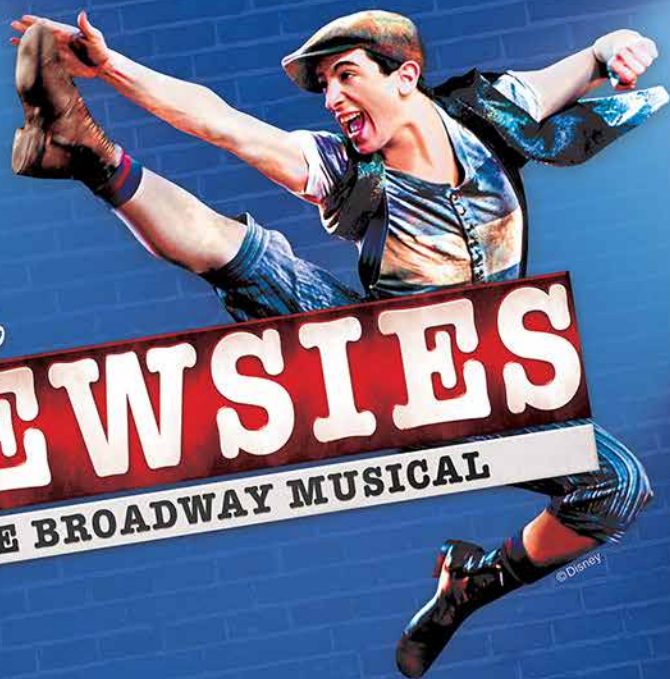




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presents...



Music by
ALAN MENKEN

Lyrics by
JACK FELDMAN

Book by
HARVEY FIERSTEIN

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

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Principal's Message



Welcome parents, family, friends, and our excited audience! On behalf of Bev Facey Community school, I want to thank each of you for attending what will be an amazing performance and for supporting our hard-working ultra-talented cast of students. They have shown passion, commitment, and loyalty to one another all through the journey of preparing for this production. In doing so they truly have represented the very best of what it means to be a Bev Facey Falcon. It has been my pleasure over the last few months to see firsthand the intense work and awesome results that our students have been able to achieve, and now tonight they will get to share that with all of you on the stage!



It has been truly inspiring to see our cast rally around each other and along with the excellent guidance of our drama staff they have created an optimal environment for each of them to take risks and excel in their individual and group performances. Each of our students have worked long hours and have all taken turns at leading one another to continually raise the bar in this production. The entire cast's commitment and passion is a testament to the fantastic artistic learning environment that we support and benefit from within the Bev Facey community.



Newsies showcases the talent and hard work of Bev Facey's Senior Musical Theatre class. This Tony-award winning show is a classical Broadway musical, with likeable characters, showstopping tunes and impressive choreography. Something for everyone, and we guarantee you will be thoroughly entertained!

Your ongoing support of the Bev Facey Performing and Creative Arts program is greatly appreciated. Thank you again for your patronage and on being the positive catalyst in the audience for all our students—now, please sit back, clear your thoughts, and let our cast transport you to someplace special!

Ken Wlos
Principal

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Directors' Notes

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We are back! Having survived a two year pandemic, restrictions, masking and social distancing...theatre is back! We are so excited to invite you into our 'home' and to celebrate resilience and the joy of theatre.



Appropriately, *Newsies: The Musical* is based upon the real-life New York newsboy strike of 1899 where we follow Jack Kelly, a rebellious newsboy who dreams of a life as an artist away from the big city. Confrontations begin when publishing giant Joseph Pulitzer raises his newspaper prices from 50 cents to 60 cents and underestimates the power of 'the little man.' Jack and his fellow Newsies take action and with the help of a beautiful and savvy female reporter, Katherine Plumber, they form a union and strike in order to make a change for the better. The production uses defiance and hope to explore the struggles of living on the streets and trying to make a living. Song titles like *Seize the Day*, *The World Will Know*, *Carrying the Banner* and *Once and for All* reflect the heart and

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soul of these feisty characters who face a wealthy and powerful adversary. As with any Disney-created show, this production contains athletic choreography, powerful moments, humble costuming and music that is both inspiring and vulnerable. *Newsies* has heart!

This relatively new musical is based upon a 1992 film with the same title. Written by two seasoned talents, Harvey Fierstein (*Hairspray* and *Mrs. Doubtfire*) and composer Alan Menken (*The Little Mermaid*, *Little Shop of Horrors* and *Aladdin*), *Newsies: The Musical* debuted on Broadway in 2012. It was nominated for eight Tony Awards including Best Musical, and the show won the Tony for Best Choreography and Best Original Score.

As an artistic team, we have loved working on this show. The intensity, commitment and drive that the students have brought to each rehearsal has made this return to the stage that much more rewarding. We encourage you to sit back and enjoy the talent and joy that these performers possess. If we have learned nothing from the last two years, it is definitely to “seize the day.” We thank you for your support of Facey Fine Arts. Have a wonderful summer and see you next year!

