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Original New York Production of *Dear Edwina*
Produced by **Daryl Roth**

Director: Selena Chea Miller
Musical Director: Ben Petri
Choreographer: Julia Arey

Friday, April 12, 2024
Saturday, April 13, 2024
Sunday, April 14, 2024

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Director's Note

Welcome to Paw Paw, Michigan!

Dear Edwina Jr. is a wonderful show for all ages, filled with great lessons all taught through song and dance. Join Edwina Spoonapple as she performs alongside the neighborhood kids for an advice-giving adventure. In this week's installment of *The Dear Edwina Show*, our title character is anxiously anticipating an invitation to the biggest advice-giving convention around. This is all in hopes of being able to hang her invite on her family's fridge next to her award-winning siblings.

Each song has a different style to it, giving this show a great variety of story-telling. When I first discovered this show in my high school days, I was drawn to how great this show is for teaching not just the performers, but the audience valuable lessons. Everyone can learn something from Edwina, but I believe our showrunner learns the biggest lesson of all... one you will have to wait until the end of the show to see!

It is an honor to bring this show to life after many years of hopeful thinking. With this being the first Jr. Actorsingers show since the pandemic, the community couldn't have found a better musical to bring to the Jr. stage! Each performer brought something unique to the table, and it has been a great privilege to learn alongside them.

To the kids, thank you for working so hard and effortlessly to bring Edwina's story to life! I hope you take this story with you throughout your performing journeys and always remember to sing your own song. To the parents, thank you for everything you've done. Whether it be working behind the scenes or bringing your kids to rehearsal, please know the creative team saw your efforts and are endlessly thankful.

To you, the audience member reading this, we hope you enjoy our song-filled adventure and learn something new! Sit back, relax, and thank you for coming to *The Dear Edwina Show*!

Selena Chea Miller



The Actorsingers...

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Cast Biographies



Aiden Lundquist (Scott / Harry's Dad / Johnny) Aiden is thrilled to be in his first Actorsingers performance! In addition to *Dear Edwina*, Aiden was the Grasshopper in *James and the Giant Peach jr.* Aiden is in the sixth grade at Fairgrounds Middle School where he is part of the band. In his spare time he studies Kenpo Karate in Dracut where he is a third degree brown belt.



Anna Brissette (Becky / Susie) Anna is a 6th grade student at New Boston Central School. She has a love for theater and has performed in *The Nutcracker* and *Space Pirates* shows in the past. She enjoys singing, and is excited to use her gymnastics skills as Becky the cheerleader! She wants to thank her music teacher, Ms. Craven, for introducing her to the Actorsingers!



Chantelie Zecena (Carrie / Cheerleader) Chantelie is 11 years old. She has been in her school's choir for five years, took piano lessons for a year, is currently taking guitar lessons, and has been taking private singing lessons for three years. She does all of these things because she loves music. Since she loves music, she listens to and loves Taylor Swift's music.



Grace Kelly (Lars / Shelly Mary / Harry's Mom) Grace is a freshman at Nashua South who enjoys field hockey, LEGOs and the Phillies. She is a member of the NHSS Chorale and the St. Joseph Youth Choir. This is Grace's 4th production with Actorsingers, and she is so grateful for this final show. Grace would like to thank all who have been involved in Actorsingers productions over the years.



Harley Wells (Billy / Ziggy / Frank) Harley is here making his Actorsingers debut! Harley was previously Lumiere in *Beauty and the Beast*, New York Cat in *Artistocats*, and a Who in *Suessical!* Harley is currently in third grade and loves to play Pokemon! Harley would like to thank Mommy, Daddy, Izzy, Colin, Kae, and Charlie for their constant support!



Iliana Ruiz (Edwina Spoonapple) Iliana Ruiz is making her Actorsingers debut in *Dear Edwina Jr.* She is very excited to be joining her friends and family in this production. Iliana loves to sing, dance, and act, so she is very excited to be a part of this show.

