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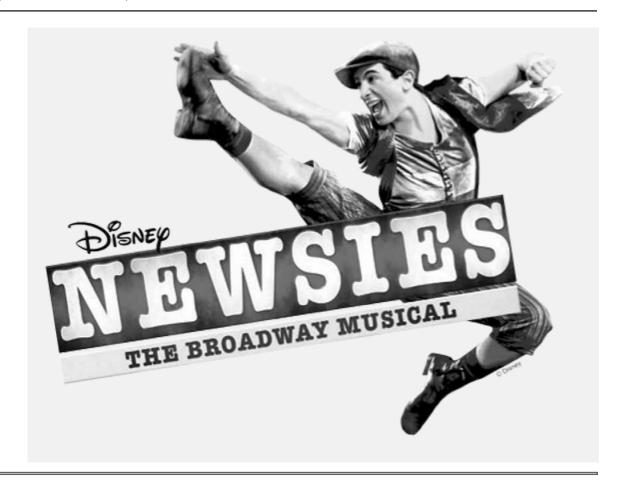
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# Hot off the press! NEWSIES cast ready to deliver an amazing show

MARION - Thank you for joining us at the historic Marion Palace Theatre to experience a fantastic Palace Production of the Tony Award-winning musical Disney's "NEWSIES" directed by Clare Cooke.

We are proud to kick off the theatre's 90th Anniversary Season with this soul stirring Broadway phenomenon that tells the story of a band of underdogs who took on the most powerful names in New York in a fight for what's right.

Set in turn-of-the century New York City, "NEWSIES" is a fictional story inspired by the real-life Newsboy Strike of 1899. When newspaper publishers raised distribution prices at the newsboys' expense, newsboy Kid Blink led a band of orphan and runaway newsies on a two week-long action against the powerful publishing titans.

Before the show begins, please take a moment to read inside this publication about the dozens of talented MarionMade! individuals, generous sponsors, summer musical patrons, and supporting advertisers who made this show possible. A special thank you goes to show sponsor OhioHealth and the support received from Ohio Arts Council.

Grab on to your seat - and hold on to your newsboy cap - you are in for a real treat. Let the show begin!



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# **CAST OF CHARACTERS**

'WHO'S WHO' IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE

Jack Kelly	Tanner Wink
Crutchie	
Davey Jacobs	
Les Jacobs	
NEWSIES:	
Race	Brady Wink
Specs	•
Romeo	•
Albert	
Henry	
Mush	Brody Thomas
Finch	Sadie Wink

....Linda Fargo, Sharon Gale

Sarah Perkins, Audrey Watkins

.Andy Harper

### **BOROUGH NEWSIES:**

Mayor....

Spot Conlon	Zane Menzie
Art	Audrey Watkins
Boodle	Faith Baumgartner
Rooster	Liam Bush
Gus	Chloe Baker
Vinny	Nolan Tiech
Mac	
Jake	Carter Rawlins
Governor Teddy Roosevelt	Bruce Cudd

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# SCENES & MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT ONE

Overture	
Prologue ROOFTOP, DAWN	
Santa Fe	Jack, Crutchie
Sc. 1 NEWSBOYS' LODGING HOUSE & 1	NEWSIE SQUARE
Carrying the Banner	Jack, Newsies, Nuns
Sc. 2 PULITZER'S OFFICE, AFTERNOON	
The Bottom LinePul	
Carrying the Banner (Reprise)	
Sc. 3 A STREET CORNER	
Sc. 4 MEDDA'S THEATER	
That's Rich	Medda
I Never Planned on You/	
Don't Come a-Knocking	Jack, Bowery Beauties
C. T. NIFIAICIE COLLA DE NIEVT MODNINI	
Sc. 5 NEWSIE SQUARE, NEXT MORNIN	
The World Will KnowJack, I	Davey, Les, Crutchie, Newsies
Sc. 6 JACOBI'S DELI & STREET, AFTERI	NOON
The World Will Know (Reprise)	
Watch What Happens	CONTROL TO A STATE OF THE STATE
C. T. WATHERDING'S OFFICE	
Sc. 7 KATHERINE'S OFFICE	
Watch What Happens	Katherine
Sc. 8 NEWSIE SQUARE, NEXT MORNIN	G Seeday's
Seize the Day	Davey, Jack, Les, Newsies
Sc. 9 ROOFTOP	
3C. 7 ROOF TOT	

