



Evening Performances  
November 17-18, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

# NEWSIES JR.

Music by  
Alan Menken

Lyrics by  
Jack Feldman

Book by  
Harvey Fierstein

Originally Produced on Broadway by  
Disney Theatrical Productions

Based on the Disney Film  
Written by Bob Tzudiker and Noni White

## NEWSIES MAKING HEADLINES

Welcome to Wayne Highlands Middle School musical production of Disney's "Newsies, Jr" the Broadway musical, as it makes its Honesdale premiere at the Honesdale High School Performing Arts Center on Friday, November 17 and Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. nightly. This performance will kick off Honesdale's High School's 65th Anniversary Season!

Set in 1899 New York City, "Newsies" is the rousing tale of Jack Kelly, a charismatic newsboy and leader of a band of young "newsies." When titans of publishing raise distribution prices at the newsboys' expense, Jack rallies newsies from across the city to strike against the unfair conditions and fight for what's right.

Disney's "Newsies" opened on Broadway in 2012 to favorable reviews, often highlighting the high-energy dance numbers, with Music by Alan Menken, Lyrics by Jack Feldman, and Book by Harvey Fierstein.

Choreography for this production was created by Mason Marie Clark.

"It has been a choreographer's dream to spend months workshopping with such a talented, enthusiastic and hardworking cast," Clark said. "The stage is bubbling at the seams with over 70 people, backflipping, leaping, stunting and tap dancing. It is truly a joyful experience. Come see Disney's 'Newsies' - they are about to make headlines."

Scott D. Miller, director of previous Honesdale productions such as "Chicago," "Beauty and the Beast," "Frozen," "Lion King," and "Grease," is excited for "Newsies" to be his next big production.

"I love a good story about an underdog, and the fact that it's rooted in history makes it even better," Miller said. "Being a school administrator and director, I am proud to share that the arts are alive at Honesdale with over 70 students (actors) in the show performing their hearts out for our community!"

Based on the 1992 motion picture and inspired by a true story, "Newsies" features the now classic songs "Carrying the Banner," "Seize the Day" and "Santa Fe". The Hollywood Reporter said this about the Broadway touring production: "Rousing songs by Alan Menken and Jack Feldman, high-energy dance numbers, an appealing cast and an uplifting story make this reconceived version of the Christian Bale movie one of Disney Theatrical's most entertaining new properties in years."

This is Miller's tenth year directing the musicals at Honesdale High School Performing Arts Center, and over 28 years of experience directing, acting and performing on and off Broadway in his professional career.

There are 71 student actors, dozens of backstage crew leaders and members, and two student directors, Danielle Gager and Justin Schumacher, bringing the Newsies to life on stage.

Our all-star cast of leading roles include Benjamin Klisiewicz\* (Jack Kelly), Alina Shanfelder\* (Katherine Plumber), Sophia Bond (Crutchie/Casey), Eli Funk\* (Davey), Ivan Thol\* (Les), Kinley Platt\* (Medda Larkin), Drew Daniels (Joseph Pulitzer), Maddie Miller\* (Wiesel), Marley Reynolds (Morris / Woodside (Newsies)), Adrianna Patrisso\* (Oscar (Newsies)), Mackenzie White\* (Muriel), Zoey Tyler (Dorothy), Rylie Ford (Race), Summer Dunn (Policemen), Kylie Wojtowicz\* (Alberta), Jenna Murray\* (Darcy), Jonah Pritchard (Bill), Anthony Fortuso (Seitz), Shawn Whalen (Bunsen), Madison Mertz\* (Hannah), Keith Weir (Snyder), Brynna Derrick (Governor Roosevelt), Elizabeth Canfield (Patty), Willow McDonnell (Ethel), FrannySue Menechino (Olive), Addie Nacinovich (Ada), Leonora Orellana Anton (Bowery Brigade), and Kinnley Turner\* (Bowery Brigade).

