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# Production Crew

Director.....	Daphne Cox
Choreographer.....	Susan Zeringue
Tap Choreographer.....	Lori Payne
Stage Manager.....	Jillian Hall
Set Design.....	Mandy Winter
	Ron Rainey
Set Construction.....	Dawn Clifton
	Mark Holliman
	Makesha Rainey
	Ron Rainey
	Michael Spencer
	Scott Hall
	Lee Winter
	Mandy Winter
Lighting Design.....	Makesha Rainey
Sound Design.....	Matthew Cox
Sound Operator.....	Alyssa Rhea
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# Cast of Characters

Annie.....	Wallis Drake
Molly.....	Annabeth Lane
Tessie, Rockette.....	Chloe Spencer
July.....	Alyza Jane Hudson
Duffy, New Yorker.....	McKenna Rainey
Kate.....	Izzy Winter
Pepper.....	Annabelle Boyd
Miss Hannigan.....	Addy Kate Pond
Sandy, Jessie, Servant, Rockette.....	Cicilia West
Oliver Warbucks.....	Brice Clifton
Grace Farrell, Lucy.....	Ily Bostick
Rooster, Rockette.....	Annalauren Carter
Lily, Rockette.....	Emma Jefferson
Annette, Vinnie, Rockette.....	Madelynn Cook
Cecille, Jane, Rockette.....	Naomi Howlett
Drake, New Yorker.....	Kory Hall
Mrs. Greer, Lizzie, New Yorker.....	Avery Swindoll
Mrs. Pugh, Mary, Rockette.....	Sarah Page
Mr. Bundles, New Yorker.....	Noah Andrews
Officer Ward, Rosie, Servant, New Yorker.....	Hadley Swindoll
Bert Healy, Servant, New Yorker.....	Asher Bostick
President Roosevelt, Sam, Servant, Rockette.....	Mirandah Cook
Louis Howe, Susie, Servant, New Yorker.....	Raygan Davis
Star-to-Be, Lottie, Servant.....	Laney Dickerson
Apple Seller, Anna, Servant, New Yorker.....	Emma Ragsdale
Dogcatcher, New Yorker.....	Nathan Bedsole
Usherette, Servant.....	Grace Deterding

## Orphan Ensemble

Bettie.....	Linden Bostick
Violet.....	Harper Denton
Millie, New Yorker.....	Emma Dowell
Liza, New Yorker.....	Olivia Dowell
Jojo.....	Emsley Spann

# Musical Numbers

Maybe.....	Annie, Molly, Tessie, July, Duffy, Kate, Pepper, Orphans
It's The Hard-Knock Life.....	Annie, Molly, Tessie, July, Duffy, Kate, Pepper, Orphans
It's The Hard-Knock Life (Reprise).....	July, Molly, Kate, Tessie, Duffy, Pepper, Orphans
Tomorrow.....	Annie, Sandy
Little Girls.....	Miss Hannigan
Little Girls (Reprise).....	Miss Hannigan
I Think I'm Gonna Like It Here .....	Grace, Annie, Servants
N.Y.C.....	Warbucks, Grace, Annie, Star-to-be, New Yorkers
Easy Street.....	Rooster, Miss Hannigan, Lily
You Won't Be An Orphan For Long.....	Warbucks, Annie
Maybe (Reprise).....	Annie
You're Never Fully Dressed Without A Smile.....	Tessie, July, Kate, Orphans
Easy Street (Reprise).....	Rooster, Miss Hannigan, Lily
I Don't Need Anything But You.....	Warbucks, Annie
Maybe (Second Reprise).....	Annie
Tomorrow (Reprise).....	Warbucks, Annie, Company

# **A Note from the Director**

The musical *Annie* was performed at the Orpheum Theatre in Memphis, Tennessee, as part of its first national tour in 1980, with performances running from November 11 to November 22. Eight-year-old Daphne was in those seats, and the rest is history!

Since then I sang "Maybe" in a fourth grade showcase. I played Lily at West Memphis Little Theater (now the Little Theatre of Crittenden County) in 1996, then I directed it various versions of the show in 2006, 2016, and 2022.

This is the beginning of my 36th year of directing children, and it is my passion. I do this because I love to see that spark in their eye when it all comes together, when it all makes sense. Many of these children have never been on stage – couple those with some outstanding "veterans," and you have the making of a fabulous production. I got to see them blossom before my eyes; I pushed them and they rose to the occasion!

And here we are, in our second year on our biggest stage yet, the Heindl!! These kids deserve this stage! I say I don't do children's theatre, I do theatre that happens to have kids in it! It's amazing what they can do when given the opportunity!

