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PRODUCTION OF

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Music by Alan Menken | Lyrics by Jack Feldman | Book by Harvey Fierstein

JR. Script Adaptation by David Simpatico

Based on the Disney film written by Bob Tzudiker and Noni White.

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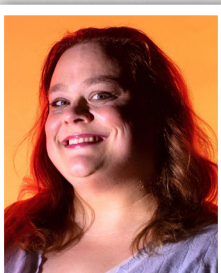
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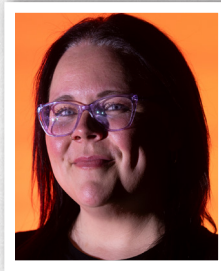
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KRISTIN H.
VOCAL DIRECTOR



KRISTIN G.
STAGE MANAGER + ASSISTANT
VOCAL DIRECTOR



TARA
STAGE MANAGER



ANGEL MANNISTO - CHOREOGRAPHER

I am so very excited to get to be a part of Newsies, not only because it is the last show of the 2025/2026 season, but because it also happens to be my all-time favourite musical. I have so many memories as a young teenager, watching the original Disney movie starring Christian Bale with Kristin H. over, and over, and over again. I had such a crush on "Mush" (his character did not make the cut in the Broadway production, but the actor who played him in the movie went on to marry Idina Menzel, so way to go Mush!). I have also seen it live three times, not to mention how many times I have watched the Broadway production on Disney Plus, and yes, I fan-girled outside the stage door and have met cast members from all three productions. That is how much I love Newsies. I think you will hear me say each song is my favourite, over, and over, and over again. Do you recognize a pattern? I would love to be a newsie myself one day, but sadly, I don't think that is in the cards for me, so I have to live vicariously through the amazing youth in this production. I am beyond proud of all of them, and I am so excited that I created Newsies lovers in each and every one of them. I hope that you walk away with a newfound love for this musical, and I highly recommend watching it on Disney Plus, if you can. You won't be disappointed—the choreo, the harmonies—my heart smiles! Thank you for all the fun and amazing memories to the cast and crew, and to Jeremy Jordan and Aaron Lohr. IYKYK. "Seize the Day!"

KRISTIN HALL - VOCAL DIRECTOR

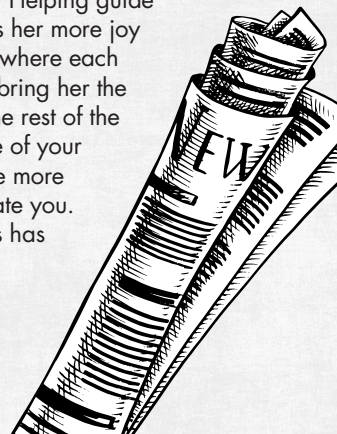
Kristin has vocal directed a number of SPG productions, but this has been her first Jr. production, and what an experience it has been! She would like to thank the cast for the fun, and all their hard work at rehearsals. Kristin would like to thank her fellow production team members: Mark, Angel, Tara, and Kristin G. Kristin G., you truly are an assistant vocal director extraordinaire! Thank you for all you've done to help me and the cast these past few months. It has truly been a privilege to work with this wonderful cast of talented youth. Enjoy the show!

KRISTIN GIBEAULT - CO-STAGE MANAGER/ASSISTANT VOCAL DIRECTOR

Kristin has been singing, acting, and attempting to dance since she was 13. She loves all aspects of being on stage, and performing for audiences big and small. This time around, she is behind the scenes, helping out with all things organizing and music. Being an elementary teacher, she has a passion for sharing the arts with children and youth. She hopes everyone has a fantastic time watching this show. It truly has been a work of love from everyone involved.

TARA HAWKES - CO-STAGE MANAGER

Tara is ecstatic to be a part of another youth production with SPG. Helping guide this group of talented, enthusiastic, amazing young humans brings her more joy (and entertainment) than she can begin to explain! Getting to see where each of them begins this journey, and where they end up, will forever bring her the "proud mom" feels. Bravo, my friends! She also needs to praise the rest of the production team on a beautiful job well done! I am always in awe of your abilities. Kristin... I could not have done this without you. You were more than a partner in crime. You were a fearless leader and I appreciate you. To the audience... cheer loud and proud. This group of performers has worked so very hard! Enjoy!



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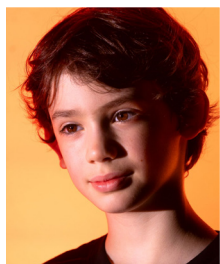
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ABBY BUCKNER - ALBERTA

Abby is thrilled to bring Alberta to life in Newsies, Jr.! At 11, she's taking on her seventh Sudbury Performance Group production, and bringing her signature, big-time energy. Singing, dancing, and lighting up the stage are her favorite things, and she can't wait to jump into the hustle, sell some papes, and share the excitement with everyone.

