

Bravo Academy's **Junior Troupe**

Proudly Presents:

Dear



edwina

JR.

May 9th & 12th

Meridian Arts Centre Studio Theatre

Artistic Director's Notes

Now is the time to "Seize the Day!". We are thrilled to be bringing to the stage *Newsies* and *Newsies Jr.* which is based on the inspiring true story of the 1899 newsboys' strike in NYC. *Newsies* is a large ensemble musical filled with much heart and passion and the students' work is incredibly moving! We are also super excited to be sharing with you the heartwarming musical about the joys of growing up, *Dear Edwina Jr.* Both stories are filled with strong messages and have been incredible musicals to work on. Watching the students grow and blossom with confidence throughout the term has been such a joy! We are so fortunate to work with an incredible group of young artists and teaching artists.

Musical theatre is a highly collaborative art form and each person has a huge impact on creating a show. Musical theatre encourages and develops creativity, teamwork and self-confidence. We are so proud of how the students have grown both as artists and as cast mates. So many wonderful relationships have been created!

A huge thank you to all the students for their hard work, dedication and willingness to be vulnerable and challenge themselves and take risks. Thank you to all our teaching artists, administrators and designers for their never-ending dedication and enthusiasm to share what they love with others. It takes so many wonderful people to make all this possible and we can't thank everyone enough!!

Troupe auditions are now open for the 2024/25 season for returning and new students! We are excited to share that our fall musicals will be *Beauty and the Beast* and *Beauty and the Beast Jr!*

Bravo Academy is dedicated to providing innovative and high-quality performing arts education and experiences. We LOVE what we do and are delighted that we can share our passion with you! Thank you for supporting arts education and enjoy the show!



Musically yours,

Melissa Bencic

Founder and Artistic Director

Thank You!

Bravo Academy gratefully acknowledges the support and contribution of the parents, students, volunteers, and creative talents that went into making this season a success. Without all of you these shows would not be possible!

The videotaping or other video or audio recording of this production is strictly prohibited.

Dear **edwina** JR.

Artistic Team

(Tap name for bio)

Artistic Director **Melissa Bencic**

Director **Lynn Weintraub***

Music Director **Ben Kopp**

Choreographer **Mikayla Stradiotto**

Production Stage Manager **Christoph Ibrahim**

Production Assistant **Robbie Dryer**

Production Assistant **Lindsay Lowes**

Administrator **Tara Nicholson**

Asst. Stage Manager **Francheska Libao**

Scenic Artist **Meredith Wolting**

Original Design by **Brandon Kleiman**

Set Builder **Matt Peter**

Wardrobe Coordinator **Lindsay Lowes**

Lighting Designer **Gareth Crew**

Graphic Design **Blake Crawford**

Photography **Greg King**

Videography **Stella Racca**

** The participation of this Artist is arranged by permission of Canadian Actors' Equity Association under the provisions of the Dance Opera Theatre Policy (DOT).*

Cast

	May 9 th	May 12 th
ABIGAIL/JOHNNY/BOY 3	Bella Klaiman	Bella Klaiman
APHRODITE/LOLA/BOY 1	SihI Shivaprasad	SihI Shivaprasad
BECKY	Lilah Goldband	Aviyah Conroy
BILLY/HOLA LOLA SOLOIST/NAPKIN 1	Bella Nigro	Bella Nigro
BOBBY	Ella Stacey	Phoebe Durante
CARRIE/QUEEN OF BOLA BOLA/BOY 3	Sonia Verma	Sonia Verma
CHEF LUDMILLA/LARS/BOY 2	Adalyn Marlowe-Hodge	Adalyn Marlowe-Hodge
CORDELL/FRANK'S MOM/KID 5	Yoyo Wang	Yoyo Wang
EDWINA	Reya Barell	Kailey Yeom
FAIRY FORKMOTHER/TALENT SCOUT	Angelica Occhiuto	Angelica Occhiuto
HARRY/FARMER JERRY/KID 1/NAPKIN 2	Ava Kubert	Ava Kubert
KATIE/SUSIE	Sia Liu	Elisabeth Borts
KELLI/SONOMA/KID 2	Olivia Klaiman	Olivia Klaiman
MARY SUE BETTY BOB/WILLIAM/KID 3	Ava Leung	Ava Leung
PERRIWINKLE/FRANK/KID 7	Leora Conroy	Leora Conroy
SCOTT	Mark Czutrin	Dylan Dack
VLADIMIR/ANNIE/KID 4	Miko McMillan	Miko McMillan

Dear Edwina Jr is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com

Cast Headshots



Adalyn
Marlowe-Hodge



Angelica
Occhiuto



Ava
Kubert



Ava
Leung



Aviyah
Conroy



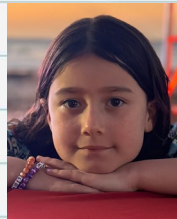
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Klaiman



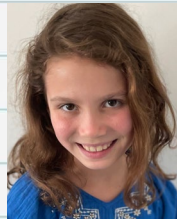
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Nigro



Dylan
Dack



Elisabeth
Borts



Ella
Stacey



Kailey
Yeom



Leora
Conroy



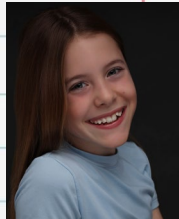
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Goldband



Mark
Czutrin



Miko
McMillan



Olivia
Klaiman



Phoebe
Durante



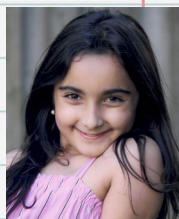
Reya
Barell



Sia
Liu



Sihi
Shivaprasad



Sonia
Verma



Yoyo
Wang

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