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Production of

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NEWSIES

THE MUSICAL



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Book By **Harvey Fierstein**

Based in the Disney Film written
By **Bob Tzudiker** and **Noni White**

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Directed By
Christian C. Shafer
and **Sarah Cohea**

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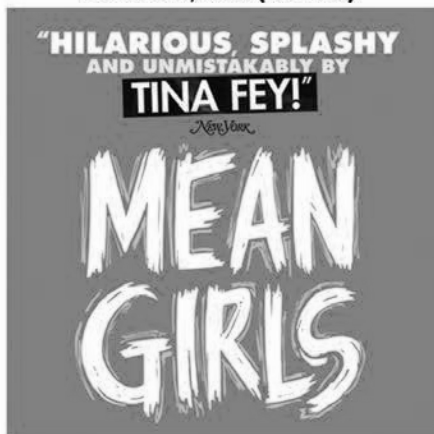
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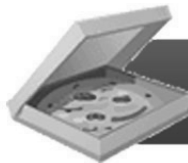


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CAST

<i>Jack Kelly</i>	Michael O'Brien
<i>Crutchie</i>	James McNeil
<i>Davey</i>	Joshua Thompson
<i>Les</i>	Giovanni Priola
<i>Katherine Plumber</i>	Shelby Deere
<i>Wiesel Seitz/Bunsen/Snyder</i>	Tyler Kehl
<i>Medda Larkin</i>	Char Lyon
<i>Delancy Brother</i>	Noah Johnson
<i>Delancy Brother/Mayor</i>	Michael Carey
<i>Joseph Pulitzer</i>	George Lyon
<i>Hannah/Bowery Beauty</i>	Kaylynn Iglesias
<i>Newsie/Bowery Beauty</i>	Kelly Stone
<i>Governor Teddy Roosevelt/Guard</i>	Jim Mills
<i>Newsie/Stage Manager</i>	Alejandro Cotto
<i>Nunzio</i>	Dave Dellecese
<i>Newsies</i>	Vinny Cavo, Madison Krauss, Alexis Carey, Hadley Dellecese, Lilly Rappa

PRODUCTION CREW

Stage Manager	Susan Boss
Acting Coach	Justin Jones
Lighting & Scenic Design	Christian C. Shaefer
Set Construction & Painting	George Lyon, Char Lyon, and Susan Boss
Lights & Sound Board Operator	Walter Cotto
Crew	Cast of <i>Newsies</i>
Poster and Programs	Stephen Wagner

The Scenes

Act 1

Prologue – Rooftop at Dawn
Newsies Lodging House & Newsies
Square
Pulitzer’s Office, Afternoon
A Street Corner
Medda’s Theatre
Newsies Square
Jacobi’s Deli
Katherine’s Office
Newsies Square

Act 2

Jacobi’s Deli
The Refuge
Medda’s Theatre
Pulitzer’s Office, Cellar
Brooklyn Bridge & Medda’s Theatre
Rooftop
Pulitzer’s Office
Newsies Square

Song List

Act 1

Santa Fe (Prologue)
Carrying the Banner
The Bottom Line
Carrying the Banner (Reprise)
That’s Rich
I Never Planned on You /Don’t Come a
Knocking
The World Will Know
The World Will Know (Reprise)
Watch What Happens
Seize the Day
Santa Fe

Act 2

King of New York
Letter from the Refuge
Watch What Happens (Reprise)
The Bottom Line (Reprise)
Brooklyn is Here
Something to Believe In
Seize the Day (Reprise)
Once and For All
Seize the Day (Reprise)
Finale Ultimo

WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST AND CREW

Susan Boss (Stage Manager) — Susan has been involved with the performing arts for many years. She has assisted in many capacities with the Richfield Springs Central School Music Department and worked at the Glimmerglass Festival in the events department. Susan enjoys the opportunity to work with young people who love being a part of the theater. "Thank you for the opportunity to be your Stage Manager – Break a Leg!"

Alexis Carey (Newsie) — Alexis is thrilled to be performing in *Newsies* at the Iliion Little Theater. It has been a favorite show for years and a dream come true to be able to be part of it. Since she began performing, Alexis has participated in more than 35 shows. Most recent shows include, *The Little Mermaid*, *Helium* (Ruth), *Christmas Belles* (Twink), *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Game Show* (Ethel Tinsley), and *Miracle on 34th Street* (Dr. Pierce). When not on stage, Alexis is trying very hard to not cause any injuries to herself and working as a performer with the Dinner Detectives in Syracuse and Albany. She would also like to take this time to say thank you and congratulations to the all involved on creating such an amazing show. Enjoy!

