

Greenville Theatre Guild Presents

A Musical Comedy Directed by Brian Ricker

The 25th Annual Putnam County **SPELLING BEE**

Music & Lyrics by
William Finn

Book by
Rachel Sheinkin

Conceived by
Rebecca Feldman



Performances at the Capitol Theatre

June 17, 18, 24 & 25 at 7pm

June 19 & 26, 2016 at 2pm

THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE

is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

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CAST OF CHARACTERS

(in order of appearance)

Rona Lisa Peretti Cathleen Charleson
Chip Tolentino Richard Nave
Logainne SchwartzandGrubenierre Sunshine Hughes
Leaf Coneybear Will Oliver
William Barfée Parker Bunch
Marcy Park Audrey Shoemaker
Olive Ostrovsky Faith Rader
Douglas Panch Jonathan Cook
Mitch Mahoney Daniel Leach

PRODUCTION TEAM

Director Brian Ricker
Musical Director Erin Schultz
Accompanist Kasie Shelnut
Percussionist Jason Grimm
Choreography Brian Ricker, Erin Schultz
Stage Manager Bree Masters
Assistant Stage Manager Heather Tilley
Costumes Cast, Barbara Holt
Sound & Light Design Frank Mengel
Sound & Light Operators Frank & Paige Mengel
Props Cast Members, Bree Masters, Sandy Nienaber
Set Design Paige Mengel
Set Construction Frank & Paige Mengel, Faith Rader,
Bree Masters, Heather Tilley
Posters & Programs Sandy Nienaber
Cast Photos Through the Eyes of Sam Photography

SPECIAL THANKS

Tusculum College Arts Outreach, Frank Mengel, Barbara Holt, Mike Lilly
East TN Promotions, The Hot Seat, Artistic Printers, Velma Southerland &
The Greeneville Sun, Catalyst Coffee Co., Erin Schultz, Kasie Shelnut, Jason Grimm,
Bree Masters & Don Rozar, Steve Schultz, Adam Honeycutt, un-official cast member:
Chris Graf, Marilyn & Wess duBrisk, Rehearsal Audience Volunteers
Businesses who were kind enough to display posters, The cast, crew, &
volunteers who have made this production possible.

SETTING

The Putnam Valley Middle School Gymnasium
Present Day

There will be a brief intermission during the show.

GTG 2016 GIFTS

Director (\$2,500 - \$4,999)

Paige and Frank Mengel

Lead Actor (\$1,000 - \$2,499)

Jeff and Christie Ward

Supporting Cast (\$500 - \$999)

Len Downs

David Hendricksen

Bill and Lindy Riley

Ensemble (\$250 - \$499)

Phil and Martha Bachman

Cynthia Cragin

Mrs. Fred Parvin

Apprentice (\$100 - \$249)

Jimmy and Annie Cansler

Paul and Nancy Harr

Philip T. Hipps

Pete and Libby Hodges

John and Joyce Johnson

Newcomer Club of Greeneville

Nikki Niswonger

Rogers Family Dental

Wolfgang and Victoria Spendel

Rev. and Mrs. Walter Thompson

Dr. Ron and Phyllis Williams

Understudy (\$50 - \$99)

Tommy and Angel Carter

Wess and Marilyn duBrisk

Carole B. Garren

Greeneville Dental Associates

Roger Hankins

Barbara and Glenn Heins

Mike and Jennifer Hollowell

Paige and Brandon Hull

Joe Anne Lintz

Mike and Jeanne Odell

Jeanne Stokes

Jim and Wendy Warner

Friend of the Guild (\$1 - \$49)

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William and Jane Brown

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Thomas Carter

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Christy Hoeke, Education Coordinator

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WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST



Parker Bunch (William Barfée) has been acting in plays since he was eight years old. This will be his first show with the GTG. When not involved in plays, he is a digital media student at ETSU studying 3D animation. He hopes to one day be employed by Pixar Studios, the creators of films like *Toy Story*. He aspires to intern with an animation studio after his junior year.