Larry Frank
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Gerry Enns



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The Cast

Newsies

Music by Alan Menken—Lyrics by Jack Feldman

Book by Harvey Fierstein

Jack Kelly	Will Brisbin and Sam Abrahart
Crutchie	Lori Glover and McKenzie Fisher
Davey Jacobs	Cassidy Morgan and Katelyn Gariepy
Les Jacobs	Tierlyn Tennant and Aly Gariepy
Race	Avery Woodland and Nicole Sicotte
Albert	Jessica Watson and Jordan Lee
Specs	Emma Mah and Jordyn Carr
Henry	Marina Zadko
Finch	Jory Gehring and Malory Prusko
Romeo	Drake Seipert and Linta Fawad
Elmer	Dominic Semple
Mush	Julia South
Buttons	Alex Pickett
Splasher	Alisha Babiuk
Tommy Boy	Jayden Woodruff
JoJo	Drake Seipert and Linta Fawad
Mike	Tierlyn Tennant and Aly Gariepy
Ike	Kathryn Frank
Spot Conlon	Daniel Smith
Scab #1	Lori Glover and McKenzie Fisher
Scab #2	Avery Woodland and Nicole Sicotte
Scab #3	Jessica Watson and Jordan Lee

Rich Kids

Katherine Plumber	Kate Hallett and Emily Pitters
Darcy	Dan Smith
Bill	Dominic Semple

Newspaper Bullies

Wiesel	Luke Parker
Morris Delancey	Nathan Segin
Oscar Delancey	Will Brisbin and Sam Abrahart

Newspaper Moguls

Joseph Pulitzer	Jonas Smith
Seitz	Alisha Babiuk
Bunsen	Samira Schultz and Olivia Huber
Hannah	Katelyn Gariepy and Cassidy Morgan
Nunzio	Morgan Frank
Guard	Emma Mah and Jordyn Carr
Snyder	Marina Zadko

Theatre People

Medda Larkin	Olivia Huber and Samira Schultz
Stage Manager	Julia South

Chorus: Bowery Beauties/ Nuns – Dancers and Singers

Avery Woodland	Nicole Sicotte
Jessica Watson	Jordan Lee
Emma Mah	Jordyn Carr
Jory Gehring	Malory Prusko
Drake Seipert	Linta Fawad
Kate Hallett	Emily Pitters
Kathryn Frank	

Additional Cast

Woman	Jayden Woodruff
Mrs. Jacobs	Jory Gehring and Malory Prusko
Policeman	Nathan Segin
Mayor	Luke Parker
Governor Teddy Roosevelt	Drake Seipert

Musicians

Elaine Dunbar	Piano
Tom Bennett	Drums and percussion
Doug Berner	Bass

Dance Captains

Tierlyn Tennant	Samira Shultz
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Directors	Larry Frank Colleen Cruikshank
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Acts, Scenes and Songs

Act One

Overture – Orchestra

Scene I

Santa Fe (Prologue) – Jack And Crutchie

Carrying The Banner – Jack, Newsies, Nuns

Scene II – Pulitzer's Office

The Bottom Line – Pulitzer, Seitz, Bunsen, Hannah

Carrying The Banner – Reprise

Scene III – A Street Corner

Chase – Instrumental

Scene IV – Medda's Theatre

That's Rich – Medda

I Never Planned On You/Don't Come A Knocking – Jack,
Katherine, Bowery Beauties

Scene V – Newsies Square

The World Will Know – Jack, Davey, Les and Newsies

Scene VI – Jacobi's Deli and Street

The World Will Know – Reprise

Watch What Happens – Katherine

Watch What Happens Play Off – Instrumental

Scene VII – Newsies Square

Seize The Day – Davey, Jack, Les, Newsies

The Fight – Instrumental

Santa Fe – Jack

Act Two

Entracte – Orchestra

Scene I – Mrs. Jacobi's Deli

King Of New York – Davey, Les, Katherine, Newsies

King Of New York Tag – Instrumental

Scene II – The Refuge

Letter From The Refuge – Crutchie

Letter From The Refuge Playoff – Instrumental

Scene III – Medda's Theatre

Jack's Painting – Instrumental

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

Back To Pulitzer's Office – Instrumental

Scene IV – Pulitzer's Office

The Bottom Line (Reprise) – Pulitzer, Seitz, Mayor

Brooklyn's Here – Spot Conlon, Newsies

Scene V – Brooklyn Bridge & Medda's Theatre

Scene VI – To The Rooftop

To The Rooftop – Instrumental under dialogue

Something To Believe In – Jack and Katherine

Scene VII – Pulitzer's Office

Seize The Day (Reprise) – Newsies

Once And For All – Jack, Davey, Les, Katherine, Bill, Newsies

Once And For All Playoff – Instrumental

Scene VIII – Pulitzer's Office

Seize The Day (Reprise 2) – Newsies

Scene IX

Finale Part 1 and Finale Part 2 – Ensemble

Exit Music

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Act One

As Jack Kelly is savoring the last few moments of quiet before the sun rises, he shares with his best friend Crutchie his rooftop view of the city and his dream for a better life out West (*Santa Fe - Prologue*). At dawn, the newsies sing about their life and their work (*Carrying the Banner*), introducing this ramshackle group of young friends. They make their way to the distribution window for the World, where they pick up their daily stacks of papers to sell from Wiesel, who runs the window, and Morris and Oscar Delancey, goons who work for the World. Davey and Les, brothers trying to earn money for their family, meet the newsies and try to learn the ropes. Jack agrees to partner with the boys since Les's young age will help him sell more papers, although Davey is skeptical.

Meanwhile, Joseph Pulitzer, publisher of the World, expresses displeasure at the declining sales of his newspaper and vows to increase profits (*The Bottom Line*), even if it is at the expense of the newsies.