Of course, I do none of this without the help of a group of quite talented young actors and an amazing production team, some of which I must personally thank.

First, I would like to say thank you to this cast of children for their hard work and determination to get it right! I am so very proud of each and every one of you. You each bring your own unique talents to this show! You are all important to this production and to this organization.

Parents, thank you for sitting in the parking lot waiting on your kid to get out of rehearsal. Thank you for being patient and letting your kids say "just wait 'til the show." Thank you for supporting and encouraging your child. Most of all, thank you for sharing your children with me! You will be amazed at what they have done!

Mandy, Dawn, Ron and Makesha: you have taken my thoughts and our conversations and turned them into the perfect set for our cast! Your attention to detail has made it what it is! I am so thankful for you all! You are amazing humans.

Lori, the tap is amazing!! You are one of my biggest supporters and a good friend! Thank you for saying yes!

Susan, my choreographer and friend, I am so grateful that we see things the same way. Thank you for never expecting any less just because they are kids. Thank you for some amazing moves! This cast is having so much fun performing your dances.

Our board, Susan, Anna, and Lindsay: Thank you for coming along on this crazy journey with me! Your support and encouragement means to world to me! You are always open with an ear, you play devil's advocate, and you always ask "What can I do?" Thank you!

My daughter, Madison: You were the first one to say, "Do it!" You are the face behind our social media and website. You make it all look good! You have been my biggest advocate for this thing I do I guess because you were a product of it – one of your first roles was an orphan in Annie when you were six, then Rooster and Miss Hannigan! You taught choreography, painted and designed sets, made props, ran sound, stage managed, and counseled lots of kids. You did it all really! Oh, and you write speeches that make your momma cry like a baby. I guess you just know how many kids just like you need it. MSACT would not have existed without you.

My son Matthew, the man behind the sound! He grew up on my stages as well! He is an amazing character actor who has played Daddy Warbucks and Rooster – twice – and he just happens to be home for a gap year! I am honored that he chooses to spend his time with us and these kids!

To the audience: "when you're stuck with a day that's gray and lonely, just stick out your chin and grin and say.." Sing with us, laugh with us, support these amazing kids! They deserve it.

– Mrs. Daphne

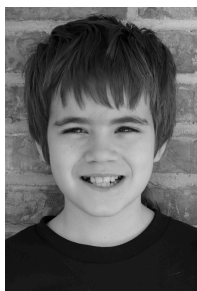
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Blake and Lindsey Bostick  
Parents, who we could not do the show without!

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**Noah Andrews** (Mr. Bundles) is thrilled to be performing as Mr. Bundles in *Annie JR.* This is their second production with MSACT. Past credits include Ensemble in *Dare to Dream JR.*, and they are especially grateful to Ily, Linden and Asher. When they're not on stage, Noah enjoys watching movies like *The Nightmare Before Christmas* and *Hamilton*. They'd like to thank friends for their support and are grateful to share this experience with Mom and Sister.



**Nathan Bedsole** (Dog Catcher) is thrilled to be performing as the Dog Catcher in *Annie JR.* This is their second production with MSACT. Past credits include Hidden Folk and Butler in *Frozen JR.* He is especially grateful to his mom and dad. When they're not on stage, Nathan enjoys Boy Scouts and games like Roblox. He would like to thank his parents for their support and is grateful to share this experience with them.



**Asher Bostick** (Bert Healy) is thrilled to play Bert Healy in *Annie JR.*, his second play with Mid-South Academy for Children's Theatrics. He previously performed as Player 5 in *Dare to Dream JR.* When he is not on stage, Asher enjoys playing video games, solving Rubik's cubes, building legos, and reading. He would like to thank Mrs. Daphne, Mrs. Susan, and Dad and Mom for their support and encouragement, and he is grateful to share this experience with his sisters, Ily and Linden.



**Ily Bostick** (Grace Farrell) thrilled to be performing as Grace Farrell in *Annie JR.* This is her fourth production with Mid-South Academy for Children's Theatrics, previously playing Player 2 in *Dare to Dream JR.*, the Lamp Vendor in *Aladdin KIDS*, and King Louie in *Jungle Book KIDS*. Other past credits include ensemble roles in *Mary Poppins JR.*, *High School Musical JR.*, and *Frozen JR.* When she is not on stage, Ily enjoys playing guitar, reading, and playing soccer. She would like to thank Mrs. Daphne, Mrs. Susan, and her parents for their support and is grateful to share this experience with her brother Asher and her sister Linden.