### ACT TWO

Sc. 1 JACOBI'S DELI, NEXT MO	DRNING
	Davey, Katherine, Les, Newsies
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Sc. 2 THE REFUGE	
Letter from The Refuge	Crutchie
Sc. 3 MEDDA'S THEATER	
	Davier Ind. Vetherine I co
waten what Happens	Davey, Jack, Katherine, Les
Sc. 4 PULITZER'S OFFICE & CE	LLAR, AFTERNOON
	Pulitzer, Seitz, Bunsen
•	Spot, Newsies
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Sc. 5 BROOKLYN & MEDDA'S T	THEATER
Brooklyn's Here (cont'd)	Spot, Newsies
Sc. 6 ROOFTOP, NIGHT	
Something to Believe In	Katherine, Jack
Sc. 7 PULITZER'S CELLAR	
	Newsies
Once and for All	Jack, Davey, Katherine, Newsies
Once and for the	
Sc. 8 PULITZER'S OFFICE, NEX	T MORNING
	Newsies
OBOTA	
Sc. 9 NEWSIE SQUARE	Company
BOWS	

# THERE WILL BE A 15 MINUTE INTERMISSION BETWEEN ACT ONE AND ACT TWO.

Concessions will be open in the main lobby and adult beverages will be available in the May Pavilion (Friday & Saturday only).

# ORCHESTRA PERSONNEL CONDUCTED BY RICK BAIRD





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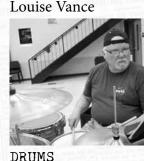
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Alysse Morgasen



Dennis Witsberger



DRUMS David K. Johnston



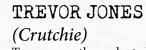
# MEET THE NEWSIES!

A TALENTED CAST STRIKES IN A PALACE PRODUCTION OF DISNEY'S "NEWSIES"

### TANNER WINK

(Jack Kelly)

Tanner has been involved at the Palace Theatre for 12 years and is ecstatic to play the role of Jack Kelly in Newsies. He was last seen in the role of Tony in West Side Story and the Scarecrow in The Wizard of Oz. In addition to his love of theatre, Tanner participates in tennis, show choir, symphonic choir, Cardinal Chorale, All State Choir, and also takes acting and piano lessons. He will be attending Wright State University in the fall majoring in Musical Theatre. Tanner wants to thank his mother, Kristi Wink, and grandmother, Clare Cooke, for their constant guidance and support over the years. He would also like to thank Brady, Sadie, Dad, Jami Rawlins, Dee Ehrman, and his dog Nikki. "Break a leg," to the cast and



Trevor recently graduated from Miami University and is thrilled to be performing in his first Palace production this summer. He last appeared in Harding High School's productions of *Titanic* (Thomas Andrews) and Beauty and the Beast (Maurice). Trevor would like to thank his family, friends, and music teachers who encouraged him to "seize the day" and return to the stage.

# JAY REID

(Davey Jacobs)

Thrilled to return home to the Palace stage as Davey, Jay's latest role was as the Tinman (Wizard of Oz) last summer. Some of his favorite roles include Link Larkin in Hairspray, Captain Phoebus in Hunchback of Notre Dame, and Rocky in The Rocky Horror Show. A recent graduate from OSU, he is filming a movie this summer entitled "Cadia" (check out their Facebook and website)! He wants to thank the cast and crew for their hard work, his theatre mentors Clare Cooke and Kristi Wink, and of course his family for their unconditional support. Now... time to sit back, relax, and watch some newsies seize the day.

# BRODY CAHILL

(Les Jacobs)

Brody is thrilled to be add this role to his theatre experiences, which include roles in Willy Wonka, Jr., The Wizard of Oz, James and the Giant Peach, Tarzan, Aladdin, Jr., Mary Poppins, To Clare With Love, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, and Christmas at the Palace. Brody enjoys acting lessons with Kristi Wink at Act II Studio and voice lessons with Carol Becker. Brody would like to thank his mom, dad and grandma for supporting his love of theatre. To all the cast and crew of Newsies, "Break a leg!"

MADISEN SCHENK (*Katherine Plumber*)

Madisen is absolutely thrilled to be playing Katherine Plumber in Newsies. You may have seen her as Dorothy in The Wizard of Oz, Jane Porter in Tarzan, or Jane Banks in Mary Poppins, to name a few. Madisen is 15 years old and will be a sophomore at Harding High School this fall. She is an active member of Harding's music program and show choir. She would like to thank the entire cast and crew for their endless support and hard work! Enjoy the show!



