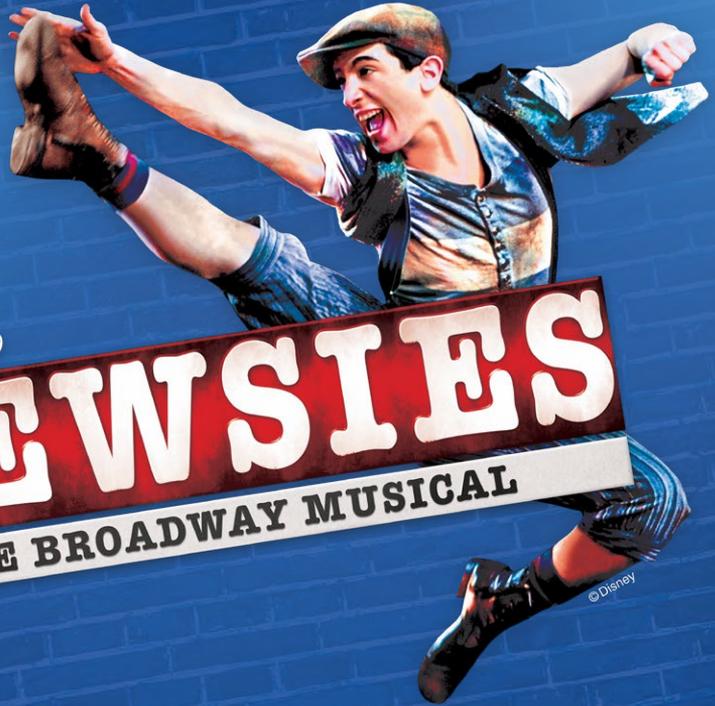




THE WOODLANDS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

FINE arts

PRESENTS



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In the Black Box Theater of The Benjamin Wells School of the Arts



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The Woodlands Christian Academy is an independent, Christ-centered, college preparatory school that integrates learning with Biblical faith and spiritual growth, and challenges students to reach their highest potential – intellectually, creatively, physically and socially – for the glory of Jesus Christ.

TWCA Fine Arts seeks to glorify God by teaching our students to express themselves creatively through their God given gifts. The Arts are meant to inspire, encourage, uplift, and even heal the human spirit. Ultimately, they are meant to glorify God!

Theater Etiquette

A live performance is a unique experience shared between performers and the audience. Unlike television or movies, the actors on stage can hear noise from the audience. So, as a courtesy to the performers and the others around you, please observe the following rules for theater etiquette.

- Food, drink, candy and gum is not allowed inside the theatre.
- Walk in the theatre and use the railings while on the stairs.
- Once seated, you may talk quietly until the performance begins.
- Keep your feet off the seats and do not step over seat backs.
- Photography, video recording and audio recording are not allowed in the theater.
- When the lights dim for the performance to begin, stop talking, turn your attention to the stage and enjoy the show.
- Stay in your seat during the performance.
- Listen and watch the performance closely. A live performance is not a video that you can rewind if you miss something.
- At the end of the performance, thank the performers by applauding. In return, they will thank you with a bow.
- As you exit the theatre, walk carefully and stay with your group.

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Welcome Warriors!

Welcome to The Benjamin Wells School of the Arts! TWCA had the pleasure of opening this wonderful facility this past August. It provides space for a growing Fine Arts program which pushes students to their greatest creative potential for the glory of Jesus Christ. Thank you to the over 300 families, individuals, and businesses that donated the resources necessary to make this building a reality.

Tonight, you are a part of the story of *Newsies*. The story that the students will share with you tonight parallels The Warrior Way of TWCA. You will see friends Serving Others, Fighting for Truth and Leading by Example. As you are transported back to 1899 New York City, prepare to be wowed by wonderful singing, fast feet, and a story that captures hearts.

Thank you for choosing to spend your time with us and for supporting Fine Arts at TWCA.

