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Incidental Music & Vocal Arrangements by Michael Kosarin

Dance Arrangements by Mark Hummel

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TICKET PRICES

Reserved Seats: \$20.00; General Admission Lawn Seating: Adults \$13.00, Seniors*/ Students*/Children/Military*/First Responders* \$10.00 with I.D., Children 5 and under are free.

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Special rates are available for groups of 25 or more and 100 or more. Please call the box office at (217) 793-MUNI.

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Wednesday performances of each production are designated as Family Night. Up to 3 children aged 12 and under are admitted free when accompanied by an adult who has a paid, regular priced ticket for General Admission Lawn Seating.

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Every night is Senior Night at the Muni! Seniors, 60 and above with an ID, can purchase General Admission Lawn Seating for the reduced price of \$10.00.

INTERPRETED PERFORMANCES

Sign language interpretation for our productions are scheduled as follows:
The SpongeBob Musical: Saturday, May 28th;
Ragtime, The Musical: Saturday, June 18th;
Disney Newsies, The Broadway Musical: Saturday, July 9th; *Matilda, The Musical*: Saturday, July 30th.

LISTENING DEVICES

A limited number of sound enhancement devices or a copy of the script on Kindles are available free of charge for our hearing impaired patrons. These may be checked out from the house manager at the entrance and returned after the performance.

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The Muni Pavilion may be rented for a nominal fee. If interested, contact Randy at 217-836-5881. All other picnic tables are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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Backstagers offer financial contributions, which assist in maintaining the quality of our productions and facility. For more information on joining this special group, see the house manager, or contact us at www.TheMuni.org.

HOUSE RULES

Photography/Recording – the taking of any photographs and/or audio or video recording of a performance is strictly prohibited. Cell Phones/Texting – Please turn off cell phones during performances. Please refrain from texting, as it can disturb others who are trying to enjoy the show. Smoking and E-smoking are only allowed in designated smoking areas outside the gate.

WEATHER POLICY

In the event of inclement weather, The Muni reserves the right to hold the start of a performance for a maximum of 1 hour. The Muni may interrupt a show for a maximum of 30 minutes before cancellation. If a show has played for a total of 1 hour, rain checks will not be issued. If a show is cancelled and has not played for a total of 1 hour or to intermission, retain your ticket stub. Your reserved seat ticket stub may be exchanged for a seat at a subsequent performance. However, the same seat location is not guaranteed. Patrons holding General Admission tickets may retain their ticket stub or obtain rain checks before leaving the theater. A performance has not been cancelled until an announcement has been made from the speaker system.
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On opening night, June 17, 1950, thousands of people turned out to see our first production, the operetta *The Merry Widow*.

The Muni, as we became affectionately known, flourished until a series of setbacks in the mid-1950s. A major fire in 1963 destroyed part of the facilities, and another fire destroyed what was left the following year.

With hopes for a rebirth, a test production of *Bye, Bye, Birdie!* was staged in Douglas Park in 1964. The response was so enthusiastic that The Muni was able to rebuild its facility and return to the lake site theater in 1965.

With continued support from our enthusiastic audiences and our dedicated corps of volunteers, The Muni has continued to flourish, becoming one of the largest community theatres in the Midwest. Lavish settings, dazzling costumes and a full orchestra, all are presented under a canopy of twinkling stars. Each summer our audience continues to grow, as we entertain the very best in musical theatre. From families with young children, to teens on dates, or their grandparents, everyone is at home at The Muni.

We hope you enjoy the show.

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When The Muni was founded 72 years ago, it was through imagination, determination and commitment. The overwhelming support of the Springfield community has played a valuable role in The Muni's beginning and in its future. Helping to ensure that future generations will enjoy The Muni are the Backstagers — a group of individuals and businesses whose financial contributions are a vital component to our success and growth.

Their names are proudly listed on these pages. If you would like to contribute to future improvements at The Muni as a Backstager, please see the House Manager, or contact us at www.TheMuni.org.

We are so lucky to have all of our Backstagers as part of the Muni Magic!

Listing reflects Backstagers contributions received prior to June 13, 2022.

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New York City, 1899. Jack Kelly and his ragtag team of newsboys make a meager living selling newspapers on the city streets. But when the prices of “papes” are hiked and the newsies are hung out to dry, there is nothing left to do but “open the gates and seize the day!” Led by charismatic Jack and independent, young newspaper reporter Katherine Plummer, the Newsies form a union and organize a strike against the greedy publisher of the New York World. Can a group of idealistic newsboys win against a foe as powerful as acclaimed publisher Joseph Pulitzer? Inspired by the true story of the 1899 Newsboys Strike, *Newsies* is an ebullient, joyful, and entertaining musical capturing the strength that young people have when they join together and stand up against injustice. With a funny, poignant book by Harvey Feirstein and stunning music by Alan Menken and Jack Feldman -including the show-stopping “Seize the Day”, power ballad “Santa Fe” and lovely new songs like Katherine’s “Watch What Happens -- *Newsies* is a classic with the power to inspire.

