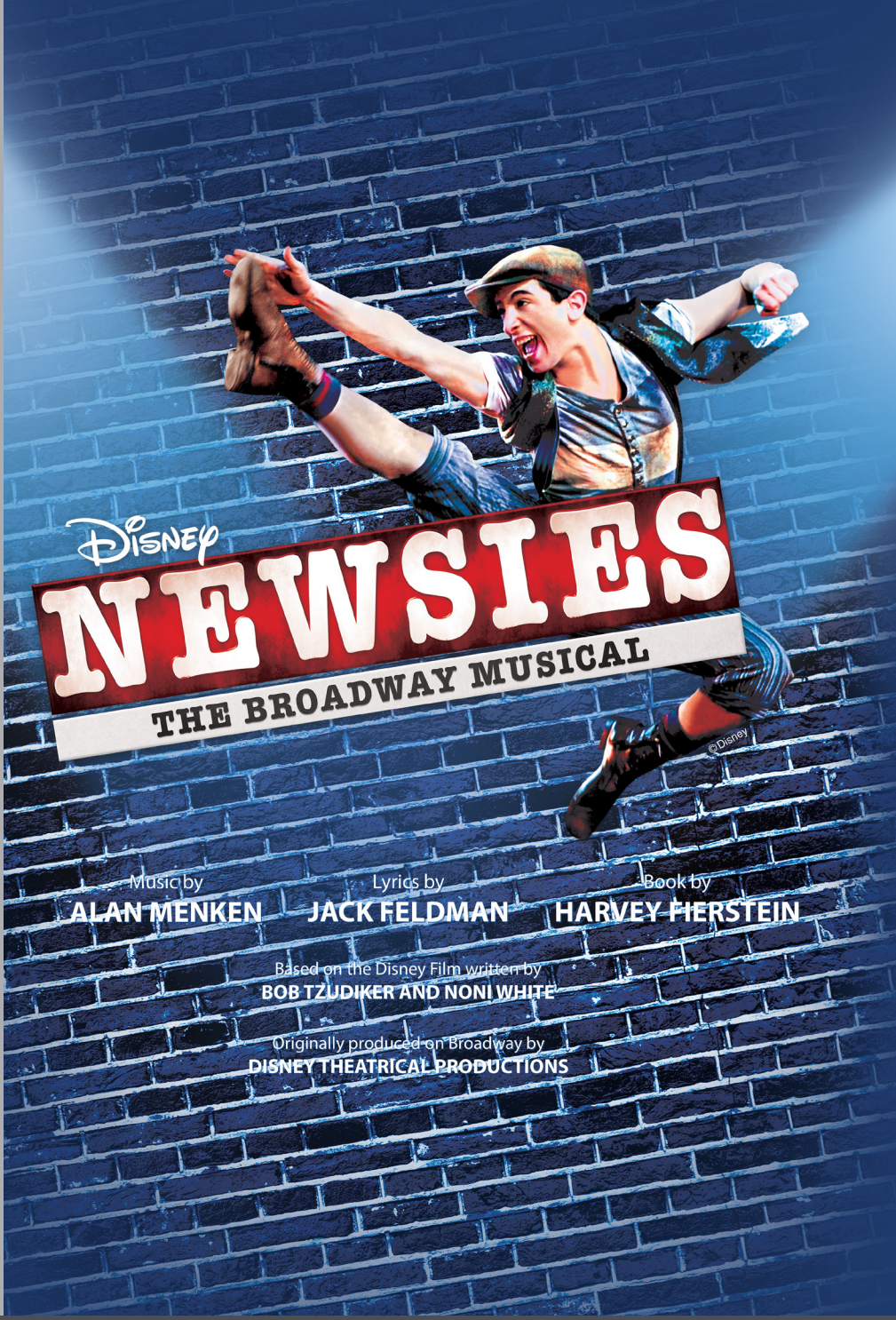
SYCAMORE HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS



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

Sycamore Community
School District 427

Thursday, November 11, 2021 | 7:00 PM
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Saturday, November 13, 2021 | 7:00 PM

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SYNOPSIS

Jack Kelly (Evan Ewing) is the amalgamation of several historical leaders in the Newsboys' Strike of 1899, primarily Kid Blink (who is featured in the Disney movie but omitted from the musical), who was known as a charismatic speaker and a leader to the younger boys. Other real strikers included in the show are Racetrack Higgins (Noah Aldis), Mush Meyers (Owen Zographos), and Spot Conlon (Lili Jennings). Although Katherine Plumber (Charlotte Sharp) is a fictional character, she is named for Pulitzer's daughter Katherine Ethel, who died of pneumonia in 1884 at the age of 2. Many newsgirls participated in the strike as well, a fact largely ignored by both the film but was adapted to include more girls in the musical.

