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Music by **Alan Menken**

Lyrics by Jack Feldman

Harvey Fierstein

Based on the Disney film written by Bob Tzudiker and Noni White

Newsies JR. is based on the 2012 Broadway production of Newsies, Directed by Jeff Calhoun, Choreographed by Christopher Gattelli, and produced by Disney Theatrical Productions.

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ACT ONE

Santa Fe (Prologue)	Jack, Crutchie			
Carrying The BannerNewsies, Banner Ensemble, New York Ensemble				
	e)World Ensemble, Banner Ensemble			
·	Medda Larkin, Bowery Brigade			
	Jack, Newsies, World Ensemble			
Watch What Happens	Katherine			
Seize The Day (Parts 1 & 2).	Davey, Jack, Newsies			
	Banner Ensemble, Scabs			
The Fight	"Jack, Crutchie, Newsies, New York Ensemble			
Santa Fe.	Jack			
There will be on	e 20-minute intermission between acts.			
ACT TWO				
King of New York	Katherine, Newsies, Banner Ensemble			
Letter from the Refuge	Crutchie			
Brooklyn's Here	Spot Conlon, Brooklyn Newsies			
Seize The Day (Reprise)	World Ensemble,			
	Banner Ensemble, New York Ensemble			
Once and For All	Jack, Katherine, Davey, Les			
	nsemble, World Ensemble, New York Ensemble			
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CAST

Pigtails...... Ellie DeVito

Hazel Grace Richardson

Tommy Boy......Graci Bencloski

Jojo......Jaxon Broadwater

Katherine Ari Juskowich

Morris Delancey......Kylee Olson Les Harper Hoffmann

Davey Jimmy Sullenberger

Bunsen Arva Ellsworth

Hannah Mia Whalen

Woman......Haley Gergely

Snyder......Jaxon Carolan

Police Officer Ben Popelas

(in order of appearance)
Enzo Massaro
Lillian Crawford
Nelle Parquette
Joeylynn Greer
Piper Hoffmann

CAST

Medda Larkin			
Ada	Leanna Gates		
EthelMelody Pokol			
OliveLeigha Price			
ScabsMaia Brunory, Anastasia Fallecker, Karlee Feltes			
Spot Conlon			
Bill	Lacey Kauffman		
Governor Theodore Roosevelt			
Banner Ensemble			
Adelaide Bell, Keira Hickle, Hailey Jacobs, Laina Janzef, Marissa Kelley			
Penny Kolenc, Dante Massaro, Lucas Milcoff, Adeline Montgomery			
Marley Rebottini, N	Aorynna Zychowski		
World Ensemble			
Hannah Bock, Riley Botti, Evalina Clifford, Haley Gergely, Jacob Gergely			
Reagan Laird, Aubrey Sager, Ben Popelas			
New York Ensemble			
Bri Brown, Maia Brunory, Emily Buchko, Jaxon Carolan, Arya Ellsworth			
Anastasia Fallecker, Karlee Feltes, Blaine Hixson, Deaglan Hixson			
Dalton Hollis, Jase Hribar, Lacey Kauffman, Dakota Killpack, Chloe King			
Nicole Kolar, Carmen Palmieri, Alexandra Schwer, Danika Schwer, Mia Whalen			
Bowery Brigade Dancers	Brooklyn Newsies		
Adelaide Bell, Hannah Bock	Hannah Bock, Evalina Clifford, Leanna		
Laina Janzef, Aubrey Sager	Gates, Reagan Laird, Melody Pokol		
Leanna Gates, Leigha Price, Melody Poko	Leigha Price, Mia Whalen		
King of New York Tappers			
Adelaide Bell, Leanna Gates, Harper Hoffmann, Piper Hoffmann, Laina Janzef			

Ari Juskowich, Izabella McKenzie, Nelle Parquette, Marley Rebottini Kaylee Smith, Morynna Zychowski

PRODUCTION STAFF

Director/Choreographer/Producer				
Student Director/Assistant Choreograp	oherSavanna Stants			
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Stunt Coordinators	Caliope Young and Lainey Smith			
Dance Coach	Lainey Smith			
Technical Director	Hallie Williams			
Set Design	Kyli Stoner			
Lighting Design	Kyli Stoner			
Sound Design	David Herrington			
Costumes	Bella Maroney			
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Photography	Mel Whalen			
Makeup Lead	Mallory Gergely			
Stage CrewCaliope Young, H	ailey Whalen, Ava Dietz, Brody Spell			
Brandon I	Keselyak, YHS High School Students			
Set & Prop Building/Design Volunteers				
The Gergely Family, The Rebottini Family	y, The Schwer Family, The Sullenberger			
Family, The Crawford Family, The Hoff	mann Family, The McNaney Family,			
The DeVito Family, The Pokol Family, The	ne Massaro Family, The Hixson Family,			
Leyna Spaniel, Erika McPeak, Lindsey Whetzel, Graci Bencloski, Grace				
Richardson, Leanna Gates, Adelia	ne Montgomery, Mark Nikoula			
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CAST BIOGRAPHIES

(in alphabetical order)

Christopher Anderson (Wiesel) - Christopher is in 8th grade and is proud to be playing the role of Wiesel! He is a member of the YIMS soccer team, chorus, and jazz band. Chris also plays soccer with the Steel City Football Club and has played soccer with the Yough Youth Soccer Association since he was 5! Previous YIMS credits include: *Matilda Jr. and The Lion King Jr.* Chris would like to thank his parents and grandparents for helping him run lines!

Adelaide Bell (Banner Ensemble, Bowery Brigade) - Adelaide is in 5th grade and is making her YIMS debut, however she has previously appeared in the *Wizard of Oz* at Yough High School. She is involved in band and chorus at YIMS and takes dance classes outside of school. She would like to thank her family for supporting her love of performing!

Graci Bencloski (Tommy Boy) - Graci is a 7th grader and she is an active member of Girls Robo Lab, WIRC, and Student Council. Outside of school, she enjoys sewing, crafting, drawing, and swimming on the swim team. Graci's past performances include *Shrek Jr*. (Pied Piper and Blue Fairy) at YIMS. She would like to thank both her family and friends for their support!