AUTHORS

Alan Menken (Music) is an American composer whose captivating scores helped invigorate the animated feature films of the Walt Disney Company. He achieved significant critical and commercial acclaim with the debut of the Off-Broadway production of *Little Shop of Horrors*, followed by the subsequent film. An EGOT winner (Emmy, Grammy, Oscar, Tony), Menken and his lyricist collaborator, Howard Ashman, penned the scores to some of Disney’s most loved movies, including *The Little Mermaid*, *Beauty and the Beast*, and *Aladdin*. Following Ashman’s death in 1991, Menken continued to collaborate on such Disney classics as *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, *Pocahontas*, and *Tangled*. Alan Menken also wrote the songs for the 1992 live-action feature film, *Newsies*. Alan Menken has received eight Academy Awards (and nineteen nominations), eleven Grammy Awards (and twenty-four nominations), one Tony Award (and four nominations), and one Daytime Emmy Award. He has also received seven Golden Globe Awards (and sixteen nominations), one Drama Desk Award (and five nominations), and three Outer Critics Awards.

Jack Feldman (Lyrics) is an American lyricist who has written songs for television, film, and Broadway. He has worked on many Disney films, including *Oliver and Company*, *The Lion King II: Simba’s Pride*, and the songs for the *Newsies*. He wrote the lyrics for Barry Manilow’s Grammy Award winning song “Copacabana” and won a Tony award along with Alan Menken for the stage musical version of *Newsies*.

Harvey Fierstein (Book) is an American actor, playwright, and screenwriter. He is best known for his theater work in *Torch Song Trilogy* and *Hairspray* and movie roles in *Mrs. Doubtfire*, *Independence Day*, and as the voice of Yao in *Mulan* and *Mulan II*. Fierstein won two Tony Awards, Best Actor in a Play and Best Play, for *Torch Song Trilogy*. He received his third Tony Award, Best Book of a Musical, for the musical *La Cage aux Folles* and his fourth, the Tony Award for Best Actor in a Musical, for playing Edna Turnblad in *Hairspray*. Fierstein also wrote the book for the Tony Award-winning musicals *Kinky Boots*, *Newsies*, and Tony Award-nominated, Drama League Award-winner *A Catered Affair*. He was inducted into the American Theater Hall of Fame in 2007.

Back in the early days of the pandemic, when there wasn't much else to do other than watch a whole lot of movies, Morgan's two sons became obsessed with *Newsies*. It quickly became a family favorite, complete with re-enactments and sing-a-longs. Sometime in the spring of 2020, we started texting back and forth about how we hoped *Newsies* would be performed somewhere "once the pandemic was over". Those conversations soon transitioned into "maybe WE should direct *Newsies* once the pandemic is over". This show is one that represented the hope that we would eventually get back to what we love to do. So, to say that this production has been more than 2 years and an entire pandemic in the making would be an understatement!

We often joke that we like to direct shows that have a lot of dance, a little sparkle, and usually a tap number or two. All of these things are true for *Newsies*, and those things were certainly a draw for us. However, the themes of friendship, bravery, standing up for what is right, and young people "sharing the day" resonate the most with us. Thanks for returning to the Muni after the longest intermission of all time. Thank you for supporting the arts. As Medda says, "where better to escape trouble than a theater?!"

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-Morgan Kaplan & Andrew Maynerich

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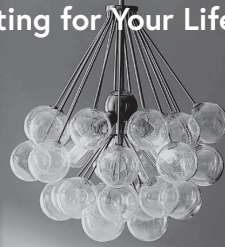


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Set Designer	Craig Williams II
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Crutchie	Jakob Hankins
Medda Larkin.....	Mary Kate Smith
Joseph Pulitzer	Rich Beans
Wiesel	Mark Wheeler
Snyder	Steve Sykes
Race (Newsie)	Kyle DePatis
Hannah	Carla Wilson
Teddy Roosevelt	Dennis O'Brien
Nunzio/Bill	Dewayne Williams
Spot Conlon (Newsie).....	Gavin Gardner
Mr. Jacobi/Mayor.....	Greg Busboom
Morris Delancy	Aidan Mauntel
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Seitz.....	John Sivak
Bunsen	Kevin Hart
Darcy.....	Camden Schroeder
Goon	Mick Polhemus
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Nun/Secretary	Emma Dowding
Newsies.....	Tarkan Barutcu, Luke Busboom, Cassie Crawford, Emma Faulkner, Tyler Gardner, Garrett Hale, Donte Hansen, Lucy Harmon, Liam Huntley, Gabrielle Karr, Nadia Mitchell, Zach Rothering, Ava Southern, Gabriella Tison, Ainslie Wilson, Roman Zematis
Pit Chorus.....	Gwen Foster, Mindy Kolaz, Anabella Lazarides, Laura Mitkos, Elizabeth Scott, Elizabeth Stehn