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At the end of the day, it's clear that Les is a natural newsie. Before Jack and the brothers can part ways, a man appears and chases Jack. Davey and Les follow Jack's lead, running through the alleys of New York and finding safety in Medda's Theater. Jack introduces them to Medda Larkin, one of the Bowery's most famous performers. Jack explains that the man chasing them is named Snyder; he runs The Refuge, an orphanage that he keeps in squalid conditions and embezzles from. He's had it out for Jack ever since he escaped. Medda offers her theater as a safe haven, and they stay to watch her perform (*That's Rich*).

During Medda's performance, Jack notices Katherine, a bright young reporter he had seen earlier that day. A smitten Jack makes several attempts to flirt with her, but Katherine, quick-witted and ever-professional, cleverly rebuffs him. While the Bowery Beauties perform their routine, Jack resorts to sketching a portrait of Katherine (*I Never Planned on You / Don't Come a-Knockin'*), and leaves it for her to find.

The next day, as the newsies gather at the distribution window, the boys are outraged to learn that Pulitzer has increased their price for newspapers - they can barely afford to eat as it is! Prompted by Davey, the newsies decide to form a union and strike (*The World Will Know*).

After a successful first day of striking, newly elected union leader Jack Kelly assigns some kids to spread the word to newsies in other boroughs. Katherine arrives, hoping that the newsies will give her an exclusive for the Sun. Jack tells her to be at the distribution window the next morning; not only will the newsies prevent others from selling papers, but they plan to stop the delivery carts as well. He tells her that they all have a lot riding on her reporting skills, and Katherine gets to work writing her breakout article (*Watch What Happens*).

The next day, Jack arrives to find that only a few kids have assembled to strike. He urges Davey to convince the small group not to back down. When scabs arrive to take the newsies' place, Jack asks them to stand in solidarity with all the city's exploited working children. The scabs throw down their papers, just in time for Katherine and her photographer to snap a victorious photo (*Seize the Day*). But soon the newsies engage in a fierce fight with the Delanceys, Wiesel, and the police. Snyder scares Jack away, but not before he watches the Delanceys take down Crutchie and carry him off to The Refuge. Reaching the temporary safety of his rooftop, Jack paces, feeling guilty about leading the kids into danger. He looks out over the city and longs to escape (*Santa Fe*).

Act Two

Battered and bruised, the newsies lament the previous day's events at Jacobi's Deli. Amid rumors that Jack was captured, several newsies wonder where he is. Katherine arrives with a copy of the story she published in the Sun, complete with a front-page picture of the newsies. Ecstatically, they thank her and celebrate their - and Katherine's - fame (*King of New York*). Meanwhile, Crutchie writes a letter to Jack from The Refuge expressing that he feels no ill will toward Jack and urging the newsies to stick together (*Letter from The Refuge*).

Davey, Les, and Katherine find Jack back at Medda's Theater and try to convince him to come back to the fight. Jack refuses, saying that they can't win against a man as powerful as Pulitzer. The three convince Jack that theirs is a fight worth fighting (*Watch What Happens - Reprise*); Jack finally agrees, and the kids plan a rally.

Discovering Katherine's story, Pulitzer furiously resolves to take down Jack. Just then, a cocky Jack arrives to announce the newsies' rally. Pulitzer assures Jack that no paper will cover it - and if it's not in the press, it never happened. He then reveals Katherine, exposing her as his daughter, and Snyder, who emerges from the shadows. Pulitzer offers Jack a choice: get sent to The Refuge or renounce the strike and leave New York with pockets full of cash. The Delanceys escort Jack to the cellar, where an old printing press rests, to ponder his decision (*The Bottom Line* - Reprise).

That evening, Brooklyn newsies cross the bridge with Spot Conlon, their leader, to join newsies from every borough at Medda's theater for the rally (*Brooklyn's Here*). Davey gives an inspiring speech, riling up the newsies about their progress. However, Jack appears and tells them to go back to work because they are no match for Pulitzer. Jack accepts his payoff money at the door and exits quickly.

On his rooftop, Jack finds Katherine looking through his drawings of The Refuge's bleak conditions. He snatches them from her and they argue fiercely until she kisses him. Katherine shares her plan to have the newsies distribute an article which quotes Jack on the exploitation of working kids and calls for a citywide strike. Before heading to the old printing press Jack recently discovered, they share their hope in each other (*Something to Believe In*).

With the help of Katherine and her well-connected friends, Darcy and Bill, the newsies sneak into Pulitzer's cellar to print their paper (*Once and for All*). The kids distribute the pamphlet all over the city.

Pulitzer's office is flooded with angry calls from every corner of New York. Having read the Newsies Banner, Pulitzer is furious at the kids' attempt to thwart him. Jack, Davey, and Spot show up (*Seize the Day* - Reprise) to personally deliver the news and say that the kids are willing to make a compromise. Pulitzer refuses to back down until Governor Roosevelt appears with Katherine and Jack's drawings of The Refuge. Alone, Jack and Pulitzer come to an agreement they can both live with - the price increase is reduced by half, and publishers will buy back any unsold papers. The strike is over!

Outside, Jack announces the end of the strike. Crutchie appears amid the jubilation, followed by a handcuffed Snyder. Despite his dreams for Santa Fe, Jack realizes that the newsies are his family and Katherine gives him something to believe in - so he's staying put for now (Finale Ultimo).

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Musician Bios



Elaine Dunbar – piano and band leader

Elaine Dunbar is a teacher of music and theatre with over 30 years of teaching and performing experience. She holds a Bachelor of Music Degree in piano performance from the University of Alberta; an ARCT in singing performance from the Royal Conservatory (RCM); a degree in theatre acting from Ryerson University in Toronto; and has studied musical theatre at the Banff Centre. She is a member of the RCM College of Examiners and of the Canadian Actors' Equity Association.

