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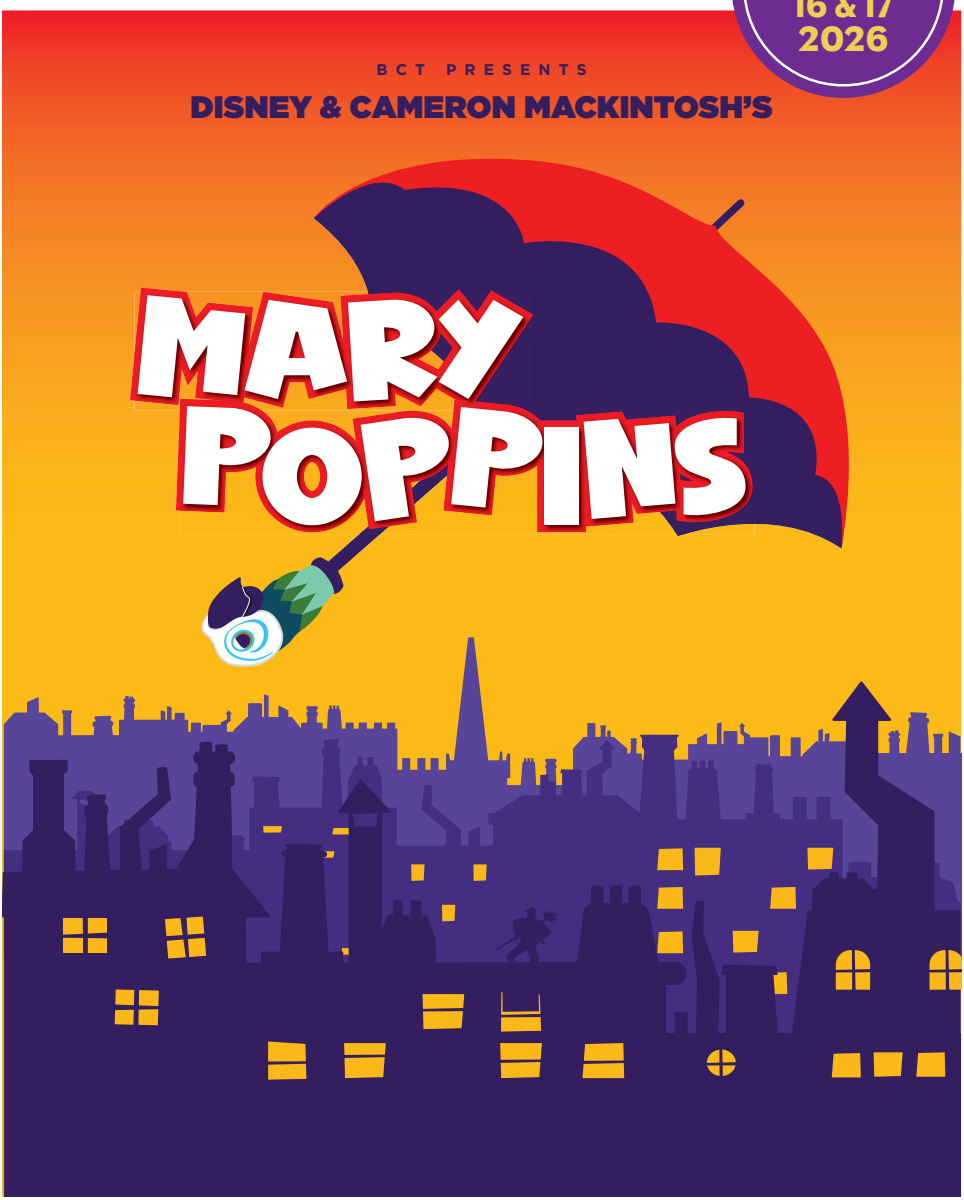



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BLACKHAWK CHRISTIAN THEATRE PRESENTS



ORIGINAL MUSIC & LYRICS BY
Richard M. Sherman, Robert B. Sherman

BOOK BY
Julian Fellowes

NEW SONGS AND ADDITIONAL MUSIC & LYRICS BY
George Stiles and Anthony Drewe

WITH

Cooper Herrmann
Kiera Kinney
Faye Holt

Piper Freeman
Madelyn Jones
Selah Johnson
Will Benson

Elaina Wahli
Mattie Smeltzer
Luke Benson

CHOREOGRAPHY
Kalleah Wilfong

MUSIC DIRECTOR
Emily Collier

COSTUMES
Victoria Lackey

SCENIC CHARGE ARTIST
Elizabeth Kruse

LIGHTING DESIGN
Elias Collier

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR
David Kars

SOUND DESIGN
Jeff Frank
Allen Mathis

DIRECTED BY
Mary Beth Frank

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MARY POPPINS
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DIRECTOR'S NOTES

"Anything CAN happen, IF you let it."

As I was designing and planning this monster of a show, this song kept coming back to my mind.

Anything can happen if you let it.

Sometimes things are difficult.

But you can bet it

doesn't have to be so.

Changes can be made.

You can move a mountain

if you use a larger spade.

This show got me, in so many ways, all while struggling with some personal health issues. I cannot tell you how tired I have been trying to produce, market, design, rehearse, and plan this classical piece of theatre. But I kept coming back to this song, and Matthew 17:20, remembering Jesus' promise that if we have the faith of a small mustard seed, we can move mountains. So, it wasn't about having a larger spade, but maybe it was being humble enough to cry out to the Lord and say I just cannot do this on my own. This show was like moving a mountain, indeed. And when trying to do so while you don't feel well, my spade just wasn't going to cut it. So, I put it down and started looking at my seed packet. And that came in the form of many amazing and beautiful people on my staff and crew. Students who are rock stars, parents who started stepping in and praying, people who started donating to cover some unexpected costs, and staff who just blow my mind in their capacity to adapt and adjust. As I am writing this, I literally had a parent tell me he bought a button maker so we can make buttons to sell. He just did it and let me know after it was in progress. I am so humbled all the time at how our heavenly father provides. We don't have to always be our best, nor do we have to always have our ducks in a row. But anything can happen when our faith is put into the hands of Jesus.

If you reach for the stars

all you get are the stars.

But we've found a whole new spin.

If you reach for the heavens

you get the stars thrown in.

Friends, let's keep reaching for the heavens. God will be so incredibly generous and throw those stars in with the blessing.

Thanks for continuing to support us at BCT. Thanks for being so generous. Thanks for everything. I continue to be your humble servant as director and hope you will continue to come back, again and again, to support these amazing kiddos.

With so much love,

Mary Beth Frank

Mary Beth Frank
Blackhawk Christian Theatre Director

MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT ONE

Chim Chim Cher-ee (Opening) ..... Bert

Cherry Tree Lane (Part 1) ..... Winifred, Mrs. Brill, Jane, Michael, Roberston Ay, George

The Perfect Nanny ..... Jane and Michael

Cherry Tree Lane (Part 2) ..... Winifred, Mrs. Brill, Jane, Michael, Roberston Ay, George

Practically Perfect ..... Mary Poppins, Jane, Michael

All Me Own Work ..... Bert

Jolly Holiday ..... Bert, Mary Poppins, Jane, Michael, Neleus, Ensemble

Let's Hope She Will Stay ..... George, Winifred, Jane, Michael

Winds Do Change ..... Bert

A Spoonful of Sugar ..... Mary Poppins, Jane, Michael, Roberston Ay, Winifred

Spoonful Playoff ..... Winifred

Precision and Order ..... Clerks, Chairman, Von Hussler, Northbrook

A Man Has Dreams ..... George Banks

Feed the Birds ..... Bird Woman, Mary Poppins, Ensemble

Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious ..... Mary Poppins, Bert, Jane, Michael, Mrs. Corry, Customers

Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious (Reprise)/The Wind May Blow ..... Bert, Customers