Sit back, relax, and enjoy the show!

Phil Sweger, M.M.
DIRECTOR OF FINE ARTS



Director's Note

I first saw *Newsies* on the big screen when I was in middle school, and I instantly fell in love with it! I must have shouted, "Never fear, Brooklyn's here!" a thousand times around the house... My poor parents. I thought nothing could ever top the experience of watching it in the theater—but then I saw a live production, and I was absolutely blown away. What struck me most was its heart—the raw, unwavering determination of a group of young, working-class kids fighting for what's right.

Set in turn-of-the-century New York City, *Newsies* speaks to the universal struggle for justice, solidarity, and the power of community. This is a story that resonates just as deeply today as it did when it was first written. I knew immediately that our production had to honor both the original movie and the Broadway adaptation.

The world of *Newsies* is one of contrasts: from the bustling streets of New York, teeming with life and opportunity, to the shadowy offices of powerful newspaper moguls who exploit the very kids who bring their stories to life.

Our *Newsies* aren't just trying to sell newspapers—they are fighting for their dignity, their future, and their voices. In them, we see the

courage to stand up even when the odds seem insurmountable and the unbreakable bond of friendship that fuels their determination.

Visually, we've worked to create a world that is both gritty and vibrant, echoing the energy and struggle of the characters. The stage is alive with movement—through intricate choreography and constant action—capturing the hustle and bustle of New York in 1899. The music, with its infectious rhythms and soaring melodies, becomes the voice of the Newsies, empowering them to fight back and express their dreams.

But beyond the spectacle, Newsies is about the personal journeys of its characters. Jack Kelly, the charismatic leader, is at a crossroads, torn between his dream of escape and his responsibility to the kids who look up to him. As the newsboys rally around him, they learn that true leadership isn't about individual glory—it's about lifting each other up. It's about finding strength in unity and fighting for a cause greater than yourself.

This characteristic of Jack reminds me of the importance of following the command from our Savior to help those who are in need. Let's seize the day and look around our communities for the "Newsies" who need our help.

Thank you for your support and for joining us on this incredible journey.

Sincerely,

Palvin Williams

Palvin Williams
DIRECTOR, NEWSIES

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Act One

SETTING: NEW YORK 1899

Overture

Prologue - Rooftop

Santa Fe Jack and Crutchie
Santa Fe Playoff

Scene 1 - Newsboys' Lodging House and Newsies Square

Carrying the Banner. Jack, Newsies, Nuns
Carrying the Banner Tag Newsies

Scene 2 - Pulizter's Office, Afternoon

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

Scene 3 - A Street Corner

Chase

Scene 4 - Medda's Theater

That's Rich Medda
I Never Planned on You/Don't Come a Knocking. Jack, Bowery Beauties

Scene 5 - Newsie Square, Next Morning

The World Will Know Jack, Davey, Les, Crutchie, Newsies

Scene 6 - Jacobi's Deli and Street, Afternoon

The World Will Know (Reprise) Jack, Davey, Les, Crutchie, Newsies
Watch What Happens Katherine

Scene 7 - Katherine's Office

Watch What Happens (Cont'd). Katherine
Watch What Happens (Playoff)

Scene 8 - Newsie Square, Next Morning

Seize the Day Davey, Jack, Les, Newsies
Seize the Day (Tag) Newsies
The Fight

Scene 9 - Rooftop

Santa Fe Jack

Act Two

Scene 1 - Jacobi's Deli, Next Morning

Entr'acte
King of New York Davey, Katherine, Les, Newsies
King of New York (Tag)

Scene 2 - The Refuge

Letter From the Refuge Crutchie
Letter From the Refuge

Scene 3 - Medda's Theater

Jack's Painting
Watch What Happens Reprise Davey, Jack, Katherine, Les
Back to Pulitzer's Office