Currently, Elaine teaches privately; is music director at Grace United Church, where she conducts 3 choirs; is the conductor of Edmonton's Young Columbian Choir; is a vocal coach and show pianist/band leader for Bev Facey's musical theatre program in Sherwood Park; and is a co-founder of "Dramatic Learning": a company that brings musical theatre into schools through artist-in residence programs. Dramatic Learning has also produced children's shows for Edmonton's summer theatre scene-the recent being "Raymond and the Monster" in 2010, with some original music by Ms. Dunbar.

Elaine has performed on stages throughout Canada. Her varied theatre credits range from playing Queen Hermione in Shakespeare's "The Winter's Tale", to country pianist Mr. Floyd Cramer in "Patsy Cline: Sweet Dreams Fantasy Tour." She has performed two full seasons with Pro Coro Chamber Choir, and is also a member of the Classical "Good Spirit Trio" who performed at Edmonton's Winspear in Spring 2010 for the mayor's birthday celebration.

Elaine is privileged and grateful to have had so many fine teachers throughout her life including Edward Lincoln and Ernesto Lejano (piano); Sandra Gavinchuk, Jean Letourneau, David Astor, Peggy Redmond (Voice); Walter Kaasa, Kelly Handerek, Robert Seale, Peter Hinton (acting).

Elaine lives in Edmonton with her husband and three children.



Thom Bennett – drums and percussion

Thom Bennett is a professional musician, producer, recordist and instructor based in Edmonton. He has shared stages with Brad Turner, Mike Downes, Bill Coon, Jacksoul, and Kathleen Edwards as well as having played/recorded and/or toured with over 100 artists since graduating from MacEwan's Jazz Performance program. Aside from his schedule as a sideman performing with some of Edmonton and Canada's foremost musicians, Thom leads his own group which explores his varied influences ranging from sweaty funk to straight ahead jazz to odd-time tunes to thoughtful ballads and much more. He has been fortunate enough to have toured across Canada, the United States and Europe and was recently hyper-blessed to have the opportunity to study in NYC with renowned musicians Ari Hoenig, Greg Ritchie and Owen Howard to further his abilities on his chosen instrument. When not maintaining his busy gigging schedule he splits his time between his teaching duties, doing clinics for Edmonton and area school boards as well as producing/engineering records for local artists at Sanctuary Studios. Thom is also busy with session studio work as producer/player/engineer, composing for short film and numerous dance pieces and accompanying dance classes. Thom is proud to be an Epek Percussion endorser and is so happy to be involved with music every day.



Doug Berner – string bass

Born and raised in Edmonton, Alberta, Doug has been an active part of the musical community since his mid-teens. He studied trumpet and jazz performance at Grant MacEwan College in Edmonton and Moorehead State University in Kentucky. Doug has been privileged to perform with many great musicians, including Peabo Bryson, Aaron Neville, and the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra, and has traveled widely working as a Bandmaster for Princess Cruises and as Musical Director aboard Cunard's Queen Mary 2. Currently Doug resides in Wetaskiwin, Alberta, and can be found performing and teaching throughout Alberta.

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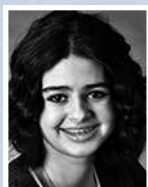


Samuel Abrahart

Jack Kelly and Oscar Delancey (double cast)

Samuel Abrahart is a grade twelve student at Bev Facey. This is Sam's eighth show with Facey Fine Arts and he is beyond excited to get the chance to portray Jack Kelly! You might have seen him as Matthew Cuthbert in *Anne of Green Gables* or Caitlin's Dad in Facey's production of *Mockingbird*. Acting is his greatest passion in life, and he can't wait to pursue it further when he graduates, hoping to fulfill his dreams. Some of his acting credits include: *Lion King Jr.*, *Shrek Jr.*, *Willy Wonka Jr.*, and *Annie Jr.* This is his last show at Facey and he has really enjoyed his time in the Fine Arts program! Sam would love to thank his friends, family and outstanding directors for their constant support and he hopes you enjoy this show, just as much as he enjoyed working on it!

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Alisha Babiuk

Seitz and Splasher

Alisha is a grade ten student at Bev Facey and she is very excited to be a part of her first show. Alisha has many years of singing experience although this is her first group musical theatre performance. She is very excited to be a part of such an amazing program and to gain experience. She hopes everyone enjoys the show!



Will Brisbin

Jack Kelly and Oscar Delancey (double cast)

Will is a grade eleven student here at Bev Facey. This is Will's fourth show with the Facey Fine Arts program and he is thrilled to get the chance to bring Jack Kelly to life! You may have seen him as the chilling Arthur Roeder in last semester's production of *Radium Girls*, as well as Gilbert Blythe in this semester's *Anne of Green Gables*. Will was given the opportunity of a lifetime this past summer as he got to play Ryder in *PAW Patrol: The Movie*. It was incredible to get to live his life long dream and he hopes he can continue to grow as a performer. Select theatre credits include: *Matilda*, *Evangeline*, *A Christmas Carol* (Citadel Theatre), *Oklahoma*, *Oliver*, and *Elf* (Festival Place). Will would like to thank his friends, family and teachers and he hopes you enjoy this show as much as he has!