Our supporting company cast of Newsies include Iris Amato\*, Audrianna Arens, Evelyn Bond, Reese Brady, Abby Flederbach, Elise Foley, Gabriella Foley, Aasha Fulp\*, Aubrey Gangale, Delia Goff, Lilly Hadden, Mabel Haffey, Lyla Rose Hanson, Vada Killam, Brielle Knapp, Emma Leopardi\*, Charlotte Lotz, Brynna Mahon, Lumen Mauder, Twila McDonnell, Bradley Meyers, Logan Meyers, Phaedra O'Malley Caden, Addison O'Rourke\*, Ellie Pasquini, Madeline Pierce, Tatum Reiss, Sara Rosas, Zoey Rupp, Riley Schmidt\*, Lindsey Schneider\*, Gabriella Schultz, Aria Stangler, Madison Stokoe, Brazlin Ubertini\*, Bailey Van Antwerp, Ava Verrastro, Rayne Wathen, Kismet Werner\*, Isabel Whalen, and Destiny Wimmers\*.

The musical is directed by Scott D. Miller; musical direction and choreographer Mason Marie Clark; assistant musical director Stephen Faubel; Technical Director Shawn Garing; Hair, Makeup, and Costume Design by Kathryn Beisel; set design by Stacy Roerig; actor stage management by Quinn Miller and Luca Pasquini; technical supervision by Amanada Kuta, technical stage management by Daven Good and Marcus Carnegie; with Andrew Carrick as House Manager.

The production crew includes lighting designers Amit Fulp, Kaleb Flick, Tyler Kolshorn, Gabriel Marino, Mason Peterson, Owen Schell; sound by Hayden Brink, Tyler Kominski, and Evan Funk; with assistant hair and makeup artists Minka Beisel, Eva Beisel, Rylee McGhie, Lindsey Murray, Kianna Hanson, Kaelani-Rae Olver, Leila Duda, Makayla Reining, Tawni Long, Maryanna Brdar, Brooklyn Sutton, Aubrey Wise, Andrea Seminario, Brielle Seminario, Cailin Maxwell, Ava Sibal, Olivia Jonas, and Julieanna O'Brian; on the stage crew Jacob Babel, Andrew Carrick, Amit Fulp, Amanda Kuta, Hailey Tyler, Blaine Bolella, Hayden Brink, Julian Ciarrocchi, Evan Funk, Daven Good, Tyler Kominski, Joshua Bivins, Marcus Carnegie, Sam Eisele, Kaleb Flick, Jack Goodwin, Tyler Kolshorn, Logan Lester, Gabriel Marino, Mason Peterson, Owen Schell, and Mia Wolfe.

\* = denotes Featured Dancer

## PRODUCTION TEAM OF NEWSIES

Jack Kelly.....Benjamin Klisiewicz\*  
Katherine Plumber.....Alina Shanfelder\*  
Crutchie/Casey.....Sophia Bond  
Davey.....Eli Funk\*  
Les.....Ivan Thol\*  
Medda Larkin.....Kinley Platt\*  
Joseph Pulitzer.....Drew Daniels  
Wiesel.....Maddie Miller\*  
Morris.....Marley Reynolds  
Oscar.....Adrianna Patrisso\*  
Muriel.....Mackenzie White\*  
Dorothy.....Zoey Tyler  
Race.....Rylie Ford  
Policemen.....Summer Dunn  
Alberta.....Kylie Wojtowicz\*  
Darcy.....Jenna Murray\*  
Bill.....Jonah Pritchard  
Seitz.....Anthony Fortuso  
Bunsen.....Shawn Whalen  
Hannah.....Madison Mertz\*  
Snyder.....Keith Weir  
Governor Roosevelt.....Brynna Derrick  
Patty.....Elizabeth Canfield  
Ethel.....Willow McDonnell  
Olive.....FrannySue Menechino  
Ada.....Addie Nacinovich  
Bowery Brigade.....Leonora Orellana Anton  
Bowery Brigade.....Kinnley Turner\*  
Pigtails.....Riley Schmidt\*  
Nancy.....Lindsey Schneider\*  
Newsies (Scab 1).....Madison Stokoe  
Newsies (Scab 2).....Ava Verrastro  
Newsies (Scab 3).....Isabel Whalen  
Hazel / Woodside (Newsies).....Evelyn Bond  
Woodside (Newsies).....Audrianna Arens,  
Lilly Hadden, Kismet Werner\*  
Jo Jo.....Abby Flederbach  
Flushing (Newsies).....Elise Foley,  
Gabriella Foley, Aasha Fulp\*,  
Aubrey Gangale, Mabel Haffey,  
Lyla Rose Hanson  
Tommy Girl (Manhattan).....Delia Goff  
Specs (Manhattan).....Zoey Rupp  
Romeo (Manhattan).....Bradley Meyers  
Buttons.....Vada Killam  
Bronx (Newsies).....Reese Brady, Brielle Knapp,  
Emma Leopardi\*, Charlotte Lotz,  
Brynna Mahon, Lumen Mauder  
Spot Conlon (Brooklyn).....Logan Meyers  
Brooklyn (Newsies).....Iris Amato\*,  
Sara Rosas, Brazlin Ubertini\*,  
Destiny Wimmers\*  
Richmond (Newsies).....Phaedra O'Malley Caden,  
Addison O'Rourke\*, Ellie Pasquini,  
Rayne Wathen, Aria Stangler,  
Bailey Van Antwerp  
Working Children.....Twila McDonnell,  
Madeline Pierce, Tatum Reiss,  
Gabriella Schultz

