

Roberts Wesleyan College Community Theatre

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The logo features the word "Disney" in its signature script font at the top left. Below it, the word "NEWSIES" is written in large, bold, white, block letters with a slight shadow effect, set against a black, tilted rectangular background. Underneath "NEWSIES", the words "THE BROADWAY MUSICAL" are written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font, also on a black background. A small "© Disney" copyright notice is visible on the right side of the tilted background.

Andrew B. Hale Auditorium

Roberts Wesleyan College

JANUARY 17-19, 2020

JANUARY 24-26, 2020

Based on the Disney Film
written by Bob Tzudiker
and Noni White

Music by **ALAN MENKEN**

Lyrics by **JACK FELDMAN**

Book by **HARVEY**

FIERSTEIN

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Director's Note

Welcome to RWCCT's production of Newsies!

Newsies originally was a movie that came out in 1992. The movie itself bombed at the Box Office, but developed a cult following that was big enough for Disney to turn it into a full-scale musical many years later. Opening on Broadway in 2012, the show ran for 1000 performances and received 2 Tony Awards.

What is it about this story that still captivates audiences today? It's a story of David vs. Goliath. The Newsies were exploited by a war of the publishers, like Pulitzer, who were trying to make money at their expense. No one took them seriously because of their age and their station in life. It is only after they banded together, that they were able to make a difference. The message of this show is what community theatre is all about. It is only after we, as a community of ALL ages come together, that we can create something special.

In the show, there is a line that says, "Give those kids and me the brand new century and watch what happens!" If the youth in this cast are any indication of "the brand new century," then we are in good shape.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the amazing artists that make up our production team. Marcia, Jae, Nelson, Mandi, Steve, Terry, Beth, Mary, Gene, Mike, Nate, Bob, and Joey— you truly help us to "seize the day" with everything that you do. Thank you for helping to support my vision and for challenging me (and everyone else) to be our best. As always, I am humbled by your gifts. To the RWCCT Board, thank you for this opportunity and allowing me to get to do what I love. To our amazing cast, you inspire us with the pieces of yourselves that you leave on the stage each and every rehearsal/performance. Thank you for sharing your talent with us, and for doing it with such grace and humility.

Lastly, during this production, our technical director/lighting designer and friend, Dwayne Reed, became gravely ill. In the true spirit of what this show is all about, we were blessed to have many people step in to support us in Dwayne's absence. Our cast and crew would like to dedicate this performance to Dwayne and his family!

Scenes and Musical Numbers

ACT ONE

Overture.....Orchestra

ROOFTOP, DAWN

Santa Fe (Prologue).....Jack, Crutchie

NEWSBOYS' LODGING HOUSE & NEWSIES SQUARE

Carrying the Banner.....Jack, Newsies, Nuns

Carrying the Banner (Tag).....Newsies

PULITZER'S OFFICE, AFTERNOON

The Bottom Line.....Pulitzer, Seitz, Bunsen, Hannah

Carrying the Banner (Reprise).....Newsies

A STREET CORNER

MEDDA'S THEATRE

That's Rich.....Medda, Bowery Beauties

I Never Planned on You/Don't Come a-Knocking.....Jack, Bowery
Beauties

NEWSIES SQUARE, NEXT MORNING

The World Will Know.....Jack, Davey, Les, Crutchie, Newsies

JACOBI'S DELI & STREET, AFTERNOON

The World Will Know (Reprise).....Jack, Davey, Les, Newsies

Watch What Happens.....Katherine

KATHERINE'S OFFICE

Watch What Happens (cont'd).....Katherine

Scenes and Musical Numbers

ACT ONE continued...

NEWSIE SQUARE, NEXT MORNING

Seize the Day.....Davey, Jack, Les, Newsies
Seize the Day (Tag).....Newsies
The Fight

ROOFTOP

Santa Fe.....Jack

THERE WILL a 15 MINUTE INTERMISSION BETWEEN ACTS

ACT TWO

JACOBI'S DELI, NEXT MORNING

Entr'acte

King of New York.....Davey, Katherine, Les, Newsies

THE REFUGE

Letter from The Refuge.....Crutchie

MEDDA'S THEATER

Watch What Happens (Reprise).....Davey, Jack, Katherine, Les

PULITZER'S OFFICE & CELLAR, AFTERNOON

The Bottom Line (Reprise).....Pulitzer, Seitz, Bunsen, Hannah

Brooklyn's Here.....Spot, Newsies, Brooklyn Newsies

Scenes and Musical Numbers

ACT TWO continued...

BROOKLYN BRIDGE & MEDDA'S THEATER

Brooklyn's Here (cont'd).....Spot, Newsies, Brooklyn Newsies

ROOFTOP, NIGHT

Something to Believe In.....Katherine, Jack

PULITZER's CELLAR

Seize the Day (Reprise).....Newsies

Once and For All.....Jack, Davey, Katherine, Newsies

PULITZER'S OFFICE, NEXT MORNING

Seize the Day (Reprise 2).....Newsies

NEWSIE SQUARE

Finale Ultimo (Part 1).....Company

Finale Ultimo (Part 2).....Company

Bows

Exit Music

The things we do today will be tomorrow's news

Cast

Jack Kelly.....	Jonah Martin
Crutchie.....	Kyle Critelli
Race.....	Colin Cedeno
Albert.....	Steven Hazekamp
Specs.....	Joshua Benningsohn
Henry.....	Jesse Ward
Finch.....	Jalen Taylor
Romeo.....	Jeffrey Ebel
Mush.....	Dylan La
Buttons.....	Daniel Dobbins
Splasher.....	Fiona Culhane
Tommy Boy.....	Reece Gurell
Jo Jo.....	Sam Zugnoni
Mike.....	Isaac Farwell
Nunzio/Newsie/Bill.....	Max Borrelli
Newsie/Darcy.....	Katie Thomas
Newsie.....	Hans Klaver
Katherine Plumber.....	Hadley Strelau
Nuns.....	Julie Eckert, Kristen Emery, Brianna Ford, Klaus McCarthy, Cameron Perez, Taylor Rohr, Katie Sattora, Logan Smith

