




THE 25TH
ANNUAL
PUTNAM COUNTY
Spelling Bee 

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The Teen Actorsingers
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Originally Directed on Broadway by James Lapine

Originally produced on Broadway by David Stone, James L. Nederlander, Barbara Whitman,

Patrick Catullo Barrington Stage Company, Second Stage Theatre

Based upon C-R-E-P-U-S-C-U-L-E, an original play by The Farm.

The Barrington Stage Company workshop of THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING
BEE was originally co-directed by Michael Barakiva and Rebecca Feldman.

Directed by: Matt Zielonko
Musical Direction by: Judy Hayward
Choreography: Matt Zielonko and Judy Hayward
July 12-14, 2019

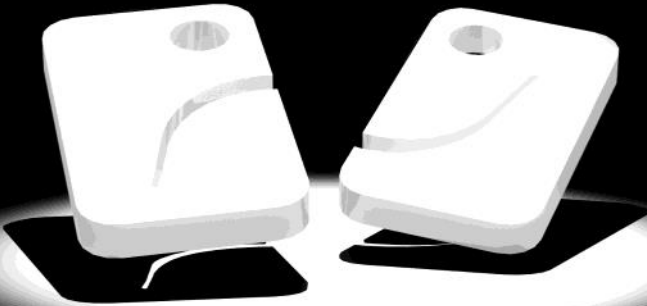
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The Actorsingers organization is excited to present our Teen performance of *Spelling Bee*. As a dedicated local theater company in Nashua NH, we have realized the great value in providing a venue for youth to express their artistic skills in our Jr and Teen productions.

As our younger members grow, The Actorsingers offers additional opportunities for adult and family community members to dabble in the theater world. This includes two main stage shows, a fringe production, entry into the NHCTA, and a performance at Nashua's own Holiday Stroll. Thank you for supporting our organization and we'd be happy to share future theater experiences with you.



Lindsay Vago

President of the Actorsingers

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Cast Biographies



Thomas Belanger (Chip Tolentino) Thomas is thrilled to be cast as this hysterical character in *25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee!* Tom is going into sophomore year at Groton Dunstable Regional High School. Tom enjoys singing, dancing, and reading. Favorite credits include *Seussical (Horton)*, *Winnie the Pooh Jr. (Eeyore)*, *Bye, Bye Birdie (Randolph)*, and *A Year with Frog and Toad (Frog)*. Tom

would like to thank Matt for entrusting this role to him. Also, thanks to his family for their love and encouragement to pursue his dreams.



Paige Boyon (Rona) Paige is excited to be making her Actorsingers debut in *Spelling Bee*. Some past credits include *Alice Beineke (Addams Family)*, *Cat in the Hat (Seussical)*, *Kanga (Winnie the Pooh Kids)*, *Lindsay (Godspell)*, and *Willy Wonka (Willy Wonka)*. Paige is also apart of Spotlight at Peacock Players as well as her school's Drama Club and Chamber Choir. She would like to thank her friends and family for their support, as well as the cast and team of Spelling Bee for their dedication.



Shane Gillis (Leaf) Shane is exciting to be appearing in his second Teen Actorsingers show. Some of his favorite credits include: *Winnie the Pooh (Christopher Robin)*, *Shrek the Musical (Lord Farquaad)*, *Bye Bye Birdie (Hugo Peabody)* and *The Lion King (Ensemble)*. His most recent project was *Seussical* at Pennichuck Middle School where he was their choreographer. This summer, Shane will be an intern at

Peacock Players Summer Theatre Camp. He would like to thank his mother and father for their constant love, support, and rides to rehearsal.



Casey Ingraham (Olive Ostrovsky) Casey is e-c-s-t-a-t-i-c to "live out her dreams" in her first performance with Actorsingers! Trained in vocals and dance, recently she has been accepted into the CRTC: Acting program at Concord High School and competed in the vocal competition NATS. She would like to thank her wonderful family, Myles Luongo, Ellen Nordstrom, Matt, Kae, Sam, and all of the wonderful

people who created such a heartwarming tale. Enjoy the show, and get ready to spell!