Twists and Turns ..... Bert

Playing the Game ..... Mary Poppins, Valentine, and the Toys

Chim Chim Cher-ee (Rooftop Duet) ..... Bert and Mary Poppins

ACT TWO

Cherry Tree Lane (Reprise) ..... Mrs. Brill, Roberston Ay, Jane, Michael, Winifred, George, Miss Andrew

Brimstone and Treacle (Part 1) ..... Miss Andrew

Let's Go Fly a Kite ..... Bert, Mary Poppins, Michael, Jane, Kite Flyers, Park Keeper

Good for Nothing/Being Mrs. Banks ..... George, Winifred

Brimstone and Treacle (Part 2) ..... Mary Poppins, Miss Andrew

Practically Perfect (Reprise) ..... Jane, Michael, Mary Poppins

Step in Time ..... Bert, Mary Poppins, Jane, Michael, Sweeps

Down the Chimney ..... Bert, Sweeps

A Man Has Dreams (Reprise) / A Spoonful of Sugar (Reprise) ..... George Bert

Anything Can Happen (Part 1) ..... Mary Poppins, Jane, Michael, Winifred, Bird Woman, Board of Directors

Give Us the Word ..... George

Anything Can Happen (Part 2) ..... Mary Poppins, Bert, Jane, Michael, Ensemble

A Spoonful of Sugar (Reprise) ..... Mary Poppins

Bows ..... Company

CAST

CAST MEMBERS

Mary Poppins ..... Kiera Kinney

Bert ..... Cooper Herrmann

George Banks ..... Will Benson

Winifred Banks ..... Selah Johnson

Jane Banks ..... Piper Freeman

Michael Banks ..... Faye Holt

Mrs. Brill ..... Madelyn Jones

Robertson Ay ..... Luke Benson

Miss Andrew/Ensemble ..... Elaina Wahli

Mrs. Corry/Valentine/Chimney Sweep #3/ Statue/Dance Captain/Ensemble ..... Mattie Smeltzer

Birdwoman/Admiral Boom ..... Brandi Anders

Neleus/Mr. Northbrook/Chimney Sweep #4/Teddy Bear/Ensemble ..... Noah Johnson

Miss Lark/Doll/Chimney Sweep #2/Ensemble ..... Olivia Dubach

Park Keeper/Von Hussler ..... Ben Neal

The Chairman/Police Officer ..... Dylan Faurote

Katie Nanna/Mrs. Smythe/Mr. Punch/Ensemble ..... Aubrey Moore

Annie/Doorman/Messenger/Ensemble ..... Elli Taylor

Fannie/Statue/Chimney Sweep #1/Ensemble ..... Scarlett Neal

Ensemble ..... Evangeline Cochran

Ensemble ..... Evelyn Todia

Ensemble ..... Cohen Watkins

Ensemble ..... Elaylah Usina

Ensemble ..... Reese Richard

Ensemble/Dancing Statue ..... Addie Study

Ensemble ..... Ellia Smith

Ensemble ..... Sophie Stitzer

Ensemble ..... Lyla Sherbahn

Ensemble ..... Brielle Thompson

Ensemble ..... Emma Todd

CREW

CREW MEMBERS

BACKSTAGE

Stage Manager ..... Maya Yoder

Stage Manager ..... Corbin Jones

Stage Manager ..... Nathaniel Hagen

Backstage Crew ..... Zak Thompson

Backstage Crew ..... Willis Wiegand

Backstage Crew ..... Molly Warner

DUNGEON

Dungeon Crew ..... Cordelia Tomell

Dungeon Crew ..... Brielle Saldivar

Dungeon Crew ..... Jackson Smith

ART CLUB

Artist ..... Alaina Wallace

Artist ..... Nora Mitchell

Artist ..... Joy Cochran

Artist ..... Lilia Vail

Artist ..... Emilia Zimmerman

Artist ..... Ellie Cloud

Artist ..... Caroline Pinkston

Artist ..... Lucy Duncan

Artist ..... Reyna Martin

Artist ..... Lucas Sherbahn

Artist ..... Audrey Adair

Artist ..... Violet Harber

Artist ..... Charles Smith

Artist ..... Molly Warner

Artist ..... Emily Hoffman

Artist ..... Morgan Trabel

Artist ..... Brielle Thompson

Artist ..... Evelyn Herring

CREW

CREW MEMBERS

PRODUCTION

Director/Set Designer/Marketing/Producer ..... Mary Beth Frank

Student Director ..... Micah Stiver

Props Designer/Parent Liaison ..... Courtney Smeltzer

Choreographer ..... Kalleah Wilfong

Music Director ..... Emily Collier

Costume Designer ..... Victoria Lackey

Hair & Makeup Lead ..... Kami Kinney

Technical Director ..... David Kars

Lighting Design ..... Elias Collier

Light Board Operator. ..... Jackson Ludwig

Sound Board Operator ..... Jeff Frank

Sound Designer/Music Operator/Rehearsal Assistant ..... Allen Mathis

Set Design/Lead Builder ..... Eliyahu Wahli

Art Club Leader ..... Becky Benson

Scenic Charge Artist ..... Elizabeth Kruse

Marketing/Graphic Design ..... Cory Benson

Show Photographer/Meal Coordinator ..... Heather Smith

Rehearsal Photographert ..... Pam Thompson

Rehearsal Assistant ..... Deanna Foust

Front of House Manager ..... April Herrmann

SET BUILDER TEAM

Eliyahu Wahli

Dan Herrmann

Greg Smith

Eric Dubach

Brock Heyneman

Joel Usina

HAIR/MAKEUP TEAM

Kami Kinney

Angela Sherbahn

Allison Study

Amber Todd

Dawn McCrory

COSTUME TEAM

Victoria Lackey

Dani Faurote

Annette Johnson

Susan Schultz

Pam Thompson

Abbie Usina





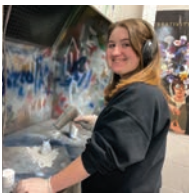
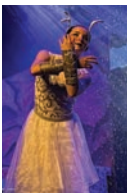
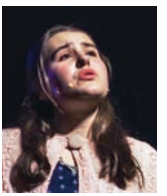
The Arts at BCS

At Blackhawk Christian School, the arts are more than classes or activities—they're a heartbeat of our community and a way for students to discover their God-given gifts. From the earliest days of school, children are encouraged to explore music, visual arts, and performance, guided by teachers who nurture curiosity, skill, and joy. Every note played, every brushstroke made, and every story brought to life on stage is a chance to grow, create, and serve.

As students progress, the arts open doors to new experiences and challenges. Middle schoolers pick up instruments, try new mediums, or find their voice in choir. In secondary school, the arts become a living, breathing part of daily life. Band and choir students fill the halls with music, bring energy to athletic events, and perform in concerts that highlight their hard work and dedication. Visual art classes and specialized courses like Art and Architecture, along with dual-credit options, allow students to expand their imagination and skill. On stage, Blackhawk Christian Theatre productions bring stories to life, cultivating confidence, teamwork, and the courage to step boldly into the spotlight.

Through every performance, gallery, and creative project, students learn to use their talents for more than themselves—they discover how their gifts can inspire, connect, and glorify God. The legacy of the arts at BCS is built on passion, creativity, and faith in action. Year after year, students leave not just with skills, but with a deeper understanding of purpose, ready to carry the lessons, discipline, and joy of the arts into the world around them.

Soli Deo Gloria.
(To the glory of God alone)







THE BCS HIGH SCHOOL

Art Club

Since 2014, the BCS High School Art Club has been a place where creativity meets purpose. Through sets, props, murals, and community projects, students share their talents in ways that brighten lives and bring people together.

But the true heart of the Art Club isn't just what's made—it's who these students become. They learn to collaborate, to think creatively, and to serve others with the gifts God has given them. Every project nurtures confidence, strengthens character, and reminds everyone involved that art can tell stories, inspire hearts, and leave the world a little more beautiful.

