THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY WILLIAM FINN

BOOK BY Rachel Sheinkin

CONCEIVED BY REBECCA FELDMAN

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS
BY TAY REISS



ORIGINALLY DIRECTED ON BROADWAY BY JAMES LAPINE

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- Techie? To help backstage with props, costumes, sets, lights, sound, crew, or stage management, please contact our box office at 208-342-5104 or boxoffice@boiselittletheater.org.
- Interested in directing at BLT? Please indicate your directing or assistant directing experience and interest by completing our online form: grco.de/BLTDirectorPool.
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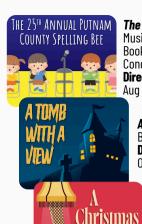






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THE PLAYERS

(Order of Appearance)

Rona Lisa Perretti Shannon Peterson **Chip Tolentino** Austin Lewis King

Logainne SchwartzandgrubenierreEmma RoyLeaf ConeybearZeke Griffin

William Barfee Owen "Goose" Toledo
Marcy Park Cora Abercrombie
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Director John Myers **Music Director** JeNeale Hill

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Assistant Director Helene Myers **Stage Manager** Jay Parker

Lighting Operator Nate Thompson

Cat Miller **Sound Operator** Fin Small **Set Crew**

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THE DIRECTOR

JOHN MYERS

In the 34 years that John has been involved in local theater, he has acted, directed, and consulted for over 100 productions at various community theater organizations. He served as a member of the Board of Directors, as well as a past President and Artistic Director, at Stage Coach Theatre and a member of the Board of Directors, as well as a past President at Boise Little Theater. John has previously directed Little Shop of Horrors, The Addams Family: The Musical and Once Upon a Mattress for Boise Little Theater.

THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

JENEALE HILL

While she considers Boise Little Theater her home base, JeNeale has directed music for several other local theaters. She has also had the pleasure of directing four of the Boise Music Week musicals, which are performed at the Morrison Center, and she is looking forward to directing the 2025 musical, as well.

JeNeale is a vocal coach and assisted living facility activities director by day, jobs she is passionate about, but her favorite titles are Mom and Grandma, as she has four children and 13 wonderful grandkids. And she couldn't spend as much time away from home as she does without the support of her incredible partner, Gregg, who is an actor, playwright, and director extraordinaire. Happily, we are doing this show together.

The talent in this cast is crazy good! Enjoy the show!

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

HELENE MYERS

Helene has been involved with several musical productions at Boise Little Theater, Stage Coach Theatre, and Boise Music Week, usually providing unsolicited advice to John (and yet, he continues to let her assist him on his shows). Helene is honored and delighted beyond words to work and play alongside this fabulously talented and passionate cast and crew. Each and every one of them is a champion!

THE CAST

SHANNON PETERSON

Shannon is a graduate of the South Orange County School of the Arts with emphases in Theater and Sculptural Design and CSU Chico with a BA in Dramaturgy. A mistress of many trades, she has recently directed *Reefer Madness* at Stage Coach Theatre, done props for *She Kills Monsters* and *Puffs*, and has last been seen on stage at Boise Little Theater in *Noises Off*. She would like to thank Jordan and Oliver for keeping each other company and Oskar for being in charge while she's been in rehearsal.

AUSTIN LEWIS KING

Austin Lewis King is a young bachelor looking for love! He is currently attending Boise State University and loves to do musical theater. His past roles include: "Moonface Martin" in Anything Goes and "Emmett Forrest" in Legally Blonde. He is ecstatic to be here and really hopes he doesn't get distracted during his performance!

EMMA ROY

Emma Roy has been an active member of the dance and performing arts community for the past 14 years and is thrilled to continue doing so at Boise Little Theater! Throughout her academic career she has grown her skills in acting, choreography, dancing, competing, singing, and performing. Emma plans to pursue these passions further at Boise State University. Her notable performances include "Clarisse" in Percy Jackson the Lightning Thief and dancing for the two-time state champion dance team at Owyhee High School. Emma is deeply grateful to be part of the warm and welcoming theater environment. She has thoroughly enjoyed working on this production, surrounded by talented and kind individuals. Emma extends her heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported her throughout her journey!

ZEKE GRIFFIN

Playing "Leaf Coneybear", Zeke Griffin, having just wrapped up a wild ride participating in Idaho's regional theatre program, is absolutely ecstatic to be back performing on the Boise Little Theatre stage. Returning, doing what he loves, he wouldn't rather be anywhere else. He started acting ever since he could remember wanting to, and debuted on his elementary school stage playing "Scarecrow" in *The Wizard of Oz.* When he is not finding comfort in performing, he loves being in nature and spending time with those close to his heart. He sincerely would not be here today without the immense support from friends and family. He truly poured his heart into this show and couldn't imagine doing it with any other cast of characters. From evil Russian dictator, to hopeless romantic, Zeke is excited to see where he ends up next!