Hannah Bock (World Ensemble, Brooklyn Newsie, Bowery Brigade) - Hannah, a 7th grader, is excited to be on stage again! She is involved in CAPS/SADD and Cougar Cave at YIMS and also plays youth group basketball. Hannah made her stage debut in *Shrek Jr.* as Puss N' Boots and is excited to return to the stage. She would like to thank her mom and dad for coming!

Riley Botti (World Ensemble) - Riley is in 7th grade and is involved in Jazz Band (guitar), Band (percussion), and CAP/SADD at YIMS. Riley also takes lessons in voice, piano, and guitar outside of school. His previous credits include *Seussical*, *Shrek Jr.*, *The Wizard of Oz*, and *The Little Mermaid*. She is excited to be part of this show!

Emma Boyer (Medda Larkin) - Emma is in 7th grade and this is her third YIMS performance! She is involved in CAPS/SADD and chorus at YIMS. Outside of school, Emma participates in a church youth group, takes voice lessons, and sings for church events. Previous credits: *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, The Lion King Jr., and Shrek Jr.* She would like to thank her mom and dad for encouraging her love of performing!

Jaxon Broadwater (Jojo) - Jaxon is in 6th grade and is making his musical debut! He participates in the Ski and Snowboard Club, CAP/SADD, and Student Council at YIMS. Outside of school, he enjoys playing soccer and basketball. This is his first time performing in a musical, and he is excited to be part of the show. Jaxon would like to thank his mom and dad for always supporting him!

Bri Brown (New York Ensemble) - Bri is in 7th grade and this is her second show with YIMS! She enjoys video games and taking care of her dogs and cats. Bri is very excited to be a part of *Newsies Jr*. She loves all of her friends she has made and performing. Bri would like to thank her family for all of their support.

Maia Brunory (Scab, New York Ensemble) - Maia is in 7th grade and is a member of the band and also plays soccer. Previous YIMS credits include *Shrek Jr*. She is excited to be part of *Newsies Jr*. this year. Maia would like to thank her family and friends for their support!

Emily Buchko (New York Ensemble) - Emily is in 6th grade and this is her first musical! She is involved in chorus and PMEA at YIMS. Outside of school, she is part of a youth group. Emily is looking forward to bringing *Newsies Jr.* to life on stage!

Jaxon Carolan (Snyder, New York Ensemble)- Jaxon is in 7th grade and is making his musical debut! He is a member of the chorus at YIMS and enjoys roller skating at Roll R' Way in his free time. Jaxon would like to thank Jimmy and Lillian for inspiring him to audition!

Evalina Clifford (World Ensemble, Brooklyn Newsie)- Evalina is in 8th grade and is excited to be performing in her second musical at YIMS! She is a member of both the soccer and track teams and is a Treblemaker member at school. Evalina is a passionate artist - she paints, sketches, and loves nail art! Previous credits: *Shrek Jr.* (Duloc Dancer). Evalina would like to thank her parents for supporting her!

Lillian Crawford (Crutchie) - Lillian is in 7th grade and this is her 3rd musical! She plays on the school's basketball team and works at the Cougar Cave. Lillian loves to workout at the YMCA and is an avid crocheter. She would like to thank her family members who got her interested in musicals and how thankful she is for that. Musical is one of the most fun experiences she has ever had and loves all of the friends she has made! Previous credits: *The Lion King Jr.* (Shenzi), *Shrek Jr.* (Gingy).

Ellie DeVito (Pigtails) - Ellie is in 7th grade and this is her second YIMS Musical! During school, she is a chorus and Treblemakers member. You may remember Ellie as a member of the Storybook ensemble in *Shrek Jr*. Ellie is a dedicated person who gives it her all when it comes to school work and extra curricular activities! Ellie was awarded Cougar of the Month 2 years in a row at YIMS. She loves being on the musical stage dancing and singing, and is very excited to have a speaking role this year! Ellie has made so many new friends being in the musical these past two years, and can't wait to see how this year's musical turns out!

Arya Ellsworth (Bunsen, New York Ensemble) -Arya is in 5th grade and making her YIMS Musical debut! She plays on the school's basketball team and loves to play softball for Wyano and cheer for CFA in her free time! Previous credits: *The Wizard of Oz* (Yough High School), *Charlotte's Web* (Geyer Performing Arts Center).

Anastasia Fallecker (Scab, New York Ensemble)- Ana is in 6th grade and is making her YIMS Musical debut! In her free time, she loves to cheer and is a softball and soccer player! She wants to thank her cousin for bringing her to rehearsals and for supporting her!

Karlee Feltes (Scab, New York Ensemble) - Karlee is in 6th grade and is a member of the YIMS chorus! Outside of school, she is a softball player and a cheerleader. Karlee is so excited to be in her second YIMS musical, and she would like to thank her family for supporting her in everything she does. Previous Credits: *The Wizard of Oz* (Munchkin, Yough High School), *Shrek Jr.* (Wicked Witch).

Leanna Gates (Bowery Brigade, Brooklyn Newsie) - Leanna is in 8th grade and this is her 4th and final musical at YIMS! She plays on the school's basketball team, works at the cougar cave, and is a member of the Treblemakers chorus group. She has appeared on the YIMS stage in *Matilda Jr.*, *The Lion King Jr.*, and *Shrek Jr.* Outside of school, she has also performed in The Star. She enjoys musical a lot and looks forward to continuing her musical theatre journey. Leanna wants to thank her family for supporting her, and Miss Kyli and her amazing helpers for making this possible for her! She hopes to continue her theatre journey!

Jacob Gergely (World Ensemble) - Jacob is in 5th grade and is making his YIMS Musical debut! He loves to play baseball and basketball in his spare time. He has previously appeared in *Moana* for Alabaster Performing Arts, and is excited to be on a stage again! He would like to thank his parents for their support!

Haley Gergely (World Ensemble, Woman)- Haley is in 7th grade and is no stranger to the stage! She is a member of the Treblemakers chorus at school and loves volunteering, volleyball, and horseback riding! Haley has the best and cutest cats and is the biggest fan of the Percy Jackson series. Her favorite color is purple and her favorite singer is Taylor Swift! Previous credits include: YIMS: *The Lion King Jr.* (Grassland Ensemble), *Shrek Jr.* (Baby Bear, Squirrel) Alabaster Performing Arts: *Moana* (Moana).

