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Annie JR.

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Director's Note

As we gather to celebrate the vibrant and heartwarming production of *Annie Jr.*, it is essential to reflect on the timeless themes that this musical encapsulates. Set against the backdrop of the Great Depression, *Annie Jr.* tells the story of a spirited young orphan who, despite her challenging circumstances, remains hopeful and resilient in her quest for a loving family. This adaptation not only showcases the remarkable talents of our young performers but also emphasizes the importance of kindness, perseverance, and the belief that love can triumph over adversity. In our production of *Annie Jr.*, we aim to convey a powerful message about resilience and the ability to overcome challenges, particularly for young audiences. This musical serves as a beacon of hope and inspiration.

Through Annie's journey, I want to instill in children the belief that no matter how daunting life's obstacles may seem, they possess the strength and courage to rise above them. The themes of perseverance, friendship, and optimism resonate deeply, encouraging kids to embrace their dreams and face adversity with a positive spirit. By engaging with this timeless tale, I hope our vision will empower the next generation to recognize their potential and understand that triumph is possible, even in the face of hardship. We invite you to immerse yourself in this enchanting experience, where laughter and inspiration awaits, and where the message that "the sun will come out tomorrow" serves as a beacon of hope for all. Thank you for joining us in celebrating the magic of theater, and most importantly, thank you for supporting young actors.

—Jenna Sullivan

Ovation Theatre Company

proudly presents

Annie JR.

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Book by
Thomas Meehan

Music by
Charles Strouse

Lyrics by
Martin Charnin

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Presented on Broadway by **Mike Nichols**

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Cast

ANNIE Raylyn Paul

MOLLY Adeline Tengstrand

KATE Jenisys Oliver-Joseph

TESSIE Livia Cabrera

PEPPER Bella Foster

JULY Liliana Perry

DUFFY Sarina Anderson

OLIVER WARBUCKS Nicholas Metz

GRACE FARRELL Christina Donlon

MISS HANNIGAN Taylor Lowe

ROOSTER Ashton Wood

LILY Grace Perkins

HOUSE STAFF

MRS. DRAKE Mayra Gillis

ANNETTE Ava MacInnis

MRS. GREER Eden Timinski

MRS. PUGH Rosabella Ward

CECILLE Molly Watson

Harper Cantella

Mckenna Duffy

Chloe Mercier

Leah Mercier

Hailey Penta

NEW YORKERS

F.D.R. Cooper Jean

BERT HEALY Kellen Johnson

BUNDLES MCCLOSKEY Ella Kearns

USHERETTE Alice Kevorkian

STAR-TO-BE Charlotte Latour

Cast

NEW YORKERS (CONT.)

SANDY Riley Lavoie

DOGCATCHER Eva Metz

APPLE SELLER Rukiye Ozturk

OFFICER WARD Lily Tessier

Evelyn Booth

Levi Freilich

Emerson Gaudet

Zoe Metz

Ian O'Brien

Cecilia O'Brien

Hailey Ryan

Mackenzie Ryan

Production Team

Director	Jenna Sullivan
Music Director	Jonathan Uber
Choreographer	Ryan Kaplan
Stage Manager	Maddy Buchanan
Producer	Meg Gore
Costume Coordinator	Karenëlisë Metz
Sound Designer	Tim Gore
Lighting Designer	Becca Beaulieu
Light Board Operator	Connor Burns
Set Construction	Nick Metz
Run Crew	Finn Roach and Mirabel Welch
Projections	Josh Mills
House Manager	Dan Gore
Volunteer Coordinator & Cast Board	Shawna Carroll
Iron/Steam Team	Lisa Burns, Aaron Duffy, Bobbi Jean, Alison O'Brien
Poster and Program Design	Tim Gore

The Cast



SARINA ANDERSON | DUFFY

Sarina is so excited to be in this production of *Annie Jr.* as it has always been one of her favorite movies to watch! This is Sarina's 7th show she has been involved in and her 1st show with Ovation! She also enjoys dancing, drumming, and hanging out with her family, friends, and boyfriend. She hopes you enjoy the show!



EVELYN BOOTH | NEW YORKER

Evelyn is excited to join the ensemble of *Annie Jr.* for her first show at Ovation. Evelyn is a 5th grader at East Kingston Elementary School. Previous stage appearances include Nigel in EKES's production of *Finding Nemo Kids*, as well as the ensemble in both *Finding Nemo Kids* and *The Lion King Kids*. Evelyn enjoys singing, drawing, being outside, and spending time with friends and family.



LIVIA CABRERA | TESSIE

Livia is thrilled to play the role of Tessie in *Annie Jr.* Livia has performed in many other plays including *High School Musical* as Gabriella and in *Descendants* as Jay. Livia loves to act, dance, and sing. She is also a huge Olivia Rodrigo fan!