ACT ONE

Prologue: Rooftop, Dawn

Santa Fe.....Jack Crutchie

Scene 1: Newsboys Lodging House/Newsie Square

Carrying the Banner Jack, Crutchie, Newsies, Nuns

Carrying the Banner (tag) Newsies

Scene 2: Pulitzer's Office, Afternoon

The Bottom Line..... Pulitzer, Seitz, Bunsen, Hannah, Secretary, Nunzio

Carrying the Banner (Reprise) Newsies

Scene 3. A Street Corner

Scene 4. Medda's Theater

That's Rich..... Medda Larkin

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 & Street, Afternoon

The World Will Know (Reprise) Jack, Davey, Les, Newsies

Scene 7. Katherine's Office

Watch What Happens..... Katherine

Scene 8. Newsie Square, Next Morning

Seize the Day Davey, Jack, Les, Newsies

Seize the Day (tag) Newsies

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

Scene 2. The Refuge

Letter from the Refuge..... Crutchie

Scene 3. Medda's Theater

Watch What Happens (Reprise)..... Davey, Jack, Katherine, Les

Scene 4. Pulitzer's Office & Cellar, Afternoon

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

Scene 5. Brooklyn Bridge & Medda's Theater

Scene 6. Rooftop, Night

Something to Believe In Jack, Katherine

Scene 7. Pulitzer's Cellar

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

Scene 8. Pulitzer's Office, Next Morning

Seize the Day (Reprise 2) Newsies

Scene 9. Newsie Square

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for Newsies

- Sacred Heart-Griffin High School for rehearsal space
- Harvey Edwards for building our printing press
- Open House Print Shop for apparel printing
- Mindy Kolaz for measurement assistance
- Jakob Hankins for fight choreography assistance
- Christie Lazarides for lending her extra pair of ears for vocal mixes!
- Butler Funeral Homes, Sacred Heart-Griffin High School, and Sam Steere for newspaper donations
- Kansas City Costumes Inc. for costume rentals

**for Ragtime**

- Ryan Benjamin Robinson who played Little Coalhouse III
- Ray Ford for loan of the Model T

Music Director/DrumsDamien Kaplan

KeyboardsMel Pinter & Maryna Mitchell

ViolinMeredith Crifasi

CelloSharon Lombard

Bass.....Robb Stark

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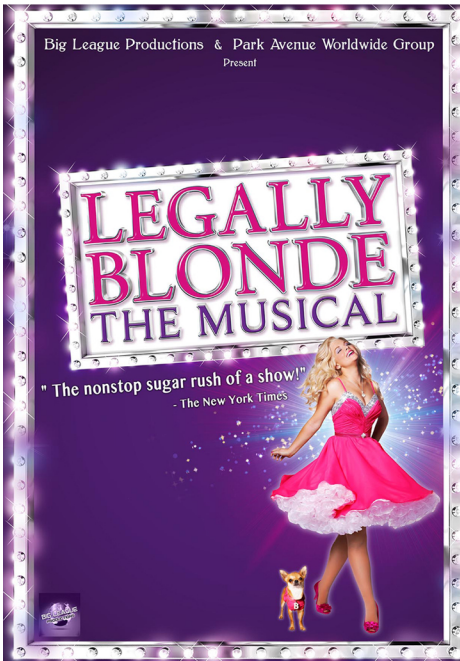


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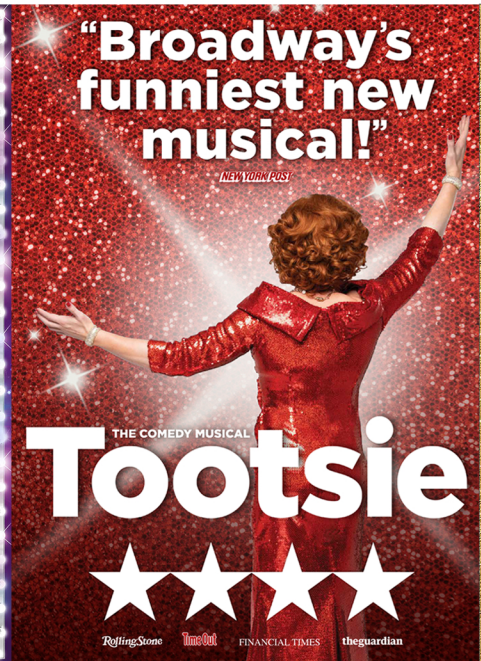
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Tarkan Barutcu (Elmer) has been in a variety of community theater productions, most recently appearing as Scuttle in *The Little Mermaid Jr* at Rochester Jr. High. He is so excited to be back on the Muni stage!

Rich Beans (Joseph Pulitzer) is happy to be on The Muni stage again. Rich is an Associate Professor of Psychology at Greenville University. At The Muni, Rich last appeared as FDR in *Annie*. Favorite roles include Harold Hill in *The Music Man* (The Legacy) and Emile DeBeque in *South Pacific* (The Muni). Thanks to his wife Marty for her support. Proverbs 16:19.