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**Linden Bostick** (Bettie) is excited to perform as an orphan (Bettye) in *Annie JR.*, her third play with Mid-South Academy for Children's Theatrics. Past credits include playing Iago in *Aladdin KIDS* and an ensemble role in *The Jungle Book KIDS*. When she is not on stage, Linden enjoys soccer, art, and music. She would like to thank her parents, Mrs. Daphne, Mrs. Susan, and her sister Ily who encouraged her to pursue theatre. She is also excited to share this opportunity with her brother, Asher.



**Annabelle Boyd** (Pepper) is excited to be performing as Pepper in *Annie, JR.* This is her 5th production with MSACT. She has a strong vocal background and a history of performing dance as well as gymnastics. She is ready to show all her skills on the biggest stage yet! When she's not performing, Annabelle enjoys jumping on the trampoline, 4H shooting, softball, and listening to music. Annabelle would like to thank her parents and Meemee for taking her to practices and signing her up for lessons and plays. She'd also like to thank Mrs. Daphne, Mrs. Susan, and Mrs. Lori for their confidence in her and constant encouragement.



**Annalauren Carter** (Rooster) is so ecstatic to be fulfilling the role of Rooster for *Annie JR.!!* This is her first show with MSACT. Her favorite roles she has performed include Katherine Plumber (*Newsies JR.*, DFT), Miss Hannigan (*Annie KIDS*, DFT). When she's not on stage, she enjoys performing in the LHS Cappriccio choir and being part of CoroRio. She is especially grateful to her parents Susannah and Mark, Katherine and Joseph Gaines, and Mrs. Daphne and Mrs. Susan for helping her achieve at succeeding on this incredible role and supporting her through this journey. 1 Corinthians 16:14 "Let all that you do be done in love."



**Brice Clifton** (Oliver Warbucks) is thrilled to be performing as Oliver "Daddy" Warbucks in *Annie JR.* This is their 11th production with MSACT. Past credits include Newsboy in *Sherlock Holmes*; Father in *Peter Pan JR.*; Egeus in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*; cast as Aslan but filled in last minute as Peter in *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*; Player 1 in *Dare to Dream JR.*; George Gibbs in *Our Town*; Matthew Cuthbert in *Anne of Green Gables*; Oaken in *Frozen JR.*; upcoming *The Ghost in The Canterville Ghost*; and Archibald Craven in *The Secret Garden*. They are especially grateful to Mrs. Daphne Cox and Mrs. Susan Zeringue for the opportunity to be a part of this amazing theatrical team. When they're not on stage, Brice enjoys time with friends gaming, drawing, making movies, getting involved in shooting sports, traveling and being an uncle! They'd like to thank their sister Ashley, brother-in-law Nick, their Aunt Mikki, and cousin Coda for their support, and they are grateful to share this experience with this DRAMA family and audience.



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**Madelynn Cook** (Annette) is thrilled to return to the MSACT in *Annie JR.* This is Madelynn's second performance on the main stage. She was in *Dare to Dream JR.* last spring and thoroughly enjoyed the fun and friendship made doing a wonderful show. She's 14 years old and loves theatre, singing, and softball. She has done several plays with Mrs. Daphne and Mrs. Susan, and would like to thank them for their hard work and dedication to teaching her. She would also like to thank MeMe, Potz, Mom, and Dad.



**Mirandah Cook** (President Roosevelt) is thrilled to return to the MSACT stage in *Dare to Dream JR.* This is Mirandah's second opportunity to play on the main stage. She was in *Dare to Dream JR.* and had a wonderful time learning and working with her cast mates to produce a great show! She is 15 years old. She enjoys theater, singing and drawing. She has done plays with Mrs. Daphne and Mrs. Susan for a few years now, and would like to thank them for their dedication to teaching her their crafts. She would also like to thank MeMe, Potz, Mom, and Dad.



