

Annie



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Book by THOMAS MEEHAN **Music by** CHARLES STROUSE **Lyrics by** MARTIN CHARNIN

Original Broadway Production Directed by MARTIN CHARNIN

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Co-Directors: David E. Gilpin and Kate Ciambella-Eiswald

Musical Director: Pamela Grohmann

Choreographer: Timber Ziegler

Producer: Taner Eiswald

Orchestra Director: Lyn Sly Mallard

Stage Manager: Ashten Monday

Set Designer: Scott Magruder

Set Construction: Scott Magruder, Doug Fryman, Steve Trout

Set Painters: Shannon Cook and Jerry Johnson

Costume Designer: Dina Fryman

Prop Master: Kathy Zientara

Set Dresser: Cynthia Hinkle

Lighting Designer: Kate Ciambella-Eiswald

House Manager: Kathy Zientara

Family Activity Organizer: Kathy Zientara

Stage Crew: Scott Magruder, Doug Fryman, and Jocelyn Williams

Costume Assistants: Mary Wilking, Penny Williams, Lyn Stevens, Delia Larkins

Spotlight Operator: Taner Eiswald

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ACT I

Scene 1: Orphanage

Maybe Annie

Hard Knock Life Annie & Orphans

Scene 2: Tenement

Tomorrow Annie

Scene 3: Hooverville

Hooverville Company

Scene 4: Orphanage

Little Girls Miss Hannigan

Scene 5: Oliver Warbucks Mansion

I Think I'm Gonna Like It Here Annie, Grace & Servants

N.Y.C. Warbucks, Grace, Annie & Company

Scene 6: N.Y.C. Street

N.Y.C. Continued Warbucks, Grace, Annie & Company

Scene 7: Orphanage Sewing Room

Easy Street Rooster, Miss Hannigan & Lily

Scene 8: Oliver Warbucks Manision

Why Should I Change a Thing? Warbucks

You Won't Be an Orphan for Long Grace, Warbucks, Annie
& Servants

- 15 Minute Intermission -

ACT II

Scene I: N.B.C. Radio Studio

Fully Dressed Bert Healy & Boylan Sisters

Scene 2: Orphanage Sewing Room

Fully Dressed (Children) Orphans

Easy Street (Reprise) Rooster, Lily & Miss Hannigan

Scene 3: White House

Tomorrow (Cabinet) Annie, Cabinet, Roosevelt, Warbucks

Scene 4: Oliver Warbucks Mansion

Something Was Missing Warbucks

Scene 5: Oliver Warbucks Mansion

I Don't Need Anything But You Warbucks, Annie, Grace,
Drake & Company

Scene 6: Oliver Warbucks Mansion

New Deal for Christmas Warbucks, Grace, Annie
& Company

**A huge THANK YOU to our fabulous Ollie and dog mom Joanie Keyes
the Region 1 - Director at Special Olympics Illinois!**

On stage for the first time, Ollie is such a sweetie, we are very lucky to have such a great pair willing to come out and JUMP right in to take on this new challenge. There is no time better to get out there and do something new, bringing smiles to everyone around you!



DIRECTORS NOTES

David E. Gilpin (Co-Director) What a wonderful experience to have the honor of directing this show! I have met so many new, talented people that have given the privilege of their time and hard work. I am humbled to have gotten this opportunity and thank each and every one of this amazing cast and crew. Everyone, from the parents of these delightful children to the veterans in our company, has worked very hard to make this show come alive. I hope you enjoy the fruits of their labor! Thank you one and all.



Kate Ciambella-Eiswald (Co-Director) I grew up watching *Annie* over and over again, it has always been one of my favorites. Getting the chance to work with such an amazing cast and team in the stage production has been an absolute dream. I am so incredibly proud of all the hard work these talented actors and actresses have put in to make this a fantastic show! I know you will love it. Thank you to everyone involved in this production, break a leg everyone!



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MEET THE TEAM

Pamella Grohmann (Musical Director) Mrs. Pamella Grohmann, from Lovington, has taught and directed musicals for almost 30 years, primarily at Cerro Gordo, both JH and HS. Retiring from choral/general music and teaching in 2019, she has been assisting as the Vocal Director for several DUT musicals. This is her first Theatre 7 musical and is thoroughly enjoying her role as Vocal Director for *Annie*. "Annie is a delightful show with outstanding talent and wonderful kiddos and adults. It is a joy to collaborate with David, Katie and Timber. You're in for a real treat!" Pamella has a thriving alteration/sewing business, pianist for her church and enjoys time with her husband on their farm and their six grandchildren.



