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The Musical

Director's Note

"The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear."

— Buddy Hobbs

Thank you for joining us today! I know that you are especially busy at this time of year and I sincerely hope that the time you spend with us today will provide a welcome break and fill you with holiday cheer.

I also want to extend a huge, heartfelt thank you to my incredible team: Jen, Miranda, Avenley, Ella, Dan, Shawna, and Tim. I have been immensely blessed by this opportunity to work with you.

And to this Sparklejollytwinklejingley cast - I am so proud of of you! You make me smile every day and I will miss you.

Thank you all for supporting live theatre, I am truly grateful!

Meg Gore

Director



Ovation Theatre Company

proudly presents



December 10-12, 2021

Music by
Matthew Sklar

Book by
Thomas Meehan and Bob Martin

Lyrics by
Chad Beguelin

Based upon the New Line Cinema film written by **David Berenbaum**

Originally produced by

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Cast

BUDDY	Ryan Kaplan
WALTER HOBBS	Everett Vago
EMILY HOBBS	Julia Dowd
MICHAEL HOBBS	Carter Blanco
JOVIE	Michaela Horan
FEATURED DANCERS	Alaina Anthony Ava Bicchieri Meg Carroll Charlotte Latour Grace Perkins
SANTA	Jake Birch
CHARLIE	Luke Anderson
SHAWANDA	Grace Perkins
ELVES	Mckenna Duffy Kamryn Latour
DEB	Cailean Anderson
CHADWICK	Cooper Jean
MATTHEWS	Connor Burns
MR. GREENWAY	Sam Craigie
POLICE OFFICERS	Grace McElroy Lizzie Sosa
MACY'S MANAGER	Abby Parnell
SALESWOMAN	Malia Smith
FAKE SANTA	Connor Burns
SANTA'S HELPER	Kamryn Latour
MOM	Dylan Torre-Moody
SANTA'S VISITORS	Luke Anderson Mckenna Duffy
CHARLOTTE DENNON	Dylan Torre-Moody
DARLENE LAMBERT	Malia Smith
EMMA VAN BROCKLIN	Abby Parnell

Scenes and Musical Numbers

Scene 1 **The North Pole**
“Happy All the Time” Santa, Buddy, Featured Dancers, Elves

Scene 2 **New York City**
“World’s Greatest Dad” Buddy, Company

Scene 3 **Greenway Press Office**

Scene 4 **Macy’s**
“Sparklejollytwinklejingle” Buddy, Company

Scene 5 **Hobbs’ Apartment**
“I’ll Believe In You” Michael, Emily

I N T E R M I S S I O N

Scene 6 **Greenway Press Office**

Scene 7 **New York City Street**
“A Christmas Song” Buddy, Jovie

Scene 8 **Greenway Press Office**
“World’s Greatest Dad (Reprise)” Buddy, Featured Dancers

Scene 9 **Tavern On The Green**
“Never Fall in Love (With an Elf)” Jovie

Scene 10 **Hobbs’ Apartment**
“There Is a Santa Claus” Michael, Emily

Scene 11 **Greenway Press Office**
“The Story of Buddy” Buddy, Walter, Mr. Greenway, Deb, Chadwick, Matthews, Emily, Michael, Featured Dancers

Scene 12 **Central Park**

Scene 13 **Central Park**
“A Christmas Song (Reprise)” Jovie, Buddy, Company
“Sparklejollytwinklejingle (Reprise)” Company

Production Team

Director Meg Gore

Music Director Jennifer Brown

Choreographer Miranda Ronan

Stage Manager Ella Burroughs

Assistant Director Avenley Allen

House Manager Shawna Carroll

Set and Costume Design Meg Gore

Set Construction Tony Blanco

Business Manager Dan Gore

Poster and Playbill Design Tim Gore



The Cast

CAILEAN ANDERSON | DEB

Cailean is excited to ring in the Christmas season with *Elf Jr.*! Cailean is a senior in high school entering her twelfth year of piano lessons and plans to pursue music therapy in college. On the rare occasion that she is not performing, you might find Cailean lost in the fantasy section at Barnes and Noble, or at home playing *Stardew Valley*. She wishes everyone a sparklejollytwinklejingle holiday season!