**Raygan Davis** (Louis Howe), 14, is a 9th grader at Desoto Central High School. She is thrilled to be performing as Louis Howe and ensemble roles in this production of *Annie JR.* She has lost count of how many shows she's done with this creative team. Past credits include Smee in *Peter Pan*; Tweedle-Dee in *Alice in Wonderland JR.*; Chairman in *Mary Poppins JR.*; Nana/Starkey in *Peter Pan JR.*; Aslan in *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*; and Ensemble in *Dare to Dream JR.* She is especially grateful to the following people that have helped her in her journey in theater: her family, and her church family for all their help and support. She wants to thank Mrs. Daphne and Mrs. Susan for "always pushing/helping me and for yelling at me so I know that you love me and teaching me new things every day." When she is not on stage, she enjoys

reading, doing church activities, cooking, helping in the clubs she's in at school, traveling and most of all sleeping or relaxing. She wants to thank this cast for making this show awesome and a great experience for her; everyone who helped with the sets, costumes, sound, and much more, and everyone who donated money for this show. *Thank you - we hope you enjoy the show!*



**Harper Denton** (Violet) is so excited to be a part of this amazing production at MSACT. She has been singing and dancing since she was two years old. Harper's recent credits include *Seussical KIDS* as Jojo at Desoto Family Theatre, *The Wizard of Oz* as Toto and Munchkin at DCA Theatre, *Pirates Past Noon* as Annie, *101 Dalmatians* as Pongo, *Winnie the Pooh* as Pooh's Tummy and Red Narrator all at Warehouse Theatre, and a Lemur in *Madagascar JR.* with DCA Theatre. Harper wishes to thank her family, friends, and the awesome *Annie JR.* cast and crew. *Big hugs to everyone!*

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**Grace Deterding** (Usherette) is so excited to be performing as an usherette, servant, and NYC local in *Annie JR.* This is her first audition and role outside of school plays, and her first time ever to have a solo role. When she's not on stage, Gracie enjoys drawing, painting, cosplay costume and makeup creations, swimming, and spending time with her dogs and family. We extend our thanks to MSACT for this wonderful opportunity, and our family and friends for their support. We also would like to thank Oak Tree Animal Clinic for supporting Gracie and MSACT through sponsorship of the "Adopt a Sandy" booth. We can't wait to share this experience with everyone!



**Laney Dickerson** (Star-to-Be), is thrilled to play Star-To-Be in *Annie JR.*! Past favorite roles include Annie (*Annie – OGCE*), Anne (*Anne of Green Gables*), Pooh (*Winnie the Pooh KIDS*), Jojo (*Seussical KIDS*), Iago (*Aladdin KIDS*), Pua (*Moana JR.*), Zazu (*The Lion King – HHES*), *Dare to Dream JR.*, *Slightly Soiled (Peter Pan JR.)*, Frog (*A Year With Frog and Toad KIDS*), and Ensemble in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. She is deeply grateful to Mrs. Daphne and Mrs. Susan for all they have taught her through the years—on stage and in life.



**Emma Dowell** (Millie) is thrilled to be performing as part of the orphan ensemble in *Annie JR.* This is her second production with MSACT, having previously played the role of Young Elsa in *Frozen JR.* She is especially thankful to Mrs. Daphne and Mrs. Susan for making this such a fun and encouraging experience. When she's not on stage, Emma loves playing soccer, drawing, and singing. She'd like to thank her family and friends for their wonderful support and is so grateful to share this special time with everyone.



**Olivia Dowell** (Liza) is excited to be part of the orphan ensemble in *Annie JR.* This marks her second production with MSACT, following her performance as Middle Elsa in *Frozen JR.* She is especially thankful to Mrs. Daphne and Mrs. Susan for their constant encouragement and positivity. When she's not on stage, Olivia enjoys playing basketball, tennis, and singing. She'd like to thank her family and friends for their endless support and is so grateful to share this experience with everyone.

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**Wallis Drake** (Annie), 10, is thrilled to make her MSACT debut as Annie in *Annie JR.* Favorite roles include Olaf in *Frozen KIDS*, Dory in *Finding Nemo KIDS*, and Kate in *Annie* (Panola Playhouse); Wendy in *Peter Pan JR.*, Erica in *Matilda JR.*, and Gertrude in *Seussical KIDS* (Kudzu Playhouse); and Young Tarzan in *Tarzan* (DCHS – Orpheum HSMTA Bravo Award winner). A fourth grader at Magnolia Heights School, Wallis enjoys singing, dancing, drawing, and spending time with friends and family. She would like to thank Mrs. Daphne, Mrs. Susan, and Mrs. Lori for the opportunity to play her dream role, along with her teachers and family for supporting her love of theatre. To her amazing cast mates: “Break legs, everyone!”



