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Disney
NEWSIES
JR.

Music By **Alan Menken** Lyrics By **Jack Feldmen** Book By **Harvey Fierstein**

Based on the Disney Film written by
Bob Tzuduker and Noni White

Directed by **Cynthia Ford**

Wednesday, July 27th | 2pm

Thursday, July 28th | 7pm

Friday, July 29th | 7pm

Saturday, July 30th | 2pm and 7pm

Sunday, July 31st | 3pm



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Kindness for Kerstin!

The Bennett Family was one of the first supporters of Bluffton Youth Theatre, with their daughter acting in the very first BYT show in 2015. Of course, Cynthia was ecstatic to hear that Marley was returning to BYT after a small break over the years. However, the Bennetts recently received some devastating news: Kerstin was diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer. As many people know, treatment is not easy and the cost is just another stressor on those facing the cancer treatment.

That is why Bluffton Youth Theatre is asking for your help in supporting the Bennett family to help them afford the cost of the cancer treatment. We have set up a GoFundMe that can be found by scanning the QR code below. You can also buy

a special handmade Newsies bracelet at the concessions stand and all proceeds will go to the Bennett family. Any amount helps and thank you for helping us help others!



Now is the time to Seize the Day!

When powerful newspaper publishers raise prices at the newsboys' expense, the charismatic Jack Kelly rallies newsies from across the city to strike against the unfair conditions. Together, the newsies learn that they are stronger united and create a movement to fight for what's right.



“Best of luck to Keira and all of the Newsies Jr. cast!”



KELLER WELCH AND BLAIR ROSCOE

GOOD LUCK ELIN AND WARD!

We're so proud of you both! A BIG thank you to the parents & staff that put in countless hours & love to make Theatre a reality for our kids.



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Overture | Newsie Square

Entire Cast

Prologue | The Alley

Jack, Crutchie

"Sante Fe (Prologue)"

Scene One | Newsie Square

Jack, Newsies, Oscar and Morris Delancey, Wiesel

"Carrying the Banner", "Carrying the Banner (Reprise)"

Scene Two | Pulitzer Office

Pulitzer, Bunsen, Seitz, Hannah

Scene Three | The Street

Jack, Newsies, Customers, Warden Snyder, Police,
Oscar and Morris Delancey

Scene Four | Medda's Theatre

Davey, Jack, Crutchie, Les, Pat, Medda, Bowery Brigade
(Ethel, Olive, Ada), Katherine, Darcy, Customers

"Just a Pretty Face"

Scene Five | Newsie Square

Jack, Newsies, Oscar and Morris Delancey, Wiesel,
Katherine, Darcy

"The World Will Know"

Scene Six | Katherine's Office

Katherine

"Watch What Happens"

Scene Seven | Newsie Square

Jack, Newsies, Oscar and Morris Delancey, Wiesel,
Warden Snyder, Police, Police Chief

"Seize the Day (Part 1)", "Seize the Day (Part 2)"

"Sante Fe"

Scene Eight | The Refuge

Crutchie

"The Refuge"

Intermission | 20 Minutes

Head out onto the streets of New York and get some refreshments to enjoy for the rest of the show! *And don't forget to buy a special Newsies' bracelet to help with Kerstin Bennett's cancer treatment!*

Scene Nine | Newsie Square

Newsies, Katherine
"King of New York"

Scene Ten | Medda's Theatre

Jack, Medda, Les, Davey, Oscar and Morris Delancey,
Katherine

Scene Eleven | Pulitzer Office, Brooklyn Bridge

Pulitzer, Bunsen, Seitz, Hannah, Oscar and Morris
Delancey, Jack, Katherine, Warden Snyder
"Brooklyn's Here (Part 1)"

Scene Twelve | Medda's Theatre

Spot Conlon, Brooklyn Newsies, Newsies, Medda, Jack,
Bunsen, Katherine
"Brooklyn's Here (Part 2)"

Scene Thirteen | Newsie Square

Newsies, Jack, Katherine, Dorothy, Bill
"Seize the Day (Reprise)", "Once and for All"

Scene Fourteen | Pulitzer's Office

Pulitzer, Bunsen, Seitz, Hannah, Spot Conlon,
Jack, Davey

Scene Fifteen | Newsie Square

Jack, Newsies, Brooklyn Newsies, Medda, Governor Teddy
Roosevelt, Police, Warden Snyder, Katherine, Pulitzer,
Bunsen, Seitz, Hannah, Spot Conlon, Wiesel, Oscar and
Morris Delancey, Ethel, Olive,
Ada, Pat
"Finale"

Don't forget to stop and get autographs with all the cast after the show!