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.
Colossians 3:23



ART CLUB (L-R)
FRONT:
Front: Morgan Trabel, Avery Adair, Nora Mitchell
Middle: Charles Smith, Emilia Zimmerman, Reyna Martin, Molly Warner, Evelyn Herring, Caroline Pinkston
Back: Becky Benson, Lucas Sherbahn, Joy Cochran, Ellie Cloud, Lilia Vail











The Art of Costuming

Before a character speaks a word, their costume has already begun telling the story. Through color, texture, and style, costumes reveal personality, set the scene, and help transport an audience into the world of the show. For BCT's Mary Poppins, Victoria Lackey leads the costume department, bringing her creative vision to life through fabric and thoughtful details that help each character step from the page onto the stage.

Affectionately known as the "dungeon crew," our costume team works in the basement beneath the backstage area—a humble home for some extraordinary creativity. Several dedicated students tackle everything from sewing costumes to building accessories, turning ideas into pieces that move, sparkle, and tell a story. Their work may begin below the stage, but its impact shines in every scene.



ART CLUB (L-R)
L to R: Cordelia Tomell, Victoria Lackey, Danielle Faurote, Brielle Saldivar, Jackson Smith





WHO'S WHO



SIR CAMERON MACKINTOSH

SIR CAMERON MACKINTOSH (Co-Creator) began producing theatre in 1967, launching a career that has brought some of musical theatre's most celebrated shows to audiences worldwide. His credits include Les Misérables, The Phantom of the Opera, Cats, Miss Saigon, Oliver! and Mary Poppins, which he co-produced with Disney. Other productions include Little Shop of Horrors, Side by Side by Sondheim, Five Guys Named Moe, Martin Guerre and The Witches of Eastwick. His revivals of My Fair Lady, Oklahoma! and Carousel have enjoyed international success, alongside newly conceived productions of several of his signature musicals. He also co-produces London's Hamilton with Jeffrey Seller.

Beyond the stage, Mackintosh produced the film adaptation of Les Misérables with Working Title Films and Universal, earning recognition at the Academy Awards, Golden Globes and BAFTAs. He owns eight historic London theatres and has overseen extensive renovations to preserve them for future generations. He is also Owner and Co-Chairman of Music Theatre International. In 1990, he established Oxford University's Chair of Contemporary Theatre, with Stephen Sondheim as its first visiting professor. Knighted in 1996 for services to British theatre, he became the first British producer elected to Broadway's Theater Hall of Fame and received the Freedom of the City of London in 2023.

MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL (MTI)

Music Theatre International (MTI) is one of the world's leading theatrical licensing agencies, granting theatres from around the world the rights to perform the greatest selection of musicals from Broadway and beyond. Founded in 1952 by composer Frank Loesser and orchestrator Don Walker, MTI is a driving force in advancing musical theatre as a vibrant and engaging art form.

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MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL



KIERA KINNEY-MARY POPPINS

Kiera is a freshman and is thrilled to help bring this musical to life! This is her sixth show with BCT. Some of her favorite roles have been a Silly Girl in Beauty and the Beast, Rose in The Secret Garden, and Zaneeta in The Music Man. Offstage, Kiera loves spending time with family and friends, relaxing by the pool or at the lake, and reading. She is grateful to her family and friends for their constant support and encouragement.



COOPER HERRMANN-BERT

Cooper is a senior, and this is his 8th show at BCT. Some of his favorite shows he has been part of were Beauty and the Beast(Lumiere), The Secret Garden(Albert Lennox), and The Music Man(Tommy Djilas). Outside of school, Cooper loves to read, listen to music, and be a part of the Movement Worship Team and the Chapel Team at School! "This being my last musical, I am so happy I got to play Bert and be a part of this amazing cast! Thank you all for always supporting me. Enjoy the show!"!



WILL BENSON-GEORGE BANKS

Will is a 17 year-old senior in high school who writes and directs his own short films, of which he has made three with a fourth on the way. You can find them all at YouTube.com/@uncle_fudge. You'll see him on stage as George Banks in this production. Will has also acted in six other shows at BCS and performed solo monologues in competitions. Will plans to go to Huntington University in the fall of 2027 for their digital media arts program.



SELAH JOHNSON-WINIFRED BANKS

Selah is a junior and is delighted to step into the world of Mary Poppins as Winifred Banks! Her favorite show so far has been The Music Man. This is Selah's biggest role yet, and she is excited to take on the challenge! When she's not onstage, Selah enjoys reading, listening to music, and scrapbooking. She would like to thank her family for their continued support of her love of theater!

"I sounded more confident than I felt; one of the great secrets to life." — Emma M. Lion



PIPER FREEMAN-JANE BANKS

Piper is in 8th grade this year and is so excited to be apart of this show. This is her third show, and her biggest role yet. She has previously been in Peter Pan as a lost boy, and Music Man as Amaryllis. When not on stage, she enjoys dancing, shopping, and hanging out with her friends. Piper would like to thank all her friends and family for encouraging her two try out for this role. She would also like to thank Mary Beth, Emily, and Kalleah for all their help and encouragement. Enjoy the show!



FAYE HOLT-MICHAEL BANKS

Faye is a 6th grader this year and is super excited to be back in BCT. She has been in Shrek the Musical for Civic as Young Fiona and Tinkerbell, A Christmas Carol for 4 years, and recently was in Frozen Jr. as Young Anna. She thanks her mom, dad, and brother Austin as well as her best friends who have also supported her through this. She hopes you enjoy the show!



MADELYN JONES-MRS. BRILL

As a senior, Madelyn is excited to perform in her final musical and celebrate her 9th show at BCT! Outside of theater, she enjoys photography, listening to music, and spending time with her friends. She is incredibly grateful for the memories, friendships, and experiences theater has given her over the years. Most of all, she would like to thank her mom (Dawn Jones) and her dad (Adam Jones) for being her biggest supporters and always encouraging her throughout her theater journey.
"Thank you for the music, the songs I'm singing."-ABBA (Mamma Mia!)



LUKE BENSON-ROBERTSON AY

Luke is an 8th grader in Blackhawk Christian School. He is excited to play the role of Robertson Ay in Mary Poppins. His favorite past roles have been Young Shrek from Shrek the Musical at the Civic, Colin from The Secret Garden at BCT, and more. In his free time, he likes drawing, making videos, and hanging out with friends and family. Now, put your eyes toward the stage, and watch some Mary Poppins y'all.



ELAINA WAHLI-MISS ANDREW / ENSEMBLE

Elaina is a senior this year, and is so excited to be a part of Mary Poppins! Previously, Elaina has been Wendy in Peter Pan (BCT), Alma Hix in Music Man (BCT) and Phoebe Burn in SUFFS (Indiana Thespians). When she is not working on theatre, Elaina is probably reading, crocheting, or spending time with friends and family. Elaina wants to thank her family for supporting her theatrical adventures, no matter how crazy. She also wants to emphasize that even though her character in the show isn't the kindest, she does not abuse children in real life. She hopes you enjoy the show!
"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." - Colossians 3:17



MATTIE SMELTZER–MRS. CORRY, VALENTINE, CHIMNEY SWEEP #3, STATUE, DANCE CAPTAIN, ENSEMBLE

Mattie is a senior and is super excited for you to see this show! This is her tenth show and she is so glad to be able to spend so much time in this program. Her favorite roles have been Tinkerbell in Peter Pan and Wendy and Babette in Beauty and the Beast. Mattie likes to spend time with her friends, her sister Kenna, and her dog, Hash. She would like to thank Kalleah Wilfong for the opportunity to be her dance captain for 2 shows, and will miss working with, and learning from, her after this show.



BRANDI ANDERS–BIRDWOMAN/ADMIRAL BOOM

Brandi is so excited to be playing Bird Woman and Admiral Boom in *Mary Poppins*! She is grateful for the opportunity to be part of such a wonderful cast and to continue doing what she loves.
Brandi would like to dedicate this performance to her grandpa. She misses him more than words can say and carries his memory with her on stage. I love you and miss you, Grandpa. This one's for you.



