

Bravo Academy's Thursday Youth Troupe
Proudly Presents:

Disney

NEWSIES
JR.

Music by
ALAN MENKEN

Lyrics by
JACK FELDMAN

Book by
HARVEY FIERSTEIN

May 12th & 13th

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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Artistic Team

(Tap name for bio)

Artistic Director	Melissa Bencic	Scenic Artist	Meredith Wolting
Director	Mitch Wood*	Original Design by	Brandon Kleiman
Music Director	Christoph Ibrahim	Set Builder	Matt Peter
Production Stage Manager	Christoph Ibrahim	Wardrobe Coordinator	Lindsay Lowes
Production Assistant	Robbie Dryer	Lighting Designer	Gareth Crew
Production Assistant	Lindsay Lowes	Graphic Design	Blake Crawford
Administrator	Tara Nicholson	Photography	Greg King
Asst. Stage Manager	Francheska Libao	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 12 th	May 13 th
<i>JACK</i>	Caroline Higgins	Olivia Waghmare
<i>CRUTCHIE</i>	Keira Glasford	Frances Hazell
<i>KATHERINE</i>	Abby Serfaty	Alicia Goncalves
<i>DAVEY</i>	Olivia DeLuca	Everly Maysuik
<i>MEDDA</i>	Lexi Brill	Catherine Watkins
<i>LES</i>	Layli Jay	Layli Jay
<i>RACE/SPOT</i>	Sienna Abdulhussein	Sienna Abdulhussein
<i>ROMEO/MURIEL</i>	Naya Rayne Chandarana	Naya Rayne Chandarana
<i>PIGTAILS/BUTTONS</i>	Lucy Nisker	Lucy Nisker
<i>HAZEL/NANCY</i>	Ariana Grujich	Ariana Grujich
<i>ALBERT/TOMMY BOY</i>	Sofia Skokov	Sofia Skokov
<i>JO JO/SPECS</i>	Shoshana Roth	Shoshana Roth
<i>PULITZER/SCAB 2/NEWSIE</i>	Max Goodman	Max Goodman
<i>MORRIS/ROOSEVELT/NEWSIE</i>	Lilah Solomon	Lilah Solomon
<i>OSCAR/BILL/NEWSIE</i>	Emmy Resnick	Emmy Resnick
<i>NEWSIE/SCAB 3</i>	Dominique Tibau	Dominique Tibau
<i>SNYDER/DOROTHY/NEWSIE</i>	Alyssa Leith	Alyssa Leith

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



Abby
Serfaty



Alicia
Goncalves



Alyssa
Leith



Ariana
Grujich



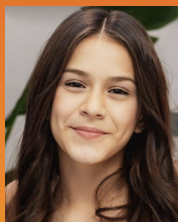
Caroline
Higgins



Catherine
Watkins



Dominique
Tibau



Emmy
Resnick



Everly
Maysuik



Frances
Hazell



Keira
Glasford



Layli
Jay



Lexi
Brill



Lilah
Solomon



Lucy
Nisker



Max
Goodman



Naya Rayne
Chandarana



Olivia
DeLuca



Olivia
Waghmare



Shoshana
Roth



Sienna
Abdulhussein



Sofia
Skokov

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