Cast 1 | July 27th, 28th, and 30th (7pm)

Jack.....	Evan Wilson
Crutchie.....	Samantha Zellweger
Davey.....	Luke Wilson
Les.....	Dylan Wilson
Race.....	Jordan Heaton
Hazel.....	January Heaton
Muriel.....	Olivia Mason
Albert.....	Daniel Salchow
Pigtails.....	Pepper Carroll
Specs/Scab 1.....	Grace Kennedy
Buttons/Scab 3.....	Elliana Blesie
Jojo.....	Lanie Miller
Tommy Boy.....	Elijah Hudson
Romeo.....	McKinley Arsenault
Spot Conlon.....	McKenna Bartlett
Katherine.....	Danielle Russin
Pulitzer.....	Marcello Vicaro
Hannah.....	Kylee Mardenfeld
Seitz.....	Alexandra Golshani
Bunsen.....	Emmeline Saleeby
Wiesel.....	Chad Binkley
Morris.....	Cayden Arsenault
Oscar.....	Jaylen Lawson
Medda.....	Scarlett Zellweger
Ada.....	Ava Bartlett
Ethel.....	Avery Blesie
Olive/Nancy/Scab 2.....	Addison White
Pat.....	Avery Rogers

Cast 1 | July 27th, 28th, and 30th (7pm)

Police Chief/Roosevelt.....Connor McDuffie
Darcy/Dorothy.....Sarah Elizabeth Phillips
Bill/Officer.....Aiden Bucklaw
Snyder.....Marley Bennett

Newsies

Harper Kenny, Kiptyn Hammel-Millard, Katie Cechini,
Sienna Arquez, Michayla McMahon, Declan McMahon,
Natalie Miller, Keira Bowden, Keatyn Hammel-Millard,
Marcello Vicaro, Kylee Mardenfeld, Alexandra Golshani,
Emmeline Saleeby, Scarlett Zellweger, Ava Bartlett,
Avery Blesie, Avery Rogers, Connor McDuffie, Marley
Bennett

Brooklyn Newsies

Michayla McMahon, Declan McMahon, Natalie Miller,
Keira Bowden, Keatyn Hammel-Millard, Chad Binkley,
Avery Rogers, Aiden Bucklaw, McKenna Bartlett,
Samantha Zellweger, Sarah Elizabeth Phillips

Customers

Marcello Vicaro, Kylee Mardenfeld, Emmeline Saleeby,
Scarlett Zellweger, Ava Bartlett, Avery Blesie,
Addison White

Cast 2 | July 29th, 30th (2pm), and 31st

Jack.....	Aiden Bucklaw
Crutchie.....	Natalie Miller
Davey.....	Declan McMahon
Les.....	Chord Rose Broman
Race.....	Sienna Arquez
Hazel.....	Lanie Miller
Muriel.....	Keira Bowden
Albert.....	Cayden Arsenault
Pigtails.....	Emmalyn Elliot
Specs/Scab 1.....	Alivia Hodges
Buttons/Scab 3.....	Savannah Sellman
Jojo.....	Juliette Reilley
Tommy Boy.....	Elijah Hudson
Romeo.....	Clare Sanchow
Spot Conlon.....	Keatyn Hammel-Millard
Katherine.....	Sarah Elizabeth Phillips
Pulitzer.....	Chad Binkley
Hannah.....	Kylee Mardenfeld
Seitz.....	Alexandra Golshani
Bunsen.....	Emmeline Saleeby
Wiesel.....	Marcello Vicaro
Morris.....	Daniel Sanchow
Oscar.....	Ward Welch
Medda.....	Avery Rogers
Ada.....	Elin Welch
Ethel.....	Michayla McMahon
Olive/Nancy/Scab 2.....	Katie Cechini
Pat.....	Scarlett Zellweger