Cast Biographies



Kaitlyn Manchester (Logain) Katie recently graduated from Windham High School, and next year she will attend Boston University to study communications with a minor in theatre. Her recent credits include Elle Woods (*Legally Blonde*), Lola (*Damn Yankees*), and Marian Paroo (*The Music Man*). This year she also served as student director for her school's productions of *Macbeth* and *Mind Over Matt*. She would like to thank the entire cast and crew of Spelling Bee for their dedication to this production, and her family for being her number one fans.



Jonah Savage (Panch) Jonah is excited to have the opportunity to perform with Teen Actorsingers again. Jonah is going to be a senior at Nashua High School North in the Fall. He will be performing as Vice Principal Panch. He was most recently seen as a Featured Dancer in Actorsingers' *Mamma Mia!*, he assistant directed Actorsingers' *The Music Man Jr.*, and was Cousin 2 in Actorsingers' festival production of *21 Chump*

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Alyssa Saunders (Marcy) Alyssa is an incoming senior at Souhegan High School. This is her 2nd show with Actorsingers, but she has been in close to 30 productions overall! Some of her favorite credits include: Joy (Ugly Stepsister) in *Cinderella*, Rhonda in *Almost Maine*, and Kim in *Princess Kim the Musical*. She also enjoys field hockey, dancing, singing, and competing on the varsity mock trial team at her school. She would like to

thank the cast and directing team for putting up with her constant sass. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Stephen O'Hearn (William) Stephen O'Hearn is making his Actorsingers debut as William Barfee. He loves theatre, and some of his favorite roles from the past are Evan (13 the musical), Soloist (Godspell), Horton (Seussical the Musical) and Shrek (Shrek the Musical). He wants to thank his family and Gabby Navarrete for being the bestest greatest most supportive friend in the whole entire world! She's an icon and

he loves her. He would also like to thank everyone in the Actorsingers community for helping give him such a positive experience for his first show with them.



Garrett Robinson (Mitch) This is Garrett's first production here at Actorsingers. He is 16 and goes to Souhegan High school. He plays golf and does different out of school activities. He has been in multiple shows including: *Willy Wonka (Mike T.V)*, *Lion King JR. (Young Simba)*, *Mamma Mia (Ensemble)*. Garrett would like to thank his friends and family for their support, enjoy the show!!

Characters

Rona Lisa Peretti Paige Boyon
Vice Principal Panch Jonah Savage
Mitch Mahoney Garrett Robinson
Marcy Park Alyssa Saunders
Olive Ostrovsky Casey Ingraham
Logainne Schawartzandgrubenierre
..... Katie Manchester
Chip TolentinoThomas Belanger
Leaf Coneybear Shane Gillis
William Barfee Stephen O'Hearn

Orchestra

Keyboard -- Judy Hayward
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Cello -- Natalia McDermott
Percussion -- Stephen Biedrzycki



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Songs

<i>The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee</i>	Chip, Logainne, Leaf, Barfee, Marcy, Olive, Rona
<i>The Spelling Rules / My Favorite Moment of the Bee</i>	Panch, Spellers, Rona
<i>My Friend, the Dictionary</i>	Olive, Spellers, Rona
<i>Pandemonium</i>	Chip, Spellers, Mitch
<i>I'm Not That Smart</i>	Leaf
<i>Magic Foot</i>	Barfee, Company
<i>Pandemonium (reprise) / My Favorite Moment of the Bee (reprise)</i>	Mitch, Chip, Rona, Company
<i>Prayer of the Comfort Counselor</i>	Mitch, Company

----- Intermission-----

<i>Chip's Lament</i>	Chip
<i>Woe is Me</i>	Logainne, Carl, Dan, Company
<i>Spelling Montage</i>	Panch, Spellers
<i>I'm Not That Smart (reprise)</i>	Leaf
<i>I Speak Six Languages</i>	Marcy, Logainne, Olive, Rona
<i>Jesus</i>	Marcy
<i>The I Love You Song</i>	Olive, Olive's Mom, Olive's Dad
<i>Woe is Me (reprise)</i>	Logainne, Mitch, Company
<i>My Favorite Moment of the Bee (reprise)</i>	Rona
<i>Olive & Barfee Pas De Deux</i>	Olive, Barfee, Company
<i>Finale</i>	Company