ACE FAWSON - WIESEL

Ace is excited to be playing 'Wisel' in Newsies, Jr. He has been working hard to learn his lines and put on an amazing performance. Ace is a Drama major at Sudbury Secondary, where he works hard to pursue his dream of becoming an actor! Ace has been a part of the theatre world for a little over three years, and has performed in Choir!, and Twelve Incompetent Jurors.

AMY DESJARDINS - TOMMY BOY

Amy is excited to take part in Newsies, Jr.! Enjoy the show!

ANNA LENNOX - SPECS

Anna is super excited to take on the role of Specs in Newsies, Jr.! Anna has been with Sudbury Performance Group for a year now, and is so excited for her future with the group. She was in Beetlejuice, Jr. last year, and loved the summer camp productions of 101 Dalmatians, and Matilda. Outside of theatre, Anna loves art and anything that lets her express herself. She really hopes you will "seize the day" with her, and her talented castmates, at this awesome show.

ARABELLE WIEGAND - NEWSIE, SEITZ

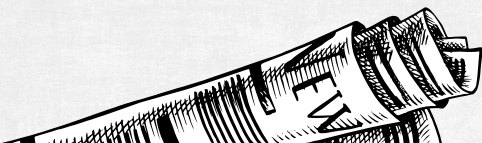
A quiet introvert by day, 15-year-old Arabelle completely transforms under the spotlight. Creative, passionate, and fueled by a love for reading and singing, her fiery personality truly ignites on stage. When she isn't channeling big, bold energy into her characters, you can find her curled up with a good book, or hanging out with her favorite people. She is thrilled to be a part of this production of Newsies, Jr.

AVERY PITRE - NEWSIE, BUNSEN, SPOT CONLON

Avery is the kind of person to make jokes even when life is hard, and they almost always hit. She is playing Spot Conlon, Bunsen, and the police chief, and is excited to share this experience with her twin sister yet again. Can you guess who it is? No, she bets you can't! It's Sydney playing Race! They may not look alike, but they are twins. Avery is so grateful to have this experience, and enjoys working with her cast and production team. Enjoy the show!

ARIA ROCHON - CRUTCHIE

Ari is delighted to portray Crutchie in SPG's adaptation of Disney's Newsies, Jr. She recently played Sophie in School of Rock, and Princess Pea in Once Upon a One More Time. She welcomes you to "Seize the Day" and get your tickets for this spirited, fun-loving musical that tells a powerful story about standing up for what's right, and that true friends are family, too.



AXEL WILLIAMSON - JOSEPH PULITZER

It has been so exciting for Axel to be part of SPG's previous performances, such as Frozen, Jr., Beetlejuice, Jr., and Once Upon a One More Time. He is thrilled to be part of Newsies, Jr., and hopes you enjoy the show.

CALEB MOUSSEAU - ROMEO

Caleb is excited to be making his debut in a production of Disney's Newsies, Jr. After attending a summer theatre camp with Sudbury Performance Group, Caleb discovered a passion for the stage, and quickly fell in love with performing. Although he is new to theatre, he has embraced every opportunity to learn and grow as a performer. Caleb is thrilled to be part of the Newsies, Jr. cast, and is grateful for the chance to share this exciting experience with such a talented company.

CORALINE VIAU - HANNAH

Coraline has been acting in school productions since she was 14 years old. This is her first show with SPG. She is happy to be part of the cast of Newsies, Jr. Her favourite part has been meeting the awesome cast. She wishes to be an actor in the future.

ELLIE BUCKLAND - BUTTONS

Ellie is 10 years old, and thrilled to be playing Buttons in Newsies, Jr. She previously appeared in the SPG productions of Frozen, Jr., Beetlejuice, Jr., and Once Upon a One More Time. She loves singing, acting, and being on stage with her friends. Outside of theatre, she enjoys kickboxing, and getting lost in a good book. She hopes you enjoy the show!

ELLIE KENNEDY - HAZEL

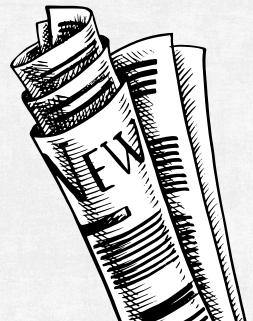
At just nine years old, Ellie is thrilled to make her theatre debut as Hazel. Singing is one of Ellie's greatest passions, and she has proudly performed at the Telethon, and Lions Superstar Showcase. She is actively developing her craft through singing lessons, playing piano, and auditioning for film and television roles—each reflecting her love of performing. Ellie is excited to be part of the Newsies, Jr. family and hopes you enjoy the show!

EVELYN LAUR - PIGTAILS

This little budding star is thrilled to be joining the cast of Disney's Newsies, Jr. as Pigtails. Since making her stage debut in 2022, Evelyn has performed in ten theatrical productions, and seven local musical performances. Most recently, she appeared in SPG's Once Upon a One More Time, and the Azilda SuperSTARS Showcase. When she's not on stage, Evelyn enjoys snowboarding, dirt biking, reading, and singing karaoke. She hopes you enjoy the show as much as she has enjoyed being a part of it!

