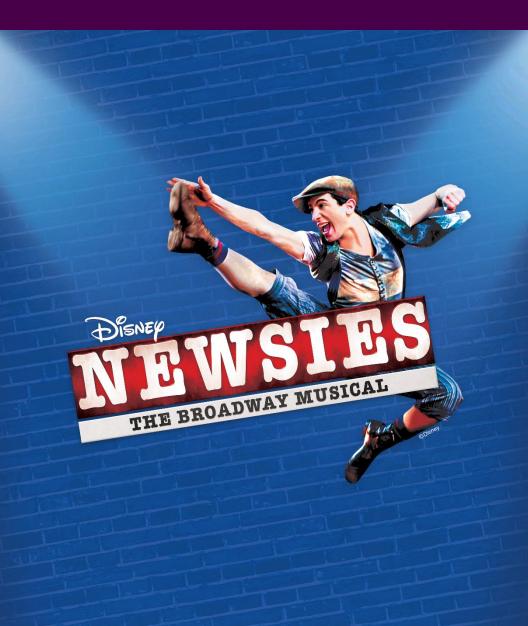
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Director's Note

I love when theatre goes beyond pure entertainment and touches my heart. For years, *Les Misérables* was the only musical that had truly done that for me...until I met *Newsies*. When a play is performed in such a way that you are drawn in and want to be part of the story, when you feel that the characters are your friends and what hurts them hurts you, when you want to fight the fight alongside them, and when all that happens in two short hours, that is the magic of live theatre.

In 1899, the streets of New York City were filled with voices of newsies hawking newspapers. The newsies were mostly made up of poor orphans and runaways, and selling "papes" was often their only source of income. The two major newspapers, The *World* and The *Journal*, were owned by the two most powerful men in the city, Joseph Pulitzer and William Randolph Hearst. What you are about to see is a fictional story based on the actual dramatic conflict between the young and seemingly powerless newsies and Pulitzer.

A lot has been written about the newsboy by strike of 1899, but what I find most compelling is how relevant the story continues to be today. Today's younger generation is facing unprecedented challenges. They have a strong desire to make the world a better place for all and have been motivated to address issues like inequality, political division, and climate change by rising up and "demanding a place at the table". In response, we the older generation, should consider the directive of one of our Newsies characters: "Each generation must, at the height of its power, step aside and invite the young to share the day."

Thank you for joining us today. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the show. Scratch that – lean in, because this cast and these characters will not let you sit on the sidelines and observe, so join them and "Seize the Day"!

With gratitude for all who have made this production possible, Meg

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JACK KELLY James Bridges

KATHERINE Chloe Ferraro

DAVEY Chris Losco

LES Carson Michael Curtis

CRUTCHIE Carter Blanco

PULITZER Jonathan Kaplan

MEDDA LARKIN Maria Huard

SPOT CONLON Adam Day

NUNS / BOWERY BEAUTIES / BROOKLYN NEWSIES

Shannon Bolser

Phaedra Brown

Elizabeth Herron

Michaela Horan

Lauren Legault

WIESEL Dan Gore

MORRIS DELANCEY Adam Day

OSCAR DELANCEY Colby Lynch

SEITZ Joseph Smith

BUNSEN Dan Gore

HANNAH Emma Durand

NUNZIO Ryan Curtis

SNYDER Ryan Curtis

JACOBI Jonathan Kaplan

DARCY Colby Lynch

BILL Jonathan Uber

POLICEMAN Joseph Smith

MAYOR Jacques Lopez

TEDDY ROOSEVELT Randy Williams

Cast

NEWSIES

RACE Shane Gillis***

FINCH Jonathan Uber

ALBERT Noah Ramirez

SPECS Debrah Hernandez

ROMEO Greer Danzey

ELMER Mason Turek***

Jo Jo Katy Gore***

BOOTS Lauren Legault**

CLANCY Avenley Allen

CURLY Samantha Rapaport***

DASH Morgan Conte*

DETROIT Ava Amaro***

Doc Dana Gastich French**

FINSTER Alycia Leriche**

HOTSHOT Maddie Tufts*

POCKETS Stephanie Wan**

ROCKY Ryan Kaplan*

SKEETER Katie Scali***

SPLASHER Audrey Malynowski*

STRIPES Jillian Mastroberte*

*indicates featured jazz dancer

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***indicates featured jazz and tap dancer