Timber Ziegler (Choreographer) Timber has recently choreographed *A Christmas Story: The Musical* and *Stepping Out*. You also may have seen her onstage in *Something Rotten* (Portia), *The Little Mermaid* (Adella), or *A Christmas Story* (Miss Shields). Outside of choreography, she is an Acting BFA student at Millikin University. "Break a leg to the entire cast of Annie!"



Lyn Sly Mallard (Orchestra Director) Lyn is a wonderful pianist! Recently she was Musical Director for *Something Rotten*, Accompanist for the Theatre 7 Diamond Jubilee, and Vocal Director for *A Christmas Story: The Musical*. She has made her on-stage Theatre 7 debut as Mrs. Fraser in *Stepping Out*.

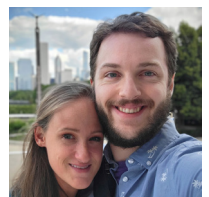


SPECIAL SHOUT OUT TO Scott!

Scott Magruder (Set Designer AND Judge Barndies) After years as our amazing set designer, constructor, backstage extrodinar ... we FINALLY got him on stage! We are so excited to see you in this role and hope we will get you back on stage in future shows. Thank You Scott, break a leg!!!



Taner Eiswald (Producer) Taner has been involved with theatre since 7th grade, both on and off stage, and proudly serves as current President of Theatre 7. He also met his amazing wife through Theatre 7. I love you Kate!



Cast

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|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Annie | Lillien Smith ♦ |
| Miss Hannigan | Angela Thomas ♦ |
| Grace Farrell | Olivia Swords ♦ |
| Oliver Warbucks | Travis Bodden ♦ |
| Lilly | Jayden Zientara ♦ |
| Rooster | Caleb Blair ♦ |
| Sandy | "Ollie" and Joanie Keyes ♦ |
| Molly | Teigan Sanderson ♦ |
| Pepper | Allison Frankovich ♦ |
| Duffy | Armony Whorley ♦ |
| July | Josie Niebrugge ♦ |
| Tessie | Elaina Kater |
| Kate | Addyson Harris ♦ |

From your Giggles family, we are so incredible proud of you Lillien, and we can't wait to see you shine on stage! Break a leg girly!



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| Bundles McCloskey | Branson Duffer ⊙ |
| Lt. Ward | Madison Grider ⊙ |
| Apple Seller | Lucy Niebrugger ⊙♦ |
| Dog Catcher | Brigette Felsted ⊙♦ |
| Eddie | Andrew Newsome ⊙♦ |
| Sophie | Aurelia Cole ⊙♦ |
| Drake | Andrew Newsome ⊙♦ |
| Mrs.Greer | Madison Grider ⊙ |
| Mrs.Pugh | Abigail Kopp ⊙♦ |
| Annette | Journey Strokirch ⊙♦ |
| Cecille | Monique Jones ⊙♦ |
| Star To Be | Abigail Kopp ⊙♦ |
| Healy | Caleb Blair ♦ |
| Jimmy Johnson | Journey Strokirch ⊙♦ |
| Fred McCracken + Wacky | Kaitlyn Wond ⊙ |
| Ronnie Boylan | Jayden Zientara ♦ |
| Bonnie Boylan | Monique Jones ⊙♦ |
| Connie Boylan | Bette Felsted ⊙ |
| Sound Effects Person | Madison Grider ⊙ |
| Roosevelt | Evan Miller ⊙ |
| Ickes | Andrew Newsome ⊙♦ |
| Perkins | Monique Jones ⊙♦ |
| Hull | Kaitlyn Wond ⊙ |
| Morganthau | Aurelia Cole ⊙♦ |
| Howe | Branson Duffer ⊙ |
| Judge Brandeis | Scott Magruder ⊙ |
| Secretary | Lucy Niebrugger ⊙♦ |
| Stray Dog | “Lark” Ciambella-Eiswald ♦ |

Youth Ensemble: Brittany Felsted♦, Andi Mitchell, Catalina Casillias Parish♦, Emilia Casillis Parish♦, Isabella Casilias Parish♦, Elliana Taylor♦, Ivy Jones♦, Jolene Nelson, Lucy Smith♦, Violet Madrid♦

⊙ Denotes Adult Ensemble

♦ Denotes first show with Theatre 7!



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CAST



Lillien Smith
(Annie)



Angela Thomas
(Miss Hannigan)



Olivia Swords
(Grace Farrell)



Travis Boddin
(Oliver Warbucks)



Caleb Blair
(Rooster)



Jayden Zientara
(Lily)



Josie Niebrugge
(July)



Armony Whorley
(Duffy)



Addyson Harris
(Kate)



Teigan Sanderson
(Molly)



Allison Frankovich
(Pepper)



Elaina Kater
(Tessie)

CAST BIOS

Lillien Smith (Annie) Lillien has enjoyed the stage since she was crowned Little Miss Macon County in 2019. She has played many roles, her favorite being Mary Lennox in *Secret Garden* and now Annie has risen to the top! Lillien has played piano for 6 years and enjoys all things music, including going to musicals and participating in as many as she can. Lillien would like to thank her Mom, Dad, and Family for always supporting her, and would like to dedicate this role to her Grandma Betty who she knows is watching over her.