Cast 2 | July 29th, 30th (2pm), and 31st

Police Chief/Roosevelt.....Kiptyn Hammel-Millard
Darcy/Dorothy.....Danielle Russin
Bill/Officer.....Evan Wilson
Snyder.....Marley Bennett

Newsies

Isla Williams, Annistyn Hodges, Connor McDuffie, Avery
Blésie, Ava Bartlett, Addison White, Luke Wilson,
Samantha Zellweger, Olivia Mason, Jordan Heaton,
Chad Binkley, Kylee Mardenfeld, Alexandra Golshani,
Emmeline Saleeby, Avery Rogers, Elin Welch, Michayla
McMahon, Scarlett Zellweger, Kiptyn Hammel-Millard,
Evan Wilson, Marley Bennett

Brooklyn Newsies

Samantha Zellweger, Keatyn Hammel-Millard, Addison
White, Luke Wilson, Samantha Zellweger, Olivia Mason,
Jordan Heaton, Marcello Vicaro, Scarlett Zellweger,
Danielle Russin, Evan Wilson

Customers

Chad Binkley, Kylee Mardenfeld, Emmeline Saleeby,
Avery Rogers, Elin Welch, Michayla McMahon, Katie
Cechini

Sienna Arquez

Sienna is 10 years old and her birthday is May 16. She goes to Bridges Preparatory School and is going into 5th grade. This is her 5th play with BYT and she started when she was 5 years old! She lived in Argentina for 5 years so she speaks a lot of Spanish.

Cayden Arsenault

Hi, my name is Cayden Arsenault. I'm 9 years old and this is my first time in a play. I was born here on Hilton Head Island. My hobbies include a love for all sports, sailing, fishing, cooking and video games. My favorite food is Lobster Macaroni & Cheese. When I grow up I'm still not sure of what I want to be, I'm in between a scientist, football player or president.

McKinley Arsenault

Hi, my name is McKinley Arsenault. I'm 7 years old going into 2nd grade and I was born on Hilton Head Island. This is my first time being in a play but I love to sing and dance so I figured I'd try it out. My favorite sport is soccer and I love eating all types of noodles! When I grow up I want to be a teacher or a dolphin trainer.

Ava Bartlett

This is Ava's fourth show with BYT. She has met so many friends at BYT and loves it so much. Ava wants to be an actress when she grows up and thinks BYT is such a good place to start. She thanks her mom, sister and grandma for enrolling her into such an amazing program. She loves them so much!

McKenna Bartlett

McKenna is 9 years old and this is her first show. She likes snakes and playing outside. She's excited and nervous for her first show.

*Sienna,
We are so proud of you! We love you!
Dad, Mom, Sebastian, Sawyer,
Salsa and Nacho*



Marley Bennett

Marley is a rising 9th grader at Bluffton High School. She is excited for her role as Snyder and to be a Newsie, but she is most excited for "Carrying the Banner". She also likes art, photography, and film. Her toes hurt from all the dancing in the show but she loves it!

Chad Binkley

Chad is 17 years old and goes to May River High School. He has a YouTube channel called Super Chad Angrybird. His goal is to obtain over 1,000 subscribers so please subscribe and hit that notification bell. This is Chad's 9th show with BYT. He loves his friends at BYT and being on stage. He would like to thank Ms. Cyndy and the helpers for making this possible. He plays Wiesel and Pulitzer in this show and hopes you enjoy it!

Avery Blesie

I'm Avery and I am 10 years old. This is my 7th show with BYT. I'd like to thank my family and friends for all their support and I'm so excited for the show!

Elliana Blesie

Elliana is 6 years old. This is her first show and she is happy to be here. She loves to dance and she loves having so much fun.

Keira Bowden

Keira Laine Bowden is 12 years old and attends River Ridge Academy. She plays the role of Muriel as well as a Newsie and is excited for all of the dancing scenes! She also enjoys that this show is based on a true story. She enjoys designing, acting, volleyball, and art and in her free time she likes to crochet, paint and draw!