Production Team

Director	Meg Gore
Music Director	Sarah Herron
Choreographer and Fight Choreographer	Katy Gore
Tap Choreographer	Adam Furgal
Stage Managers	Tim Gore and Audrey Labbe
House Manager	Michelle Leriche
Costume and Set Design	Meg Gore
Assistant Costume Design	Katy Gore
Scenic Painting	Emma Durand and Jessica Millis
Lighting and Sound Design	Tim Gore
Run Crew	Avery Barcelos
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	Lizzie Sosa
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Scenes and Musical Numbers

ACT I

Prologue The Rooftop

"Prologue" Jack, Crutchie

Scene 1 Newsie Square

"Carrying the Banner" Newsies

Scene 2 Pulitzer's Office

"The Bottom Line" Pulitzer, Bunsen, Seitz, Hannah,

Nunzio

Scene 3 A Street Corner

Scene 4 Medda's Theater

"That's Rich" Medda

"I Never Planned On You / Don't Jack, Bowery Beauties

Come A-Knocking"

Scene 5 Newsie Square

"The World Will Know" Jack, Crutchie, Newsies

Scene 6 Jacobi's Deli

Scene 7 Katherine's Office

"Watch What Happens" Katherine

Scene 8 Newsie Square

"Seize the Day" Davey, Jack, Newsies

Scene 9 The Rooftop

"Santa Fe" Jack

ACT II

Scene 1 Jacobi's Deli

"King of New York" Race, Katherine, Newsies

Scene 2 The Refuge

"Letter from the Refuge" Crutchie

Scene 3 Medda's Theater

"Watch What Happens (Reprise)" Davey, Jack, Katherine, Les

Scene 4 Pulitzer's Office

"The Bottom Line (Reprise)" Pulitzer, Bunsen, Seitz, Snyder

Scene 5 Medda's Theater

"Brooklyn's Here" Spot Conlon, Brooklyn Newsies

Scene 6 The Rooftop

"Something to Believe In" Katherine, Jack

Scene 7 The Cellar

"Once and For All" Jack, Davey, Katherine, Newsies

Scene 8 Pulitzer's Office

"Seize the Day (Reprise)" Newsies

Scene 9 Newsie Square

"Finale" Newsies



Avenley Allen, Clancy

Avenley is a rising junior at the Derryfield school. Avenley's favorite hobby is finding a reason to hang out at the Ovation building. Recently she spent her time at the studio being a camp counselor, a student directing *The Little Mermaid*, and rehearsing *Newsies*. *Newsies* is Avenley's 7th production with Ovation. This has been one of her favorites because of the incredible cast and crew. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Ava Amaro, Detroit

Ava is very excited to be performing in *Newsies!* She's a rising junior at Londonderry High School, where she recently was in *My Fair Lady* with the drama club. Outside of theatre, Ava likes to spend time with her friends and family. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Carter Blanco, Crutchie

Carter is currently 13 years old and a rising eighth grader at Londonderry Middle School. Aside from performing, he likes reading and playing piano. Carter has enjoyed taking part in other Ovation productions such as *Elf Jr.* and *Descendants*, but Crutchie is for sure his favorite role he has played so far. Carter is so grateful for this opportunity and can't wait for you to see the show.



Shannon Bolser, Nun / Bowery Beauty / Brooklyn Newsie

Shannon is so excited to be doing *Newsies* for her first show with Ovation! Previously, she played the reporter in *Anything Goes* at Bedford High School and in 2022, had the pleasure of portraying Miss Kelly in Bedford Off Broadway's *Harvey*. Shannon would like to thank the entire cast and crew at Ovation for being so welcoming and her family for their continued support.



James Bridges, Jack Kelly

James is thrilled to be a part of his first production with Ovation! Favorite credits include: Tom Wingfield in *The Glass Menagerie*, Pippin in *Pippin*, and Dmitry in *Anastasia*. He would like to thank the whole creative team for this opportunity and the entire cast and crew for an amazing summer! James hopes you enjoy the show!

Phaedra Brown, Nun / Bowery Beauty / Brooklyn Newsie

Phaedra is ecstatic to be performing in her very first show with Ovation! She has had a lot of fun learning such a variety of characters in such an incredible show. She is very excited to get to perform with such a talented, friendly, and supportive cast and crew, and hopes to continue to do shows with Ovation in the future!



Morgan Conte, Dash

Morgan is 15 years old and is going to be a sophomore at Timberlane High School this upcoming year. She's been doing theater since she was 9, and has been a part of 11 productions. This is her first time performing with Ovation, and she is so excited for you to see the show!