***Greg Busboom** (Mr. Jacoby/Mayor). After years of driving his kids to Muni rehearsals and performances, Greg decided to try the stage for himself and is excited to be appearing in his first show alongside his two sons Luke and Liam. Greg serves as the Lead Pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church in Springfield and enjoys reading good literature, eating good food, drinking good craft beer, and singing good hymns. Greg sends thanks to his wife, Maressa, and daughter, Emma, for cheering on the Busboom boys this summer!

Liam Busboom (Les) is a 6th grader who is happy to be retuning for his 2nd Muni show! Most recently, he was seen as Michael Banks at SHG. He plays the violin and percussion and enjoys spending time with family. He would like to thank his awesome sister, Emma, for always cheering him on!

Luke Busboom (Finch) is a junior at Saint Louis University studying public health. He is a dance minor and so happy to be back on the Muni stage this summer. He would like to thank his family and his best friend Belle! He plans to run for President in the year 2040.

Grace Conlon (Bowery Beauty/Sid) is thrilled to be back for another summer at The Muni! Previously, she has been seen on Muni's stage as Miss Dorothy in *Thoroughly Modern Millie* and Sister Mary Robert in *Sister Act*. Grace is a rising senior at Saint Mary's College, and plans to graduate with an English literature and secondary education double major. Grace would like to thank everyone involved with *Newsies*, and her family for their endless support!

Cassie Crawford (Sly) is thrilled to be back on the Muni stage again. Cassie has performed in *The Wizard of Oz* at the Muni in 2019, and more recently *The SpongeBob Musical*. Cassie is a graduate of Illinois State University and an employee for the State of Illinois. Cassie also enjoys teaching classes at Springfield Dance. Cassie would like to thank their family - mom, dad, Adrienne and Minnie for always being there to show love and support!

Kyle DePatis (Race), a PORTA and UIUC alum, last appeared on the Muni stage in 2006. Kyle recently returned to Illinois after serving as a missionary in Oaxaca, Mexico. He'd like to thank his parents for their relentless support, and the Springfield community for always being a great place to call home.

Emma Dowding (Nun/Secretary) will be a junior at the University of Iowa majoring in Theatre Arts. She is thankful to be back on the Muni stage with friends old and new! Emma would like to thank her family and friends for all of their support!

***Emma Faulkner** (Quick) is excited to be on the stage in *Newsies* for her first Muni show! Emma will be a senior at Sacred Heart-Griffin this fall and enjoys participating in poms, choir, and the spring musicals. She would like to thank her family and the staff of *Newsies* for their support!

***Gwen Foster** (Pit Chorus) is very excited to be appearing in her first Muni show. She is a dedicated member of Titan fever at Glenwood high school and very happy to be a part of *Newsies!*

Gavin Gardner (Spot Conlon/Newsie) is excited to be back on the Muni stage! This time, it's a bit more special because he is joined by his son Tyler. Gavin would like to thank his wife, Katie and son Griffin for holding it down while we go act like hooligans! Love you two!

***Tyler Gardner** (Buttons/Newsie) is excited to make his Muni debut. Tyler has participated in multiple junior shows at TIP and Hoogland and is excited to join this amazing cast. Tyler thanks his parents and family for their love and support and his little brother Griffin for being his biggest fan.

Garrett Hale (Newsie) will be a senior at Glenwood High School this fall. He is a member of the Titan Fever, Jazz Fusion, and Symphonic choir. His first Muni show was *SpongeBob the Musical*. He performed in TIP's *Lion King Jr*, *Nice Work if You Can Get It*, and *A Musical Odyssey* at Glenwood. Garrett would like to thank the staff of Newsies and his family for supporting him.

Jakob Hankins (Crutchie) is very excited to be back on stage at the Muni and can't wait to (hopefully) entertain again! He is thankful for his family and his partner for their support through everything. Lastly, thank you to the audience. Singing in front of empty seats feels weird.

Dante Hansen (Mush) is a 2022 graduate of Millikin University. He is excited to return to the Muni after 10 years! He'd like to thank his family, partner, and the *Newsies* staff for their support.

Lucy Harmon (Newsie) just finished her freshman year in the BFA music theater program at Illinois Wesleyan University. She is thrilled to be back on the Muni stage after its

Covid hiatus. Lucy has appeared in numerous Muni shows, as well as the Legacy, TIP, and her alma mater, Sacred Heart Griffin. This past summer, she performed as the titular role in SHG's production of *Mary Poppins*. Lucy would love to thank the directing staff for the wonderful opportunity, as well as her family for their endless love and support!

Kevin Hart (Bunsen) is an SIU Carbondale grad with a degree in Radio-TV Communications and has done news on WMAY for the past 5 years. He was recently in STC's *Miscast Cabaret* as well as Muni's *SpongeBob*. Kevin is so excited to be back this summer! He thanks the staff of *Newsies* and his friends and family for always supporting him.

