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Young Actors' Theatre
ENCORE! Theatre - Spring Valley, CA
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A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Disney's Newsies has gone through many adaptations on screen and on stage since the early 1990's. The events and characters you will see in this production of Newsies are based on the true story of the 1899 newsboy strike. Two young boys known as "Kid Blink" and David "Davey" Simmons are the real-life union presidents behind Jack and Davey's characters.

Newsies is a special show because it blends so many parts of the theater that I love. It is a big splashy musical with huge dance numbers and music that will be stuck in your head for weeks thanks to Alan Menken's genius song writing. It is a love story. It is about friendship and brotherhood. It's about the underdog fighting back....and it's all based on real history! I am so excited to be back at Young Actors' Theatre. This being our final production in this space makes it even more special. I'm honored to be a part of the memories we have all shared here at YAT.

A few special Thank-You's:

To the cast and crew- It has been my honor to work with this incredibly talented and hard working group of artists! On behalf of our production team (Brice, Matt and Elliot), we want to thank you for all the heart you have poured into this production. We are very fortunate to have such a talented and willing team of parent volunteers working countless hours to help make this show run smoothly. Thank you all for everything you do to make the show come to life!

And finally, thank you to all of you in the audience for being here and supporting the arts in our community. We certainly could not do this without you!

Marisa Musgrove
Newsies Director

Young Actors' Theatre

presents...

Disney's

NEWSIES

The Musical

Music by
Alan Menken

Lyrics by
Jack Feldman

Book by
Harvey Fierstein

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NEWSIES SONGS

ACT I

Santa Fe (Prologue)	Jack, Crutchie
Carrying the Banner	Jack, Newsies, Nuns
The Bottom Line	Pulitzer, Seitz, Bunsen, Hannah, Nunzio
Carrying the Banner (Reprise)	Newsies
That's Rich	Medda Larkin, Bowery Beauties
I Never Planned on You / Don't Come a-Knocking	Jack, Bowery Beauties
The World Will Know	Jack, Davey, Newsies
The World Will Know (Reprise)	Newsies
Watch What Happens	Katherine
Seize the Day	Davey, Jack, Newsies
Santa Fe	Jack

ACT II

King of New York	Katherine, Newsies
Letter from The Refuge	Crutchie
Watch What Happens (Reprise)	Davey, Jack, Katherine, Les
The Bottom Line (Reprise)	Pulitzer, Seitz, Bunsen, Hannah, Snyder
Brooklyn's Here	Spot Conlon, Newsies
Something to Believe In	Katherine, Jack
Seize the Day (Reprise)	Newsies
Once and for All	Jack, Davey, Katherine, Newsies
Seize the Day (Reprise 2)	Newsies
Finale Ultimo	Company

NEWSIES CAST

Newsies Cast Members

Jack Kelly	Max Leadley
Katherine	Audrey Carter
Crutchie	Braeden Steele
Davey	Luis Sherlinee
Medda Larkin	Olesia Winbush
Les	Gabriel Obeso
Race	Miles Reed
Albert/Jack Understudy/Davey Understudy	Cameron Avendano
Specs/Governor Teddy Roosevelt/ Crutchie Understudy	Ty Felberg
Henry	Neil Perkins
Finch	Sam Racine
Romeo	Wyatt Gardner
Buttons/Les Understudy	Josiah Leboffe
Splasher	Tatum Winkler
Tommy Boy	Reid Mitchell
Mush	Sadie Anderson
Darcy/Featured Dancer	Faith Wallis
Nun/Bowery Beauty/Medda Understudy/ Featured Dancer/Adult Swing	Torilynn Hicks
Nun/Bowery Beauty/Featured Dancer	Ezri Alvarez
Nun/Bowery Beauty/Featured Dancer/ Newsies Swing	Alexi Ayer
Nun/Bowery Beauty/Featured Dancer/ Dance Captain	Ella Berry
Nun/Bowery Beauty/Featured Dancer/ Katherine Understudy	Kylie Blankenship
Nun/Bowery Beauty/Featured Dancer	Katelynn Emily
Nun/Bowery Beauty Understudy/ Featured Dancer	Madeleine Gradek
Morris Delancey/Featured Dancer	Mel Jacobson