Michael Carey (Delancy Brother/Mr. Jacobi/Mayor) — This is the third show Michael's daughter Alexis has dragged him into, but his first one in Iliion. He was happy to join the cast and thanks everyone for making it a fun experience.

Sarah Cohea (Musical Director/Co-Director) — Sarah is a graduate of Westminster Choir College and began accompanying musicals professionally in high school. Her stage experience includes opera performances at the Spoleto Festival of Two Worlds in Charlston, SC, and Italy, where she worked closely with Gian Carlo Menotti. She has performed at Lincoln Center with the New York Philharmonic, including several performances under the direction of Zubin Mehta. She sang Beethoven's 9th Symphony at Carnegie Hall with Daniel Barenboim and the Paris Symphony Orchestra. Sarah has performed and danced in many productions. One of her favorite roles was Luisa in *The Fantastiks*. She has directed/musical directed numerous musicals and plays, most notably *Jekyll and Hyde* (winner of 6 Freddy Awards) and *The Phantom of the Opera*. Currently, Sarah works full time at The Glimmerglass Festival.

Alejandro A. Cotto (Newsie) — Alejandro is thrilled to be part of the *Newsies* cast! His theatrical experiences include Papa Ge in *Once On This Island Jr.*, various roles in *Miracle on 34th Street*, William in *Frankenstein*, and ILT's Young Actors Workshop productions of *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* and *Beauty Is a Beast*. Alejandro is a 7th grade student at Jarvis Middle School, where he excels in academics and music, and he is proud to be an altar server at Annunciation Church in Iliion. He would like to thank director Christian for this amazing opportunity, and to the cast, thank you for the unforgettable memories!

Vinny Cavo (Newsie) — Vinny is performing in his 21st stage production and his first time with Iliion Little Theatre. Vinny has been involved with theatre since 2008 when he made his debut as a part of *Scrooge*. Ever since, he's been in many productions such as *The Wizard of Oz*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, and *Guys and Dolls*. Vinny is the son of Michelle and Vinny Cavo of Whitesboro.

Shelby Deere (Katherine Plumber) — Shelby is a graduate of UAlbany with a bachelors in theatre. She has previously stage managed for *Sweeney Todd* at Iliion little Theatre, *The Butler Did It* and *Wit* at Players of Utica, as well as *In The Blood* at Utica University. She has recently been in Rome Capital Summer Stage's production of *The Little Mermaid*. Previously, she has been involved with several productions at Players of Utica and at Utica University. She would like to thank Christian and Sarah for giving her this opportunity to play Katherine along side such an amazing cast.

Dave Dellecese (Nunzio) — Dave has performed in numerous shows at the Iliion Little Theater, including *1940s Radio Hour*, *Perfect Wedding*, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, *And Then There Were None*, and *Arsenic and Old Lace*, among others. He also directed 2009's *Clue: The Musical*. A former journalist and news anchor, he is currently Senior Writer for Utica University as well as a writer and author of children's books, graphic novels, and even stories for grown-ups. He met his wife, Megan, while the two performed in shows at the Iliion Little Theater and is happy to now share the stage with their son, Hadley. He is grateful for the opportunity to join this young generation of energetic performers.

Hadley Dellecese (Newsie) — This is Hadley's first official show at the Ilion Little Theater, though he provided the voice performance of the deceased son, Danny, in 2016's *Rabbit Hole* on the Little Theatre stage. He has performed in a school production of *Cinder...Really?!* and studied acting at RISE studio and other acting camps. Hadley's life has strong roots at the Ilion Little Theater — his parents met performing on the ILTC stage. A 6th grader at Whitesboro who is active in music, Art Club, and Newspaper Club, Hadley loves all things creative in his free time, from drawing and writing comic books to creating stop-animation movies and coding video games.

Kaylynn Iglesias (Nun/Ensemble) — Kaylynn is thrilled to return to the Ilion Little Theater stage as an ensemble member in *Newsies*. Past credits include Lydia in *The Wickhams: Christmas at Pemberley*, Shelby in *Steel Magnolias*, Suzy in *Wait Until Dark*, and ensemble roles in *Smokey Joe's Café* and *Les Misérables*. When she's not on stage, Kaylynn enjoys seeing Broadway shows, reading, and spending time with her friends and family. Kaylynn is excited to share the stage for the first time with her daughter Madison and would like to thank her friends and family for their love and support. A huge thank you to Christian for bringing us along on this journey! To the cast and crew of *Newsies*...break a leg!

