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Production Of



November 17 and 18 @ 7PM
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Thomas Ewing Jr. High School
2024 Sheridan Dr
Lancaster, OH 43130



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Production of

ANNIE JUNIOR

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Book by
THOMAS MEEHAN

Lyrics by
MARTIN CHARNIN

Music by
CHARLES STROUSE

with

Amelia Schneider
Owen Miller
Coredele Moyer

Rayn Knuutila
Annabella Dennison
Aaron Schleich

Campbell Burwell
Luke Foley
Aubrey Seymour

Meagan Lawler
Mahkye Knuutila- Gamble
Maggie Louise Moore
Aliyah Myller
Skye Knuutila

Noah Knuutila
Ezra Knuutila
Mari Knuutila
Caleb Koons
Sophia Woltz

Tobin Miller
Ellen DiTommaso
Damian Welch
Charles Cosgray

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Jessica Hill

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SONGS

ACT I

Maybe	Annie, Orphans
Hard-Knock Life	Annie, Orphans, Orphanage Workers
Hard-Knock Life (Reprise)	Orphans
Tomorrow	Annie, Sandy
Little Girls	Miss Hannigan
Little Girls (Reprise)	Miss Hannigan
I Think I'm Gonna Like it Here	Annie, Grace, Servants
NYC	Warbucks, Grace, Annie, Star-to-Be, Chorus

ACT II

Easy Street	Rooster, Miss Hannigan, Lily
You Won't be an Orphan for Long	Warbucks, Annie
Maybe (Reprise)	Annie
You're Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile	Tessie, July, Kate, Orphans, Orphanage Workers
Easy Street (Reprise)	Rooster, Miss Hannigan, Lily
I Don't Need Anything But You	Warbucks, Annie
Maybe (reprise)	Annie
Tomorrow (reprise)	Warbucks, Annie, Grace, FDR, Orphans, Chorus

CAST

Cast Members

Apple Seller, Person in brownstone window	Aaron Schleich *
Star-to-Be, Mrs. Pugh	Aliyah Muller **
Pepper (orphan), Grace Farrell	Rayn Knuutila *
Drake (English butler)	Caleb Koons **
Duffy (orphan), Cecille	Campbell Burwell !
Bundles McCloskey (laundry man)	Ezra Knuutila *
Officer Johansen (policeman), Dog Catcher	Tobin Miller *
Annie	Amelia Schneider *
Radio Announcer	Mahkye Knuutila **
July (orphan)	Maggie Louise Moore *
Kate (orphan)	Meagan Lawler *
Lily St. Regis	Aubrey Seymour !
Miss Hannigan	Annabella Dennison *
Bert Healy (radio host), FDR	Luke Foley !
Annette (French maid), Sound Effects Person	Skye Knuutila **
James (Chauffer), Louis	Charles Cosgray *
Rooster Hannigan	Coredell Moyer *
Tessie (orphan)	Marianna Knuutila *
Molly (orphan)	Ellen DiTommaso *
Oliver Warbucks	Owen Miller *
Charles' Mentor	Noah Knuutila **
Ezra's Mentor	Damian Welch **
Annabella's Mentor	Sophia Woltz **
Aubrey's Assitant	Lucy Clum **
Sandy	Oliver Knuutila !

Production / Creative

Director	Jessica Hill
Assistant Director/Sound	Judith Cosgray

CAST

Production / Creative (continued)

Stage Manager Linda Moore

Stage Assistant Annette Knuutila

* Denotes Artist

** Denotes Mentor/Artist

! Denotes Mentor

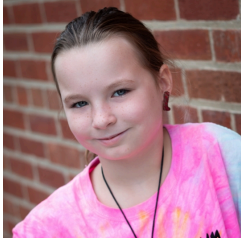
WHO'S WHO



Aaron Schleich *

as Apple Seller, Person in brownstone window

Aaron is a Senior at Lancaster High School. He enjoys volunteering in the community. He enjoys playing with slime. His family says "We are proud of you Aaron. "



Aliyah Muller **

as Star-to-Be, Mrs. Pugh

Aliyah is 8 years old and a 3rd grade Homeschooler. Her prior performances include Pirates, Anne of Green Gables, A Christmas Carol, and Joust. She enjoys Riding horses, gymnastics, rock climbing, cooking, hiking, reading, swimming, making jewelry, singing and making video clips.