NEWSIES CAST

Newsies Cast Members (continued)

Oscar Delancey/Seitz	Ethan Renteria
Wiesel	Evan Perez
Joseph Pulitzer	Blake Brown
Bunsen	Mia Cervantes
Hannah	Addison Munsterman
Nunzio/Scab 2/Brooklyn Ensemble	Cameron Asaro
Snyder	Sebastian Williams
Mr. Jacobi/Scab 1/Brooklyn Ensemble	Charlie Vence
Mayor/Brooklyn Ensemble	Alex Magiary
Spot Conlon/Featured Dancer	Brooklyn Justice
Bill/Scab 3/Brooklyn Ensemble	Liv Salas
Stage Manager/Brooklyn Ensemble	Ivy Kwasny
Featured Dancer	Ruby Smith
Youth Ensemble	Gabriella Gradek
Youth Ensemble	Hannah Macke
Youth Ensemble	Caitlin Pearce
Youth Ensemble	Cailyn Roth
Youth Ensemble	Ally Sandoval
Youth Ensemble	Marisa Teasley
Brooklyn Ensemble	Kiyanna King
Brooklyn Ensemble	Madyson Manrique
Brooklyn Ensemble	Savannah Morris
Brooklyn Ensemble	Maya Quinonez
Brooklyn Ensemble	Alison Roth
Brooklyn Ensemble	Madilyn Sweeden

ARTISTIC TEAM

NEWSIES ARTISTIC TEAM

Director Marisa Musgrove
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Choreographer Brice Cloke
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WHO'S WHO



Max Leadley

as Jack Kelly

Max is very excited to be playing his dream role and appearing in his first show at YAT! Other credits include Nick Bottom (Something Rotten), Troy Bolton (High School Musical), and Horton the Elephant (Seussical). He would like to thank YAT's amazing staff, his hilarious castmates, his hard-working coaches (on and off the stage), and his constantly supportive family!



Audrey Carter

as Katherine

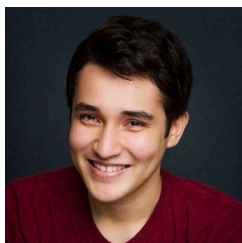
Audrey is 16 and is so glad that you're here! Some past favorite roles: Patrick in SpongeBob the Musical, Waitress #1 in Rock of Ages, and Patrice in 13 the Musical. She also plays volleyball, water polo, and does swim! Massive shout out to the artistic team and entire company for all of their hard work on this show! She can't wait for you to watch what happens ;)



Braeden Steele

as Crutchie

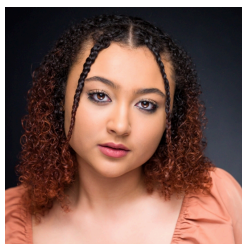
Braeden is so excited to join YAT! This is his 1st show with YAT and his 15th with local youth theatre. He has been pining away for the role of Crutchie for years! When not performing, Braeden spends a lot of time at the gym & on the mat as a competitive wrestler. He also enjoys spending time with family and is a big brother to 5 siblings who all love coming to his shows.



Luis Sherlinee

as Davey

Luis is very excited to play Davey in Newsies! He has just graduated from SDSU's Theatre and Film program. He has performed with several theatre companies, such as Star Theatre, SDSU, Patio Playhouse, City College, Junior Theatre, and more. Luis has loved working with this cast and has had so much fun with the music and choreography in this show! It's Newsin' Time.



Olesia Winbush

as Medda Larkin

Olesia loves the joy and excitement that being in a show brings. She has participated in many shows at YAT including: Tuck Everlasting, SpongeBob the Musical, 42nd Street, Freaky Friday, Disenchanted, Shrek the Musical, Songs for a New World, Smile and Into the Woods. Olesia is thrilled to be a part of this production and hopes to be performing for many years to come.