**Kory Hall** (Drake) is thrilled to be performing as Drake in *Annie JR.* This is his tenth production with Mid-South Academy for Children's Theatrics. Past credits include the Cat in the Hat in *Seussical JR.*, Smee in *Peter Pan JR.*, Bert and John Northbrook in *Mary Poppins JR.*, Player 11 in *Dare to Dream JR.*, and Prince Hans in *Frozen JR.* He is especially grateful for Mrs. Daphne and Mrs. Susan because they have helped him mature in his acting and singing, he is also grateful for his parents taking time out of the schedule to get him to his rehearsals, and for his sister-in-law who takes time out of her schedule to help the directors with the shows. When he is not on stage, he enjoys photography, family karaoke, video games, and playing with his rescue dog Pixie. He would like to thank his whole family for patience and guidance, he would also like to thank his cast mates for the memories.



**Naomi Howlett** (Cecille) is excited to be performing in *Annie JR.!* Some past productions are *Anne of Green Gables*, *High School Musical JR.*, *The Little Mermaid JR.*, *Charlotte's Web*, and many more. Naomi has been involved in theatre since she was six years old. When off stage, Naomi enjoys singing with the HMS Touring Choir and spending time with friends and family. She is grateful for Mrs. Daphne and Mrs. Susan for the opportunity. She thanks God and gives all glory to Him.



**Alyza Jane Hudson** (July) is thrilled to be performing as July in *Annie JR.* This is her second main stage with MSACT but definitely not her first performance. Her theatre productions began at nine months old where she was the baby Elephant Bird in *Seussical JR.* Past roles include Molly in *Annie*, John in *Peter Pan JR.*, Willy Wonka in *Willie Wonka JR.*, Young Fiona in *Shrek the Musical JR.*, Young Elsa in *Frozen JR.*, and many more. We are so thankful to Daphne Cox and Susan Zeringue for pouring their lives, hearts, and love for theatre into our girls. When she is not on stage, Alyza Jane loves tumbling, playing with her friends, singing, and spending time with her sisters and her dog, Rosie. She is thankful to her family and friends for all of the love and support.

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**Emma Jefferson** (Lily) is very excited to be taking on the role of Lily! This is her first production with this particular theater, but she has done other community theater roles such as Pabbie in *Frozen JR.* and Ms. Teavee in *Willy Wonka JR.* She can't wait to do more!



**Annabeth Lane** (Molly) is thrilled to play Molly in *Annie JR.*! Her favorite past productions include *The Lion*, *the Witch*, and *the Wardrobe* (Lucy u/s, Ensemble), *Frozen KIDS* (Olaf), *Dare to Dream JR.* (Player 3), *The Wizard of Oz* (Lullaby League), *Peter Pan JR.* (Brave Girl), and *Matilda the Musical* (Amanda), for which she received an Allie Award nomination for Best Young Actress. Annabeth is grateful to Daphne and her team for this wonderful opportunity. Colossians 3:17.



**Sarah Page** (Mrs. Pugh) is excited to hit the stage in *Annie JR.*! Favorite past roles include Gertrude in *Seussical* and Nala in *The Lion King*. Off stage, you'll find her setting volleyballs for both school and club teams. She sends love to her mom, family, friends, and extra thanks to Mrs. Daphne and Mrs. Susan for their hard work with the cast.



**Addy Kate Pond** (Miss Hannigan) is thrilled to be performing as Miss Hannigan in *Annie JR.* Addy Kate has worked under Daphne and Susan's direction since she was five years old. Some of her most notable roles have been Kate in *Annie JR.*, Jane in *Mary Poppins*, Grandma Tala in *Moana JR.*, Cheshire Cat in *Alice in Wonderland JR.*, Captain Hook in *Peter Pain JR.*, Mary Poppins in *Mary Poppins*, Ursula in *The Little Mermaid JR.*, Pinocchio in *Shrek the Musical JR.*, and Sour Kangaroo in *Seussical JR.* When Addy Kate is not on stage, she loves to sing, do special effects makeup, paint, spend time with her sisters, and love on all of her pets. Addy Kate would like to thank all of her family for their love and support.

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**Emma Ragsdale** (Apple Seller) is excited for her first main stage role. However, she has done many other productions with MSACT including *Schoolhouse Rock LIVE!*, *The Jungle Book KIDS*, and *Aladdin KIDS*. She is especially grateful to Mom and her Aunt Katie for putting her in musical theatre to begin with. When not on a theatre stage, Emma also enjoys singing on other stages with her church choir and with CoroRio. Her favorite part of theatre is sharing this experience with the many friends she has made and that every time she has a question, Mrs. Daphne and Mrs. Susan are very kind and encouraging.