Liam Huntley (Tommy Boy) will be a sophomore at Glenwood High School this fall, where he is a member of the Titan Fever Show Choir. He returns to the Muni stage this year, with previous roles in *Willy Wonka* and *Evita*. Liam would like to thank his family, friends, and the staff for all their support.

***Gabriel Karr** (Albert) has been performing all his life, throughout his childhood and high school. He is absolutely over the moon and back to be in this production. This is also his last production before he sets out to Viterbo University to peruse a BFA in Musical Theatre.

Cami Kern (Bowery Beauty/Newsie) is so excited to live a dancer's dream as a "Newsie" and to be back on the Muni stage! Some of her favorite roles include: Miss Sandra (*All Shook Up*, Muni), Judy (*White Christmas*, Muni), Anita (*WSS*, Muni), Tiger Lily (*Peter Pan*, Muni), Morales (*ACL*, STC) and Roxie (*Chicago*, STC). Cami is grateful for her family and friends who continue to support her love for performing!

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Peyton Knowski (Davey) is a Senior at Columbia College Chicago and getting a BFA in Musical Theatre Performance. His last performance was in Chicago's Theatre Lab Series' *Mamma Mia!* He will also be the role of Ron Taylor in Columbia's *Bat Boy* this fall as well! He would like to thank his family and friends for their endless support. He also dedicates his performances to his late father. @peyton.knowski

Mindy Kolaz (Pit Chorus) has been involved in community theater for many years. She has been on staff and performed at Muni, HCFTA, STC and TIP. Her favorite shows are those she does with her daughter, Stacy. Most recently, she was prop manager for *Little Mermaid* at SHG. "Thank you to Morgan, Andrew, Damien and especially Stacy for including me in this wonderful show."

Anabella Lazarides (Pit Chorus) is very excited to be back in the Muni scene after 2 years away! She's appeared in the Muni's *Mary Poppins* (Ensemble), *Evita* (Pit Chorus), and other local shows. Theater is her favorite way to express herself, and she appreciates this opportunity to participate in this amazing show!

Hannah Levin (Katherine Plummer) is THRILLED to be back for her 10th Muni show! When she is not onstage, she's in the classroom where she will be teaching technology this fall. Hannah sends her appreciation to her dad for teaching her how to accurately portray a reporter, her mom for teaching her how to accurately portray a Katherine (-yn), and her partner, Matt, for being an excellent cat dad to Olive and Opie!

***Aidan Mauntel** (Morris Delancey) is extremely excited for his musical debut in *Newsies!* This will be his first show at the Muni and cannot wait! He is an Eagle Scout, been in *Little Mermaid* as Sebastian and *Mary Poppins* as multiple parts, and thanks his family for all of the support!

Nadia Mitchell (Specs) will be a senior at Sacred Heart-Griffin and is thrilled to be playing Specs this summer. She enjoys performing in the SHG musicals and SHG poms. Previously she has played a warrior in *Peter Pan* (2019) and July in *Annie* (2018) at the Muni. She would like to thank her family for their support and her directors for this amazing opportunity!

Laura Ellen Mitkos (Ensemble/Pit Chorus) thanks Morgan, Andrew, Damien, and Stacy for this opportunity. She appreciates her wonderful spouse, Andy, for encouraging her, and her dad, David. Past shows include *Wizard of Oz*, *Sister Act*, *Willy Wonka*, *South Pacific*, *Chorus Line*, *The Rocky Horror Show*, and 10 years in *Murder Mysteries* at Chatham Library.

Dennis O'Brien (Teddy Roosevelt) seems to have been around Muni forever. He's appeared in over 30 Muni shows, been on staff in a variety of positions for about 30 more, has been Muni president three times, and is now a member of the board of trustees. He's proudest of the fact that just about everybody in his family has also been involved at Muni.

Bridget Palmatier (Nun) has appeared in several shows over the years at Muni, Hoogland, STC, and IC including *Les Misérables*, *Miss Saigon*, and *Phantom*. She has been busy working as a therapist at MBH, traveling, and chilling at home. She would like to thank her family and friends for all their support.

***Mick Polhemus** (Goon) is a human being that breathes air and drinks water. He enjoys participating in normal activities such as watching paint dry. Mick also enjoys speaking in the third person.

***Shaw Riggs** (Jack Kelly) will be a sophomore forensic science major at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and is from Hillsboro, Illinois. He has performed in multiple high school musicals, as well as productions at Blackburn Community Theater. "I'm so excited to be in my first Muni production!"

***Zach Rothering** (Henry) is a recent Sacred Heart-Griffin graduate who will be attending UIUC this fall to study engineering. He is so excited to perform on the Muni stage for the first time. He has previously been seen as Mr. Banks in SHG's *Mary Poppins* and King Triton in SHG's *The Little Mermaid*. Zach would like to thank his directors and fellow cast members for making this show such a great experience.