HARPER CANTELLA | HOUSE STAFF

Harper is a 10 year old who enjoys dancing, singing, and acting. She has been in many productions and camps in the past few years including many with Ovation! *The Little Mermaid* was her favorite to perform in! She feels like Ovation is a home away from home. Harper is excited to be in the cast of *Annie* with such a joyous and fun group! She hopes you enjoy the show!



CHRISTINA DONLON | GRACE FARRELL

Christina is 14 years old and is so excited to play Grace Farrell in this show. This is her 2nd Ovation show and her 8th show overall. She would like to thank her family for all the support and the wonderful cast for such a fun and memorable experience. Her favorite dance number is N.Y.C., and she hopes you enjoy the show.

The Cast

MCKENNA DUFFY | HOUSE STAFF

This is Mckenna Duffy, a junior from Londonderry, NH. She is thrilled to be part of *Annie Jr.*! Mckenna has enjoyed her roles in past Ovation productions such as *Descendants* and *Elf Jr.* In addition to theater, Mckenna enjoys participating in Unified sports and horseback riding! She wants to thank her family for and friends for their support!



BELLA FOSTER | PEPPER

Bella Foster (Pepper) is beyond thrilled to be performing in her first Ovation Theatre production! Some of her favorite past credits include: *Alice in Wonderland Jr.* (Tweedle-Dum), *Into the Woods Jr.* (Lucinda), *Matilda* (Alice), *CATS* (Kitten), as well as two Palace Theatre Professional Productions: *The Wizard of Oz* (Munchkin) and *A Christmas Carol* (Caroler/Ghost). Bella wants to thank all of her family and friends, as well as the wonderful cast and crew.
Enjoy the show!



LEVI FREILICH | NEW YORKER

Levi is thrilled to be in *Annie Jr.*! He loves NYC and is excited to be a New Yorker in this production. In addition to acting, Levi enjoys art and being with his friends. He is so happy to be here with his Ovation family!



EMERSON GAUDET | NEW YORKER

Emerson is excited to make her stage debut in *Annie!* A creative performer, she loves creating her own skits and dances to showcase for her family. In her free time, Emerson enjoys spending summers at the lake in Maine, playing soccer, exploring the outdoors, and making new friends. She is grateful for the support of her family and friends and can't wait to share her passion for theater with the audience!



MAYRA GILLIS | MRS. DRAKE

This being Mayra's first Ovation Theatre show, she's very excited to bring her character of Mrs. Drake to the Derry Opera House stage.



The Cast



COOPER JEAN | F.D.R.

This is Cooper's 14th show with Ovation. He is excited to play the president of the United States. He hopes you enjoy the show!



KELLEN JOHNSON | BERT HEALY

Kellen is very excited to share this production of *Annie Jr.* with you! In his free time, he likes to call friends and talk with his family. He would like to thank Charlotte, his whole family, and many other people who won't fit here.



ELLA KEARNS | BUNDLES MCCLOSKEY

Ella is a 6th grader at Londonderry Middle School. She is excited to be in her 4th Ovation production, and glad to be part of the New Yorkers. Ella is thankful to be performing with an amazing cast and crew, and can't wait to see everyone's hard work come together! Break a leg everyone!



ALICE KEVORKIAN | USHERETTE

Alice is a talented 9-year-old performer who shines on stage with her love for singing, acting, and dancing. A 4th grader with a big imagination, she's brought characters like Amelia Gabble (*Aristocats*), Toad (*Frog and Toad*), and Young Anna (*Frozen Jr.*) to life. Alice brings energy, heart, and creativity to every role she plays.



CHARLOTTE LATOUR | STAR-TO-BE

Charlotte is very excited to perform this heartfelt musical, *Annie Jr.* This is her 11th show with Ovation Theatre Company, and her 14th show overall. She is a passionate actress, dancer, and singer, and she would like to thank Ovation for giving her an outlet for all of that! She knows that the cast and crew worked soooo hard on bringing this show to life, and really hopes you enjoy!

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The Cast

RILEY LAVOIE | SANDY

Riley began dance classes at just 18 months old, igniting a passion for performing. Since then, she has excelled in competitive cheerleading, tumbling, and soccer — bringing energy and enthusiasm to everything she does. With a love for musicals and the spotlight, Riley is beyond excited to make her theatrical debut as Sandy and a New Yorker!



TAYLOR LOWE | MISS HANNIGAN

Taylor is thrilled to be in Ovation's production of *Annie Jr.* She is 14 years old, and this is her 4th show with Ovation and definitely not the last. When not on stage, she enjoys hiking and doing sports with her friends. This cast has been working so hard to make sure they are the best they can be! Taylor cannot wait for you to see this incredible show!