LUKE ANDERSON | CHARLIE / VISITOR

Luke is so excited to be performing in his first musical! He's a second grader at Matthew Thornton. His favorite activities are singing and dancing along with spending time with his family and pets.



ALAINA ANTHONY | FEATURED DANCER

Alaina has been in theater for the last four years. She started in elementary school where she played the leads in both *Once on This Island* and *The Little Mermaid*. She was also a part of Ovation's virtual play *10 Ways to Survive Life in a Quarantine*, and most recently sang in Ovation's *All Together Now*. She is active in both guitar and voice lessons and is excited for this production!



AVA BICCHIERI | FEATURED DANCER

Hi! Ava Bicchieri is a featured dancer in *Elf*. She has been in three Ovation shows. She has also done many more shows, but being at Ovation has been her favorite. Thanks for reading her bio and she hopes you enjoy the show.



JAKE BIRCH | SANTA

Jake Birch is so excited to be in this show! He's very grateful to have the chance to play Santa. This is his 19th show, and 2nd with Ovation. He also loves LEGO and dogs. He wants to thank everyone involved with *Elf*, and hopes you enjoy the show. He also wants to say break a leg to everyone in the show. There's only one thing left to say, Ho Ho Ho!!!!



The Cast



CARTER BLANCO | MICHAEL HOBBS

Carter Blanco is currently in sixth grade at Londonderry Middle School. He loves music, singing, dancing, and acting. Carter also plays both piano and violin and uses his spare time to participate in student council at his school. Carter has loved the movie *Elf* since he was very young, and is so excited to play the role of Michael in *Elf the Musical Jr.*



CONNOR BURNS | MATTHEWS / FAKE SANTA

Connor Burns is excited to be part of this fun performance of *Elf Jr.* Connor has been in a couple Ovation summer camp productions and a virtual Ovation Theatre production last year. This is his first full live production. In addition to acting, Connor loves to play flag football, baseball, and basketball. He hopes you enjoy the show!



MEG CARROLL | FEATURED DANCER

Meg is so eager for everyone to see *Elf Jr.* Meg enjoys many activities, especially acting, singing, dancing, reading, writing, swimming and skiing. Everyone in the cast has worked incredibly hard, but this show would not be possible without the dedicated Directors, Choreographer, Stage Manager and many others. Everyone hopes that this show becomes one of your favorite holiday memories and that you SING IT LOUD FOR ALL TO HEAR!



SAM CRAIGIE | MR. GREENWAY

This is Sam's fifth play with Ovation Theatre Company. His favorite roles include: Judge Yertle the Turtle in *Seussical Jr.* and most recently, Mr. Greenway in *Elf Jr.* Sam loves Ovation Theatre Company because it is a great way to make friends and all the people are kind.



JULIA DOWD | EMILY HOBBS

Julia Dowd (Emily) is delighted to bring you all this wonderful Christmas show! This is Julia's second Ovation show, though it's his first one in-person. In his free time, ze enjoys playing video games, traveling with zeir family, and working as a librarian. He is thankful to be working beside such an incredible cast and directing team and would like to thank zeir family for their steadfast support. Enjoy the show!

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MCKENNA DUFFY | ELF / SANTA'S VISITOR

Mckenna is so excited to be performing in this production! Mckenna is 14 years old and has performed in past productions of *Annie* and *Once on This Island*. She enjoys horseback riding, landscaping, spending time with her family and any opportunity to socialize and help others in her spare time. Mckenna's favorite activity around the holidays is driving around and seeing all the light displays. Enjoy the show!



MICHAELA HORAN | JOVIE

Michaela Horan is a sophomore in high school, but outside of theater she spends her time reading, writing music, and her book series, the first of which is *Rolling Hills and the Lost Key of Peachtree Palace*. She has been with Ovation for many performances in the past, and is so proud and excited for you to see the show!