Scene 4 - Pulitzer's office and Cellar, Afternoon

The Bottom Line (Reprise) Pulitzer, Seitz, Bunsen,
Brooklyn's Here Spot, Newsies

Scene 5 - Brooklyn Bridge and Medda's Theater

Brooklyn's Here (Cont'd) Spot, Newsies

Scene 6 - Rooftop, Night

To the Rooftop
Something to Believe In Katherine, Jack

Scene 7 - Pulitzer's Cellar, Next Morning

Seize the Day (Reprise) Newsies
Once and for All Jack, Davey, Katherine, Newsies
Once and for All (Playoff)

Scene 8 - Pulitzer's Office, Next Morning

Seize the Day (Reprise 2) Newsies

Scene 9 - Newsies Square

Finale Ultimo Part 1 Company
Finale Ultimo Part 2 Company
Bows
Exit Music

Cast List

Jack Kelly	Brooks Crosby
Crutchie	Ryan Norus
Davey	Landon Ousley
Les	Ethan Werner
Race	Anna Massingill
Albert	Sebastian Gomez
Specs	Emma Sweger
Henry	Huxley Howard
Finch	Audrey Levett
Romeo	Jonathan Rhodriquez
Elmer	Madison Edone
Mush	Cassidy Perdue
Buttons	Ada Sweger
Splasher	William Grace
Tommy Boy	Laurin Reed
JoJo	Harper Hendricks
Mike	Eli Hall
Ike	Thomson Flood
Spot/Nun	Emilee Savage
Katherine	Natalie Moore
Medda	Charlotte Smith
Darcy	Caylee Perdue
Bill/Oscar Delancey	Jorge Aja Otero
Morris Delancey	Maddox Purvis
Wiesel/Mayor/Announcer	Aaron Marez
Joseph Pulitzer	Liam Goudie
Seitz/Mr. Jacobie	Jackson Meacham

Bunsen	Bella Crane
Hannah/Nun	Karis Chiazor
Nunzio/Seitz	Jeremy Crump
Teddy Roosevelt	Owen Howard
Nun/Scab 1.	Samantha Demandante
Scab 2.	Gabriel Hernandez-Bostick
Scab 3.	Adeline Chadwick
Woman	Elle Er
Police Officer.	Eric Wietstruck

Ensemble

Natasha Blackall	Sophia Fite	Zuri Thuo
Abigail Brown	Laney French	Peyton Vera
Adeline Chadwick	Sophia Gathuru	Everyn Whitlock
Karis Chiazor	Hannah Glaccum	Emily Wright
Emmanuella Chiazor	Gabe Hernandez-Bostick	*Kennedy Pack
Abby Codrington	Nina Lombard	*Caroline Seiler
Bella Crane	Isabella Mertz	
Samantha Demandante	Caylee Perdue	
Elle Er	Tess Storm	

*AUCTION & GALA WINNERS,
"CAST MEMBERS FOR A
SHOW"

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Jhordyn Miles	Milo Lennon
Brendan Mehrens	Lily D'Souza
Chase Oliver	

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Madison Edone
STUDENT DANCE CAPTAIN

Dan Brown
SET DESIGN

Susie King
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Ben Clark
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Nathan Clark
SET DESIGN

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CHOREOGRAPHER

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Luke Cipriano*
GUITAR

Doug Wright
REED

Pedro Naranjo
BASS

Fran Mayfield*
KEYBOARD I

Paul Garza
TROMBONE

Jasmine White
CELLO

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Student Biographies



Jorge Aja Otero (Oscar Delancey, Bill) is a freshman, and he's excited to be part of his first show at TWCA. Some of his previous roles include Mendel in *The Fiddler on the Roof*, Wolf in *The Little Red Riding Hood*, the King in *The Frog Prince*, and Phil Davis in *White Christmas*. At school, he's involved in the Track & Field team, chess club, and international culture club. He is an avid basketball player outside of school as well. He would like to thank his family, all his fellow actors, set people, teachers, Mr. Williams, God, and everyone else who made this play possible.