In the musical, the newspapers raise prices during July in 1899 after pressures to sell more papers after the war. However, the price for the papers was raised from 50 cents to 60 cents, not after, but during the Spanish American War. The cause of the strike was that they did not lower the high price after the war was over. This caused the newsies to revolt because they felt that it was more difficult to sell papers without the exciting news of the war, plus the additional pressures of the price changes. At the height of the strike, on July 24, 1899, the Newsboys Union held a massive rally at the New Irving Theatre, a vaudeville venue on the Bowery (reimagined in the musical as Medda Larkin's theatre). The rally was covered in extensive detail by The New York Sun (employer of the fictional Katherine Plumber), and featured speeches from the union's leaders. It is rumored that for a period of time during the strike, Kid Blink secretly began working with Pulitzer and Hearst, which resulted in a massive riot of strikers versus scabbers, similar to Jack's near-betrayal after Pulitzer promised him cash and a full ride to Santa Fe. The musical follows the historical ending of the strike, where the World and the Journal agreed to buy back all unsold papers.

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CAST

William Akst ..... Les
Noah Aldis ..... Race (Elmer)
Katelynn Babos..... Hannah, Newsies Ensemble, Nun, Policeman
Samantha Calligan..... Darcy, Spot, Buttons / Featured Dancer
Anabelle Christensen..... Nun, Newsies Ensemble, Bunsen, Policeman
Ty DeVito ..... Davey
Evan Ewing ..... Jack
Lilly Grace Faulhaber ..... Specs / Featured Dancer, Jacobi, Stage Manager
Aaliyah Gallegos ..... JoJo, Bowery Beauty, Scab
Garrett Harms..... Mr. Pulitzer, Wiesel
Arianna Harrison..... Splasher, Bowery Beauty
Cydney Hensen..... Newsies Ensemble, Photographer, Scab, Woman
Elijah Herra..... Finch (Henry, Tommy Boy), NY Mayor
Lili Jennings..... Medda / Featured Dancer
Michael Kocher..... Guard, Snyder
Emily McCann ..... Newsies Dance Ensemble, Nun, Scab
James McConkie ..... Newsie, Morris Delancey, William Hearst Jr.
Aaliyah McCormick ..... Newsies Dance Ensemble / Captain, Bowery Beauty
Hailey Michaels ..... Newsies Dance Ensemble, Seitz, Policeman
Charlotte Sharp ..... Katherine
Noelle Sharp ..... Newsies Dance Ensemble, Bowery Beauty
Olivia Stamatis ..... Crutchie, Newsies Dance Ensemble (Act 2)
Jackson Sullivan ..... Newsie, Oscar Delancey, Nunzio
Ash Weydert..... Newsies Dance Ensemble
Owen Zographos..... Romeo (Albert, Mush), Gov. Teddy Roosevelt

PIT ORCHESTRA

Henry Bisco	Cello
Daniel Bos	Electric Bass
Sofi Briscoe	Violin / Viola
Emily Bychowski	Violin / Viola
Alex Clark	Drums / Drum Set / Percussion
Gregory Comonal	Guitar (adult)
Greyson Decker	Drums / Drum Set
Avery DeRuyter	Flute / Piccolo
Conrad Drufke	Trumpet / Flugelhorn
Chloe Harbecke	Clarinet
Loryn Heil	Trombone
Claudia Hulseberg	Violin / Viola
Kyle Kness	Cello
Alistair Lanting	Cello
Christian McConkie	Keyboard
Robert Melnick	Saxophone
Yu Xuan Ni	Violin
Grace Pickard	Cello
Sarah Siddiqui	Violin / Viola
Luke Templin	Cello
Sawyer Webb	Keyboard

TECHNICAL ENTERTAINMENT CREW

Quin Dukes	Stage Manager
Adrianna Dominguez	Assistant Stage Manager
Maddie Huml	Light Board Operator
Sydney DuBois	Sound Board Operator
Rocio Cuautle	Sound Technician
Shayla Abell	Stage Hand
Jessica Bolda	Stage Hand
Katelyn Horn	Stage Hand
Avery Huml	Stage Hand
Noah Meier	Stage Hand
Maggie Penate-Lopez	Stage Hand
Annelise Schumann	Stage Hand