Rayn Knuutila *

as Pepper (orphan), Grace Farrell

Rayn is in the 7th grade at Thomas Ewing Jr. High. She enjoys Football ,Panting, Drama. She says "I really love to do football and i am going to BE THE FIRST GIRL FOOTBALL PLAYER ON THE NFL." and her family commented "Watching Rayn come out of her comfort zone has been amazing. She gets better every practice. "



Caleb Koons **

as Drake (English butler)

Caleb is 8 years old and is homeschooled. His prior performances include Joust, A Christmas Carol, Anne of Green Gables, Pirates! the Musical. He enjoys Making movies, Spending time with family and friends. Caleb says "I Have had so much fun with my "buddy" Owen. It's been great playing at rehearsal and outside of rehearsal."



Campbell Burwell ! *as Duffy (orphan), Cecille*

Campbell is 9 years old and in the 4th grade at Gorsuch West Elementary School. She enjoys Playing softball and basketball, drawing, and singing. Campbell loves animals and wants to be a veterinarian. Campbell loves musicals and is very excited to be in her first production.

WHO'S WHO



Ezra Knuutila * as *Bundles McCloskey (laundry man)*

Ezra is 10 years old and in the 5th grade at The Bridges Program. He enjoys Video Games, Movies, Cooking and Swimming. He says "I am always hungry. That is why they call me hungry." Ezra is a great kid, who loves acting, swimming, and helping out.



Tobin Miller * as *Officer Johansen (policeman), Dog Catcher*

Tobin is 8 years old and attends Liberty Union Elementary School. He appeared prior in Joust A Mighty Medieval Musical. He enjoys Lego, costumes, writing & illustrating stories. Tobin says "I really like acting, and dressing in my cool costumes. Hard Knock Life is one of my favorite songs, so I was happy to be in Annie. "



Amelia Schneider * as *Annie*

Amelia is 9 and in the 4th grade at St. Bernadette School. She likes to play volleyball, dance, ride horses, and hang out with friends. Her favorite game is Clue. Annie has helped show and share her love of



Mahkye Knuutila ** as *Radio Announcer*

Mahkye is 12 years old and in the 6th grade at Thomas Ewing Jr. High. He previously appeared in Joust and plays football. He said "I really enjoyed being a mentor. I learned a lot about myself ". His family says "Watching Mahkye become the leader we told him he could be, is so enjoyable. We are so proud of you Mahkye."



Maggie Louise Moore * as *July (orphan)*

Maggie is 10 years old and in the 5th grade at Mt. Pleasant Elementary. She previously appeared in Christmas Carol, Descendants, and Joust. Maggie likes Guitar and Art. She says "I am zesty!!! " Her family commented " Rise Up Arts Alliance is a great way for my child to learn more about theatre life. Love that we have this in our community. "

WHO'S WHO



Meagan Lawler *

as Kate (orphan)

Meagan is 10 years old and homeschooled. She has appeared in Various orphans in Annie Jr. (Columbus Children's Theater), Lady Bird in Joust! (Rise Up Arts Alliance). She enjoys Singing, dancing, beekeeping, making loom band bracelets, traveling. She says I'm a member of American Heritage Girls scout organization, Lancaster-Fairfield Youth Choir, the Junior Bremen Garden Club, and I attend a homeschool co-op. I'm also very involved in my church youth program. I have loved being a part of Rise Up Arts Alliance productions and look forward to participating in more upcoming shows. Here's to Tomorrow!"



Aubrey Seymour !

as Lily St. Regis

Aubrey is 11 years old and in the 6th grade at Harmon Middle School. She has performed in Jack and the Beanstalk, Robin Hood, Pirates, Rumpelstiltskin,, Anne of Green Gables, Descendants, Secret Garden. She loves golf and co-wrote a play and performed it at my school!



Annabella Dennison *

as Miss Hannigan

Annabella is 10 and in the 5th grade at St. Pius X. She appeared previously in Descendants and Joust. She enjoys Swimming, Art, Drama. She says "I love all my pets, Sophie, rosebud, Fiona, Ray and sugar.. I really appreciate the support of my family.. thanks to all the cast and crew for making this a very special production"



Luke Foley !

as Bert Healy (radio host), FDR

Luke is in the 7th grade at Thomas Ewing Jr. High. He previously appeared in Descendants. He likes to play roblox, soccer, theater. Luke say "Be you!!"