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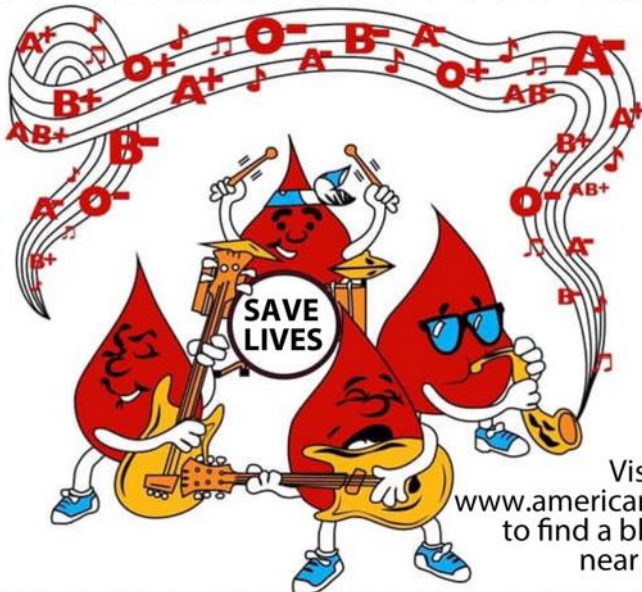
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Isabelle Wells (Abigail / Cordell) Izzy is here making her Actorsingers debut! Previously she was Hep Cat in *Aristocats*, one of the Bimbettes in *Beauty and the Beast*, and Josephine in *Savage*. Izzy is currently in second grade and is a part of the Nashua Elks Crusaders Tiny Mites. She would like to thank Mommy, Daddy, Harley, Colin, Kae, and Charlie for all their support!



Josh Lundquist (Bobby / Vladimir / Harry) Josh is excited to be in his first show. Josh is in the fourth grade at New Searles Elementary School. In his spare time he can be found playing a variety of sports like basketball, baseball, throwing a football around, or floor hockey in the basement.



Juliana "Jules" Fretwell (Napkin / Sonoma / Frank's Mom) Jules is a sixth grader, and this is her first performance. She is excited to have the opportunity to be on stage. She has a great sense of humor and loves running cross country. She would like to dedicate this performance to her Great-Grammie. "Enjoy the show!"



Laura Ruiz (Annie / Katie / William) This is Laura's first musical, and she's been really liking it. She does Irish step dancing. She is thankful for her family and friends for being here tonight.



Magdalena Easley (Periwinkle / Kid 2 / Waiter / Spoon / Airplane / Ziggy's Band / Pig) Magdalena is excited to be onstage again! She has previously played the Sky Queen in *Three Little Critters* and Squirrel Nutkin in *The Tale of Squirrel Nutkin*. She enjoys walking her dogs, raising ducklings, and teaching her pigs to sing. When she grows up, Magdalena aspires to be a builder or a dancer or a climber or a painter or raise huskies.



Olivia Caron (Kelli / Mary Sue Betty Bob / Napkin) Olivia Caron is thrilled to be performing in *Dear Edwina Jr!* Olivia is a 5th grader, and this is her first musical. Olivia has always loved acting and singing, and she has been dancing for over 7 years! Aside from that, she can be found hanging out with her cat Tinkerbelle or animating. She would like to thank her relatives for coming to see her.



Cast Biographies



Olivia Dunlap (Chef Ludmilla / Aphrodite) Olivia is 12 years old and is in 6th grade. Livie loves to rollerblade, dance, sing, and make her family laugh. She can often be found spoiling her 2 dogs, singing to Taylor Swift, jumping on her trampoline, or spending time with friends. When she gets older she hopes to become a veterinarian that specializes in caring for dogs.



Sara Smiley (Fairy Forkmother / Farmer Jerry) Sara is a 6th grader at Fairgrounds Middle School and plays soccer and basketball. She likes to draw, write, act, sing, hang out with her friends, and listen to music. She's done two other shows: *Lion King jr*, where she played Nala, and *Holly Jollies*, where she played Kenzie and Blitzen.



Selena Ruiz (Lola / Queen of Boolah Boolah / Ziggy's Band) Selena Ruiz has been really excited for the show. She likes to sing and dance, and that's what she gets to do today! When she isn't at rehearsal, she does Irish step dancing. She thanks everyone for coming.



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Characters

Edwina	Iliana Ruiz
Kelli / Napkin / Mary Sue Betty Bob	Olivia Caron
Becky / Susie	Anna Brissette
Cordell / Abigail	Isabelle Wells
Annie / Katie / William	Laura Ruiz
Scott / Johnny / Harry's Dad	Aiden Lundquist
Lars / Shelly Mary / Harry's Mom	Grace Kelly
Bobby / Vladimir / Harry	Josh Lundquist
Billy / Frank / Ziggy	Harley Wells
Aphrodite / Chef Ludmilla	Olivia Dunlap
Lola / Queen of Boolah Boolah / Ziggy's Band ..	Selena Ruiz
Cheerleader / Carrie	Chantelie Zecena
Cheerleader / Fairy Fork Mother / Farmer Jerry
.....	Sara Smiley
Napkin / Frank's Ma / Sonoma	Juliana Fretwell
Periwinkle / Ziggy's Band	Magdalena Easley