Cast

Morris Delancey.....Brian Kovach
Oscar Delancey.....Gabriel Brett
Wiesel.....Nic Samper
Davey.....Evan Bala
Les.....Lucia Samper
Joseph Pulitzer.....Steve Valvano
Seitz.....Ken Degnan
Bunsen.....John Caboot
Hannah.....Chelsea Bentley
Snyder.....Gordon Bennett
Medda Larkin.....Michelle LaVarnway
Stage Manager/Guard.....Mark Christopher
Mrs. Jacobi.....Pam Putz
Scabs.....Philip Greco, Sam Buck, Sage Johnson
Mayor.....Brian Pomeroy
Spot Conlon.....Kristen Emery
Roosevelt.....Kevin Griffith
Woman.....Briana Ford

Cast

Bowery Beauties.....Shari Bischoping, Shelby Dunning,
Julie Eckert, Margo Tsallagova

Brooklyn Newsies.....Eirnin Bacon, Noah Brumbaugh,
Sam Buck, Sydney Burnett,
Emma Cedenno, Philip Greco,
Sage Johnson, Lucas Knapp,
Sean Kuder, Benett Marconi,
Grayson Marconi, Klaus McCarthy,
Emily Montulli, Jonah Post,
Olivia Repass, Maya Simonetti,
Malachi Tomaszewski

Goons.....Sam Buck, Ken Degnan, Philip Greco,
Sage Johnson, Sean Kuder, Brian Pomeroy,
Pam Putz, Malachi Tomaszewski

*Soon your friends are more like
family*

Production Team/Production Staff

Artistic Director.....	Eric Traugott
Vocal Director.....	Jessica Stevens Volpe
Assistant Director.....	Marcia Stevens
Choreographer.....	Mandi Griffith-Gurell
Production Manager.....	Dr. Nelson Hill
Orchestra Director.....	Terry Bacon
Costume Designer.....	Mary Farmer
Rehearsal Accompanist.....	Beth Funderburk
Technical Director(s).....	Dwayne Reed, Bert Baldwin
Stage Manager.....	Megan Beck
Set Design.....	Marcia Stevens, Eric Traugott
Set Builder.....	Eugene Vogler, Joey Paris
Backdrop Artist.....	Mike Volpe
Props Coordinator.....	Marcia Stevens
Lighting Design.....	Nathan Clark
Sound.....	New Life Electronics, Bob Puff
Set Painter.....	Marcia Stevens
Publicity Coordinator.....	Eric Traugott
Programs.....	Eric Traugott, Barb Walence
Photography.....	William Guy
Rehearsal Photography/Trailer.....	Nicolas Samper

Production Team/Production Staff

Hair/Makeup Assistance.....Victoria Dunning
Assistant Stage Manager.....Brittany Porter
Stage Crew.....Mikaela Clark
Rob Rutt
Joe Paris
Tim Hutkowski
Craig Fountain

Orchestra

Conductor.....Terry Bacon
Reeds.....Todd Huffer
TrumpetBob Viavattine
Trombone.....Steven Zugelder
Violin.....Karen Marsh
Cello.....Tammy Keller
Bass.....Lynn Eberhardt
Guitar.....Ben Rybolt
Keyboard 1.....Beth Funderburk
Keyboard 2.....Teresa Bala
Percussion.....Matthew Nordhausen
Drums.....Mark Viavattine

Cast Biographies

Eirnin Bacon (Brooklyn Newsie) is thrilled to be a part of his third RWCCT production. He loves musical theater and *Newsies* will be his eleventh show. A student at Churchville-Chili Middle School, Eirnin plays cello, piano, and sings in the school chorus. He thanks his parents for their support and promises to not wave at his dad in the pit while on stage.

Evan Balasubramaniam (Davey) is honored to be in his sixth RWCCT show. He has been participating here since he was 11 years old. He is now in his senior year of high school at Gates Chili. Evan has been seen here as Raccoon Islander (*Peter Pan*), Tall Sailor (*Anything Goes*), Knife Enthusiast (*Beauty and the Beast*), Sweep Number Four (*Mary Poppins*), and Gavroche (*Les Mis*). He would like to thank everyone involved in all of his productions here for helping to create the performer he is today. He would also like to invite everyone to come see him as Jean Valjean in *Les Miserables* at Gates Chili High School, March 27, 28, and 29.

Gordon Bennett (Snyder) is excited and proud to be part of the cast of *Newsies*, his sixth show with RWCCT. By day a mild-mannered software engineer, when not in a show he enjoys playing trombone with the Honeoye Falls Community Concert Band, the Brockport Big Band jazz ensemble, and the Lehigh Station Bones trombone quartet, as well as pit orchestras for other theater groups. As always, once again this year he gives fervent thanks for the saintly forbearance of his wife, Carol.

Joshua Bennigsohn (Specs) is ecstatic to play his role in *Newsies*. This is Josh's 17th show. Previously, Josh was seen in *Peter Pan* (as Michael), *Beauty and the Beast* (as Chip), *Willy Wonka* (as Mike Teevee), *Jungle Book* (as Mowgli), *Into the Woods* (as Jack) and many more productions. He would like to thank his Mom, Dad and other family for all of their wonderful support.

Chelsea Bentley (Hannah) is excited to be making her RWCCT debut in *Newsies*. Recent credits include Charlie Taylor in the workshop premiere of *Produce: The Musical*, Jenny Hill in *Big Fish*, Ms. Crookshank in *Miracle on 34th Street*, and Spider in *James and the Giant Peach*. Chelsea directed the regional premiere of *Dotty Dot! A New Children's Musical* for the 2016 Rochester Fringe Festival, as well as the *Galentine's Day Gala* cabaret at the Lyric Theatre in 2019. She is a graduate of SUNY Brockport with a Bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Arts for Children and Theatre, and when she's not onstage she shares her love of music, learning, and play as a preschool teacher in Henrietta. Love and thanks to her brothers who have spent much of the last decade singing these songs with her in the car, her parents, and her theatre family.

Shari Bischooping (Medda Dancer) is excited to be onstage in this production of *Newsies!* She currently teaches 5th grade at Victor Intermediate School and assistant choreographs the Victor High School musical. Shari was trained in dancing at Visions Dance Studio and continued her theatre and dancing endeavors at SUNY Geneseo. She was most recently seen as Serena in *Legally Blonde* this past summer with Geneseo Community Players and as a featured dancer in OFC Creations' production of *The Bodyguard* this past spring.

Max Borrelli (Newsie, Nunzio, Bill) Is thrilled to be a part of his first RWCCT production! He is currently a senior at Nazareth College studying Theatre and Early Childhood Education with a minor in Musical Theatre. He was most recently in Nazareth College's Production of *The Laramie Project* playing multiple characters such as Doc O' Connor, Stephen Belber, Father Roger Schmit and more. *Newsies* is one of his favorite musicals and he is so happy to be a part of this cast! He wants to thank his friends and his family for always supporting him, Eric, and the rest of the RWCCT community for giving him a chance to be a part of this show!

