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at the Cedarburg Performing Arts Center

January 11 & 12, 2019

Music by
Matthew Sklar
Lyrics by
Chad Beguelin
Book by
Thomas Meehan & Bob Martin
Based on the New Line Cinema Film written by
David Berenba

MUSICAL NUMBERS

Autographs!

Happy All the Time Santa, Buddy, Elves Ensemble
World's Greatest Dad Buddy, New Yorkers Ensemble
Sparklejollytwinklejingley Buddy, Macy's Ensemble
I'll Believe in You Michael, Emily
A Christmas Song Buddy, Jovie, New Yorkers Ensemble
World's Greatest Dad (Reprise) Buddy, Carolers
Never Fall in Love (With an Elf) Jovie
There is a Santa Claus Michael, Emily, New Yorkers
The Story of Buddy Buddy, Deb, Matthews, Chadwick
..... Sam, Sarah, Greenway, Walter, Emily, Michael
A Christmas Song (Reprise) Jovie, Buddy, Charlotte, Darlene
..... Emma, Walter, Emily, Michael, Finale Soloists 1,2,3,4, Santa
Sparklejollytwinklejingley (Reprise) Entire Company

***Elf, Jr.** Buddy, a young orphan, mistakenly crawls into Santa's bag of gifts and is transported to the North Pole. The would-be elf is raised, unaware that he is actually a human, until his enormous size and poor toy-making abilities cause him to face the truth. With Santa's permission, Buddy embarks on a journey to New York City to find his birth father and discover his true identity. Faced with the harsh reality that his father is on the naughty list and that his half-brother doesn't even believe in Santa, Buddy is determined to win over his new family, as well as a very special girl named Jovie, and help New York remember the true meaning of Christmas.*

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CAST

Santa Claus Cole Oechsner
 Buddy..... Gavin Grob
 Elf #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 Ava Hafner, Collette Bord
 Kylee Olson, Audrey Grows, Angelique Rana
 Charlie Simon Gilhooly
 Shawanda..... Stella Nicoli
 Business Woman..... Reagan Dahl
 Flyer Guy Lilly Chromy
 Comforting New Yorker Rylie Last
 Jogger Remy Gundart
 Teenager..... Audrey Hanson
 Sam Caleb Demmon
 Walter Hobbs..... Charlie Schmelzer
 Deb..... Izzy Heilgendorf
 Emily Hobbs..... Jaiden Medrano (matinees)
 Sophia Rohrbeck (public shows)
 Michael Hobbs Josh Wirth
 Security Guard 1 & 2..... Denny Oechsner, Caleb Demmon
 Saleswoman Evelyn Fritz
 Manager Sharon Chumlea
 Jovie..... Josie Witte
 Santa's Helper Maya Callaghan
 Child Taylor Kellerman
 Mother Leah Swartz
 Macy's Employee #1 Elaina Stoehr
 Fake Santa..... Denny Oechsner
 Policeman 1 & 2..... Sophia Rohrbeck, Cailyn Kohn
 Sarah Audrey Hanson
 Greenway Jaavali Chittibommela

Chadwick.....Xavier Styles
MatthewsRemy Gundart
Charlotte Dennon Madelyn Szolwinski
Darlene Lambert.....Maia Scherman
Emma Van Brocklin Adeline Dahl
Finale Soloist 1,2,3,4..... Izzy Hilgendorf, Sharon Chumlea,
Sophia Rohrbeck, Riley Last

“All Star” PRODUCTION TEAM

NSAA Founder: Scott & Sheri Bestor
NSAA Program Director: Paula DeStefanis
Producer: Angie Mack Reilly
Director: Heather Oechsner
Choreographer: Karl Miller
Costume Director: Darcy Devens
Music Director: Angie Mack Reilly
Technical Director and Lighting Designer: Julie Jankowski
Stage Managers: Nancy Stoehr, Mikayla Locke, Janielle Bord
Props Director: Heather Oechsner
Show Marketing Director: Angie Mack Reilly
Designer and Builder: Matthew Reilly, Randy Grob
Sound Technician: Angie Mack Reilly
Set Design Team: Heather Oechsner, Living Word Lutheran High
School Art Students
Poster Graphic Design: Paula DeStefanis
CPAC Coordinator & Box Office: Kathleen Koster
CPAC Technical Director: Paul Thur

