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SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL THEATER ENSEMBLE



FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2024
SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024

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**SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL THEATER ENSEMBLE
PRESENTS**



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Music by

CHARLES STROUSE

Lyrics by

MARTIN CHARNIN

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Break a leg, Quinn B.!



Have Fun!!!
Wishing all the best to the
entire cast.

Love, Grandma & Grandpa

Have Fun, Raya



We are proud of you!
Love Aubrie & Allison



I Love You Josephine, Mom



Debora we love you!!!

PRODUCTION TEAM

We extend our gratitude to the following crew members for making this production possible!



Conchetta Carbone Media Specialist

Ms. Carbone has worked at SMS for 13 years. She loves teaching science. #wedoscience is her class hashtag. She enjoys traveling, spending time with family and friends, and supporting the SMS Drama Club in any way that she can.

Roberta Taylor Community Liason

Ms. Taylor has worked here as Social Worker for the last 3 years. She has 19 years experience as a Social Worker and five years as a Special Education teacher. She enjoys traveling, spending time with family and working crew for the Drama Club with Mrs. Small.



CHARLES SMALL Sound Technician

Proud stage crew veteran and Mrs. Small's better half—well, at least her half that handles all the soundscapes! He's been twirling the knobs and hitting the cues for Mrs. Small's productions for 15 solid years. That's right, he shaped the audio waves before their rings came into the picture. Give this man a soundboard and he'll give you a symphony, but ask him for a speech and he'll happily hand over the mic.



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Thank you to the SMS staff! You go above and beyond and we are ever so grateful!



Mr. Phoenix

Thank you for all that you do. You took the stage.
We love that!

Mr. Joseph

Thank you for always checking in to see
if we need your help!

Ms. Carbone

Thanks for being my left and right hand, 3rd and 4th
hands and all my other hands.

Ms. Taylor

Thanks for being a friend. Travel down the road and
back again...

**Thank you to the SMS PTG, Parents and
other friends of the Drama Club!**

Congratulations to the entire
Annie Jr Cast & Crew

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SETTING

In 1930s New York City, an orphan named Annie lives a “hard-knock life” at an orphanage run by the cruel Miss Hannigan.

SCENE 1 - Orphanage

Annie sets out on a quest to find her parents. **Songs: Maybe & Hard-knocked Life**

SCENE 2 - Streets of Harlem 1933

Any is picked up by Officer Ward and returned to the orphanage. **Song: Tomorrow**

SCENE 3 - Orphanage

Grace Farrell chooses Annie to stay with Warbucks for Christmas. **Song: Little Girls**

SCENE 4 - Warbuck's Mansion

Annie meets Warbucks at his mansion.. **Song: I think I'm Gonna Like it Here**

SCENE 5 - 42nd Street NYC

Grace & Warbucks takes Annie to her first movie. **Song: NYC**

INTERMISSION

SCENE 6 - Orphanage

Warbucks wants to adopt Annie. Rooster & Lily visit **Song: Easy Street**

SCENE 7 - Warbuck's Mansion

Warbucks will help Annie find her parents. **Song: Won't be an orphan for long.**

SCENE 8 - Radio Station

Warbucks announces a reward for finding her parents. **Song: Maybe (Reprise)**

SCENE 9 - Orphanage

The Hannigans and Lily devise a plan to defraud Warbucks for the reward money **Song: Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile & Easy Street**

SCENE 19 - Warbucks Mansion

The Mudges claim to be Annie's parents. **Song: I Don't Need Anything But You.**

SCENE 19 - Warbucks Mansion

The plan is foiled and justice is served. **Song: Tomorrow (Reprise)**

ANNIE JR. TECH DAY SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH, 2024



**THANK
YOU!**

**CAST, CREW, PARENTS, STAFF
& FRIENDS FOR ALL OF YOUR
HARD WORK! WE APPRECIATE
YOUR HELP!**

WHO'S WHO



Sherlyn Luis as *Crew/Ensemble*

Sherlyn Luis is a seventh grader who is really excited to be in this musical. She likes to spend time with her friends and family, reading, drawing and coloring. She would like to thank her family for their support.



Kellen Evans as *Pres. Roosevelt / Crew*

Kellen is in sixth grade and is part of crew. He later joined the ensemble (President Roosevelt). He enjoys the beach and helping with plays. He would like to thank his parents for encouraging him in theater.



Sarah Baker as *painter*

Ms. Baker is an art teacher at SMS. She enjoys set painting and working with the Annie Jr. production.



Leilani Gutierrez as *Stage Crew*

Ms. Gutierrez teaches here at SMS. She worked on the NYC signs for the show. She enjoys working on shows behind the scenes. She wants to encourage the cast to do their best. "Break a leg!"