Gabriel Brett (Oscar Delancey) is thrilled to be on stage once again in RWCCT's production of *Newsies*. Gabe is a senior at SUNY Brockport where he is working on his B. S. in Earth Science. Some of Gabe's favorite shows /roles are *Peter Pan* (Nana/The Croc), *The Addams Family* (Gomez Addams), and *Urinetown* (Caldwell B. Cladwell). Gabe would like to thank the hard-working cast and crew, and his family for all of their support.

Noah Brumbaugh (Brooklyn Newsie) is excited to be in his first show with RWCCT. His credits include minor roles in *Singin in the Rain*, *Seusical Jr* and as Aladdin in *Aladdin Jr*. He plays French Horn as well as other instruments and sings in choir at Churchville-Chili Middle School. He thanks his Dad, Mom and sister for their support and his Grandfather for helping him prepare.

Samuel Buck (Brooklyn Newsie/Scab/Goon) has enjoyed returning to the stage with RWCCT. Sam is a tenth grade homeschooled student who attends Gloria Deo Cooperative where he especially enjoys literature and science classes. He plays piano and violin, and loves sports. Fun memories in recent roles include playing a Lost Boy in last year's RWCCT's *Peter Pan* and playing Old Ebenezer and Peter in Geva's *A Christmas Carol*.

Sydney Burnett (Brooklyn Newsie) is thrilled to join the RWCCT cast for her second production. She appeared in *Peter Pan* as a Lost Boy last year. Her other favorite roles include, Annie in *Annie Kids*, Abu in *Aladdin Jr*, Finale Soloist in *Elf Jr*, and her most recent, Broadway Melody Host in *Singing in the Rain Jr*. She is a seventh grader at Churchville Chili and enjoys singing in select chorus groups and in voice lessons. Recently, she was included in the treble choir for the Area Allstate performance. Sydney would like to thank her family and directors for giving her this amazing opportunity!

Cast Biographies

John Caboot (Bunsen) is returning for his 3rd production with RWCCT. You may have seen him in last year's production of *Peter Pan* as Captain Hook. Other recent credits in the Rochester Area include: *Addams Family* (Webster Theater Guild) and *Cinderella* (Pittsford Musicals) When not on stage, he is an 8th Grade Science teacher at Churchville-Chili Middle School. John would like to thank his family and friends as well as his amazingly talented girlfriend Hadley, for all their love and support.

Colin Cedeno (Race) is so excited to be a part of this year's RWCCT cast of *Newsies*, especially as a longtime fan of the show. He previously was in RWCCT's production *Peter Pan* as an Islander. Some of his favorite shows and roles include *42nd Street* as Billy, *Music Man* as Winthrop, and *Guys and Dolls* as a part of crapshooters ensemble. Colin is a junior at Gates Chili High School and is very active in their musical program. He takes part in chorus, band, Show Choir, and the Tri-M Music Society. Colin would like to thank his family for all their help and support throughout life and theatre, Eric and the production team for this opportunity, and the cast and crew for their hard work and the many memories.

Emma Cedeno (Brooklyn Newsie) is excited to be a part of her first RWCCT production! Emma is a freshman at Gates Chili and loves singing in chorus and Show Choir, playing flute in band and acting in Gates Chili Musical Theatre productions as well as STAR Camp with Gates Rec. Some of Emma's favorite roles are *The Music Man* (Gracie Shinn), *Cinderella* (Herald), and *Annie* (Sandy). She would like to thank her mother for all of her support, Mrs. Volpe for helping her grow musically and Eric and the production team for taking a chance on her. Thank you to her family and friends for their support and love.

Mark Christopher (Stage Manager/Police officer) is once again happy to be on stage with RWCCT. This will be Mark's 14th show. Mark attends Pearce Church and participated in a number of Easter musical there. He is thankful to his wife for her love and support. Break a leg.

Kyle Critelli (Crutchie) is excited to be playing the role of Crutchie. He was last on the RWCCT stage playing Lumiere in *Beauty and the Beast*. Kyle is a neuroscience researcher at Strong Memorial Hospital, a freelance sound engineer, and a part-time PMBA candidate. He was most recently seen as Abraham in Last Fool's production of *Altar Boyz* and as Rocky in Blackfriar's production of *Rocky Horror Picture Show*.

Fiona Culhane (Splasher) is so psyched to have her RWCCT debut! She is thrilled to be on the stage! Fiona is a 7th grader at Gates Chili Middle School, where her most recent performance was in *The Wizard Of Oz*, playing the role of The Cowardly Lion. Her past productions include *42nd Street* (Gladys), *Cinderella* (Godmother), *FAME!* (Dance Ensemble). Fiona enjoys singing in the Gates Chili Middle School show choir. Fiona would like to thank her friends, teachers, and family for this amazing opportunity!

Ken Degnan (Seitz/Police officer) is thrilled to be a part of this production of *Newsies!* Ken was previously seen in RWCCT productions as constable in *Les Miserables*, ensemble for *Mary Poppins* and *Beauty and the Beast*, pirate ensemble for *Peter Pan*, and as Eli Whitney in *Anything Goes*. He is thankful for enduring family patience as he is infected with a theater bug for which there is no cure.

Danny Dobbins (Buttons) is thrilled to be a part of his first RWCCT production! Favorite credits include *Godspell*(Jesus), *Archie*(13), *The Wiz* (The Wiz), *Brighton Beach Memoirs* (Eugene), *Sideshow*(Houdini), and *Geva's A Christmas Carol* (Young Eb/Peter Cratchit). Danny recently over the summer became a Geva Summer Academy alum. When not on stage, Danny enjoys playing piano and baking. He would like to thank Eric, Mandi, and Jessica for this amazing experience and his family for their unwavering support.

Shelby Dunning (Medda Dancer) is overjoyed to be a part of the cast of *Newsies*. Although this is her first show with RWCCT, she is not a stranger to the stage. Most recently, she was Jane in Out of Pocket's production of *Barbecue Apocalypse*, and a featured dancer in GPAS' *Addams Family the Musical*. Prior, she was an actor and props master at Canisius College, with her most notable role being Miss Furnival in *Black Comedy*. Shelby would like to thank her friends and family for their love and support, as well as the cast for such a memorable experience!