COOPER JEAN | CHADWICK

Cooper is thrilled to be in another Ovation performance! *Elf Jr.* will be the 3rd show since this summer and he looks forward to growing as a performer. Cooper is most proud of his role as Oliver in "Consider Yourself" during the *All Together Now* production. Cooper would like to thank you for your support.



RYAN KAPLAN | BUDDY

Ryan has loved working on this show, and cannot wait to share it with you! Some of his favorite credits have included Jack (*Into the Woods*), The Artful Dodger (*Oliver!*) and Michael (*Mary Poppins JR.*). He is also the Founding Artistic Director of The Fletcher Family Theatre (come audition for *CHICAGO!*) and plays the violin and clarinet. You can catch Ryan in Ovation's upcoming production of *13*. Enjoy!



CHARLOTTE LATOUR | FEATURED DANCER

Charlotte has always been outgoing and loves to dance. This is the second show she's had the opportunity to perform in with Ovation, and as a featured dancer in *Elf Jr.*, she is in her element. She can't wait to see what shows will come in the future.





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of *Elf Jr.*

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KAMRYN LATOUR | ELF / SANTA'S HELPER

This is Kami's 3rd show. Her first was in 4th grade, *The Little Mermaid Jr.*, and the other two were with Ovation. She is so happy she got over the jitters and auditioned that first time. The experience has been amazing! She is looking forward to many more shows in her future.



GRACE MCELROY | POLICE OFFICER

Hello!!! Grace McElroy is 12 years old and this is her 3rd production with Ovation. In the past she has been in *The Little Mermaid Jr.* and *10 Ways To Survive Life In Quarantine*. Her hobbies outside of theater include surfing, lacrosse, snowboarding, skateboarding, and swimming. She has had so much fun working on this production, and would like to thank all of her directors and cast mates for making this an amazing experience, and helping to get to this point. Merry Christmas! She hopes you all enjoy the show!!!! 🎄🤖 :)



ABBY PARNELL | MACY'S MANAGER / EMMA

Abby is thrilled to be taking the role of your favorite Macy's Manager! She is currently a freshman at Pinkerton Academy, and has been involved with the PA Players. Abby has been in theatre since the 5th grade, and has fallen in love with it ever since, some of her favorite shows including, *Rock Of Ages* (Protester), and *Annie* (Drake). When not on the stage, you can often find Abby on the volleyball court! She hopes you all are "happy all the time" and enjoy the show!



GRACE PERKINS | FEATURED DANCER / SHAWANDA

Grace Perkins is a fan of the movie and so excited to perform in *Elf Jr.* She just performed the amazing *All Together Now* global theatre event and *Once on This Island*. Grace is a 10-year-old, 5th grader from Auburn, NH who adores theatre, singing and dancing. Grace is crafty, runs cross country, and enjoys time in the kitchen with mom making breads and other treats. Enjoy the show!



MALIA SMITH | SALESWOMAN / DARLENE

Malia Smith is a 7th grader who lives for theater. She has worked with Ovation in the past on various different productions. She is extremely excited to perform in *Elf Junior*; she cannot wait to be on stage with her fellow Ovation actors and friends. She hopes you enjoy the show!

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LIZZIE SOSA | POLICE OFFICER

Lizzie is a freshman in High School and is insanely excited to be in *Elf!* This is a super fun show and she hopes everyone enjoys!



DYLAN TORRE-MOODY | MOM / CHARLOTTE

Hello everyone! Dylan would like to say this show is just as fun watching it as it is being in it. Ovation has always and forever will be her happy place. Nothing makes her happier than being on stage with her friends.



EVERETT VAGO | WALTER HOBBS

Everett Vago is glad to be performing once again with Ovation Theatre. Besides theater, Everett enjoys playing on the Londonderry Travel Soccer team and was proud to receive the "Most Improved" award from the Londonderry Middle School Cross Country team after reducing his time by 10 minutes and 3 seconds over this past season. Everett wants to thank his mom and dad for their awesome support with everything, and his two older brothers who are coming to this show.



