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Susan Pargman

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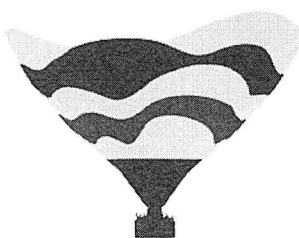
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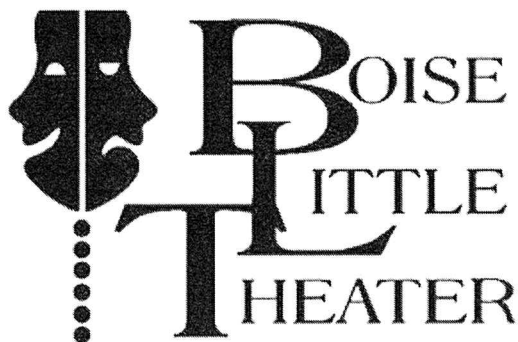


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This is the delightful, classic tale of the greatest optimist of all time... Pollyanna. But it's much more than that. It's the story how a little girl's faith in her father's promise — that you can find something good about anything that happens — guides her steadfastly through circumstances that most adults would find formidable. Pollyanna becomes an orphan, and she is placed into the care of her purely pessimistic and domineering aunt. Talk about difficult circumstances-the clash of hope and doubt meeting under the same roof! The town itself isn't much better. Led by a 'fire and brimstone' pastor whose favorite Bible verse is 'Woe unto you,' folks are always complaining, feeling sorry for themselves and viewing their existence as dark and dreary. Yet, Pollyanna faithfully plays her 'glad game,' innocently teaching it to others wherever she goes. The hired help, such as maid Nancy, cook Mrs. Durgin and gardener Old Tom, seem to catch on first. Other townspeople like hypochondriac Mrs. Snow and her sarcastic daughter Millie slowly learn the joy of the game too. Charmingly narrated by Jimmy Bean, another orphan, we also meet the hermit-like John Pendleton and Dr. Chilton, who had closed his heart to taking risks... that is, until he met Pollyanna.

Directors

Cheryl Blauer: Thank you very much for the opportunity to bring this classic to the stage. I have again had the pleasure to work with the most respectful, hardworking and dedicated youth. Parents, friends and relatives, your youth are amazing and you should be proud. Thank you for allowing them to spend the first part of summer with me. Deep friendships have been cultured and talents have grown. Best Wishes to their future endeavors.

Greg Finley: Greg has appeared in or directed more than 50 stage productions, and most recently assistant directed Boise Little Theater's production of MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET directed by Cheryl Blauer. He is a 40 year SAG/AFTRA member, having performed on-camera or voice-overs in almost 3,000 movies and television shows, and is grateful to be sharing directing duties with his friend Cheryl, and his wife Patti!

Patti Finley: Patti is thrilled to be working with this talented cast and crew. Recently retired after creating, teaching, and directing youth theatre workshops in California, she is happy to have found a new theatre home here in Boise! Break a leg everyone!

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CAST

Pollyanna Whittier	Aleigh Holmes
Miss Polly Harrington	Grace Ward
Nancy	Bryn McDaniel
Mrs. Durgin / Townsperson	Cathleen Wonacott
Old Tom	Reed Adams
Jimmy Bean	Gavin Lee
John Pendleton	Andrew Yoder
Dr. Thomas Chilton	Kynan Watson
Pastor Malden	Dylan Reynolds
Mrs. Snow	Abigayle Jones
Millie Snow	Jaxon Holmes
Mrs. Payson	Julene Elias
Monique / Loretta	Emma Miller
Gilbert the barber / Dr. Mead	Ruben Ward
Mrs. McCleary / Mrs. Benton	Mya Brushey
Joey Payson / Orphan	Bobby Lee
Emily Payson / Orphan	Remi Stull
Mr. Winkle the grocer / Conductor	Thomas Paschke

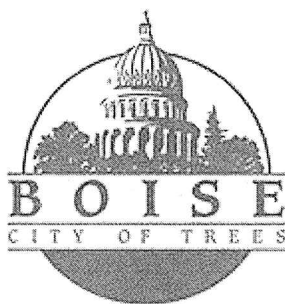
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# Crew

