



Ripon Area Community Theatre Presents



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Original Broadway Production Directed by MARTIN CHARNIN

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Director's Note

I would like to thank the cast, crew and their families for all of their hard work and support. Putting on a show like "Annie" is an investment in time and the show you're about to see is the result of their dedication.

None of this would be possible without the help of their families who ran lines with them, gave them rides to practice and accommodated the long rehearsal schedule.

I would also like to give a very special thanks to Eva Hoxie, our vocal director, who is also pulling duty as a performer in several scene; and did a phenomenal job working with our cast in preparing their music.

To Grace Bartlett, who not only took on the challenge of portraying Miss Hannigan, but also choreographed several numbers.

To Peregrine Schulz, our costume coordinator; who took on the Herculean task of organizing multiple costume changes for a cast of over 40 actors and rose to that challenge and more.

To Sarah, Nick and Dave Heyn for coordinating key elements of our set; our stage manager Eva Knappenberger, our booth crew (Johnnie, Autum and Nick); and Ryleigh Spillman for organizing Props.

Lastly, thank you Thomas Bakken, our producer, for being a sounding board on this production, helping to coordinate the show's many logistics (including sets), all while serving as president of the United States... in our show (and the RACT).

Brian Reilly

Director

RACT's Production of – "Annie"

CAST

Emily Clements	Annie
Todd Machmueller	Oliver Warbucks
Tanya Monet-Bakken	Grace Farrell
Grace Bartlett	Miss Hannigan
Michaela Keenlance	Lily St Regis, Cop, Connie Boylan
John Gonzales	Rooster Hannigan, Cop
Everett Clements	Sandy
Thomas Bakken	Eddie, Servant Chorus, Franklin Roosevelt
Willow Swanson	Orphan Chorus
Ellery Gruszka	Orphan Chorus
Holland Disterhaft	Orphan Chorus
Jocelyn Feldner	Molly/Orphan Chorus
Colin Patterson	Duffy/Orphan Chorus
MaKenzie Del Ponte	Kate/Orphan Chorus
Ezra Bakken	Pepper/Orphan Chorus
Victoria Villa	Tessie/Orphan Chorus, NYC Chorus
Éowyn Forbes-Lorman	Orphan Chorus, “Kid”
Avery Forbes-Lorman	Orphan Chorus
Sidney Wunrow	July/Orphan Chorus
Quinlyn Gross	Orphan Chorus
Ella Zeleske	Orphan Chorus
Emerie Kamark	Orphan Chorus, Hooverville Chorus
Reagan Spillman	Orphan Chorus
Teagan Spillman	Orphan Chorus
Kaylee Spillman	Orphan Chorus
Melody Kurtz	Orphan Chorus, Hull (Cabinet Member
Chris Eldridge	Drake/Servant Chorus, Hooverville Chorus, Jimmy Johnson
Alex Paulson	Mrs. Greer/Servant Chorus, Hooverville Chorus
Nolia Prellwitz	Cecille/Servant Chorus, Hooverville Chorus
Griffin Gehrke	Hooverville Chorus/Appleseller, Servant Chorus, Bert Healy, Howe (Cabinet Member)

Rorie Nitz	Hooverville Chorus, Servant Chorus, Star-to-Be, Morganthau (Cabinet Member)
Kindra Bakken	Lt. Ward, Servant Chorus, Ronnie Boylan
Willow Kurtz	Hooverville Chorus, Servant Chorus, Ickes (Cabinet Member)
Julie Chikowski	Mrs. Pugh/Servant Chorus, Sophie/Hooverville Chorus
Charlotte Bill	Annette/Servant Chorus; Hooverville Chorus
Camila Rivera-Mancilla	Assistant Dog Catcher, Hooverville Chorus, Servant Chorus
Ryleigh Spillman	Dog Catcher, Hooverville Chorus, Servant Chorus
Teagan Gross	Hooverville Chorus, Servant Chorus, Usherette
Riley Church	Hooverville Chorus, Servant Chorus
Creed Klein	Bundles, Cop, Fred McCracken/Wacky
Eva Hoxie	Hooverville Chorus, Bonnie Boylan, Judge Brandeis

