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## CAST

ANNIE Bella Brown Kate Illian

MOLLY Victoria Uribe Elyza Ordono

PEPPER
Aly Dominguez
Madeline McInnis

TESSIE Gianna Cusick MacKenzie McLane

JULY Aftyn Leiker Annie Dominguez

DUFFY Allison Wright Lori-Elle Crymes

KATE Amber Kimble Eleanor Uribe

ORPHAN CHORUS Ellie James Jessie Brae Sta Maria Allie Retta Maggie Powell OLIVER WARBUCKS Liam Paynter Ryan Kimble

MISS HANNIGAN Emma Stever

> GRACE Chloe Arnold Nadia Fox

ROOSTER Ethan Margolies Isaac Aranda

LILY Annie Stever Madeline Knoff

OFFICER WARD/ PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT Nate Oldham

> DRAKE Eli Gibson

DOGCATCHER/ BERT HEALY Beatrix Wezwick Renee Neleson

STAR-TO-BE/CECILLE Molly Thompson

BUNDLES/SOUND EFFECTS MAN/ LOUIS HOWE Joshua Neleson SANDY Gracie James

MRS. PUGH Chloe Arnold Nadia Fox

ANNETTE
Annie Stever
Madeline Knoff

MRS. GREER/ USHERETTE Aly Dominguez Madeline McInnis

APPLE SELLER Gianna Cusick MacKenzie McLane

SERVANTS
Aftyn Leiker
Aly Dominguez
Annie Dominguez
Annie Stever
Beatrix Wezwick
Ethan Margolies
Isaac Aranda
Joshua Neleson
Madeline Knoff
Madeline McInnis
Nate Oldham
Renee Neleson



**Isaac Aranda (Rooster)** is in 7th grade at Creek Valley Middle School. This will be his 12th theatre production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Some of his favorite prior roles include Little Prince in *The Little Prince*, Les in *Newsies*, and Myron in *Sideways Stories from Wayside School*. He loves competing with Dance Industry Performing Arts, swimming, and wrestling with his three dogs. He would like to thank his family for their support and Mr. J for this opportunity!



**Chloe Arnold (Grace)** is in 10th grade at Northwest High School. This is her first production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her favorite past roles are Scuttle in *The Little Mermaid* and Daughter in *The Trail to Oregon*. When not on stage, she enjoys Media Production and Legos. She thanks her Mom for the opportunity!



Bella Brown (Annie) is in 5th grade and is a homeschool student who lives in Richardson, Texas. She is excited to be in her first production with Outcry. Some of Bella's favorite roles have been Gladys Herdman in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, Little Red in *Into the Woods*, and Gloria in *Wait Until Dark*. Outside of play rehearsal, she can be found crafting, dancing, singing or playing with siblings or friends. She would like to thank Mr. Jason for giving her the opportunity to be in this play and her parents.

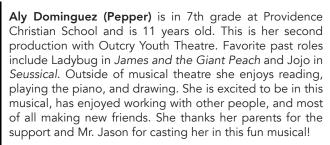


Lori-Elle Crymes (Duffy) is in 7th grade at Elsie Robertson STEM Middle School and is 11 years old. She is thrilled to make her Outcry Youth Theatre debut in this year's production of *Annie Jr.* Off-stage, she enjoys cooking, traveling, watching anime, playing soccer, and gymnastics. She is a straight A student who enjoys playing the flute. She would like to thank her mom, dad, supportive family and OYT for the opportunity.



Gianna Cusick (Tessie/Apple Seller/NYC Chorus) is in 7th grade at St. Rita Catholic School in Dallas. This is her first year with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her favorite past roles are lago in *Aladdin Jr.* and Shelley in *Hairspray Jr.* Off-stage, she likes to dance, play volleyball, and read. She thanks her parents for the opportunity.







Annie Dominguez (July) is in 5th grade at Providence Christian School and is 10 years old. This is her second production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her favorite past roles include Young Anna in *Frozen Jr.* and Wickersham in *Seussical*. Outside of musical theatre, she enjoys cooking, baking, playing soccer, and playing the piano. She thanks her family for their support, love, and encouragement, and Mr. Jason for the opportunity to be in this fun musical.