**Brava
Sarah Elizabeth!**

*We are thrilled
to see you on
stage and "Watch
What Happens!"*

*Love, your family
and friends.*



**Avery and
Elliana,**

*We are so
proud of you
two! You are
our shining
stars! Good
luck!*

*Love,
Mom, Dad,
Derek and
Champ*

Chord Rose Broman

Chord is 7 years old. She likes to sing and dance. This is her 4th show. She likes meeting new friends at theatre. She's excited to be playing Les.

Aiden Bucklaw

Aiden is 14 years old and a freshman in high school. They are quite excited to be putting on their first performance. They usually spend their downtime playing musical instruments or somehow practicing creative expression.

Jaylen Campbell

Jaylen Campbell Lawson is 9 years old, in 4th grade and was born in New York City. He is playing the role of Oscar Delancey, which he believes is really cool because he gets to play a tough guy. His favorite part of Newsies is the performance of 'Seize the Day'. Living in this coastal area, Jaylen loves to surf, swim and attempt to build boats. He also loves staying active by participating in team sports, namely baseball and football. Jaylen hopes to make it to Hollywood one day!

Pepper Carroll

Pepper Carroll is a 7 year old Bluffton Elementary student and excited to be playing the part of Pigtails! She also loves being a part of Newsies and being with all her friends. She also enjoys singing, dancing, and riding her bike!

Katie Cechini

My name Katie Cechini. I am 10 years old and a rising 5th grader at River Ridge Academy. I am playing the roles of Nancy, Olive, Scab 2, customer and Newsie. I am so excited to be playing multiple roles! My favorite part about doing this show is seeing old friends and making new ones. My hobbies are acting, singing and dancing, crafting and swimming.



Chord Rose

We are so proud of you
Keep dreaming big and
Working hard and
You can do anything!

Love Mom, Dad, Muggzy

Emmalyn Elliot

My name is Emmalyn Elliot and I am 9 years old. I will be in 4th grade at Hilton Head Island School for the Creative Arts starting in August. This is my first BYT play and my role is Pigtails. I really enjoy acting, playing piano, and reading. I also enjoy being outside and swimming!

Alexandra Golshani

Alexandra, also known as Lexi, is 12 years old, turning 13 in October. She really enjoys doing any form of art, but has recently been really into crocheting and is making a sweater right now. Lexi has been in 4 plays if you include this one and those plays include The Enchanted Bookshop, Madagascar and Newsies. Enjoy the show!

Kiptyn Hammel-Millard

Kiptyn has 3 dogs and likes to collect Wii games. He loves his family and likes to watch TV and play on his scooter. Kiptyn likes to play outside and in the pool. He is Police Chief, Governor Roosevelt and a Newsie.

Keatyn Hammel-Millard

Keatyn is 10 years old and plays a Newsie girl and Spot Conlon. She does K-12 online school and is going into 5th grade. Keatyn's favorite part of Newsies is the finale. Her hobbies and interests are cuddling with her family on the couch, basketball and mysteries. She has a lovey names Tigger and she's only missed two nights with him!

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We love you Kiptyn and Keatyn.
Break a leg!

January Heaton

January (aka Hazel) has been in Bluffton Youth Theatre for 4 years. She has a sister whose name is Jordan (aka Race). She has 5 family members and loves Corgis and parrots. January hopes you enjoy the show!

Jordan Heaton

Hi! My name is Jordan Heaton and I play Race in cast one and a newbie in cast two. I've been in six shows here in BYT and seven if you count this one. For this show, I really like the song "King of New York!" I play a little bit of basketball and I like to sing. I love BYT because everyone gets along with everyone and it is a space for acceptance. Thank you so much for being here tonight! Enjoy the show!

Alivia Hodges

Alivia is 8 years old and goes to Hilton Head Christian Academy. She is playing the roles of Specs and a Scab. Her favorite hobby is soccer.

Annistyn Hodges

Annistyn is 7 years old and goes to school at May River Montessori. Her favorite hobby is art and she likes Newsies.

Elijah Hudson

I have loved "Newsies" for a long time maybe because it's how I like to live every day. I'm mostly very positive about life and I like to dream big. Thank you to BYT for making my dreams come true.