Parker looks forward to being part of this excellent production portraying such a complex character. "I will study people who are a pain to be around and then blend those traits into one sarcastic, cynical, annoying person. It should be pretty entertaining."



Cathleen Charleson (Rona Lisa Peretti) is thrilled to be a part of GTG's first musical and to be working with such a great group of people.

Favorite past roles include Emily Dickinson in "The Belle of Amherst," Hope in "Something's Afoot!" and here in *Gville*, Nellie in "South Pacific" and Julia in "Lend Me a Tenor." "Ozella the mean" was fun, too, especially the pie in the face. Love to Mom.



Jonathan Cook (Douglas Panch) is, at the age of 32, making his theatrical debut. He has been known to call himself a "writer" or a "tabletop game designer," but is perhaps better described as "lazy" or "poor." Among his accomplishments are a third-place finish in his 4th-grade regional Math Field Day, an almost perfect re-creation of the pizza roll recipe & getting retweeted by Norm MacDonald once. He thanks

friends, family and dogs that inexplicably love him. In particular, his mother, who has not only always insisted he would make a good actor, but also holds the opinion that he might still make a fine neurosurgeon, lumberjack, busboy, and/or vice-principal.



Sunshine Hughes (Logainne Schwartzandgrubenierre)

is ecstatic to make her debut with GTG! A recent high school graduate, she plans to major in musical theatre. Favorite roles include Belle, "Beauty and the Beast Jr.," Rafaela "Stand and Deliver," and Juliet "Romeo & Juliet." She can be seen in "High School Musical" and "The Sound of Music" later this summer. She is proud to have acted in the New Orleans Fringe Festival, NY International Fringe Festival and to have won Abingdon's Got Talent 2015. She thanks her cats, her family, the cast and crew for their hard work and most importantly Brian & Erin for giving her this wonderful opportunity.



Daniel Leach (Mitch Mahoney) is excited to make his musical debut in such an amusing production. Before the Blue Moon Dinner

Theatre in Johnson City closed, Daniel performed there with the Blue Plate Special Improv Comedy group every Friday and Saturday night; they now put on shows at the Capitol. When not making audiences laugh until they cry, he does freelance artwork and his own comic art and writing. Daniel would thank everyone who has supported and inspired him through his developing love of performance with community entertainment and theatre.

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Richard Nave (Chip Tolentino) is a Johnson City native who has enjoyed being on the community stage all over the Tri-Cities since 2009. Richard also performs with Blue Plate Special here at the Capitol Theatre, doing improv comedy about once a month. Be sure to ask about our next show! Special thanks to Elizabeth Paxton for being the best.



Will Oliver (Leaf Coneybear) of Bristol, TN is thrilled to make his GTG debut in this show. After having 'I'm Not That Smart' in his audition book for years, like every good tenor should, it's great to have the opportunity to finally do this role! Will works for Sephora in Johnson City, as a certified professional makeup artist. Favorite past credits include roles in "Grease," "Little Shop of Horrors," "RENT" & "Annie" among others. Oliver also spends some time in the director's chair. Recently, he directed JCCT's production of "The Rocky Horror Show" and Theatre Bristol's "Steel Magnolias." Oliver sends many thanks to his mother and sisters for their unending support, and all his weirdo friends for always keeping it weird. Thank you for allowing and encouraging me to do what I love. @projectwilliam



Faith Rader (Olive Ostrovsky) is pumped to make her GTG debut in such an awesome show, and to finally be in a show just a few minutes from home! Since receiving her BA degrees in Theatre & Psychology from Carson-Newman, she has been doing the "adult" thing by day and going non-stop in local theatre by night. Recent credits include: "The Glass Menagerie" (Laura), "Twelfth Night" (Viola), "The Addams Family" (Wednesday), and "Hairspray" (Tracy). Thanks as always to The Fam for never-ending love and support, to Dan for being the best friend and fellow "Hamilton" fangirl anyone could ever ask for, and to everyone who has supported her in her pursuit to chase her dreams- I love you all beyond words, and "I promise that I'll make ya'll proud." Here's to rectifying the misspelling of "OBSERVATORY" in 1998! Enjoy the show!