Nadia Fox (Grace) is in 9th grade at New Tech High School in Coppell. This is her second production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Recent credits include Mr. D in The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical, Wednesday in The Addams Family, Jr., Oaken in Frozen Jr., and Lion in The Wizard of Oz. She enjoys music, video games, anime, and art class. She's looking forward to this production and is thankful to Mr. Jason and Ms. Cindy for the opportunity.



**Eli Gibson (Drake)** is in 5th grade at Chandler Elementary in Allen. This is his first production with Outcry Youth Theatre and his second musical. He has been taking theater classes for the last year and has danced hip-hop, Broadway, and ballet for six years. Offstage he likes to play Minecraft, Pokémon, swim, and perform improv. He would like to thank Outcry for this opportunity and to everyone who came to see him perform.



Kate Illian (Annie) is in 3rd grade at Harrington Elementary and is 8 years old. This is her first musical theater production, but definitely not her last. She loves ballet, piano, basketball, soccer, and fashion. In her spare time, she enjoys climbing trees, hula hooping, creating art with her brother, and swimming. She would like to thank her family for their encouragement, and her directors, Mr. J and Ms. Cindy, for guiding her through this incredible new experience.



**Ellie James (Orphan)** is in 3rd grade at Prince of Peace Catholic School in Plano. This is her first production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Last summer she enjoyed performing in *Peter Pan* in Tomball, TX. Offstage she likes to play soccer, swim, and do arts and crafts. She thanks OYT for the opportunity!



**Gracie James (Sandy/NYC Chorus)** is in 4th grade at Prince of Peace Catholic School in Plano. This is her first production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Last summer she enjoyed performing in *Peter Pan* in Tomball, TX. Offstage she likes to play soccer, read, and play video games. She thanks OYT for the opportunity!



Amber Kimble (Kate) is in 5th grade at Saigling Elementary School. This is her second production with Outcry Youth Theatre, previously portraying Young Elsa in *Frozen Jr*. Offstage she likes to play Minecraft and Roblox as well as draw, rollerblade, and swim. She wants to thank her family for being her inspiration.



Ryan Kimble (Warbucks) is in 12th grade at Plano Senior High. Previous performance at Outcry include Weselton/Agnarr in Frozen Jr. and Max/Sailor/Officer in Cabaret. When not acting in plays and musicals, he enjoys writing them. Favorite original works include The True Story of the Chicken and the Egg and Incident at the Parker Inn. He would like to thank Mr. J, Ms. Cindy, his family, and everyone on the production team of Annie Jr. for their support and for the opportunity to be in this production.



Madeline Knoff (Lily) is in the 7th grade at Maus Middle School. She enjoys performing in piano and vocal recitals, playing sports, playing bassoon in the school band, and spending time with family and friends. Favorite past roles at Outcry Youth Theatre include Charlotte in *Charlotte's Web*, Grand High Witch in *The Witches*, and Queen Iduna in *Frozen Jr.* She would like to thank her family and friends for their love, encouragement, and support. She would also like to thank Mr. Jason for this extraordinary experience.



**Aftyn Leiker (July)** is in 6th grade at Harrison Intermediate School. This is her second production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her favorite past roles include Gemma Nee Cricket in *No Strings Attached* and Hummingbird in *The Night Fairy*. When not on stage, she likes to dance and sketch. She would like to thank Mr. Jason for this opportunity and for his dedication and support.



**Liam Paynter (Oliver Warbucks)** is in 9th grade and 14 years old. This is his 8th production with Outcry Youth Theatre and his second musical. His favorite past roles include Skuggle in *The Night Fairy*, Bruno in *The Witches*, and Wilbur in *Charlotte's Web*. As always, he thanks Mr. J for making theatre a fun and rewarding experience.



Maggie Powell (Orphan) is in the 4th grade at Saigling Elementary School. She is very excited to be in her first production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her favorite past role was Mrs. Gloop in Willy Wonka. Offstage she enjoys water parks, hanging out with friends, and all kinds of art. She would like to thank her Mamma, Daddy, and cat Dottie for the opportunity "to be an orphan."