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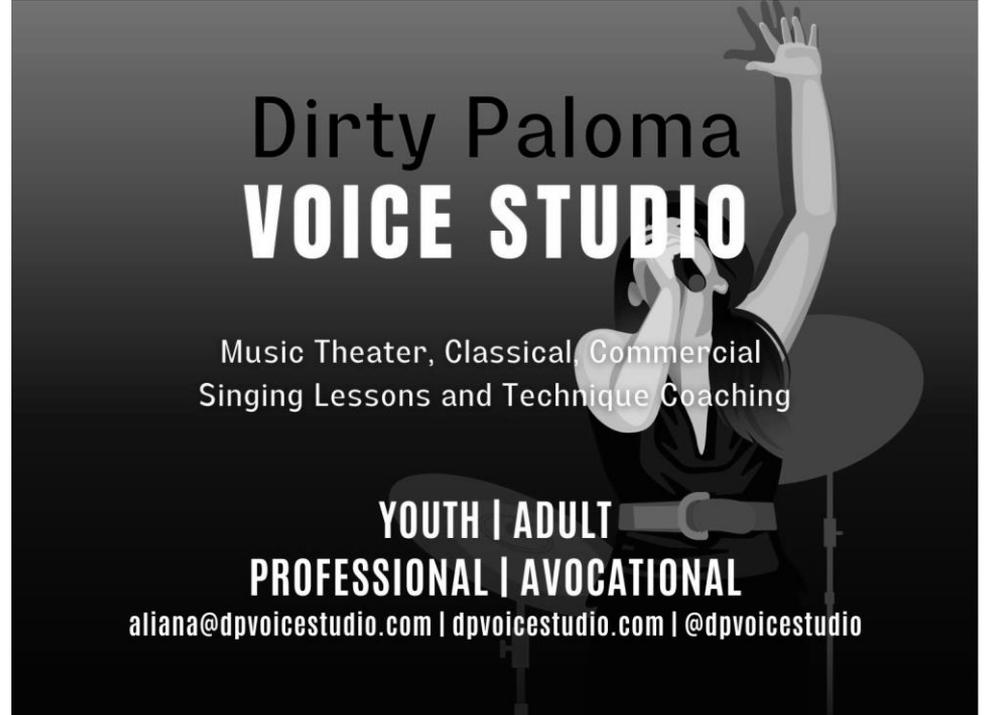
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...and all of our incredible volunteers!





January 28-30, 2021

13

Evan Goldman is plucked from his fast-paced, preteen New York City life and plopped into a sleepy Indiana town following his parents divorce. Surrounded by an array of simpleminded middle school students, he needs to establish his place in the popularity pecking order. Can he situate himself on a comfortable link of the food chain...or will he dangle at the end with the outcasts? With an unforgettable rock score, 13 is a musical about fitting in – and standing out.

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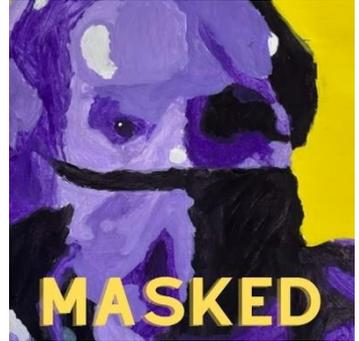


February – March 2022

Masked

Tom has never fully grieved a devastating loss he suffered a decade ago, and his wife Julie is only recently coming to terms with unspeakable trauma from her past. Meanwhile, their teenage daughter Bristol is fighting the pressure of social media, and their other daughter Chelsea has found her soulmate, but the pandemic threatens to keep them apart. Distressing news sends one family member into a downward trajectory that might take them all down. Help is always out there — but will it be found in time to prevent a tragedy?

Auditions in January. More info coming soon!



April 1-2, 2022

Cut

A group of actors rehearses a play within a play within a play. As the plot complications multiply, the actors begin to forget who is playing whom and who is the real director — as opposed to the actor who is playing the director. Settings and scenes swing wildly until the hopeless thespians struggle to distinguish between their characters and who they really are. A comically confounding vignette that blurs the lines between the real world and the world of the stage.

Auditions in January. More info coming soon!