Director.....Scott D. Miller  
Music and Choreographer.....Mason Marie Clark  
Asst. Music Director.....Stephen Faubel  
Technical Director.....Shawn Garing  
Hair, Makeup, and Costumes.....Kathryn Beisel  
Set Design.....Stacy Roerig  
Student Asst. Director.....Danielle Gager  
Student Asst.  
Choreographer.....Justin Schumacher

## MEET OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR AND CHOREOGRAPHER

MASON MARIE CLARK is a graduate of Marywood University with degrees in Communication Arts/Theatre Education. She found her passion for theatre when she began performing at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts in New York. Over the years, Miss Clark has starred in over 25 shows, including Godspell, Into the Woods, Curtains, Damn Yankees, Oliver, Addams Family, and Something Rotten. She has also participated in numerous theatre festivals and won 2nd place for the Musical Theatre Intensive at the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival. There were over 300 performers who were part of the competition. At the festival, Miss Clark was chosen to attend the Open Jar Institute in New York City during the summer of 2019. While in New York City, Miss Clark was fortunate enough to train with many Broadway actors and casting directors. In addition, she worked with numerous Broadway shows, including Aladdin, Ain't Too Proud, the Prom, Tootsie, and Hadestown. Miss Clark has choreographed over ten musicals and works as a choreographer/director. Miss Clark would like to dedicate this performance to her family, friends, and cast of Disney's Newsies!

## SCENES & MUSICAL NUMBERS

### ACT I

Prologue: Alley  
Santa Fe (Prologue).....Jack, Crutchie

Scene 1: Newsie Square  
Carrying the Banner.....Newsies  
Carrying the Banner (Reprise).....Newsies

Scene 2: Pulitzer's Office  
Scene 3: Street  
Scene 4: Medda's Theater  
Just a Pretty Face.....Medda Larkin,  
Ada, Ethel, Olive, Bowery Brigade

Scene 5: Newsie Square  
The World Will Know.....Jack, Newsies

Scene 6: Katherine's Office  
Watch What Happens.....Katherine

Scene 7: Newsie Square, Next Morning  
Seize the Day.....Davey, Jack, Newsies  
Santa Fe.....Jack

Scene 8: The Refuge  
Letter from The Refuge.....Crutchie

THERE WILL BE ONE 15-MINUTE  
INTERMISSION BETWEEN ACTS.