Production Staff

Director	Brian Reilly
Vocal Director	Eva Hoxie
Producer	Thomas Bakken
Costume Coordinator	Peregrine Schulz
Choreography	Grace Bartlett, Brian Reilly
Props Master	Ryleigh Spillman
Costuming Assistant	Mary Hille
Set Designer	Brian Reilly
Stage Manager	Eva Knappenberger
Lights	Nick Heyn
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Backstage Crew	AJ Brookly, Kameron Del Ponte
Set Construction Supervision	Sarah Heyn, Nick Heyn

ACT ONE

Scene 1 – Orphanage Dorm

“Overture,” “Maybe,” “Hard Knock Life” (Choreographed by Grace Bartlet, Brian Reilly), “Hard-Knock Life (Reprise)”

Scene 2 – New York City – “Tomorrow”

Scene 3 – Hooverville

“Hooverville” (Choreographed by Brian Reilly)

Scene 4 – Hannigan’s Office

“Little Girls,” “Little Girls (Reprise)”

Scene 5 – Warbucks Mansion

“I Think I’m Gonna Like It Here” (Choreographed, Brian Reilly)

Scene 6 – Streets of New York City

“N. Y.C.”

Scene 7 – Hannigan’s Office

“Easy Street” (Choreographed by Grace Bartlet)

Scene 8 – Warbucks’ Mansion

“Why Should I Change a Thing?” “You Won’t Be an Orphan for Long”

Intermission (15 minutes)

ACT TWO

Scene 1 – WEA Radio Station

“N.Y. Entr’acte,” “Fully Dressed”

Scene 2 – Hannigan’s Office

“Fully Dressed (Reprise),” “Easy Street Reprise”

Scene 3 – Oval Office

“Cabinet Tomorrow,” “Cabinet End”

Scene 4 – Warbucks’ Mansion

“Something Was Missing”

Scene 5

“I Don’t Need Anything But You”

Scene 6

A New Deal for Christmas

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Emily is going into eighth grade this year and loves to sing and act. This will be her fourth production and she is so excited to be playing the role of Annie! Her previous roles include several ensemble roles in The Wizard of Oz, Teen Fiona and Mama Bear in Shrek the Musical Jr., and Mrs. Potts in Beauty and the Beast Jr. Aside from on stage, Emily spends her time playing her keyboard, writing songs,

cheerleading, and playing volleyball. She is so excited to perform and she hopes you enjoy watching the show as much as she's enjoyed participating in it!

Todd Machmueller is very excited to play the part of Oliver Warbucks in Ripon Area Community Theater's production of Annie as this is his very first experience in theater. Outside of this very new thing for him, Todd is a husband, father and grandfather to the most important people in his life. He also sings in the Praise Band at Living Water Lutheran Church and is custodian at RHS.



Tanya Monet-Bakken has been involved in over 50 productions since she started in third grade as a Rockin Robin. Some of her favorites include Blue Ribbons, Rogue Gallery, Almost Maine, and You Can't Take It With You. Her day job is teaching high school science, but she spends most of her time helping with her three daughters' adventures of gymnastics, swim, Girl Scouts, theater, choir, etc.

She also loves reading, going on walks with her husband, and snuggling the family corgis.

Grace Bartlett has been in several shows over the years and is happy to continue with RACT with Annie! She is excited to portray Miss Hannigan on stage as well as assisting with choreography. Outside of theater, Grace goes to UW Stevens Point for Biology, Chemistry, and Secondary Education. Grace has been featured in RACT's "Myth-Guided", as well as Rocky Horror Picture Show, Little Women The Musical, and Into the Woods.





John Gonzales plays Rooster Hannigan in "Annie". He has performed in various community theaters in Wisconsin; such as, Moonlight in "Lumberjacks in Love" (BDACT), Peter Shaw in "Silent Night" (Attic Theater), and two years stage time during high school. Most recently he played Hermes in the RACT production of "Myth Guided." He graduated UW - Stevens Point with a Drama BA and Studio Art BA.

Michaela Keenlance teaches 4th grade at Menominee Elementary School in Oshkosh. She is excited to portray Lily St. Regis in this production of Annie! In high school, she performed in several musicals, including Mary Poppins, Thoroughly Modern Millie, and The Little Mermaid. She is thrilled to be back on stage after nearly 7 years!