WHO'S WHO



Gabriel Obeso

as Les

Gabriel is honored to be playing Les in ENCORE! Theatre's final production. His past credits include YAGMCB (Pig Pen u/s, ensemble) and Junie B. Jones (José). When not performing, Gabriel enjoys attending Padres games, building Legos, reading and quality time with family & friends. He deeply appreciates all of the love and support from the YAT community and beyond!



Miles Reed

as Race

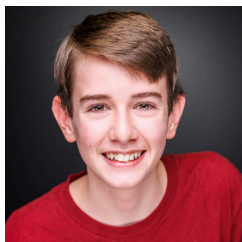
Miles is 16 years old and has been performing around San Diego since the age of 8. He won a NYA award for his performance as Archie in 13 The Musical. Previous credits at YAT include Mark (Popstars), Cedric/Voldy (Puffs) and Bert Barry (42nd Street). He would like to thank the artistic team and an extra special thanks to Katrina for always believing in him.



Cameron Avendano

*as Albert/Jack Understudy/
Davey Understudy*

Cameron is thrilled to return to the YAT stage and perform in Newsies! His previous roles include Vinnie in Popstars (YAT) and Drew in Rock of Ages (Granite Hills High School). Newsies is a special show to him because this was the first show that he ever did! Cameron would like to thank his parents and teachers for spurring him on in his journey through theatre.



Ty Felberg

*as Specs/Governor Teddy Roosevelt/
Crutchie Understudy*

Ty is 16 years old and excited to do his 7th show at YAT! Some of his favorite roles include Ugly in Honk!, LeFou in Beauty and the Beast and SpongeBob. Ty would like to thank the artistic team for all of the support and is excited to be a part of this amazing show!



Neil Perkins

as Henry

Neil is 14 years old and in 9th grade. He is excited to be back for his 7th show at YAT! Some favorite roles include playing Captain of the Guards in Shrek Jr. (Kroc Kids), Charlie Brown in YAGMCB (YAT) and Prince Eric in Little Mermaid Jr. (Kroc Kids). He wants to thank his family, especially his grandparents, and the artistic team for supporting him. Enjoy the show!

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Sam Racine

as Finch

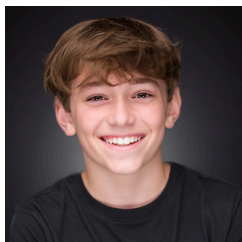
Sam is happy to be in his fourth show at YAT! Some previous shows he has been part of are The Lion King, Mary Poppins, Alice In Wonderland, Noises Off and The Addams Family. He is very excited to play Finch, mainly because it is the biggest role he's ever gotten. He thanks everyone at YAT who made this show possible, his family and all of his friends for their support.



Wyatt Gardner

as Romeo

Wyatt is thrilled to be back on stage at YAT! Past roles include Leaf Coneybear (Spelling Bee), Mysterious Man/Narrator (Into the Woods), Gavroche (Les Misérables), Patchy the Pirate (SpongeBob) and Jesse (Tuck Everlasting). In his free time Wyatt enjoys surfing and playing the guitar and piano. He would like to thank the artistic team for putting on this amazing show!



Josiah Leboffe

as Buttons/Les Understudy

Josiah is 13 years old and excited to be playing Buttons in YAT's production of Newsies! This is his 3rd show at YAT and his 5th show overall. Some of his favorite roles include Pig Pen (You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown) and Stage Crew (Into The Woods). He hopes you enjoy the show!



Tatum Winkler

as Splasher

Tatum is 16 years old and excited to be in her 15th show! Past credits include: Simon Austin (Popstars), Electric Skate #2 (SpongeBob) and Mother Wolf (Jungle Book). While not on stage Tatum enjoys drawing and reading. She would like to thank the artistic team and her amazing mother for making this show happen!



Reid Mitchell

as Tommy Boy

Reid is thrilled to perform at YAT for the first time, as Tommy Boy in Newsies. He was recently seen as Mr. Mayor in his school's production of Seussical the Musical. When not at the theater, he enjoys time with friends and family playing soccer, tumbling and snowboarding. He is excited and thankful for this wonderful experience!