Grace Kennedy

This is Grace's first play but she's always wanted to be an actor. She's been in many dance competitions so the stage is familiar. This is like a dream come true!

Elijah,

We can't wait to see you as Tommy Boy... just because he doesn't talk a lot doesn't mean he doesn't have a lot to say! "Newsies JR. is a timeless story full of spirit and heart" ...just like you!

Break a leg!

Love Mom, Dad, Malachi and Lincoln



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Good luck to our feisty little McKenna! We are so excited to see you in your first ever performance on the big stage! You are going to be amazing!

Love Always,
Mommy, Nana and Papa

We can't believe this will be your fourth show! You are such a beautiful actress up on that stage and surprise us with each performance! Dream big Ava and follow your heart!

Love Always,
Mommy, Nana and Papa



Harper Kenny

Harper Kenny is a rising second grader at Saint Gregory the Great in Bluffton, SC. This is her first year with the Bluffton Youth Theatre and she is excited to play a "newsie" in this summer's performance. When not trying new activities like acting, Harper enjoys playing soccer, dancing with Hilton Head Dance School and spending time and being silly with her friends and family who love her very much!

Kylee Mardentfeld

Kylee is 10 years old and this is her 4th show with BYT. She is playing the role of Hannah.

Olivia Mason

This is Olivia's first show with BYT and she's really enjoying it. She loves to sing and dance. Olivia is 11 years old and is going into 6th grade at McCracken Middle School. She thanks all her friends and family for always supporting her and gives a special thanks to her mom and dad.

Connor McDuffie

This is Connor's 3rd show. Outside of acting, he likes to draw, animate, play games, skateboard and listen to music. Connor would like to thank Ms. Cyndy and all the other people helping out. The roles he plays are Governor Roosevelt, a Newsie and Police. Goodbye!

Declan McMahon

Declan loves BYT! He's been in 3 shows and this will be his 4th. Declan is thankful for getting the part of Davey and for everyone at BYT.

Michayla McMahon

This is Michayla's 4th show. She likes to sing and crochet. Michayla is 11 years old and loves theatre and she's going into 6th grade. She loves BYT and plans to do many more plays.

Lanie Miller

Lanie is 9 years old and going to be Hazel in Cast 2 and JoJo in Cast 1. This is her 9th show and 8th with BYT. Her favorite roles have been Molly in Annie and Toto in The Wizard of Oz. She wants to thank Miss Cyndy for helping her in all the plays she's done. Welcome to Newsies!

Natalie Miller

Natalie is super excited to be playing Crutchie, a Newsie, and a Brooklyn Newsie! She is 12 years old and going into seventh grade at Hilton Head Middle. This is her 9th show with Bluffton Youth Theatre and her 15th in total. She is definitely not athletic but she loves to do theatre! She likes spending time with her friends, family, and dog. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Sarah Phillips

Sarah E. Phillips is 12 years old and attends Hilton Head Island Middle School. In her BYT debut, S.E. is performing as Katherine, Darcy and a Brooklyn Newsie. Her favorite part of Newsies is getting to know other people! Sarah E. enjoys acting, singing, tennis, and hanging out with her friends.

Juliette Reilley

Juliette is 7 years old and goes to HHI School for the Creative Arts. She really wants to be an actress when she grows up so she's really glad she got to be in this play. She plays Jo Jo and her favorite part is when they all lay on the floor and act like they're asleep. Juliette's hobbies are dance, cheer and her new favorite...theater!

Natalie and Lanie~

Bravo on another great performance! We've loved watching you find your passion over the last four years and we're so proud of all that you have accomplished!

Love, Mom, Dad, Mimi,
Grammy and Poppy



Avery Rodgers

I just turned 14 and I'm very excited to be part of my 2nd production with BYT in Newsies Jr! This will be my 9th production since I started theatre in 3rd grade. My previous credits include Beauty and The Beast, Jr. (Featured Dancer, Ensemble), The Secret Garden (Featured Dancer, Ensemble), The Wizard of Oz Jr. (Featured Dancer, Crow, Ensemble), Mary Poppins (Jane Banks), A Tribute to the Music of Disney (Jasmine, Featured Dancer), Frozen Jr (Featured Dancer, Snowflake), Hugh Donut (Chef Bel-Ar-Dee), and Plug it In (Mary Poppins, Ryan Evans) . I will be a freshman at May River HS next month and I love all things NY, Marvel, Art, Theatre, and Harry Potter. I want to thank my family who cheer me on every show and continue to believe in me, as well as everyone who makes BYT the amazing place and learning experience it is. I can't wait for the next show!