Everett is going into fifth grade at Murray Park Elementary and is thrilled to be portraying Sandy. This is Everett's second production with RACT; his first being the Munchkin Coroner and other various ensemble roles in The Wizard of Oz. A couple things about Everett are that he is a huge sports fan, his lucky number is 30, and he collects trading cards. Everett had so much fun participating in Annie, and he hopes you all enjoy the show!

Charlotte Bill is a part of the Hooverville and Servant Choruses. She will be going into 8th grade at Ripon Middle school. In previous musicals she has been a narrator in Beauty and the Beast and Fiona in Shrek. Charlotte has had so much fun acting and playing parts in the community plays and cannot wait to do more in the future.



Ryleigh Spillman is a senior in high school and has been in a few productions before. Her favorite musical she was in was, A wop bop a loop bop. She has had so much fun seeing Annie come to life with rehearsals and putting the set together! She is apart of the servant, Hooverville, and NYC courses, she is also man #2.

Willow Kurtz is part of the Hooverville and Servant Chorus, and played Ickes, a member of the Cabinet. She has been a part of choir and band and would like to thank her parents.



Chris is making his second appearance with RACT as Drake, the butler. He debuted this spring in "Myth-Guided" as Frank. Prior to moving to Wisconsin, he performed in many productions through High School and College. As an adult he has played a "Teenager" and a "Skeleton" in the show "Costumes - A Halloween Musical" in Oklahoma. During the Spooky season he has been part of the Burial Chamber in Neenah.

Alex Paulson plays Mrs. Greer and is part of the Hooverville chorus. She has music close to her heart, being a choir teacher and having participated in many productions before. "I have always loved theatre and have participated in RACT in many ways, most recently as Scarecrow in The Wizard of Oz, and Amy in Motherhood: The Musical; Alex is also an RACT board member.



Julie Chikowski is very excited to be part of the Annie production in the roles of Mrs Pugh, Sophie and as a member of the chorus. This is an opportunity to come back to an old love. She did community theatre 40 years ago and now with retirement has the chance to be part of it again.

Riley Church is a part of the Hooverville and Servant Chorus. She has been doing musicals for six years now in community and high school! She is looking forward to performing Annie in the role of Man 1 / chorus this summer! She has been in 9 productions now, her most recent being The Little Mermaid as Ursula at Waupun high school! Riley is in choir and has always been devoted to theater and loves to find community in it!





Creed Klein plays Bundles, Wacky and an NYC cop in our production of “Annie”. Creed makes time when he can for theater outside of his night job as a Sterile Processing Tech. Having been acting since middle school, he’s been doing what he can to keep theatre apart of his life when and where he can. Frequently shifting between serious and silly roles, from Reverend Parris to Captain Hook; he’ll be more than happy to tell you all about the intricacies of the stories in this show, and answer the questions you didn’t know you had.

Thomas Bakken plays President Roosevelt and is part of the Hooverville and Servant Choruses. Thomas has previously played Uncle Henry in RACT production of “The Wizard of Oz,” was last seen in “An Inspector Calls” and wrote, directed and performed in the original comedy, “Blue Ribbons”.



A stay-at-home father, a contract painter, briefly a teacher and now a paralegal, the path of Thomas’ life has rarely been simple. Theater has always remained at the periphery. He began acting in middle school, continued through high school and eventually competed in the AACT festival—winning an acting award for his performance.



Eva Hoxie is so excited to be the vocal director for this production of Annie; and will also be performing as one of the Boylan Sisters and Judge Brandeis! She is going to be a sophomore music education student at the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point. She has been in theater since 6th grade, and had been in every show that the middle/high school had offered. This is her first RACT production and she hopes to be in more in the future.

Nolia Prellwitz is so excited to be in the production of Annie this summer! She will be performing as a member of the Servant and Hooverville choruses. This fall she will be a freshman in high school. She has performed as Veruca Salt in Willy Wonka Jr., Babett in Beauty and the Beast Jr., Donkey in Shrek Jr., multiple roles in various Missoula Children’s theater shows, and now she gets to be in multiple chorus groups in Annie! In addition to being on stage, Nolia loves dancing at The Backstage Studio and hanging out with family and friends!