WHO'S WHO



Sadie Anderson

as Mush

Sadie is excited to be performing in this show. She loves the theater and credits her cousin, Maxine, for introducing her to YAT. Sadie was a cast member of Honk! and 42nd Street, and enjoyed every minute of the production process.



Faith Wallis

as Darcy/Featured Dancer

Faith is 13 years old and will start high school in the fall. She has performed in three other YAT shows and is super excited about Newsies! She has been taking art lessons for six years. She also takes jazz, hip-hop and is on a dance team.



Torilynn Hicks

as Nun/Bowery Beauty/Medda Understudy/Featured Dancer/Adult Swing

Tori is so excited to be doing her 5th show here at YAT!!! Though she has done over 20 shows in total her favorites include: Popstars (Charlie Jones) and 42nd Street (Phyllis Dale)!



Ezri Alvarez

as Nun/Bowery Beauty/Featured Dancer

Ezri is thrilled to be in another wonderful production at YAT. Ezri has a strong passion for performing. She has signed with a record label and is overwhelmed with excitement as her debut album is in the works. Stay tuned!! She can't wait to share her upcoming TV show as well. She would like to thank the artistic team for this amazing opportunity!



Alexi Ayer

as Nun/Bowery Beauty/Featured Dancer/Newsies Swing

Alexi Ayer is excited to be apart of another show here at YAT. Previous YAT credits include: Popstars, SpongeBob The Musical and The Little Mermaid. When not on-stage, you can find her taking production photos for YAT or working as a character entertainer/princess performer with Royal Entertainers. She would like to thank everyone who made this show possible! @alexiayer

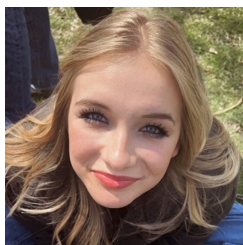
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Ella Berry

*as Nun/Bowery Beauty/Featured Dancer/
Dance Captain*

Ella is a sophomore in high school. She is excited to participate in her second show at YAT. She has been dancing for 13 years and competitively for four years. She has trained in all styles but tap is her favorite. She helps with a tap class at her dance studio. She also loves to sing and play piano. She loves performing.



Kylie Blankenship

*as Nun/Bowery Beauty/Featured
Dancer/Katherine Understudy*

Kylie Blankenship is 13 years old and she has been doing theatre for about a year now. Her favorite roles she played were Scar in the Lion King, Ursula in The Little Mermaid and the Bakers wife in Into the Woods. One of her favorite performing experiences was singing Almost There from Princess and the Frog at Disneyland.



Katelynn Emily

*as Nun/Bowery Beauty/Featured
Dancer*

Katelynn Emily is an actor, singer, musician and songwriter. This is their first show at YAT but they have been performing since the age of six. Notable previous roles include Sarah Brown (Guys And Dolls), Little Red (Into The Woods) and Annie (Annie). She sings in the Chamber Choir at their high school and has been singing for over 10 years.



Madeleine Gradek

*as Nun/Bowery Beauty
Understudy/Featured Dancer*

Madeleine is a 14 year old and is so excited to be in newsies. Some of her favorite roles have been Aladdin (Aladdin), Gus Gus (Cinderella) and Audrey (Descendants). Madie loves being a part of YAT shows and would like to thank the artistic team for this opportunity. She hopes you enjoy the show.



Mel Jacobson

*as Morris Delancey/Featured
Dancer*

Mel is 15 years old and thrives on the stage. Practically since birth, their free time has been spent writing stories & scripts and casting friends & family in homemade movies. Ever since their kindergarten talent show, they haven't stopped finding chances to sing and act. They are excited to be a part of a YAT performance.

WHO'S WHO



Ethan Renteria

as Oscar Delancey/Seitz

Ethan is 13 years old and has been a part of 2 shows at YAT. (Newsies being the 3rd one). He was Sheldon (Junie B. Jones) and Understudy Schroeder (You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown). He is really grateful for this wonderful experience.



