

Bravo Academy's Saturday Youth Troupe
Proudly Presents:

Disney

NEWSIES JR.

Music by
ALAN MENKEN

Lyrics by
JACK FELDMAN

Book by
HARVEY FIERSTEIN

May 4th & 5th

Meridian Arts Centre Studio Theatre

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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!

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NEWSIES JR.

Artistic Team

(Tap name for bio)

Artistic Director **Melissa Bencic**
 Director **Bethany Joy Radford**
 Music Director **Blake Crawford**
 Choreographer **Meghan Caine**
 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**

Cast

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<i>JACK</i>	Mia Giorgio-Sestito	Siena Perugini
<i>CRUTCHIE</i>	Kayla Margau	Sienna Valente
<i>KATHERINE</i>	Harper Asch	Alyssa Salemi
<i>DAVEY</i>	Evie Priemer	Peyton Pruss
<i>MEDDA</i>	Ruby Schachowskoy	Katherine Clara
<i>LES</i>	Jack Alexander	Jack Alexander
<i>RACE/SPOT</i>	Sophie Bouchard	Sophie Bouchard
<i>ALBERT/TOMMY BOY</i>	Cassidy Lau	Cassidy Lau
<i>ROMEO/BUTTONS/DOROTHY</i>	Lauren Andrade	Lauren Andrade
<i>SPECS/PIGTAILS/JO JO</i>	Stefania Galloro	Stefania Galloro
<i>MURIEL/PAT/WOMAN</i>	Emilie Murphy	Emilie Murphy
<i>HAZEL/NANCY</i>	Isabelle Forget	Isabelle Forget
<i>PULITZER/SCAB 1/NEWSIE</i>	Taya Hernick	Taya Hernick
<i>MORRIS/ROOSEVELT/NEWSIE</i>	Ryhana Tafader	Ryhana Tafader
<i>OSCAR/BILL/NEWSIE</i>	Evan Uster	Evan Uster
<i>SEITZ/ADA/NEWSIE</i>	Christina Nunnaro	Christina Nunnaro
<i>HANNAH/OLIVE/SCAB 2</i>	Hannah Zwick	Hannah Zwick
<i>WIESEL/SNYDER/NEWSIE</i>	Grace Caputo	Grace Caputo
<i>BUNSEN/ETHEL/SCAB 3</i>	Liv Carter	Liv Carter

Newsies 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



Alyssa
Salemi



Cassidy
Lau



Christina
Nunnaro



Emilie
Murphy



Evan
Uster



Evie
Priemer



Grace
Caputo



Hannah
Zwick



Harper
Asch



Isabelle
Forget



Jack
Alexander



Katherine
Clara



Kayla
Margau



Lauren
Andrade



Mia
Giorgio-Sestito



Olivia
Carter



Peyton
Pruss



Ruby
Schachowsky



Ryhana
Tafader



Siena
Perugini



Sienna
Valente



Sophie
Bouchard



Stefania
Galloro



Taya
Hernick

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AGES 13-18

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