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A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTORS

Welcome to *Newsies*!

Bringing *Newsies* to our community has been an exhilarating process, and we are thrilled to be able to share this story with all of you! The story of *Newsies* is more than just a historical tale: it's a story about hope, courage, resilience, and the power of community. Our cast has been incredible to work with, and we are so thankful for the dedication each one of them has shown to this production. These youth have brought these characters to life this summer! From the passion of Jack Kelly, to the determination of Katherine Plumber, every actor has fully embraced their roles and made the characters their own.

We have also had an amazing team to work with this summer. When discussing the possibility of doing *Newsies* with our theatre company, we knew we were going to need a lot of choreography. Becca George and Jerusha Reid have done an amazing job using their skills to create choreography for our show that helps symbolize the tenacity and dynamic spirit of the newsboys. Our cast's ability to execute their choreography also showcases the talent and teamwork of these young performers. We are also so thankful to have Tehya Phillips with us again this summer as an assistant director. Her insights, input, and incentives (candy!) have helped our actors take this show to the next level!

In addition, we have had an incredible set design and construction crew for this production. Our set design aims to transport you to the streets of 1899 New York City. With the help of Beverly Cameron-Fildes's artistic eye, these sets and props have been crafted in a way to recreate the urban backdrop for the Newsboys' struggle. The multi-level set pieces constructed by Aaron Watkins provide a dynamic space for our actors to perform while enhancing the visual story-telling of this show.

A special thank you to our sponsors, supporters, and volunteers whose generosity of time and resources have truly helped make this production what it is today! And of course, thank you to David Read, Abbie Cesena, and Shawntay Arroyo with Yuba Sutter Arts and Culture. They took us under their organizational wing two years ago and have allowed us to spread our own wings as we seek to provide musical theatre opportunities to the youth of our community.

Thank you for joining us! Now, let your self be transported to a time when a group of young newsboys took a stand and made history. We hope the story inspires you as much as it has inspired all of us involved in this production!

Corey and Morgan Kersting, Directors



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THE TEAM



Becca George (*Choreographer*) is honored to be a part of the directing team for Center Stage Productions. She helped choreograph many pieces for *Newsies* alongside her fellow choreographer, Jerusha Reid. While she was never involved in musicals as a kid, she is stepping outside her comfort zone and is leaping into the world of dancing, singing, and acting. Becca danced for 16 years before beginning her teaching career as a Jazz, Ballet, and Tap instructor. She has four amazing kids and a

very supportive husband. She currently works as a dance instructor at Studio B and is a substitute teacher for YCUSD.

Corey Kersting (*Co-Director, Music Director*) is excited to be working with his wife, Morgan, in bringing *Newsies* to our community! Corey is a music and theatre teacher with YCUSD where he has had the opportunity to conduct the musical pit orchestras at YCHS for more than 20 school musicals. Some of his favorite shows have been *Seussical*, *Beauty and the Beast*, and *The Music Man*. He is also the conductor of the Yuba Sutter Symphony and has played violin professionally with numerous groups in Northern California. Musical Theatre has become a prominent part of Corey's life, and he is excited to be teaching the new musical theatre class at YCHS this next year! He is grateful for the dedication of this tremendous cast, crew, directors, and choreographers in helping bring this show to life! He hopes you all enjoy this fun and energetic show! Don't forget to "Watch What Happens" when you "Seize the Day!"



Morgan Kersting (*Co-Director, Stage Manager*) fell in love with *Newsies* in the late 90s, when Christian Bale brought the character of Jack Kelly to life via a historic Disney movie. She dreamed of participating in a live production of *Newsies*, before the stage script even existed! She is thrilled to be able to be bringing this show to the Yuba-Sutter area for the first time, for others to enjoy! She is honored and thankful to be working with her husband, who is the musical guru and sounding board for all her crazy ideas.

While Morgan hasn't been on the stage since high school, she thoroughly enjoys the director/backstage life, which she has found herself in thanks to her children! When Morgan isn't dreaming of her own Santa Fe, you'll find her substitute teaching, managing the office at Studio B Academy of Ballet or watching *NCIS* & *Criminal Minds*! Morgan is so proud of all of these students and the work & dedication they have put into making *Newsies* "front page news!" She is thankful for the great team of directors, choreographers & crew who have put so much time and effort into this production. "Thank you for coming out to support this wonderful group of young performers! Enjoy the show!"