NOAH JOHNSON–NELEUS, MR. NORTHBROOK, CHIMNEY SWEEP #4, TEDDY BEAR, ENSEMBLE

Noah is a freshman and is excited to be making his seventh BCT appearance! After playing Marcellus in The Music Man, Noah is back and ready to tippity-tap his way through Mary Poppins. He has had a blast learning to tap dance and is especially excited for everyone to see Step in Time and Jolly Holiday. When he's not on stage, Noah enjoys playing games, listening to music, hanging out with friends, and learning Spanish. Disfruta el espectáculo! (Enjoy the Show!)



OLIVIA DUBACH–MISS LARK, DOLL, CHIMNEY SWEEP #2, ENSEMBLE

Olivia is a sophomore and in her ninth production with BCT. Some of her favorite roles include, Lucy in the Lion, Witch, and the Wardrobe, Silly Girl in Beauty and the Beast, and Peter Pan's shadow in Peter Pan and Wendy. Olivia's favorite place is to be on the stage but when she's not on stage she can be found reading a book, playing with her dog, or hanging with her friends. Olivia would like to thank God for all the things He has given her. Enjoy the show!



BEN NEAL–PARK KEEPER/VON HUSSLER

Ben started theater with Fire and Light when he was nine years old. His first musical was Beauty and the Beast jr (2023). His favorite productions were Finding Nemo Jr as Anchor (2024), Best Christmas Pageant Ever as Charlie (2024), and You're a Good Man Charlie Brown as Schroeder (2026). He has also starred in First Presbyterian's Beauty and the Beast as Chip. Ben's first BCT production is Mary Poppins, which he hopes you enjoy.



DYLAN FAUROTE-CHAIRMAN, POLICE OFFICER

Dylan is a sophomore and he is back again. This is Dylan's seventh show at Blackhawk and his fourth on stage. When he is at home you will find him listening to music, reading, and doing stuff. He has no idea where his theatre career will go but he is excited to find out. If you want to see him again soon, he will be playing Fredrick bhaer during Blackhawk's winter show of little women. "Just remember, however hard things get, however much you feel you're struggling, the world is full of beauty."



AUBREY MOORE-KATIE NANNA, MISS SMYTHE, MR. PUNCH, ENSEMBLE

Aubrey is excited to return to the stage for her 4th show with BCT! Besides theatre, Aubrey enjoys running, playing guitar, and painting. She would like to thank her parents for all their support and she can't wait to participate in more shows in the future.



ELIANA TAYLOR-ANNIE, DOORMAN, MESSENGER, ENSEMBLE

Elli is a seventh grader who is excited to be in her first theatre production. When she doesn't have rehearsal, she enjoys hanging out with her sisters and playing her French horn. Her favorite hobbies are volleyball, basketball, and swim team. She loves Captain Marvel, Harry Potter, worship music, Disney music, and Christmas music. She hopes to get a lead role in a future production. Elli attends Brookside Church and is part of their youth group. She thanks her family and friends for their support.



SCARLETT NEAL-FANNIE, STATUE, CHIMNEY SWEEP # 1, ENSEMBLE

Scarlett is thrilled to be making her return to the stage after realizing that staying at home watching reality TV doesn't pay. She lives for the stage, and eating ice cream. She has been in four shows, mainly as an ensemble member, proving that her lifelong love for theater is just like her love for food: she doesn't need to be the main course to thoroughly enjoy being a part of the meal.



EVANGELINE COCHRAN- ENSEMBLE

Evangeline is currently in her 8th grade year at Blackhawk Christian. This is her second show, and she is so excited to be in this production. When not on stage Evangeline enjoys reading, painting, and spending time with friends and family. She would like to thank both her family and friends. She would also like to thank her wonderful director, choreographer, and costumer for all of their hard work, and for all the love and joy they pour into her and the rest of her wonderful cast and crew. All glory be to God, and enjoy the show!



EVELYN TODIA- ENSEMBLE

Evelyn is a 7th grader and is so excited to be in her second show at BCS! Her last appearance on stage was in The Music Man last spring. When Evelyn is not on stage, she enjoys baking, traveling with her family, playing the piano, and hanging out with her friends. She would like to thank her family for their love and support throughout this theater journey. Enjoy the show!



COHEN WATKINS- ENSEMBLE

Cohen is a 6th grader this year and is very excited for this year's production! Cohen was a lost boy in Peter Pan and Wendy and an Ensemble dancer in The Music Man. His favorite production was Peter Pan and Wendy as a lost boy. He loves drawing, painting, playing tennis, volleyball, and golf. He would like to thank his parents, family, and Mary Beth for their support and encouragement throughout the years!



ELAYLAH USINA-ENSEMBLE

Elaylah is a seventh grader this year and is very exited to perform in her third show here at BCT. The past performances that she was a part of were Oliver Twist and Peter Pan and Wendy. Some of the things Elaylah likes to do in her free time is draw, sing, listen to music, and hang out with friends. She would like to thank her family and the theater directors for supporting her in this production.



REESE RICHARD-ENSEMBLE

Reese is in 8th grade and this is her 5th BCT show. Her favorite role was Mary Lennox in The Secret Garden. In her free time, Reese enjoys running and reading, but not at the same time. Her favorites verse is Matthew 6:25.



ADDIE STUDY- DANCING STATUE AND ENSEMBLE

Addie is delighted to be performing in her fourth show with BCT and is looking forward to putting her years of tap lessons to work in such a fun way. She has loved being part of this show and making so many wonderful memories. Addie would like to thank her parents for always doing all the things to support her, and most of all, thank God for giving her the ability to do something she loves so much!



ELLIA SMITH- ENSEMBLE

Ellia is in eighth grade this year and is very excited to be in the ensemble on stage in Mary Poppins. She has previously been in Beauty and the Beast, The Secret Garden, Peter Pan and Wendy, and The Music Man. She loves being able to be onstage to dance and sing with her friends. Ellia loves to make art, sing, and dance. Ellia would like to thank her parents for all of their support, and her drama and dance teachers for helping her learn and grow onstage.



SOPHIE STITZER - ENSEMBLE

Sixth-grader Sophie is thrilled to take the stage in her first full-length musical! Fresh off playing Bruce the shark in Finding Nemo Jr. at BCS Theater Camp, this creative powerhouse loves sketching, singing, and teaching herself to play guitar. When she's not performing at open mic nights, she's practicing to become a future heavy metal legend. Special thanks to her parents and her sister for being her biggest, most supportive fans!



LYLA SHERBAHN - ENSEMBLE

Lyla is in her freshman year and is so excited to be in Mary Poppins! This is her eighth show BCT and is very happy to be back on stage. Some of her favorites roles have been Young Anastasia(Anastasia), Pirate Ensemble(Peter Pan and Wendy), and Carissa(Where the Sky Meets the Sea). When she's not performing she loves to read, paint, and spend time with friends. She would like to thank her family and friends for all their support!



BRIELLE THOMPSON - ENSEMBLE

Brielle is in 8th grade and is excited to be part of another BCT production, marking her seventh show with Blackhawk! One of her favorite roles was in Beauty and the Beast, when she got to play the role of Chip! When she's not on stage, Brielle enjoys playing soccer. She also loves painting, calling with friends, and listening to music. She is grateful for every opportunity to be part of the BCT family and can't wait to see what adventures come next!



EMMA TODD - ENSEMBLE

Emma is a 6th grader this year and practically perfect... on a good day. This is her 6th show, and some of Emma's favorite shows include: Seussical Jr., Korzack's Children, and Charlie Brown. When Emma is not performing, she loves hanging out with friends, bedazzling, and baking. She would like to thank her besties, Lyla, Adrianne, and Atarra, for always putting up with her crazy side; and her supportive parents and siblings. Emma's a chimney sweep by day, and a theater kid by... also day.