## MATTHEW P. DOWNING

(Pulitzer)

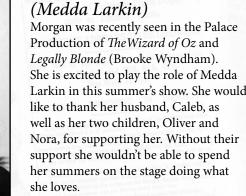
After more than a decade behind the keys of the piano, Matt is delighted to return to the stage for his Palace debut. Previous production credits include several high school shows and pursuit of roles in opera as Gabriel von Eisenstein in Die Fledermaus, Rodolfo in La Bohème, Major-General Stanley in Pirates of Penzance, and Papageno in Die Zauberflöte. Matt is often a piano accompanist in musical pit orchestras, choral concerts, music theater cabarets, and church services throughout central Ohio. He just finished his first year as Harding High School's assistant director of choirs and is an active staff member of the Cardinal Chorale.

# SARA GROTE

(Hannah)

Sara Grote's most memorable role on the Palace stage was portraying the title role in Mary Poppins. Some of her favorite performances include Elle Woods in Legally Blonde, the Musical and Tracy Turnblad in Hairspray. Sara is a stayat-home mommy to her one year old daughter, Makena - who loves to sing and dance as much as her mommy. Sara wants to thank Clare, Kristi, and the entire cast and crew for sharing their talents and for their dedication to the theatre! She would also like to thank Chad, Makena, and her family for all of their love and support. Enjoy the show!





MORGAN SCHWARTZ



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# MEET THE CAST



played Doc in West Side Story. Other credits include Grant Middle School's Beauty and the Beast (Gaston) and the 2017 Palace Production of The Wizard of Oz.

A sophomore at Harding High School, William

WILLIAM ADKINS (Oscar Delancey)



KAIN ANDERSON (Ike)

Kain began his musical career in 5th grade starring as Chip the Teacup in Beauty and the Beast. He went on to star in roles such as Captain von Trapp in The Sound of Music and Gomez Addams in The Addams Family. Kain is currently a student at Otterbein University studying Vocal Music Education where he is involved in Concert Choir and in Men's Chorus. He wants to thank his mother Judi, his sister Kori, and his friends for their love and support. He also wants to thank the entire cast and crew of Newsies for their dedication and hard work.

Addy has been involved in theatre since her first Palace Production at the age of 8. She stayed active in dance, acting, and singing lessons, along with numerous Palace and Harding High School productions. Her latest roles include Annie in Mary Poppins and Margie in Crazy for You. A recent graduate from Kent State University, she is happy to be back on the Marion Palace stage for this exciting production!

ADDY BAIRD (Elmer)



Lyle Baker is making his debut Palace appearance as Bunsen in this production of Newsies and is sharing this experience with his daughter Chloe, who plays Gus, a Borough newsie. A former student minister, in his offstage life, Lyle is a musician, writer/producer, DJ, speaker and teacher. He works closely with Ohio Teens For Christ and Round Lake Christian Camp.

LYLE BAKER (Bunsen)



Faith is very excited to return to the Palace stage for this summer's production of Newsies. Faith has performed in Annie, Mary Poppins, and Christmas at the Palace among other shows. At school, Faith is involved in the Harding Singers Show Choir as well as Symphonic Chorale. Faith would like to thank this amazing cast and crew for their hard work and dedication to make this show possible.

FAITH BAUMGARTNER (Bowery Beauty/Newspaper Customer/Boodle)



KIM BRADSHAW (Sniper/Bowery Beauty) Kim is thrilled to be dancing across the Palace stage this summer. Previous Palace Productions include The Wizard of Oz, Crazy For You, Legally Blonde, 42nd Street, and many others. She served as Choreographer for Palace shows such as The Drowsy Chaperone, The Fantasticks, and Fiddler on the Roof. When not on stage, Kim works at Ohio Mutual Insurance and enjoys spending time with her husband, Daniel, and daughters, Anna & Lydia. "I'm so excited the Palace gets to present Newsies to Marion! It's another great way to bring our community together - One for all, and all for



that passion since she was 3 years old. Her other passions include reading and creative writing.

ABBY BUSH (Mike)



JEFF BUSH (Mr. Jacobi)

Jeff makes his Palace debut with his children, Abby and Liam Bush. He is the Lead Minister at MVA Church of Christ in Marion. Jeff enjoys traveling, singing with his dad on a Christmas tour around the eastern U.S., and riding out his midlife crisis on his motorcycle. While at Kentucky Christian University he played in several theatrical roles including George in Our Town and Mayor Shinn in The Music Man. Now, he is extremely thankful to be able to share the experience of theater with his kids, close friends, and the talented members of his community.

