

THOROUGHLY MODERN  
millie  
JR.



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## **DIRECTOR'S NOTE**

In 2002, *Thoroughly Modern Millie* took Broadway by storm winning six Tony Awards and five Drama Desk Awards, including Best Musical at both ceremonies. It also propelled the amazing Sutton Foster to stardom, as she stepped into the role of Millie after being the understudy for the workshop and preview performances.

What made this show so successful was contributed to a catchy score and a cute, funny, and classic storyline. We had this show scheduled to open June 2020, however, with the unexpected changes and postponements of shows this last year, we are thrilled to FINALLY be able to open the show a year later than planned.

*Thoroughly Modern Millie* is Morris and Scanlon's upbeat musical comedy about a spunky small-town girl named Millie Dillmount who comes to New York City to marry for money instead of love.

The greatest thing about Broadway, is almost all shows bring the audience into different emotions and can make you feel sad, happy, and even uncomfortable and this show is no different. I took this into consideration as we were putting the show together and while keeping the story true to its writers, focused on keeping our show upbeat, positive and a fun, memorable, and learning experience for our young actors.

I hope you enjoy our show as much as our actors enjoy performing it.

David Holmes

Director

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## CAST

Millie Dillmont.....Isabelle Mish  
Jimmy.....Gavin Holmes  
Mrs. Meers.....Tabitha Valenzuela  
Trevor Graydon.....Braeden Otto  
Miss Dorothy.....Amelia Valdez  
Miss Flannery.....Grace Freitag  
Bun Foo.....Tony Palesotti  
Ching Ho.....Alex Jacob  
Ensemble.....Mady Sellner, Lola Jones, Chloe Michels,  
\*Mara Kolars, Sophia Tolbert, Maija Tolbert, Eli Jacobs, Solon Fischer

## ARTISTIC TEAM

Director.....David Holmes  
Music Director.....Cindy Rupp  
Choreographer.....Kelsey Chester  
Set Designer.....David Holmes/Travis Shafer  
Set Painting.....The Blue Boat  
Costume Design.....Lori Holmes  
Lighting Designer.....Calla Defries/Clayton Thorson  
Stage Manager.....Jenny Spurgen  
Stage Hand.....Jenn Meinzer  
Props.....Lori Holmes/Mackenzie Holmes  
Soundboard Operator.....Alex Berg  
Music Operator.....Larry Pint  
Spotlight Operator.....AJ Johnston  
Dance Captain.....Chloe Michels  
Box Office Manager.....Jeremy Meger  
Graphic Design.....Matthew Atwood

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## MEET THE CAST



### **Isabelle Mish**

Isabelle is excited to be back at the Playhouse, playing Millie in this production of Thoroughly Modern Millie Jr.! Some of her favorite roles include Miss Adelaide (Guys and Dolls Jr.) and We Beseech Thee Soloist (Godspell Jr.). She wants to thank her parents for always supporting her and the amazing cast and crew for making this show become something truly special!



### **Gavin Holmes**

Gavin has been a performer for pretty much his whole life. He is no stranger to Mankato Playhouse as he has been in Broadway Teens shows such as Guys and Dolls Jr- Sky, Once on this Island Jr- Papa Ge, Godspell Jr- Jesus. While this is his favorite theater company, he has done multiple other shows including Oliver!- Oliver, Peter Pan jr- Slightly, Titanic - Ensemble, and Angels and Apprentices - Hark and many more. Gavin would like to thank his dad for being the biggest influence on his theater career and his mom for being his biggest fan.



### **Tabitha Valenzuela**

Tabitha is from North Mankato. She attends Hendricks Online School and will be an 11th grade PSEO student at Minnesota State University-Mankato in the fall and has performed in numerous plays and musicals including- Miracle on 34th Street, The Wizard of Oz, Sleeping Beauty, Alice in Wonderland, Guys and Dolls, Jr., Once on this Island, Jr., Godspell, Jr., and Jesus Christ Superstar. Tabitha loves to sing and play the piano and cello and has performed throughout Minnesota at various county fair Talent Shows, the Minnesota State Fair Talent Show, and at Canterbury Downs. She has also performed solos in student promotional events, recitals, school concerts, and church services. Tabitha also enjoys gymnastics and in her spare time works at Dairy Queen. She hopes to pursue a musical career in the future. She would like to thank everyone- friends and family alike- for the wonderful support and encouragement she has received. Enjoy the show!!



### **Braeden Otto**

Braeden has performed in shows at the local High School, Mankato East. He was most recently in Clue and played Professor Plum and is so excited to be back on stage so soon after his Graduation. Even with his limited experience in performing he hopes you all will enjoy this show. Braeden would like to thank his Parents for supporting him.