WHO'S WHO



Skye Knuutila **

as Annette (French maid), Sound Effects Person

Skye is a Senior at Lancaster High School. She has appeared in Annie, brother grim spectaularton, hello dolly, anastasia, descendents. She enjoys singing, playing the flute and piccolo. Skye says "I am so glad that the Penguin Project allows more people to enjoy theater"



Charles Cosgray * *as James (Chauffer), Louis*

Charlie is 9 years old and is in the 4th grade at Medill Elementary. He has appeared in Honk, Moana Jr., Sweeney Todd, Descendants, A Christmas Carol, Pirates, Joust, The Day Aliens Attacked Fairfield and Anne of Green Gables. He enjoys Pokemon Cards and playing Roblox.



Coredell Moyer * *as Rooster Hannigan*

Coredell is a Junior at Lancaster High School. This is Coredell's first production and he says "Thank you this has been a dream for me for a long time!" His family says "What an awesome opportunity for all kids!!".



Marianna Knuutila * *as Tessie (orphan)*

Mari is 8 years old and in the 3rd grade at Mt. Pleasant Elementary. She previously performed in Joust. She enjoys Cheerleading, Girl Scouts, Drama. She says "I like to do makeup and going to my friends house. I have been in Cheerleading for 3 years."



Ellen DiTommaso * *as Molly (orphan)*

Ellen is in the 1st grade at Tarhe Trails Elementary. She previously performed in Joust. Ellen enjoys dance, soccer, basketball and theater! Ellen's favorite song in the music is "Hard Knock Life" and she has loved being a part of Annie.

WHO'S WHO



Owen Miller *

as Oliver Warbucks

Owen is 8 years old and in the 3rd grade at Tarhe Trails Elementary. He enjoys Legos, Drawing, Soccer, & Gardening. He says "I like superheroes, comics, and reading books. I am also a cat person. "



Jessica Hill

Director



Judith Cosgray

Assistant Director/Sound



Linda Moore

Stage Manager



Annette Knuutila

Stage Assistant

WHO'S WHO



Noah Knuutila **

as Charles' Mentor

Noah is 16 and in the 10th grade at Lancaster High School. He previously helped with Anastasia, and Double-wide Texas. He enjoys football, swim, minecraft and cooking for fun. Noah really enjoys Building projects. This is first time on stage, and we couldn't be happier.

Damian Welch **

as Ezra's Mentor

Damian is a Senior at Lancaster High School, and previously appeared in Anastasia. Damian likes art and is working on getting a tattoo apprenticeship.



Sophia Woltz **

as Annabella's Mentor

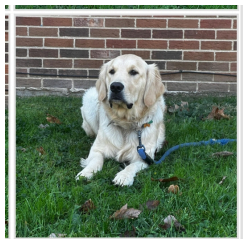
Sophia is 12 years old and Homeschooled. She enjoys Dance, Gymnastics, Singing.



Lucy Clum **

as Aubrey's Assitant

Lucy is a 5th grader at Mt. Pleasant Elementary. This is her first production! Lucy was able to join our cast helping all our artists along the way! Thanks Lucy.



Oliver Knuutila !

as Sandy

Oliver is a Goldendoodle he is 10 months old. Oliver is an amazing dog and has been a major support to our family in this time of Sickness and HEALING. OLIVER just finished dog training. He will continue his training with Rayn this spring. This is his first of many performances, with Rise Up Art Alliance.