*Over 20 volunteers donated their time and talents to all areas of this production! That does not even include every single child giving their "all" throughout the entire process. Although the names are too many to mention here, **we know who you are!** WE did this! We sincerely thank you! No one can do everything, but everyone can do something!*



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A Note From the Director...

Shortly after Elf, Jr. was released for stage back in 2015, I declared that this show was a MUST on my list. Fast forward to NOW and here we are with 35 kids bringing it to life! I was both humbled and delighted to work with talented kids from all over the area through a program so deeply rooted in the community as NSAA. Thank you to the many who have lent a hand along the way, especially

Nancy Stoehr who voluntarily assisted at all of the rehearsals and Angie Mack Reilly for her tireless work to keep this theater program going! Thank you for your support of the Arts in education, a most integral part of filling in the gap of child development that too often gets left behind. ~ Heather Oechsner

Heather has been in the Cedarburg area for several years and this is her second show with NSAA. This is her 13th production as director; some of her bigger high school projects being Disney's Beauty and the Beast, High School Musical and last year's Lion King, Jr. at the CPAC. Her teaching and theater career have spanned 16 years over Michigan, Washington and Wisconsin. She currently teaches for the Art department at Living Word Lutheran High School in Jackson. She lives out her calling for creating lasting learning experiences for children.,

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Outside of the Box



Angie Mack Reilly Angie is a 23 year resident, arts advocate and leader in Ozaukee County. One of her most noted achievements is bringing a musical theme to the downtown Village of Grafton, WI. She is internationally recognized as a music researcher, historian and writer. Her "claim to fame" was finding the unknown and unmarked grave of Arthur "Blind" Blake who was the "Father of Ragtime Guitar". Angie advocated for

him to get a much needed headstone. Apart from giving private lessons, working on productions, opening a record label and owning her own business, Angie works on international music projects with her music business peers. Angie's personal website is angiemackreilly.com and her business website is ozaukeetalent.com She will soon be adding the Whitefish Bay School District to places where she brings quality arts programming



CHOREOGRAPHER KARL MILLER

Karl has been active in theater as an Actor, Singer, Dancer, Teacher, Choreographer and Director for 40 years in the Milwaukee and surrounding areas. He has worked with Sunset Playhouse, The Skylight, In Tandem, Off The Wall and First Stage Children's Theater to name a few, along with UW Milwaukee, UW Whitewater many Community Theaters, High Schools, Middle Schools

and Summer Theater Programs. Karl is a 15 time JERRY (Tommy) Award winning Choreographer and was inducted into the JERRY (Tommy) Award Hall Of Fame In 2014 for excellence in High School Theater. Enjoy the show!



Josephine (Josie) Witte - Jovie

A 6th grader from First Immanuel, Cedarburg, Josie brings her musical talents to the stage for her first show with NSAA. She has never been scared of a crowd, finds theater lots of fun, and is eager to get grow at it. In her free time, Josie likes to learn guitar, piano, flute, basketball and volleyball.

**We apologize for any errors or oversights in this playbill.
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A Word from the Producer

I began directing shows for NSAA in 2005. Some of my most pleasant memories and experiences are affiliated with the process of putting on a show. I am confident that the cast members and crew of Elf Jr. will also have fond memories and experiences from being in this show.

The amount of teamwork involved in putting on a production is huge. I would like to thank every parent, crew member, cast member, sponsor, audience member, reporter and volunteer for seeing the value in what we are doing with these children. This is our show. This is your show. This is their show. WE DID THIS.