PRODUCTION STAFF

Sue Price Johnson	Director
Mary Thomas	Music Director
Melissa Roseberg	Choreographer
Rebecca Rome	Pit Director
David Olson	Technical Director
Ralph Helm	Technical Director
Alyssa Edwards	Publicity
Gracie Pincombe	Assistant Director
Sara Jennings	Costumes

DIRECTORS NOTES

Disney's Newsies is a high energy show based on the historical newsboy strike of New York in 1899. Every year we pick a show that features the talents of our seniors and this show is no exception! We have 6 seniors in the cast this year - each one playing an important part in this production. We also have a lot of talented underclassmen coming up. A good sized group for the next few years! We are very proud of our students, and our productions, here at Sycamore High School. Many of you attend because you are the parents / grandparents of a student in the show. We hope you will continue to support us even after your students graduate. The Performing Arts, Fine Arts, Music and Dance programs here at Sycamore High School are excellent. These students will carry that confidence, and what they have learned, on through their lives. We genuinely hope you enjoy the show!!

THANK YOU

A very special thank you goes out to Gracie Pincombe, 2020 graduate, for coming in and volunteering her time. She was my director's assistant for nearly every rehearsal from day one. Gracie helped measure students for costumes, helped with blocking, linenotes, and characterizations, read and sang lines for students who were missing so I could focus on the stage work. I couldn't have done it without you!

Also, I would like to thank Sara Jennings who volunteered to come in for us when the costumes were delivered. To help keep track of the costumes and organize the dressing rooms. Thank you so very much!

Special thanks goes out to Aaliyah McCormick for all her help with choreography. She also choreographed the King of New York tag, covering rehearsals for Ms. Roseberg.

Special thanks goes out to Josh Pincombe for making crutchie's crutch and the police officers billy clubs. Thank you so much for sharing your creative abilities and talents!

ACT ONE

Prologue - On the rooftop, at dawn

Overture / Prologue ..... Orchestra
Santa Fe ..... Jack Kelly, Crutchie
Santa Fe (playoff) ..... Orchestra

Scene 1 - Newsboys lodging house & Newsies Square

Carrying the Banner ..... Newsies
Carrying the Banner (tag) ..... Featured Dancers

Scene 2 - Pulitzer's office to Newsies Square

The Bottom Line ..... Pulitzer, Hannah, Seitz, Bunsen
Carrying the Banner (reprise) ..... Newsies

Scene 3 - A street corner

Chase ..... Snyder, Jack, Davey, Les

Scene 4 - Medda Larkin's Theatre on the Bowery

That's Rich ..... Medda Larkin
I Never Planned on You .....
Don't Come a Knocking ..... Jack, Bowery Beauties
To the Distribution Window ..... Orchestra

Scene 5 - Newsie Square, the next morning

The World Will Know ..... Newsies

Scene 6 - Jacobi's Deli & Street, in the afternoon

The World Will Know (reprise) ..... Newsies

Scene 7 - Katherine's office

Watch What Happens ..... Katherine

Scene 8 - Newsies Square

Seize The Day ..... Davey, Newsies
Seize the Day (tag) ..... Newsies
The Fight ..... Newsies

Scene 9 - On the rooftop

Santa Fe ..... Jack Kelly

- 15 minute Intermission -

ACT TWO

Entr'acte

Scene 1 - Jacobi's Deli, the next morning

King of New York ..... Katherine, Newsies
King of New York (tag) ..... Featured Tap Dancers

Scene 2 - Sleeping quarters at the Refuge

Letter from the Refuge ..... Crutchie
Letter from the Refuge (playoff) ..... Orchestra

Scene 3 - Medda's Theatre on the Bowery

Jack's Painting ..... Orchestra
Watch What Happens (reprise) ..... Jack, Katherine, Davey, Les
Back to Pulitzer's Office ..... Orchestra

Scene 4 - Pulitzer's office & cellar, later that day

The Bottom Line (reprise) ..... Pulitzer, Seitz, Bunsen

Scene 5 - Brooklyn Bridge, Theatre, that night

Brooklyn's Here ..... Newsies

Scene 6 - On the rooftop

To the Rooftop ..... Orchestra
Something to Believe In ..... Jack, Katherine

Scene 7 - Pulitzer's cellar

Seize the Day (reprise) ..... Newsies
Once and For All ..... Newsies
Once and for All (playoff) ..... Orchestra