### ACT II

Scene 1: Newsie Square  
King of New York.....Newsies, Katherine

Scene 2: Medda's Theater  
Scene 3: Pulitzer's Office, Afternoon

Scene 4: Medda's Theater  
Brooklyn's Here.....Spot Conlon,  
Brooklyn Newsies, Newsies

Scene 5: Newsie Square / Cellar  
Seize the Day (Reprise).....Newsies  
Once and for All.....Jack, Davey,  
Katherine, Les, Newsies, Working Children

Scene 6: Pulitzer's Office

Scene 7: Newsie Square  
Finale.....Company

## MEET OUR DIRECTOR

SCOTT D. MILLER has been an actor, vocal artist, lighting designer, technical director, director, and producer for over twenty-five years in musicals, plays, and dance. Mr. Miller, an award-winning director has had his shows nominated and received several awards over the last two decades, including Best Production, Best Actor, and Best Musical Revival. He has had the opportunity to direct and perform in many professional drama productions such as A Christmas Story, The Butler Did It, MacBeth Did It, Harvey, The Odd Couple, The Picnic, The Importance of Being Earnest, Children of a Lesser God, The Solid Gold Cadillac, The Dining Room, The Legends of Sleepy Hollow, Edgar Allan Poe's A Tell Tale Heart, Monkey's Paw, The Necklace, The Mouse that Roared, Phoster Phood, Sonata for Armadillos, Bone Chiller!, and Tevya and His Daughters. His professional musical productions include Grease, Shrek, Bye Bye Birdie, CHESS, Once Upon a Mattress, You Can Hear the Drums, West Side Story, Guys and Dolls, Disney's Frozen, Coming of Age, The Music Man, Hunchback of Notre Dame, Jekyll and Hyde, Pippin, Sound of Music, No No Nanette, Two by Two, Disney's The Little Mermaid, Friday Knight Fever, Pajama Game, Into the Woods, Les Miserables, You're a Good Man Charlie Brown, Annie, Oliver, The Nifty Fifties, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Oklahoma, A Little Princess, The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley, On the Town, Pirates of Penzance, Schoolhouse Rock, HONK, Way off Broadway, The Addams Family, Disney's Beauty and the Beast, Disney's The Lion King, Disney's High School Musical, Chicago, Broadway Cabaret, Little Shop of Horrors, and Cinderella. Mr. Miller has worked and performed with many professional theatre companies over the years with fellow performers Brian Noonan (Phantom of the Opera), Kevin Kern (Wicked), Austin Lesch (Billy Elliot), Scott Logsdon (Les Miserables), Kathy Voytko (Phantom of the Opera), Kris Koop Ollette (Phantom of the Opera), Gregg Goodbrod (Thoroughly Modern Millie), Michael Marra (Les Miserables), and Buck Dietz (Sound of Music). Mr. Miller would like to dedicate this performance to his loving family and cast and crew of Disney's Newsies!

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Friends of Honesdale Performing Arts, hope you join us for our annual fundraiser event, as we travel to New York City to see the highly acclaimed Broadway Musical: "HAMILTON," at the The Richard Rodgers Theatre! The sung-through musical follows Hamilton from his early life as a poor orphan in the Caribbean, to his ascendancy as the right-hand man of George Washington, to his death in an infamous duel with Aaron Burr. But the musical is not just about Hamilton. It also contrasts his life with that of his friend-turned-rival Burr, and how the two Revolutionary War soldiers became enemies. We hope you get your HAMILTON Bus Trip tickets now online at [www.honesdalepac.com](http://www.honesdalepac.com)!

We will depart from Wayne Highlands Middle School (Covered Steps Parking Lot) at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 6, 2024, arriving in times square around 11:30 a.m., entering into the theatre for the 1:00 p.m. show of HAMILTON, and then depart New York City, with dinner on your own at a fast food rest stop coming home.

We hope that you will be able to join us. Secure your reservation today, no later than December 20, 2023 (First come first serve basis). The all inclusive price of \$340 includes coach bus, boxed lunch, and orchestra seat for Hamilton! Payment plans are available with online deposit.

For questions or for more information visit our website at [www.honesdalepac.com](http://www.honesdalepac.com) or give us a call at (570) 251-9831.

**MAKES A GREAT GIFT FOR CHRISTMAS!** You will receive a souvenir printed ticket for the performance - so that you can give as a gift or as a keepsake upon ordering!

## HAPPY ADS

We are so proud of you Vada. We love you!

