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NEWSIES

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**The kidsActing
Production of**

Disney
NEWSIES JR.

Thursday, August 3rd at 7:30 pm

Music by
Alan Menken

Lyrics by
Jack Feldman

Book by
Harvey Fierstein

Based on the Disney film

Written by
Bob Tzudiker and Noni White

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WE LOVE YOU
JUNO!

YOU'VE BEEN A STAR EVER
SINCE YOU WOWED
THE CROWD WITH
CHICKEN COMEDY!
HAVE FUN OUT
THERE, STICKING
IT TO THE MAN AS SPOT!

LOVE!

MOMO, DAD, AND WILLOW



FINAL
EDITION

The
Times

EXTRA!
EXTRA!

TEEN LEAVES HOUSE IN FUNNY BOOTS AND HAT; PARENTS SUSPECT DRAMA



Congratulations Hazel and all the
talented cast and crew of Newsies!

Local parents are seeking information related to the antiquated hats and shoes their child has been caught wearing nearly every day for weeks. The parents continue to offer ordinary clothing items daily in the hopes that their daughter would appear more fashionable in public. "We're ok with all kinds of self expression, but this is bizarre behavior," said her father. "It's so weird, she actually tried to sell me a newspaper," her mother reported. "I haven't seen a newspaper since 2012!" Other observations have included singing and dancing, along with shouting in the street about "striking". Even neighbors have been confounded by this unbridled enthusiasm. "She's too jolly," said A. Cooper, who lives next door. "I thought teens were supposed to be sullen."

WE LOVE YOU STAR!

—Mom, Jeff, Ollie



Director's Note

Newsies is one of my all-time favorite musicals. Heck, it was one of my favorite movies growing up and helped me to not only fall in love with musical theater (and Christian Bale!), but it helped me to better understand and appreciate the concept of children's and workers' rights at a pretty young age. This show hits home some rather intense topics that can be hard to introduce to young audiences initially, but it's all wrapped up in a gorgeously harmonized package so it's a bit easier to grasp! ;)

This show does an incredible job of taking the historically accurate events of 1899 in New York City with regards to the Newsboys Strike and churning it out into an entertaining show that preserves the value of the lessons learned from that particular event while also stimulating audiences via beautiful music, showstopping choreography, and relatable (albeit partly-fictionalized) characters. I think this musical is an important part of our curriculum in the world of musical theater, and though I've seen it performed on the Broadway circuit a handful of times, I have learned more about the show and the events it's based upon over the past few weeks working on this production with my kidsActing students than my prior experiences combined. For that, I am truly grateful.

I am also wildly grateful to my fellow teaching artists who have worked on this show beside me. It has been a joy to work with Audrey Barrett, Toph Ehresman, Joshua Mason, and Emi Fifer on this production. Each of them brought something unique to the process that I cannot emulate, and therefore they have each made this show bigger and better than it could have possibly been under my care alone. I love and appreciate each one of you!

We could not do this show without the amazing parents of our students here at kidsActing. I appreciate your support over the past four weeks, and truly hope you enjoy this production and recognize how hard your children worked to put it together. It was not an easy feat, and yet they

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still showed up every day willing to do the work to make it great. That right there proves that you raised them right!

Finally, I am beyond proud of my students in this production. Each and every one of you means the world to me, truly. These past four weeks were difficult at times, and yet we had so much stinking fun! (#Barbenheimer day, amirite?!) I hope that in the middle of all the beautiful chaos of the shows you perform this weekend, you are able to take a moment to reflect on how you all put together a massive production in just under four weeks! It's a remarkable accomplishment, and it couldn't have happened without your hard work and dedication to the craft. Thank you for trusting me to push and challenge you in new ways. Thank you for your creative ideas and input to make the show stronger. Thank you for staying up late to memorize lines and music, and waking up early to get dressed into whatever wacky costume you picked out for Spirit Week. The summer musicals are really special to me, and this year was no different! I hope that you are proud of yourselves, as well as our entire cast, and can recognize that this show wouldn't have happened without your entire efforts given to the cause. I have SO much love for each and every one of you, and genuinely hope to get to work with you all again.