Scene 8 - Pulitzer's office, the next morning

Seize the Day (reprise 2) ..... Newsies

Scene 9 - Newsies Square

Finale Ultimo (part 1) ..... Newsies
Finale Ultimo (part 2) ..... Company

Bows

Exit Music

BIOGRAPHIES

Shayla Abell | Freshman | Stage Hand
Shayla Abell has been at SHS for 1 year and decided to join Backstage hands, She's done it before in Middle School because of Art Club and loved it. When Shayla Abell isn't at Backstage she's in Art Club or messing around with her friends after school. I thank myself for pushing myself to join and I thank my mom for picking me up after. And dinner was good. "You never knew I was there"

Noah Aldis | Senior | Race (Elmer) | AMDA, Dance Theatre
Noah has been in the musicals with the high school since 8th grade. He's really found his passion of dance through the musicals. He is in Orchesis and Chamber Choir which has helped him learn to excel in all aspects of theatre. He would like to thank his director, Susan Johnson for always pushing him to do his best in all the musicals, Ms. Roseburg for encouraging him to exploring dance topics and his parents for encouraging him to start the musical.

William Akst | Sophomore | Les
William has been participating in theater since he was 7. He has acted in many theaters both in Sycamore and St. Charles. When he is not acting, William plays cello in several orchestras, volunteers for the Sycamore Public Library, and is a member of French Club. He enjoys making connections in the theater community.

Katelynne Babos | Junior | Hannah, Newsies Ensemble, Nun, Policeman
Katelynne hasn't been doing theater for very long but, has thoroughly enjoyed the time she has spent with her cast mates and directors. The people have been so accepting and wonderful. She has always been a creative mind and now can add theatrics to her list of creative arts. She hopes you enjoy the Show! <3

Daniel Bos | Junior| Electric Bass
Daniel has been in pit orchestra for 2 years, since the start of Covid-19, during his free time he participates in Sycamore High School's national honor society, Orchestra, and Jazz Band. He also plays music through NIU in the Sinfonia group.

Sofi Briscoe | Junior | Violin / Viola
Sofi has played the violin for 9 years and is happy she was able to participate in the Pit Orchestra for the musical this year. When she's not practicing, she is involved in Orchesis, Tennis, Jazz Strings, and NHS. She would like to thank her family for supporting her and the other pit members for making it such an enjoyable experience.

Emily Bychowski | Junior | Violin / Viola
This is Emily's first year in the pit orchestra. Her first year of being in the musical she was a part of the backstage crew. Besides being in pit orchestra she is in Art Club, NHS, Spartan TV, Jazz strings, and the High School Orchestra as a violist. She would like to thank her friends and family for supporting her!

Samantha Calligan | Freshman | Darcy, Spot, Buttons / Featured Dancer
Samantha has been dancing for 10 years and has been interested in acting for about 6 years. She is a part of key club and drama club, and is currently a freshman at Sycamore High School.

Anabelle Christensen | Sophomore | Nun, Newsies Ensemble, Bunsen, Policeman
Anabelle has been doing music her whole life. She's been in choir since 5th grade, and has participated in two musicals before this one. She's been in the ILMEA honors choir twice and has been in the ACDA honors choir once. This year along with Newsies she will be going to both ILMEA and ACDA again. She would like to thank her wonderful family for letting her do all of the things she's gotten to do and for supporting her through all of it. Enjoy the show!

Alex Clark | Junior | Drums / Drum Set / Percussion
Alex is one of the 2 percussionist in the pit orchestra and has been playing the drum set for about 6 or 7 years and 8 years for being a percussionist. He is in jazz band and symphonic band and a smaller garage band with friends.

Greyson Decker | Sophomore | Drums / Drum Set
Greyson hadn't ever thought of participating in theatre until last year during Covid. He had been playing drums in Concert Band and Jazz Band since middle school. During Covid he was reached out to and asked if he wanted to join the Pit Orchestra in the playing of Little Shop of Horrors. Joining was one of the best decisions he's ever made! "I Hope you Enjoy the Show!"

Ty DeVito | Sophomore | Davey
Ty is relatively new to theater but enjoys every second of the creative process. He's excited to be a part of this year's show and make friends along the way. In addition to taking part in the musical, he also enjoys being a part of Interact, a service organization, and learning about his favorite subjects: Math and Science.

Adrianna Dominguez | Sophomore | Assistant Stage Manager
Adrianna has been doing TEC for 4 years now starting with the musicals at the middle school. She loves doing it and have made many friends from it. When She's not working with TEC she does cheer for the school. She hopes to keep doing this throughout her high school career and learn more!