Jeffrey Ebel (Romeo) Is returning to the RWCCT stage for his second show with the company. Jeffrey is a professional alpaca shearer and freelance writer. He enjoys doing theatre of all kinds when he's not on the road for work. In both 2018 and 2019 Jeffrey won the North American Alpaca Shearing Competition in Thompson, Connecticut... Anyway, reading through all these bios can get boring, so how about I leave you with this: The downside of being a bomb disposal technician is that it takes 6 hours to open Christmas gifts... Enjoy the show!

Cast Biographies

Julie Eckert (Medda Dancer/Nun/Brooklyn Newsie): This is Julie's second time being involved in a production with RWCCT. She is excited to be taking part in *Newsies*, which she considers one of her favorite musicals. Julie grew up watching her three siblings perform, and she participated in theater throughout middle school, high school and college. Now that she is done with school, she is happy to have community theater as a way of keeping this hobby in her life. She would like to thank her family for inspiring her to continue doing theater, and for supporting her extra by telling her to break both of her legs. She would also like to thank her boyfriend for his support, even though he doesn't particularly love musical theater himself.

Kristen Emery (Spot Conlon) is jazzed to be performing in her fourth RWCCT production. Most recently she was seen as Peter Pan in RWCCT's production of *Peter Pan*. Favorite past credits include various ensemble roles in *Beauty and the Beast* and *Les Miserables*, Lily in *The Secret Garden*, Emma Carew in *Jekyll and Hyde*. Her favorite role is Mom, to her two year old son Emmett. Kristen is a preschool teacher at Pinnacle Lutheran School and earned a degree in Recreation Administration at York College of Pennsylvania. She was born a Jersey girl. Kristen is most thankful for her husband Greg, her mom, dad, and those friends who are more like her family.

Isaac Farwell (Mike) is excited for the opportunity to perform with RWCCT for the first time. His love of theater began in 4th grade when he played the role of Greylag in *Honk Jr.* Since then, he has been cast as Rooster in *Annie Jr.*, Willy Wonka in *Willy Wonka Jr.*, Kristoff in *Frozen Jr.*, and Winthrop Paroo in *The Music Man*. Isaac is in 8th grade and enjoys being homeschooled with his four siblings. Outside of theater, he spends his time playing the keyboard and guitar, camping and hiking the 46 Adirondack High Peaks with his dad and brothers, karate, and Boy Scouts. Isaac would like to thank God for his musical talents, his parents and siblings for encouraging and supporting him, and the RWCCT directors for giving him a spot in this amazing, fun cast.

Brianna Ford (Nun) Brianna is excited to be in her first RWCCT production! After taking ten years off to focus on her family and raising her three children she is thrilled to be back on the stage. Previously Brianna played the role of the mother in *The Christmas Shoes* and was a finalist in SUNY Brockport College *Brockport Idol*. Brianna would like to thank her family, especially her husband, for always supporting and encouraging her in her love for theatre.

Philip Greco (Scab, Goon, Brooklyn Newsie) is thrilled to be a part of *Newsies* here at Roberts Wesleyan College. This is Philip's very first RWCCT production. Philip is a 9th grader at Churchville-Chili's Ninth Grade Academy. Past shows include *The Little Mermaid Jr.*, (Ensemble), *Fiddler on the Roof Jr.*, (Ensemble), *Into the Woods Jr.*, (Steward), *Elf Jr. The Musical*, (Santa Claus), Roald Dahl's *Matilda The Musical*, (the Escapologist), and *Clue: On Stage* (Mr. Boddy). In Philip's spare time, he enjoys taking vocal lessons with Mrs. Elise Camp, and participating in Churchville-Chili's Singing Saints select chorus. Philip would like to give a big thank-you to his family, directors, fellow cast and crew members, friends, and teachers for guiding him in his passion for the arts. Philip hopes everyone in the audience enjoys RWCCT's production of *Newsies!*

Kevin Griffith (Governor Roosevelt). Kevin retired from teaching after 34 years in Greece Central Schools. He was the Artistic Director for 18 musicals at Arcadia Middle School. Has performed in *Annie* (Daddy Warbucks) and *The Wizard of Oz* (Wizard). He is delighted to be in first show with RWCCT. Thanks for all the support from my family.

Reece Gurell (Tommy Boy) is an eighth-grader in the Rush-Henrietta School District, where he plays cello, participates in their musical theatre program, and is a member of the select group, Dedicated Voices. Over the past few years, he has enjoyed working with a variety of local companies such as Webster Theatre Guild, Last Fool Productions, and RAPA. Reece received accolades for his role in *Bravura: The Life and Death of David Hochstein* for the Hummingbird Theatre Company, as well as noted performances for Rochester Fringe Festival. When not rehearsing for a show, Reece enjoys Parkour and playing piano, guitar, and ukulele.

Steven Hazekamp (Albert) is just happy to be back on the stage for a full production after a 5 year break. Only his second show with RWCCT, Steven has a number of roles under his belt including: *Shrek* (Donkey), *Footloose* (Ren), *Urine Town* (Officer Lockstock), and RWCCT's own *Cinderella* (Prince Christopher). He wants to thank his family and friends for their support, the cast for being so talented and a joy to work with, and the production team for heading up this amazing show!

Sage Johnson (Scab 3, Goon, & Brooklyn Newsie) is thrilled to be part of his first production at RWCCT! He has performed in *Annie* and will be appearing in *Schoolhouse Rock* this year at Byron Bergen High School. Besides theater at BBHS, he also is a member of the Singing Silhouettes, Marching Band, and has performed in All County Choir for the last two years. He would like to thank his parents for encouraging him to try out for this play and their continued support with music.

Hans Klaver (Newsie) is happy to join the RWCCT family in their production of *Newsies*. Hans was last seen in Spotlight Theatre's production of *Seussical* as a Wickersham and is happy to be back on the stage again with such a wonderful cast. He would like to thank his friends and family for their support and for the casting crew for giving him a chance to be a part of this great production.

Cast Biographies

Lucas Knapp (Brooklyn Newsie) is excited to be a part of the cast of *Newsies* with RWCCT. He previously performed with RWCCT in their production of *Peter Pan*, and has enjoyed many experiences in theater camps where he has performed as a member of the cast, including *Aladdin Jr.*, *Lion King Jr.*, *Seussical Jr.*, *Frozen Jr.*, *Shrek Jr.* and *Matilda*. Lucas is in fourth grade and is excited to be learning to play the clarinet in the school band this year, as well as to be a member of his school's theater club! Lucas would like to thank his Mom, Dad, and brother Ben for always supporting his passion for theater!