MEET THE DIRECTOR



Danielle J. Small

Director & Choreographer

NYC DOE Theater Educator, 20 Years
NECS D Theater Educator, 4 Years
SMS Theater Educator, 2023-2024

"With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." Matthew 19:26 "

Mrs. Small approaches this production of "Annie Jr." with both nostalgia and excitement as it represents a cherished bookend to her distinguished teaching career. Nearly two decades ago, this very musical marked the beginning of her journey in theater education, making its revival a moment of deep personal significance. Her first encounter with the show saw the young talents of 2nd to 6th graders from PS. 11 in Brooklyn. This production featured Justine Skye — now an acclaimed artist on the hit tv show, "Grown-ish" and on the R&B scene — in the role of *Grace Farrell*.

In similar fashion, the play was rebirth 8 years ago when Small, in her inaugural year at PS 109 in the Bronx, chose to stage "Annie Jr." once more. It seems only fitting, for tradition's sake, that she would select this beloved musical to debut at South Middle school, solidifying her legacy.

Over the span of her 24 year career, Small has masterfully produced an impressive array of performances, from vignettes and straight plays to musicals, showcasing her breadth and versatility in the arts. In this heartfelt venture, Small extends her gratitude to the SMS community — the home that has warmly embraced and supported her artistic endeavors in Newburgh Enlarged City School District. She celebrates her students and their families for their unwavering dedication to the craft.

Lastly, with deep affection and appreciation, Small dedicates this performance to her family, whose love, resilience, and patience have been the bedrock of her success. Their invisible yet indispensable presence behind the scenes, as her lifelong stage crew, has been a testament to their dedication.

Enjoy the show!

Mrs. Small

SMS DRAMA CLUB



President: Quinn Baumann
Vice President: Zoey Jallow
Treasurer: Lily Lawrence
Secretary: Olivia Pacione



WHO'S WHO



Krista Pucino as *Miss Hannigan*

Krista is a 7th grader who is no stranger to the stage. Her past shows include Mary Poppins (Mrs. Corey), Lion King Jr (Scar) and Mean Girls Jr. (Mrs. Norbury). She would like to give a big shout out to her family and friends. She would also like to thank Mrs. Small and the stage crew.



Natalie Rhynehart as *Tessie/Ensemble*

Natalie is a seventh grader with some stage experience. Her past shows include Hawaiian Beach Party (ensemble) and It's Electrifying (Sun). She loves theater work, reading, play piano and violin, and spending time with her younger brother. Natalie would like to thank her family for supporting her passion for theater.



Brody Shultz as *Drake/Ensemble*

Brody is a sixth grade scholar and is thrilled to be part of the musical. He is new to the stage and is a faithful member of the SMS drama club. Brody loves to cook and Draw. He'd like to thank his mom and dad for picking him up from rehearsal all the time.



Raya Szeli as *Molly/Ensemble*

Raya is in the sixth grade and is no stranger to the stage. In the fifth grade she performed in The Sound of Music (Max) at Fostertown. She has been dancing for almost 8 years. She would like to thank her parents for encouraging her to act and Mrs. Small for her help during the production.

WHO'S WHO



Gabriel Miller-Shaw as *Oliver Warbucks*

Gabriel is a sixth grader and is excited to be part of the show. He was recently seen on stage in the fall production, My Shot (Gabe). He likes to make things out of legos and he likes to bake. He would like to thank his parents for keeping him on track.



Olivia Pacione as *Duffy/Ensemble*

Olivia is a sixth grader, and is excited to be in Annie Jr. This will be her third performance. She currently serves as secretary of The Drama Club. Olivia loves to do skincare, ice skate, and call friends. She would like to dedicate this performance to her Mimi Tami, Meme Kelly, and grandma.



Natalie Padilla as *Kate/Annette*

Natalie is thirteenn and a proud seventh grader here at SMS. She is honored to be in Annie Jr.; her first show! She enjoys theater and playing games at home. She deeply loves drawing and is also writing a book! She would like to give special thanks to her mom and dad for giving her such awesome support.



Valentina Pena as *Grace Farrell*

Valentina is a sixth grader and is excited to be in the musical. Her past shows include Frozen Jr. (ensemble in fourth grade) and The Sound of Music (Liesl). She enjoys playing the guitar, tennis and hanging out with friends. She would like to dedicate this show to her parents, sister and friends for supporting and believing in her. Special thanks to her mom for supporting her journey in theater.

SMS FALL PRODUCTION



"I'm Not Throwing Away My Shot"

December 2023

WHO'S WHO

Debora Alvarez as *Annie*



Debora is a sixth grader who is kind, funny and loves performing. She loves creating new opportunities herself; peace and quiet. Yet, she is extremely confident and bold when she takes the stage. She would love to thank her family, Mrs. Small and the Drama Club for all of their love and support.

Charlotte Armand as *Sound Crew*



Charlotte is a seventh grader and is super excited to be a part of Annie Jr. She loves to spend time with her family and friends and she loves to travel, dance, sleep, and read. She has a good sense of humor and enjoys making people laugh. She would like to thank her family and friends for their support.