Natasha Blackall (Bowery Beauty, Ensemble) is a seventh grader, and is excited to be participating in *Newsies*. She has been in *Seussical* (*Jungle Animal 2*, Ensemble). In 5th grade, she was also in choir. She wants to thank God for letting her have these talents and her parents for the privilege of letting her do these fun activities.



Abigail Brown (Bowery Beauty, Ensemble) This is Abigail's first musical. Abigail loves theatre and is excited to be in *Newsies*. She looks forward to future shows.



Adeline Chadwick (Scab 3, Ensemble) is a freshman. She has been performing for two years, and *Newsies* is her tenth show. Some of her favorite shows have been *Big Fish* (Ensemble), *Matilda* (Henchman), *Seussical* (Bird Girl), and *Alice in Wonderland* (Dodo Bird). Besides musical theater, Adeline loves to draw, write stories, and read. She would like to thank the artistic team for giving her this opportunity, her family for supporting her, and most importantly, God. Seize the day!



Emmanuella Chiazor (Ensemble) is a freshman. *Newsies* is her first musical. She really enjoys singing and dancing. Ella has been singing ever since she was young and has a very strong voice. Ella also enjoys dance and art. She would like to thank everyone involved in making this show possible. She believes everyone is doing an amazing job and knows it's going to turn out awesome. She is really grateful to have this opportunity to be in the show.



Karis Chiazor (Hannah, Ensemble) is in the seventh grade. Karis is thankful to be a part of this production and wants to thank God, her parents, and her castmates.



Abby Codrington (Ensemble) is in the ninth grade. She has been dancing since she was two years old. She has been in one other musical, *Annie*, and has been in multiple dance productions. She currently takes ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical, and hip hop outside of school, is on the Warriors dance team, and is in advanced dance. She would like to thank her parents, brother, Mrs. Stewart, and God for all of the help they have given her and the opportunity to be in this show.



Bella Crane (Bunsen, Ensemble) is an eighth grader. She has been passionate about theatre since joining in 7th grade at The Covenant Christian School. Her first role as Susan in *Ten Ways to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse* ignited her love for the stage. Alongside her theatrical pursuits, Bella enjoys volleyball, basketball, track, and golf. She expresses deep gratitude to her parents, Michelle and Andrew, for their unwavering support and to Mrs. King, Mr. Williams, Mr. Parker, and Mrs. Stewart for their invaluable guidance. Bella is thankful to God for His constant presence throughout her journey.



Brooks Crosby (Jack Kelly) is a freshman. His previous theatre experiences include playing Mike TV in *Willy Wonka*, Templeton in *Charlotte's Web*, and Ugly in *Honk*. Outside of theatre, Brooks enjoys playing football, tennis and spending time with friends. He would like to thank the directors, his parents, and most importantly, God for this wonderful experience.



Samantha Demandante (Nun, Scab 1, Ensemble) is in eighth grade. She has been in three plays at TWCA (*Jungle Book*, *Seussical*, *Footloose!*) and has had different experiences in each production. Samantha is an artist and a singer. She is very thankful to the fine arts department for letting her be part of the play and to her family for supporting her on her journey.



Madison Edone (Dance Captian, Elmer) is a junior. She has been dancing since she was two years old. This is her second year acting as dance captain. She has previously performed in *Annie* and *Footloose!* Maddie would like to thank her parents, Mrs. Stewart, and God for giving her the opportunity to be a part of this amazing show.



Elle Er (Ensemble-Woman) is in eighth grade. She has participated in theater classes for three years. Elle has been in three plays, with her favorite being *Footloose!* Her favorite moment in theater was the *Footloose!* finale song, as she had a great time dancing and singing during that number. Elle loves to read and is always excited to learn about new things. She is very thankful for all her castmates and cherishes the friendships that are formed through theatre.