Brian Kovach (Morris Delancey) has thoroughly enjoyed his time in the cast of *Newsies* after taking a season off to study in Los Angeles. While his crowning moment is his performance as a rather shouty Herr Zeller in *The Sound of Music* at Gates Chili High School, Brian has previously performed in RWCCT productions of *Anything Goes* (Brother John), *Beauty and the Beast* (Ensemble), and *Mary Poppins* (Ensemble). Outside the theatre, Brian is pursuing a career in film criticism, but will certainly find a way to be onstage wherever he goes. He would like to thank many people, but to keep the list short he'll just thank the cast, crew, friends from previous shows, and any friends from Roberts Wesleyan who've come to see him.

Sean Kuder (Brooklyn Newsie, Goon) is excited to once again perform with RWCCT. Sean's most recently credits include Kenickie in *Grease*, KC in *We are Monsters*, Evan Goldman in *13! The Musical* as well as Edgar in *Aristocats*. When not performing in theater productions Sean enjoys entertaining the world with his artwork. Sean is a 9th grader at Hilton High School and is currently working with acting coach J. Simmons.

Dylan La (Mush) is looking forward to being a part of RWCCT's 2020 show, *Newsies!* He has been seen in *Beauty and the Beast*, *Anything Goes* and *Peter Pan* previously with RWCCT. He would like to thank his family, friends and girlfriend for supporting him.

Michelle LaVarnway (Medda Larkin) is so excited for her fourth show with RWCCT. Some of her recent performances include *Beauty & the Beast* (Wardrobe), *Cinderella* (Stepsister), *Les Misérables* (Lovely Lady), and also *Sweeney Todd* with PM. Michelle is a vocal music teacher in the Greece Central School District, choir director at the First Presbyterian Church of Honeoye Falls, and proud mama of Eli and Lia. Thank you to Derek, my family, and friends for all of their support.

Benett Marconi (Brooklyn Newsie) is thrilled to make his debut with the RWCCT as a Brooklyn Newsie. Benett has performed in many school and church talent shows, and most recently could be seen as part of the Gates Chili Middle School production of *The Wizard of Oz*. He is also a member of the Gates Chili show choir and plays guitar for the school Jazz Band. Along with the guitar and singing, Benett plays the saxophone, drums, bass guitar, and piano. When he's not playing music, he enjoys volleyball and playing first base for the Gates Chili Storm Baseball team. He would like to thank his dad for passing on his love of music, his mom for always providing encouragement, and his supportive friends and family.

Grayson Marconi (Brooklyn Newsie) is so excited to be part of his favorite musical! Grayson is 8 years old and loves Power Rangers and Aquabats. He has performed on stage with the Drama Kids program and at many church talent shows where he enjoys singing with his brothers. Grayson would like to say "thank you" to Eric Traugott for casting him in his first big show!

Jonah M. Martin (Jack Kelly) is excited to return to the RWCCT stage after a ten year hiatus, studying Musical Theatre and Biblical Studies at Lancaster Bible College. Previous credits include Horton in *Seussical*, Joe B. Mauldin in *Buddy!*, Man 3 in *Ring of Fire*, Confederate Captain in *The Civil War* and the Alaska Cabin Nite Dinner theatre. Thanks to family and friends for welcoming him home, and to the whole production team for trusting him with the role of a lifetime. SDG.

Klaus McCarthy (nun, Brooklyn Newsies) is ecstatic to be joining the cast of *Newsies!* This is Klaus' first time participating in a RWCCT production. Her past credits include: Bundles in *Annie Kids*, Rafiki in *Lion King Kids*, Mr. Greenway in *Elf Jr.*, Head Guard in *Aladdin kids*, and Miss Beal in *Singin' in the Rain Jr.*, as well as many years as a techie for other shows. Klaus takes vocal lessons from Cassia Beal, a Roberts student, and enjoys singing in Churchville Chili Middle School's select chorus. Klaus would like to thank her family, Cassia Beal, Carl Wager, Michelle Stone, all of her supportive friends, in particular Trafina Siah and Aaron Dearing, and her amazing girlfriend, Dulce. She would also like to congratulate her incredible cast mates and directors.

Emily Montulli (Brooklyn Newsie) is very excited to be in her first performance with RWCCT! Although this is her first appearance in a RWCCT production, she has been involved with many other performances through Gates Chili and STAR Camp, including *Annie*, *Shrek*, and *Fame*. She was most recently seen in *Cinderella* as Cinderella and *42nd Street* as Lorraine. When Emily is not performing in musicals, she enjoys singing for the Gates Chili Show Choir and playing soccer with her travel team. Emily would like to thank her family and friends for being so supportive of her passion.

Cast Biographies

Cameron Perez (Nun) is excited to be back with RWCCT for her second production. Cameron was previously seen in *Anything Goes* as well as *Once Upon a Mattress* and *The Sound of Music*. Cameron is a senior at Nazareth a College majoring in Communications and Media Arts as well as double minoring in Dance and Musical Theatre. Cameron would like to thank all of her family, boyfriend, friends, voice teacher, and career coach for always believing in her and supporting her in everything she does. She would additionally like to thank the directors for their support in this show and the cast for always putting their all into this show. Much love!

Brian Pomeroy (The Mayor/Goon) is thrilled to be making his debut with RWCCT. He has been involved in Rochester area Community Theater for nearly fifteen years, mainly with The Penfield Players and Webster Theatre Guild. Recent credits include *Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (Naphtali) with Webster Theatre Guild, and *Whispering Inhibitions* (Rob Konti) with Visiko LLC Productions. Brian resides in the South Wedge neighborhood of Rochester. Brian would like to thank his friends Claudia, for encouraging his involvement in theater, and Charlie for the voice lessons. Finally, he would like to thank director Eric Traugott for casting him in this awesome production.

Jonah Post (Brooklyn Newsie) is enjoying his very first time setting foot in the theater biz and joining the cast of *Newsies*. Jonah found his love for theater from the musical *Peter Pan* in 2019 at RWCCT. Jonah is a 10 year old boy who has a love for nature and music. He is a thriving learner, he loves school and making people laugh. Jonah is part of the environmental club and student council at TJ Connor Elementary and enjoys playing baseball with his father, Zack. Jonah looks forward to many more theatrical opportunities in the future. He would like to express his love and gratitude to his Aunt Pamela Putz for introducing him to theater and guiding him during this journey as well as his Mother, Claire and Grandfather Garry for making sure he attends every rehearsal.