Tehya Phillips (*Assistant Director*) has been in theatre for the majority of her life. Having a BA in theatre arts from Chico State, she has been around the course a few times. She is now a 5th grade teacher and the drama coordinator at Lincrest Elementary School. This is her 2nd show with CSP and she is so excited to share this amazing show with you!

Jerusha Tenney Reid (*Choreographer*) is so excited to be a part of *Newsies!* She teaches musical theater at two dance studios locally, Studio B in Yuba City and Barefoot Dance Company in Gridley. Jerusha spends her extra time choreographing for local theater productions and performing in local plays/musicals when she can.




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CAST

(in order of appearance)

Jack Kelly	ETHAN FIFIELD
Crutchie	KELSEY KIEHN WATKINS
Race	TALEAH ABOLT
Albert	BROOKE KERSTING
Specs	ELIZABETH HANSEN
Henry	ALLIE HANSON
Finch	DESIREE LAPIERS
Romeo	CHLOE VALDEZ
Mush	KIARA MARINO
Tommy Boy	ADDYSON MASER
Elmer	CORA GOETTMAN
Jo Jo	ELLA RHODY
Buttons	ADDISON KERSTING
Splasher	BROOKLYN HANDLEY
Mike	KIARA MARINO
Ike	MAIRI OSBORNE
Newsie Ensemble	NAOMI FREEMAN, DANIELLE GATLIN, DAISYLIN HORNER, MIKA MARINO, ROWAN ELIAS REID, AVA SYLVIA
Katherine Plumber	PAIGE CLEMENTS
Nuns	DAISYLIN HORNER, MIKA MARINO, TOAD
Oscar Delancey	EMERSON HANDLEY
Morris Delancey	SAMANTHA COX
Wiesel	ELLIOT SYLVIA
Davey	CAMERON KERSTING
Les	BENNETT GOETTMAN
Joseph Pulitzer	KATHERINE BENSON
Seitz	EMERSON HANDLEY
Hannah	AVA SYLVIA
Bunsen	ELLIOT SYLVIA
Nunzio	TOAD
Snyder	DANIELLE GATLIN
Medda Larkin	NAOMI FREEMAN

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Stage Manager	ROWAN ELIAS REID
Bowery Beauties	MIKA MARINO, ELLA RHODY
Guard	TOAD
Mr. Jacobi	DAISYLIN HORNER
Scabs	BROOKLYN HANDLEY, ADDYSON MASER, MAIRI OSBORNE
Mayor	SAMANTHA COX
Goon	DAISYLIN HORNER
Policeman	TOAD
Spot Conlon	ELLA RHODY
Darcy	BROOKLYN HANDLEY
Bill	ELLIOT SYLVIA
Governor Roosevelt	TOAD
Brooklyn Newsies	CORA GOETTMAN, BROOKLYN HANDLEY, ADDISON KERSTING, KIARA MARINO, ADDYSON MASER, MAIRI OSBORNE

UNDERSTUDIES

(Understudies never substitute for the listed performers unless a specific announcement is made at the time of performance.)

For Jack: CAMERON KERSTING; for Crutchie: TALEAH ABOLT;
for Katherine: DANIELLE GATLIN; for Davey: EMERSON HANDLEY;
for Les: MAIRI OSBORNE; for Medda: CHLOE VALDEZ.

Swings: MARY BANACH, NAOMI FREEMAN,
ELIZABETH HANSEN, BROOKE KERSTING, DESIREE LAPIERS.

CREW

Stage Manager	MORGAN KERSTING
Assistant Stage Manager	MARY BANACH
Lighting Design	GARRETT GRANGER
Set Design	BEVERLY CAMERON-FILDES
Original Artwork (Santa Fe and Pencil Sketches)	ETHAN FIFIELD
Costume Design	MORGAN KERSTING
Lighting Technician	GARRETT GRANGER
Sound Technician	COREY KERSTING
Projection Technician	COREY KERSTING
Spotlight Technician	ASHLEY COMPARAN, ALLIE STOCKMAL
Set Construction	BEVERLY CAMERON-FILDES, AARON WATKINS
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Program Design	CAMERON KERSTING
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WHO'S WHO



Taleah
Abolt



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Banach



Katherine
Benson



Paige
Clements



Samantha
Cox



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Fifield



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Brooke
Kersting



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Kersting



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Lapiers



Kiara
Marino



Mika
Marino



Addyson
Maser



Mairi
Osborne



Rowan Elias
Reid



Ella
Rhody



Ava
Sylvia



Elliot
Sylvia



Toad



Chloe
Valdez



Read about
our cast!