Danielle Russin

Danielle is so excited to be joining Bluffton Youth Theatre. She has been interested in theatre as long as she can remember. She has been in multiple shows including Alice in Wonderland she was White Rabbit, Honk Jr, she was Cat and Grease she played Sonny. Danielle joined BYT this summer after moving here from Long Island, NY. Danielle enjoys spending time with her friends, playing volleyball, writing stories and reading.

Clare Salchow

Clare is 8 years old. She is in a play and it is called Newsies Jr. It is very fun and her role is Romeo, he is a Newsie. Clare's favorite song is King of New York. She goes to River Ridge Academy in Bluffton and it is cool. She has a lot of friends and everyone is very nice. Clare likes to make friends, go to the pool and her favorite subject is math. She is very glad she gets to go to theatre camp!

Congratulations Grace!



Love Mom and Dad!

We are so incredibly proud of you our sweet, beautiful girl! We love seeing you do what you love. Keep shining and dream big! We love you more than you will ever know!

"You are perfectly cast in your life. I can't imagine anyone but you in the role. Go play."

Lin-Manuel Miranda

All our Love, Daddy, Mama & Finn



We are so proud of you! Keep Shining! Love, Mom, Dad, SJ, and Millie



Katie , We are so very proud of you and are so thankful you continue to thrive in following your passion for acting! We love you so very much! Mommy and Daddy!!

Danny Salchow

Danny is 9 years old and goes to River Ridge Academy. He plays Albert and Morris and his favorite scene is the dance party. At home he likes to go to the pool. Danny's favorite part of Newsies is the singing and his favorite subject is reading. He is really good at theatre camp!

Emmaline Saleeby

Hi, my name is Emmeline Saleeby. My friends call me Emme. I will be a 7th grader at Hilton Head Middle School. I am also on the H2A swim team. I love watching Broadway shows - my all time favorite show is Beetlejuice. I am excited to be a part of Newsies, my first BYT show.

Savannah Sellman

My name is Savannah Grace Sellman and I am 7 years old. I go to St. Gregory the Great Catholic School. I will play Buttons in Newsies and this is my theater debut. The opening scene is my favorite part of Newsies. I love playing my friends and dog.

Marcello Vicaro

Marcello likes to play with Legos, make Omnitrix art and everyone at BYT. He is 17 and going into 11th grade at Bluffton High School. Marcello also has Autism and is cool too! He is acting as Wiesel and Pulitzer in Newsies and wants to thank his mom and dad!

Elin Welch

Elin, who is playing the role of Ada, is 8 years old and a rising 3rd grader at the HHI School of the Creative Arts. She likes to surf, sing, dance, bake, and skateboard. Her favorite colors are blue and black. Her favorite place to be is the beach and kiwi is her favorite fruit!



*Evan, Luke, and Dylan,
We are so excited
to see you as Jack,
Davey, and Les! We
love you and will
always be your biggest
fans!
Mom and Dad*

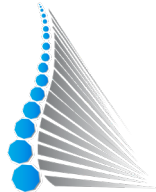
*Danielle,
Congratulations on
your role as Katherine
and ensemble! We are
so proud of you. You
light up when you're on
stage! We love you!
Mom and Dad*



*So proud
of my
children.
Hope you
both go
out there
and break
a leg!*



Good Luck Zellweger Girls. So Proud of You!



Zellweger
Family Chiropractic

Ward Welch

Ward Welch is 6 years old and a rising 1st grader at the HHI School of the Creative Arts. He is playing the role of Oscar Delancey! He likes to ride his bike, breakdance, draw, and boogie board. His favorite holiday is Christmas and he wants to be a builder when he grows up, just like his dad!