Bruce is pleased to be playing the part of Governor

Bruce has been in many productions at the Palace

including State Fair, Annie, Wizard of Oz and most

wants to thank his wife Lisa and his son Jeremy for

their unending support. Please sit back and enjoy

the show!

recently Christmas at the Palace as Santa. Bruce

Roosevelt in this year's production of *Newsies!* 

Abby is excited to be in her first musical theatre

production. She is 15 and just finished the 10th

grade. She loves to dance and has been pursuing



BRUCE CUDD (Teddy Roosevelt)



ANDY HARPER (Mayor)

Andy has been involved in dozens of Palace and Marion area musical-theatre productions including Crazy For You, Hairspray, Spelling Bee, Bingo, and Our Town among others. Retired from Marion Technical College, Andy serves on the Palace Theatre Board and is an active supporter of the Marion Area Humane Society, Epworth United Methodist Church, and Harding Home. Andy is appreciative of the talented Newsies cast and crew and the dedicated and gifted Palace and Production Staffs who make these productions possible and help keep this beautiful theatre operating. Andy is the proud parent of Heather and Ben and Grandpa to Paige, Macey, and Ryan.



RYAN HOWARD (Henry)

Thrilled to return to the Palace stage in the anticipated production of Newsies, Ryan began his community theater journey in the Palace Production of Oklahoma in 2003. Additional credits include Hello Dolly, The Will Rogers Follies (James Rogers), The Music Man, 42nd Street and To Clare with Love. A proud alumnus of the Edye Cook Dance Company, Ryan also studied at the Boston Conservatory for two summers in their musical theater and dance intensives. Most recently, Ryan spent a year in NYC where he was a member of the work study program at Broadway Dance Center. Having seen the original production of Newsies, Ryan is excited for his role as Henry. Ryan would like to thank his family for their unconditional love and support of his passion in the Arts. To Clare, Kristi, and Mr. Baird "thank you for your knowledge and encouragement through my creative journey." Merde and "Seize the Day!"

# MEET THE CAST

Performing at the Palace since she was 6, Jia's



Mitchell returns to the stage after his role as Edna Turnblad in Harding's 2015 production of Hairspray. Other shows include Harding's Beauty and the Beast, Shrek, Les Miserables and the Palace Production of Fiddler on the Roof. This fall he'll attend the University of Cincinnati to study set design. An active performer, board member, and designer for the Queen City Sound District Show Choir, he is the owner of Fuzzy's Flowers, Gifts and Tuxedos and son of Bill and Carrie Hutchman.

MITCHELL HUTCHMAN (Nunzio/Guard/Policeman/Goon)



DANIELLE KNIGHT (Specs)

Danielle is excited to return to the Palace stage for this exciting show! She began her acting career at the Palace at the age of 8, when she played a Lullaby League Munchkin in *The Wizard of Oz.* Since then, some of her favorite roles at the Palace have been Lily St. Regis in Annie, Miss Andrew in Mary Poppins, and Polly Baker in Crazy For You. Danielle received her degree in Theater Performance from Belhaven University in 2011 and has taught and directed shows at both Gilead Christian School and the Palace. Danielle loves staying at home with her daughter Grace and wouldn't be able to do this without the support of her loving husband Ben, her family, and her Savior. Enjoy the show!



School. He has danced with the Men's Tap Line for Christmas at the Palace for three years and one year for a special production of *To Clare* With Love. During the 2016 production of Crazy for You, Justen played the local bartender Harry. He also assisted with the fly rigging for the 2017

Justen is a science teacher at Harding High

JUSTEN LAPLANTE (Morris Delancey)



ZANE MENZIE (Spot Conlon)



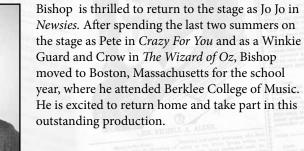
BISHOP OLDFIELD (Jo Jo)



SARAH PERKINS (Buttons/Bowery Beauty)

production of The Wizard of Oz. "Break a leg, "Newsies united!" . . . Zane Menzie is thrilled to play the role of Spot Conlon in this summer production of Newsies. Zane's credits include

LeFou in Beauty and the Beast, Uncle Fester in Addams Family, Mike Teavee in Willy Wonka, Jr., Mayor of Munchkinland in The Wizard of Oz. Zane was also a cast member in Tarzan and Christmas at the Palace for several years. He would like to thank God for his talents and the gift of music, his family for their support and encouragement, and the musical directing team for their guidance.



Sarah is excited for her role as Buttons in this production of Newsies. She has performed in many Palace Productions including The Wizard of Oz, Crazy For You, Tarzan, Mary Poppins, and Christmas at the Palace along with many school productions. Sarah takes acting lessons at Act Two Studios and is involved in her school's choir and a cappella group. She would like to thank Kristi for always supporting her, Blake for pushing her to be her best, and Clare for giving her a chance and helping her grow. She would also like to thank her family and the cast and crew for all of the hard work they put into this show. Seize the day!