CAST BIOS

Taleah Abolt (Race, u/s Crutchie) is 17 and just graduated from Yuba City High School. She's been doing theater since she was 8, and most recently played Centipede and Ladahlord in a production of *James and the Giant Peach*. In the fall, she is attending UCSD and hopes to continue being involved in theatre and dance there. She has been involved at Center Stage Productions since their first show, and can't believe it's her last show here. Taleah is so excited to be part of a show she's been a fan of for so long with such an amazing cast!

Katherine "Katie" Benson (Pulitzer), 14, is excited to entertain audiences as Joseph Pulitzer in *Newsies*. She began acting classes at age 7, quickly discovering her love of musicals. Katie is excited to portray Pulitzer because of the character's energy and depth. Katie is known for her professionalism and positive attitude. Outside of acting, she enjoys drawing, dance, and spending time with family. Katie is a rising star with a bright future in performing arts.

Paige Clements (Katherine) is absolutely honored to be a part of another Center Stage Production! She previously played Mayzie La Bird in *Seussical* and was a part of the ensemble in *Seize the Day*, and she can't wait to watch CSP continue to flourish. When Paige is not performing or bombarding those around her (her words not ours), you can find her serving on the California Future Business Leaders of America State Officer Team, lifeguarding at her local pool, or trying to survive her senior year at Wheatland Union High School. She would like to thank her family for being her biggest fans, all of her friends for being the best audience members ever, and her directors, who are the reason she's been able to live out this dream role. Now,

let's take the palaver and get back to business. Enjoy the show!

Samantha Cox (Morris Delancey, Mayor) [no bio]

Ethan Fifield (Jack) is a 17 year old who's essentially been acting since he could talk, has been drawing and painting since he could hold a pencil, has been taking vocal lessons since he was 8, and has been dancing since he was 4. He's played prominent secondary characters before, like Judas in *Godspell*, Snow White in *The Fairest of Them All*, and Pepper in *Annie*, along with several ensemble roles like an orphan in *Oliver*, but this is his first real lead. He's been working for this chance throughout his entire life, and is very excited to display his skills as a singer, actor, dancer, and artist, drawing Jack's sketches and painting Santa Fe himself.

Naomi Freeman (Medda, Newsie, Swing) is a senior in high school and is very happy to make her community theater debut in *Newsies* as Medda Larkin! Mainly acting at her school, MCAA, you may have seen her as Antonia in *Much Ado About Nothing*, Blondo Malfoy in *Puffs*, Jetsam in *Little Mermaid*, and Dawn Schweitzer/Janis Understudy in *Mean Girls*. When not acting, Naomi is busy acing her classes, taking care of her sisters, and loving her cat, Riley. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Danielle Gatlin (Snyder, Newsie, u/s Katherine) is ecstatic to be a part of *Newsies*! She is going to be a senior in high school at MCAA. You might've recognized her as Gretchen in *Mean Girls* and Hero in *Much Ado About Nothing* with her school, as well as The Sour Kangaroo in *Seussical* with Center Stage Productions. Although she portrays a mean and menacing character in *Newsies*, she is quite the

opposite! Danielle would like to thank her mom for all of her support. She hopes you will sit back and enjoy the show!

Bennett Goettman (Les) is thrilled to have this show be his acting debut! He is proud to be a GATE student in the 6th grade at Franklin School. When he's not rehearsing for *Newsies* he's either spending time with friends and family or out in the community trying out various activities like jiu jitsu, chess and soccer. He also enjoys playing video games and some of his favorite hobbies include reading, writing, climbing everything, doing math and playing the piano. He has been fascinated by this first exciting role and has learned and grown a lot!

Cora Goettman (Elmer, Brooklyn Newsie) is excited and grateful to be a part of this year's production of *Newsies*, especially after a fantastic experience as a Bird Girl in last year's *Seussical* musical. Cora is an 8th grade student at Franklin Elementary School who loves to dance and act. At school, she enjoys playing sports such as basketball and track, as well as doing GATE and theater. This past year, she played Princess Fiona in her school's production of *Shrek*. Outside of school, she enjoys singing in her church choir and playing the piano. She can't wait for you to "watch what happens!"