Alexa Everson (Stage Crew) is in the seventh grade. This is her second Theatrical production. She participated in last year's *Aladdin*. She loves God and has a strong faith in Him. She loves hanging out with family and friends.



Sophia Fite (Ensemble) is in seventh grade and is passionate about theatre. This is her third play. She especially loves the dance aspect of performing. Sophia would like to thank her parents for always supporting her by taking her to practice, and her sister, Ellie, for helping her practice. She is deeply grateful for her grandma, who has been a constant source of love and encouragement throughout her life. Most importantly, Sophia thanks the Lord for the amazing opportunity to be a part of such a wonderful experience.



Thomson Flood (Ike) is in the seventh grade. Thomson is thankful to be a part of this production and wants to thank God, his parents, and castmates.



Laney French (Ensemble) is in seventh grade and is excited to perform in the production of *Newsies*. She is a member of the Warrior dance team and has performed in dance shows and at football games. Laney has also been part of *Seussical Jr.* as the Little Kangaroo and in the ensemble of *Aladdin Jr.* In addition, she is a member of the National Junior Honor Society. Laney would like to thank her family for their unwavering support, her best friend Zuri for always being there, and, most importantly, Jesus for His forgiveness and grace.



Sophia Gathuru (Ensemble) is in seventh grade and is excited to participate in her first TWCA production. Sophia has been in *101 Dalmatians* (Sergeant Tibbs and Ensemble) and *Peter Pan* (Ensemble). Outside of musical theatre, she is in choir and plays the piano. Sophia would like to thank her family for taking her to rehearsals and for their unwavering support. She would also like to thank Mrs. King for helping her move into the Musical Production class so she could participate in *Newsies*.



Hannah Glaccum (Ensemble) is in eighth grade. She performed in the ensemble of the school's production of *Footloose!* last year and is excited to be doing *Newsies*. This is her second musical theatre experience. Hannah also participates in dance and band at TWCA. She would like to thank her friends and family, as well as her school, for bringing her closer to Christ. Hannah would also like to thank Mr. Williams, Mrs. King, Mr. Parker, Mrs. Stewart, and everyone else who contributed to making *Newsies* possible.



Sebastian Gomez (Albert) is in the tenth grade. Sebastian is thankful to be a part of this production and wants to thank God, his parents, and his castmates.



Liam Goudie (Pulitzer) is a senior. His first show at TWCA was *Annie* as an ensemble member. The following year, he was cast as Reverend Shaw in *Footloose!* Outside of theatre, Liam enjoys playing football and hanging out with friends. He would like to thank his parents for encouraging him to continue participating in the shows year after year.



William Grace (Splasher) played the role of Chuck Cranston in *Footloose!* last year. He has been involved in choir since the fifth grade. During his freshman year, William performed two solos, "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas" and "Coffee Song," as well as a duet of "Baby It's Cold Outside." He also had an unforgettable solo moment in fifth grade choir, where he passed out and fell off the stage. William enjoys singing and playing the guitar. He wants to thank his dad, along with the current and former Fine Arts teachers, for their guidance and encouragement in pursuing his musical passion.



Eli Hall (Mike) is excited to be part of *Newsies* as it is his first musical. He is an active member of the choir at TWCA. His favorite scene is Once And For All. Eli enjoys playing various sports, including football and tennis, and is a big fan of country music. He expresses his gratitude to all his theatre teachers for helping him grow as both an actor and a singer.



Harper Hendricks (JoJo) is in seventh grade. She's no stranger to the spotlight, having previously played Wednesday in *The Addams Family*, Sheldon's parent in *Finding Nemo*, and having been part of the ensemble in *Matilda*. Harper also participated in *Seussical*, showcasing her versatility and passion for theatre. She actively participates in community theatre at Class Act Productions with her sights set on the Broadway stage, she's passionately pursuing her dream.



Gabe Hernandez-Bostick (Scab 2, Ensemble) is in the ninth grade. Gabe is thankful to be a part of this production and wants to thank God, his parents, and castmates.