Ethan Margolies (Rooster) is in 8th grade at Levine Academy and is 13 years old. He has participated in other productions including Ed in *The Lion King*, Professor Marvel in *The Wizard of Oz*, Mordcha in *Fiddler On The Roof*, Vlad Vladikoff in *Seussical*, and Simba in *Musical Performance Disney Style*. He has also participated in *The Jungle Book* and *Aristocats* at Camp Chai. His favorite musical is *Into the Woods*. Ethan is in Show Choir at Levine Academy and enjoys tennis, art, and playing the piano.



Jessie Brae Sta Maria (Orphan) is in 2nd grade at Vaughann Elementary School and is 8 years old. This is her first production with Outcry Youth Theatre. She loves to sing, act, and play with her friends. She would like to thank her family and friends for their support.



**Madeline McInnis (Pepper)** is in the 8th grade at Carpenter Middle School. This is her third production with Outcry Youth Theatre. She loved being Middle Anna in *Frozen Jr.* last summer. She likes to draw, play video games, and play the flute. She thanks her parents for the opportunity and support to be in *Annie Jr.* 



MacKenzie McLane (Tessie) is in 5th grade at Providence. This is her third production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her favorite past role is Grandmother in *The Witches*. When not on stage, she likes to play basketball, play with her stuffed animals and loves to hang out with friends! She would like to thank her mom and dad for all that they do for her and Mr. Jason for all his help during this production.



Joshua Neleson (Bundles/Sound Effects Man/Louis Howe) is in the 4th grade at Hosp Elementary School. This is his first production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Offstage he enjoys swimming, building with LEGOs, and reading. He is excited to be making his stage debut and is grateful for this opportunity!



Renee Neleson (Dogcatcher/Bert Healy/Servant) is in 7th grade at Pearson Middle School. This is her first production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Offstage she enjoys filmmaking, animating, and playing softball. She is excited to be making her stage debut and is grateful for this opportunity!



Nate Oldham (Roosevelt/Officer Ward) is in 8th grade at Roach Middle School and is 13 years old. This is his fourth production with Outcry. His favorite past roles have been Wilbur in *Charlotte's Web* and Bruno in *The Witches*. Offstage he is involved in swim team and volleyball, plays saxophone in his school band, enjoys hiking and has a side jewelry business. He would like to thank his family and friends for their encouragement and support. He would also like to thank Mr. J for this opportunity and fun experience.



**Elyza Ordono (Molly)** is in 2nd grade at Boyd Elementary School and is 7 years old. This is her second production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her past favorite roles include Princess Jasmine in *Aladdin* and Sheep in *Charlotte's Web*. She likes to draw, color, sing, dance, watch, and play with her sister and friends. She would like to say thank you to her family, friends, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Jason for their encouragement and support.



Alexandria "Allie" Retta (Orphan) is in 4th grade at Harrington Elementary in Plano. This is her second production with Outcry Youth Theatre. She previously played Lamb in Charlotte's Web and loved The Little Mermaid class with Mr. Jason. When not on stage, she enjoys gymnastics, ballet, outdoor play, and being a "Bard Bucket" kid at Shakespeare in the Park. She would like to thank her parents, Abel, Laura, and her big brother Adam!



**Emma Stever (Miss Hannigan)** is in 10th grade. This is her eighth production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her favorite past roles include Olaf in *Frozen Jr.*, Beth in *Oz*, and Flory in *The Night Fairy*. She would like to thank everyone who has supported her, her close friends in this show who are simply the best, and Mr. J for this amazing opportunity to play this role.

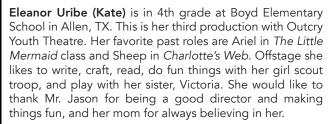


Annie Stever (Lily) is in 6th grade. This is her sixth production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her past roles include Young Anna in *Frozen Jr.* and Fern in *Charlotte's Web*. Outside of theatre she enjoys playing soccer. She would like to thank her sister Emma, Mr. J, Caitlyn McKinley for being an awesome assistant director, and her endlessly talented double Madeline.