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Director                                                                                                                                  | Cheryl Blauer                                   |
| Director                                                                                                                                  | Greg Finley                                     |
| Director                                                                                                                                  | Patti Finley                                    |
| Stage Manager                                                                                                                             | Kimberli Reynolds                               |
| Stage Manager Mentor                                                                                                                      | Jay Parker                                      |
| Assistant Stage Manger                                                                                                                    | Nick Cravens                                    |
| Assistant Stage Manger                                                                                                                    | Kaylee Little                                   |
| Production Assistant                                                                                                                      | Sean Magnusson                                  |
| Boise City Parks and Rec                                                                                                                  | Clay Lee                                        |
| Set Designer                                                                                                                              | Wendy Koeppel                                   |
| Set Builders                                                                                                                              |                                                 |
| Jim Anderson, Jim Koeppel, Jim Robinson, Daren Blauer,<br>Clay Lee, Jimmy Henry, BLT Student Club                                         |                                                 |
| Set Paint Design / Mentor                                                                                                                 | Kim Sherman-Labrum                              |
| Set Painters                                                                                                                              | Cast, BLT Student Club                          |
| Set Dresser                                                                                                                               | Sam Hiedleberg                                  |
| Sound Design Mentor                                                                                                                       | Jim Steele                                      |
| Sound Design / Operator                                                                                                                   | Timothy Riechel                                 |
| Light Design / Mentor                                                                                                                     | Monae Curtis                                    |
| Light Design / Mentor                                                                                                                     | Matt Curtis                                     |
| Light Design Intern / Operator                                                                                                            | Shirley Blauer<br>Danielle O'Connor and<br>Team |
| Hair Design / Style                                                                                                                       | Shirley Blauer                                  |
| Costume Design Mentor                                                                                                                     | Annie Eismann                                   |
| Costume Design                                                                                                                            | Gary Miller                                     |
| Prop Master Mentor                                                                                                                        | Sam Hiedleberg                                  |
| Prop Master                                                                                                                               | Kaylee Little                                   |
| Prop Assistant                                                                                                                            | Heather Carlson                                 |
| T-shirt Design / Poster Design                                                                                                            |                                                 |
| BLT Student Club Members                                                                                                                  |                                                 |
| Bryn McDaniels, Sam Hiedleberg, Bobby Lee, Nick Cravens,<br>Kaylee Little, Timothy Riechel, Annie Eismann, Emma Miller,<br>Dylan Reynolds |                                                 |

# Biographies

**Reed Adams** (Old Tom): Reed Adams has been working in theater for 5 years and has been in two major plays, including Aladdin, Jr and Lion King, Jr. He enjoys listening to Broadway show tunes and swims competitively for the Boise Swim Club. Reed is going into 7th grade and attends Sage International School of Boise.

**Mya Brushey** (Mrs. McCleary, Mrs. Benton): I have been playing piano for almost five years. I have been in two shows through my school, "Comedy of Errors" and "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe." I also take voice lessons and play volleyball.

**Julene Elias** (Mrs. Payson): Julene Elias is an avid actor, writer, and artist, and she is very excited to be taking part in Pollyanna. Previously, she has played a part in three Missoula Children's Theater plays, and hopes to stay involved in the theatrical community here in the Treasure Valley after this production ends.

**Aleigh Holmes** (Pollyanna Whittier): This is Aleigh's first time on stage, and she is so very glad about it! Aleigh is 10 and loves to explore nature with her bearded dragon lizard. She creates art out of everything. She enjoys rollerblading and playing flag football. Aleigh is excited to keep acting, too!

**Jaxon Holmes** (Millie Snow): Jaxon's favorite place to be is on stage. She found her love for theatre as Charlotte in Charlotte's Web when she was 7, This is her 2nd play with BLT. Jaxon is 11 now and enjoys swimming and hanging out with family. She is happy to be on stage with her little sister Aleigh!

**Abigayle Jones** (Mrs. Snow): Abigayle Jones is a 7th grader at Sage International School of Boise. She is 12 years old and does competitive swimming on Boise Y Swim Team. She is a dedicated actor and hopes to continue acting for years to come.



## Biographies Continued:

**Gavin Lee** (Jimmy Bean): Thank you Cheryl for introducing Gavin to the love of theatre in Miracle on 34th Street last Dec. Since then, Gavin was honored to play the role of Michael Banks in Boise Music Weeks 2017 production of Mary Poppins. Gavin is happy to bring you Jimmy Bean this curtain call!

**Bobby Lee** (Joey Payson, Orphan): Bobby took his theatre debut at the ripe old age of 5 months old in Boise Music Weeks 2005 Production of Crazy for You. In the summer of 2015, Bobby played pesky little brother, Sid, in The Adventures of Tom Sawyer followed up by playing Johnny in Miracle on 34th St in Dec 2016. He is GLAD to be back on the stage as part of the cast of Pollyanna!