Angela Thomas (Miss Hannigan) Angela began her theatre career right here in Decatur at the age of 4, dancing at Shakey's Pizza Parlour to earn money for tap lessons. She went on to earn a BA in Theatre at EIU and an MFA in Acting and Directing from FAU. She was Artistic Director of the Florida Playwright's Theatre, has been named "Best Actress" in the *Miami New Times*, and is a Carbonell Award winner. In 2020, after 26 years in South Florida, she returned to Decatur and began performing with DUT. She was in the US tour of *WaistWatchers The Musical*. Angela thanks David, Katie, Pam, and Timber for bringing her to Theatre 7. She looks forward to many more productions! As a theatre and English educator at Eisenhower High School, she'd like to dedicate this performance to her wonderful students!

Olivia Swords (Grace Farrell) Olivia is excited to embark on her first production with Theatre 7 as Grace Farrell in Annie! Fun Fact: Olivia has wanted to play Grace since she was a little girl after she first watched Ann Reinking play the role in the original Annie movie. That dream has now come true! She is currently a senior at Millikin University and is preparing to attend law school. In her spare time, she loves crafting, listening to music, and playing with her two dogs, Dolly and Reba. Many thanks to her amazing family for being the best support system she could ever ask for!

Travis Bodden (Oliver Warbucks) I come from a musical family and have enjoyed singing around the piano since I was a child. My first experience at any type of vocal competition was in fourth grade when I sang "Tomorrow". Two years ago, I discovered that adults can be in musicals, right here in Decatur! I look forward to bringing "Mr. Warbucks" to life with Theatre 7.

Jayden Zientara (Lily) Jayden is ready to take the stage as Lily, AKA "Shirley". She's been in numerous musicals growing up like *Beauty and the Beast* and *Grease*. She is also an alumna of Elite Energy. She's looking forward to "tomorrow" and is excited to take the stage. She hopes to see you all there!

Caleb Blair (Rooster) Caleb is thrilled to be joining Theater 7 for their production of Annie! He loves to perform on stage. Since 2018, Caleb has performed in eight shows across three local companies. Outside of theatre, Caleb loves to hang out with friends and family as well as pursue his Bachelor of Science in Accounting at Millikin University.

Josie Niebrugge (July) Josie is ten years old and a fifth-grade homeschool student in Decatur. This is Josie's third theatrical performance but her first with Theatre 7. She is excited to be playing the part of July and to be in this production with her big sister, Lucy. Some of Josie's other favorite activities include sewing, drawing, and spending time with her friends and family.

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Armony Whorley (Duffy) Armony is a highschooler in Decatur and has always had a passion for singing. This is Armony's first musical and is enjoying the new challenge. While it is her first musical, she was born to be on stage. Armony is excited to be doing this show with her mom and sister and looks forward to doing more shows in the future!

Addyson Harris (Kate) Addison is a vibrant nine-year-old fourth grader at Unity Christian School. This marks her first major production, though she has delighted audiences in various church skits and plays. Addison has been cheering since the age of three, inspired by her mother's coaching expertise. Her talents extend beyond cheerleading to include dance, basketball, volleyball, and soccer. She has a love for music and singing, and her big dream is to become an OB doctor.

Teigan Sanderson (Molly) Teigan is six years old. She lives in Mahomet and is in first grade. She loves to read, draw, and go to school. She enjoys playing baseball and doing gymnastics as well as spending time with friends and family. Tegan absolutely loves singing and dancing. This is her first experience in a show, but she has enjoyed every part of her time in theatre so far and is looking forward to more opportunities in the future.

Allison Frankovich (Pepper) Allison is very excited to be joining the cast of Annie in the role of Pepper. Allison is in 5th grade and attends Warrensburg Latham Elementary School. Although this is her first play, she is not new to performing. When she is not singing and dancing around the house, she enjoys playing softball, basketball, volleyball, figure skating, and playing the saxophone in her school band.

Elaina Kater (Tessie) I have done five complete shows, Annie is my sixth and my second show with Theatre 7. My very first show was Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, with Decatur Underground Theater (DUT) in 2022. My most recent show was Matilda, with Midsummer Moon Productions. I played Lavender. I have enjoyed preparing for this musical. I hope you enjoy(ed) the show!

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