MAYA YODER – STAGE MANAGER

Maya is a junior and is so excited to be apart of this production as a Stage Manager. Two of her favorite shows she's been apart of are: Beauty and The Beast and The Music Man. She loves reading, listening to music and spending time with family and friends. Maya is an old soul that loves simple things in life! She would like to thank her parents and friends for all their encouragement and support! And thanks Dad for serving our country!!



CORBIN JONES – STAGE MANAGER

Corbin Jones is a sophomore this year. This would be his seventh show in BCT. When Corbin is not working on the production, he is watching the Reds be just as disappointing as they are every year.



NATHANIEL HAGEN – STAGE MANAGER

Nathaniel Hagen is in his sophomore year and expects much theater fun this year. This is his second show being a stage manager, and fourth main stage show he has helped in. In addition to his commitment to BCT, he also plays the trumpet for the Fort Wayne Youth Symphony Orchestra. As for less formal hobbies, he is a poet, a pianist, and a historian. He also often labels himself as a total nerd, a decent teacher, and a suboptimal artist. Most of all, he would like to thank his family for all their support.



ALLEN MATHIS – SOUND DESIGNER, MUSIC OPERATOR REHEARSAL ASSISTANT

Allen Mathis is a senior. This is his eighth show with BCT, and he has been assisting with technical operations since his eighth grade year. Some of the shows he has worked on in the past include Anastasia, Music Man, and Peter Pan and Wendy. When he's not busy with rehearsal, Allen enjoys watching movies, reading books, and spending time with his friends.



JACKSON LUDWIG – LIGHT BOARD OPERATOR

Jackson is an eighth grader who enjoys making the lights shine for BCT! This is his fifth production lighting up the stage for the amazing actors. He makes all their faces shine bright for all to see! When Jackson isn't lighting things up, he enjoys hanging with his friends and family and playing Clash Royale. He wants to thank his family and friends for all their support.



ZAK THOMPSON – BACKSTAGE CREW

Zak may not be flying around with an umbrella, but he'll be flying around backstage trying to keep everything together! A 10th grader on the backstage crew for Mary Poppins, Zak helps with props, sets, and whatever chaos happens behind the curtain. You might not see him on stage, but if something magically appears or disappears, just assume he was involved.



WILLIS WIEGAND – BACKSTAGE CREW

Willis is a Senior and has been a part of theatre since his Freshman year. The productions he has been in are but are not limited to: The Lion The Witch and The Wardrobe, Beauty and The Beast, Peter Pan and Wendy, and most recently The Music Man. He cannot wait to bring his energy, and enthusiasm to the stage Crew of Mary Poppins. Apart from theatre Willis enjoys gaming with his friends, doing hangouts with his friends and spending time with his pets. Willis would like to thank Mary Beth Frank for giving him a chance to be in theatre this semester.



MOLLY WARNER – BACKSTAGE CREW

Molly is in 7th grade and is excited to be part of the crew this show! This is her fifth show, and second with BCT. Her favorite roles have been a Lost Boy in Peter Pan and Wendy, and Mrs. Gloop in Charlie and The Chocolate Factory Jr. When not rehearsing or performing, Molly enjoys crafting, playing piano, reading, and playing wiffleball with her brothers. She would like to thank her first director Mrs. Nather for first getting her involved in theatre, and all of her theatre friends for helping and encouraging her along the way!

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MARY BETH FRANK - DIRECTOR

Mary Beth has been teaching and directing theatre for over 18 years. She has loved teaching youth and helping kids find their voice in a safe space. She has also directed at Fire and Light Productions, All For One, Huntington University, and is an adjunct professor at Huntington University. She would like to thank her husband for always listening to her tales after rehearsals.

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MICAH STIVER - STUDENT DIRECTOR, BACKSTAGE CREW

While Micah has been on the stage since he was a fifth grader, this is his first time helping behind the scenes. He has enjoyed getting a glimpse into the production side of theater, but you can be sure that he'll be back on stage in the future.



COURTNEY SMELTZER - PARENT LIAISON/PROPS DESIGNER

Courtney is serving on the Props Team and as Parent Liaison. She is an alumna who performed with BCS and Taylor University and is the proud parent to Mattie, who is a Senior this year. When she's not hunting down props, Courtney can usually be found holding an open mug of coffee—because theater runs on talent, teamwork, and an unreasonable amount of caffeine. Enjoy the show!



KALLEAH WILFONG - CHOREOGRAPHER

With over a decade of competitive, theatrical and professional dance experience, Kalleah has had the privilege to work and train with dancers, choreographers and teachers from Broadway, Hollywood, Chicago and beyond. She feels so blessed to get to share her love of the arts with aspiring young performers working at the Fort Wayne Dance Collective and here at Blackhawk. She sends her love and thanks to her cast mates at Your Party Princess, Inc. and Olivia Grace & Co. where she lives her dream of being a Disney princess.



EMILY COLLIER - MUSIC DIRECTOR

Emily Collier has a B.M. in Vocal Music Education from Huntington University and a M.M in Contemporary Commercial Music Voice Pedagogy from Shenandoah University. She is the owner of Collier Conservatory, a private voice and piano studio, where she teaches lessons to students of all ages. You can learn more about the studio @collierconservatory on Instagram and Facebook. Emily is excited to continue working with BCT this semester as music director!



VICTORIA LACKEY - COSTUME DESIGNER

Victoria is overjoyed to design for Mary Poppins as she grew up watching the movie. Alongside sewing, she loves attending concerts, tattooing, video games, and petting any animal that will let her get close. Victoria would like to thank Mary Beth and The Lord for such an amazing experience and opportunity.



DANI FAUROTE – ASSISTANT COSTUMER

Dani is a BCS first grade teacher, a BCT assistant costumer, and the mother of Dylan Faurote. She is new to the theater world and thankful for this opportunity to assist the cast and crew throughout the musical season. Dani sends a special thank you to her husband Joel for all his support and care when I am with this amazing team.



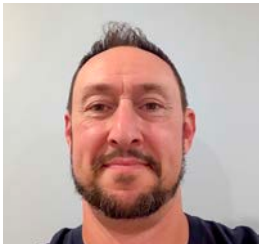
DAVID KARS - TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

David is excited to return as Technical Director for Blackhawk Christian Theatre's production of Mary Poppins - The Broadway Musical. With a background spanning music, technical theatre, and church production, he brings a strong attention to detail and a commitment to ensuring every system functions smoothly and safely. David previously served as Technical Director at The Soo Theatre, overseeing lighting, sound, and production systems. His experience includes lighting and sound design, IT infrastructure, and audio system installations for schools and churches. He currently serves as an IT Audio Visual Engineer at Sweetwater. This is his fifth production as Technical Director with BCS.



ELIAS COLLIER - LIGHTING DESIGNER

This is Elias's second show at BCT; his first as the lighting designer. He previously played in the pit orchestra for The Music Man doing miscellaneous percussion such as the timpani and the "train whistle". Elias graduated with a degree in Theatre at Huntington University and has done everything from acting, designing, operating, writing, and to being a cardboard cut-out of an elephant from the behind.



ELIYAHU WAHLI - SET DESIGN/LEAD BUILDER

Eliyahu is excited to be part of the theatre build team for his 5th show. He enjoys the opportunity to be part of a creative and skillful team. He has 2 children at BCS Elaina (grade 12) Owen (grade 8). He thanks his wife Jackie for the continuous encouragement.



DAN HERRMANN - SET BUILDING CREW

Dan is once again part of the Dad set building crew and is thankful for the opportunity to serve others in this way. This is his fourth show supporting behind the scenes and has plenty of splinters to show for it. He is proud of his son, Cooper as he shares his amazing talents on stage. Dan is a Project Engineer at L3Harris who manages large program teams in designing and building world-class space vehicles.



BECKY BENSON - ART CLUB DIRECTOR

Becky is blessed to join the secondary staff at Blackhawk as an art and choir teacher. She has over twenty years of experience in teaching and education administration and has been singing, acting and enjoying art all her life. She is thankful to have a family that shares these passions, including her husband Cory and boys, Will and Luke. She can't wait to see this play! Congratulations on a wonderful show, everyone!