JIA RADLOFF (Tommy Boy)



DUSTIN RAWLINS (Wiesel)

favorite roles include Molly in Annie, Tootie in Meet Me in St. Louis, Peter Pan in Peter Pan, Jr., Templeton in Charlotte's Web, and Rebecca in Our Town. She also looks forward every year to perform in the annual Christmas at the Palace productions. Jia will be a sophomore at Buckeye Valley High School where she runs cross country and track, is involved in Teen Institute and Student Council, and performs with the show choir Visions. Thanks to Clare, Kristi and Blake for their continued vision and guidance. "Seize the Day!"

Dustin attended The Ohio State University, majoring in Vocal Music Education and Vocal Performance. While there, he was a soloist in a number of prestigious groups. Dustin has performed with symphony orchestras, in U.S. and international tours, and for two U.S. Presidents and a Pope. Most recently Dustin played Kyle "The UPS Man" in Legally Blonde, the Musical and Christmas at the Palace, George Banks in Mary Poppins, Bela Zangler in Crazy for You, Lion in The Wizard of Oz, and performed as a soloist and directed Upside Down Broadway. Rawlins also directs, choreographs, and assists award winning show choirs in Ohio. Dustin would like to thank his wife and three beautiful kids for just being



OWEN RUSSELL (Romeo)



in Newsies! You may have seen him recently in Christmas at the Palace singing with his daughter Madisen Schenk. Brian is an active member in his church and loves spending time with his wife and four kids. He would like to thank the entire cast and crew for this opportunity and their support. Break a leg, everyone!

Brian Schenk is thrilled to play the role of Seitz

BRIAN SCHENK (Seitz/Photographer)

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# MEET THE CAST



Newsies is Bob's first summer production on stage at the Palace. Bob first became involved at the Palace working backstage for The Wizard of Oz. Since then Bob appeared in The Drowsy Chaperone, Christmas at the Palace and You Have the Right to Remain Dead. Bob is super excited to be part of this production and wishes all the best to the cast and the crew. Break a leg everyone!

Ryan is excited to be back on the Palace stage

for another wonderful summer musical. He last

appeared as a Winkie Guard and Ozian in The

Wizard of Oz. Ryan just completed his fourth year

teaching band and orchestra for multiple grade levels

at three separate Columbus City Schools. In addition

to performing on stage, Ryan was Stage Manager for

Grant Middle School's production of Addam's Family

Footloose. Ryan would like to thank the cast, crew,

Thrilled to play the role of Splasher, Delaney has

performed in shows at the Marion Palace Theatre,

River Valley High School, and River Valley Middle

School. Favorite roles include Tiger Lily in Peter

Pan, Jr., Charlotte in Charlotte's Web and The Cat

Kristi Wink and dance with Marilyn McBride. A

sophomore at River Valley High School, Delaney is

a member of the orchestra, show choir, and varsity

soccer team. She is the daughter of Susan and Bill

Tabbert. Delaney would like to thank her friends

and family for their love and support.

in the Hat in Seussical. She studies acting with

BOB SULLIVAN-NEER (Snyder)



for all of their support. RYAN SWARTZ (Goon/Stage Manager/Policeman)



DELANEY TABBERT (Splasher)

Brody is honored to be part of this summer's production of Newsies. This fall, he begins his sophomore year at Harding High School. Last seen as Baby John in West Side Story, Brody has also performed in The Wizard of Oz and Beauty and the Beast. He would like to give thanks to his family and the cast for all the support and guidance and to everyone who has helped make this show what

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BRODY THOMAS (Mush)

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ASHLEY WATKINS (Albert)



Since 2007, Audrey has been in Palace Productions and has been painting Palace sets since 2015. She is a junior at The Ohio State University studying Radiation Therapy and is a member of The OSU Marching Band (TBDBITL). Audrey says it has been an honor to "Carry the Banner" with the rest of this amazing cast.

Ashley is excited to play the role of newsie Albert.

where she is a sophomore involved in show choir,

and the girl's golf team. Ashley would like to thank

marching band, student council, Teen Institute,

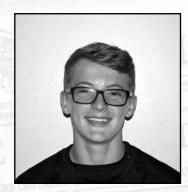
her family and friends for all their support and

encouragement.