AVA MACINNIS | ANNETTE

Ava MacInnis, a 5th grader at North Londonderry Elementary School, is excited for her fourth production with Ovation Theatre Company. She is thrilled to be in *Annie Jr.* — a musical she has loved since she was little. Ava enjoys playing softball, learning saxophone, and spending time with friends and her puppy. She thanks her family and the Ovation team for their support and encouragement. She hopes you enjoy the show!



CHLOE MERCIER | HOUSE STAFF

Chloe is excited to be in her first Ovation show. She has performed in Londonderry South School's *Willy Wonka* and innOvation Summer Camps.



LEAH MERCIER | HOUSE STAFF

Leah is excited to be in her first show outside of innOvation Summer Camp.



The Cast



EVA METZ | DOGCATCHER

Eva, the fabulous Louis Howe and dog catcher in *Annie Jr.*, loves crafts, dancing, and singing — and looks great doing it! She's got a flair for fashion and is lucky to have her talented siblings and supportive parents especially for being a personal taxi (and her Mom for being wicked good at costumes). Directed by awesome folks, Eva's ready to shine — and maybe catch a few dogs along the way!



NICHOLAS METZ | OLIVER WARBUCKS

Nicholas Metz is a high school freshman with a love for acting. He's done 2 previous shows at Ovation and loves doing shows for the company. He likes to read, sing, act, and watch TV. He is so excited to be playing Warbucks in the show *Annie Jr.* and hopes to have more opportunities like it in the future.



ZOE METZ | NEW YORKER

Zoe Metz is performing for the first time at OTC. She recently starred as “Scat Cat” in her school's production of *Aristocats*. She has participated as a junior member of the Drama Crew at Cooperative Middle School under the direction of Kevin Fisher. Zoe enjoys playing the violin and drawing. She wants to thank Mumma and Dadda for being there for her and taking her to rehearsals.



CECILIA O'BRIEN | NEW YORKER

CC O'Brien is thrilled to be part of *Annie Jr.* with Ovation Theatre Company. She has previously performed in *Descendants: The Musical*, *Sleeping Beauty*, *Beauty Lou* and *the Country Beast*, and *The Snow Queen*. She hopes you enjoy the show!



IAN O'BRIEN | NEW YORKER

Ian has loved being part of the cast of *Annie Jr.* and performing in his first show with Ovation Theatre Co. He has previously performed in *Beauty Lou* and *the Country Beast* and *Sleeping Beauty* at Auburn Village School. He hopes you have a great time watching the show!

The Cast

JENISYS OLIVER-JOSEPH | KATE

After being cast in Disney's *Descendants* and playing Sebastian in *The Little Mermaid Jr.*, Jenisys is thrilled to be a part of her 3rd show with Ovation! She can't wait to show off her "Hard Knock Life" with you!



RUKIYE OZTURK | APPLE SELLER

Rukiye Ozturk is excited to be joining the *Annie* cast for her first musical. Her flair for the dramatics and love of a great story line contribute to her excitement. She lives in Londonderry, NH with her five siblings and parents. Rukiye attends Matthew Thornton Elementary School.



RAYLYN PAUL | ANNIE

Raylyn Paul is delighted to be making her Ovation debut! Raylyn attends NHSS and participates in the Centerstage Musical Theatre Troupe and Concert Choir! Her favorite past credits include *Seussical (The Cat)*, *Into the Woods (Cinderella)*, and *James and the Giant Peach (James)*. Raylyn would like to thank the creative team for everything they taught her and the cast and crew for their hard work to bring this show together!



HAILEY PENTA | HOUSE STAFF

Hailey is a 4th grader in Londonderry and is excited to be in *Annie Jr.!* She recently performed as Peach in *Finding Nemo Kids* in the South School Drama Club. She has also been in *Finding Nemo Jr.* and *Aristocats Kids* with Ovation, and *Mean Girls Jr.* at the PYT. When Hailey is not on stage, she can be found writing or practicing for cheer and gymnastics. Hailey hopes you enjoy the show!



GRACE PERKINS | LILY

Grace Perkins is an eighth grader at Auburn Village School. This is her 5th year with Ovation, and she couldn't be happier to continue her growth here. She enjoys all things theatre, as well as running, reading, and church. Grace is a singer/songwriter under the name Toni Grace on all music platforms, with 4 songs currently out, and 2 more on their way! Grace hopes you will enjoy *Annie Jr.!*



The Cast



LILIANA PERRY | JULY

Liliana is an 11-year-old sixth grader at the Birches Academy of Academics & Art, and she's so excited to be back for her second Ovation show! When she's not acting, you'll find her reading, dancing around the house, making crafts, or laughing with her family and friends. She's thrilled to join the orphan crew and sends lots of love to her amazing directors, talented cast mates, & wonderful family for making this hard knock life so swell!