Pam Putz (Mrs. Jacobi, Goon) is delighted to be returning for her 25th show on the Roberts stage and 20 plus years with this group. Life would not be the same without it. She would like to thank the Board, Production Team, Stage Crew and the Cast for all of their hard work and making every show the best it can be. She would like to dedicate this show to all the people that come to see her and have for many years. Thank you for all your support. I love you all and God Bless!

Olivia Repass (Brooklyn Newsie) is very excited to be a part of her first RWCCT's production of *Newsies*. Her past credits include reporter in *Clue*, Charlotte Dennon in *Elf*, Baker's wife in *Into the Woods*, Agatha in *Guys & Dolls*, Kaa in *The Jungle Book*, and Ensemble in *Fiddler on the Roof*. Olivia found her love of music when she was in 3rd grade, playing Flounder in CRS's production of *The Little Mermaid*. She would like to thank Mr. Herman and Mr. Cortese for introducing her to music. She would also like to thank her Mom and Dad for believing in her.

Taylor Rohr (Nun/Stage Crew) is thrilled to be participating in her first production with RWCCT. Taylor has been seen in *The Music Man* and *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. She is a sophomore at Arizona State University and is studying social work with a minor in Spanish. She would like to thank her family for supporting her and her friends for dealing with her listening to show tunes 24/7.

Lucia Samper (Les) is exhilarated to be on stage again with RWCCT; her first experience at Roberts was playing a Lost Boy in *Peter Pan*. You may also have seen her in OFC Creation's *The Sound of Music*, as Gretl, RAPA's production of *Annie*, as Molly, and RAPA's *Damn Yankees*, as a kid fan. She would like to thank her family for supporting her throughout her theatre journey. Lucia is enjoying school at Twelve Corners Middle School in Brighton; outside of the theatre, she loves to run and win 5 and 10Ks! She would especially like to thank her Father, Nicolas, for being her constant acting companion. This is their seventh show performing together!

Nicolas Samper (Mr. Wiesel) wants to remind you that it's pronounced Wise-ell! Most recently he was seen as Cecco in RWCCT's production of *Peter Pan*. He is thrilled to return to the RWCCT stage with his daughter Lucia, and is grateful to his other daughter Cecilia for introducing him to this amazing show. Recent credits include roles with OFC Creations (*The Golden Girls Musical*, *The Sound of Music*) Pittsford Musicals (*Les Misérables*, *Curtains*, *Sweeney Todd*), Webster Theatre Guild's (*Fiddler On The Roof*), RAPA (Annie, In the Heights, Oliver, Mary Poppins), Greece Performing Arts Society (*The Addams Family*). When he's not on stage, he is a Clinical Program Manager by day and he enjoys photographing local theatre productions as one of the principal photographers of samperimages.com along with his wife, brother and father. You can see him next in *Man of La Mancha* in March, 2020.

Katie Sattora (Nun) is ecstatic to be back on the RWCCT stage with this year's production of *Newsies*. With past roles in *Peter Pan*, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, *Guys and Dolls*, and many more, she has had her fair share of stage time. Starting college out of state for Environmental Science in the fall, this will sadly be her last performance on this stage. You can see her next in Gates Chili's production of *Les Misérables* as an old women. She would like to thank her mother and her sister for pushing her to do theatre in the first place, and their ongoing support through the years.

Maya Simonetti (Brooklyn Newsie) is thrilled to be a part of this wonderful family at RWCCT. Maya has participated in four other shows here at RWCCT, including *Peter Pan* (Wendy Darling). Maya is an 8th grader at Calkins Road Middle school where she is currently playing Glinda in *The Wizard Of Oz*. Some of Maya's favorite roles have been, *Shrek* (Fiona), *The Lion King* (Rafiki), and *The Sound of Music* (Marta). Maya has also participated in area all-state and all-county chorus. Maya enjoys skiing, playing flute, and singing and dancing. Maya would like to thank the directors for these amazing opportunities, and her parents for driving her back and forth from Pittsford. Enjoy the show!!

Cast Biographies

Logan Smith (Nun/Stagecrew) is from Webster and is a Freshman at Roberts Wesleyan College. She is currently studying Music Therapy. Logan has been in productions such as *Pippin*, *Aida*, and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Her favorite role was as a Waltzer and Yvonne in *Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella* in 2019. This is her first production with this theater. She is very thankful to have the opportunity to be a part of the show since she is unable to dance due to an injury gained in a car accident in early 2019. She would like to not only wish luck to everyone but also to thank the directors, cast, and crew of this production. She hopes you enjoy the show.

Hadley Strelau (Katherine Plumber) is thrilled to return to the RWCCT stage. A Rochester native, Strelau received her degree in Vocal Performance from Nazareth College and went on to join the ensemble of Virginia Musical Theatre's 2019 production of *Mary Poppins*. Having settled back in Rochester, she now works as an Administrative Assistant for Creative Caterers at Glendoveers and has enjoyed performing within the Rochester community. Most recently, she performed in Blackfriar Theatre's production of *Guys and Dolls* as a Hot Box Girl. Other favorite past credits include: Tiger Lily in *Peter Pan*, Clara in *Clara, My Love*, and Tzeitel in *Fiddler in the Roof*. As always, much love to her parents and John.

Jalen Taylor (Finch) is beyond thrilled to be participating in his first show with RWCCT. He is currently a freshman in the musical theatre program at Nazareth College and has participated in theatre throughout his entire high school career at Gates Chili. His most recent shows include *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* (M #5/Saint Aphrodisius) and *Guys and Dolls* (Nicely-Nicely Johnson). Jalen would like to send a huge thanks to all of the people who supported him throughout his journey and to all the friends he's made along the way. He would also like to send a final thanks to the amazing cast and crew of this year's production of *Newsies*.

Katie Thomas (Newsie) is a Junior at Churchville Chili High School. This is Katie's fifth performance with RWCCT. Katie studies voice with Kelly Walsh and dances at A Time for Dance. Some of Katie's favorite shows/roles include RWCCT's *Mary Poppins* (Jane Banks), *Addams Family* (Wednesday Addams), *42nd Street* (Anytime Annie), and her most recent role of Gingy and the Sugarplum Fairy in Artists Unlimited production of *Shrek*. Katie would like to thank the production team for the opportunity to be a part of another awesome RWCCT production.

