

Disney's *NEWSIES*

Director/Choreographer-Leslie Beauchamp, Music Director-Eunice Wadewitz, Asst. to Choreographer-Chris Rasor,
Stage Manager-Kara Tharpe, Asst. Stage Managers: Andrew Sherman & Brittney Koza

Disney's *NEWSIES*, based on the 1992 motion picture, features a score by 8 time Academy Award® winner Alan Menken and Jack Feldman and a book by four-time Tony Award winner Harvey Fierstein. While on Broadway, *Newsies* received 23 major theatrical nominations – including eight Tony Award nods—and won Tony, Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle Awards for Score and Choreography. Set in New York City at the turn of the century, *Newsies* is the rousing tale of Jack Kelly, a charismatic newsboy and leader of a ragged band of teenaged "newsies," who dreams only of a better life far from the hardship of the streets. But when publishing titans Joseph Pulitzer and William Randolph Hearst raise distribution prices at the newsboys' expense, Jack finds a cause to fight for and rallies newsies from across the city to strike for what's right.

Audition Sign Up: You must attend auditions & sign up by contacting Eunice Wadewitz: 260-422-8641 x 226 or ewadewitz@fwcivic.org.

Auditions: MONDAY, MAY 14, 6:00 – 10:00 pm at Arts United Center **Call Backs: TUESDAY, MAY 15, 7-11:00 pm**

Rehearsals: June 4–July 27, 2018; Mondays–Fridays, 7:00-10:00 pm

Performances: July 28–August 12, 2018; Thurs @7:30 pm, Fri & Sat @8:00 pm, Sat & Sun @2:00 pm

Audition Requirements - It is very important that we have a list of ALL CONFLICTS at the time of the audition.

We are seeking strong singers/actors who can move well AND are strong at dance. We are seeking strong Newsies (male and female) who are dancers/singers. Prepare and memorize one verse of an up-tempo song or ballad which shows off your voice, range, and personality. Standard Broadway music is best. If you're interested in a character role, you may prepare a song appropriate for that character. Be sure to bring sheet music (not just lyrics but actual piano music) in the correct key – do not expect the pianist to transpose your music on sight. Have all cuts or repetitions clearly marked. Place your music in a binder or tape the sheets together for the benefit of the accompanist. Pianist is provided. Plan to wear appropriate clothing (dance attire or sweat pants & sneakers or jazz shoes) for the dance portion of the audition, which will be taught on site. We encourage actors of all ethnicities to audition. Auditions will be held at the Arts United Center at 303 East Main Street. Enter from the rear of the building, using the glass doors to the Green Room. Please arrive early to check in and fill out an audition form or complete on-line and email back to: ewadewitz@fwcivic.org

MEN: *Please do not cut your hair if possible...and if you can grow sideburns, please do!*

CAST OF CHARACTERS: Cast of 21 & Up; Men & Women and teenagers age 12 & up and 1 BOY OR GIRL age 10+

Age ranges for characters are approximate and may change at the Director's discretion.

Jack Kelly-Leader of Manhattan newsies - great pop tenor voice, dances (male, age 16-25) Vocals: Bb2-A4

Crutchie-A newsie with a bum leg, Jack's best friend, goofy-sweet (male or female, age 13-17) Vocals: C3-A4

Davey-Les's straight-laced, bright big brother, a leader, brains of the resistance (male, age 15-25) Vocals: D3-A4

Les-Davey's younger brother, a precocious newsie, a pint-sized charmer. (male: age 10-15) Vocals: Db3-Bb3

Other Newsies: Albert, Buttons, Elmer, Finch, Henry, Ike, Jo Jo, Mike, Mush, Race, Romeo, Specs, Splasher, & Tommy Boy, are some of the hard-working kids of New York City that go on strike for a livable wage. (male/female, age 13-30)

Scabs-Three newsies who are hesitant to join the strike. (male/female, age 10-25)

Spot Conlon-Leader of the Brooklyn newsies, intimidating, short solo in "Brooklyn's Here" (male/female, age 17-25)

Katherine Plumber-A young reporter, quick, funny, pop voice, high belt (female, age 17-25) Vocals: A3-F5

Darcy-The upper-class kid of a publisher who sides with the newsies. Can double as a newsie. (male/female, age: 15-25)

Bill-The son of William Randolph Hearst, joins the newsies. Can double as a newsie. (male, age 15-25)

Wiesel-Runs the distribution window for the World, is Pulitzer's disgruntled paper- pusher. (male, age 35-50)

Oscar & Morris Delancey-Tough brothers, work at the World distribution, known to use their fists (male, age 15-25)

Goons-Assist the Delanceys in roughing up the newsies at the end of Act One. (male, age 15-25)

Joseph Pulitzer-A pompous businessman, owns the World, Katherine's father (male, age 35-55) Vocal: C3-F4

Seitz-Editor, advises Pulitzer, but ultimately admires the kids' newspaper. (male/female, age 20-55)

Bunsen-Pulitzer's bookkeeper, his idea to raise the newsies' price per paper. (male/female, age 35-55)

Hannah-Pulitzer's practical and insightful secretary. (female, age 20-45)

Nunzio-Pulitzer's barber. (male, age 30-55)

Guard-The Guard removes the newsies from Pulitzer's building. (male/female, age 20-60)

Snyder-The crooked warden of The Refuge, a filthy and horrible orphanage (male/female, age 45-65)

Medda Larkin-A big-voiced saloon singer with great comic delivery, Jack's friend. (female, age 25-45) Vocal: F3-E5

The Bowery Beauties-Female performers at Medda's Theater. (females, age 18-30)

Stage Manager-Introduces Medda's act. (male/female, age 25-55)

Nuns-The three nuns offer breakfast to the hungry newsies. (female, age 20-60)

Photographer-Takes the triumphant photo of the newsies at the end of "Seize the Day." (male/female, age 15-25)

Woman-A newspaper customer. (Female, age 15-45)

Mr. Jacobi-Allows the newsies to congregate in his restaurant to plan their strike (male, age 35-55)

Policemen-Assist Snyder and turn against the newsies (male, age 20-60)

Mayor-The Mayor of New York City rebuffs Pulitzer's attempts to shut down the newsies' strike. (male, age 45-60)

Governor Teddy Roosevelt-A well-respected public servant, inspires Jack to stand up to Pulitzer. (male, age 50-65)