Camila Rivera-Mancilla plays Assistant Dog Catcher and is part of the Hooverville and Servant chorus. Camila started doing theater in 8th grade going into 11th grade in the fall! She has been extremely grateful for all the opportunities she has had over the years. She looks forward to being in the chorus of Annie this summer. Outside of theater, she's really involved with music and art! This will be her 5th

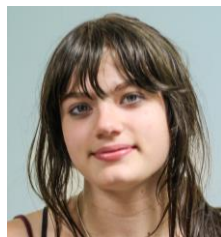
RACT production, and she cannot wait to continue doing theater in the future!

Kindra Bakken is a sophomore at Ripon high school. Kindra is excited to be playing Lt. Ward, one of the Boylan Sisters and is part of the Servant Chorus. She has been doing theater for almost ten years now. Some previous roles include Willy Wonka, Gaston, Purser, and others. Kindra loves participating in community plays and musicals as well as the high school productions. She is so excited to be doing yet another musical.



Griffin Gehrke plays Bert Healy, the Appleseller/Hooverville & Servant Choruses. Griffin has been in five shows so far. Griffin loves being a part of theatre and loves musicals and plays. Doing these shows has made him step out of his comfort zone. His favorite role was Elisha Whitney in the RHS production of "Anything Goes".

Rorie Nitz play's Morgenthau and the Star-To-Be; in addition to being part of the Hooverville and Servant Choruses. This will be Rorie's fifth community show having been in "A Wop Bop A Loo Wop," "Blue Ribbons," "The Wizard of Oz," "It's A Wonderful Life," and now "Annie"! Rorie has also performed in many middle school and high school productions and loves doing theatre and helping to create a great show and making the audience happy!

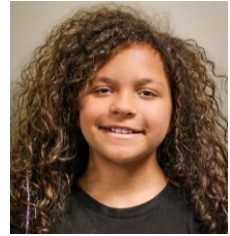


Teagan Gross plays Perkins (cabinet) and part of the Hooverville & Servant Chorus. She has been doing musicals throughout middle school and now into high school. She is very excited to get to do Annie this summer with her friends. This production marks her 7th musical she has participated in! Teagan enjoys being in dance, choir, and doing drama in general.



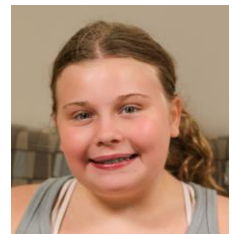
Éowyn Forbes-Lorman is going into 8th grade at Ripon Middle School. She has played a swamp-thing, a merchant, an aristocrat, a trick-or-treater/caroler/Mormon, a Munchkin teacher, a Poppie, a Winkie guard, a jitterbug, a fire queen, Aphrodite, and Artemis, and more. Eowyn also loves to swim and read. For Annie, she is in the orphan chorus and NYC chorus.

Holland Disterhaft will perform on stage for the very first time in Annie as part of the Orphan Chorus. This fall she will enter fifth grade in Ripon. Although this will be her first production, she is no stranger to the stage. She has been in dance for seven years, learning the art of ballet, tap, and jazz. Jazz is her favorite form of dance. Holland loves entertaining people regardless of the size of the audience.



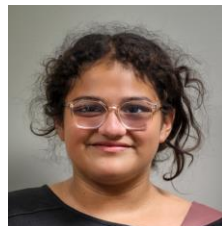
Melody Kurtz is excited to be part of this production as Hull (cabinet member) and as part of the Orphan Chorus. This is her first production, but she has also done band, dance, and forensics. She would like to thank her family for their support and hopes you enjoy the show!

Emerie Kamark is entering 7th grade and this is her second musical. She was in Shrek Jr., done by Ripon Middle School and can't wait to play Man #4, as well as parts in the Orphans chorus, Hooverville chorus and NYC chorus in the summer production of Annie. She loves singing and acting and hopes this is only the beginning of an endless journey in community theater. Outside of singing and acting Emerie loves Volleyball and is on the Swim team.



