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THREE RIVERS THEATER

CAST LIST

BRYN AYERS		DAVEY
EMERSYN BANQUER		NANCY, SEITZ
CASSIDY BARRETT		OSCAR DELANCEY
ANNA BAYER		PIGTAILS, DOROTHY
JULIA BODET		WIESEL
AVERY DALY-MASSON		ALBERT
LUCIA GAMUNDI		ADA, WARDEN SNYDER
KYLIE GARTMAN		SPECS, SCAB I
GRACE HARTDEGEN		HAZEL, SCAB II
JASPER HEBERT		JOSEPH PULITZER
MEG HULL		MORRIS DELANCEY, WORKING CHILD
WYLIE JANSSEN		RACE
GRAHAM JONES		LES
MADISON JONES		MURIEL
CHARLOTTE LESCALE		KATHERINE
EMILY KATE MCNEELY		JOJO, POLICE OFFICER
ELISE NAZARIO		ETHEL, SPOT CONLON
CAMERON RYAN		TOMMY BOY, BILL
MEGAN SMITH		HANNAH, DARCY
KATEY STEWART		JACK KELLY
AJ TAYLOR		OLIVE, TEDDY ROOSEVELT
TRAVIS TOURNILLON		PAT, POLICE CHIEF
BRYN VITO		CRUTCHIE
DEMI WALKER		ROMEO, CUSTOMER
MIA WILLIAMS		MEDDA LARKIN

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KATEY STEWART

ROLE(S): JACK KELLY

Katey Stewart is 14 years old and entering her freshman year at Ben's Ford Christian School. She is in her third year at LAAPA, where she takes musical theater and voice lessons. Recent performances include "Into the Woods" (Milky White) and "Little Mermaid JR." (Flounder). Katey has performed in LAAPAFEST the last two years and also performed in this year's LAAPA Theater & Film Festival. She enjoys every second she gets to spend on the stage. Katey wants to thank her family for always being her #1 fans!

JASPER HEBERT

ROLE(S): JOSEPH PULITZER

Jasper Hebert is an eighth grader this year and is ecstatic to be a part of the newsies production. He has recently played as Lin Manuel Miranda/Alexander Hamilton in LAAPA's "Time and Music." Jasper adores art and theatrical plays and is excited to play Joseph Pulitzer. He would like to thank his family and friends for their unending advocacy!



CHARLOTTE LESCALE

ROLE(S): KATHERINE

Charlie Lescale is a rising sophomore this year and is excited to be a part of her first official musical! She's been acting on and off for four years, with her favorite performance being "A Midsummer Night's Dream" (Hermia). Charlotte loves costume-making and taking apart computers. She would like to thank her family, friends, her best friend Meg, and her dog Pearl for their love and support!



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BRYN AYERS
ROLE(S): DAVEY

Bryn Anthony Ayers is excited to participate in Newsies JR.! Previous lead performances include "Willy Wonka JR." (Mr. Bucket), "Annie JR." (Rooster), "The Little Mermaid JR." (Prince Eric), and "The Wizard of Oz" (Tin Man). He was most recently seen in LAAPA's "Matilda the Musical JR." Bryn's favorite show is Little Shop of Horrors! He loves theatre for its power to connect, inspire, and bring stories to life.

GRAHAM JONES
ROLE(S): LES

Graham Jones was born in Baton Rouge to parents in the film/TV business. He is represented at Open Range Management. Graham has a natural love for entertaining, singing and performing. He is currently studying acting, singing and guitar at the Louisiana Academy of Performing Arts.



AJ TAYLOR
ROLE(S): OLIVE, TEDDY ROOSEVELT

AJ has been a part of many different productions, whether it be onstage or backstage! She really loves being part of any performance and was most recently seen in LAAPA's production of "Bye Bye Birdie." AJ is so excited to be a part of "Newsies JR.!"



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AVERY DALY-MASSON

ROLE(S): ALBERT

Avery Daly-Masson is a 7th grader in the Talented Theatre Program at Madisonville Junior High, where she most recently starred as Rowley Jefferson in "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Musical." Other favorite performances include LAAPA's "The Little Mermaid JR." (Princess), MJH's "Finding Nemo: The Musical" (Bubbles), and CAST's "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" (Evil Queen). "Newsies" was the show that ignited Avery's passion for musical theatre, and she is so excited to carry the banner as a newsie!

ANNA BAYER

ROLE(S): PIGTAILS, DOROTHY

Anna Bayer is so excited to be making her theater debut in "Newsies JR.!" She would like to express her deepest gratitude to her family for their unwavering support and is thankful for God's grace in bringing her to this moment. Anna hopes you enjoy the show as much as she enjoys being in it.



BRYN VITO

ROLE(S): CRUTCHIE

Bryn is 15 years old and a rising sophomore at AHHS, having just performed in their production of "Guys & Dolls." This is her second production with LAAPA ("Puffs" - Harry Potter), and her 16th performance overall. Bryn is grateful for the support of her family & friends and would like to thank the amazing directors, cast, & crew for making this show so special. "Now is the time to seize the day!"

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CAMERON RYAN

ROLE(S): TOMMY BOY, BILL

Cameron Ryan is a fifth grader at Bonne Ecole Elementary, where she will be auditioning for talented theater in the fall. She is so excited to be apart of LAAPA's "Newsies JR.," as this is her first big performance! Cameron is also performing in SLT's YAT's program this summer, in "101 Dalmatians KIDS." She wants to thank her family and friends for coming to watch the show!

CASSIDY BARRETT

ROLE(S): OSCAR DELANCEY

Cassidy Barrett is excited for her LAAPA Theater stage debut. She is an eleventh grader, previously seen in "Mean Girls," "SpongeBob the Musical," "A Very Merry Christmas Spectacular," "Guys & Dolls," & "The Little Mermaid" with the 30 by Ninety Theatre. Cassidy would like to thank her family for their love & support.