Carson Michael Curtis, Les

Carson is a 7th grader at CMS in Stratham and the youngest member of the cast. Carson has enjoyed performing since age 5 — two of his favorite roles include Earthworm (James and the Giant Peach) and The Cat and the Hat (Seussical). He is excited to be a part of his first (but not last!) Ovation production. When not on stage, you can find Carson on a basketball court, soccer field, or baseball diamond. He wants to thank Dana for the great carpool company, and his dad, Ryan, for joining in on the fun!



Ryan Curtis, Nunzio / Snyder

Ryan is thrilled to be a new member of the Ovation family. Having been on stage only once before — as the Senator in the Firehouse production of *The Burials*, he is excited to be cast in *Newsies* alongside his son, Carson. Ryan previously also did a one time stint as a stand up comic with Boston Improv. Ryan is a small business owner and coaches youth basketball in his spare time. Love you, S and Cx3



Greer Danzey, Romeo

This is Greer's first production with Ovation Theatre! He has enjoyed his time here very much with meeting new people, facing new challenges, learning a lot and having a ton of fun! Greer is a rising senior at Pinkerton Academy where he also participates in theatre with the Pinkerton Players. He hopes you enjoy the show just as much as he does, so just watch what happens.





Adam Day, Morris Delancey / Spot Conlon

Adam is a junior at Pinkerton Academy and is so excited to be in *Newsies!* Adam has been in musicals such as *Elf Jr., Descendants,* and *Anastasia.* Adam has had a blast with this cast, and would like to thank the directors for giving him this opportunity. He hopes you enjoy the show!



Emma Durand, Hannah

Emma is thrilled to be in OTC's production of *Newsies*. She will be attending Manhattanville College to study Musical Theatre this fall. She previously attended Saint Anselm College as a Music student. Previous OTC credits are *Chicago, Descendants* and *Dark Road*. Other companies she has worked with include the Abbey Players, Class Act, Palace Youth Theatre, Tyngsborough Community Theatre, UpStage Dramatic Arts and Drama Kids. She hopes you enjoy this stunning show.



Chloe Ferraro, Katherine

Chloe is thrilled to be doing her third production at Ovation Theatre Company. She is a rising junior at the University of New Hampshire obtaining BA's in Musical Theatre and Secondary Theatre Education. Some of her favorite credits include Bea from *Something Rotten!*, Audrey from *Little Shop of Horrors*, and Woman 5 in *Songs for a New World*. She would like to thank the cast, creative team, and crew for all their hard work and she hopes you enjoy the show!



Dana Gastich French, Doc

Dana returns to musical theater, after nearly two decades, with heartfelt gratitude. She is thankful for the unwavering encouragement of her three theatrical kids, her endlessly supportive husband, and the gentle nudge of Susie Curtis to audition. When she's not tapping here or with her Exeter 'Tap Ladies', Dana is a local entrepreneur and small business owner of UpRiver Education. She extends appreciation to the talented cast and crew for their kindness and welcomes this exhilarating journey with utmost enthusiasm.



Shane Gillis, Race

Shane is so happy to be joining the Ovation family with this incredible production. He is rising sophomore at Nazareth University where he is pursuing a BFA in musical theatre. Previous credits include Leon Czolgosz (Assassins), George (The Wedding Singer), and Leaf Coneybear (The 25th Annual...) for which he won a New Hampshire Theatre Award for best supporting actor. "When ya famous, the world is yer erster."

Dan Gore, Wiesel / Bunsen

Dan is excited to step back out from behind the scenes again, where he usually lives at Ovation. After having so much fun acting in *Something Rotten!* and directing *Masked* last year, jumping into *Newsies* has been a blast, especially with all of the other parents. Getting to work with his amazing wife/Director, daughter/Choreographer and son/Stage Manager is the best!

Getting repeatedly punched in the face by his own kid is fun too!



Katy Gore, Jo Jo

Katy is a western MA based theatre teacher who is thrilled to have been a part of Ovation from the very beginning. Ovation credits include *Les Misérables* (Dance & Fight Choreographer), *A Chorus Line* (Kristine / Choreographer), *Mamma Mia!*, and *Something Rotten!* (Featured Dancer / Choreographer), and Ovation Academy (Educator). She has had an absolute blast choreographing this bucket-list show, and she would like to thank Sarah, Adam, Tim, and her amazing mom for being the absolute dream team!