To our audience members, thank you for supporting the arts and supporting your local children's theater. kidsActing is a really special company that cares for its students and their well-being, and I wouldn't be here if it didn't put those needs first and foremost on its list of priorities. I hope you enjoy this show today, and are inclined to join us again in the future for many more challenging, informative, and exciting shows to come.

Thank you,

Courtney Jacobs
Director

Cast (in order of appearance)

Jack Kelly Rowan Sechrist
 Crutchie Elliott Richards
 Race Eleanor Gray
 Albert Kayson Simonds
 Muriel Elora Clarke
 Katherine Plumber Reagan Warren
 Darcy Chloe Newman-Weaver
 Wiesel Roswell Goransson
 Specs Grace Anderson
 Pigtales Lyra Anderson
 Morris Delancey Hendrix Olmsted
 Oscar Delancey Alegra Ramstad
 Davey Asher Lewis
 Les Charlotte Rosenthal
 Hazel Elise Wood
 Romeo Sabine Bodden
 Joseph Pulitzer Cooper Baehr
 Bunsen Billie James
 Seitz Sophia Cantwell
 Hannah Ella Robinson
 Snyder Lila Mendoza
 Medda Larkin Madi Kennedy
 Ada/Scab 1/Dorothy Adele Slotta
 Olive/Scab 2/Bill Mae Ferguson
 Ethel/Scab 3/Nancy Hazel Strickland
 Spot Conlon Brooklyn Moon
 Governor Teddy Roosevelt/Pat/Buttons Leo Bodden
 Featured Tap Dancer Elora Clarke and Lily Mayer
 Ensemble Sarah Benedict, Julianne Camp, Carson Cieri, Alina Curtin,
 Izzy Daverth, Matilda Daverth, Saturn Foreman, Gus Gross, Robin Jones,
 Andrew Kalomiris, Asher Lewis, Lily Mayer, Juno McQueen, Yujo Park,
 Danny Pavkovic, Sydney Reyna, Elliott Richards, Mabry Roberts,
 Ainsley Shori, Avery Shori, Jack Stasica, Star Tyler, Evy Whitfield

*kidsActing believes in letting all students shine, so we multi-cast our shows.
 Those who are chorus members tonight will be playing major roles in other
 performances.*

Crew

Director Courtney Jacobs
 Music Director Audrey Barrett
 Choreographers Toph Ehresman & Courtney Jacobs
 Stage Manager Joshua Mason
 Asst Stage Managers Emi Fifer & Kel Sanders
 Dance Captains Elora Clarke, Madi Kennedy, Lily Mayer,
 Brooklyn Moon, & Elliott Richards
 Student Light Board Op Coop Calvert
 Sound Board Op Demian Chavez
 Student Spot Ops Miriam Haskins & Mars Ouellette
 Wardrobe Supervisor Remy Joslin
 Student Costume Assistants Lyla Largent & Lee Reyes
 Student Backstage Crew Stella Ludyjan & Piper Meley

Production Staff

Education Director Courtney Jacobs
 Production Manager Jazmine Miller
 Office Manager Tiffany Williams
 Technical Director Chaz Sanders
 Scenic Design / Asst Technical Director Sydney Grey
 Lighting Design Patrick Anthony
 Costume Design Chasity Taylor
 Sound Design Demian Chavez
 Property Master Chaz Sanders
 Scenic Painter Sydney Grey
 Master Electrician Jacqueline Sindelar
 Front of House Manager Kel Sanders

Band

Strike a Chord!

Music Director Audrey Barrett
 Drums and 2nd Keyboard Toph Ehresman

Special Thanks

to Scottish Rite Theatre and the families of all our students for their support!

Musical Numbers

ACT I

Prologue.....	The Alley
<i>Santa Fe (Prologue)</i>	Jack, Crutchie
Scene One.....	Newsie Square
<i>Carrying the Banner</i>	Newsies
<i>Carrying the Banner (Reprise)</i>	Newsies
Scene Two	Pulitzer's Office
Scene Three.....	The Streets of New York City
Scene Four	Medda's Theater
<i>Just a Pretty Face</i>	Medda, Bowery Brigade
Scene Five	Newsie Square
<i>The World Will Know</i>	Jack, Newsies
Scene Six	Katherine's Office
<i>Watch What Happens</i>	Katherine
Scene Seven.....	Newsie Square, Next Morning
<i>Seize the Day (Part 1)</i>	Davey, Jack, Newsies
<i>Seize the Day (Part 2)</i>	Davey, Newsies
<i>Santa Fe</i>	Jack
Scene Eight	The Refuge
<i>Letter to the Refuge</i>	Crutchie