Sydney DuBois | Junior | Sound Board Operator
Sydney has been apart of TEC for 3 years and has enjoyed all the friends she's made so far. When she is not helping out she's apart of the band, the photographer for yearbook, and also has been dancing for many years both through the school's orchesis and a studio. She would like to thank her friends and family for putting up with and helping her survive the many long nights of hard work. "I hope you enjoy the show!"

Evan Ewing | Senior | Jack | University of West London, Public Services
Evan is thrilled to be performing in his fourth musical at SHS; previous roles include Michael in Elf and Mushnik in Little Shop of Horrors. He would like to thank the amazing cast, crew, and his family for all of their support. Enjoy the show!

Lilly Grace Faulhaber | Sophomore | Specs / Featured Dancer, Jacobi, Stage Manager
Lilly has been doing theater since she was 7 years old and has been in roughly 18 shows since. When not at rehearsal, she is a part of Orchesis and Softball. She wants to thank her parents for driving her to and from rehearsals and everyone who helped put the show on. "Hope everyone enjoys our show!"

Aaliyah Gallegos | Freshman | JoJo, Bowery Beauty, Scab
Aaliyah has been interested in musicals from a young age. She likes to take part in many different arts in her free time, she likes to write, play the piano, draw, and more. She's a part of creative writers club and Art club along side drama. She would like to thank her parents for giving her the opportunity to take part in all these arts!!

Chloe Harbecke | Senior | Clarinet | Undecided, Math Education
Chloe has been a part of the Pit Orchestra for the last 3 years. She is also involved in the Symphonic Band, NHS, and her church youth group. She has loved playing her clarinet in the Pit Orchestra, and would like to thank her family and friends for their support.

Arianna Harrison | Freshman | Splasher, Bowery Beauty
Arianna has always loved theater. When she isn't at rehearsal, she writes scripts and films things on her own! She loves making new friends at rehearsal.

Loryn Heil | Senior | Undecided, Business
This is Loryn's first year being involved in the pit orchestra. When she is not playing the trombone she is running for the cross country team and track team. She is also involved in the SHS art club and French club. She would like to thank her parents and sister for supporting her!

Cydney Henson | Sophomore | Newsies Ensemble, Photographer, Scab, Woman
Cydney has gone to SHS for 2 years. Last year because of COVID she didn't join any clubs. But this year has been different. She has managed to join yearbook club and marching band has taken up most of her life since school started. Recently she joined the musical. This isn't the first time she's been in theater. When she was younger she had been in several shows at stage coach and at her old school she helped design the sets of several plays. She prefers more acting parts but is happy to take on the challenge of learning to dance and sing.

Elijah Herra | Sophomore | Finch (Henry, Tommy Boy), NY Mayor
Elijah has been acting for the past 3 years, acting with Stage Coach Theatre and SHS. When not acting, he spends his free time usually working or helping his family. He would like to thank his family for supporting him through his acting and for driving him to rehearsals and events. "Hope you enjoy the show!"

Katie Horn | Sophomore | Stage Hand
Katie has worked on past productions in middle school by being apart of stage crew. Art is her biggest hobby and always enjoys creating things for the sets and being able to change scenes and the whole setup for the stage. Enjoy the show and thank you for coming!

Avery Huml | Freshman | Stage Hand
Avery is a freshman at SHS and recently decided to join TEC. She is a stagehand. She enjoys participating in things such as art club in her spare time. She would like to thank the rest of TEC for making this such an enjoyable experience.

Maddie Huml | Junior | Light Board Operator
Maddie has been doing TEC since her freshman year. Outside of TEC she is involved in Student Council, SAF, and volunteers with middle schoolers at her church's youth group. She loves being behind the scenes at the show, and hopes you all enjoy it!

Lili Jennings | Sophomore | Medda / Featured Dancer
Lili has been involved in theater since she was 5 years old. Some of her favorite roles include Elsa in Frozen Jr., Ursula in The Little Mermaid Jr., and Miss Hannigan in Annie Jr.. She is also an officer in Interact Club and Key Club, and stays involved in lots of theater outside SHS. She would like to thank her parents for helping her follow her theatrical and musical dreams.

Michael Kocher | Sophomore | Guard, Snyder
Michael is a sophomore at SHS. He would like to thank his parents and fellow actors.

Emily McCann | Sophomore | Newsies Dance Ensemble, Nun, Scab
This is Emily's first musical and its been really fun. She really enjoys all the music and costumes and has had a lot of fun with friends during rehearsal and other drama club activities. She really likes her nun costume and thinks it looks funny on her. She hopes you enjoy the Newsies show!!!!