Joeylynn Greer (Albert) - Joeylynn is a 7th grader and this is her second musical at YIMS! She is a member of the decorating and ski club at school. She is an avid gymnast, and you will see her in most of our stunts onstage! She has previously appeared in *Shrek Jr*.

Keira Hickle (Banner Ensemble) - Keira is in 5th grade and is making her YIMS Musical debut! She is a member of YALE at school and spends her free time playing softball, taking guitar lessons, and at youth group. She would like to thank her family for the love and support.

Blaine Hixson (New York Ensemble)- Blaine is in 7th grade and is excited to be back for his second musical at YIMS! He is a member of both the jazz band and band at school. In his spare time he takes piano lessons and is also a boy scout! Blaine has many interests, including drones, and would like to thank his mom and dad for their love and support!

Deaglan Hixson (Seitz, New York Ensemble) - Deaglan is in 7th grade and is back for another YIMS Musical production! He is a member of student council, jazz band, and PMEA honors band. Like his brother, he is also a boy scout and takes piano lessons! In his free time, he plays chess and is proud of his ELO score! (740). He would like to thank his mom and dad for driving him to rehearsals.

Harper Hoffmann (Les) - Harper is in 5th grade and is making her YIMS Drama debut! She is a member of the 5th grade chorus at school, and takes voice lessons, is a softball player, and is a member of God's Girls in her spare time. She is no stranger to the stage and has previously appeared in *Rudolph* (Yukon Cornelius, Donner), *Peanuts Christmas* (Charlie Brown), *Grease* (Marty, Pink Lady), *The Star* (Bo), and *Footloose* (Dancer, Ensemble). Harper loves spending time with her cats, dogs, and chickens at home. She is excited to have a supporting role for her first YIMS Musical and would like to thank Miss Kyli and her mom and dad for helping her be a part of this great musical!

Piper Hoffmann (Muriel) - Piper is in 7th grade and is returning for her third musical at YIMS! You may have recognized her onstage in *The Lion King Jr.* (Lioness), *Slivek Jr.* (Mama Bear, Duloc Dancer, Tapping Rat, Dancing Skeleton), and several musicals at Maestro Minds Theatre. Piper is a member of CAP/SADD, The Treblemakers, WIRC, and Student Council. She is a softball player, takes piano lessons, and is a member of the youth group at Cornerstone Ministries. Piper would like to thank Miss Kyli, Miss Hallie, and all the other helpers for making the YIMS Musicals awesome! She also would like to thank her mom and dad for always supporting her!

Dalton Hollis (Governor Roosevelt, New York Ensemble) - Dalton is in 7th grade and is excited to be performing in his first musical! He is a member of the 7th grade chorus at school. Dalton loves to sing and perform in front of an audience and would like to thank his family for supporting his dreams and being there for him!

Jase Hribar (Darcy, New York Ensemble) - Jase is in 6th grade and is also performing in his first ever musical! He takes karate at NAKF in Mt Pleasant and recently earned another rank on his red belt! Jase is on a bowling team at AMF lanes and loves to go to golf camp in the summer! He has enjoyed his time with *Newsies* and looks forward to performing more! Jase thanks his family for their support in this new adventure!

Hailey Jacobs (Banner Ensemble) - Hailey is in 5th grade and this is her first show at YIMS! She is a YIMS cheerleader and in her spare time loves hula hoop and making jewelry. She would like to thank her family for supporting her in all of her activities! Previous credits: *The Wizard of Oz* (Munchkin), *Encanto*.

Laina Janzef (Banner Ensemble, Bowery Brigade)- Laina is in 5th grade and she is excited to be performing in her first middle school musical! She is a YIMS Cheerleader, a girl scout, and takes gymnastics classes! Laina would like to thank her friends and family for their support and Miss Kyli for all of her hard work and dedication to this performance. Previous credits: *The Wizard of Oz* (Munchkin)

AriAnna Juskowich (Katherine Plumber) - Ari is in 8th grade and this is her fourth and final musical with YIMS. She is a cheerleader, member of Yearbook, Junior Honor Society, and decorating club. Ari would like to thank her castmates that were fun and nice that made her want to come back again for four years! Previous credits: *Matilda Jr.* (Amanda Thripp), *The Lion King Jr.* (Young Nala, Lioness), *Shrek Jr.* (Teen Fiona, Storyteller, Little Red Riding Hood, Tapping Rat, Dancing Skeleton)

Lacey Kauffman (Bill, New York Ensemble) - Lacey is in 7th grade and this is her third YIMS Musical! She is a member of the WIRC book club and Mr. Mike's Tuesday group. Lacey is a young entrepreneur and is the founder and president of Lacey's Sugar Scrubs. She would like to thank her family, friends, and pets for their ongoing support!

Marissa Kelley (Banner Ensemble) - Marissa is in 5th grade and is performing in her first musical! She is an avid softball player, and she can't wait to perform in more musicals! Marissa would like to thank her family for all of their love and support.

Dakota Killpack (Pat, New York Ensemble) - Dakota is in 5th grade and making her YIMS Musical debut! She plays clarinet in the band at school and attends youth group at Olive Branch. She is excited to perform and would like to thank her family for supporting her. Previous credits: *The Wizard of Oz* (Munchkin)

Chloe King (New York Ensemble) - Chloe is in 6th grade and this is her second musical at YIMS! She is in the 6th grade band, a dance student at KD Dance Studio, and is a softball player! Chloe is excited to be back and would like to thank her family for all of their love and support.

Nicole Kolar (New York Ensemble) - Nicole is in 5th grade and is making her musical debut! She is a member of both band and chorus, takes taekwondo classes, and is a member of her youth group. Nicole would like to send special thanks to her family, friends, and pets!

Penny Kolenc (Banner Ensemble)- Penny is in 7th grade and this is her third musical at YIMS! She is quite busy! In addition to the musical, Penny is on the volleyball team, a member of CAP/SADD, decorating club, jazz band, and student council. She also volunteers at Bible School. Previous credits include *The Lion King Jr*. (Grassland Ensemble), *Shrek Jr*. (Storybook Ensemble).