Malachi Tomaszewski (Brooklyn Newsie/Goon) is excited to be joining the cast of *Newsies* with RWCCT. Malachi has been performing since he was in fourth grade where he played Baloo in *The Jungle Book Jr*. Other performances have included *Beauty and the Beast*, *Wizard of Oz*, *Guys and Dolls* and others. Malachi would like to thank the crew and cast for the dedication to the Arts and for all the hard work that has gone into this show. He would also like to thank his family for their support.

Margo Tsallagova (Bowery Beauty) is a photographer at Helen & Gertrude in downtown Rochester. Margo is very excited to be a part of this cast of *Newsies!* This is her first production with RWCCT and she has really enjoyed meeting new people as well as working with past castmates. She was last seen on stage as a featured dancer in OFC Creations' production of *The Bodyguard*.

Steve Valvano (Joseph Pulitzer) is honored to be a part of this wonderful *Newsies* cast. He has participated in every RWCCT musical production and has worked with many other theater groups in the area. A few favorite roles include: *Guys and Dolls* (Arvide), *Peter Pan* (Smee), *Fiddler on the Roof* (Tevye), *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* (Frollo), *Miracle on 34th St.* (Kris Kringle), *The Producers* (Max Bialystock), *The Fantasticks (El Gayo)*, *Les Miserable* (Thenerdier), *1776* (Stephen Hopkins), *West Side Story* (Doc), *The Music Man* (Marcellus & Mayor Shinn), *Beauty and the Beast* (Cogsworth & Maurice). Steve enjoys volunteering his music in the schools and community. He dedicates these performances to his wife, Cheryl, and their family, especially his grand kids.

Jesse Ward (Henry) is very excited to perform in his fifth RWCCT show, starting in *Mary Poppins* a few years ago as Michael Banks. He has been in 16 musicals, and some past roles include John in last year's performance of *Peter Pan*, and as Mr Wormwood in Encore! Theatre Arts' *Matilda*. In his spare time, Jesse enjoys playing the viola. He is a tenth grader at Churchville- Chili and is a Highest Honor Roll student. Jesse would like to thank everyone involved in this production for being so fun to work with. He really hopes that you enjoy this performance!

Sam Zugnoni (JoJo) is so honored to be a part of the *Newsies* family! Sam is a 16 year old sophomore at Gates Chili where she is currently in a production of *Les Miserables* (Fantine). She has also done many other shows at Gates Chili including *Annie* (Annie) and *Shrek* (Young Fiona). Sam is a proud member of Rochester's regional show choir Roc City Singers. Sam spends her summers at RBTLs Summer Stars program where she has been seen as a featured singer and dance captain. She hopes you enjoy the hard work and love that has been put into this crazy, fun show!

*So the world
says no? Well
the kids do too!*

Production Team Biographies

Eric Traugott (Artistic Director) is thrilled to be returning as the Artistic Director for this production with RWCCT. Previously, Eric was the Artistic Director for *Peter Pan*, *Anything Goes*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Mary Poppins* and *Les Miserables* for RWCCT, as well as a Vocal Director (*42nd Street*, *Cinderella*), Choreographer (*Anything Goes*) and Stage Manager (*Annie* and *George M*). Eric is the Student Success Coach at Durand Eastman and Laurelton Pardee in the East Irondequoit School District and the Music Director/Youth/Young Adult Choir Director at St. Christopher's Church in Chili. Eric attended Nazareth College for both his Undergraduate and Graduate degrees in Music Education. He has worked as Producer, Director, Vocal Director, Assistant Director and Stage Manager for many organizations including: Churchville Chili Central School District, Pavilion Central School District, and Encore! Theatre Arts. Eric would like to thank his wife, Gretchen, sons, Benjamin and Jeremy, and his family and friends for their love and support.

Jessica Stevens Volpe (Vocal Director) Jessica is excited to be joining RWCCT for another season! Previously with RWCCT, Jessica has worked as Vocal Director (*Peter Pan*, *Anything Goes*, *Beauty and the Beast*) and Choreographer (*Anything Goes*, *Les Miserables*). She holds her Bachelor and Master degrees in Music Education from Nazareth College and teaches vocal general and choral music at Gates Chili Middle School. Jessica is the choreographer and vocal director for the Gates Chili High School Musical Theatre Program where she has served on the production team for over a decade. In addition, Jessica choreographs the middle and high school show choirs, and co-directs the middle school musical and high school drama productions. She teaches private voice and piano lessons and is the artistic director and vocal director for Gates Recreation and Parks' STAR Camp, a summer musical theatre program for junior high students. Love and thanks to family, the cast, crew, and production team.

Marcia Stevens (Assistant Director, Set Design, Scenic Artist, Properties Manager)

Marcia is proud to be returning for another season with RWCCT, having served on the production team since 2008. She has worked with multiple local community organizations and school productions, including the Gates Chili High School musical theatre program where she has been with the production team since 2005. In addition, Marcia is the assistant production coordinator for Gates Recreation and Parks' STAR Camp, a summer musical theatre program for students ages 10-16. 2019 credits include *Peter Pan* (RWCCT), *Working* (Greece Olympia HS), *Guys and Dolls* (Gates Chili HS), *42nd Street* (STAR Camp), *Clue* (Churchville Chili HS), *Hansel and Gretel* (RWC), *Curse of the Cobra's Kiss* (Gates Chili HS), and *The Wizard of Oz* (Gates Chili MS). Congratulations to the cast, crew, and production team. This experience has been the epitome of what community theatre is all about. As always, special thanks to family and friends for continued support. "Seize the Day!"

Mandi Lynn Griffith-Gurell (Choreographer) is a Rochester native with a BFA in Dance. She studied improvisation at Ensemble Studio Theatre in NYC, then went on to own and direct New York Academy of Dance for twelve years, here in Rochester. Mandi has been involved in the local theater community as a choreographer, performer and director for a wide range of organizations including JCC CenterStage, Webster Theatre Guild, and OFC Creations. She recently had the privilege of assistant directing at Blackfriars Theatre for their winter production of *Peter and the Starcatcher* and is excited to return to RWCCT after serving as choreographer for last year's *Peter Pan*. Mandi also co-founded Last Fool Productions, responsible for the hit *Altar Boyz* during Rochester Fringe Festival 2019. She continues to direct and choreograph youth productions throughout the year for various companies and travels to local schools to perform with the "Storybook Theatre" group for OFC Creations.