***Camden Schroeder** (Darcy) is a sophomore at Jersey Community High School! Theatre credits; *Bye Bye Birdie* (Randolph MacAfee), *You Can't Take It With You* (Mr. De Pinna), *Arsenic and Old Lace* (Officer O'Hara), *The Addams Family* (Lucas Beineke). "Thanks to my family, friends, and Muni family for their support this summer!"

***Elizabeth Scott** (Pit Chorus) is an incoming sophomore at Sacred Heart-Griffin who is excited to be in her first Muni show! Elizabeth was most recently Flounder in SHG's production of *The Little Mermaid*. She would like to thank the directors and her family being incredibly supportive during this experience.

John Sivak (Seitz) has been involved with the Muni since 1998. Since then he has been on stage in several different productions and directed *South Pacific* in 2016. He was last seen on the Muni stage as Patchy the Pirate in *SpongeBob Square Pants*, he sends his love to Eloise and Nicole for always supporting him.

Mary Kate Smith (Medda Larkin) is glad to be back at Muni for the first time since playing the title role in *Evita* before we all took an extended intermission. Other favorite Muni roles include *Mary Poppins*, Mary Magdalene in *Jesus Christ Superstar*, Fantine in *Les Misérables*, and Amneris in *Aida* among many others. She is grateful to be back with her Muni family, and grateful to be surrounded by her incredible family. Big love to Stella, Jesse, and Jude...and to her Jake. Welcome back, everyone.

Ava Southern (Coop) will be attending SLU this fall. She has previously appeared on the Muni stage in *Evita*, *Willy Wonka*, and this summer's *The SpongeBob Musical*. A recent SHG graduate, Ava appeared in their productions of *CATS* and *Mary Poppins*, and played Ariel in this spring's *The Little Mermaid*. She has been active in voice and dance for several years, and was a member of the ILMEA All-State jazz choir last January. Ava thanks God, her family, her friends, the directors and staff.

Elizabeth Stehn (Pit Chorus) recently graduated with her Masters in Business Administration at UIS. She has previously appeared in The Muni's *Joesph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Seussical*, and *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, as well as several shows at the Hoogland Center for the Arts and SHS. She would also like to thank the staff for this amazing opportunity.

Steve Sykes (Snyder) returns to the Muni stage for the second time in more than a decade with this production, as he appeared earlier this summer in *SpongeBob*. Past Muni appearances include Julian Marsh in *42nd Street* and ensemble in *Ragtime*. Other favorite roles include Henry Higgins and Col. Pickering in *My Fair Lady*, the Wazir in *Kismet*, Audrey II in *Little Shop*, and Dr. Scott in *Rocky Horror* (twice). Steve would like to thank his wife, Rebecca, for her love and support.

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***Gabriella Tison** (Splasher) hails from Harrisburg, Illinois. She is in her 4th year at SIU School of Medicine. She began performing at age 4. Some of her favorite roles include Belle in *Beauty and the Beast* and Dorothy in *Wizard of Oz*. She wants to thank her family and fiancé Josh.

Emily Wheeler (Nun/Chorus) returns to the Muni stage after being seen as Pearl in *SpongeBob* earlier this season. After a brief time spent performing on the east coast, Emily is excited to share the stage with her community once more. When not performing, Emily teaches private music lessons.

Mark Wheeler (Wiesel). This is Mark's second show of the season, with him recently playing Plankton in Muni's *SpongeBob Square Pants*. He has also been seen in recent regional productions of *The Music Man* at the Legacy. He would like to thank his family for their support. Mark would like to dedicate his performance in memory of Dale Mason.

Andrew Willmore (Oscar Delancey). "After being gone from the Muni for 2 years I am excited to be back out here entertaining everyone, this will be my 5th Muni show. I couldn't do all this without the help and support of my wife Dinah."



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Ainslie Wilson (Jo Jo) is a recent graduate of Glenwood High School, and will be attending Northwestern University this fall. She is excited to return to the Muni stage, and has previously appeared in *Shrek the Musical* and *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. She thanks her friends and family for their support!



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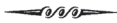
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Carla Wilson (Hannah) is excited to be back at Muni and performing again with her daughter Ainslie. She has previously appeared in *Shrek the Musical* and *Sister Act* at Muni and several other shows with STC and Capital City Improv. She thanks the staff for giving her the perfect way to spend the summer.

Roman Zemaitis (Romeo) is thrilled to return to the Muni. He previously appeared in *Peter Pan* as John (Muni, 2019), *Seussical* as a Wickersham Brother (WHS, 2022), and *The Music Man* (Legacy, 2021). He'll be a Sophomore at Williamsville. He enjoys Choir, Vocal Jazz, Madrigals, Band (trumpet), Jazz Band, and Piano.