Huxley Howard (Henry) is in eighth grade. *Newsies* is his fourth musical. He was Colonel Hathi in *The Jungle Book*, Horton the Elephant in *Seussical*, and Garvin in *Footloose!* Huxley is in the band and plays the alto and baritone saxophones. He is also a part of the Civil Air Patrol and the Commemorative Air Force and likes to build model airplanes with his grandpa. Huxley would like to thank all his friends and family for supporting him and encouraging him, and he is excited to be a part of *Newsies* this year.



Audrey Levett (Finch) is a freshman. She has taken different dance classes over the years, including some with Mrs. Stewart, the dance director here at TWCA. Audrey first started doing musical theater productions in fourth grade, where she was an angel in the production *Straight Outta Bethlehem*. She has continued to perform in shows, including *The Jungle Book* (Kaa the Snake), *A Christmas Carol* (Lily the Orphan), and *Footloose!* (Ensemble). She has participated in theatre class all throughout middle school and is taking theatre again this year. She wants to thank her parents for encouraging her to try her best at everything she does, and she also wants to thank her best friend Charlotte, for doing the musical with her again this year.



Nina Lombard (Ensemble) Nina is a seventh grader. She is very happy when performing. She was involved in two middle school performances: 5th grade *Seussical Jr.*, and 6th grade *Aladdin*. She wants to thank her mom, her dad, her brother. Most of all, she wants to thank God for giving her the opportunity to perform in this show (*Newsies*) and to be part of previous shows at TWCA.



Anna Massingill (Race) is a sophomore. She has been participating in musical theatre for ten years, and this is her 4th production at TWCA. Some of her previous productions include *High School Musical* (Ensemble), *Annie* (Ensemble), *Footloose!* (Ensemble), and *A Child Shall Lead* (Eva). She is very excited to be performing in this production of *Newsies*. Anna is involved in the Worship team and Dance Team on campus. She would like to thank her family and friends for all of the support and love they give her. She would also like to thank Mrs. Stewart for giving her so many opportunities and always believing in her.



Jackson Meacham (Seitz, Mr. Jacobie) is in eleventh grade and has had an interest in theatre since he was young. He has continued to attempt to improve his acting chops throughout his many years of performances. He is extremely excited to play in *Newsies* and can't wait for everyone to see the shows.



Isabella Mertz (Ensemble) is in eighth grade. As a *Newsies* ensemble member she gets to experience many things, while working hard and learning the dances. Outside of TWCA, she was Gretl in *The Sound of Music*. After that role, she mostly stuck to productions in summer camps, and CYT lessons. She started theatre when she was little but took a break before joining the *Newsies* cast. She is looking forward to the show and to each practice, where she gets to see other incredible actors and dancers who are in the cast as well.



Natalie Moore (Katherine) is a junior. She has been involved in previous productions during her time at Woodlands Christian. Last year, she was in *Footloose!* (Vi Moore) and the year before, she was in *Annie* (Ensemble). She wants to thank her family, friends, and God for being there for her and encouraging her.



Ryan Norus (Crutchie) is a sophomore. He has been in several productions, including roles in *Journey Through Broadway*, *Annie*, and *Footloose!* His favorite role so far has been playing the Principal last year, where he had fun yelling at the cast for ignoring the "no dancing" rule. Ryan competes in cross country and track, and enjoys playing video games and pickleball in his free time. He would like to thank his family for their constant encouragement and his friends for showing up to watch. He's excited for everyone to see the show.



Landon Ousley (Davey) is a junior and has been involved in theatre since middle school, as well as participating in improv. Outside of theatre, Landon enjoys playing ultimate frisbee and is actively involved in serving at his church. He would like to thank God for the opportunity and ability to be part of the musical, as well as the directors and his family for their constant encouragement.