Why? Because we are a community. And communities come together. We must hold onto the concepts of connection, innovation and creative communication in a rapidly changing technological world that encourages isolation. We must remember what makes us human. Emotions. Expression. Feel free to laugh out loud and give your loudest applause. For many of our cast members, this is their first time on a large stage.

Give yourselves a hand as well.

-- Angie, Producer and founder of Ozaukee Talent

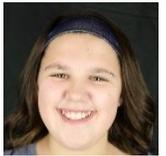
WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST



Leah Swartz

Leah is returning to NSAA after performing already in Lion King and Seussical. She goes to Ozaukee Christian School and is in 3rd grade. She is the oldest of 3 girls, likes to draw and read. The opening number,

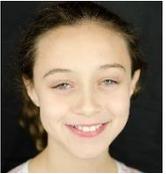
Happy All the Time, is her favorite and gets her excited for what happens next!



Madelyn - Szolwinski

Maddie is a 4th grader at Lincoln in Port Washington and she brings lots of fun to the stage. She has attended theater camp at First Stage and appeared in

NSAA's Annie. She also like to play basketball and the guitar. She likes to do shows because she feels confident in doing them and gets to express her creativity!



Audrey Tarasewicz - Ensemble

A 3rd grader at Woodview in Grafton, Audrey spends time playing with her baby sister. She also loves dance, both jazz and ballet. She first performed for NSAA in Willy Wonka. Shows are her favorite because

she can express how she feels!



Josh Wirth - Michael Hobbs

Josh attends 4th grade at Oriole Lane in Mequon. He plays soccer, baseball and tennis. He also spends quite a bit of time of his trampoline and zipline. This is his second big show with NSAA, as he played the hyena

Ed, in Lion King. He likes that he has moved up from a smaller part to a bigger part and likes the directors a lot! He's a natural performer.



Collette Bord- Elf #2, Ensemble

Collette is a 3rd grader at Parkview in Cedarburg. She loves to play outside, play volleyball and her favorite subject is social studies. She has performed in the NSAA shows Annie! and 101 Dalmations. Collette is driven to

do more and more shows to get better and better!



Maya Callaghan - Santa's Helper, Ensemble

Maya attends 4th grade at USM. She's into a lot of things, like swimming, martial arts, reading, and of course, acting - she was even born in New York City! She's

performed in Lion King, Jr. and the Little Mermaid at St. Francis Borgia. Maya loves to do shows because they provide her guidance for the future.



Jaavali Chittibommala - Ms. Greenway

Jaavali was born in India and lived there for 5 years.

She is now in the 5th grade at Woodview in Grafton. She is creative, especially with writing fantasy and fiction.

She plays with her little brother. She returns to NSAA after already performing in Aristocrats and as Rafiki in last year's Lion King, Jr. She finds Elf, Jr to be exciting and having lots of fun action.



Lilly Chromy - Flyer Guy, Ensemble

This is Lilly's second show with NSAA, having been in Annie!. She currently attends Oriole Lane in Mequon as a 3rd grader. She is into art, especially painting and collages. She can be found on her trampoline with her

brother often, doing flips! Her favorite part about acting is being with friends and learning at the same time!



Sharon Chumlea – Macy’s Manager, Soloist

You may remember Sharon as the comical Puumba in last year’s Lion King, Jr. She is now a 6th grader at Webster in Cedarburg. Sharon likes to sing and is always about trying new things. An interesting fact is that she was born in Indiana. Sharon has enjoyed the new friends she has made from her shows at NSAA.



Reagan Dahl- Business Woman, Ensemble

Reagan has done quite a few shows at both NSAA and Port Washington including Annie!, High School Musical, Peter Pan and Bye Bye Birdie. She is a 3rd grader at Lincoln in Port Washington. She really loves doing shows with her sister!