**McKenna Rainey** (Duffy) is thrilled to be performing as Duffy in *Annie JR.*, marking her first main stage production with MSACT. Previous favorite roles include Martha and the Voice of Jimmy in *The Miracle Worker*, Carlotta in *The Little Mermaid JR.*, and a Condemned Child in *Sweeney Todd*. McKenna is especially grateful to Mrs. Daphne, Mrs. Susan, and Mrs. Lori for the opportunity to take on this role. Outside of theatre, McKenna enjoys worshipping God and spending time with her dog and rabbit.



**Emsley Spann** (Jojo) is excited to be performing as a part of the orphan ensemble in *Annie JR.* This is her first main stage production. This is her eighth show with MSACT. Past credits include Phineas Trout in *Willy Wonka JR.*; Snow Dancer and Housekeeper in *Frozen JR.*; a mole, squirrel, and snail in *A Year with Frog and Toad KIDS*; Ensemble in *The Little Mermaid JR.*; Narrator in *Winnie the Pooh KIDS*; Ensemble in *Mary Poppins JR.*; a Wickersham Brother and Ensemble in *Seussical KIDS*; and a polichinelle in *Clara and the Nutcracker* with Children's Ballet Theater. When she's not on stage, Emsley enjoys playing volleyball and hanging out with friends. She would like to thank her mom and dad for their support and encouragement. She would also like to thank her teacher Ms. Stauffer.



**Chloe Spencer** (Tessie) is honored to perform as Tessie in *Annie JR.* She sincerely thanks her family for their constant love and support, and extends her gratitude to Mrs. Daphne, Mrs. Susan, and Mrs. Lori for their dedication and guidance throughout this production. A few of her favorite roles include Player 7 in *Dare to Dream JR.*, Ariel in *The Little Mermaid JR.*, and Lavender in *Matilda JR.* Chloe is thankful for the opportunity to share her gifts and gives all glory to God through this performance.

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**Avery Swindoll** (Mrs. Greer) is thrilled to be performing as Mrs. Greer and ensemble in *Annie JR.* This is her fourth production with MSACT. Past credits include Twin 1 in *Peter Pan JR.* and Player 12 in *Dare to Dream JR.*, and she is especially grateful to her voice teacher Jill, Mrs. Susan, and Mrs. Daphne. When she's not on stage, Avery likes to talk to her friends and sing. She'd like to thank her family for their support and is grateful to share this experience with family and friends.



**Hadley Swindoll** (Officer Ward) is thrilled to be performing as Officer Ward in *Annie JR.* This is her third production with MSACT. Past credits include Jukes in *Peter Pan JR.* and Pilot in *The Little Mermaid JR.* When she's not on stage, Hadley likes to hangout with her friends and dance. She is so grateful for Mrs. Daphne and Mrs. Susan! She would like to thank her family and friends for their support, and she can't wait to share this great show with them!



**Cicilia "Cici" West** (Sandy) is wagging her tail with excitement to play Sandy in *Annie JR.*! This is her third show with Mid-South Academy of Children's Theatrics, and she's loved every minute of it. You might've seen her before as Kelsey in *Unselfie*, March Hare/Petunia in *Alice in Wonderland*, and one of the cheerful Townspeople in *Frozen JR.* When Cici's not on stage, she's probably singing, dancing, swimming, shopping, or playing outside with her friends – basically, always on the move! She sends a huge shout-out to her awesome parents and Mimi for being her personal "Uber drivers" to her family and friends for their constant support, and to Mrs. Daphne and Mrs. Susan for helping her grow and shine brighter every show. *Thanks for all the love and support – now it's time to fetch some applause!*



**Izzy Winter** (Kate) is thrilled to be performing as Kate in *Annie JR.* This is her second year and 9th production with MSACT. When she is not on stage, Izzy enjoys life on the farm with her 24 cows, homeschooling with her friends, doing tricks with her puppies, and serving others and God. She would like to send a special ray of gratitude to Mrs. Daphne and Mrs. Susan for all the love and patience they show to her while preparing for performance day. She would like to thank her family and friends who show up and support her for each performance on the stage.