Cassidy Perdue (Mush) is a Junior. She has been a part of theatre for four years and has loved the program. She played Ethel McCormack in last year's production of *Footloose!* She is involved in Student Council, Interact, and Broadcasting. Cassidy would like to thank her mom, her friends, and God for providing her with encouragement and guidance throughout her life.



Caylee Perdue (Darcy, Bowery Beauty, Ensemble) is in eighth grade. She has been in musicals for five years. She has performed in *Joy Squad*, *Jungle Book* (playing the baby elephant), *Cat In The Hat* (playing Jungle Citizen 1), and *Footloose!* (Ensemble). Outside of theatre, she enjoys playing volleyball, hanging out with friends, going to church, and spending time with family, including the pups! She would also love to thank her mom for everything that she has sacrificed for her to be at TWCA. Caylee would like to recognize that her mom always works hard for her family and is truly an amazing woman. She always strives to provide the best for her children and has helped Caylee become a better Christian. I hope y'all enjoy the show!



Maddox Purvis (Morris) is a sophomore. He plays soccer and runs cross country at TWCA. He is portraying Morris in *Newsies*. His Bible verse is Jeremiah 29:11, which is, "I know for thoughts I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and of not evil, to give you an expected end".



Laurin Reed (Tommy Boy) is a junior. She has been in theatre since middle school and performed in *Annie* during high school. One of her favorite moments in the musical is when everything starts to come together and looks amazing. Outside of theatre, Laurin has a passion for cheerleading and enjoys dancing. She is incredibly grateful to her family for always supporting her in pursuing the things she loves and for being there for her every step of the way.



Jonathan Rhodriquez (Romeo) is a sophomore. Last year he participated in the school musical *Footloose!* His favorite role is Romeo from *Newsies*. He participates with the golf team, the esports team, interact club, and computer science club. In his free time, he enjoys engaging in ping pong, pickleball, and playing video games. Jonathan expresses great thanks to God and the directors for this opportunity. He would also like to thank the cast members, stage management, and his parents for being supportive and helpful.



Emilee Savage (Spot, Nun) is a sophomore. She has been participating in musicals since fourth grade and has always loved singing and acting. She was Star-To-Be in *Annie* and *Rusty* in *Footloose!* She also acts and sings in various showcases outside of school. Her favorite experiences from her time in theatre were winning the Best Actress award at last year's One Act Play Competition and going to TAPPS competitions with her friends. She would like to thank her mom and her directors for supporting her, and God for giving her the opportunity to be a part of this production.



Shannon Sipsma (Student Prop Master) is a sophomore and is excited to be working on *Newsies*. *Newsies* will be her second musical at TWCA, and her experience behind the scenes with *Annie* inspired her to try more activities on campus. Focusing on 'behind the scenes work' she is also involved in Student Council, Warriors Joined for Hope, Ambassadors, International Club, and Short Film. She continues her creative endeavors by working with Yearbook. With the rest of her time, Shannon finds herself on the side of the sports field as a Student Athletic Trainer. She is grateful for the TWCA staff who strive to make her high school experience plentiful. She also wants to thank her parents who are always happy to 'just talk.'



Charlotte Smith (Medda Larkin) is a freshman. She participated in *Footloose!* One of her favorite memories was the Christmas party. Charlotte is also on TWCA's volleyball team. One of the things that she is thankful for is her directors, who are so supportive, and her best friend, Audrey, for doing this musical with her.



Tess Storm (Ensemble) is a seventh grader who has previously performed in the musical *Aladdin*. During her time in *Aladdin*, Tess had Mrs. King as her teacher, and she is incredibly grateful for the opportunity to learn from her. Tess would like to thank God, her family, and her friends for all their support.



Ada Sweger (Buttons) is an eighth grader. Her first show was *Mary Poppins* (child). Since coming to TWCA, she has been a part of *The Jungle Book* (Sassy Monkey), *A Christmas Carol* (Caroler), *Seussical* (Who, Ensemble), and *Footloose!* (Ensemble). She loves musical rehearsals because the cast gets to bond together and have fun. Outside of theatre, she participates in band, dance team, and volleyball. She would like to thank her older sister, Emma, for starting her love for musicals.