Nelson Hill (Producer) earned a BS in Music Education at Roberts Wesleyan ('77), an MA in Liberal studies with an emphasis in Theater from SUNY Brockport ('87), and his DMA in Choral Conducting at University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music ('99). He has worked as a Jr./Sr. High School music teacher (12 years), a church choir director and minister of music (12 years), and Roberts Wesleyan College (15 years) as Chair of the Division of Fine Arts, Academic Dean, and VP for Student Development. He has been a Director, Musical Director, or Producer of over 50 productions during his career, working with student as well as semi-professional and professional organizations. Hill has served on the RWCCT Board since 2004 and is pleased to serve as the Producer of this year's production of *Newsies*.

*There's a
change
comin' once
and for
all....*

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Mary Farmer (Costume Designer)

received a BFA in costume technology from Wright State University in Ohio. She has designed and worked for GeVaTheatre, Garth Fagan Dance, Rochester City Ballet, The JCC, Blackfriars, Nazareth College, Fingers Lakes Opera, Eastman Opera, and Roberts Wesleyan College Community Theatre. Mary currently works for Nazareth College as their Costume shop Manager in the Theater and Dance department. She is also a member of the local Wardrobe Union 585.

Steve Vaughan (Fight Choreographer)

is a Certified Fight Director and Certified Stage Combat Teacher for the Society of American Fight Directors. (safd.org) He has created stunts, fights and action sequences for Television, Film, Theater and Opera in western New York and nationwide, including over 50 New York soap opera credits. Soaps include Guiding Light, Another World, One Life to Live, All My Children, and Search for Tomorrow. He directs and choreographs fights for Shakespeare in Delaware Park. Steve has been Fight Choreographer and Stunt Coordinator for 14 independent feature films in the western New York region. Steve teaches at SUNY Fredonia. Directing credits at SDP include, Shrew, Twelfth Night, Comedy of Errors, As You Like It, Julius Caesar, and King Lear. Acting credits in Buffalo include Kavinoky, Irish Classical, Shakespeare in Delaware Park, Artpark, and Alleyway Theater. Steve played Eddie Money's father in Two Tickets to Paradise at the Kodak. Recently Steve has been Fight Director for Roberts Wesleyan Theater, Geneva Light Opera, and Finger Lakes Opera. His Opera directing credits include Nickel City Opera, Lyric Opera Rochester, and Eastman School of Music.

Megan Beck (Stage Manager) is grateful to be returning to RWCCT as stage manager and to work once again with this production team. She received her Bachelor and Masters degree in Art Education from Nazareth College. Megan currently works as the Audiovisual Assistant at Pittsford Mendon High School. Recent credits include RWCCT's *Peter Pan*, Gates Chili Middle School's *Wizard of Oz for Young Audiences*, and Gates Recreation STAR Camp's *42nd Street*. She is excited to share this experience with the cast and crew backstage. Special thanks to her parents for their love and support.

Terrence Bacon (Music Director) is a music teacher for Churchville-Chili Central Schools and both adjunct faculty and a doctoral student in the Graduate School of Education at the University at Buffalo. Mr. Bacon holds a Master of Music Education from Michigan State University and a Bachelor of Music in Music Education and Saxophone Performance from the Eastman School of Music. Terry has conducted numerous productions for school and community pit orchestras, is the band camp director and conductor for Chautauqua Institution's Chautauqua Music Camps, and is honored to be returning to the pit for his 14th RWCCT production as conductor.

Beth Funderburk (Rehearsal

Accompanist) comes to us from LeRoy, NY... The home of J-ELLO! She holds a Masters degree from SUNY Fredonia in Music Education and Piano Performance. Beth is currently in her 26th year as a music educator and is the 6-12 vocal/general music director at Pavilion Central School. Prior to PCS she taught for 8 years at Batavia High School. Along with the daily fun and games of music classes and choir rehearsals, Beth is also the Producer/Music Director for the Pavilion High School Musical and Co-Director for the Middle School Play. Outside of school, Beth is a sought after pianist in the Western New York region. She is frequently seen behind the 'keys' for various musical theater events, NYSSMA organization festivals and has been the rehearsal accompanist for the Rochester Philharmonics' Festivale High School Chorale for the past 12 years. In her 'free' time, Beth enjoys life at home with her husband, Earl, their 4 children; Katherine (20), Jordan (19), Barrett (17) and Ethan (12) and the adorable Shih Tzu choir: Izzy, Merlin and Brody. She enjoys gardening and reading and can most often be seen with a crochet hook in hand. Beth would like to thank Nelson Hill and the entire production crew for this wonderful opportunity to work with the finest actors and musicians around!

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no one's even tried and
yes, we're terrified, but
watch what happens!*

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Since the inception of Roberts Wesleyan College Community Theatre, Ronald Terpening was involved in supporting each musical. Ron was our rehearsal accompanist and attended every rehearsal for each show we produced until his retirement. Ron also played both piano and trombone in the Orchestra. He graciously provided encouragement to all, was always willing to serve and had the ability to play any music placed before him. Ron demonstrated a calming patience that lent stability to each production. Ron passed away in 2013 after a short illness and is missed by everyone affiliated with RWCCT. The Board created this award to remember the man and his mission and to honor an individual each year who embodies these same qualities.

The Roberts Wesleyan College Community Theatre Board is thrilled to recognize **Mark Christopher** as the **2020 recipient of the Ronald Terpening Service Award**. Mark has been involved with RWCCT since the mid-90s. He been involved backstage, helping to build sets and paint, as a stagehand. Mark has also been featured on stage with *Newsies* being his 13th production with our organization. Mark is always a welcoming presence, making friends with all newcomers, young and old. He is committed to RWCCT as well as to fellow cast members and production teams. We are thrilled to honor Mark this year with this award. Congratulations, Mark!



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2018	Anything Goes
2017	Beauty and the Beast
2016	Mary Poppins
2015	West Side Story
2014	Les Miserables
2013	1776
2012	Cinderella
2011	42nd Street
2010	Annie
2009	George M!
2008	The Man Who Came To Dinner
2008	Sound of Music
2007	Fiddler on the Roof
2006	Guys and Dolls
2005	Anne of Green Gables
2005	Oklahoma
2004	The Miracle Worker
2004	The King and I
2003	Wizard of Oz
2002	Annie Get Your Gun
2001	Father of the Bride
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