**Bryn McDaniel** (Nancy): "Pollyanna" is Bryn's third production at BLT. In 2014, she played twins Dixie and Trixie in "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" and in 2016, she was nominated as Best Supporting Actress at the BLT Summer Picnic Awards for her performance as Betty Parris in "The Crucible." Outside of acting, Bryn loves to participate in student council, honor society, figure skating, volleyball, cheer, video broadcasting and tech.

**Emma Miller** (Monique, Loretta): Emma was in her first professional play (as a bat) in 2010, and has loved performing and being part of a cast ever since. She is happy to be returning to BLT, this being her fourth time acting in a BLT performance; and is grateful to be participating in the fun adventure. In addition to acting and singing, Emma enjoys creating art, playing her tenor saxophone, exploring the outdoors, and reading.

**Thomas Paschke** (Mr. Winkle the grocer, Train Conductor): Thomas is very excited to be appearing in his first show at Boise Little Theater. He is heading into 7th grade at Foothills School of Arts and Sciences, and when he is not performing on stage, he is performing on the piano and on the soccer field. He hopes to participate in more BLT productions in the future.

## Biographies Continued:

**Dylan Reynolds** (Pastor Malden): Dylan is excited to participate in his 9th stage production and his 3rd production with Boise Little Theater. Dylan has been doing theater productions for 5 years now, beginning with the production, "King Arthur's Quest" with Missoula Children's Theater, in which he portrayed the antagonist, Uther Pendragon. Experiences include Treasure Valley Youth Theater's "Aladdin, Jr." in which he portrayed Iago. He was also in Boise Little Theater's productions of "Miracle on 34th Street" as an elf and "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" as Ben Rogers. He has been in various other productions as many roles. He now is an assistant for youth theater classes through Treasure Valley Children's Theater. Dylan hopes to continue in theater for many years to come.

**Remi Stull** (Emily Payson, Orphan): Remi is second of four girls in her acting family. She has performed in Aristocats, Jr., Aladdin, Jr., Lion King, Jr., and the Treasure Valley Children's Theater performance improv team, Improvisation. She is super excited to be in Pollyanna because she loves her directors, cast mates, and crew AND it is the first time she has had lines!

**Grace Ward** (Miss Polly Harrington): Loves making people laugh more than anything in the world so you can imagine that playing Aunt Polly has been a little hard for her! It is her dream to become a bilingual fifth-grade teacher at Whittier Elementary School, to choreograph for local community theater, and to write a mystery book series! She would like to thank her mentors (Katie Shuter-Rompala and Courtney Ransom) for their constant support throughout all of her creative endeavors, and her parents and brothers for loving her even when she spends all her time at rehearsal. Enjoy the show!

## Biographies Continued:

**Ruben Ward** (Gilbert the barber, Dr. Mead): Ruben is an excited 13-year-old boy who spends almost all of his time either acting or drawing. Though his passion is art and he hopes to become an animator, acting a great outlet for his creative personality. Ruben hopes to extend his talent in the theater community and develop his name as an actor in Boise.

**Kynan Watson** (Dr. Thomas Chilton): Kynan is thrilled to make his first appearance on the BLT stage. He begins study this fall to become a theater teacher, and he thanks all the amazing teachers who have (though patience and hard work) helped to get him this far.

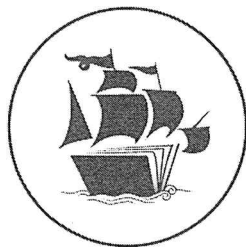
**Cathleen Wonacott** (Mrs. Durgin, Townsperson): Cathleen Wonacott lives in Boise and will be a junior in high school this fall. She attends Boise Classical Academy, a hybrid program for homeschooled high school students. Her interests include cycling, nail art, animals (especially horses and her pet bunny), and having fun with her four sisters. She has always loved theater and is excited to be part of this production.

**Andrew Yoder** (John Pendleton): Andrew Yoder has been involved in theatre his whole life. Having taken classes throughout middle and high school. He was a member Centennial High school's Image Factory program where he received 2nd place in the Ensemble Humorous category. This is his first production at Boise Little Theatre and has had a tremendous time. He will be attending the University of Idaho in the fall for a degree in education and theatre. He would like to give thanks to his parents Drew and Katrina for their continued support for his love of theatre, and his instructor Paul Archibeque for all his help and support to keep him involved in theatre and believing in him always.

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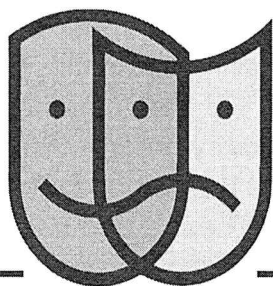


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