Jordyn Carr

Specs, guard (double cast) and chorus

Already in her grade twelve year, Jordyn is an aspiring musical artist and performer who recognized her passion for performing at a very young age. Jordyn has been taking voice and acting lessons for many years, has performed in numerous public musical and theatrical performances, and wishes to pursue a career in the art of film. She's had a wonderful time acting in *Newsies*, it being one of her favorite musicals, and hopes you enjoy the show as much as she does!



Linta Fawad

Romeo, JoJo (double cast) and chorus

Linta is a grade eleven student at Bev Facey. Although this will be her first Facey production, she has previously performed in the musical *Legally Blonde Jr.* She is very thrilled to put on an actual show on a stage, and is extremely thankful for this opportunity.



McKenzie Fisher

Crutchie and Scab #1 (double cast)

McKenzie is a grade ten student at Facey. This is her first show with the school and she has enjoyed every minute of it. She has many years of experience with competitive dance, yet she has loved the opportunity to be able to grow as a singer and an actor. McKenzie would like to thank her friends and family for all of the support they have given her as well as the rest of the cast for making this such a memorable experience. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Kathryn Frank

Nunzio, Ike and chorus

Kathryn is a grade twelve student and this is her third production with the school. She previously played Dr. Von Sochocky in *Radium Girls*, as well as the “visually challenged” Witch in *Three Fractured Pigs*. She has several years of experience in singing and acting but this is her first musical theatre performance since grade nine, as well as her first time ever doing advanced choreography! Kathryn would like to thank her teachers, the choreographer, the band, the technicians, and her friends for all of their support and help with the show. Lastly, she hopes you enjoy the performance!



Aly Gariepy

Les Jacobs and Mike (double cast)

Aly is a grade ten student at Facey. This is her third production with Facey Fine Arts. You may have seen her in *Radium Girls* as Mrs. MacNeil and Harriet, and as Actress One in *Anne of Green Gables*. She is happy to share the stage with her older sister, and would like to thank her teachers for their guidance and support during her first year at Facey.



Katelyn Gariepy

Davey Jacobs and Hannah (double cast)

Katelyn is a grade twelve student at Facey. You may have seen her as Annie in *Annie Jr.*, Grace Fryer in *Radium Girls*, and as Anne in *Anne of Green Gables*. Katelyn is passionate about performing, writing, and music. She is grateful to be sharing the stage with her younger sister Aly. She would like to thank her best friend Reilly, her parents, and her teachers for their support.



Jory Gehring

Finch, Mrs. Jacobs (double cast) and chorus

Jory is a grade twelve student and she's so excited to be in *Newsies* at Bev Facey High School! She loves everything about music, drama, and performing on stage. You may have seen her in Stage Eaters Theatre's previous production of *Newsies* back in February 2022. Some of the other shows she has been in at Bev Facey include *Annie Jr.*, and *Mockingbird*. When she is not acting she enjoys reading, and listening to Taylor Swift. Jory wants to thank all those who have dedicated their time and talents to making *Newsies* possible. She hopes you enjoy watching the show – she has really loved being a part of it.



Lori Glover

Crutchie and Scab #1 (double cast)

Lori is a grade twelve student and this is her fifth show with Facey. You may have seen her on the stage earlier this spring as Fern or Martha Arable in *Charlotte's Web*, or Rachel Lynde in *Anne of Green Gables*. Other shows include: *Seussical Jr.*, *Annie Jr.*, and *Radium Girls*. After school she spends her time hanging out with friends or working as a swim instructor, and loving every minute of it! Lori would like to thank her friends and family for being there for her and for putting up with her constant humming of *Newsies* music. She also wants to thank this musical theatre class for all the fun and laughs they have provided. She is very excited to perform this musical for you and hopes you enjoy it!



Kate Hallett

Katherine Plumber (double cast) and chorus

Kate is a grade twelve student and this is her fourth show at Bev Facey. You may have previously seen her as Caitlin in *Mockingbird*, or in the title role in *Annie Jr.* Kate would like to thank the entire cast and crew for their incredible work and her double cast Emily Pitters for being a rock throughout the entire rehearsal process. Kate is so proud of all the effort everyone has put into this production! She hopes everyone will enjoy the experience of seeing *Newsies!*



Olivia Huber

Medda Larkin and Bunsen (double cast)

Olivia is an eighteen-year-old singer, performer, and entertainer. She's taking on the "star of the show," Miss Medda Larkin. Olivia was also featured as Miss Hannigan in Facey's musical *Annie Jr.* She has performed at various locations including Crusader and Prospect games, West Edmonton Mall, and the Big Valley Jam-boree homegrown stage. Olivia is beyond excited to perform in her senior show. She would like to thank the cast and her friends and family for supporting her throughout her musical theatre journey. She knows you will enjoy the show!



Jordan Lee

Albert, Scab #3 (double cast) and chorus

Jordan is a grade twelve student at Bev Facey. This is her third show with the Facey Fine Arts Program, and she is delighted to bring to life the one and only Albert! You may have seen Jordan as Lily St. Regis in Bev Facey's 2020 production of *Annie Jr.* Jordan is beyond proud of this show and her cast, crew, choreographers, and producers who made it possible. She is honoured to have been a part of something so special, a theatre family, that will make saying goodbye so hard. "Without further ado, enjoy the show!"



Emma Mah

Specs, guard (double cast) and chorus

Emma is a grade eleven student at Bev Facey. This is her first show with the Facey Fine Arts Program and she is excited to help bring such an iconic story to life. She has enjoyed theatre, especially musicals, from a young age, and is grateful for the chance to perform on stage alongside so many talented people. She wants to thank her family and friends for their support and encouragement. Emma hopes you enjoy the show and all the hard work the cast has put in!