The Production Team

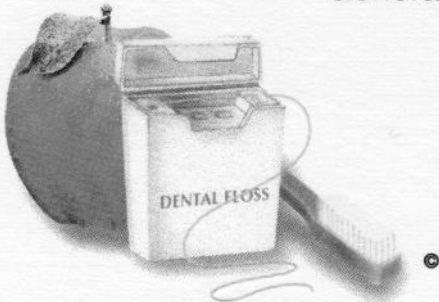
Director/Choreographer	Mathew Zielonko
Music Director/Choreograph	Judy Hayward
Lighting Design	Madeline Burke, Mentor Ricky Brooks
Producer.....	Charles Emmons
Technical Director	Craig Brennan
Stage Manager	Kae Rylene
Assistant Stage Manager.....	Sam Campanella
Sound Design	Gretchen and Ken Gray
Set Design	Angelica Rosenthal, Mathew Zielonko, Craig Brennan
Set Construction/Painting	Maddy Kenny, Tammy Lane Matt Smith, Janine Leffler, Danielle Poirier
Stage Crew	Colin Malette, Sam Campanella, Mackenzie Goodwin
Costume Design	Robbie Chubbuck
Properties	Mackenzie Goodwin
Hair & Makeup	Kae Rylene, Cast
Publicity	Logan Higgins,Richell O'Hearn, Matthew Zielonko, Mackenzie Goodwin
Lobby Display	MacKenzie Goodwin
Photography	Mathew Zielonko
House Manager	Howie Levine
Program Ads Coordinator	Charles Emmons
Sponsorship Coordinator.....	Charles Emmons
Tickets	Dave Miller
Program Set-up	Maddy Kenny
Graphic Design	MacKenzie Goodwin
Transportation	Alyse Savage
After Glow	Courtney Gillis, Alyse Savage
Audition Board.....	Chuck Emmons (Chair), Matt Zielonko,Jesse Drake, Angelica Rosenthal, Tim Jones,Jo-Ann Zall, Pam Bruckman
Audition Helpers.....	Sarah Desaulniers, Chris Wenrich,Sarah Wenrich, Alleah Rosatano

Theater at any level is truly a collaborative art form and while we try to list everyone in the program who spent a portion of their time and talents over the last 4 months on this production inevitably either through timing or circumstance some names are omitted. We thank anyone who was missed. You added immeasurably to the ultimate success of this production.

About The Farm

The Farm was founded in 2000 by Rebecca Feldman, Artistic Director. It is a collective of writers and performers, including Jay Reiss, Dan Fogler, and Sarah Saltzberg. The Farm's interest is in the role of improvisation in creating new work for the theatre. The Farm initially designates a two-week intensive period in which to discover, develop, and rehearse a play from the impulses borne mainly out of the pressure of a deadline. Previous projects include "Super" (at Atlantic Theatre Studios), "Why I Hate Florida" (workshop at White Wave in DUMBO) and "C-R-E-P-U-S-C-U-L-E" (at the Present Company Theatorium in October 2002), on which "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" is based. The character and original dialogue of "Beth Marguiles," "Vice President Douglas Panch," "Mr. Barfee," and "Logan Schwarzengrubenierre" were created by Rebecca Feldman, Jay Reiss, Dan Fogler, and Sarah Saltzberg, respectively.

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Production Team Biographies

Matt Zielonko (director) This is Matthew's fourth show with the Actorsingers, and he is thrilled to be back as the director for the teen program this summer. Previous credits with the Actorsingers include George (*The Drowsy Chaperone*), Jack Stone (*Reefer Madness*), and director of last summer's teen production of *Damn Yankees*. He'd like to thank his phenomenal cast and team for all their hard work on this production. Enjoy this show!