ELIZABETH KRUSE – SCENIC CHARGE ARTIST

Elizabeth is a middle school art teacher at East Noble. Elizabeth has been involved in theater for 10 years now. She has previously worked as the scenic charge artist at Huntington University and as the Art Director for Blackhawk's summer theater camp.



HEATHER SMITH - PROMOTIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER

Heather is a BCS alum, participating in many theatre productions when she attended. It is an honor to come back and be a part of the theatre program as a parent. She has been doing photography for over 15 years as a part time side job. Heather Smith Photography specializes in individuals, families, seniors, and lifestyle sessions. You can find her on Instagram @heathersmithphotographer. Watching kids and families grow up through the camera lens is a gift. Thank you for supporting our theatre program here at BCS! These kids work so hard, enjoy the show!



CORY BENSON - MARKETING & GRAPHIC DESIGN

Mary Poppins is a family affair for Cory, who helps bring BCT's productions into the spotlight through Marketing and Graphic Design. He couldn't be prouder of Will stepping into the role of Mr. Banks and Luke bringing Robertson Ay to life. His wife adds her own creative touch as Art Club leader, encouraging students and helping their talents shine. Cory loves seeing each of them contribute in their own way —and is happy to leave the singing, dancing, and flying to the experts.



APRIL HERMANN - FRONT OF HOUSE MANAGER

April is a BCS alumni, and this is her 8th show working Front of House. She is thankful for the opportunities to be involved at BCS and loves watching her amazing son, Cooper as Bert in the show. April works at Junior Achievement of Northern Indiana helping students with financial literacy. Thank you for your support of the BCS Theatre program! Enjoy the show!



DEANNA FOUST - REHEARSAL ASSISTANT

Deanna started volunteering in theater when her son, Tanner, was cast in his first BCT production, he has since graduated but she can't seem to tear herself away from being a part of this amazing program. She spends her days teaching preschoolers all about God's great love for them and stays on after school to assist at rehearsals.

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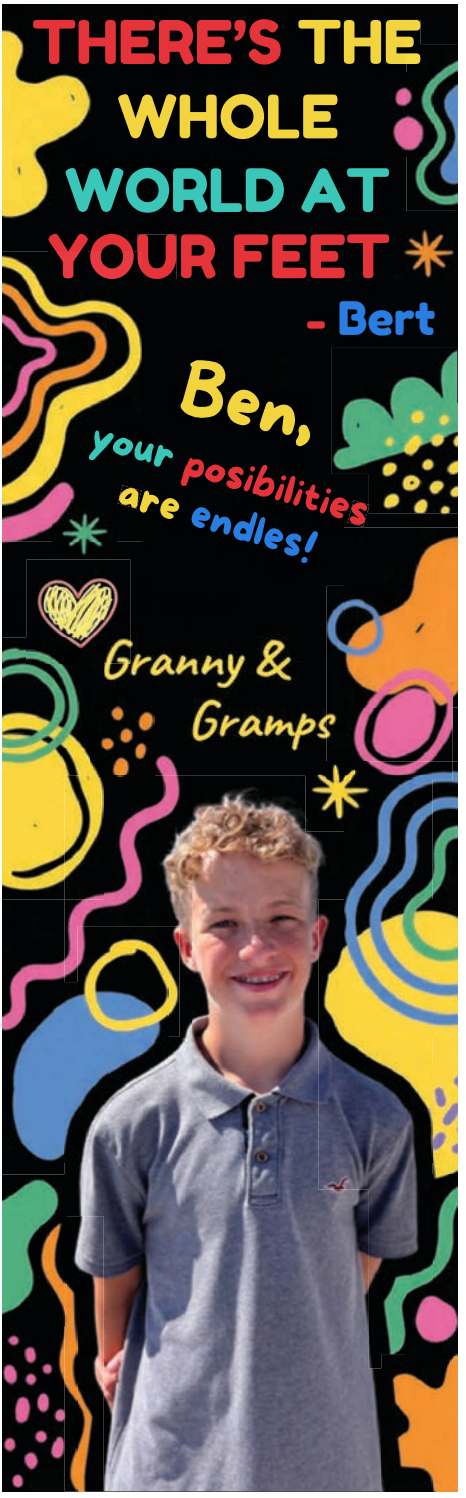
We love you Elaina! Have fun!
Grma and Grpa Stroh

COHEN



We are so proud of you, buddy, and are happy you enjoy theatre so much! It's fun to see you use your gifts. Keep doing what you love and we will always be cheering you on!

Love, Dad, Mom, Olivia, and Lucy :)





We want you to know how proud we are of you...

Your dedication to theater has been practically perfect in every way. You've given every show your time, energy, heart, and talent, approaching challenges with a supercalifragilisticexpialidocious spirit. Remember family connection, presence, and love are far more valuable than professional duty and the pursuit of wealth. ***Believe in yourself—we certainly do. Step In Time, Madelyn.***

Watching your passion shine from behind the scenes to ensemble to supporting roles, embracing every stage with pure joy, makes me proud.

Love, Mom

This was one of my favorite shows to help you prepare for. It is brilliant how you pour all of your self into the all of your characters.

Love, Dad



Will,

We look forward to cheering you on as Mr. Banks! Even more than that, it is a joy to watch you grow and become the person who God created you to be - a determined, self-starter who is unafraid to be himself. By doing so, you encourage those around you to do the same. We are proud of you, Will!

Love,
Dad & Mom



Precision & order –
and a lot of fun to go with it!

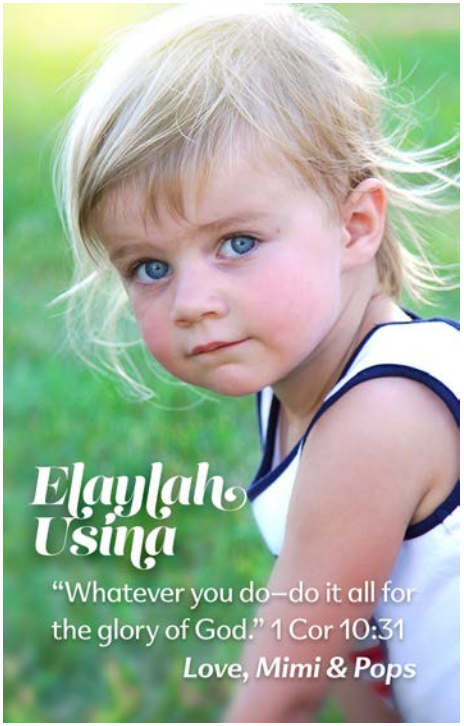
Elaina Wahli

You continue to surprise us
with your ever growing talents.
Can't wait to see what you do next.
We love you so much &
We are so so very proud of you.

Love,
Mom, Dad & Owen







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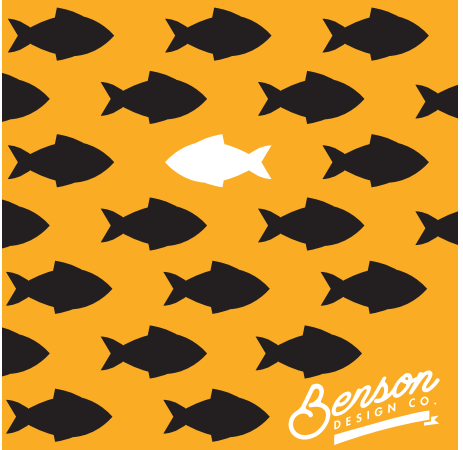

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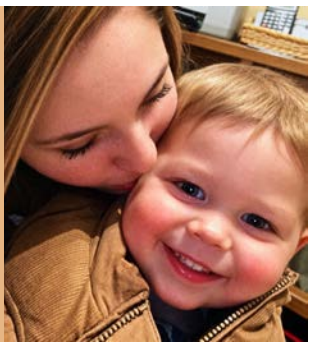
Hey Luke!