GEORGIA MITCHELL - THEODORE ROOSEVELT

Georgia is excited to be a part of Newsies, Jr. Enjoy the show!



GRACE PREEN - LES

Grace is so very proud and excited to step into the role of Les. This is her second production with SPG. She appeared in their production of Once Upon a One More Time, earlier this season. Grace is a grade five student at Alexander Public School, who has been interested in vocals and theatre arts from a young age. She would like to thank the stage managers, choreographers, and vocal directors for their coaching and encouragement and her parents for their support. Enjoy the show!

KAIZLEE DOIRON - KATHERINE PLUMBER

Kaizlee is an intelligent young woman who has been in three SPG shows since the beginning of the season, and has made so many friends! She absolutely loved getting to play the role of Katherine, mostly because she didn't have to have dirt rubbed on her face, but also because it is the biggest role she has ever had. She is infinitely grateful for this opportunity, and hopes you are all ready to watch what happens!

KATE WALKER - MEDDA LARKIN

Kate Walker (she/her) is an actor and singer born and raised in Sudbury, and a big fan of the Newsies musical, especially the Broadway version featuring Jeremy Jordan. In this musical, she plays Medda Larkin, who performs in her very own theatre, and often houses the newsies. Kate's other experience in performing consists of the musical Alice by Heart, which ran at Thorneloe last June. She has also sung competitively in the Sudbury Music Festival for four years, winning the stars of excellence two years in a row, and competing in the Provincial Festival in June.

LILITH SCHOENGEN - JACK KELLY

Lilith is a young actor in the tenth grade. She is currently in her school's drama program, and just recently finished her run of Twelve Incompetent Jurors. She has also been in various other plays with SPG, including her lead role as Beetlejuice, in Beetlejuice, Jr. She has been doing theatre for only about two years now, starting with her school's production of The Wizard of Oz. She is very excited to be a part of this play, and would like to thank her parents and friends for getting her this far.

LYDIA DESJARDINS - JOJO

Lydia is excited to take part in Newsies, Jr.! Enjoy the show!

MATILDA LEON MONTERO - NANCY

She is excited to participate in Newsies, Jr. with SPG. She has also been part of productions such as Beetlejuice, Jr., and Matilda, Jr. Matilda enjoys singing, dancing, and acting. At the age of three, she took her first steps in ballet and music, which allowed her to share the stage in productions such as The Nutcracker, at the Municipal Theater of Chile. At age seven, she began tap dancing. She participated in TNO-Place des Arts as a chorus member, and acted in "Par ici, le talent". She was also an ambassador for French Theatre (2025-2026 season), and recently sang with Rodney Meilleur in his music video for the song "Franco-O".



MYLA JAKUBO - MURIEL

This is Myla's fourth show with Sudbury Performance Group. She is incredibly excited to be taking on the role of Muriel/Ethel. Myla just completed Rock of Ages, Jr. at St. Charles College, where she is currently a grade eight student. In her spare time, Myla likes to play golf and spend time with her friends and family. She really hopes you enjoy Newsies, Jr.

NIC GIBEAULT - NEWSIE

Nic is so very excited to be part of the cast of Newsies, Jr. This is his second production with SPG. He absolutely loves playing dress-up, and working with Angel to learn new dances. Nic is a grade seven student, who is also an athlete with Special Olympics Sudbury. He plays hockey, soccer, and basketball, and also swims. He hopes you enjoy the show, and are dancing and singing along. A huge thanks is given to the whole cast and team, for their support and inclusion during the making of this show.

OLIVIA MASK - MORRIS DELANCEY

Olivia is extremely excited to be back onstage with SPG. She's more than just a pretty face; she's also a figure skater with a love for sudoku, games, makeup, and tea. She hopes you'll join us, take a stand, and seize the day. Some of Olivia's past credits include performances in: Alice by Heart, School of Rock, Beetlejuice, Jr., Addams Family, Jr., Mean Girls, Jr., Annie, Jr., and The Little Mermaid, Jr.

ROSE BAXTER- DAVEY

Rose is excited to be part of Newsies, Jr. Enjoy the show!

SAM LANDRIAULT - NEWSIE

This is Sam's third SPG show, and he is so happy to be back in the theatre. Since he was last on stage, Sam began a film/TV career, and is now a full ACTRA member. So far, he has been in a music video and a TV show, and he was just cast in a movie. Sam's favorite part of theatre is getting to put on a show with his friends. Outside of performing, Sam likes basketball, volleyball, piano, drums, and Minecraft.

SOPHIA EIBL - OSCAR DELANCEY

Sophia is excited to be part of Newsies, Jr. Enjoy the show!

SYDNEY PITRE - RACE

Sydney is a 12-year-old performer, who plays Race. She loves to act, sing, dance, and hang out with her friends. She is so thrilled to be in Newsies, Jr., and hopes you love it!



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