Evan Perez

as Wiesel

Evan Perez is 15 yrs. old. He is a member of ASB and is part of his HS choir. He is also active on the wrestling and football team. He is thrilled to be part of the show and enjoys being on stage. His most recent performances were in Drowsy Chaperone, High School Musical and Something Rotten. Evan would like to thank his family and friends for all their support.



Blake Brown

as Joseph Pulitzer

Blake is thrilled to be in another YAT show after his previous role in Tuck Everlasting as Angus Tuck. Other theatre credits include Nicely-Nicely Johnson in Guys & Dolls (WHHS), Charlie Cowell in the Music Man (PPJT), Juror #9 in 12 Incompetent Jurors (WHHS) and Into The Woods as The Baker (WHHS). He thanks the wonderful artistic team for this amazing opportunity.



Mia Cervantes

as Bunsen

Mia is 13 years old and this is the third musical she's ever been in! Her first show was Descendants. If you went, you might remember her, she played Jafar! She loves the arts and wants to be a professional actress when she's older. Mia also loves to bake and travel, but not nearly as much as she loves her family.



Addison Munsterman

as Hannah

Addy is 14 years old and is excited to be in Newsies! Some of her favorite roles have been: Little Red Headed Girl (You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown), Bobbi Jean Isaac Piper/Swing (Junie B. Jones), Maurice (Descendants), Dot (HONK!) and Jane Banks (Mary Poppins). Addy thanks the artistic team for making this such a fantastic experience, all of the cast, and her family!

WHO'S WHO



Cameron Asaro

as Nunzio/Scab 2/Brooklyn Ensemble

Cameron Asaro has been in the arts for 8 years now. Being in musicals such as Beauty and the Beast as a Featured Dancer, being in a nationally known Treble Show Choir for the past 2 years and trained in Gymnastics. After Highschool, she hopes to attend a performing arts college and earn a BFA in Musical Theater.



Sebastian Williams

as Snyder

Sebastian is 22 and excited to be in his 11th show at YAT! Favorite YAT credits include Big Bad Wolf (Shrek), Danny Maguire (Xanadu), Maurice (Beauty & the Beast) & Sebastian (The Little Mermaid). Sebastian thanks Marisa, Matt, Brice & Elliot for this opportunity! He also gives a special thank you to Katie & Kristina for making his return to YAT possible! Seize the Day!



Charlie Vence

as Mr. Jacobi/Scab 1/Brooklyn Ensemble

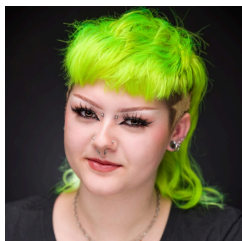
Charlie is a 13 year old boy who has done 3 shows at YAT. He is very passionate about theatre and wants to always keep learning about it. He is a generally spunky boy and has lots of personality.



Alex Magiary

as Mayor/Brooklyn Ensemble

Alex is 13 years old. They are excited to be back on stage for Newsies, their sixth show. Their favorite past roles include Ensemble (Descendants-YAT) and Pete/X-Force/Step by Step (Popstars-YAT). In their free time, Alex enjoys reading, writing, drawing and dancing. They love doing shows, especially with their best theater friends.



Brooklyn Justice

as Spot Conlon/Featured Dancer

Brooklyn's Here! and they are so excited to be a part of Newsies at Young Actors' Theatre. Some of their other acting credits include Patrick (Popstars!), Earnie Mac (Puffs) and Rhonda/Glory (Almost, Maine). They would like to thank their friends and family for all the support during this show and most importantly the artistic team for all their hard work.

WHO'S WHO



Liv Salas

as Bill/Scab 3/Brooklyn Ensemble

Liv is 10 years old and loves theater! Her YAT credits include Jingle all The Way 2022 and most recently as a Gladys Gutzman Dancer in Junie B. Jones. She has performed in Aladdin and Annie (CYT). Liv enjoys singing, dancing and playing the piano but also loves to draw, play with friends and attend musicals. She's grateful for this opportunity and hopes you enjoy the show!



Ivy Kwasny

as Stage Manager/Brooklyn Ensemble

Ivy is 12 years old with a passion for singing, especially in musicals. She has acted and sang in 11 musicals and competitions since age 8. She is thrilled to be a part of another production with the talented actors and crew at YAT.