# **Sponsors and Shoutouts**



**McKenna,  
Break a leg!  
We are so  
proud of you.**

**♥ Mom and  
Dad**



**Our amazing Cici,**

**You were born to shine!  
We're so proud of our little  
Sandy: loyal, lovable, and  
full of paw-sitive energy!  
Keep wagging, smiling, and  
chasing your dreams!**

**Love, Mom & Dad**

**Break a leg  
Emma!**



**Wallis, we are so proud of  
your passion, courage, and  
sparkle. Keep chasing your  
dreams—today and  
“tomorrow!” Bravo, Annie!  
We love you!**

**- Mom, Dad, Ellis, Gigi,  
GranDon, Gon-Gon, Pop-  
Pop, and all of your proud  
village**



*HADLEY, WE SO EXCITED TO SEE ALL YOUR  
HARD WORK & DEDICATION ON THE BIG STAGE  
THIS WEEKEND! IT'S BEEN SO FUN TO WATCH  
YOU PERFORM, AND WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE  
WHAT'S NEXT! WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU, AND  
WE WILL ALWAYS BE YOUR BIGGEST FANS!  
LOVE, MOM & DAD*



We are so proud of you,  
Annabeth! Keep using your  
gifts for God's glory! We  
love you! ❤️  
– Mom, Dad & Noah



**Break a leg  
Nathan!**

You are one of a kind  
sweet girl! We pray  
you always follow your  
dreams and stay true  
to yourself. You have  
put in the work it  
takes to be on the  
stage. Now go shine  
bright like we know  
you can! We Love You,  
Always & Forever  
Mom and Dad





**Laney, you're never fully dressed without a smile— and yours lights up every stage you step on! Watching you grow into each new role fills us with pride, joy, and awe. Your heart, your talent, your sparkle—they shine like the sun... and just like Annie says, the sun'll come out tomorrow—but we're already beaming today because of YOU. We love you more than all the curtain calls,**

**Mom, Dad, Will & Stitch 🐾💚💜**





Ily, Asher, and  
Linden, We are so  
proud of you and  
are thrilled to see  
you perform on  
the Heindl Center  
stage!

Love, Mom & Dad



Daddy and Mom are so proud  
of you Annabelle! You are so  
talented and confident and  
we are so blessed to call you  
ours. We can't wait to cheer  
for you at such an awesome  
venue with this wonderful  
group and cast. We will  
always be your biggest fans!!!

**Break a leg  
Olivia!**



*Avery, We always love to watch you shine bright on stage!  
The amount of dedication & hard work you put into each show  
always amazes us! You have big dreams and we know you  
will achieve them!*



*Love, Mom & Dad*



Bravo, Laney! Watching you on stage fills our hearts with joy. You amaze us every single time  
— we love you so much!

Love, Meemaw & Peepaw Mama Ginny & Papa Bill



Raygan, we are so proud of how far you've come in your theater journey! We're excited to see where you continue to go! Do good, be good!  
Love - Mom, Dad, and Alyson



**WE ARE SO PROUD OF THE BEAUTIFUL, SWEET AND TALENTED YOUNG LADY YOU'RE BECOMING. IT IS AMAZING TO WATCH YOU IN SO MANY DIVERSE ROLES.**

**LOVE YOU BIG, MOM, DAD, AUDI AND WESTON!**



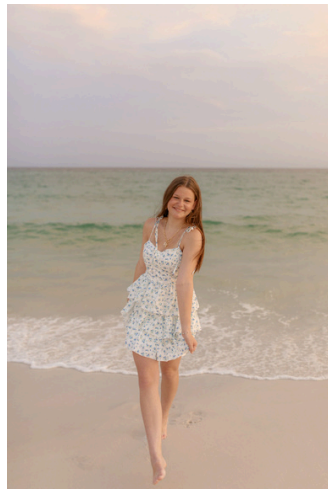




**Words cannot express how incredibly proud I am! Watching you take the stage with such confidence and talent has been one of the greatest joys of my life. From multiple plays to lead roles, you've shown that passion and dedication can help us overcome anything. At just 16 years old, you're already becoming the amazing man I always knew you would be. You are so brave, and I'm proud of you for stepping out of your comfort zone and learning so much. You're a great leader and friend and I'm so happy for you for the wonderful time you're having and the special friends you are making along the way. The gift of confidence drama has given you shines brighter than any spotlight! I'll always be your BIGGEST FAN! ❤️ The sun will come out tomorrow... but today, we celebrate YOU!**



*Break Legs Addy Kate & Alyza Jane. We love  
you and are so very proud of you !*



**To our favorite thespian-  
break a leg, Laney!  
Love Papa Bill, Mama  
Ginny, Aunt April and Ellen**



**Break a leg  
Naomi!**

**SARAH, YOU'RE NEVER  
FULLY DRESSED WITHOUT A  
SMILE—AND WE'RE  
SMILING BIG WATCHING  
YOU SHINE! LOVE, MOM.**

*Avery*

*You're going to be amazing! We're so proud of you!*



**Emma, we love watching you perform! Keep dancing big and speaking up-your sparkle is impossible to miss. You are awesome and continue to improve and shine each time!**

**Love you lots. -Mom, Dad, and Aunt Katie**



Laney,  
GeeGee and  
Pop are so  
proud of you!  
We love you!