Graycen Kuretich (Romeo) - Graycen is in 5th grade and happy to be in his first YIMS Musical! He is quite the athlete - he plays basketball, baseball, and flag football. You may catch him flying through the air during dance numbers. In his spare time, Graycen loves to play with his friends. He would like to thank his family and friends for their support. Previous credits: *The Wizard of Oz* (Munchkin), *A Christmas Carol* (Young Scrooge)

Reagan Laird (Banner Ensemble, Brooklyn Newsie) - Reagan is in 5th grade and is making her YIMS Musical debut! She is a member of YALE at school and takes voice lessons. Reagan is no stranger to the stage - she has appeared in countless musicals at Maestro Minds in Darragh. Some favorite roles include *Cinderella* (Fairy Godmother), *Snow White* (Evil Queen), *A Charlie Brown Christmas* (Charlie Brown), and *Seussical* (Bird Girl). She would like to thank her mom and dad for their love, support, and rides to and from rehearsal!

Shelby Mailki (Oscar Delancey)- Shelby is in 8th grade and she is a four-year cast member of YIMS. She is a member of Yearbook, jazz band, and band. Theatre has helped her grow and come out of her shell. Shelby has learned how to be proud of herself and push herself to try new things, and would like to thank Miss Kyli for giving her the opportunity to grow with her. She sends special thanks to her family and friends for always cheering her on. Previous credits: *Matilda Jr.* (Ensemble), *The Lion King Jr.* (Ed the Hyena), *Shrek Jr.* (Big Bad Wolf)

Mia Martinelli (Buttons) - Mia is in 7th grade and is thrilled to be performing in her second YIMS Musical! She is a member of CAP/SADD, Treblemakers, and is on the cheer team. Outside of school, she is a gymnast at Xcel Platinum Gymnastics. Mia would like to thank her family for supporting her, her friends for convincing her to try the musical, and Miss Kyli for believing in all of us!

Dante Massaro (Banner Ensemble) - Dante is in 5th grade and is excited to perform in his first YIMS Musical! He plays the clarinet in the school band, and enjoys playing Dungeons and Dragons, gaming, and watching movies and musicals. Dante has previously appeared as Maui in *Moana* for Alabaster Performing Arts. He would like to thank his older brother Enzo for inspiring him to join the musical. Dante would also like to thank his parents for their support, his six siblings for always cheering him on, and Miss Kyli - the best musical director anybody could ask for!

Enzo Massaro (Jack Kelly) - Enzo is in 8th grade and is honored to be playing the lead role in his fourth and final musical at YIMS! He plays percussion in the school band and is a cougar cave employee. In his free time, Enzo loves art, music, creating videos, and comedy. He would like to thank all of the friends he has made in musical, Miss Kyli - for always showing her support and giving him the opportunity to perform, his parents and six siblings - for always being excited to show their support. To Dante: continue to carry the banner for our family! I am proud of you! Previous credits: *Matilda Jr.* (Eric), *The Lion King Jr.* (Simba), *Shrek Jr.* (Donkey)

Izabella McKenzie (Nancy) - Izabella is in 8th grade and this is her fourth and final musical at YIMS! She is a YIMS cheerleader, a member of the yearbook, Treblemakers, CAP/SADD, and decorating club. In her spare time, she is a girl scout and competitively twirls baton. Izabella's favorite part of middle school was the musical, and she has loved it so much! Previous credits: *Matilda Jr.* (Ensemble), *The Lion King Jr.* (Prideland Ensemble), *Shrek Jr.* (Pig #1).

Lucas Milcoff (Banner Ensemble) - Lucas is in 7th grade and is excited to be performing in his second musical! He is on the Yough Trap team and is a member of Boy Scout Troup 1543! Lucas has previously appeared as Little Ogre, Guard, and Grumpy in *Shrek Jr*. He would like to thank his family for their support!

Adeline Montgomery (Banner Ensemble) - Adeline is in 5th grade and is making her YIMS debut! She plays in the 5th grade band and loves reading, crafts, and her bible study group. Adeline has two younger siblings and would like to thank her mom and dad for supporting her through everything! Previous credits: *The Wizard of Oz* (Munchkin)

Kylee Olson (Morris Delancey) - Kylee is in 7th grade and is proud to be performing in her first YIMS Musical! She is part of the Treblemakers and performs at The Geyer Theatre in Scottdale. Kylee loves reading and history! She wants to thank her family friend Meg for getting her into theatre. Don't miss her in *Spongebob The Musical* at The Geyer in May!

Carmen Palmieri (New York Ensemble) - Carmen is in 6th grade and is making her YIMS debut! She is a member of student council and jazz band. In her free time, she loves riding dirtbikes with her dad, hunting, fishing, and volleyball. Carmen would like to thank her family for their support and for always showing up! Previous credits: *The Wizard of Oz* (Munchkin), YHS, *Alice in Wonderland*, Maestro Minds

Nelle Parquette (Race) - Nelle is in 7th grade and is excited to be back for her second musical! She is a YIMS cheerleader, a member of student council, CAP/SADD, and Treblemakers. Nelle is a softball player outside of school. She would like to thank her family and friends for helping her practice and for always supporting her!

Melody Pokol (Bowery Brigade, Brooklyn Newsie) - Melody is in 8th grade and this is her first musical ever! She is in the band and chorus at YIMS. In Melody's free time, she loves crocheting, drawing, and playing board games. She wants to thank her family for supporting her during musical season around their schedules.

Benjamin Popelas (World Ensemble, Police Officer) - Ben is in 5th grade and is making his YIMS debut! He is on the YIMS basketball team, and in his free time loves to play flag football, collect football cards, and hang out with his friend. He has been playing the drums since he was four years old. Ben would like to thank his family and friends for their support. Previous credits: *The Little Mermaid* (Prince Eric)

Leigha Price (Bowery Brigade, Brooklyn Newsie) - Leigha is in 8th grade and this is her fourth and final musical at YIMS! She's a member of Treblemakers and the 8th grade chorus and likes to babysit in her spare time. Leigha would like to thank her mom for her support, Mr. Knoechel for encouraging her singing abilities, and Miss Kyli for the opportunity to participate. Previous credits: *Matilda Jr, Lion King Jr*, and *Shrek Jr*.

Marley Rebottini (Banner Ensemble) - Marley is in 7th grade and is excited to perform in her second YIMS Musical! She plays in the school band, and is a member of her church's youth group. Marley looks forward to the musicals and would like to thank her family for all of their support!