Cassidy Morgan

Davey Jacobs and Hannah (double cast)

Cassidy is a grade twelve student at Facey. You may have seen her as Caitlin in *Mockingbird* and as Sharla in *About Her*. Cassidy is extremely passionate about performing and is excited to continue acting after high school! She would like to thank her friends and family, as well as the talented cast and crew for all the support, and hopes you enjoy the show!



Luke Parker

Wiesel and Mayor

Luke is a grade ten student and this is his third show with Facey. He hopes you enjoy him playing the characters Wiesel and the Mayor in *Newsies*. You might have seen Luke in *Anne Of Green Gables* as Actor #3, or in *Radium Girls* as Dr. Frederick Flynn. "Hope you enjoy the show!"



Alex Pickett

Buttons

Alex is a grade eleven student at Facey. You may have seen them in Rudolph Hennig's production of *Legally Blonde Jr.* as Enid Hoopes, and this is their first production with Facey. Alex is fairly passionate about theatre, as well as different STEM courses. They would like to thank their close friends, their family, their teachers, and the rest of the staff for all the support.



Emily Pitters

Katherine Plumber (double cast) and chorus

Emily Pitters is a grade twelve student and this is her fifth show at Bev Facey. You may have seen her as Ms. Brook in *Mockingbird* or as Grace Farrell in *Annie Jr.* She also participated in Festival Place's production of *Elf The Musical* this past Christmas. Emily is also trained in acrobatic gymnastics and represented Team Canada in 2019, winning a gold and bronze medal. She has always loved being a performer as it brings her joy to see the smiles on other's faces. Emily would like to thank her whole cast and crew for putting all their efforts into making this whole show shine, especially her double cast, Kate Hallet! "We hope you "Watch What Happens" and enjoy the show!"



Malory Prusko

Finch, Mrs. Jacobs (double cast) and chorus

Malory is a grade twelve student who is performing in her sixth show at Bev Facey. You may have seen her as Grace in *Radium Girls*, Charlotte in *Charlotte's Web*, or Anne in *Anne of Green Gables* earlier this year. Outside of school, she spends her time being a professional horse girl and making poor life choices in the process. Malory would like to thank an amazing cast and crew for working hard to put together a great show, and looks forward to sharing the stage with some amazing people.



Samira Schultz

Medda Larkin and Bunsen (double cast)

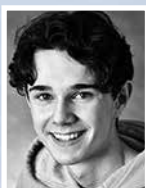
Samira is a grade eleven student here at Bev Facey. This is her third show with the Facey Fine Arts program, and she's ecstatic to embody the great Medda Larkin! You may have seen Samira as Von Sochocky in last semester's production of *Radium Girls*, or as Anne in the one-act play *Our Place*. Samira has been a dancer for ten years and has had opportunities to travel across the world. She competed in the big hit competition World Of Dance and recently on the last season of Canada's Got Talent. Samira would like to thank the *Newsies* cast, teachers, family, and friends and hopes you love the show!



Nathan Segin

Morris Delancey and policeman

Nathan is a grade ten student at Bev Facey and he's thrilled to be in another show! He'll be playing the character Morris Delancey. This will be his third performance in the Bev Facey Fine Arts program; you may have also seen Nathan playing Shane and funeral guest #5 last semester in *Mockingbird* and you may have seen him earlier this semester in *Anne Of Green Gables*. Nathan would like to thank the cast and crew and he hopes you will enjoy the show.



Drake Seipert

Romeo, JoJo (double cast) and chorus

Drake is very excited to be doing *Newsies* again, having first done it earlier this year with Stage Eaters Theatre. This will be his second show this semester following his appearance in *Charlotte's Web* at Bev Facey. He has not done many out-of-school acting projects but he has been featured in F.R. Haythorne's Hawk film festival as well as other drama productions at F.R. "Hope you enjoy the show!"



Dominic Semple

Elmer and Bill

Dominic is a Grade ten student at Bev Facey who's excited to get back into performing again, this time playing the characters Elmer and Bill. This will be his third performance with the Bev Facey Fine Arts program. You may have seen him in *Mockingbird* as Josh last December, or as Actor #3 in *Anne of Green Gables*. Dominic would like to thank the cast and crew of the show for putting up with his nonsense. Dominic hopes you enjoy watching the performance half as much as he enjoyed being a part of it.



Nicole Sicotte

Race, Scab #2 (double cast) and chorus

Nicole is currently in grade twelve and this is her fifth and final show at Facey. You may have seen her earlier this year as Kathryn Schaub in *Radium Girls* or as Marilla Cuthbert in *Anne of Green Gables*. She would like to thank everyone that has been involved with the Drama program at Facey for making every year a ton of fun. "Enjoy the show!"



Daniel Smith

Spot Conlon and Darcy

Daniel is currently in grade eleven and is excited to be playing Spot Conlon in *Newsies*. Daniel was in Bev Facey's production of *Mockingbird* in 2021, and has performed in a number of musicals including *Elf: The Musical*, *The Music Man*, *Catch Me if You Can*, and *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*. Off the stage, Daniel enjoys playing soccer and badminton, piano, violin, reading, and listening to music. A huge thanks to the teachers at Bev Facey for helping him to develop his skills as an actor. Daniel hopes you enjoy the show!