**Izzy, We love watching you shine on the stage. You are so creative and talented. Always dream big, believe you can and reach for the stars! Love Always Nana & Papaw**



***We are so proud of you, Chloe! Your hard work, kindness, and love for performing shine through in everything you do. We love cheering you on and can't wait to see you light up the stage!***

***Love, Mom, Dad, Christian, Grandma & Grandad***





***Kadley, you're going to be awesome! So proud of you!***

***Paps, DeeDee and Uncle Chase***

Gracie, We are so very proud of you for trying something new and auditioning for Annie, Jr. Not only did you audition, you did so well that you received a role in addition to the ensemble! Watching your confidence grow and your talent emerge has been such a blessing. We can't wait to see what you do next!

**Love, Mom & Dad**



# **Break a leg Annalauren!**

CiCi, you are the "tail" end of our grands and you are definitely our "drama queen". You are full of life and we are so proud you landed a part in Annie Jr!  
Congratulations! We love you & know you will do a great job! Mr  
Tommy & Mimi



**Mirandah, Maddie, and  
Annabelle,**



**God has blessed you with  
so many talents. I'm so  
glad you are getting to  
share them with the  
community tonight in  
Annie Jr. Remember that  
everything you pour into  
your commitments will  
shape who you are and  
where you go in life. God  
has big plans for all three  
of you young ladies.  
Meemee is so proud of all  
your hard work! I Love  
you so much!!!**







Good luck sweetheart! We  
love you!

Grammy & Gramps



**Break a leg  
Emma!**

Emsley, we love you and  
are so proud of you:  
not just for your  
talent but for who you  
are as a person and who  
you are becoming! We  
love you and love  
watching you perform!

Love Dad, Mom,  
Brayden, Lainey, and  
Tillman



*BREAK A LEG FROM DAPHNE 2.0  
(MADISON) <3*



***Vicilia***

***Break a leg beautiful!***

***Love, Mamaw***



Kory,

We are so proud  
of you, and all  
that you are  
accomplishing,  
you amaze us  
everyday!

*ILY, ASHER, NOAH, AND LINDEN, PAPA AND  
MIMI ARE SO PROUD OF YOU! WE LOVE YOU!!*



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*Congratulations to the cast  
and crew of Annie JR!  
Break a leg!*



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TIME,  
KIDS...**





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# ABOUT THE MID-SOUTH ACADEMY FOR CHILDREN'S THEATRICS

Our founder and executive director, Daphne Cox, has been doing this for a long time. She directed her first youth production at only 18 years old, and for the past 33 years, she has continued to use her immense experience to share her passion for performing with children wherever she can reach them. She has directed main stage youth productions in West Memphis, AR, Memphis, TN, Hernando, MS, and more across the Mid-South; directed two- to three-week intensive summer camps several years in a row; led after-school theatre classes for the past ten years; and even brought up her own, now adult, children in the wonderful world of theatre.

But of course, she couldn't stop there. Daphne – with the help of long-time friend, collaborator, and fellow Mid-South theatre veteran Susan Zeringue – set out to start her own business from scratch, a weekly after-school and homeschool program for varying levels of experience known as the Dramatic Repertory Association for Music and Arts (DRAMA), to not only continue connecting with new generations of performers, but make great strides toward accomplishing her lifelong dream: establishing a children's theater.

"We aren't in the business of making stars," Daphne often said to describe the goal of DRAMA. To Daphne, teaching children's theatre has never been about whether her students went on to win awards or perform on Broadway – though some certainly have, and she couldn't be prouder – it has always been about one thing: "We want children to have confidence in who they are."

We believe that everyone needs a safe place to learn what they love and discover who they are meant to be. They need a place to learn how to collaborate, how to solve problems, how to find confidence. We believe theatre should be a nurturing and accessible environment for individuals from all walks of life, and we want to provide an invaluable experience that our students may otherwise not have access to. We currently teach children ages 3-18 years skills such as teamwork, self-discipline, overcoming mistakes, public speaking, and much more all through the performing arts.

On May 17th, 2024, just over one year after DRAMA was born, the Mid-South Academy for Children's Theatrics officially launched, the next huge step in making her dream come true. With the endless support and efforts of those who now comprise our Board of Directors – many of whom are parents of students who have grown up under Daphne's direction – we embarked on the arduous but rewarding journey of establishing ourselves as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, which gives us access to many invaluable resources and opportunities to achieve our goals.





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