Lindsey  
Keep dancing like nobody is watching.  
We are always so proud of you and all you do.  
Love  
Mom, Dad, Ben, and Avery

From Duloc to East High to Bomont, and now New York,  
we are so proud of how far you've come!  
Alina, we can't wait to see where you are headed next!  
Love Mom, Dad and Elvis

Congratulations on an outstanding performance, Ivan!  
You are a perfect Les!  
We love you and are so proud of you.

Can't wait to see what role you'll play next. Love, Mom, Maia, and your family

Good Luck Keith in your first theater production.  
We are beyond proud of you!! Love Mom and Dad. Break a leg!!!

Good Luck my man, I'm so proud of you! Love Aunt Jenny and Lily.

Extra! Extra! Read All About It! Mom, Dad, and Harrison are so  
proud of Evelyn and Sophia! We love you so much!  
Congratulations cast and crew of Disney Newsies JR.!

Good luck LylaRose! Love, Mom, Dad and all your brothers!

Eli, Whether Donkey or Davey, enjoy your last Middle School Show!  
Break a leg! Love, Mom & Dad

Jonah Pritchard and all the WHMS Students, you are the  
Head Lines in my Newspaper!!!  
What a GREAT show!!!!

Congratulations to Rylie and the entire Newsies Jr. cast!  
We are so proud of you! Love, Dad, Mom and Connor

Anthony, We are so proud of you!  
Love, mommy, nanny, poppy and Joe

Way to go, Addie! We are so proud of you!  
Love Mom, Dad and Brody

Ben, we are so proud of you! Congratulations to the entire cast and crew.  
Love, Grandma & Grandpa

We are so proud of you Ben! Break a leg!  
Congratulations to the entire cast and crew.  
Seize the day! Love, Mom & Brandon

Elise and Gabby we are so proud of you and your dedication. Have fun!

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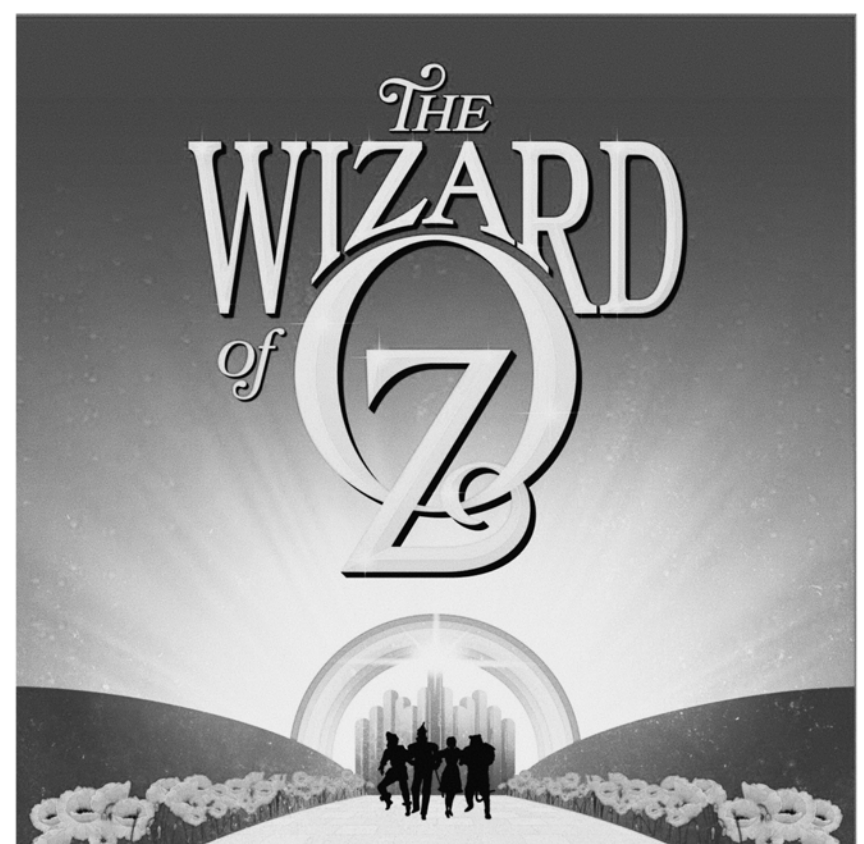
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