### Bravo Academy's Saturday Youth Troupe Proudly Presents:



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 neverending 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.



# 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

JACK

DAVEY

MEDDA

LES

**CRUTCHIE** 

KATHERINE

RACE/SPOT

ALBERT/TOMMY BOY

SPECS/PIGTAILS/JO JO

PULITZER/SCAB 1/NEWSIE

MORRIS/ROOSEVELT/NEWSIE

MURIEL/PAT/WOMAN

OSCAR/BILL/NEWSIE

HANNAH/OLIVE/SCAB 2

SEITZ/ADA/NEWSIE

HAZEL/NANCY

ROMEO/BUTTONS/DOROTHY

#### May 4th

#### Mia Giorgio-Sestito

Kayla Margau Harper Asch

Evie Priemer

Ruby Schachowskov

Jack Alexander

Sophie Bouchard

Cassidy Lau

Lauren Andrade Stefania Galloro

Emilie Murphy

Isabelle Forget

Taya Hernick

Ryhana Tafader

**Evan Uster** 

Christina Nunnaro

Hannah Zwick **Grace Caputo** 

Liv Carter

#### May 5th

Siena Perugini Sienna Valente

Alyssa Salemi

**Pevton Pruss** 

Katherine Clara

Jack Alexander

Sophie Bouchard

Cassidy Lau

Lauren Andrade

Stefania Galloro

**Emilie Murphy** 

Isabelle Forget

Taya Hernick

Ryhana Tafader

Evan Uster Christina Nunnaro

Hannah Zwick

**Grace Caputo** 

Liv Carter

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WIESEL/SNYDER/NEWSIE

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



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 Schachowskoy



Ryhana Tafader



Siena Perugini



Sienna Valente



Sophie Bouchard



Stefania Galloro

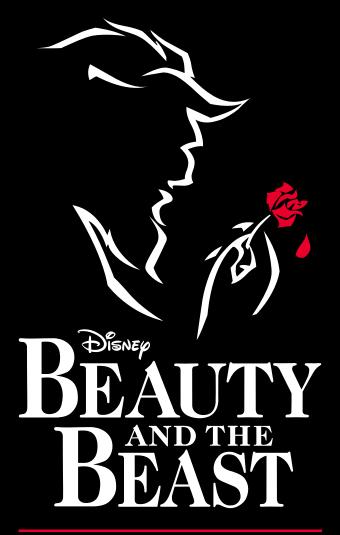


Taya Hernick



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