Judy Hayward (music director) holds a BFA in Piano Performance from LA Tech University and an MA from the University of Oregon in Arts Administration. With approximately 300 shows to her credit, she has music directed for professional and community theaters from coast to coast, including Actorsingers, StageCoach Productions (co-founder), Seacoast Rep, Winnepesaukee Playhouse, Savoyard Light Opera Company (MA), Burlington Players (MA), Majestic Theatre, and Peacock Players. She has also been a director and choreographer, and was artistic director for Pismo Light Opera Theater in Pismo Beach, CA. Judy has been the recipient of the New Hampshire Theater Award for Best Music Director numerous times.

Charles Emmons (Producer) has participated in numerous local theater productions both in front and behind the curtain throughout southern NH for the past couple of decades. In addition to acting in, working backstage or producing shows for various community organizations, he has served on boards of several organizations including Actorsingers (president) and New England Theatre Conference. He is currently serving as treasurer for Nashua Theatre Guild and president for Ghostlight and the NH Community Theatre Association. Congratulations to this cast and the entire production team on a really fun show.

Kae Ryenne (Stage Manager) has spent the past year accumulating Stage Management for Actorsingers' productions of *Reefer Madness*, *Pippin*, and now *Spelling Bee!* She staked her first directorial claim with *Lockdown* (Nashua Theatre Guild) and was recently seen in Actorsingers' production of *Mamma Mia*. Upcoming, she will be Stage Managing and Producing *Cannibal! The Musical* as well as playing Sandra in *One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest*.

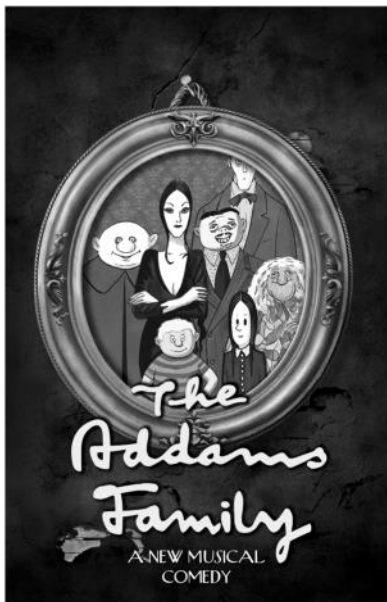
Madeline Burke (lighting design) Madeline is very excited to be designing and running the lights for this amazing show. This is Maddie's first time doing tech for any show and she appreciates the mentor-ship of Ricky Brooks of TL Productions. This whole journey has been an amazing experience and she hopes to have many more like it. Enjoy the show!

Gretchen and Ken Gray (Sound design) Ken spent years in a band playing seedy nightclubs all over New England that don't exist anymore, so don't look for them. Gretchen spent a similar number of years working in rock radio, the music she played would now be considered "oldies". Musician, disc jockey, parents, never too old to rock and roll sound partners. Thank you for coming out to the Bee! Enjoy the show!

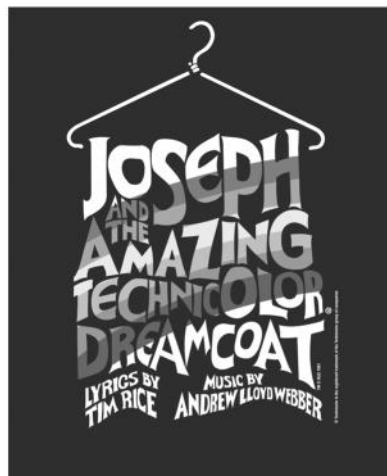
Craig Brennan (Technical Director) – Craig is pleased to return to the TD role for Teen Actorsingers for *The 25th Annual Putnam Spelling Bee*. He was the TD for *Rock of Ages* but is primarily known as a Lighting Designer. Recent light designs for Actorsingers include Fringe productions *Reefer Madness* and *Bat Boy*, and *Drowsy Chaperone* on the main stage. Craig is a 3-time NHTA winner for Best Lighting Design. He has been extensively involved in lighting for local theatre groups including Manchester Community Theatre Players and Milford Area Players. Other community credits include *Beauty and the Beast* and *42nd Street* for ACTORS, Inc. in Massachusetts and productions for Ghostlight Productions and Nashua Theatre Guild.



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