Grace Richardson (Hazel) - Grace is in 7th grade and is proud to be making her YIMS Musical debut! She takes guitar lessons and is a member of Wildfire Youth Group at New Stanton Assembly of God. Grace has performed in multiple productions at her church! She would like to thank her family for encouraging her to do the musical, because if she didn't, she would not know how fun it is!

Aubrey Sager (World Ensemble, Bowery Brigade) - Aubrey is in 6th grade and this is her second YIMS Musical! She is a member of YALE at school, and takes piano lessons! You may recognize Aubrey as Young Fiona, Dancing Skeleton, and Pink Fairy from *Shrek Jr.* and Patrick Star in Stage Right!'s *Spongebob the Musical.* She would like to thank Miss Kyli and everyone who made this musical possible - along with her castmates, friends, and family for their amazing support!

Danika Schwer (New York Ensemble) - Danika is in 7th grade and making her musical debut! She takes drum lessons, and is excited to perform this year! She would like to thank her loving family!

Alexandra Schwer (New York Ensemble) - Alexandra is in 7th grade and this is her first musical ever! She takes guitar lessons in her spare time, and would like to thank her adoring family!

Kaylee Smith (Spot Conlon) - Kaylee is in 7th grade and is performing her 3rd musical at Yough. She was a lioness in *The Lion King Jr.*, a Little Pig and Duloc Dancer in *Shrek Jr.*, and is excited to play the role of Spot Conlon this year. She's on the basketball team, soccer team, and will be on the track team. She participates in student council, CAP/SADD, and Treblemakers. She loves to snowboard in the winter! She would like to thank her friends and family for supporting her throughout this journey.

Joseph Smith (Joseph Pulitzer) - Joseph is in 6th grade and is excited to perform in his second YIMS Musical! He plays percussion in the concert band and piano in the jazz band at school. Joseph plays for Yough Youth Soccer, Yough Youth Elementary Basketball, is active in Boy Scout Troup 460, and takes piano lessons with Jim Sykes. He would like to thank his friends and family for their love and support and everyone in *Newsies Jr.* for all the great memories. Break a leg to the cast and crew! Previous credits: YIMS: *Shrek Jr.* (Papa Ogre, Captain of the Guards) Yough High School: *The Wizard of Oz* (Munchkin, Flying Monkey).

Jimmy Sullenberger (Davey) - Jimmy is in 7th grade and is thrilled to be performing in his third musical at YIMS! He is a member of Treblemakers and Guitar Club at school. Outside of school, he spends his free time at The Geyer Theatre in Scottdale. Jimmy would like to thank his family for supporting him, and driving him all over SWPA to rehearsals and always being there for theatre help. Previous credits: YIMS: *The Lion King Jr.* (Scar), *Shrek Jr.* (Shrek) Geyer Theatre: *I Want My Mummy* (Igor), *School of Rock* (James), *Willy Wonka Jr.* (Augustus Gloop), *Babes in Toyland* (Grumio).

Mia Whalen (Hannah, Brooklyn Newsie, New York Ensemble) - Mia is in 7th grade and is excited to be performing in her third musical with YIMS! She is on the school's reading competition team! Mia would like to thank her parents for the support! Previous credits: YIMS: *The Lion King Jr.* (Hyeena), *Shrek Jr.* (Little Pig), Geyer Performing Arts Center: *Frozen Jr.*, *The Lion King Jr.*, *Charlotte's Web*, Yough High School: *Annie, Timeless Tales*

Mackenzi Wilson (Specs) - Mackenzi is in 8th grade and is thrilled to perform in her 3rd and final musical at YIMS! She has previously appeared on the YIMS stage as Hortensia in *Matilda Jr.* and a Lioness in *The Lion King Jr.* Mackenzi would like to thank her Bompoo for his unwavering support and her Pap for watching her all the way from Heaven. The musical has been a very influential part of her life and she would like to thank Miss Kyli. Mackenzi would also like to thank her friends and family for always supporting her.

Morynna Zychowski (Banner Ensemble) - Morynna is in 6th grade and this is her second musical! She plays in the concert band at school, and is an acrobat in her spare time! She would like to thank her friends and family, especially her Mom and bestie Emma for supporting her through musical and everything else!

PRODUCTION STAFF BIOGRAPHIES

Julie Shuber (Student Director) - Julie is currently a senior and has been with Yough Intermediate Middle School Drama Department for 4 years. She has been a student director for *Matilda Jr.*, *The Lion King Jr.*, *Shrek Jr.*, and *Newsies Jr.* In middle school, she also performed in *Freaky Friday* (ensemble) and *Seussical Jr.* (Bird Girl). Additionally, she has been with Yough High School Drama Department for 3 years; she was a student stage manager for *A Witch's Brew, The Wizard of Oz*, *A Christmas Carol*, and *Timeless Tales.* She adapted the script for *A Christmas Carol* and co-wrote the script for *Timeless Tales.* Julie also appeared as the Ghost of Christmas Yet To Come during the production of *A Christmas Carol*, and recently played Rizzo in *Grease: School Edition.* Along with her experiences in theater, Julie is a member of ten clubs and holds various leadership positions in 4 of them. She intends to pursue writing at the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg.

Bella Maroney (Student Director) - Bella is 15 years old and a freshman at Yough Senior High School. It is her first year of being a student director! Some of her previous shows include: *Willy Wonka Jr.* as Charlie Bucket at GPAC, *Shrek Jr.* as Pinocchio at YIMS, and *A Winnie The Pooh Christmas Tail* as Tigger at GPAC. Her hobbies include arts and crafts, reading, singing, dancing, and many more. She is so proud of the *Newsies Jr.* cast and crew and is so grateful to be a part of it! Lastly, she would like to thank her family and friends for always supporting her.