Lots of love from your cousins, and all your fam, as you take the stage tonight!

We couldn't be more proud of you!



Luke...



We are so proud of your hard work in this role. Even more than that, we are blessed to watch as you continually challenge yourself to grow in other ways. Your kindness and thoughtfulness show in all you do! We can't wait to see all that God has in store for you. Break a leg, Robertson Aye!

Love,
Dad & Mom



Who knew you were practicing even then?

Olivia Dawn,

we are so blessed to watch you do what you love on the stage. Thank you for using your gifts and talents for the Lord! Love you, lollipop! Break a leg!





Ellia,
You always loved playing dress up! Now here you are, playing dress up all over again. Your joy shines on stage and your love for theatre has been the most beautiful surprise! We are so proud of you.

Break a leg!
Mom, Dad, and Gideon





Selah & Noah,

We are so proud of you both! Watching you share your gifts on stage is such a joy. We are excited to watch you bring Mrs. Banks and Neleus to life! Keep shining, working hard, and using the gifts God has given you to bring joy to others. We will always be your biggest fans, cheering you on from the audience!

Love,
Mom & Dad





We are so proud of you, Elli! Continue to seek the Lord in all you do!

Love, Mom and Dad





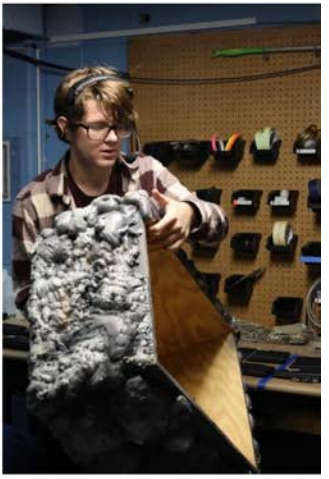
Aubrey,

We are so thankful for the joy that you bring into our lives. We love you!

Love,
Gramma & Grampa







IN EVERY JOB THAT MUST BE DONE

THERE IS AN ELEMENT OF FUN.

You have always found that fun and SNAP, the jobs a game! Watching you work your way up to backstage manager has made us incredibly proud. You've earned this role through hard work, responsibility, leadership, and dedication. While the audience may see what happens under the spotlight, we see the effort happening behind it. Keep leading, learning, and taking pride in what you accomplish.

You are the invisible backbone of every performance, and I could not be prouder watching you bring such magic and seamless effort to life.

Love, Mom

You never cease to amaze me. You take on your roles with conviction and that give me such joy

Love, Dad

Congratulations,

Evelyn Joy!



We are so proud of you.

Love, Dad, Mom, and Eli



Cooper,

God gave you amazing gifts, and we know He knew exactly what He was doing when He put you on the stage! We are so proud of the young man you have become and all the hard work you have put into bringing Bert to life. Break a leg, enjoy every moment and ***let your talent shine!***

We love you!
Dad, Mom and Emme



EVERYTHING IS

Possible

Scarlett,
Dream big and keep shining!

Love
Granny & Gramps





Dear Sophie,

You put your heart, soul, and countless hours of hard work into preparing for this moment. We have always known how talented you are - not just as an incredible singer, but also through the amazing art and creativity you share with the world. Your determination and big dreams inspire us every day, and your courage and kindness make us endlessly proud to be your parents. Keep chasing those dreams and let your light shine bright!

With much love,
Mom and Dad







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Congratulations Dylan! We are so proud of all your hard work! We love you to pieces.

Love, Mom and Dad,

Nathaniel,
Go earn your "A", step in time, play the perfect trumpet pitch, and row with the crew! Keep rockin it!

Mom and Dad

Cooper, enjoy your time in Mary Poppins! I can't wait to watch it! Love you very much!

Love you, Grandma Maurizi

"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.
Colossians 3:23

Faye, we are so proud of you! There is no limit to what you can do

Love, Mom, Dad, and Austin

Zak and Brielle- We are so proud of you and your hard work on Mary Poppins! It is a joy to watch you do what you love! Keep shining on stage and creating magic behind the scenes! Always do your best for His glory! We love you!

Mom and Dad

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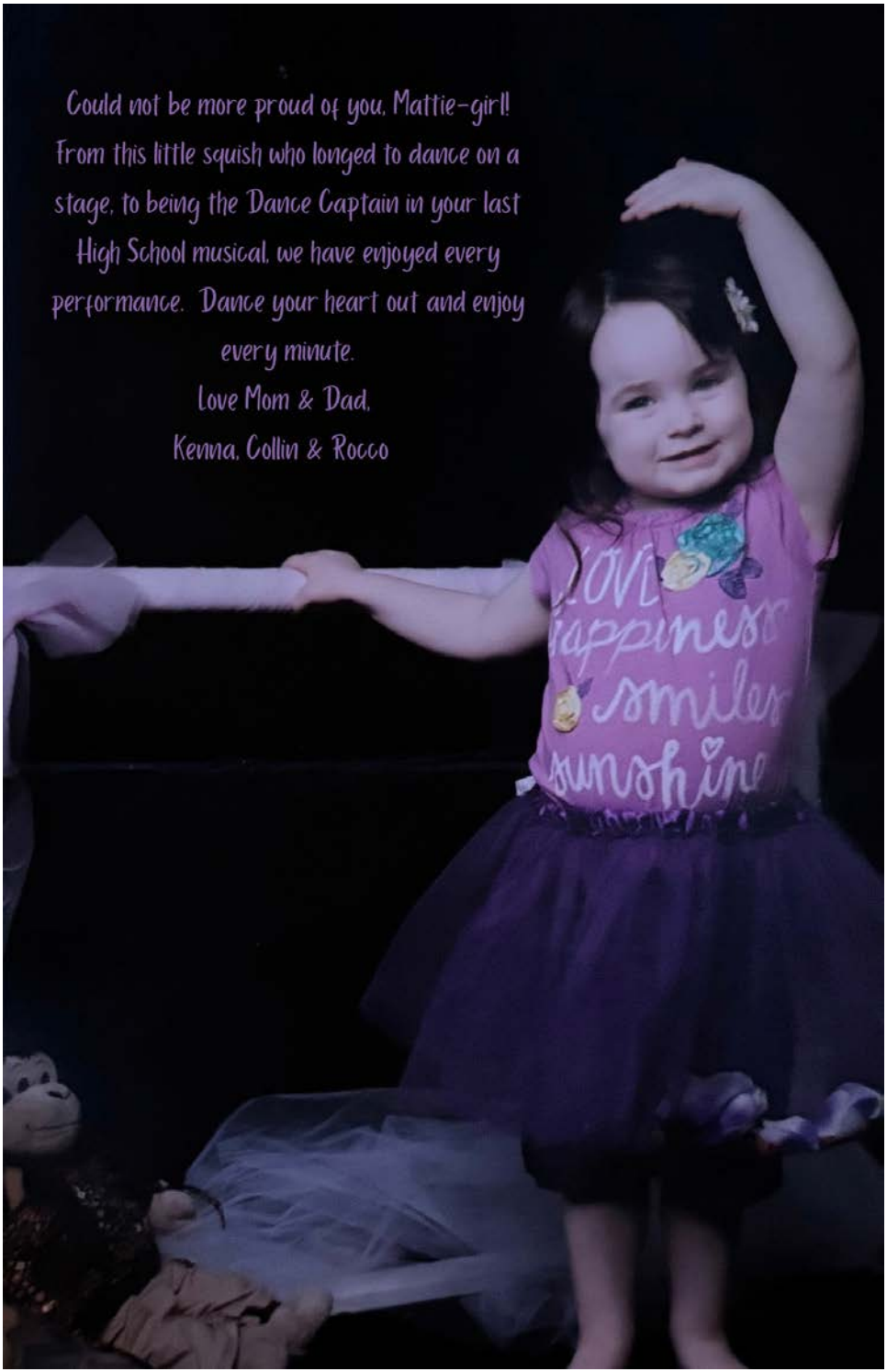