Audrey Shoemaker (Marcy Park) is pleased and excited to be in this fun, funny musical! She's loved acting and singing her whole life and has used it as a way to make great friends and learn wonderful lessons everywhere she's lived. Since coming to Greeneville, Audrey has worked with Theatre-at-Tusculum and played Rosalie in "Carnival!," Snoopy in "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown!," the Sour Kangaroo in "Seussical!," Grandma in "The Addams Family," and most recently, Truly Scrumptious in "Chitty, Chitty, Bang, Bang." When not onstage, she is mommy to 3-year-old Lukas (Lukie), wife to Peter, and dog mommy to Dixie. A librarian at Walters State, Audrey enjoys planting things and watching them grow, cooking, and learning to do anything and everything on her own. She wants to thank Pete for always being supportive of her theater habit, Lukie (in advance) for not disrupting the show, and Brian for the opportunity to work with a great group of people.

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COMMUNITY

The Capitol Theatre is about community. Volunteers from the community fill the seats on the board of directors and help with events. The venue is used for community events, school programs, and local performances. As a non-profit, the theatre is in a unique position to be a resource to Greenville and the surrounding areas.

RESTORATION

The Capitol Theatre was constructed in the early 1930's and has served various roles throughout its existence. Ownership changes and years of neglect necessitated restoration and upgrades.

Private donors have begun the process, but much more is needed to restore the Capitol to its former iconic status.



“One of the
NICEST VENUES

I've ever performed in.”



TECHNOLOGY

The Capitol Theatre currently features a state-of-the-art audio system via support from NPAC and TEVET. In an effort to be energy conscious, the house lighting has been converted to smart LED low voltage fixtures. Comprehensive stage lighting and video projection systems are in the planning stages.

SUPPORT

As a non-profit venue, the Capitol Theatre relies on community volunteers and investments from private donors. Thank you to the residents and companies that have funded the upgrades to date. If you would like to invest in the restoration of the Capitol, please contact the main office at 423.638.1300 or visit our website: www.thecapitoltheatreofgreenville.com



FEATURES

- 300+ seat auditorium
- State of the art sound
- Theatrical lighting
- Large projection screen
- Ticket booth
- Green rooms

PERFECT FOR:

- Weddings
- Performances
- Live Music
- Movie Showings
- Business Meetings
- Private Parties

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The mission of the Greenville Theatre Guild is to enrich, entertain, and educate our community through high-quality theatrical productions.

Greenville Theatre Guild is a non-profit corporation. We are grateful for, and deeply appreciate, the support of the individuals and businesses that have volunteered their time and energy and/or donated money and materials to allow the GTG to fulfill our mission.

To participate, volunteer, donate, call (423) 470-2792, find us on Facebook or email us at greenvilletheatreguild@gmail.com.

Your talent, time and energy are always sincerely appreciated.

The videotaping or other audio or video recording of this production is strictly prohibited.

Still to Come in 2016

Sept. 16, 17, 23 & 24- 7 pm; Sept. 18 & 25- 2 pm



During a snow storm, a group of strangers, including a murderer, is stranded in a boarding house. Suspects include a newly married couple, a curious spinster, an architect, a retired Army major and a jurist. In comes a policeman on skis. Enjoy a famous Agatha Christie switch finish!

Dec. 8, 9 & 10- 7 pm; Dec. 11- 2 pm



Celebrate Christmas with your family at the theatre with a collection of tales and vignettes guaranteed to warm your heart, put a smile on your face, and celebrate the holiday season. Stocking Stuffers promises something for everyone, including the grouchiest of Scrooges.