Adeline Dahl- Emma Van Brocklin, Ensemble

Addie is a 5th grader at Thomas Jefferson in Port Washington. She’s made a lot of appearances on the stages of NSAA and Port; The Jungle Book, Willy Wonka, Annie!, Lion King, Jr., Beauty and the Beast, High School Musical, and Peter Pan. She likes to run cross country and read....and do musicals with little sister Reagan!



Caleb Demmon – Sam, Security Guard2, Ensemble

This is Caleb’s first show outside of school. Caleb is a 5th grader at First Immanuel Cedarburg and plays basketball there. He like spending time with friends and family, playing piano and archery. His favorite part in the show is singing The Story of Buddy the Elf.



Maia Scherman – Darlene Lambert, Ensemble

Maia is 9 years old and in the 4th grade at Kennedy in Grafton. Maia loves to be on the stage. She wants to be a professional actress one day and she is well on her way, having performed in over 8 shows, many at NSAA. She wants to thank her parents for taking her to rehearsals.



Charlie Schmelzer – Walter Hobbs

Charlie is happy to join NSAA’s stage in his first big show. He attends First Immanuel in Cedarburg as a 6th grader. Charlie more than dabbles in reading and legos. He also bikes long distances and participates in Tae Kwon Do.



Elaina Stoehr – Macy’s Employee 1, Ensemble

This is Elaina’s 3rd grade year at Wilson in Mequon. Besides gracing the stage in Lion King and Aristocats, she also performs Tae Kwon Do. In her free time, she likes to read, draw and play with siblings. She also likes to sing solos at church! Her favorite song in Elf, Jr. is definitely SparkleJollyTwinkleJingly.



Xavier Styles – Chadwick, Ensemble

Xavier attends St. John the 23rd in Port Washington, where he has also performed in their youth theatre in the show Peter Pan. He likes attending 5th grade, playing soccer and drawing. Recently, Xavier has been learning to play the fiddle! He likes Elf, Jr. because the choreography is so much fun and he finds it entertaining!



Denny Oechsner – Fake Santa, Security Guard1

Denny has finally returned to the stage after playing a docile gargoyle in Beauty and the Beast when he was 4. He is in 6th grade at First Immanuel Cedarburg and has enjoyed being with several

classmates for this show. You can find him on a soccer field most days of the year.



Kylee Olson- Elf #3, Ensemble

Kylee made her stage debut with a bang when she was cast as Greta in CHS’s Sound of Music! She aspires to be on Broadway, loves to sing, dance and act, having also been in NSAA’s Lion King. When

she’s not attending 3rd grade at Lincoln in Port Washington, she is found playing with her sister. Making memories and making friends have been her highlight in Elf, Jr.



Angelique Rana- Elf #5, Ensemble

When Angelique gets home from the 4th grade at Woodview in Grafton, she likes reading Greek mythology and playing soccer. She has also

participated in both Annie and the Jungle Book at NSAA. Her fun fact is that her dad is from Nepal! Her favorite part in Elf is to link hands with friends and go in a circle!



Sophia Rohrbeck- Emily Hobbs, Policeman #1, Ensemble

Sophia has grown up singing and acting and loves art. In addition to 3 school musical, she also performed in NSAA’s Lion King and Seussical. She’s

in 4th grade at David’s Star in Jackson, where she enjoys math, Word of God, basketball, and piano. She thanks her directors, parents, and siblings for their love and support



Evelyn Fritz- Macy’s Saleswoman, Ensemble

Evelyn is enjoying 5th grade at First Immanuel Cedarburg. She loves to perform and this is her first official big show. She also likes dance, volleyball and arts and crafts. She likes to travel, her favorite place so far being Barbados. Evelyn really likes the funny parts in Elf because they get the audience interested!