Hillary Armand as *Stage Manager*



Hillary is a seventh grader and is excited about her role as stage manager. Some plays that she has done in the past include Frozen Jr (Crew) and Mulan Jr. She enjoys doing art and watching YouTube. She would like to thank her family for supporting her in everything she does.

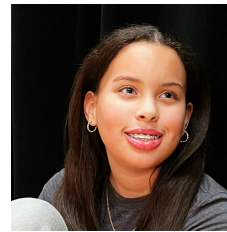
Leigh Aubert as *Grace Farrell*



Leigh is in the sixth grade and is not new to the stage. She has performed in Mean Girls jr (Marymount 3) for Beacon Performing Arts Center in late January. She has taken both dance and singing lessons in the past, along with being a team member in All Around Gymnastics. Leigh would like to thank her family for pushing her to follow what she loves.

WHO'S WHO

Ava Koval as *July/Ensemble*



Ava Koval is in the sixth grade. Her past shows include The Sound of Music (Sister Margaretta) and Frozen Jr. (Handmaiden). She is very excited to be in Annie Jr. She would like to thank her family and friends for always supporting her, encouraging her and helping her to practice. Enjoy the show!

Lily Lawrence as *Lily St. Regis*



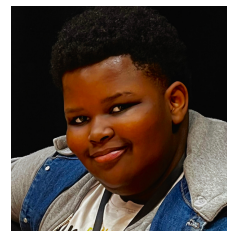
Lily is a sixth grader and is excited about Annie Jr. Her past shows include My Shot (Jamila), Sound of Music (Louisa) and Frozen Jr. (Young Anna). Lily serves as the SMS Drama Club Treasurer and is a competitive swimmer for the Newburgh Sharks. Lily thanks her teachers for their support and her family for supporting and Ubering her.

McKenzie Lawrence as *Ensemble*



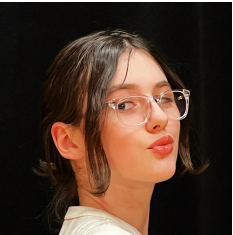
Mackenzie is a 6th grader who has previously performed in The Sound of Music (Ensemble) and Frozen Jr.(Ensemble). She enjoys spending time with her friends and playing volleyball. Mackenzie wishes everyone good luck in the production and is grateful for all of the support that helped them all reach the finish line.

Keith Lewis as *Rooster Hannigan*



Keith is in the 7th grade and new to the SMS stage. He is a comedic actor who enjoys acting and spending time with his family and friends. He would like to thank the Cast and Mrs. Small for all of their help! He would also like to thank his sister Kiya'h for always being there for him!

WHO'S WHO



Josephine Driscoll as *Lily St. Regis*

Josephine is a sixth grader who has performed My Shot and this will be her first musical. Josephine is also a member at Beacon Performing Arts Center and was a part of " Mean Girls Jr. " as a Marymount Mathlete. She has a talent for accuracy with distinct voice impressions and is on her way to becoming a voice actress.



Azzure Johnson *Rooster/Ensemble*

Azzure is thirteen years old and in seventh grade. He enjoys crocheting, singing, and dancing. He is new to the stage and happy to be in the musical. He thanks all the people who have helped him and Mrs. Small for being an amazing director.



Quinn Kingsley as *Orphan/Ensemble*

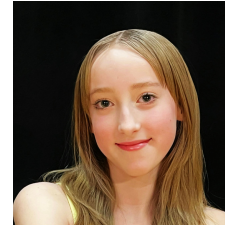
Quinn is in 6th grade and is excited to be in the play Annie jr. This will be Quinn's 1st theater performance ever. She loves the role (Winnie/Ensemble) that she is playing. Quinn loves spending time with her friends and family.



Dev Koshy as *Crew/Ensemble*

Dev is a sixth grader who enjoys the stage. His first big role in drama was in the Wizard of Oz (Oz) in 5th grade. He loves being part of the stage crew and the energy behind the curtain. He is a Boy Scout and enjoys playing the drums.

WHO'S WHO



Chessa Batelic as *Miss Hannigan/Orphan*

Chessa is in 7th grade and really excited to be in this play. She has worked hard on her lines and songs. She enjoys dancing, singing, and running cross-country. She also really likes to act. She appreciates all the love and support she has gotten.



Quinn Bauman as *Annie*

Quinn is a sixth grader with many years of theater work. Her past shows include Frozen Jr (Anna), and Sound of Music Jr (Maria). She serves as Drama Club President. She would like to thank her family and friends for encouraging her, the cast and crew and most of all, her incredible director, Mrs. Small, helps to keep her on track.



Alexa Buchholz as *Orphan/Ensemble*

Alexa is a 6th grade student is excited to be in this play. She enjoys playing volleyball and hanging out with her friends and her family. She would like to thank them for their love and support her along with her best friends Lily and Livi.



Joseph Coleman as *Oliver Warbucks*

Joseph is an 8th grader who loves theater. His past show includes Beauty and the Beast Jr. (Maurice). Joseph enjoys drawing and dancing. He would like to thank his family for always supporting him through thick and thin and God for all he has been gifted with.