Could not be more proud of you, Mattie-girl!
From this little squish who longed to dance on a stage, to being the Dance Captain in your last High School musical, we have enjoyed every performance. Dance your heart out and enjoy every minute.
Love Mom & Dad,
Kenna, Collin & Rocco
smile
sunshine


Piper,
We are so incredibly proud of you and so excited to watch you shine as
Jane Banks in
Mary Poppins!
Watching you grow into such a talented, confident, and wonderful young lady brings us more joy than you could ever know.
Enjoy every magical moment on stage, keep dreaming big, believe in yourself, and always
let your beautiful light shine.
We love you more than words can say and will forever be your biggest fans!
Love always,
Mamaw & Papaw Freeman,
Uncle Jimmy, Aunt Faith,
Uncle Matt, Eliana, Ollie & Graham
A little magic goes a long way

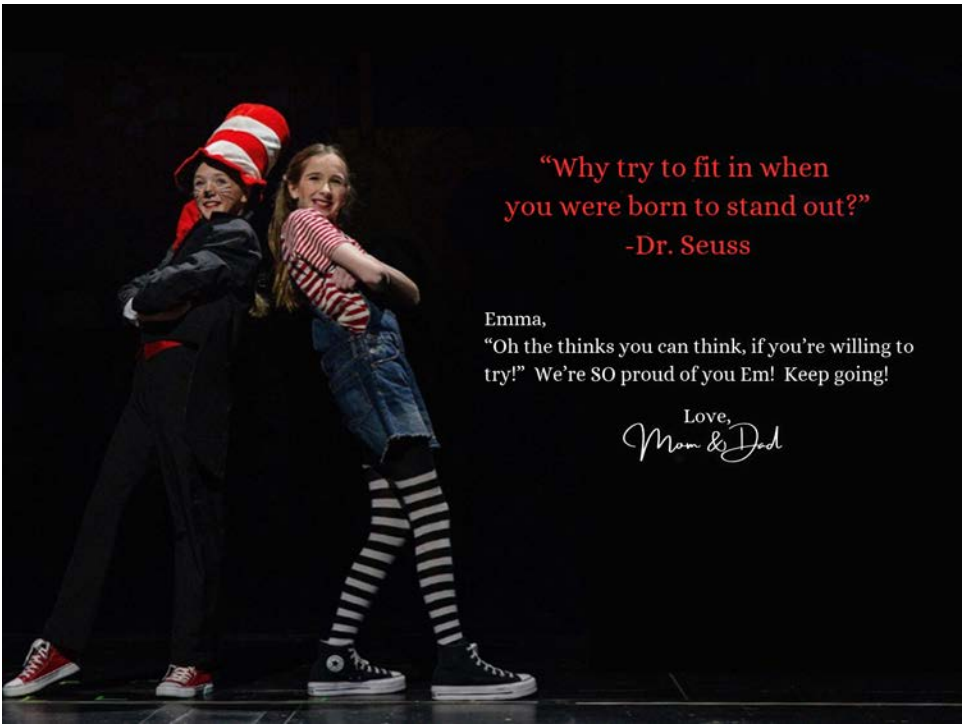


Madelyn, we are proud of your accomplishments in theater. You have always loved performing and are a bright shining star now! Corbin, we are impressed with your abilities as a stage manager. You also have a knack for acting. We are proud of you!

Love you both,

Nana & Pawpaw







KIERA

Watching you step into the role of Mary Poppins has been so much FUN! We see how much work happens before the curtain opens; the hours of rehearsal, the lines learned, and the determination to keep growing. You have given this role your whole heart, and we are so proud of you!

What makes us proudest, though, is the gentle spirit you bring with you. You notice people. You encourage your friends. You lead with kindness and grace, and you care about doing your best to honor the Lord.

Mary Poppins may be *practically perfect* in every way, but what we love most about you is that you are wonderfully, beautifully YOU! We are grateful for your gifts, your hard work, and the young woman God is shaping you to be.

Enjoy every moment, sweet girl. We'll be cheering the loudest!
We love you,
Mom & Dad



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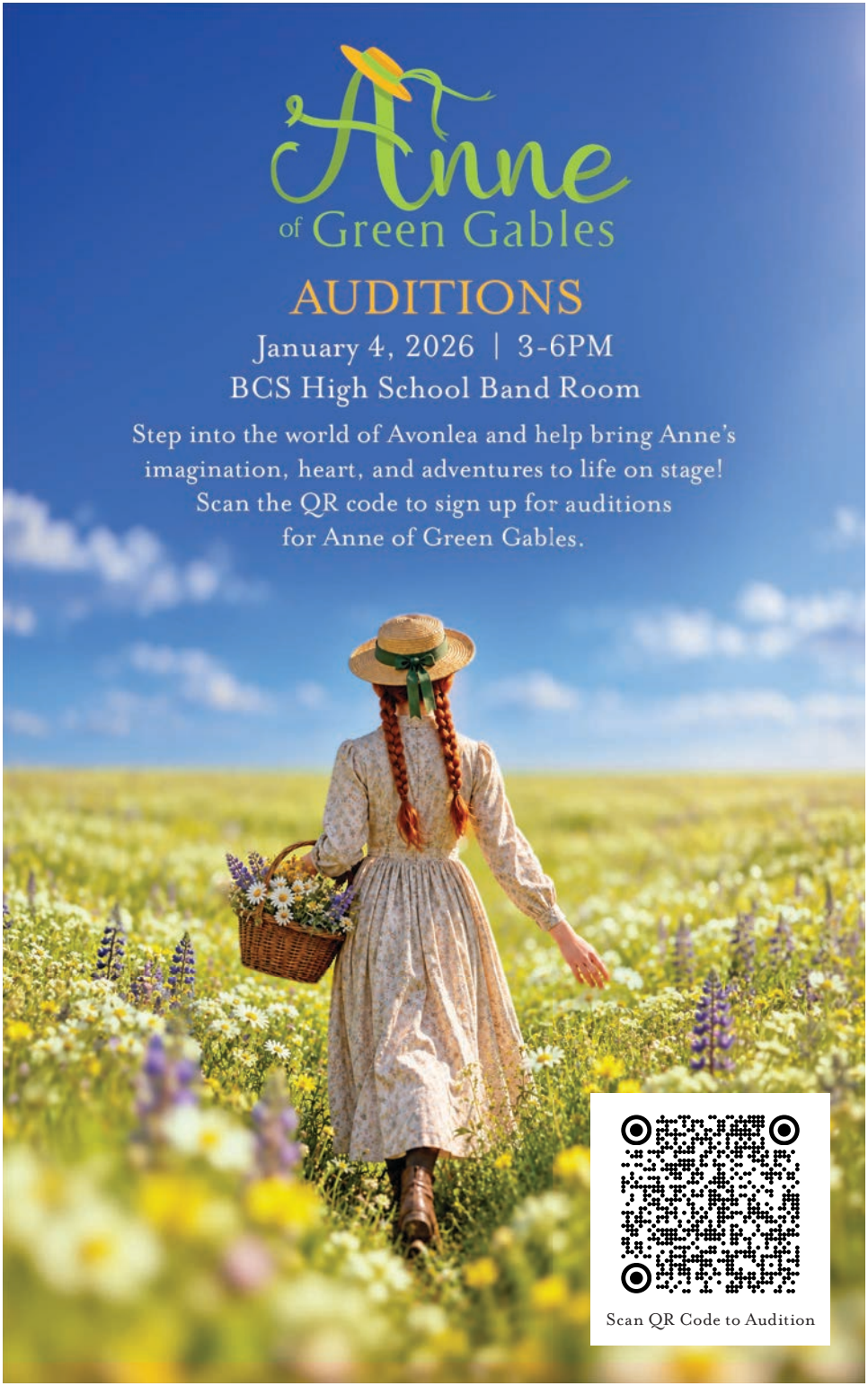
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