Musical Numbers

ACT II

Scene One.....	Newsie Square
<i>King of New York</i>	Race, Newsies, Katherine
Scene Two	Medda's Theater
Scene Three.....	Pulitzer's Office, Afternoon
Scene Four	Streets of New York / Medda's Theater
<i>Brooklyn's Here</i>	Spot Conlon, Brooklyn Newsies
Scene Five	Newsie Square / Cellar Door
<i>Seize the Day (Reprise)</i>	Newsies
<i>Once and for All</i>	Jack, Davey, Katherine, Newsies
Scene Six	Pulitzer's Office
Scene Seven.....	Newsie Square
<i>Finale</i>	Company



Who's Who in the Cast

GRACE ANDERSON (SPECS) loves her family and friends. She hopes you enjoy the show!

LYRA ANDERSON (PIGTAILS/DARCY) likes writing books and theater. She loves her family and did *Newsies* with her sister.

COOPER BAEHR (PULITZER) has been in over a dozen kidsActing shows, plays and musicals! In his free time he likes listening to music and playing card games.

SARAH BENEDICT (MEDDA LARKIN) is so happy you're here! She hopes you enjoy the show and would like to thank her family for watching her practice the show's dances constantly.

LEO BODDEN (TEDDY ROOSEVELT/PAT/BUTTONS) has been in many kidsActing shows, and enjoyed them all. In his spare time, he loves reading and video games.

SABINE BODDEN (ROMEO) has been in 8 kidsActing shows and has done 3 years of dance. They play the violin and ukulele and are currently writing a novel.

JULIANNE CAMP (OLIVE) loves the color blue, and talking to her fellow newsies! She hopes you enjoy the show!

MCKENNA "MAX" CANTRELL (CRUTCHIE) is performing in their 16th and final show at kidsActing. They're sad to go, but thankful for the people they've met along the way. Enjoy the show! Newsies forever!

SOPHIA CANTWELL (SEITZ) is delighted to be making her debut in *Newsies*! She loves theater, visual arts, gaming, and moonlighting as a Beetlejuice impersonator.

CARSON CIERI (TEDDY ROOSEVELT/PAT/BUTTONS) is in his first production. He will be starting 6th grade. He enjoys playing basketball, watching sports, cooking, and geography.

ELORA CLARKE (MURIEL) would like to thank her friends from this cast because once the banner has been carried and the day has been seized, they're still there, arms open.

ALINA CURTIN (ALBERT) has been in many kidsActing shows, and this is one of many more shows to come. She thanks everyone who has helped her find her love of acting.

IZZY DAVERTH (OSCAR DELANCEY) is ecstatic for her third kA performance. In her free time, she loves writing stories and baking sweets. She thanks her family, and you for actually reading this.

MATILDA DAVERTH (WIESEL) has been in 6 plays during their life so far and is looking forward to many more. They're also writing this at the last possible second.

MAE FERGUSON (OLIVE) loves kidsActing and has participated in many shows. She loves reading and spending time with her friends and family.

SATURN FOREMAN (ADA/DOROTHY) is thrilled to be in their 9th full-scale show with kidsActing! Other than musical theater, they enjoy crafting and spending time with their pug and two kittens.

ROSWELL GORANSSON (WIESEL) is excited as always to be performing with kidsActing! When not on stage, he enjoys writing, sketching, and, of course, supporting unions! Enjoy the show!

ELEANOR GRAY (RACE/NANCY/ETHEL/SCAB 3) wants to thank Beyoncé and Taylor Swift for being her #1 fans! Never forget: "the world is yer erster!"

GUS GROSS (MORRIS DELANCY/NEWSIE/BROOKLYN NEWSIE) likes playing piano, basketball, video games, and parkour. This is Gus' first theater production.

BILLIE JAMES (BUNSEN) is super excited for this production of Newsies. And even though it may seem weird, she likes to sing and sometimes make up dances in the shower.

ROBIN JONES (DAVEY) is thrilled to be napping backstage when they're supposed to be on stage. They hope you enjoy the show!