Ruby Smith

as Featured Dancer

Ruby is 13 years old and is excited to be performing as a featured dancer in Newsies. Past favorite roles include Mrs. Scary (Junie B. Jones), Sally understudy (Charlie Brown) and JoJo (Seussical). Ruby is thankful for the friendships formed through YAT and for the opportunity to perform along with her fellow YAcTors on the ENCORE! Theatre stage for this final show.



Gabriella Gradek

as Youth Ensemble

This is Gabby's 5th YAT show. When Gabriella is not on stage she enjoys singing, dancing and hanging out with her friends. She would like to thank all of YAT for giving her a second home and for letting her be in the last show at Encore! Theatre. She would also like to thank her family for their support.



Hannah Macke

as Youth Ensemble

Hannah is a Theater Aficionado and fan of all Performing Arts. She is patient, kind and a great resource of support for her peers. She has performed on the YAT stage in many theater camp showcases, was a featured speaker for her school's TED Ed festival and a soloist in her show choir. Hannah looks forward to many more opportunities to perform in the future.

WHO'S WHO



Caitlin Pearce

as Youth Ensemble

Caitlin is very excited to be back at YAT for her 4th musical performance. From the moment she walked into the theater, YAT has felt like home. When she is not at rehearsal, she is taking dance or voice lessons. She is very thankful for the opportunity to be in Newsies and would like to thank the Directors as well as her friends and family for their continued support.



Cailyn Roth

as Youth Ensemble

Cailyn Roth is 10 years old and this will be her first full production at YAT. Last spring she performed the role of Duffy in Annie Jr. Previously, she participated in the YAT Hamilton and Harry Potter summer camps. Cailyn has been a dancer since the age of 2! Over the years she has enjoyed tap, jazz, ballet, hip hop, lyrical, tumbling and gymnastics.



Ally Sandoval

as Youth Ensemble

Ally is 10 years old. Dance and performing has brought her to join dance teams and participate in freestyle dance and breakdancing battles. Her love of everything musical theatre has led her to a few theater productions and she is excited for her first YAT performance in Newsies. She enjoys being in music videos, drawing, reading, tennis, swimming and rock climbing.



Marisa Teasley

as Youth Ensemble

Marisa is so glad to participate in Newsies. She loves YAT and theater. People are so nice and it gives her so many amazing experiences. Marisa has participated in 5 shows so far, mostly at YAT. Her favorite show so far was performing in Descendants.



Kiyanna King

as Brooklyn Ensemble

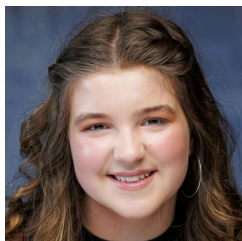
This is Kiyanna's first show with YAT. She is excited for the experience and plans to build upon it. She is someone who inspires to be an actress and who really likes to challenge herself in being that.

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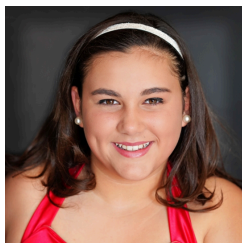
Madyson Manrique *as Brooklyn Ensemble*

Madyson is 13 years old and in the 7th grade! She really enjoys performing, making dance routines and playing her ukulele! She recently discovered her passion for Broadway Musicals! Especially Newsies! Enjoy the show!



Savannah Morris *as Brooklyn Ensemble*

Savannah is 13 and excited to be in her 11th YAT show. Some of her favorite roles include Snow White (Descendants) and the Toad Puppeteer (Tuck Everlasting). In addition to performing, Savannah enjoys reading, singing and spending times with friends & family. Savannah would like to thank the YAT staff & creative teams for all the many opportunities they have given her.