DEMI WALKER

ROLE(S): ROMEO, CUSTOMER

"Newsies JR." is Demi Walker's first production with LAAPA. She would like to thank her family and friends for their encouragement. Demi also would like to thank everyone for coming to support this amazing cast and hopes they enjoy the show!



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ELISE NAZARIO

ROLE(S): ETHEL, SPOT CONLON

Elise Nazario is a sixth grader this year and excited to be a part of the musical theater class at LAAPA. She recently performed in St Peter's production of "Over the River" and "Into the Woods." Elise loves to sing and read, play volleyball, and is a member of the cheer team. She would like to thank her family for their support and for encouraging her to try out for "Newsies JR.," because she is having the best time!

EMERSYN BANQUER

ROLE(S): NANCY, SEITZ

Emersyn Banquer is a freshly graduated seventh grader and is extremely excited to help put on one of her favorite musicals! She enjoys reading, performing, and making art. Emersyn would like to thank her parents for getting her to practice every weekend and all of the amazing people who have awakened her love for theatre and the arts. You all have truly made life so much more colorful.



EMILY KATE MCNEELY

ROLE(S): JOJO, POLICE OFFICER

Emily Kate McNeely is a tenth grader this year and is very excited to participate in her first mainstage production. She loves to dance! Though she may not do it professionally, Emily loves to put her moves to work. She also enjoys singing, skateboarding, and nature. Emily hopes everyone enjoys the show!



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GRACE HARTDEGEN

ROLE(S): HAZEL, SCAB 2

Grace Hartdegen is very excited to be in one of her favorite shows! You may have seen her in "13: The Musical" (Richie) at 30byNinety Theatre or in Marian and Benedictine Players productions. Outside of school, you may find Grace reading, playing guitar, powerlifting, or hanging out with her dog, Shiloh. Special thanks to her family and friends for their support.

JULIA BODET

ROLE(S): WIESEL

Julia Bodet is in eighth grade this year at Northlake Christian School. She recently performed at Playmakers Theatre in "A Wrinkle in Time." Julia has taken vocal and musical theater lessons for the last two years at LAAPA. She loves to sing, act, play volleyball, and travel. Julia thanks the directors for the opportunity to join "Newsies JR." and she is very excited to perform!



KYLIE GARTMAN

ROLE(S): SPECS, SCAB I

Kylie Gartman is an upcoming 7th grader with Learning with Laurie Homeschool Center. This is her first performance with LAAPA, and she is so excited to be part of this performance. Kylie has done many shows with CAST and loves doing tech work, such as sound & lighting, as well as being on stage. Kylie loves music; she plays guitar and takes voice lessons at The Music Academy for the Performing Arts.

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LUCIA GAMUNDI

ROLE(S): ADA, WARDEN SNYDER

Lucia Gamundi is a tenth-grade student with a strong passion for acting. She has previously performed in "Macbeth" (Witch) and "The Tempest" (Ariel) and is excited to be part of this production. In addition to theater, Lucia enjoys creating videos with her friends and has trained in dance for many years, performing in several productions. She loves bringing characters to life on stage and is grateful for the opportunity to continue pursuing what she loves.

MADISON JONES

ROLE(S): MURIEL

Madison Jones was born in Baton Rouge to parents in the film/TV business. She is represented at Open Range Management and premiered on the silver screen in a feature called The Secrets We Keep. Madison is a member of the Screen Actors Guild and is currently studying acting, singing, and piano at the Louisiana Academy of Performing Arts.



MEG HULL

ROLE(S): MORRIS DELANCEY, WORKING CHILD

Meg Hull is a rising senior who is very excited to be a part of this production. She has been acting for seven years and has performed in multiple original plays. Meg loves to craft and cosplay. She would like to thank her family, her friends, and her best friend Charlie for their love and support!



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MIA WILLIAMS

ROLE(S): MEDDA LARKIN

Mia Williams is thrilled to be part of "Newsies JR.!" Some of her previous performances include "Dracula" (Renfield) and "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" (Charlie Brown) with CAST (Creative Arts of Saint Tammany), as well as "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer JR." (Clarice) with The New Octavians - just to name a few! Mia loves every chance to perform, meet new friends, and bring characters to life on stage. She is excited to continue growing her passion for theater and thanks her family, friends, and directors for their support!

MEGAN SMITH

ROLE(S): HANNAH, DARCY

Megan Smith is a rising junior. She is excited for her first LAAPA show. Megan loves reading, swimming, and performing on stage. She is so thankful for her parents, brother, and her friends for all of their support.



TRAVIS TOURNILLON

ROLE(S): PAT, POLICE CHIEF

Travis Tournillon is a five-year piano student at LAAPA and is thrilled to be performing in the "Newsies JR." production. He also enjoys competitive swimming, soccer, and karate. Travis is grateful for this opportunity. Enjoy the show!



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WYLIE JANSSEN

ROLE(S): RACE

Wylie Janssen is very excited to perform in "Newsies JR.!" This will be her ninth production at LAAPA, most recently being seen in "Bye Bye Birdie" (Helen), "Puffs" (Sally Perks, Tall Man, Professor McG) and "Little Mermaid JR." (Aquata). Wylie is a longtime student at LAAPA, currently taking voice and musical theater lessons. She has always enjoyed acting and singing and would love to give a special thanks to all her family and friends for their support.



LAAPA & THREE RIVERS THEATER PRESENTS

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AUDITIONS: 1 AUGUST

PERFORMANCES: 13-14 NOVEMBER; 21-22 NOVEMBER**

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