THE CAST, CONT.

OWEN "GOOSE" TOLEDO

Owen Goose Toledo is a driven young man with a passion for theatre, he currently studies acting at The American Musical and Dramatics Academy. Owen has enjoyed every moment of this musical and he hopes you are loving it just as much as he does. He would like to thank his family and friends for the support of his dream, he would like to say thank you to the cast/crew for being so open and accepting, he loves you all. Owen is certainly happy with his career and all he can say is Keep on Chasing your silly dream!

DAKOTA MCROBERTS

Dakota McRoberts is ecstatic to be doing her first production here at Boise Little Theater! Dakota has been doing music and theater for multiple years. Some of her favorites include "Agnes" in She Kills Monsters, "Martha" in Seven Brides for Seven Brothers, and her most recently "Bride/Ensemble Member" in Joseph and the Technicolor Dream Coat! She has loved working with this extremely talented cast and crew for Putnam. Dakota wants to say the biggest thank you to her family, her friends and her dear husband who's had to help her spell some crazy words and hear a silly song about a well-loved dictionary!

GREGG IRWIN

Gregg has been around the block, as it were. Equally happy back stage, lately he has helped with the BLT sound system renovation and dead equipment removal. Recent roles include The Narrator in *Reefer Madness*, Ms. Trunchbull in *Matilda*, Gomez in *The Addam's Family*, and four roles in *These Shining Lives*. Other favorites include *All Is Calm*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, the one-man show *Mr. Lincoln*, *Peter Pan*, *Oliver*, *Arsenic and Old Lace*, *Harvey*, and *The Woman in Black*. His latest play, *Deep Blue*, will be performed in the BLT black box in January 2025.

STEPHEN MCKINNEY

Stephen is thrilled to be doing another BLT show. His favorite roles were "Uncle Fester" in *The Addams Family: The Musical*, or as "Kurt's Dad" in *Heathers* at BLT. You may have also seen him as "a student" in *Puffs*, as "VonHussler/policeman" in BMW's *Mary Poppins*, "Amos Hart" in *Chicago*, or "Edna Turnblad" in *Hairspray* and more. He would like to thank all his friends and family for supporting his love for Theatre. But most of all he would like to thank his beautiful, smart, talented and amazing wife Annie for being so wonderful all the time. She is the kindest and funniest human to walk the earth (much funnier than him). She is everything to him and he will forever be grateful she is in his life. He wants to thank her for all the love and support she gives and for writing his bio for him. At the very last minute.

THE CAST. CONT.

CORA ABERCROMBIE

Cora Abercrombie could not be more excited to be a part of BLT's production of *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*! This will be her first show after graduating from Kuna High School. She's had a ferocious love of performance ever since her toddler ages but has found the gradual progression in quality from a small, nearly inaudible pink microphone adorned with Disney princess stickers to what she gets to sing into tonight to be a wonderful change. Over the years she has been so lucky to be a part of other shows, such as "Little Red" in *Into The Woods*, "Lady Macbeth" in *Living Dead in Denmark*, and "Ashton" in *The Hanging Girl*. Cora is so grateful the opportunity to be here and is so grateful that YOU have come to see the show!

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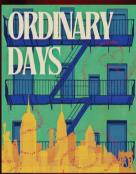
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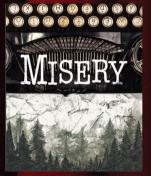
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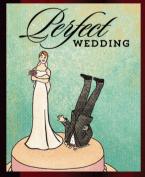
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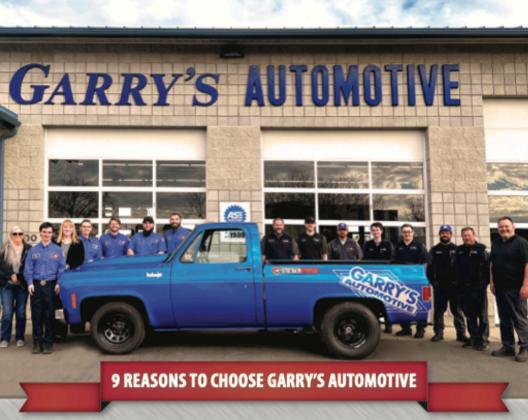
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