Brooklyn Handley (Splasher, Scab, Brooklyn Newsie) is so excited to be a part of *Newsies*, one of her favorite plays! As a homeschooled 7th grader, she loves watching performances and is thrilled to be on stage herself. She previously played Rafiki in *The Lion King JR.* and loves singing, dancing, aerial silks, soccer, pole vaulting with her dad, and especially being with her three brothers. Brooklyn also enjoys going to her weekly church youth activities, and being with her friends! Another thing she loves is to serve others by writing cards, making bracelets, and baking treats for people.

Emerson Handley (Oscar Delancy, Seitz, u/s Davey) would like to thank you for

coming to the show! Emerson is a homeschooled Freshman who enjoys reading, singing, hunting, swing dancing, and working hard outside. He's spent his summer attending multiple church camps and swimming as often as he can. This will be his first Center Stage Productions performance, and he hopes you love it as much as he does!

Elizabeth Hansen (Specs, Swing) is excited to be performing in this show. She is soon to be senior at YCHS, and enjoys her drama class. Elizabeth's previous shows include *James and the Giant Peach* as Sponge and *Seussical* as the Grinch. In addition she enjoys reading, art, music, and singing.

Allie Hanson (Henry) is 17 and just graduated high school this year. She has been involved in many shows, including *Seussical The Musical* with Center Stage. This year, she both directed and starred in her school's production of *Little Women*. In the fall, Allie will be attending UC Santa Cruz for Astrophysics. She's excited to share the love she has for *Newsies* with everyone and feels very lucky for the friends and experience she's gained from working with Center Stage.

DaisyLin Horner (Nun, Mr. Jacobi, Newsie) DaisyLin Horner has been in now two musicals, her first being *James and the Giant Peach* at the YCHS backlot theatre and *Newsies* at Center Stage Productions. In fifth grade she was supposed to be in a musical called *Bots!* but due to COVID it got shut down. Ever since she was seven, she has been interested in theatre, *Newsies* being one of the first musicals she had seen live. This is her first show with this company and she is very excited to be a part of this production!

Addison Kersting (Buttons, Brooklyn Newsie) is overjoyed to be in this show!! She has been in many shows at The Acting Company and is part of her drama class at Twin Rivers Charter School. When Addison is not working on a show, she is dancing with the Yuba City Youth Ballet, or

horseback riding. When she gets home, she enjoys baking and spending time with family and friends. The most recent performances you can find Addison in is The Studio B Recital (YCYB) and *The Little Mermaid JR.* (TRCS). Addison would like to thank her parents for always supporting her!! She hopes you'll love the show as much as she does!!

Brooke Kersting (Albert, Swing) is so excited to be a part of *Newsies!* She is going into 10th grade at YCHS and is part of the drama class there. She was most recently in *James and the Giant Peach* as an ensemble member. Brooke is also part of the Yuba City Youth Ballet and dances at Studio B Ballet. She has been in their annual *Nutcracker* as Marzipan the last two years. Brooke is so happy to be part of such a wonderful cast and hopes you enjoy the show!

Cameron Kersting (Davey, u/s Jack) is completely ecstatic to be performing in *Newsies!* Now starting his senior year at Yuba City High School, Cameron has been acting locally since he was eight, in shows such as *Oliver!* (Oliver, TAC), *Into the Woods* (Jack, YCHS), and *Seussical* (Cat, CSP). He also dances at Studio B and is a member of the Yuba City Youth Ballet, performing in their annual production of *The Nutcracker*. Cameron is so grateful for the opportunity to perform in *Newsies* alongside many talented peers. He hopes you enjoy the show!

Kelsey Kiehn Watkins (Crutchie) is hyped to be playing Crutchie at Center Stage! This is her second show with the fantastic company and crew. Kels has also performed at her school, PFAA, in *Wizard of Oz* (Dorothy) and at WOH in *The Lightning Thief* (Ensemble). Her most recent show, *The Laramie Project*, was also at her school in Sacramento, where she is starting her sophomore year. Aside from musical theatre, Kels is also an avid vocal student and will lead one of her school's competitive vocal jazz ensembles

this year. She wants to thank everyone who has helped her get here!

Desiree Lapiers (Finch, Swing) is beginning her junior year at River Valley High School. Most recently, she played Grace Farrell in *Annie* and The Velveteen Rabbit in *The Velveteen Rabbit*. Desiree has been performing most of her life and has always loved the arts in any form they come in, whether it may be musical theater or playing in an orchestra. She is very grateful to be a part of this production and would like to thank everyone who made it possible. Enjoy the show!