### **Amelia Valdez**

Amelia has been performing for four years, she started performing on stage with Prairie Fire Children Theater and the eventually moving on to Mankato Playhouse. Some roles she has played are Nicely Nicely Johnson in Guys and Dolls, Mama Eulalie in Once On This Island, Joe in School House Rock, and Beauty in Beauty And The Beast. She is excited to be in Thoroughly Modern Millie with Mankato Playhouse.

## MEET THE CAST (cont.)



### Grace Freitag

Grace has performed in 10 plays over the last three years including school and Mankato Playhouse. Some of Grace's favorite roles include Shulie in School House Rock Jr. and Peter Pan in Peter Pan! She wants to thank her family and friends for their support.



### Tony Palesotti

Tony has been performing in plays since he was in first grade. Now as a 9th grader at West High School, some of his favorite roles have been playing Judas/John the Baptist in Godspell JR., Elvis in School House Rock JR, Tiny Tim in Christmas Carol, and Young George in It's a Wonderful Life. Tony also started in the 2020 campaign video for Greater Mankato United Way. When he isn't performing, you can find

him running in cross country, hanging out with friends, or playing video games at home.



### Alex Jacob

Alex is happy to be joining the cast in his third show in his acting career and first time at Mankato Playhouse to play alongside of his longtime friend Tony. Alex previous experience was minor roles in 2 plays many years ago. He would like to thank his family, his brother/cast member Eli.



### Mady Sellner

Mady is excited to be in her 3rd production at Mankato Playhouse. Her first appearance was in Godspell Jr. followed by her role as "Toni" in Schoolhouse Rock Jr. She loves listening to Broadway Musicals, some of her favorites include Dear Evan Hansen & Hamilton. She just finished her 8th grade year at Prairie Winds Middle School and plans to continue working with Mankato Playhouse!



### Lola Jones

Lola Jones is making her Mankato Playhouse debut and is a first time actress. Lola is 12 and just completed her sixth-grade year at Dakato Meadows Middle School in Mankato, where choir was her favorite class. She loves singing and is thrilled to be part of this cast.



### Chloe Michels

Chloe Michels is delighted to perform her first show with Mankato Playhouse. She is going into her Sophomore year of high school and is a part of Mankato Ballet Company's Performing Company. She has also been a part of the Minnesota Renaissance Festival for four years.

## MEET THE CAST (cont.)



### **Mara Kolars**

After a year-long break, Mara is so thrilled to once again be a part of the Mankato Playhouse family! Thanks to her grandma's encouragement, Mara has been performing in concerts and musical shows from a very young age and has always been eager for opportunities to step on stage. Some of Mara's most memorable roles include Sarah Brown in "Guys & Dolls Jr" and Queen Elsa in "Frozen Jr." She also enjoys impersonating princess characters for children's parties. Mara would like to thank her family for their continued support through so many auditions and performances throughout the years. She would also like to thank the Mankato Playhouse for continuing to bring such a wonderful theatre opportunity to the Mankato area!



### **Sophia Tolbert**

Sophia is performing in her first musical playing the role of Rita. She is having a lot of fun and is happy that her Friend/Cast Member, Grace pushed her to get involved in this show. She also wants to thank her mom and dad for pushing me to get into a musical and reminding me to practice, and her sister for joining the cast with her.



### **Maija Tolbert**

Maija is excited to be in her first show at Mankato Playhouse and only second show ever. Maija's first show was in a production of Wizard of Oz, where she played "green" in the rainbow. Maija is excited to be in this show with her sister and would like to thank her family for their support.



### **Eli Jacobs**

Mankato Playhouse is excited to have Eli to take the stage to be part of his first show ever. Eli would like to thank his family for taking him to the practices and his brother Alex for being part of this cast with him.



### **Solon Fischer**

Solon, a 7th grader at DMMS, loves acting, watching movies and researching special effects on some of his favorite movies and perfecting different accents. This is Solon's second production with Mankato Playhouse, the first being Once on This Island.

## SPECIAL THANKS

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# MUSICAL NUMBERS

Not for the Life of Me.....	Ensemble
Not for the Life of Me (Tag).....	Millie, Ensemble
Not for the Life of Me (Reprise).....	Bun Foo, Ching Ho
The Speed Test.....	Millie, Graydon, Female Ensemble
What Do I Need With Love.....	Jimmy
Jimmy.....	Millie
Forget About the Boy.....	Millie, Female Ensemble
Ah! Sweet Mystery.....	Graydon, Miss Dorothy
I Turned the Corner.....	Jimmy, Millie
Muqin.....	Mrs. Meers, Bun Foo, Ching Ho
Long as I'm Here with You.....	* Soloist, Ensemble
Gimmie Gimmie.....	Millie
The Speed Test (Reprise).....	Millie
Ah! Sweet Mystery.....	Miss Dorothy, Ching Ho
Finale.....	Ensemble
Bows.....	Ensemble



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