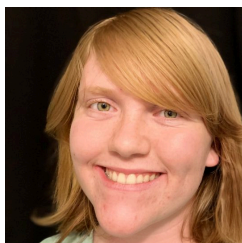
Maya Quinonez *as Brooklyn Ensemble*

Maya is 12 years old and she is honored to be in this incredible cast with many mentors and friends for YAT's last-ever show in this space. Maya has loved being on stage at YAT, most recently as Camille in Junie B. Jones, but also for the YAT Gala, Jingle All the Way, the Halloween Cabaret, Descendants, Beauty and the Beast and many years of YAT camps. YAT = chosen family.



Alison Roth *as Brooklyn Ensemble*

Alison is thrilled to be in her first full production at YAT. Last spring she performed the role of Annie in Annie Jr. Previously she enjoyed the YAT Hamilton and Harry Potter summer camps. For the last seven years Alison has practiced various styles of dance including tap, jazz, ballet, hip hop, lyrical and contemporary.



Madilyn Sweeden *as Brooklyn Ensemble*

Madilyn is 14 years old, this is her first production with YAT. She loves to sing, dance and hangout with friends. She thanks YAT for letting her be a part of this amazing show, as well as her parents and performing arts teacher for encouraging her to give it her all and pushing her to do her best!

ARTISTIC TEAM WHO'S WHO



Marisa Musgrove

Director

Marisa Musgrove is a San Diego based Director and Theater Arts teacher. Marisa has worked with many local theaters as an actor, dancer and director since the age of 5 years old and she is thrilled to be back at Young Actors' Theatre! Marisa has worked with YAT wearing many different hats over the years as a teacher, director choreographer and camp director. Currently Marisa is teaching 5th grade and musical theater at Mt. Helix Academy.



Matt Ignacio

Music Director

Matt Ignacio is an accomplished singer and choir director. He is the Artistic Director for Tremble Clefs San Diego, La Costa Glen Glenaires, as well as the Music Director at St. John of the Cross Catholic Church. He is also a teacher with T3 Triple Threat. His previous YAT credits include Bye Bye Birdie, The Music Man, Mulan, Aladdin, Mary Poppins, Matilda and more! Watch him sing as "Marsh Meadows Matt" at the San Diego Zoo Wildlife.



Brice Cloke

Choreographer

Brice started performing at a very young age, and has trained in all styles of dance including tap, jazz, hip-hop, ballet, lyrical and contemporary. Brice is thrilled to be choreographing again at YAT after previously choreographing You're a Good Man Charlie Brown, Jingle all the Way, Little Mermaid and Beauty & the Beast. Other choreography credits include Fame (SCHS) & Rock of Ages (SCHS). Favorite performing credits include Shrek (Shrek), Adam (Freaky Friday), Marius (Les Miserables) and Squidward (SpongeBob). Brice is currently studying Theatre Arts at Grossmont College, in hopes to one day be a theatre teacher. Teaching is Brice's passion, and he strives to always encourage and uplift students in his teachings.

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Elliot Laughlin

Stage Manager

Elliot Laughlin has been involved in many areas of technical theatre for the past 5 years, including high school and college leveled training in lighting, sound, set building and costume construction. Elliot started working with Young Actors' Theatre in 2019, beginning as a spot light operator and later joining more shows as technical assistant and assistant stage manager. His previous YAT stage management credits include *Beauty and the Beast*, *42nd Street*, *SpongeBob the Musical* and most recently, *Popstars: The 90's Musical*. He is excited to share this wonderful production with you all and hopes you enjoy the show!



Miles Reed

Lights

Miles is 16 years old and has been performing around San Diego since the age of 8. He won a NYA award for his performance as Archie in *13 The Musical*. Previous credits at YAT include Mark (*Popstars*), Cedric/Voldy (*Puffs*) and Bert Barry (*42nd Street*). He would like to thank the artistic team and an extra special thanks to Katrina for always believing in him.



Maxine Levesque

Sound

Maxine is so happy to be a part of this show. She has been a part of many productions both onstage and in the tech booth. She has learned so much about tech theatre and hopes to continue down a professional path in the future. She loves sound and light design for tech theatre and is grateful that YAT has given her a safe theatre home where she can learn and grow.



Cay Grosch

Tech Support

Cay is 15 years old and is so excited to tech this show! This will be her 3rd musical helping in the tech booth. She hopes to get more into the behind the scenes aspects of theater in the next year. She would like to thank the artistic team for this opportunity!