Addison White

Addison White is an 8th grader at Bluffton Middle School. She has danced since age 3 and is also an accomplished clarinetist. In her free time, Addison enjoys art and design, spending lots of time at the beach, and playing with her sweet cat Jack. Addison is thrilled to be part of the Bluffton Youth Theatre.

Isla Williams

Isla is 6 years old and goes to Highlands Latin School. Her role is a Newsie girl. She loves everything about Newsies, dancing and swimming and her house is in Bluffton.

Dylan Wilson

Dylan is 7 years old and this is his 3rd play. He's really excited to be in Newsies with his brothers and he's excited for his brother Evan who is the assistant director. God bless.

Evan Wilson

Hi! Evan Wilson is 17 years old, and is playing Jack in Cast 1! This is his 10th and final BYT production and he can't thank Mrs. Cynthia Ford enough for the opportunities he has been given to entertain all of you and take a leadership role within this community. Evan's brothers Luke (Davey) and Dylan (Les) are joining him for this show, and they can't wait to show you the hard work and dedication the entire cast has put in to tell this amazing story. Please enjoy the show!



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 Mommy, Grandma and Aunt
 Trice

Luke Wilson

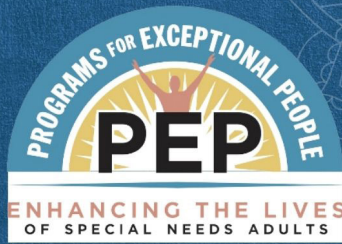
Luke is 12 years old and has been acting with Bluffton Youth Theatre for 6 years. He is incredibly excited to play the part of Davey in the play Newsies. Luke also has two brothers in this show, Evan who is 17 years old and playing the part of Jack, and Dylan who is 7 years old and playing the part of Les. He enjoys playing basketball and is way too engrossed in watching football. Luke would like to thank the wonderful director of BYT, Cynthia Ford, for helping him grow as an actor and a person, and for making acting more enjoyable and fun.

Samantha Zellweger

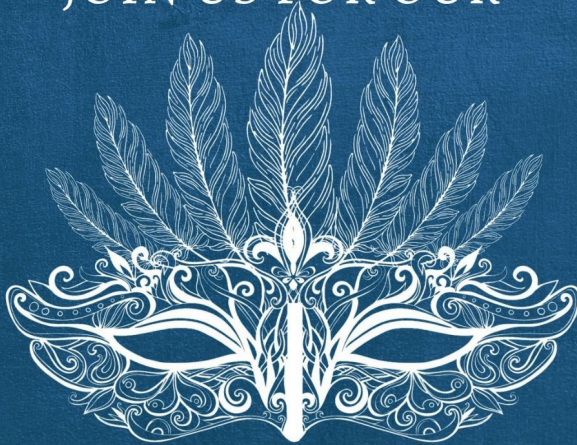
Samantha is 13 years old and this is her 10th show with BYT. Her hobbies include dance, theatre and art. What she likes the most about BYT is that they include everyone. Samantha really enjoys working with everyone here and helping out when needed. BYT means a lot to many kids and she hopes this performance blows everyone's mind with how talented these kids and teens are.

Scarlett Zellweger

Scarlett is 13 years old and this is her 10th show with BYT. Over time she has learned and gained so much. Now, as a person, she is no longer frightful on stage and has become a lot more outgoing from since she started theatre. Scarlett loves that BYT offers acceptance to everyone no matter what and she loves performing and seeing what the cast members can do and teach to others. She also wants to thank everyone helping out with the show, especially Miss Cyndy, for her love for these shows and the passion she puts in to them.



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Prop Master.....*Emma McDuffie*
Stage Manager.....*Angel Woods*
Assistant to the Director.....*Alex Mallard*
House Managers.....*Darren and Sara Broman*
Stage Crew.....*Luke Haro, Elijah Hudson*
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About our Founder, Director, Choreographer, and Producer!