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Morgan Kaplan (Co-Director/Choreographer) is thrilled to bring *Newsies* to the Muni stage! Favorite on stage credits include: Muni's *Shrek*, *Hairspray*, *The Producers*; STC's *Thoroughly Modern Millie* (Millie), *Chicago* (Mona), and *Anything Goes* (Reno Sweeney). Favorite staff credits: Muni's *Thoroughly Modern Millie & Sister Act* (co-director), STC's *A Chorus Line* (co-Director). Morgan also directs SHG's spring musicals. Morgan sends thanks to Andrew, Stacy and Jen for being the best team; Damien for being the best partner, and their sons, Sawyer and Palmer, for inspiring their love of this fun show!

Andrew Maynerich (Co-Director/Choreographer) is so excited that the Muni is back! Having been involved in local theatre for the last 25 years, Andrew has performed in a number of shows at the Muni, STC, and HCFTA. Favorite on-stage roles at The Muni include The Emcee in *Cabaret*, Jimmy in *Nice Work...*, and Eugene in *Grease*. Andrew has co-directed and choreographed Muni's *Sister Act* and *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, as well as STC's *A Chorus Line* and *42nd Street*. Andrew is also an advanced tap instructor at Springfield Dance Inc. Andrew sends his thanks to Lucas.

Stacy Kolaz (Assistant Director/Hair & Make-Up Designer) has been involved in community theater for many years. Stacy is excited to be back at the Muni after the two year hiatus and to be teamed up with this amazing staff again. She has assistant

directed for our *Sister Act* and *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, as well as many other shows throughout the community. Stacy has many Make-up and Hair credits to her name including our *SpongeBob* earlier this season. Stacy thanks her family and friends for their consistent love and support.

Jake Smith (Producer) is a member of the Muni's Board of Managers. He is glad to work alongside such a talented staff and cast. Jake sends love to Medda and our children: Stella, Jesse, and Jude.

Damien Kaplan (Vocal Director & Conductor) has been involved in the arts scene for over 25 years. He has played percussion/keyboards, vocal directed and conducted for many local area shows, including: *Les Misérables*, *Into the Woods*, *Miss Saigon*, *Rocky Horror*, *All Shook Up*, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, *CATS*, and *Beauty and the Beast*, and *Miscast Cabaret*, to name a few. Damien is the Director of Choral/Music Activities at SHG. He is also the director and arranger for The Lincoln Troubadours, a local a capella group that performs at various historic sites around Springfield during the summer. He also freelances as a studio musician, providing percussion/keyboards for numerous artists around the country. He sends love to his family, especially the ever-beautiful and talented Morgan, Sawyer and Palmer! This one's for you, Bean!



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Jennifer Gronewold (Stage Manager) is the Learning Lab Coordinator at Sacred Heart-Griffin High School. She has worked behind the scenes for several shows at SHG, Muni, Legacy, Glenwood High, and Springfield Theatre Centre. She is sincerely grateful to be surrounded by family and friends who continue to inspire her love of all things theatrical.


Taylor Brown (Production Coordinator) has appeared on stage and behind the scenes at the Muni since she was 15 years old. Favorites include *Grease* (2007), *Hairspray* (2011), and *West Side Story* (2015). By day she's the Digital Marketing & Communications Coordinator at Springfield Clinic. Her most important roles are wife to Cory and mom to Archer.

Phyllis Evans (Costume Designer) costumed her first shows for local theaters more than 30 years ago. Since that time she has costumed countless productions for the Muni, Hoogland, STC, the Legacy and SBC including *Peter Pan*, *Wizard of Oz*, *A Chorus Line*, *Nutcracker*, *Always...Patsy Cline...* just to name a few! When not costuming a theater production Phyllis is the Senior Director of

Development for the Lincoln Presidential Foundation. She and her husband Taylor reside south of Auburn and she is the proud mom to four and grandma to nine.





Melody Sheehan (Prop Designer) aka Diva of Doodads has designed props for many of the theatre venues in the area, including, but not limited to, HCFTA, The Muni, STC, ALPLM, and TIP. She wants to thank her husband, Tim, for all that he does to support and assist her.

Craig Williams II (Set Designer) loves the arts in Springfield and has served as a member of several nonprofit boards including STC, SAAC, Springfield Urban League, Copper Coin Ballet, and most recently as President of The Muni. In addition, he has directed many community theatre productions, including Springfield High's *Hairspray*, *Beauty and the Beast* and *Ragtime*; *9 to 5* and *Chicago* at STC; *The Wiz*, *The Last Five Years*, and *Songs for a New World* at HCFTA; and *The Little Mermaid*, *Mary Poppins*, and *Evita* for Muni, to name a few. When not volunteering, Craig works for the State of Illinois SAP team and enjoys traveling with husband, Ryan.