Molly Thompson (Star-to-be/Cecille) is in 9th grade at Williams High School. This is her first production with Outcry Youth Theatre. At Otto Middle School she has been in many plays and is in choir. Off stage, she likes to read, listen to music, and crochet. She would like to thank her family for this opportunity.







Victoria Uribe (Molly) is in 2nd grade at Boyd Elementary School in Allen, TX. This is her third production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her favorite past roles are Sebastian in The Little Mermaid class and Goose in Charlotte's Web. Offstage she likes to read, color, watch movies, and play with her sister, Eleanor. She would like to thank Mr. Jason for helping her do her best, Eliza for being her friend and helping her learn her role, and her mom for everything.



Beatrix Wezwick (Dogcatcher/Bert Healy) is in 4th grade at Richardson Heights Elementary. This is her third production with Outcry. Her past roles include Bulda in *Frozen Jr.*, the Main Narrator in *Charlotte's Web*, and July in *Annie Jr.*, where she was recognized as an outstanding performer in a musical. When not performing, she plays softball, writes scary stories, and is devoted to her Girl Scout troop. Beatrix would like to thank her friends and family, and beloved cat, Neptune, for all of the love and support.



Allison Wright (Duffy) is in 6th grade at Preston Elementary. This is her first production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Past roles include the Ugly Duckling in *Shrek Jr.* at Ovation. She has been featured in the school talent show for the past three years. She will be making her debut in the Greater Dallas Children's Chorus this year. She has been entertaining audiences of family and friends with songs and original monologues. She lives with her Mom, Dad, two brothers, one sister, and two crazy dogs named Pancho and Lefty.



Jason Johnson-Spinos (Director) is Outcry's Marketing Director, a teacher, director, and the resident projection, lighting, and sound designer. Jason is a graduate of Elon University with degrees in Theatre Studies and Cinema Communications. He has designed Off-Broadway for *Texas in Paris* (sound/projections) and *Lonesome Blues* (sound). He was a theatre teacher at Universal Academy - Coppell, where his UIL One Act Play advanced to the 2017 State Championship. This is his 14th show directing at Outcry.

Cindy Johnston (Music Director) is an educator of 28 years, retiring from McKinney ISD after 23 years at 3 campuses. Under her direction, the Evans MS Varsity Treble Chorus was a 2009 honor choir at Texas Music Educators Association Convention. Cindy directed a myriad of shows at all 3 MISD campuses, ending her career at McKinney High School with The Phantom of the Opera. She directed and produced 13 summer musicals with McKinney Repertory Theatre. Annie Jr. is her 7th production with Outcry.



Caitlyn McKinley (Assistant Director) is excited to work with Outcry Youth Theatre again, after performing as Flounder in *The Little Mermaid Jr.*, Ermengarde in *A Little Princess*, and Olaf in *Frozen Jr.* She performed as Margaret in *Silent Sky* at Newman Smith High School Theatre. Caitlyn is currently in a junior at Newman Smith High School, where she is a proud part of the theatre program. In her free time, she likes to draw, read, and sing.



Zoe Arriaga (2nd Assistant Director) is a recent graduate of Rowlett High School, where she did theatre and choir for all 4 years. She has more recently got into the directing/costuming side of theatre and she is loving it. Some of her previous credits include Sour Kangaroo in Seussical Jr., and she served as the Music Director for her school production of the 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee. She'd like to thank her mom and dad, her boyfriend, and the big brow besties. She hopes you enjoy the show.

## **CREW**

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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
Caitlyn McKinley

2ND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR Zoe Arriaga

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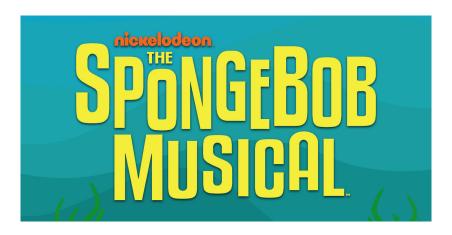


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