Kaylee Spillman will be an 8th grader at Ripon Middle School. This is her 4th time participating in a theater production, including Wizard of Oz, Beauty and the Beast, and Shrek. Kaylee will be part of the NYC chorus and an Orphan; and is so excited for you to see the show!

Victoria Villa plays Orphan Tessie in our production of Annie. This will be her fourth production and every time it feels like she's in a story of music. Victoria says she is "the melody behind my own story—growing, healing, and finding my voice one song after another. Every chapter deserves its soundtrack."



Regan Spillman is going into 7th grade, and this is her second musical. In Shrek she played Baby Bear, but in this musical she is part of the Orphan and the NYC choruses. Regan loves to run and is doing her second year of cross country!

Teagan Spillman is part of the Orphan and NYC Choruses. She is going into 7th grade at Ripon Middle School and has been in two other plays so far, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and Shrek. She has enjoyed watching her siblings act in plays and now gets to take part and see the shows come to life after so much practice and hard work, It's MAGICAL!



Sidney Wunrow is so excited to be in the upcoming production of Annie, with the Ripon Area Community Theater. This fall she will be entering the 6th grade. This is her first acting role. Sidney will be playing the Orphan "July" and a member of both the Orphan Chorus and NYC Chorus. When not singing, Sidney loves to play basketball and to spend time with family and friends.

Colin Patterson is entering 6th grade this fall and this will be his first time performing in a play or musical. He is playing an orphan named Duffy chorus. Colin enjoys camping, playing basketball and soccer, singing, playing the trombone, downhill skiing, riding his family's horse, and spending time with friends and family. He has enjoyed preparing for the show and hopes you have a great time watching!





Jocelyn Feldner has loved the musical Annie since she was a toddler and she is beyond excited to play the role of Molly! Jocelyn's most recent production was Ripon Middle School's Shrek Jr. playing Young Fiona and one of the 3 Blind Mice narrators. Jocelyn will be a 7th grader in the fall and is looking forward to more stage experience and building her theater community in the future!

Willow Swanson, has acted in the past with RACT when they performed the Wizard of Oz two years ago where she played in multiple roles. She loves singing, and is always moving. She is very excited about being a part of the orphan chorus and the NYC chorus in this year's play, Annie.



Ella Zeleske is thrilled to be participating in this production of Annie with the Ripon Community Theatre, as part of the Orphan Chorus. Ella will be entering sixth grade this fall and loves dancing, singing, and expressing her creativity through art.

Ellery Gruszka is excited to be part of the Orphan Chorus and will be entering 5th Grade at Wautoma Elementary School. Ellery has five siblings and two dogs. She enjoys staying active and participating in competitive cheer, track, and swimming. This is her third theatre production, her first production with Ripon Community Theatre. She had so much fun getting to know everyone and being part of the cast.



Quinlyn Gross is excited to be part of the "Annie" Orphan Chorus! She will be entering 6th grade this fall and loves being on stage. She has performed in three productions with Missoula Children's Theatre at the Thrasher Opera House and is excited to be a member of this production. When she's not performing, Quinlyn enjoys dancing and competing with The Backstage Studio, wrestling, and spending time with her family and friends.

MaKenzie Del Ponte plays Kate the Orphan; MaKenzie loves to do our community theater plays and sing and act with characters of all ages, while getting to perform on stage. MaKenzie is excited to start middle school in the fall and have the opportunity for more acting and singing opportunities. MaKenzie wants to thank my Mom, Dad, brother Kam, grandparents and uncles/aunts for encouraging and supporting her; as well as her friends who have joined in the fun of musicals.



Ezra Bakken plays the spunky role of Pepper in our Production of Annie. Ezra will be in 5th grade this coming school year. She loves all things theater/performing. Some of her favorite roles were Mayor of Munchkinland, and Sawyer in Myth Guided. Outside of theater, Ezra is on both a gymnastics team and swim team.

Avery Forbes-Lorman is part of our Orphan Chorus and is going into 5th grade in Ripon. She has been in Missoula Children's theater several times and in the the Wizard of Oz with the Ripon Community Theater. Avery also loves to draw and read. For Annie, she is in the orphan chorus and NYC chorus.



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