Jonas Smith

Joseph Pulitzer

Jonas is a grade twelve student and this is his fourth show at Facey. You may have seen him earlier this year as Arthur Roeder in *Radium Girls* or as Matthew in *Anne of Green Gables*. Jonas would like to thank of his friends in the cast for all of their help and support. He is absolutely thrilled to be a part of this production and hopes you enjoy the show.



Julia South

Mush

Julia is a grade ten student here at Bev Facey. She is playing the character Mush in the musical *Newsies*. This will be her first show ever and she is very excited. Julia has enjoyed other drama programs at her previous school. In her free time she loves sports and the outdoors. Julia is thankful for the support from her family, friends, and teachers along the way. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Tierlyn Tennant

Les Jacobs and Mike (double cast)

Tierlyn is a grade twelve student at Bev Facey performing her fifth show. You may have seen her as Grace Farrel in *Annie Jr.* or Mrs. Johnson in *Mockingbird*. Tierlyn has been performing her whole life and loves the friends and opportunities it has provided for her. She danced competitively for thirteen years and is super excited to bring her dancing into the show. She has enjoyed working with the rest of her class on *Newsies*, and hopes you enjoy it as much as she does!



Jessica Watson

Albert, Scab #3 (double cast) and chorus

Jess is a grade twelve student at Bev Facey. This is her fifth show with Facey; you may have seen her on the stage before as Katherine Wiley in *Radium Girls*, and as Diana in *Anne of Green Gables*. Jess is going to miss the drama program so much and loves the friends and memories she has made along the way. She is super excited for all of you to see all of the hard work put into this production. "Enjoy the show!"



Avery Woodland

Race, Scab #2 (double cast) and chorus

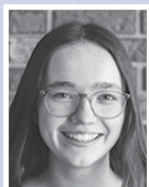
Avery is a grade ten student here at Bev Facey, she is beyond excited to get to share *Newsies* with everyone! You may have gotten the chance to see Avery entertain with her horrible dance skills this past December, while being in the production *Elf* at Festival Place. Or you may have seen her as Mrs. Brooks in *Mockingbird* or as Finley in *About Her*. Avery feels so lucky to have been able to make so many friendships through the Fine Arts program here at Facey, and can't wait to continue acting here for the next two years. She hopes you enjoy the show as much as Race enjoys his cigars!



Jayden Woodruff

Tommy Boy and woman

Jayden is a grade ten student at Facey. This is their first year doing a production. They loved the drama program at their old school, and are extremely excited to be in the show. Jayden has always had a love of live theatre and performance in general. Jayden would like to thank their family, friends and teachers for all the support and help they've gotten over the years.



Marina Zadko

Henry and Snyder

Marina is a grade eleven student at Bev Facey. You may have seen her as Michelle in Bev Facey's production of *Mockingbird*, or in Stage Eaters Theatre's production of *Newsies*! In her free time, Marina likes to draw, play guitar, and write. Marina would like to thank everyone who made this show possible, and hopes that everyone has a great night!

Facey's Spring 2022 Season

Charlotte's Web

Based on the book by E. B. White
Adapted by Joseph Robinette
April 25-28, 2022



Anne of Green Gables

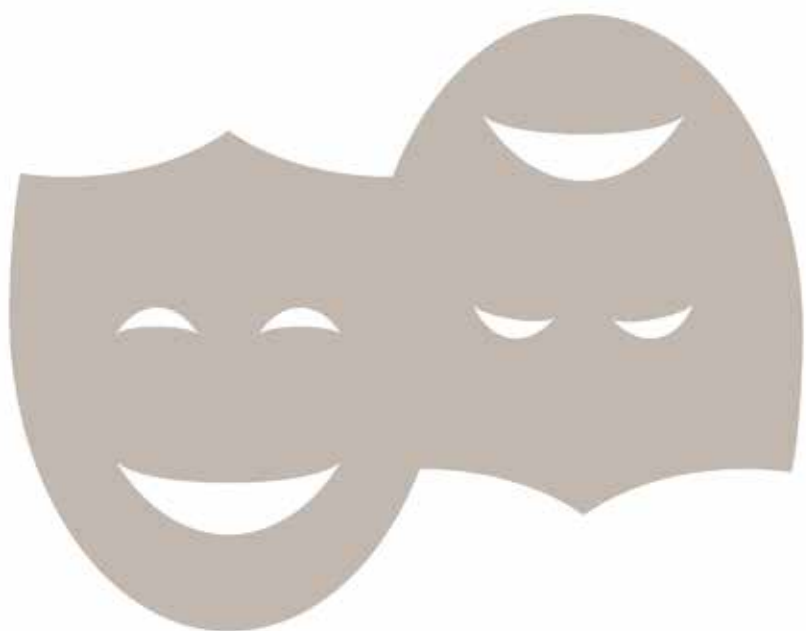
Based on the book by L. M. Montgomery
Adapted by Michelle R. Davis
May 9-12, 2022



Newsies

Music by Alan Menken
Lyrics by Jack Feldman
Book by Harvey Fierstein
May 24-27, 2022





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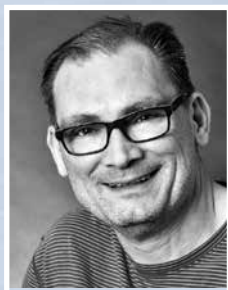
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Larry Frank – Director/Fine Arts Coordinator

Larry Frank is a dynamic and multitalented teacher and director. His eclectic tastes range from the arts to sports, and he equally loves both. Larry has enjoyed acting since the age of eight, and fell in love with the director's craft while studying at the University of Alberta. He takes great pride in the over two hundred shows he has directed, including *West Side Story*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Annie*, *Les Misérables*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *A Streetcar Named Desire*, *Dead Man Walking* and *A Tale of Two Cities*. In his spare time, Larry manages the Elk Island Public Schools Honour Choir and enjoys spending time with his beautiful wife, Lianne, and his two energetic boys, Carter, who is seventeen years old and Cooper, who is fourteen. Larry would like to thank his wife and sons for making him laugh every day, and for making every day extra special!