She has performed in previous musicals at the

Palace Theatre as well as Elgin High School

AUDREY WATKINS (Art/Nun/Bowery Beauty/Scab)



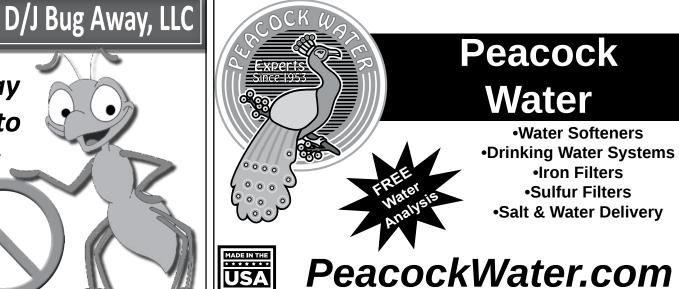
BRADY WINK (Race)

Active in the Grant Middle School music program the past three years, Brady moves on to Harding this fall. Some of his favorite roles at Grant and at the Palace Theatre include, Gomez in The Addams Family, Lumiere in Beauty and the Beast, Nikko in The Wizard of Oz, Michael Banks in Mary Poppins and Gavroche in Les Miserables. Brady is also involved in football and basketball. Brady is excited to share the stage with his brother and sister and gives a big thank you to Clare Cooke (Nana), Kristi Wink (Mom), Blake Huffaker, Dee Ehrman, and Rick Baird. A special thank you goes to Dad and family for their constant support. To this amazing cast, "Break a leg. It has been an honor working with all of you. Enjoy the show!"

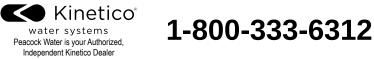


SADIE WINK (Finch)

Sadie was last seen as the Jitterbug in The Wizard of Oz. She loves spending her summers at the Palace Theatre – and has done so since the age of 6. Some of her favorite roles include Fiona (Shrek), Eponine (Les Miserables), and Serena (Legally Blonde). Sadie also enjoys being a part of Christmas at the Palace every year. A junior at Columbus State, Sadie is majoring in Communications. She is excited to be a part of the Newsies cast along with her two brothers. Sadie would like to thank her family, friends, and the entire cast and crew for this amazing summer.



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# MEET THE ARTISTIC TEAM!

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### CLARE COOKE (Director)

Clare has been involved in Palace Theatre productions as choreographer and director the past 41 years. Most recently, she directed The Wizard of Oz and Christmas at the Palace. In 2016, she was honored in To Clare With Love, a tribute show written, directed, and choreographed by her daughter, Kristi Wink. It was the most rewarding experience of her theatre career. She is thrilled to bring Newsies to the Palace stage, which features our next generation of young performers. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the Palace. You are an amazing cast. Thanks, also, to Blake and the Newsies staff, crew, orchestra, Bev and her staff, and all the volunteers who work tirelessly to make it all happen. "Much love and gratitude goes to my choreographer, Kristi, and to Jack Kelly, Race and Finch. I am so proud to call you my family." Clare is married to John and they are the parents of David (Kim) Cooke and Kristi (Joe) Wink and grandparents to Sadie, Tanner, and Brady Wink and Matthew and Casey Cooke. "Seize the Day!"



KRISTI WINK

(Assistant Director/Choreographer)

Kristi has been actively involved at the Palace Theatre for the past 38 years. She is a graduate of The Ohio State University with a BFA in Acting. She was last seen as the Wicked Witch in the 2017 summer musical The Wizard of Oz. Kristi has directed the Palace Junior Musicals the past five years and will be presenting Junie B.Jones, Jr. this October. She enjoys working as choreographer for Harding High School, Grant Middle School, and Christmas at the Palace. Kristi is the Activity Coordinator at the Marion Senior Center. Celebrating 24 years of marriage, she and her husband Joe are the proud parents of Sadie (Finch), Tanner (Jack), and Brady (Race). A huge thank you goes to this amazing cast. The talent pool in Marion is outstanding. Much love and adoration for Dee, Blake, Rick and Mom. Thanks for making it so much



# BLAKE HUFFAKER

(Vocal Director)

Blake is thrilled to be involved in this year's production of *Newsies!* Blake's directing experience spans from high school to community and collegiate productions. His previous Palace vocal directing credits include The Wizard of Oz, Crazy for You, Mary Poppins, Oliver! and Legally Blonde. In addition to theater, Blake teaches vocal music at Colerain High School on the northwest side of Cincinnati. Blake holds a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from Morehead State University and a Master's in Music Education from Kent State University. Blake would like to thank the cast, crew, orchestra, and directors for sharing their knowledge, energy, passion, and dedication.