Noah Johnson (Delancy Brother) — Noah is very excited to be a part of the Ilion Little Theatre's production of *Newsies*.

Tyler Kehl (Wiesel) — Tyler has been eager to get on stage and is grateful to be back at the Ilion Little Theater Club. Tyler's debut performance with Ilion was *Drop Dead* in 2019, which sparked an appetite for showtime. Having graduated from Mohawk as one of the last of the Mohicans, he is inspired by the resourcefulness of the theater from a young age. He's been a featured background actor for a handful of films shot here in New York, with Production Company American High. Tyler has moved back home after studying at Le Moyne College to pursue a career in real estate. He feels fortunate to share the stage with all of the performers and could not think of a better place for a new actor to come to practice the craft.

Madison Krauss (Newsie/Bowery Beauty) — Madison is thrilled to make her musical theater debut in *Newsies* on the Ilion Little Theater stage. Past

credits include the China Princess in *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* and ensemble in *Beauty is a Beast* at the Ilion Little Theater. When she's not on stage, Madison enjoys seeing Broadway shows, singing, playing volleyball, doing hair and makeup, and spending time with her friends and family. Madison would like to thank her family for their love and support. To the cast and crew...break a leg!

Char Lyon (Medda Larkin) — Char has directed and been involved in multiple aspects of theatre production, and currently serves on the ILT Board of Directors. Some favorite shows include *The Trip to Bountiful* (Carrie Watts), *Weekend Comedy*, *Funny Money*, *1940s Radio Hour*, *Barefoot in the Park*, *A Bad Year for Tomatoes*, *The Boor*, *Perfect Wedding*, *Happy Birthday*, *Drop Dead*, and the Herkimer County Historical Society's production of *Shattered Angel*. Char thanks the two great loves of her life, Tory and George, for their encouragement and support. Last, but not least, it has been a privilege to work with the very talented cast and directors of this production. Thank you all.

George Lyon (Joseph Pulitzer) — George considers himself to be a character actor, portraying on the Ilion Little Theatre stage such roles as Snedski the shepherd in *Fools*, Jonny Cantone in *The 1940s Radio Hour*, Blackbeard the Pirate in *Ghost Story*, Uncle Bernie in *A Christmas Spirit*, Piney in *A Bad Year for Tomatoes*, the sheriff in *The Trip to Bountiful*, and Mr. Malster in *So's Your Old Antique*. He has been involved with several other shows as an actor, director, producer, or set designer/builder. George is on the board of directors as a Member at Large for The Ilion Little Theatre Club. George would like to thank his wife Char who has made him a better actor and a better person.

James McNeil (Crutchie) — James is an MVCC graduate with a degree in theatre. He was apart of the Ilion Little Theatre's production of *Sweeney Todd* last year. He has also participated in Players of Utica productions such as *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, *Sly Fox*, and *Frankenstein*. He is honored and blessed to return to the Ilion Little Theatre stage and perform with such an amazing cast and crew!

Jim Mills (Governor Teddy Roosevelt/Guard) — "I started here a number of years ago. First, *Clue the Musical*, then others like *And Then There Were None*,

Morning's at Seven, and quite a few more. As I write this, I think about the sounds this theatre has heard over the years. So much laughter, a few tears, but I'm sure so many more laughs. Memories made here have produced so many good times, and may that continue for so many years to come. To the director, cast, and crew, thank you all for a great new memory for me. With love, Jim."

Michael O'Brien (Jack Kelly) — Michael is very excited to be performing at Ilion Little Theater with such a wonderful cast and crew. Some previous shows he has performed in are *Rope* (Kenneth Raglean), *Hedda Gabler* (George Tesman), *The Brothers Grimm Speculation* (Rumpelstiltskin, Cobbler Elf, Dwarf 2), *Don't Drink the Water* (Axel Magee), *The Mousetrap* (Detective Sergeant Trotter), *Dracula* (Arthur Holmwood), *Jekyll and Hyde the Musical* (The Bishop of Basingstoke), *The Polar Express* (Conductor), *110 in the Shade* (Jimmy Curry), and *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* (Tom Sawyer).