Debrah Hernandez, Specs

Debrah is super duper pumped for *Newsies!* This is her 9th show at Ovation, and she is honored to have worked with such a dynamite cast before she goes to Gordon College for Clinical Psychology and Vocal Performance!!!! She would like to thank her friends and family for endless love and laughter, and the creative team for their incredible work. Enjoy the show!



Elizabeth Herron, Nun / Bowery Beauty / Brooklyn Newsie

Elizabeth is a senior double major in Nursing and Spanish at Xavier University in Cincinnati, OH. This is her second show with Ovation after a long hiatus. She is happy to finally get the chance to be back on stage performing and she hopes you enjoy the show!



Michaela Horan, Nun / Bowery Beauty / Brooklyn Newsie

Michaela has been doing Ovation since the inaugural production of *Les Mis* and is so excited to be a part of *Newsies!* Outside of theater, Michaela is the author of the *Rolling Hills* series, and enjoys writing and performing her original songs. She hopes you enjoy the show!





Maria Huard, Medda Larkin

Maria is humbled to be sharing the stage with the immensely talented cast of Ovation's *Newsies!* She has a BFA in Drama from NYU (Tisch) and is the owner of PaperMoon Dance Center (Ballroom, Latin & Swing). Favorite roles = Carla in *Nine*, Narrator of *The Chaos Formula* (Audible), and anytime she's performing with her daughters! Deep gratitude to Meg and Sarah, and boundless love to Ray, Dara, Phaedra & MG.



Jonathan Kaplan, Pulitzer / Jacobi

Jonathan is thrilled to be part of this fabulous production with a wonderful cast and crew and especially his son Ryan. Favorite roles: Albert in *Bye Bye Birdie*, Jesse Kiplinger in *Plaza Suite*, Don Kerr in *A Chorus Line*, Clown 2 in *39 Steps*, Jake Laurents in *Christmas Carol: A Radio Play*, Benny in *Guys and Dolls*, Warwick in *Alibis*, and Bob in *Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. Jonathan starred on film in *The Cost of Living* and appeared in an episode of *All My Children*. Jonathan thanks his family for their love and support.



Ryan Kaplan, Rocky

Ryan is thrilled to be working with Ovation once again! He has recently appeared onstage in roles such as Oedipus (Oedipus Rex), Pepper (Mamma Mia), and Jay (Descendants). Ryan is also the Founding Artistic Director of The Fletcher Family Theatre, where he has produced twelve shows over the past three years. He is proud to work with Ovation as a Student Resident Artist. Enjoy the show!



Lauren Legault, Nun / Bowery Beauty / Boots

Lauren is so excited to be making a return to the Ovation stage as a Nun, Brooklyn Newsie, Bowery Beauty and Tap Line! She was last seen with Ovation in *All Together Now* as a vocal coach and soloist. Some of her favorite roles have been May/Mommy/Grace in *Junie B. Jones* at the Firehouse in Newburyport, and *Mary Poppins!* Lauren can't wait for you to see the tremendous amounts of hard work that this cast has put into this incredible show!



Alycia Leriche, Finster

Alycia Leriche is a 16 year old rising junior from Pinkerton Academy and will be attending New Hampton School in the fall. Some of her favorite roles include Campbell in *Bring It On*, Mal in *Descendants*, and Belle in *Beauty and the Beast*. She is so excited for you to see this production of *Newsies* and hopes you enjoy the show!



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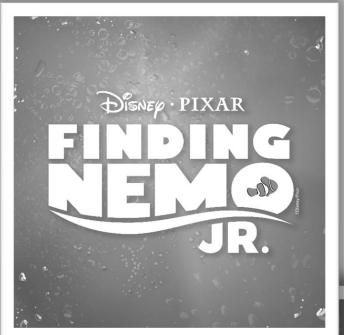
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AUDITIONS COMING SOON!

Auditions for both of Ovation's fall productions are coming this August – registration opens soon!

Jacques Lopez, Mayor

Jacques most recently played Tom Gretsky, in Ovation Theatre's world premiere of Glynn Cosker's *Masked*. He has performed in multiple commercials overseas including Pepsi, KFC, Hennessy, and Pizza Hut as well as playing roles as a movie extra. He is a fan of creative podcasts hosted by voice actors. Jacques lives in Windham, NH with his wife, Jenny, their two children, two cats, and their dog.