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Gene Rubley - Gene left us on August 18, 2020. For many decades, he served the Muni in several capacities ranging from actor, director, manager and Trustee. His service also extended to many other organizations and in 1990, he was the recipient of the Mayors Award for the Arts. Gene was most proud of his appearance in the ABC miniseries, *The Awakening Land*, filmed at New Salem State Park with Hal Holbrook and Elizabeth Montgomery. He was a unique spirit who was affectionately known as "Uncle Gene." His contributions went beyond titles and job descriptions as his kindness and compassion provided strength and support for so many.



Georgia Dirksen - On November 15, 2021, we lost a treasure of the Springfield arts community, Georgia Dirksen. Georgia was a wonderful actress who appeared as the leading lady in thirteen Muni productions. Her devotion to the theatre extended to other venues including the Springfield Theatre Guild, and Theatre in the Park. She directed four Muni productions. She was a Muni Trustee and shared her wisdom graciously. She inspired her two daughters, Patty and Libby, to act on our stage while her incredible husband, George, was their rock of support. Muni patrons will remember her as an outstanding actress, while the Muni family will remember her as a beautiful soul who brightened our lives.

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- 1975** Guys and Dolls; How To Succeed in Business Without
Really Trying; Fiddler on the Roof; Mame
- 1976** 1776; Irene; Bye, Bye, Birdie!; Calamity Jane
- 1977** Cinderella; The Desert Song; West Side Story; My Fair
Lady
- 1978** Sweet Charity; Brigadoon; Paint Your Wagon;
I Do! I Do!
- 1979** Shenandoah; No, No, Nanette; Pajama Game;
Carousel
- 1980** South Pacific; Good News; Gypsy; Show Boat
- 1981** Camelot; Grease; Oklahoma!; A Little Night Music
- 1982** Kismet; George M!; Oliver!; Follies
- 1983** The King and I; Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor
Dreamcoat; The Student Prince; Hello, Dolly!
- 1984** Peter Pan; Funny Girl; Two Gentlemen of Verona; The
Music Man
- 1985** Annie; Damn Yankees; You're a Good Man, Charlie
Brown; Evita
- 1986** The Sound of Music; Jesus Christ Superstar; Cabaret;
Seven Brides for Seven Brothers
- 1987** Annie Get Your Gun; The Wiz; Promises, Promises;
Gigi
- 1988** Peter Pan; South Pacific; 42nd Street; Mame
- 1989** Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat;
Fiddler on the Roof; Singing in the Rain; My Fair Lady
- 1990** Oklahoma!; Teddy & Alice; Anything Goes; Camelot
- 1991** Oliver!; My One and Only; Into the Woods; Show Boat
- 1992** Man of LaMancha; Dreamgirls; Me and My Girl; The
Unsinkable Molly Brown
- 1993** Hans Christian Andersen; Sugar; Pirates of Penzance;
Brigadoon
- 1994** Peter Pan; Hello, Dolly!; Big River; Carousel
- 1995** The King and I; Meet Me in St. Louis; City of Angels;
Gypsy
- 1996** Phantom; The Will Rogers Follies; Little Me; The
Wizard of Oz
- 1997** Guys and Dolls; Crazy for You; The Secret Garden; Kiss
Me, Kate
- 1998** Fiddler on the Roof; Bye, Bye, Birdie!; Godspell; Annie
- 1999** State Fair; 42nd Street; The Goodbye Girl; The Sound
of Music
- 2000** Cinderella; Grease; Children of Eden; The Music Man
- 2001** How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying; A
Little Night Music; West Side Story; Peter Pan
- 2002** Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat;
Anything Goes; Mame; South Pacific
- 2003** Titanic; Big; My Fair Lady; The Wizard of Oz
- 2004** Honk!; Seven Brides for Seven Brothers; A Chorus
Line; Big River
- 2005** The Sound of Music; Ragtime; Annie Get Your Gun;
Disney's Beauty And The Beast
- 2006** Annie Warbucks; Chicago; Elton John & Tim Rice's
Aida; The King and I
- 2007** Miss Saigon; Peter Pan; Grease; Oklahoma!
- 2008** Hello, Dolly!; All Shook Up; The Secret Garden; The
Music Man
- 2009** Oliver!; The Producers; Fiddler on the Roof; Disney
High School Musical
- 2010** Seussical; Into The Woods; Jesus Christ Superstar;
Annie
- 2011** Big River; Guys and Dolls; Hairspray; The Wizard of Oz
- 2012** Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat;
Crazy for You; Once On This Island; Disney's Beauty
and the Beast
- 2013** Les Misérables; Dreamgirls; Peter Pan; RENT
- 2014** The Sound of Music; All Shook Up; Shrek the Musical;
Jekyll & Hyde
- 2015** Spamalot; Seussical; West Side Story; Cabaret
- 2016** South Pacific; Sweeney Todd; Nice Work If You Can
Get It; Disney's The Little Mermaid
- 2017** Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka; Disney's Mary Poppins;
White Christmas; Grease
- 2018** Little Shop of Horrors, Sister Act, Legally Blonde,
Annie
- 2019** Peter Pan, Evita, Thoroughly Modern Millie, The
Wizard of Oz

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