Gio Priola (Les) — Gio is 9 years old and is currently in 4th grade at Barringer Road Elementary School. Although this is Gio's first musical appearance, he has participated in the Ilion Little Theater Young Actors Workshop for two summers now. His performances were in *Beauty Is a Beast* and *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*. Outside of theater, Gio enjoys playing video games, attending sporting events, playing the drums, and hanging out with his family and friends. Gio is also a brother to his 4 siblings, Lexie, Paige, Drew, and Nick. He is also a proud uncle to two twin nieces, Charlotte and Olivia. Gio loves watching musicals and his favorite one is *Hairspray*, where he could probably sing every song in it. Gio would like to thank his mom and dad for going to his practices and always cheering him on. Gio is excited to take on the role of Les and has had fun making memories. He wishes the cast and crew the best of luck and wants to thank his directors, Christian and Sarah for making this a fun experience.

Lilly Rappa (Newsie) — Lilly is in 8th grade and is very excited to have a part in *Newsies*. In the past, she has done *101 Dalmatians*, *The Music Man*, and *CVA Mama Mia*. Besides all the music things that she

does, she loves to play golf and hang out with her friends and family. She wants to thank her mom, dad, and grandma for being there for her and bringing her to and from rehearsal.

Christian C. Shaefer (Director) — Christian's career in theater began at The Glimmerglass Festival, where in addition to acting as a supernumerary in the world premiere of *The Greater Good*, he went on to serve as assistant house manager and then box office associate. He now serves on the company's full-time, year-round staff as Operations Manager. Christian has appeared on stage in many roles throughout high school and appreciates this opportunity to sit on the other side of the stage and bring stories to life. Christian has directed *Rent* at Orpheus Theater (Oneonta) and Assistant Directed *Sweeney Todd* at ITL. "Working with a cast as dedicated as this one has been a pleasure. The cast is extremely talented and, above all, full of truly dedicated individuals. Without all of you, the show wouldn't be what it is! Thank you to each one of you!"

Kelly Stone (Newsie, Nun, Bowery Beauty) — Kelly is excited to be involved in this production as part of the 100th season here at Ilion Little Theatre. Kelly first graced the stage in 1996 as Maggie in *Lend Me a Tenor*. She loves the intimacy of our theatre and the way you can connect with the audience. She recently appeared as Kristen, the yoga instructor, in *Southern Sirens*. Musicals have always been her first desire as singing and dancing are her passion. Some of her favorites that she has appeared in are *Anything Goes*, *Grease*, and *Funny Girl*.

Joshua Thompson (Davey) — Joshua is the twenty-one-year-old son of Maggie and Tom who works at Revere Copper as a forklift driver! Although this is his first production with the ILT, Josh is far from a stranger to the stage; in fact, in 2023 alone he was featured in *Amadeus* and *Helium* at the Rome Community Theater, *Love/Sick* at Players of Utica, and *The Little Mermaid* at the Capitol Theater! He is very grateful to have another opportunity to perform alongside his closest theater friends, and he wants to thank everyone who has supported him in his theatrical endeavors! Now seize the day and enjoy *Newsies*!

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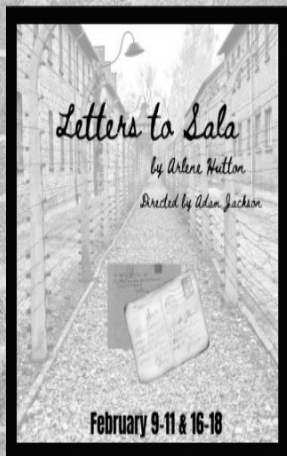
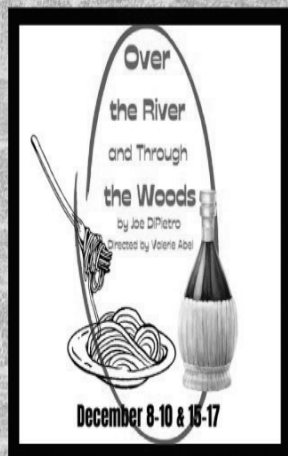
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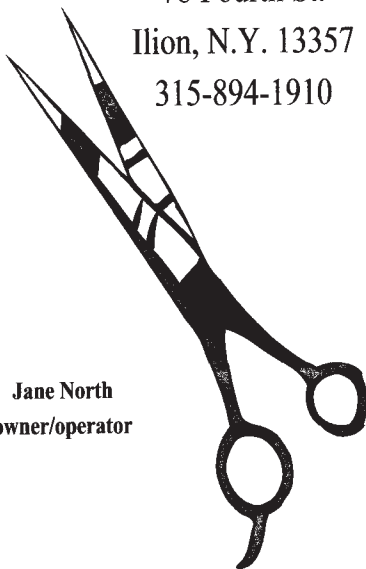
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