HAILEY RYAN | NEW YORKER

Annie Jr. is Hailey's FIRST theater production! She has loved becoming part of Ovation and following in her big sister's footsteps. Outside of theater, Hailey loves nature, animals, reading, horseback riding, skiing, gymnastics, and sleeping. She hopes you enjoy your trip to NYC!



MACKENZIE RYAN | NEW YORKER

Annie Jr. is Mackenzie's 4th production with Ovation. She has previously been Willy Wonka in *Willy Wonka*, Alley Cat in *Aristocats Kids*, and Sea Creature in *Finding Nemo Jr.* Outside of theater, Mackenzie loves horseback riding, being outside, and skiing. She hopes you enjoy the show!



ADELINE TENGSTRAND | MOLLY

Addie is very excited to play Molly in *Annie*. She has extensive experience performing in junior musicals, this being her 7th show. She is an avid singer and enjoys writing her own music. For the last two years, she was a first place recipient for music composition in NH Reflections Arts Competition; this year, she was also recognized nationally.



LILY TESSIER | OFFICER WARD

Lily is so excited to perform this show for you all! She has met so many friends along the way and has had such an amazing time putting this performance together. This is her fifth show with Ovation, and she is so proud of the entire cast and crew. She hopes you enjoy the show!

The Cast

EDEN TIMINSKI | MRS. GREER

Eden is excited to be in her second musical with Ovation Theatre Company. She enjoyed working with the cast and production team, some who she has worked with before and some new souls she hopes to work with again. She is happy to bring Mrs. Greer to life and hopes you enjoy the show!



ROSABELLA WARD | MRS. PUGH



MOLLY WATSON | CECILLE

This is Molly Watson's seventh production, first with Ovation Theatre Company. Her favorite previous roles include Carlos in *Descendants*, Scuttle in *The Little Mermaid Jr.*, and Babette in *Beauty and the Beast Jr.* Other than theatre, her hobbies include singing, dancing, shopping, and hanging out with friends. She loves music and just recently finished her sixth chorus concert. She is so excited to play Cecille in this wonderful production of *Annie Jr.*, and she hopes you enjoy the show!



ASHTON WOOD | ROOSTER

Ashton is excited to be part of *Annie Jr.* This is the seventh play Ashton has been a part of, but the first with Ovation. He is very excited to be playing the part of Rooster and is grateful for the connections he made with the cast.



Scenes and Musical Numbers

Scene 1	N.Y.C. Municipal Orphanage “Maybe” “Hard Knock Life” “Hard Knock Life (Reprise)”	Annie Annie, Orphans Orphans
Scene 2	N.Y.C. Street “Tomorrow”	Annie
Scene 3	N.Y.C. Municipal Orphanage “Little Girls” “Little Girls (Reprise)”	Miss Hannigan Miss Hannigan
Scene 4	The Warbucks Mansion “I Think I’m Gonna Like it Here”	Grace, Annie, House Staff
Scene 5	N.Y.C. Street “N.Y.C.”	Warbucks, Grace, Annie, Star-To-Be, New Yorkers
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Scene 6	N.Y.C. Municipal Orphanage “Easy Street”	Rooster, Miss Hannigan, Lily
Scene 7	The Warbucks Mansion “You Won’t Be An Orphan For Long” “Maybe (Reprise)”	Warbucks Annie
Scene 8	Radio Studio “Maybe (2nd Reprise)” “You’re Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile”	Annie Boylan Sisters, Bert Healy
Scene 9	N.Y.C. Municipal Orphanage “You’re Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile (Reprise)” “Easy Street (Reprise)”	Orphans Rooster, Miss Hannigan, Lily
Scene 10	The Warbucks Mansion “I Don’t Need Anything But You”	Warbucks, Annie
Scene 11	The Warbucks Mansion “Maybe (3rd Reprise)” “Tomorrow (Reprise)”	Annie Warbucks, Annie, Company

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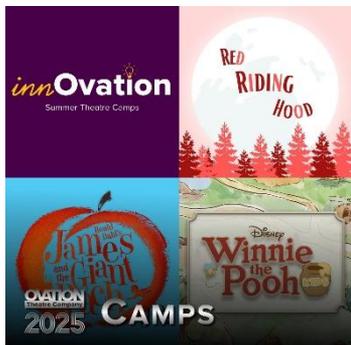
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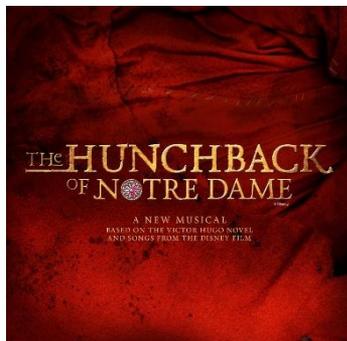


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