Christian McConkie | Junior | Piano
Christian is new to theater, but has been playing piano and other instruments since he was in third grade. When he is not making music, he is actively engaged in soccer, Key Club, and his church youth group. He has had a lot of fun learning the Newsies soundtrack and hopes you will enjoy the show as well!

James McConkie | Seventh Grade | Newsie, Morris Delancey, William Hearst Jr.
James has loved theatre all of his life. He has done musicals before, but this is his first high school musical. Aside from theatre he enjoys playing soccer and the trumpet. He enjoys all of the music and dancing in the play and hopes that everyone else will, too.

Aaliyah McCormick | Senior | Newsies Dance Ensemble / Captain, Bowery Beauty | Undecided, Political Science
Aaliyah is very excited to be in her first musical in many years at Sycamore High School. She also participates in Orchesis, Scholastic Bowl, and the SHS Chamber Choir. She would like thank the cast for being so welcoming and working hard!

Hailey Michaels | Sophomore | Newsies Dance Ensemble, Seitz, Policeman
Hailey has been in theater for over 10 years. When she's not acting she is apart of the Sycamore High School Track Team and Orchesis. Hailey would like to thank her parents for always being supportive of her and doing everything they can to help make her dreams possible.

Yu Xuan Ni | Junior | Violin
Yu Xuan only just joined pit orchestra this year. She's part of Chamber Orchestra and the Girls Tennis Team.

Maggie Penate | Sophomore | Stage Hand
Maggie has just started her first year in theater. When she's not helping out in tec, she is apart of SHS Chamber Orchestra as well as soccer. She wants to thank the tec crew for making this new experience as pleasant as fun as could be.

Grace Pickard | Sophomore | Cello
Grace has done theatre for less than a year and first year doing Pit Orchestra. When not playing in pit she is in Chamber Orchestra, Key Club, Art Club and Jazz Strings. She would like to thank her family for coming to support and watch the show, and especially her mom who would drive her and pick her up repeatedly to make it to rehearsal, and always helping her out when she is tired.

Avery De Ruyter | Senior | Undecided, Biomolecular Engineering
Avery had been a part of pit since her freshman year. She is also involved in Youth and Government, NHS, Yearbook, Band, and is the President of Spanish Club. She would like to thank her parents for always supporting her in her endeavors and congratulate the seniors on a fantastic four years!! <3

Annelise Schumann | Sophomore | Stage Hand
Annelise is apart of TEC and also has been in musicals in middle school but didn't participate last year during freshman year. When Annelise is not doing TEC she is in horticultural club. She would also like to welcome you and hope you enjoy the show that the crew and cast put so much work into.

Charlotte Sharp | Senior | Katherine | Undecided, English
Charlotte is proud to be a part of her senior show at SHS. Recent shows include Little Shop of Horrors at SHS (Chiffon) and Sweeney Todd at Stagecoach Players (Ensemble). She would love to thank the incredible directors, stage managers, and producers that have made her senior year truly amazing.

Noelle Sharp | Sophomore | Newsies Dance Ensemble, Bowery Beauty
Danced at BFSD for 12 years before joining theater!

Sarah Siddiqui | Senior | Violin / Viola | University of Illinois in Chicago, Psychology
Sarah has been a part of the pit for two years. Outside of pit, she's involved in the high schools orchestra, jazz strings, French club, world youth club, and NHS. She would like to thank her mom for keeping it real, and being her biggest supporter. Hope you enjoy the show!

Olivia Stamatis | Senior | Crutchie, Newsies Dance Ensemble (Act 2) | Undecided, Business
It's only Olivia's second year in theater but she is so thrilled to be in the show. When she's not limping across the stage you can find her at choir, Orchesis, art club, Colorgard, or French club. It's been a long wait but it feels so good to perform in front of a live audience again. So please, sit back and enjoy the show.

Jackson Sullivan | Seventh Grade | Newsie, Oscar Delancey, Nunzio
Jackson has been in theater since eight years old doing a lot of CCT shows and when he is not acting he is a student and band member at SMS. He would like to thank Aunt Callie Johnson for inspiring him to do theater.

Ash Weydert | Freshman | Newsies Dance Ensemble
Ash has loved theater since they were 9 and is happy xe can preform on stage. When they're not performing he is involved in Spartan TV and sci-fi club. They would like to thank xyr family for driving xem home and dealing with his singing and dancing late at night.

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