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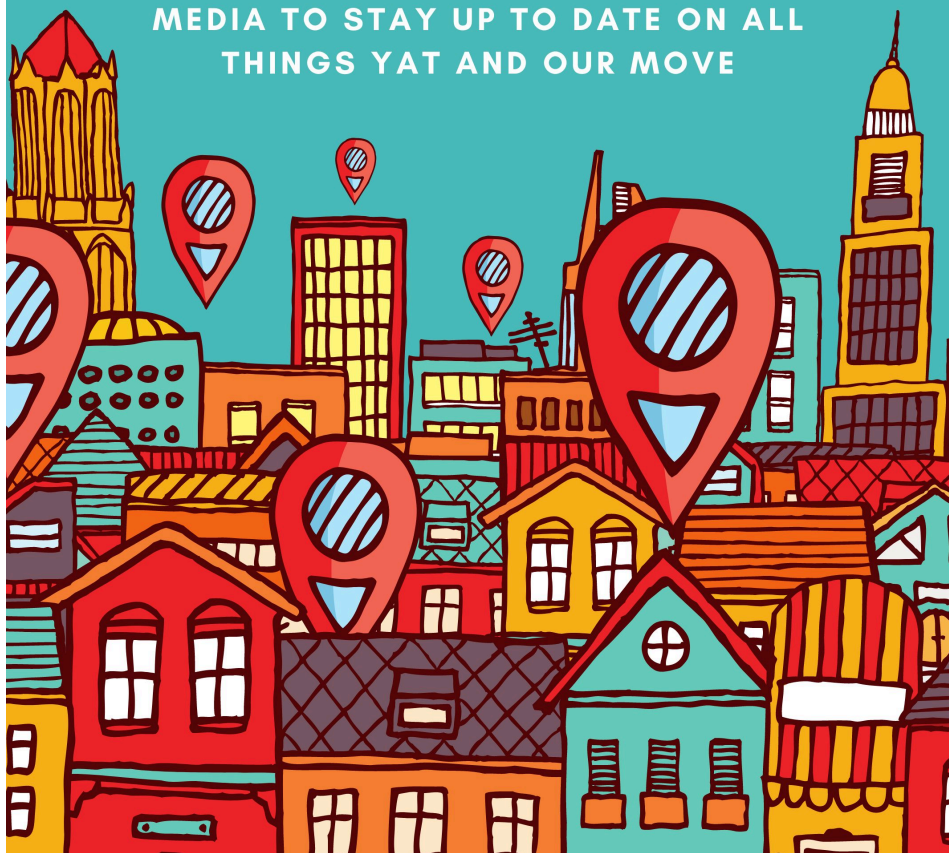
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Alison - We are so excited to watch you shine. Congrats on your first show with YAT! Love, Mom, Dad, Cailyn

Ivy we are so proud of you for your commitment to theater! We love watching you perform. Love, The Kwasny Family

Congratulation Sadie on a job well done! Love, Mom, Dad, Elsie and Darby

Cailyn - Can't wait for your first show at YAT! Break a leg! Love Mom, Dad and Alison

Evan, We are so proud of you! Keep smiling, laughing, and bringing happiness to others. Keep loving life. With lots of love, Mom, Dad, & Emma.

Maya Q -- Grab your Pug Library card and put on your Serious Business pants, it's definitely time for caaaaake! Love, Mama Bean and Phil

Gabriel ~ it's a thrill watching your shows and the many more to come. You ROCK on the stage! Go, Les!! Love, Alexa, Mom, & Dad

A.LLY thank you for sharing your talent with us. We love watching your love for theater come to life on stage. Love A.Boo and A.GE

Hi Ally! We love watching you perform your little heart out. Can't wait to see what you do next. Love Max and Rocky.

Al, You're so cool! You are a star, you're gonna rule!. Ally Ally Ally Ally Ally.- love Bowser.

Bgirl Dahlia from cypher, to stage, and anywhere you want to go! Let's goooooooooooooo! -xoxo Mom.

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