Emma Sweger (Specs) is a senior. This is her sixth musical. Some of her past productions include *Mary Poppins*, *Annie*, and *Footloose!* Her favorite role so far was Urleen in *Footloose!* Emma has also been in the TWCA band for five years and the Warrior Dance program for four. She enjoys all things involving music and dance, reading, and good conversations. Emma would like to thank her parents for always encouraging her, Mrs. Stewart for inspiring her in dance and musical theatre, and God for His goodness.



Rebekah Sweger (Stage Manager) is a junior. This is her fifth year being a stage manager and her second year as head stage manager. Her favorite part about the shows is the after-school rehearsals because they get to bond as a cast. She would like to thank God for giving her this opportunity and all of the directors for trusting her to run the show.



Zuri Thuo (Newsie, Ensemble) is in seventh grade. She is thankful to be in *Newsies*. She is a part of the school dance team and has performed in front of the whole school during PEP rallies and during school football games. She has also been in the musicals *Seussical* and *Aladdin*. In her free time, she likes to practice her vocals and play piano, preparing and dreaming of her future career. Lastly, she would like to thank Jesus for giving her an amazing life and her talents, her mom, her dad, and the rest of her family members for making her feel true happiness. One more person she's infinitely grateful to have in her life is her number one best friend forever named Laney for sticking by her side all the time whenever she would sometimes feel alone and for being the sweetest, most supportive, and coolest best friend she could ever have.



Peyton Vera (Ensemble) is in seventh grade. She joined the theatre program in 5th grade and participated in *Seussical* and *Aladdin*. One of her favorite moments in theatre was when they got to perform the show for the middle school the day before the show. She loves playing volleyball and hanging out with friends. She is grateful to her parents and directors for making this show possible.



Ethan Werner (Les) is in seventh grade. He plays the younger brother of Davey in *Newsies*. He worked backstage during last year's *Aladdin* production. His favorite moment while getting ready for the play was the "The World Will Know" dance practice. Outside of theatre, Ethan enjoys soccer, the World Scholar's Cup, and playing saxophone in the band. He is extremely grateful for being chosen for the role and the opportunity to capture Les's character while trying new things.



Jeremy Crump
(Nunzio/Seitz)



Owen Howard
(Teddy Roosevelt)



Aaron Marez
(Wiesel/Mayor/
Announcer)



Eric Wietstruck
(Police Officer)



Everyn Whitlock (Ensemble) is in seventh grade. She participated in the show *Aladdin*, where they played the role of the Fruit Vendor. Everyn enjoys being in musical theatre because it's fun to learn both music and choreography. She loves it because the result of the hard work is always outstanding, and she has made many new friends along the way. Everyn would like to thank God for helping her through numerous challenges, as she believes He is the reason she is where she is today.



Emily Wright (Bowery Beauty, Ensemble) is in seventh grade, and has attended TWCA since 2020. She has loved being a part of our Fine Arts program. Last year, Emily participated in the musical *Aladdin* (Djinn). She has also been in many productions of *The Nutcracker* (Party Child, Bon Bon, Party Girl, Jig, Angel, Soldier) at Vitacca Vocational. As an active NCL member, Emily dedicates her spare hours to charity. Emily's made life-lasting bonds with her friends while practicing and singing in the halls. She is grateful to her directors and friends, who have always been there to help, and she is very grateful to her parents for letting her belt out songs over and over until they get old and for watching her perform on stage. Also, a little shout out to God for blessing her with an amazing school to support her and her dreams.



Kennedy Pack* (Ensemble) is in Kindergarten. Kenedy is thankful to God, her parents, and her castmates.



Caroline Seiler* (Ensemble) is in the third grade. Caroline is thankful to God, her parents, and her castmates.

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