Applause Applause Applause ... Applause

Aiden, Be awesome! Break a leg! Love, The Brandts

Josh, Have fun! You've got this! Love, The Brandts

Josh, rock your debut, Auntie Ary & Uncle Michael

Aiden, is Broadway next? Auntie Ary & Uncle Michael

We are so proud of you Josh! Love Mom & Dad

Aiden, follow your dreams we love you. Mom & Dad

Aiden & Josh, break a leg- Pupojani & Uncle Yianni

Musical Numbers

<i>Paw Paw, Michigan</i>	Kids
<i>Up On The Fridge</i>	Edwina
<i>Dear Edwina</i>	Kids
<i>Here Comes A Letter!</i>	Kids
<i>Aphrodite</i>	Aphrodite
<i>Say No Thank You</i>	Susie and the Napkins, Johnny, Queen of Boolah Boolah
<i>Another Letter!</i>	Kids
<i>Abigail</i>	Abigail
<i>Frankenguest</i> ...	Vladimir, Frank, Frank's Ma, Kids
<i>Carrie</i>	Carrie
<i>Fork, Knife, Spoon</i>	Edwina, Chef Ludmilla, Fairy Forkmother, William, Sonoma, Bobby
<i>Time For Intermission</i>	Kids
<i>Here Come More Letters</i>	Kids
<i>Periwinkle</i>	Periwinkle
<i>Hola, Lola</i>	Edwina, Harry, Lola, Kids
<i>Ziggy Intro</i>	Ziggy
<i>Ziggy</i>	Ziggy, Band
<i>Put It In The Piggy</i>	Mary Sue Betty Bob, Farmer Jerry, Kids, Pigs
<i>Thanks For Coming (Part 1)</i>	Kids
<i>Edwina</i>	Scott, Kids
<i>Thanks For Coming (Part 2)</i>	Kids
<i>Up On The Fridge Breakdown</i>	Edwina
<i>Sing Your Own Song/Up On The Fridge (Reprise) ..</i>	Edwina, Scott, Kelli, Becky, Kids
<i>Hola, Lola Encore</i>	Edwina, Kids



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The Production Team

Director	Selena Chea Miller
Musical Director	Ben Petri
Choreographer	Julia Arey
Technical Director	Craig Brennan
Lighting Design	Craig Brennan
Sound Design	Ben Petri
Costumes	Sopheavy Miller, Jasmine Tyrance
Set Design	Selena Chea Miller
Stage Manager	Julia Rogers
Assistant Stage Manager	Glen Caron
Props & Wranglers	Mary Fretwell, Angela Smiley, Leah Easley
Sound Assistant	Angela Smiley
Set Construction	Chris Lundquist, Cesar Ruiz, Michael Dunlap
Set Painters	Angela Smiley, Cesar Ruiz, Sophia Caron
Publicist	Julia Rogers
Poster Design	Julia Rogers
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Ushers	Amie Lundquist, Leah Easley, Emily Ruiz, Cesar Ruiz, Christina Brissette, Nate Smiley
Janitorial Duties	Mary Fretwell, Leah Easley
Concessions	Amie Lundquist, Stacey Dunlap
Candygrams	Lorraine Louie
Move In/Out Trucks	Chris Lundquist, Michael Dunlap
Audition Board	Selena Chea Miller, Ben Petri, Julia Arey, *David Miller
Audition Helpers	Sopheavy Miller, Chris Wenrich
Audition Dance Coaches	Kayla Williams, Allison Cross

* *Denotes Chair*

Production Team Biographies



Selena Chea Miller (Director) Growing up in the Actorsingers community, Selena is no stranger to the stage. From ages 8 to 14, Selena performed in every Jr. Actorsingers show she could do. Some of her favorite roles from this time include Ripper (*High School Musical*), Mrs. Spencer (*Anne of Green Gables*), and Margalo (*Stuart Little*). Nowadays, Selena can be found on stage and in short films and commercials made in the New England area. Some of her favorite recent projects have been *Cabaret* (Actors Cooperative Theatre), *A Gathering* (Candle Dragon Studios), and *Me + My Werewolf* (written and directed by Tristin Hurst). Selena has previously directed an animated short film, her college's senior capstone titled *Queen of the Sea*, which won several awards in the film festival circuit, including "Student Spirit of V&T" (Vidlings & Tapeheads Film Festival), and "Audience Choice" (Midwest Sci-Fi Short Film Festival). With *Dear Edwina Jr.* being her theatrical director's debut, Selena couldn't have asked for a better cast and crew to work with. She is beyond proud of the work everyone has put into this show and is ecstatic for everyone to see Edwina's story unfold. She would like to thank her creative team, Ben, Julia A, and Julia R for taking a chance with her and this show. They have been such a joy to work with and she couldn't have asked for a better team! She thanks her two biggest supporters, her father and mother, David and Sopheavy Miller. If it wasn't for them, she wouldn't have discovered her love for theatre and directing.