Savanna Stants (Student Director) - Savanna Stants (Student Director): Savanna is a senior at Yough Senior High School. She danced at KWDC in West Newton for six years of her life. In the third grade, she performed as Annabell in a Jr addition of *The Little Mermaid* at West Newton Elementary and since then, she has loved performing on stage in plays and musicals. Notable previous production credits include: YIMS - *Peter Pan Jr.* (Smee), *Seussical Jr.* (The Cat in the Hat, Dance Captain); YHS- *Witch's Brew* (Figgy), *A Christmas Carol* (Fred), *Timeless Tales* (Dr. Taylor); Geyer - *Children of Eden* (Young Cain), plus many more! She adores not only being in musicals but helping behind the scenes. She has been a student director at YIMS for four years and helps with stage crew any chance she gets at the high school. Theatre is a passion of hers that has grown over time and she owes most of that to her middle school director, Miss Kyli, and her older sister, Shaina, who has always been her number one supporter.

Hallie Williams (Technical Director) - Hallie graduated from Yough High School in 2013, after which she received her Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees from Seton Hill University. She currently works as a physician assistant in neurosurgery at UPMC Presbyterian Hospital. Hallie got her start in theatre on the YIMS stage. She continued to participate in musicals throughout all four years at Yough High School, as well as participate in community theatre into her college years. During her years at Seton Hill, she worked in the university theatre department scene shop, and volunteered with the YIMS Musical production staff from 2014-2016 and returned for the 2022 season. She is thrilled to continue to work with the middle school theatre students!

Kyli Stoner (Director, Choreographer, Producer) -This is Kyli's ninth year with YIMS. Kyli is a Connellsville native and a 2016 graduate of Saint Vincent College. She currently serves as Chief of Staff for Westmoreland County Commissioner Ted Kopas. Kyli was a student of Houck Dance Studio in Uniontown where she specialized in tap and ballet. She received vocal and piano training from Kelly Bell in Connellsville. Kyli spent her time at Saint Vincent performing in, directing, choreographing, and music directing multiple productions for both the student-run group and music department. She worked professionally as an Assistant Stage Manager for Saint Vincent Summer Theatre for four years. She continues to be involved both on and offstage in multiple theatres in the area, especially Stage Right! in Greensburg. Some favorites include Children of Eden, Cabaret, Hunchback of Notre Dame, Newsies, and Young Frankenstein. Kyli resides in Greensburg with her cat, Renly, and is a self-proclaimed Swiftie. She is grateful for the theatre community that has become her chosen family and for the students for entrusting her to help them build a foundation in theatre education that will hopefully last for years to come. This production is dedicated to both the late Toby Maykuth, whom Kyli credits with fostering her love of educational theatre, and Courtney Harkins - for everything.

GOLDEN STAR AWARD WINNERS

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Haley Gergely	Emily Buchko	Harper Hoffmann
Ellie DeVito	Nelle Parquette	Mackenzi Wilson
Graycen Kuretich	Lillian Crawford	Ari Juskowich
Laina Janzef	Mia Martinelli	Jaxon Broadwater
Joeylynn Greer	Mia Whalen	Marley Rebottini
Penny Kolenc	Morynna Zychowski	Carmen Palmieri
Piper Hoffmann	Lucas Milcoff	Hannah Bock
Graci Bencloski	Leanna Gates	Aubrey Sager
Jimmy Sullenberger	Kaylee Smith	Izabella McKenzie
Ana Fallecker	Enzo Massaro	Grace Richardson
Emma Boyer	Marissa Kelley	Jaxon Carolan

PLATINUM STAR AWARD WINNER

Izabella McKenzie - We thank her for four years of unwavering leadership, kindness, and dedication to YIMS Drama.



Congratulations on your Newsies Jr. performance! We are so proud of you and the young actress you are becoming.

We love you!



Love Mommy Daddy Audrey & Jesse



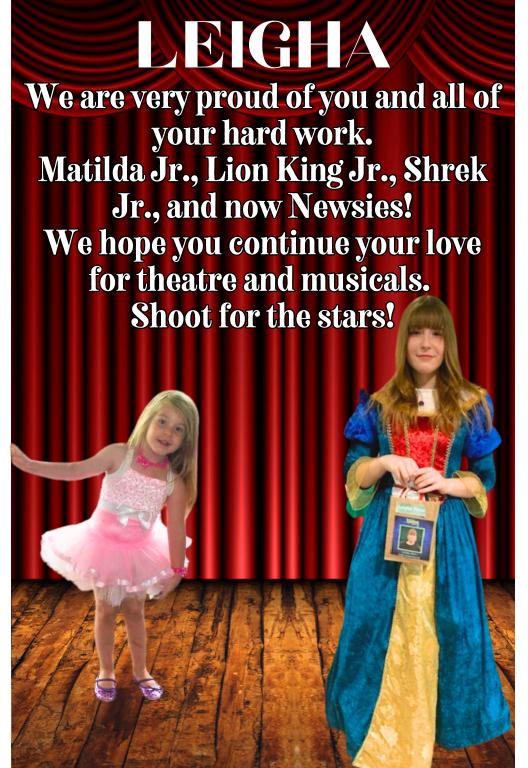


Congratulations on your second musical!

We are so proud of you! Love.

Mama and Papa









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Wishing you all the luck in the world!

Best of luck as you take the stage!

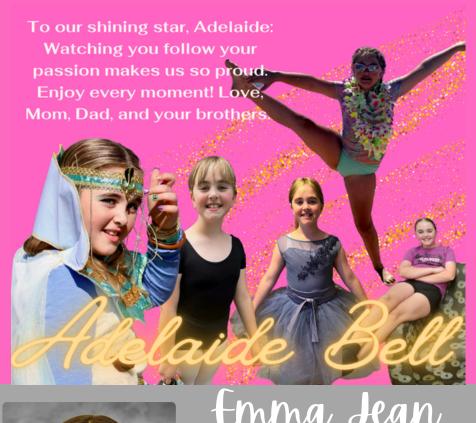
Believe in yourself and your abilities.

You've Got This!

Break a leg!

Love Aunt Kelly, Uncle Bill, and Alexa







We are so proud of you! May god Bless you and all the cast & crew of Newsies In.

Love Mom and Bad













We love watching
you perform and we
can't wait to
watch you
Seize the Day!
We're so proud
of you. Love you tons!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Hayden
and Tyler

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"the things you do TODAY will be TOMORROW's" MEMORIES!



We are so proud of you Mia!