Simon Gilhooly- Charlie, Ensemble

Simon attends Lincoln in Port Washington, where he is living up 3rd grade. He likes to read mystery books and play soccer. He performed in Bye Bye Birdie at Port Washington Youth Theater. You may be surprised to

know he can walk on his hands! His favorite quote from Elf, Jr. is “Anything is Possible!”



Gavin Grob – Buddy the Elf

This is Gavin’s first appearance in a big production, although he’s been an entertainer his whole life. He currently attends First Immanuel Cedarburg, 6th grade.

Gavin is sportsy, playing basketball, golf, soccer and baseball. He brings energy and humor to the stage and says he loves delivering his lines as Buddy



Audrey Grows – Elf #4, Ensemble

Audrey is making her theater debut and can’t wait to have her class at the show. She is a 2nd grader at First Immanuel, Cedarburg. She has 2 sisters, one who was just born! Audrey has also played piano for 1 year. She loves singing Happy All the Time the most



Remy Gundert -Matthews, Ensemble, Jogger

Remy is joining NSAA for her first show. She has always enjoyed putting on plays with her friends. Remy is in 5th grade at Woodview in Grafton. She is a basketball player. She also plays with her siblings.

She likes how exciting it is to bring Elf to the stage!!



Ava Hafner – Elf #1, Ensemble

Ava is a happy 3rd grader at St. Francis Borgia Cedarburg, where she recently performed in The Little Mermaid. She’s also been in The Princess and the Pea and NSAA’s Aristocats. Ava enjoys the outdoors, drawing, reading and of course, singing Happy All the Time!



Audrey Hanson – Sarah, teenager, Ensemble

Audrey joins NSAA once again after performing in Annie and Lion King, Jr. She’s in the 5th grade at Kennedy in Grafton. Audrey also studies Jiu-Jitsu and Judo! She also knows quite a bit of sign language. What she likes about Elf is that is upbeat and a little spastic!



Isabelle (Izzy) Heilgendorf

Izzy is a familiar face and a leader to younger kids at NSAA for years! She has acted in Willy Wonka, Jungle Book, Aristocats, Seussical, Lion King, and Annie. She likes to hang with friends and sing. She’s currently in 6th grade at Webster in Cedarburg. She continues to love doing shows because she likes the directors and how they teach.



Taylor Kellerman – Child at Macy’s, Ensemble

Taylor first appeared in NSAA’s Annie last year. She attends St. Paul Grafton and enjoys softball, as well as her baby brother. Taylor’s fun fact is that she’s moved 4 times. Elf, Jr has been fun because she likes to be with friends here and to be in front of an audience



Cailyn Kohn – Policeman #2, Ensemble

Cailyn enjoys music, especially playing piano for 5 years now. She also enjoys theater, having previously been in Annie and Duck Duck Goose. She attends 7th grade in Cedar Grove, where she also plays volleyball.



Rylie Last – Comforting New Yorker, Ensemble,

Rylie comes to NSAA from the 3rd grade at Lincoln in Port Washington. She’s thrilled to be in her first show, especially singing 2 solos. She likes to read, play basketball and chase her siblings around of course!



Jaiden Medrano – Emily Hobbs

Jaiden is a 6th grader at MSDA. She has been in shows before with NSAA, including last year’s Seussical and Lion King. Jaiden likes to play soccer, perform gymnastics, watch t.v. and read.



Stella Nicoli – Shawanda, Ensemble

This is Stella’s eighth show with NSAA; She’s rocked the stage in Winnie the Pooh, Jungle Book, Annie, Willy Wonka, Seussical, Aristocrats & 101 Dalmations. She is a 4th grader at Woodview in Grafton who likes to play basketball, paint and sew. She loves making new friends.



Cole Oechsner – Santa Claus

This is Cole’s second show with NSAA, having been Simba in Lion King. He has also been a part of the high school shows of Beauty and the Beast, Cinderella and Annie. He is currently in 8th grade at First Immanuel Cedarburg. He likes to play basketball, wrestle, rock climb, run track and referee youth soccer.