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Schleich** playing the role of The
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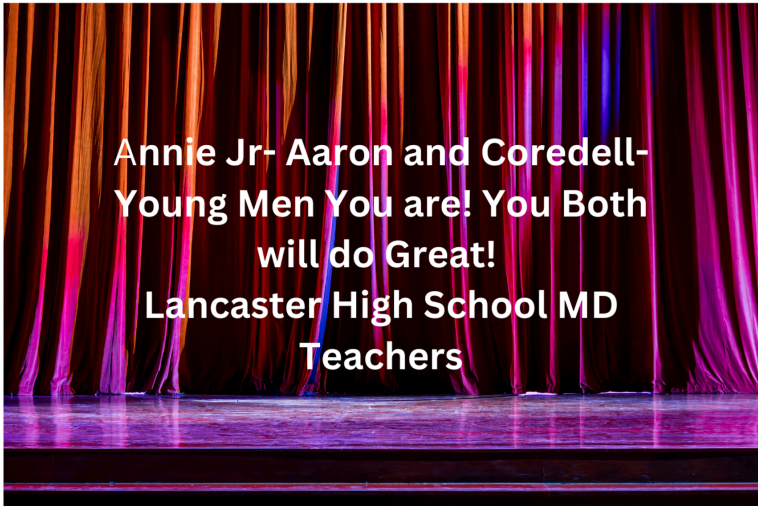
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The Lancaster City Schools Staff would like to recognize the Talents and Time that our students have given to this amazing production!

Best of luck to you this weekend. We can't wait to see you shine!

We are so proud of you all!

Ellen DiTommaso

Owen Miller

Marianna Tackett-Knuutila

Charlie Cosgray

Campbell Burwell

Maggie Moore

Lucy Clum

Ezra Knuutila

Mahkye Gamble-Knuutila

Rayn Knuutila

Luke Foley

Noah Knuutila

Coredell Moyer

Aaron Schleich

Damion Welch

Skye Knuutila



Congratulations to our star! We are so proud of your hard work and your determination! Shine bright, Ellen!
Love Mom, dad, Dom, Nanny, Poppy M and Poppy D

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Aliyah, we are all so proud of you! You are doing great and we can't wait to see you on stage! Love Mom, Grandpa, Aunt Bethany, Mia, Aunt Rachel/Uncle Griffin, and Daddy

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We are so proud of you Campbell! Love The Wilkins

Luke- "You are doing a great job Mr. President - keep up the good work!!" XOXO R&R

The sun will come out tomorrow Luke! Break a leg. Love The Maynards

Coredell, you rock as Rooster! We will celebrate at your restaurant soon!
Break a leg! From Kerry and Luke

Break a leg Luke! Proud of all your hard work! Love, Dad, Kerry and Nilah

I'm so proud of you Lukey Pookie! Have fun up there and I can't wait to see you perform again, Love you, Mom, Grandma Robin, Layton, Nilah

Thank You Dr Andy Morgan for all your guidance and help along this adventure. We couldn't have done it without you.

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END NOTES

Welcome to “Annie Jr.” starring the magical talents of kids who have become a part of Rise Up Arts Alliance Penguin Project. I cannot say enough how honored and proud I am to be able to work with such an amazing group of kids.

My theater experiences range from a variety of on stage and back stage work during high school, college, and community theater. I currently work as a Special Educator at Thomas Ewing Junior High School for Lancaster City Schools and have been a part of Rise Up Arts Alliance for over a year. I wish to personally thank Dr. Andy Morgan for starting the Penguin Project Organization to give people with a diagnosed disability the opportunity to be the stars of the stage. It has been a privilege to watch this group of kids grow in the process of learning a show.

I would also like to say a big thank you to everyone who has been involved with this production. We could not have done this without you. Thank you to the actors/actresses in the show, I am so proud of the work you put into this show and the fun we have had along the way. Thank you to the parents of the actors/actresses for getting your child/children to rehearsal on time and for trusting us with your child/children. Thank you to Judith for your leadership, support, and doing all the behind the scenes things that no one ever thinks of. Thank you to my stage crew for helping this ship run smoothly. Thank you to Lancaster City Schools for the use of this wonderful cafetorium. Last, but certainly not least, thank you to all of our sponsors who support this and all other shows that we would not be able to perform without your support.

And now...

Enjoy a trip to 1933 NYC, where Orphan Annie gets to spend time with billionaire Oliver Warbucks for Christmas. Throughout this story, you will meet some loveable characters. Will Annie get to stay with Mr. Warbucks? Or will Miss Hannigan, Rooster and Lily be able to trick everyone for the reward money? Sit back, relax, laugh, cry, and cheer for this amazing cast as they perform this wonderful story for you.

Sincerely,
Your Director
Jessica Hill aka “Miss Jess”