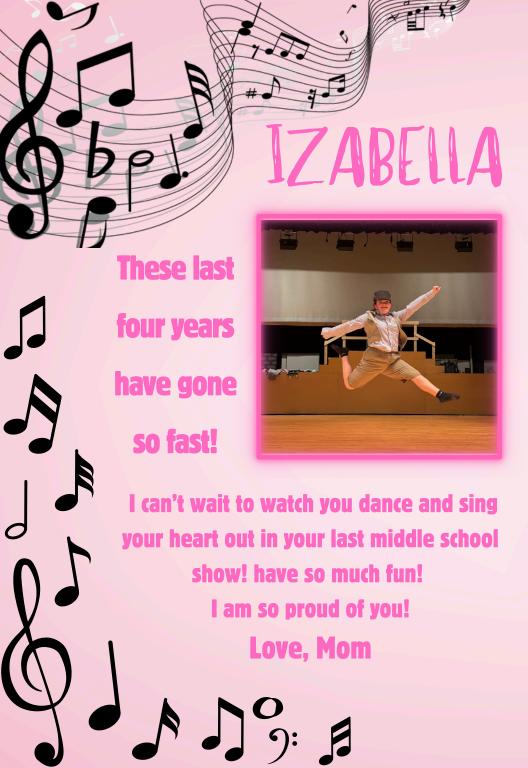
Keep reaching for your dreams...

Love.

Mom. Dad. Tiana. and Tory



Mom and Dad



NeLLe

Congrats on your second musical!

We can't wait to watch you "Race" your way to the spotlight!

Love Mom, Dad, and Maddie

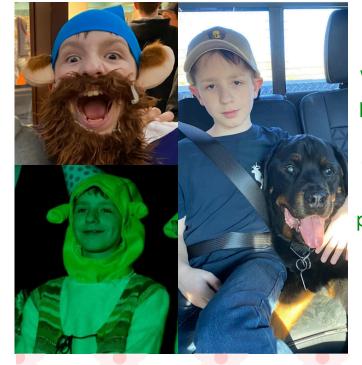




EXTRA, EXTRA! Read All About It!



Mom and Dad are
Laina's Biggest Fans and
Always Will Be!



Lucas

We are all so proud of you!

Congrats on a great performance!

Love, Your Biggest Fans!

Hailey

Great Job!



We Love You!

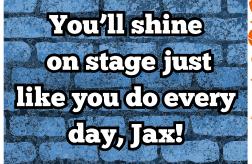
-Mom and Dad

Congratulations Jaxon!

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We're so proud of you and know you're going to be great! Love you to the moon and back!

Uncle Ken and Aunt Lori



Good luck in your musical!

Love, Grammy

Jax,
With your gift of
gab, you'll be a natural
on the stage. You've
always been capable
of talking the leg off
of a cast iron
donkey!

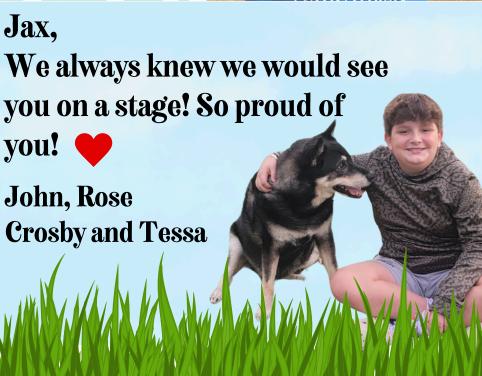
Good Luck!
Love, Pappy

DAKOTA

We are so proud of you! Keep Shining!

> Love Mom Dad, Melly and Josh





CHRISTOPHER

CONGRATULATIONS ON A GREAT SHOW.
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS IS YOUR LAST
PERFORMANCE AT YIMS. YOU HAVE
BEEN DOING SHOWS SINCE YOU WERE IN
5TH GRADE. WE ARE ALL SO PROUD OF
YOUR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION
THAT YOU PUT INTO EVERY PRACTICE.
YOU PUT 100% INTO EVERYTHING YOU
DO. WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT YOU
DO NEXT YEAR WHEN YOU MOVE UP TO
THE HIGH SCHOOL, BECAUSE YOU
ACCOMPLISH WHATEVER YOU PUT
YOUR MIND TO. WAY TO GO AND GOOD
LUCK. WE ARE PROUD OF YOU AND
LOVE YOU SO MUCH. BREAK A LEG!

LOVE MOMMY, DADDY, BRAYDEN
GRANDMA AND PAP PAP





Reagan
We're so excited to
see your first
musical on the
YIMS stage. We're
proud of all your
hardwork and
dedication. We love
you! Mom and Dad



CHLOE

WE ARE YOUR BIGGEST FANS
AND SO PROUD OF YOU!

KEEP UP THE HARD WORK
AND BREAK
A LEG!

LOVE
MOM AND DAD



Ben We are so proud of you and we love you so much! "The things we do today will be tomorrow's news!" Rock On! Mom, Dad, Parker, Aunt Amy, Gigi, Mimi, Papa, Aunt Kiki,

Uncle Don, and Alyssa



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BREAKING NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ENTIRE YIMS MUSICAL CAST



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Bravo, the Botti family







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Riley,
We are so proud
of you.
Love,
Mom and Dad







Congratulations to the Newsies Jr. Cast & Crew! Great Job!!

BREAKING NEWS



G. RICHARDSON IN DEBUT MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

After much hard work and many hours spent in the theater, the talented Grace A. Richardson makes her debut appearance as Hazel in Newsies Junior. Critics praise Richardson's performance as 'remarkable,' 'outstanding,' and 'inspired.' Richardson's family beams with pride from the audience and celebrates her dedication and success!