### RICK BAIRD

(Orchestra Conductor)

Mr. Rick Baird has actively served the Marion City Schools for the past 39 years. He works with young students at Grant Middle School and Harding High School. Since his retirement from full-time teaching in 2013, Rick continues to work as an Assistant Director, with Directors Mr. Jacob Hartman and Mr. Yuji Jones, for the award-winning Harding Presidents Marching Band. He also served as Director of the Harding Singers instrumental combo "Rufus" for 22 show choir seasons. A native of Tallmadge, Ohio, Mr. Baird holds a degree in Music Education from Kent State University. Rick ha performed with many music groups including Presidential Brass, Marion Concert Band, The John Kennedy Orchestra, The Palace Theatre Big Band, and the Epworth Methodist Church Choir and Hand Bell Choir. Rick has conducted the pit orchestra for the past 20 Harding Fall Musicals and has contributed to numerous Palace Theatre and Marion County School productions. Rick and Peg, a Seventh-Grade Social Studies teacher at Grant Middle School, are the proud parents of eight children and four grandchildren. "It is an honor and a privilege to conduct Newsies, work with these fantastic pit musicians, and to be associated with this wonderful Palace Theatre cast and production team."



### SUSAN WENIG

(Costume Director)

Susan is very happy to be part of Disney's Newsies this summer. Most recently she costumed The Wizard of Oz, Willy Wonka, Jr. and Christmas at the Palace. Susan was in the Palace Productions of The Music Man and Oliver! and enjoys performing with her daughter in Christmas at the Palace productions. Susan is employed at Scharer Insurance and is a member of the Chancel Choir at the LaRue United Methodist Church where she is a church accompanist. Susan and her husband Doug are the proud parents of two children: Sara Grote (Hannah) and her husband Chad, and Kevin Wenig and his wife Jessica. She is also a very happy grandma to Makena.

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# MEET THE ARTISTIC TEAM



### DEE EHRMAN (Pianist)

An accompanist for many Palace Productions, Dee has enjoyed working with the cast, musicians, and staff of Newsies. Dee works with her husband as a dental hygienist and a pole vault coach at Pleasant Local Schools. Dee and Brian have two sons, Jonathan and Christopher, and a daughter-in-law, Andrea. Just recently her first grandson was born, Grayson Carter Ehrman. Dee received her Bachelor of Music from Heidelberg University and her Bachelor of Science from The Ohio State University. "Break a leg to the cast, crew, and musicians of



## ADAM RADLOFF (Deck Captain)

Adam has been helping with Palace Productions since 2012. He has worked backstage for Annie, Fiddler on the Roof, Oliver!, Little Mermaid, Jr., Peter Pan, Jr., Tarzan, Mary Poppins, The Wizard of Oz and the past six Christmas at the Palace productions. Always one to "tinker," Adam compares himself to "Dr. Nefario." His special effects were key to the musical productions of Little Mermaid, Jr., Peter Pan, Jr., and The Wizard of Oz. When he isn't transporting his daughters, Jia (Tommy Boy in tonight's production) and Schwen, to various activities, he enjoys flying remote control planes and helicopters. Tonight, he'll appear as one of the newsies as he helps crew the many set pieces he created for the show. In real life, he is married to wife, Jackie, who also assists with local productions. Enjoy the show.



### BARB YAKSIC (Stage Manager)

Barb is thrilled to once again be part of a wonderful summer production at the Palace Theatre. Barb has been actively involved with Palace Productions since 2000. She would like to thank her entire family for all the patience and support they give her during her theatre time. "I love you guys." To the cast and crew: "Have a wonderful show. You deserve it. Break a leg!"



### RHONDA ARNOLD (Assistant Stage Manager)

Rhonda is grateful to be part of another Palace Production where she has been active backstage for seventeen years. When not backstage, she can be found working in the nursery at Epworth Preschool and Daycare. She would like to thank her family for their support. To the cast and crew: "BREAK-A-LEG."

MATRX would like to congratulate Jay Reid and the cast of NEWSIES ~ Break a leg!