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Allan Milne – Art Director

Allan Milne is enthusiastic about teaching art at Bev Facey. He feels strongly about art as it gives students the ability to express themselves in ways that other subjects cannot, while also giving students the tools to create art where there was nothing... and having fun at the same time! When he isn't in the classroom, Mr. Milne enjoys working on soapstone carvings, painting, and staying physically active. Mr. Milne also has a busy schedule at home with his wonderful wife, son and three daughters!

"I find I can say things with color and shapes that I cannot say any other way."

– Georgia O'Keefe



Colleen Cruikshank – Director

Colleen Cruikshank began her music degree in Red Deer College in 1988. During this time, she worked with Centre Stage Productions as Rehearsal Pianist and Assistant Musical Director on a variety of productions including *Into the Woods*, *Godspell* and a late night Cabaret show. In 1990, she was contracted to work for Keyano College in Fort McMurray for *Cabaret*, and *Sweeney Todd*. In 1994, she completed her Bachelor of Music Degree at the University of Calgary, specializing in Secondary Education. Her passion for musical theatre has spanned more than twenty years and has led to working with some very fine directors, actors and choreographers. In 1996 she hit the stage with a lead in the romantic comedy, *Will You Still Love Me in the Morning?* Over the years, Colleen has accompanied and directed various choral groups, including Just Friends and most recently, The Edmonton Police Chorus. Over the years, she has had her jazz and concert bands perform at Disney Magic Music Days a multitude of times as well as touring western Canada. Colleen joined the Facey Fine Arts Team in 2000 and since then has been proud to be part of some stellar productions including *West Side Story*, *Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and *Jesus Christ Superstar* to name but a few. In 2003, Colleen began flexing her directing muscle with *Dracula*, *Go Ask Alice* and *When Darkness Seems So Light*. Colleen brings a vast array of talent, experience and enthusiasm to the stage and is excited for all that lies ahead.



Andrew Sutherland – *Music Director*

Andrew Sutherland is a professional studio and touring musician, who studied at University of Alberta. He touches so many aspects of music composing, performing, rehearsing, touring, recording, mixing, conducting, and thoroughly stands by being a jack of all trades. He possesses talents across many genres, instruments, and subject areas and he believes students enthusiasm towards music will build a driving determination and discipline that will carry them far in life, while also having a great time. While not teaching a broad array of music courses at Bev Facey, Mr. Sutherland can be found mixing, recording, writing, composing, rehearsing, or performing a variety of music across Canada.

“Music is an outburst of the soul.”

–Frederick Delius



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Special Thanks

N*ewsies* was made successful through the effort and dedication of many people. We are particularly grateful to the cast, crew and their families for making a commitment to our program and sticking with it. We are also grateful to the Bev Facey Administration for their continuing support of the performing arts.

Our shows couldn't run without technical assistance and we have some of the best help around! Special thanks to the best technical theatre class ever and the tech guru himself, Mr Gerry Enns for his ongoing support and expertise!

Leaning on people with organizational and computer skills makes part of our job quite easy. Thanks go to Art Packer at Newton Graphics for his work in designing and publishing our programs and posters for the entire season and to Kim Seibt for her tech wizardry with programs and basically everything! Also thanks to Kirk and Trudy Harrold at Focalpoint Photography for the outstanding work they do photographing our students and videotaping our shows. A massive thank you to Jenn Fraser for her vision, expertise and fabrication skills in designing and creating our costumes.

It truly does take a village for such a massive undertaking, so a special shout-out to my friends and colleagues at Salisbury High School, Leduc High, Victoria School for the Performing Arts, Lakeland Ridge Junior High and Stage Eaters Theatre Company. These people have let us beg, borrow and steal costumes, set pieces, paintings, printing presses and everything in between! Special thanks to Janelle Simpson

for all her assistance with our version of *Newsies* and for lending us pretty much anything we asked for. Winnifred Burdett is our talented artist who designed, drew and painted the political cartoon used in both our Children's Crusade Banner and our painting for Jack. Our other talented artist was Ashlee Salmons who created the Santa Fe painting in Medda's Theatre! Finally, to Cindy Smith, who was simply outstanding – she is the volunteer with the most! Her patience, kindness and guidance with props, design and painting was so appreciated. She spent hours locked in a back room working with whatever student we could spare on the many days she was here. She did it all with a smile and we so love you for that. The Arts Community is a tight one and I was surely reminded of that on this show!

King Scaffolding!!! Kyle and his team are simply the best! They have helped us and Salisbury with numerous shows and I cannot say enough great things about their professionalism and generosity! Thank you for all the help with delivery and assembly of our entire set!

Thank you to all of our sponsors for supporting the arts and all our wonderful volunteers who support us every day!

Finally, to our audience – your support and appreciation keep all of us going and we are grateful for both. We are so grateful to have a live audience back and be performing in person. We hope you join us next fall for another great drama and musical theatre season!

Larry Frank

Colleen Cruikshank

Allan Milne

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The Facey Fine Arts Team