Ben Petri (Music Director) is over the moon to be making his music directorial debut. Hailing from the "rolling Cornfields out in Illinois" (where the corn provides excellent backup vocals), Ben has been playing the organ in churches for a decade. When not sitting behind the organ, he's busy prescribing diets as a clinical dietitian. Ben sends a big shout out to his wife, Sydney, and his loyal canine companion, Cora, for their unwavering support. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the show - Ben promises the music won't bite, but Cora might if you don't applaud loud enough!



Julia Arey (Choreographer) is thrilled to be making her Actorsingers debut with such a fun group of kiddos! Julia received her BA in Theatre Arts with an option in Music Theatre Performance and a minor in Dance from Plymouth State University. She currently works at the Kidsborough After-School Program in Lexington as the Site Coordinator at Harrington Elementary. Some of Julia's favorite credits include: Rosie (*Cabaret*), Igor (*Young Frankenstein*), Dance Ensemble (*Pippin*), Chimney Sweep/Featured Dancer (*Mary Poppins*), Grandma Rosie (*The Wedding Singer*), Ensemble (*RENT*). Previous choreographer credits include: *Little Shop of Horrors* (Derryfield Repertory Theatre), *Addams Family* (Pentucket Players), and *All Shook Up* (Firehouse Center for the Arts). Julia would like to thank her family, friends, and partner Lex for their endless love and support!

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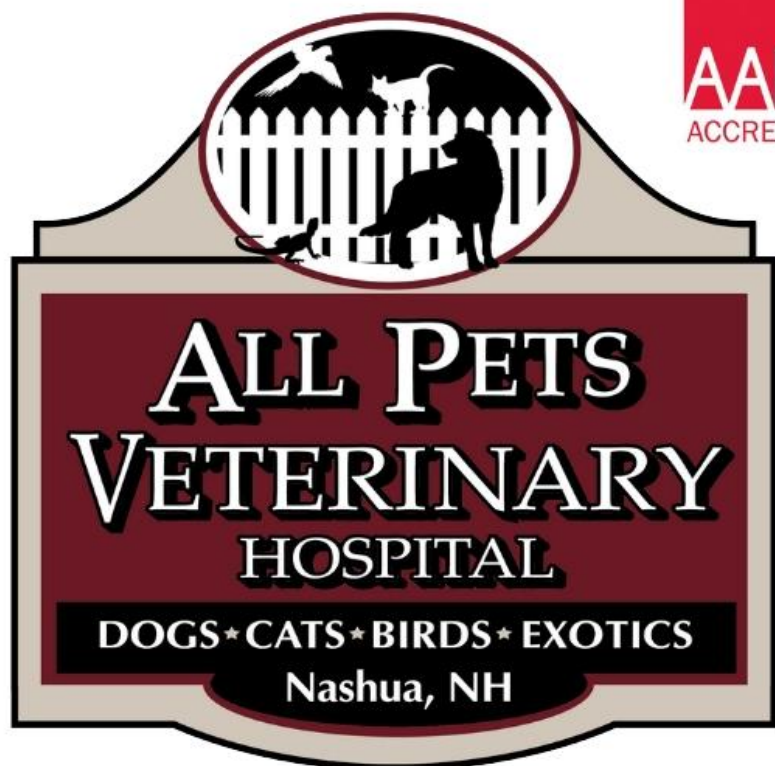
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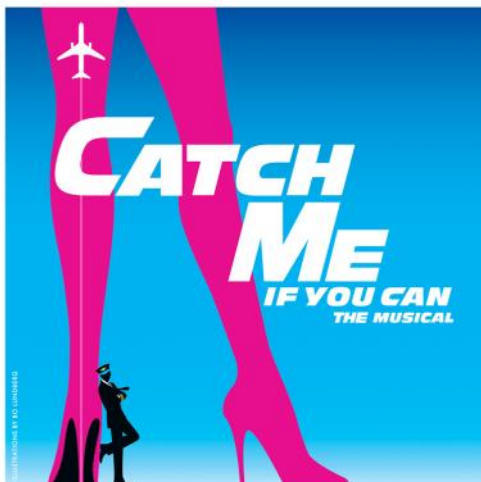
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