ANDREW KALOMIRIS (JACK) loves his two cats and he is very excited to perform *Newsies* with this incredible cast!

MADI KENNEDY (MEDDA LARKIN) wants everyone to know that being big, beautiful, and powerful will change the century in the best ways!

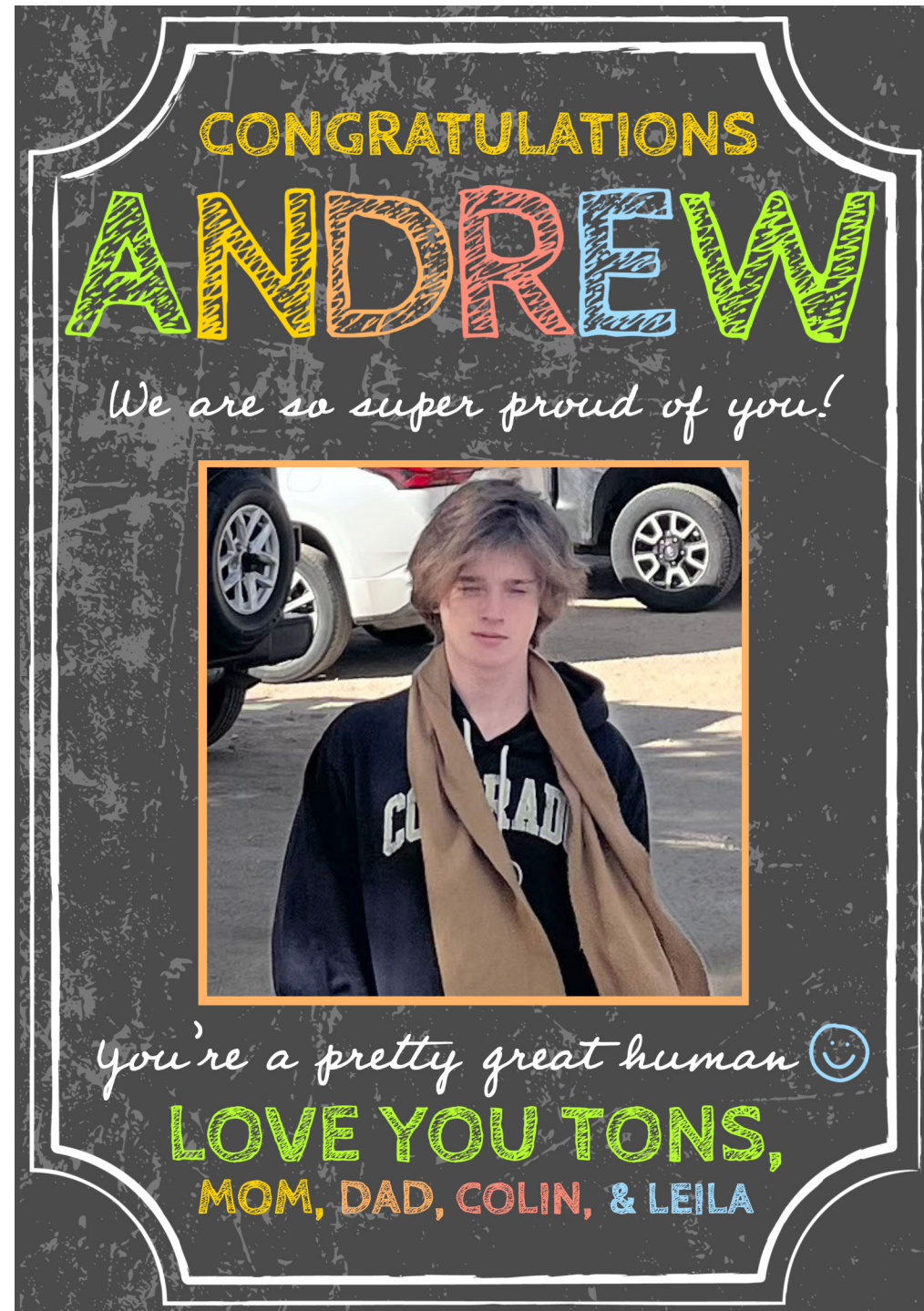


ASHER LEWIS (DAVEY) is an actor and artist who is achieving his childhood dream of being in *Newsies*. He wants to specifically thank Andrew and Robin for keeping him sane through rehearsals.