Kiara Marino (Mush, Mike, Brooklyn Newsie) is ecstatic to be in this awesome show. She is 10 years old and an incoming 5th grader at Butte Vista Elementary School. She was part of Center Stage Production of *Seize The Day* and *Seussical*, and also Rise Up's *The Lion King JR.* She also does competitive dance with Transitions Dance Center. Kiara wants to be an actor when she grows up and loves to do musical theatre. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Mika Marino (Nun, Bowery Beauty, Newsie) is very excited to perform for you all! Mika is a recent high school graduate who will be attending college as a freshman very soon! She has played the role as a Blue Bird Girl in Center Stage's *Seussical* production last year. When she's off stage, she enjoys photography, editing, and reading books. Even though this musical production will be her last in this company, she hopes you enjoy every bit of this show till the very end!

Addyson Maser (Tommy Boy, Scab, Brooklyn Newsie) is so excited to be in this year's production of *Newsies!* She has been enjoying summer and is preparing to start her 7th grade year at Butte Vista School. She has a passion for theater, dance, gymnastics, and singing. When not in rehearsals she is an active Sutter Buttes 4-H member and loves to show her animals. She enjoys baking, reading, swimming, and playing with her pets. She

would like to thank her parents and family for being supportive of her many hobbies. She hopes that you all enjoy the show!

Mairi Osborne (Ike, Scab, Brooklyn Newsie, u/s Les) is a 5th grade student who enjoys science, history and reading. She loves all things theatrical, and this is her second production with Center Stage. She has a busy schedule, taking dance at two studios, voice lessons, as well as rehearsals, and she wouldn't have it any other way. She is a huge *Newsies* fan and is so excited to have a part in this musical. Not only does she love acting with the cast, but she says the friendships she builds are the best part.

Rowan Elias Reid (Stage Manager, Newsie) is 12 years old and is in 7th grade at Twin Rivers Charter School. He is so excited to be in his third musical, *Newsies*! Rowan has been dancing competitively with Transitions Dance Company for 2 years. In his free time he loves community service, dance, and bike rides. He also loves theater and hopes to do many more plays in the Yuba Sutter area.

Ella Rhody (Spot Conlon, u/s Race) is 13 years old and an 8th grader at Twin Rivers Charter School. Performing is her jam! She has been a dancer since she was 3 and singing almost as long. Ella has been in several productions including *Legally Blonde*, *The Little Mermaid*, and *Seussical*, to name a few. She recently completed a week long intensive in Salt Lake City called Broadway Dreams! Ella is thrilled to be a part of *Newsies* and hopes you enjoy the show!

Ava Sylvia (Hannah, Newsie) [no bio]

Elliot Sylvia (Wiesel, Bunsen, Bill) [no bio]

Toad (Nunzio, Roosevelt, Guard) (they/them) is a 17 year old senior. This is their second ever and their first with Center Stage. They have been an actor in *Godspell* and worked behind the scenes with other shows. *Newsies* is a personal

favorite musical for them and they are very happy to be a part of this rendition of it.

Chloe Valdez (Romeo, u/s Medda) is so excited to be in *Newsies* playing Romeo!! She loves spending time with the cast and getting to learn new things!! She's 16 years old and attends Yuba City High School going into Junior year. She likes to play soccer at her high school when she's not busy with theater. She's in the musical theater department at school and has done several performances with them, most recently *James and the Giant Peach*, as well as *The Laramie Project* with Convergence Theater!! She hopes you love the show as much as she does!!

MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT I

Prologue: Rooftop, Dawn

Santa Fe (Prologue) Jack, Crutchie

Scene 1: Newsboys' Lodging House and Newsie Square

Carrying the Banner Jack, Newsies, Nuns

Scene 2: Pulitzer's Office, Afternoon

The Bottom Line Pulitzer, Seitz, Bunsen, Hannah

Carrying the Banner (Reprise) Newsies

Scene 3: A Street Corner

Scene 4: Medda's Theater

That's Rich Medda

I Never Planned on You / Don't Come a-Knocking Jack, Bowery Beauties

Scene 5: Newsie Square, Next Morning

The World Will Know Jack, Davey, Crutchie, Newsies

Scene 6: Jacobi's Deli and Street, Afternoon

The World Will Know (Reprise) Newsies

Scene 7: Katherine's Office

Watch What Happens Katherine

Scene 8: Newsie Square, Next Morning

Seize the Day Davey, Jack, Newsies

Scene 9: Rooftop

Santa Fe Jack

ACT II

Scene 1: Jacobi's Deli, Next Morning

King of New York Newsies, Katherine

Scene 2: The Refuge

Letter from The Refuge Crutchie

Scene 3: Medda's Theater

Watch What Happens (Reprise) Davey, Jack, Katherine, Les

Scene 4: Pulitzer's Office and Cellar, Afternoon

The Bottom Line (Reprise) Pulitzer, Hannah, Bunsen

Brooklyn's Here Spot, Newsies

Scene 5: Medda's Theater

Scene 6: Rooftop, Night

Something to Believe In Katherine, Jack

Scene 7: Pulitzer's Cellar

Seize the Day (Reprise) Newsies

Once and For All Jack, Davey, Katherine, Newsies

Scene 8: Pulitzer's Office, Next Morning

Seize the Day (Reprise 2) Newsies

Scene 9: Newsie Square

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Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture is a non-profit organization founded in 1981. We are the designated local agency of the California Arts Council. Our programs include Arts in Education, Youth Mariachi Programs, Murals of Live Oak, Veterans Initiative in the Arts, the Convergence Theatre Company, Center Stage Productions, youth theater program, Youth Choir, the Yuba Sutter Big Band, Arts in Corrections, World Music and Culture Series, Cover It! Utility Box Mini Mural Project, Scholastic Writing Awards, Poetry Out Loud, and many more. As one of the highest ranked local arts agencies in the state, Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture is looked to for leadership, expertise, and inspiration.

Three years ago, Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture acquired the Sutter Theater Center for the Arts. Along with the Burrows Theater Center for the Arts in Marysville, these venues provide space for art gallery exhibitions, art classes, live music, and theatrical productions on both sides of the river.

Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture is proud to have powered this summer's Center Stage Productions! Watching the young performers grow and learn has warmed our hearts and brought a new meaning to children's theater in our area! A special thanks to Corey and Morgan Kersting and their vision for these programs! They are true givers and we appreciate the time, effort and planning that they put into these productions.. Thank you!

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Our volunteers! This production would truly not have been possible without our amazing volunteers donating their time and talents to support us! Thank you to Aaron Watkins for our structures; Beverly Cameron-Fildes for designing and organizing the painting of the set; Lisa Abolt and Margo Black for their consistent and tireless effort working in "the dungeon;" Bill Buchner for constructing our wagon; Jennifer Osborne for altering costumes; and countless others who have sacrificed hours of their personal time to ensure these kids have an spectacular production. We could not have done it without you!

You! Thank you for supporting youth performing arts in the Yuba-Sutter area! None of this would be possible without the support of our community. And believe it or not, there is more talent in our area! Please continue to attend school productions and other youth arts events throughout the community to ensure a successful future for visual and performing arts in the Yuba-Sutter area!

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ABOUT CENTER STAGE PRODUCTIONS

Center Stage Productions was started in 2022 with the vision to provide the youth in our area new opportunities participate in musical theatre. Some of our main goals include:

- giving the youth in the Yuba-Sutter area an opportunity to participate in full-length musicals
- offering workshops throughout the year to help participants learn about theatre and help them develop various theatre-related skills
- providing opportunities for youth to gain experience in directing and choreography

We are humbled and honored by the interest we have received over the last three seasons. In 2022, we started with a cast of 31 in our inaugural "Seize the Day" musical review. Following that production, we were able to offer monthly workshops for participants in areas such as theatre etiquette and history, improvisation, characterization, choreography, audition prep, resume creating, and more. Last year, we staged our first full length Broadway musical of *Seussical* with a cast of 39 youth. Due to the increased interest in our theatre company, we decided to expand again this year in an attempt to allow more students participate in our programs. As a result, we had nearly 100 youth audition for our two summer shows of *Frozen JR.* and *Newsies*. In addition, we were able to start a new internship program for high school students this summer in which students applied to be an intern, working with the *Frozen JR.* production. That program has allowed our four interns opportunities to gain experience with directing, choreographing, costuming, stage managing, and theatre tech.

Our ultimate goal is to provide a safe, fun, and educational environment for youth theatre. We want participants to leave with skills that will help them further their passion for musical theatre.

Thank you for supporting these kids and our theatre company! We look forward to providing more opportunities for our community's youth in the near future!

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