Cynthia Ford has been involved with the theatre for over 40 years. Besides directing numerous plays, she has written several of her own musicals, been the artistic director of 3 traveling troupes, worked as a stage manager and has experience in both set and costume design. Originally from New York, Cynthia's Performing Arts School has trained hundreds of dancers, singers, and actors. Her master's degree in Education has aided her in teaching youth in the arts and her love for them has kept her mind and heart young enough to be at the helm of Bluffton Youth Theatre. Her desire is to have a state-of-the-art Performing Arts Center here in Bluffton that gives youth a professional, yet loving environment to learn the craft she so loves. Equally in this endeavor with her is her husband of over 35 years, Gregory. He is the President of BYT, but most of all, he is a loving encourager and supporter of Cynthia's dreams and vision. Cynthia and Gregory have three beautiful daughters, Havilah, Irene, and Jennifer, two wonderful son-in-laws, Dusty and Jordan, and six adorable grandchildren. They owned a performing arts studio in New York and traveled the United States and beyond, spreading the Word of God through the arts. When they moved to South Carolina, they continued their passion by starting Bluffton Youth Theatre. They have loved to see it grow and see how it has positively affected so many lives.

About Bluffton Youth Theatre

Bluffton Youth Theatre was founded in 2015 by Cynthia and Gregory Ford with the help of their daughter Jennifer. Since moving to South Carolina from New York in 2009, Cynthia has found ways to use her performing arts background. She started working with Main Street Youth Theatre on Hilton Head Island, but soon realized that Bluffton needed a performing arts center of its own. With over 40 years of theatre experience in New York, Cynthia set out to bring a youth theatre to Bluffton. It all began during the summer of 2015, in her home, with a cast of 15 youth. After only a couple weeks, they performed "The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe", a musical Cynthia wrote based on C.S. Lewis' book. Many were amazed at what was accomplished in such a short period of time. When asked how the students could perform such a feat, Cynthia said, "When given the challenge, I find that young people always rise to the occasion." Since then, Bluffton Youth Theatre has tripled in size, staged several musicals, held professional acting classes, built floats to participate in the Bluffton Christmas Parade and performed Mystery Dinner Theatre shows.

Hundreds of students have been positively impacted by the Ford's dream that has become a reality. Thousands have witnessed youth of all ages accepting each other, no matter their differences, who come together to perform what has been deemed "truly amazing". Positive reviews have put BYT at a level that has even caught the eye of advocates across the nation who believe in BYT's mission and have willingly lent their support. "We are truly thankful for all who volunteer and continue to encourage us," say the Fords. "Our reward is seeing so many lives changed."

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show come together!*

A Note From the Newsies Director

It never ceases to amaze me what people can do, no matter their age, especially when they lean and trust in God. I have been faced with many challenges in my life and without a doubt, I overcame them with the help of my Lord Jesus who is always by my side.

Likewise, the newsies of 1899 were faced with obstacles that seemed insurmountable, and their united effort caused those obstacles to come tumbling down. Is it recorded in history that they believed in God? No, but I know God "raises the poor from the dust, lifts the needy from the ash heap, makes them sit with nobles, and inherit a seat of honor." (1Samuel 2:8)

The real life Kid Blink, represented by "Jack Kelly" in the play, was a young Irish immigrant who led over 5000 youth to stand up for what was right and change the lives not only of the newsies back then, but the lives for all kids to come. It is said that he was one of the greatest heroes of all time and that the unofficial union of child laborers accomplished more than any other union in history. Though poor, homeless and hungry, their protests and strikes caused giant behemoths to come tumbling down.

Bringing together 52 youth from ages 6-18 with varying abilities (some with special needs) and expecting to put on an awesome performance at the end of 2 1/2 weeks, is, to put it lightly, an extreme challenge. To have the responsibility to show the plight, determination and victory of the real life newsies is overwhelming, but with God on our side, nothing can come against us.

As I listened to each audition, I prayed for each member of the cast and God gave me a verse for each one. I wrote them on their name tags so they would be reminded each day that God was and is, on their side. Many think that youth can't accomplish much, but together, united under one cause, just like the newsies, we would prove them wrong. The anthem in the show called "The World Will Know" would be our destination.

We came, we conquered and you will see the result of our grit and determination. Thank you to all who continue to stand with me in the vision I have for Bluffton Youth Theatre where all youth, no matter their physical, mental or emotional challenges, will learn to be overcomers.

To God be all the glory!

Cynthia Ford
Founder of BYT

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