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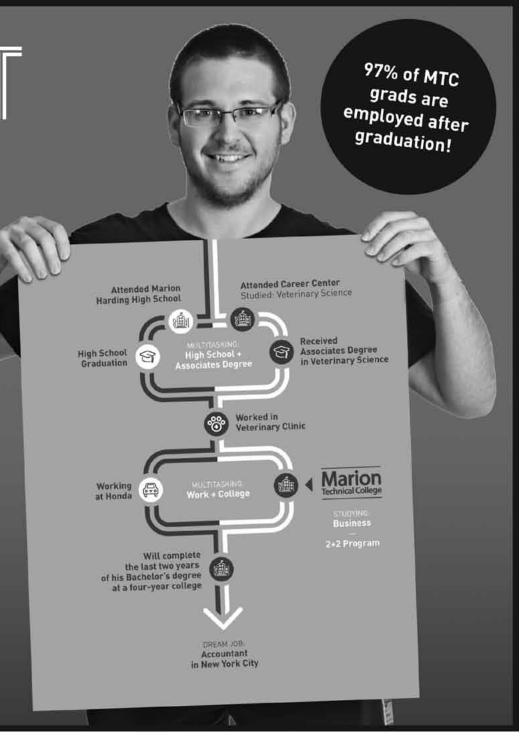
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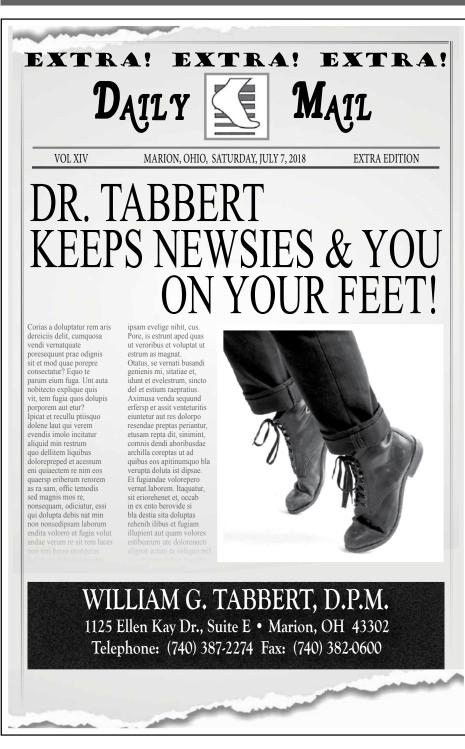
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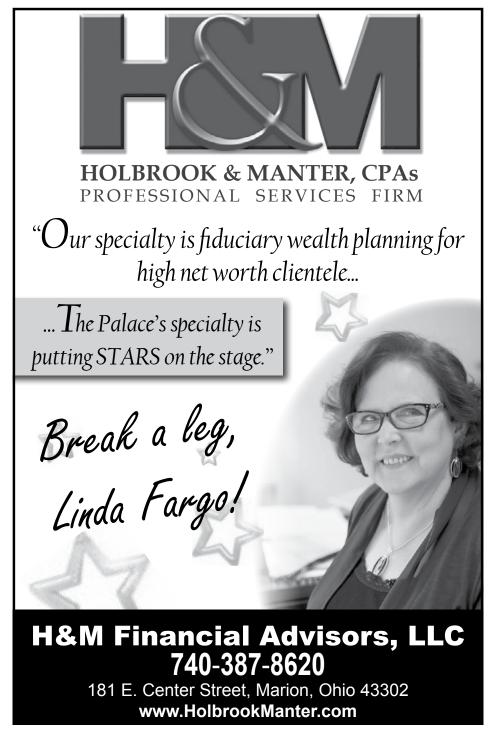
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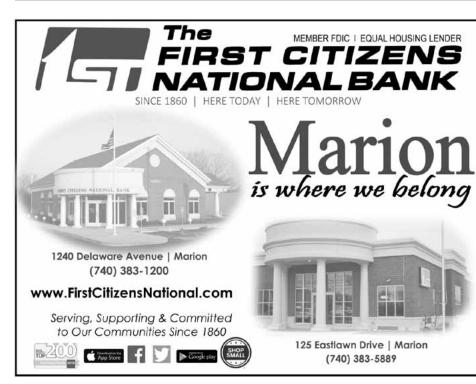
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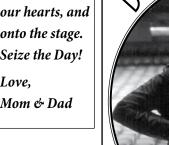
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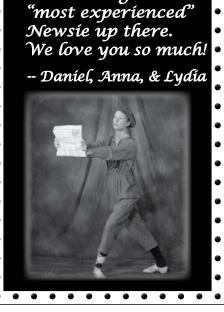




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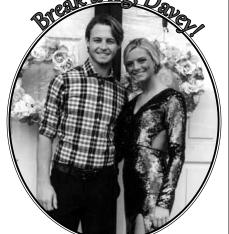
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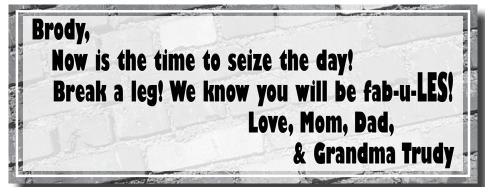


I am so proud of you. You are amazing always! Light up the stage! I love you, Bub! Love, Faith



It's so great to see you back on the Palace stage doing what you love! Shoot for the stars! Merde and "Sieze the Day!"

Love, Mom, Dad, Matthew, Aunt Sharon, Lindsey, T.J., David, & M.J.





We are so proud of you and so excited to see you on stage, your happy place. Light it up!

> Love you! Mom & Dad







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