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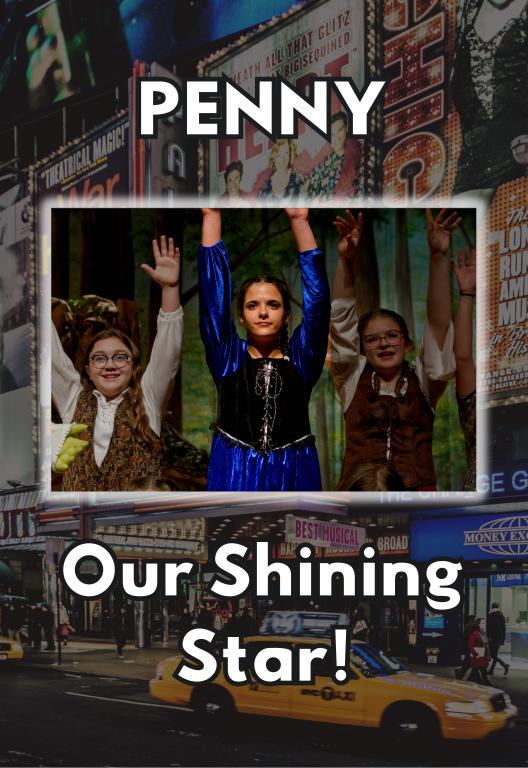
We are so proud of you!
Ever since you were a
little girl, you put your
heart into everything you
love. Being a part of
musical has definitely
been one of those things
that makes you light up!
Your passion for
performing is inspiring!

Love Mom, Dad, and Izzy

Congratulations And

Your family is soproud of you!





Marley

From our little cookie monster to our beautiful young lady, we are so proud of you! We love to watch you shine!

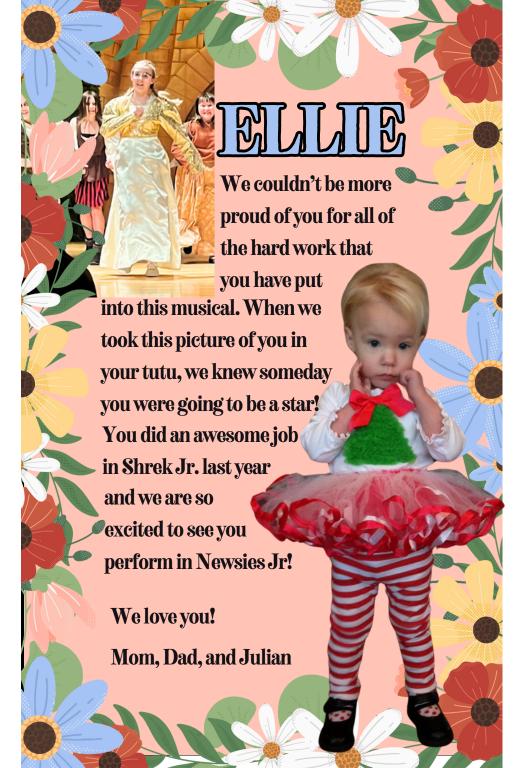
We love you so much! Love, Mom and Dad

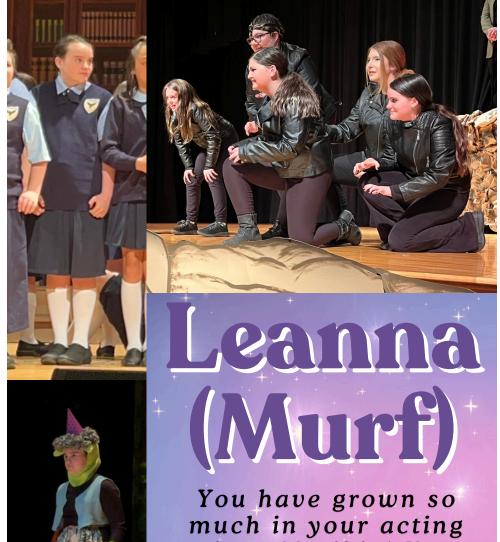


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Aubrey,
Congrats! We are so
proud of you on stage
and off! "Great things
are done by a series of
small things brought
together."... Van Gogh

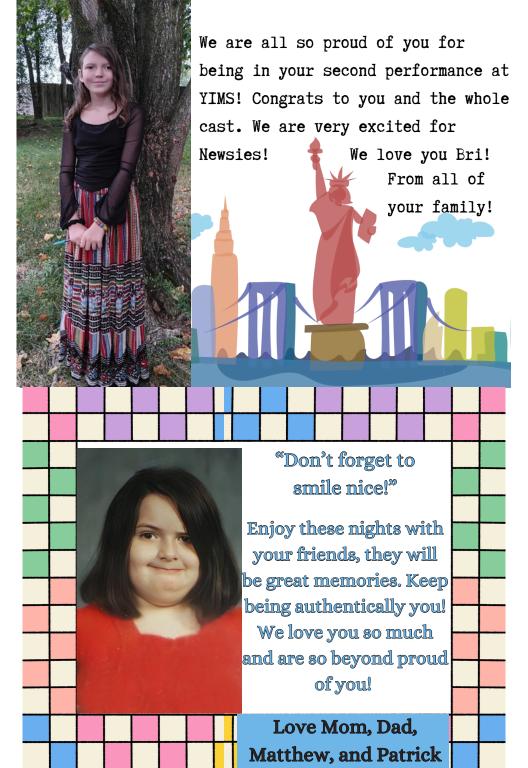
From: All your peeps! Love You!





You have grown so much in your acting since Matilda! You aren't afraid to get on stage and show the world your talent! We are so very proud of you! Keep shining our star!

Love Mom, Dad, and Ev!





Break Legs! We love you!

Love, Your Family

ENZO & DANTE

We are
"Extra Extra"
excited to
watch you
perform on
the stage
together
this year!
So proud of
you both!







Piper and Harper

We're so excited to see you perform in your first YIMS Musical TOGETHER!

You both "Seize The Day"

in everything you do! We're very

proud of your hard work.

dedication, and talent.

Piper - congrats on your 3rd YIMS

Musical as Muriell

Harper - congrats on your 1st YIMS

Musical as Les!

Love, Mom and Dad





J-BONE, Good luck on your first performance! We love you! Uncle Clint, Aunt Sally, Clinton and Christian

Karlee - Shine as bright as the stars! We are so proud of you! Love Grandma, Mike, Brooke, and Brianne

Karlee - We're so proud of you! We love you! Mom, Dad, Bobby, and Owen Excited to see you perform, Karlee! We love you! TJ and Brian

Jaxon, all the best to you! Love, Kenny
Jax, I know you will do good, but you're still a bum! Love, Mya
Celebrate your stage life, Jax! Love you, Aunt Sandy and Uncle

Best wishes for a successful production!

No matter what people tell you, words and ideas can change the world.

- Robin Williams, Dead Poet's Society



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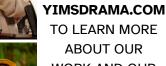






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