Chris Losco, Davey

Chris is ecstatic to be debuting at OTC in one of his favorite musicals! He graduated from Boston College in 2017 with a degree in Environmental Studies and a minor in Theatre. Currently he resides in Lowell, MA and works for a solar company. He would like to thank the friendly cast and creative team at Ovation who have welcomed him so warmly and put together such a well-executed production.



Colby Lynch, Oscar Delancey / Darcy

Colby is a sophomore at St. Anselm College. He runs for their track team as well as being involved with their drama club. This is his second show with Ovation and he is very excited for you to see it!



Audrey Malynowski, Splasher

Audrey Malynowski is ecstatic to be in this production of *Newsies!* It has been her favorite musical since she was little and she has grown up singing all the songs. She loves Ovation and is so happy to be a part of this show.



Jillian Mastroberte, Stripes

Jillian is ecstatic about her first show with Ovation! She is a recent graduate of Windham High School and has a passion for all things dance including her choreography that has been showcased in WHS productions, Ovation's Frozen Jr. and S.A.L.T Theatrics. Jillian plans to pursue film and dance in the spring! She thanks Ovation for the kindness they have brought her and hopes you enjoy the show!





Noah Ramirez, Albert

Noah is thrilled to be in Ovation Theatre Company's *Newsies!* Past credits include: Kristoff (*Frozen Jr.*) The Rum Tum Tugger (*Cats Young Performers*) Vinnie (*Lucky Stiff*). He would like to thank his Mom, Dad, Raevan, Family, Friends, and Teachers for always supporting him.



Samantha Rapaport, Curly

Sam is thrilled to be performing in *Newsies* for her second production with Ovation Theatre Company! Her favorite past credits include Madame Thenardier in *Les Misérables*, Anna in *Frozen*, and Ursula in *Little Mermaid*. Sam is rising senior at the Derryfield School. She would like to thank her family for always supporting her, and the cast and crew of *Newsies* for all of the hard work they put in to the show!!



Katie Scali. Skeeter

Katie Scali is going to be a freshman at Saint Anselm College this fall. She will be majoring in Forensic Science with a minor in Psychology. For now, she is excited to be back at Ovation Theatre performing in *Newsies!* Her first Ovation show was *Chicago* last summer, and she is also looking forward to *The Lightning Thief* in a few weeks. She is grateful for everyone who is here to see the show!



Joseph Smith, Seitz / Policeman

Joseph had so much fun last time that he thought he'd try it twice!! Joseph is looking forward to appearing on stage for the second time with this Ovation production after a previous extended absence. Joseph is excited to bring his spin on the characters he will be portraying on stage.



Maddie Tufts, Hotshot

Maddie is thrilled to be performing in Ovation's *Newsies!* This is her 11th show, most recent being *My Fair Lady*. Outside of theater, she enjoys skiing, running, tennis, school clubs, and hanging with family/friends. Maddie would like to thank her family for their endless support. She is beyond proud of the cast, crew & creative team for their hard work & dedication. She hopes you enjoy this amazing performance!

Mason Turek, Elmer

Mason is 16 years old and a rising junior at Londonderry High School. This is his 11th show and he is so excited to perform! In his free time, he likes to cook, run, and play piano. He would like to thank his mom and dad for always supporting him and accommodating for his rehearsals. Enjoy the show!



Jonathan Uber, Finch / Bill

Jonathan is a rising senior at Pinkerton Academy. He enjoys singing, playing video games and hanging out with friends. This is Jonathan's 11th show working with Ovation and he has loved every single one. Jonathan is thrilled to be able to perform this incredibly fun show for everyone.



Stephanie Wan, Pockets

Stephanie Wan is so excited to be a Newsie in *Newsies* for her first production with Ovation Theatre Company. She's currently going into her sophomore year at Chapman University studying for a BFA in Creative Producing. Stephanie grew up in Windham and is so happy to be back in NH performing this summer. She would like to thank everyone who worked on this show and hopes you enjoy!



Randy Williams, Teddy Roosevelt

This is Randy's third Ovation show in the past year (Something Rotten!, Little Shop of Horrors), and third requiring he have facial hair for the role. Clearly, Meg hates his bare face. He thanks his loving wife Alayna and silly boy son Theo for their support. Keep seeing live, local performance art! Bully!



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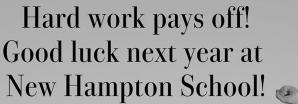
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