LILY MAYER (MURIEL) just got out of a two week theater intensive which she misses dearly. She is probably currently backstage playing Peggle, and would like to thank Markus Pickle and Aiden Woodard.

JUNO MCQUEEN (SPOT CONLON) has been in several school productions before but this is his first kidsActing show. He's very grateful to all the directors and new friends who welcomed him.

LILA MENDOZA (SNYDER) is in her 4th show! Fun fact, she's deathly afraid of spiders! She hopes you enjoy the show!



BROOKLYN MOON (SPOT CONLON) has a passion for dance and has been dancing for ten years! She hopes you have fun and enjoy the show!

CHLOE NEUMAN WEAVER (PIGTAILS/DARCY) has been involved in theater most of their life. She's worked with so many amazing people and is excited to put on this show.

HENDRIX OLMSTED (MORRIS DELANCEY) is an active singer and dancer. He likes to play soccer. His motto is: "All mottos are stupid..."

YUJO PARK (LES) attends Canyon Creek Elementary and has a passion for theater. This is her first full-scale production and she's loving it!

DANNY PAVKOVIC (JOSEPH PULITZER) is 16 years old and loves theater. Their most recent role was Grandma Addams in the *Addams Family Musical*. In their free time they enjoy drawing and crocheting.

ALEGRA RAMSTAD (OSCAR/GUY) has been in several stage productions, but has been a natural performer since birth! She's passionate about music, and while her tastes are eclectic, her all-time favorite band is The Beatles.

SYDNEY REYNA (BUNSEN) has been in two movies: *Storage Locker* and *Pro-bono Watchman*. She likes cheese and *Genshin Impact*. Potato.

ELLIOTT RICHARDS (CRUTCHIE) hopes you enjoy the show and would like to thank Emi Fifer for being such a great friend.

MABRY ROBERTS (RACE) loves the theater and is excited to be a part of this show. In his free time, Mabry likes to write musicals and play Dungeons & Dragons.

ELLA ROBINSON (HANNAH/JOJO) started kidsActing when she was six. She has portrayed roles ranging from Villager #3 to Oz. Thirteen productions later, she is excited to be in *Newsies*.

CHARLOTTE ROSENTHAL (LES) has visited 12 countries and loves kidsActing. She hopes you enjoy the show!

ROWAN SECHRIST (JACK KELLY) is very excited to be playing this role and to be in this show. He hopes you enjoy it!



AINSLEY SHORI (SEITZ) has previously graced the stage as an actor, singer, and dancer. She is an avid tumbler, cello player, and runner. She most recently appeared in *Annie*!

AVERY SHORI (SPECS) reads *Warriors*, is the co-host of a *Warriors*-themed podcast, and loves kale. In her spare time, she can be found climbing or doing projects with her dad.

KAYSON SIMONDS (ALBERT) has been in a variety of plays and musical productions and has enjoyed growing his love of theater through them all! He enjoys acting, video games, and making his family laugh!



ADELE SLOTTA (ADA/DOROTHY) is a rising 7th grader at Lamar. This is her first production with kidsActing. She can usually be found playing violin or working backstage.

JACK STASICA (SNYDER) has been in many kidsActing productions, and in his spare time, he loves to build LEGOs, spend time with friends, and film movies.

HAZEL STRICKLAND (ETHEL/NANCY) would like to let you all know *Newsies* will be her third kidsActing show. She has definitely improved a ton since her first show and is so grateful to be here! Enjoy the show.

STAR TYLER (HANNAH/JOJO) is so grateful you came to see this AMAZING show! She would also like to thank her parents for supporting her through her whole acting journey!

REAGAN WARREN (KATHERINE) is so excited that you're here to see the show!! This is her 11th full production with kidsActing, and she can't wait for you to 'watch what happens.'



EVY WHITFIELD (KATHERINE) is a kid from the beaches of Brighton and is excited to perform in her 17th kA show. She hopes that when the time comes she will be able to "Seize the Day."

ELISE WOOD (HAZEL) has been in several productions and has enjoyed them all. In her spare time, she enjoys crying while listening to music.



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