

## About – Disney's *Newsies Jr.*

Disney's *Newsies Jr.* is a 60-minute version of the 2012 Broadway musical, based on the 1992 film. Inspired by the rousing true story of newsboys in turn-of-the-century New York City, *Newsies Jr.* features a Tony Award-winning score by Alan Menken and Jack Feldman and a book by Tony Award winner Harvey Fierstein.

When powerful newspaper publishers raise prices at the newsboys' expense, the charismatic Jack Kelly rallies newsies from across the city to strike against the unfair conditions. Together, the newsies learn that they are stronger united and create a movement to fight for what's right. Including the now-classic songs "Carrying the Banner," "Seize the Day," and "Santa Fe," *Newsies Jr.* is a timeless story full of spirit and heart.

## About Us – Arts Collective Theatre (ACT)

Arts Collective Theatre is a non-profit organization dedicated and committed to enhancing the well-being of the Windsor-Essex community through theatre education and mentorship and by bringing awareness to social justice issues in Windsor-Essex and beyond.

ACT is committed to delivering educational theatre-based practices that promote inclusivity and diversity within the arts community. Our artistic process is rooted in mentorship and learning as we provide the opportunity for those who train with us to mentor others within our programs and throughout the community.

## About - ACT's Youth Creative Program

ACT Youth Creative, is a program that inspires excellence, motivates learning, builds confidence, and sparks a lifelong appreciation for the arts. It offers a fun and challenging educational environment for youth ages 8 – 18. Our Youth Creative team will help your children develop their artistic talents and coach them to strive for excellence. By doing so, students will gain self-confidence and a greater understanding of theatre as they work towards their final live performance on stage at Windsor's iconic Capitol Theatre.

Past Shows include *Once on this Island Jr.* (2019), *Seussical Jr.* (2023)

## A Letter from the Director

Dear Educators, Staff & Parents,

I'm pleased to invite you to Arts Collective Theatre's musical NEWSIE JR. on May 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM, at the Capitol Theatre Windsor. The show is based on the 1992 musical film of the same name, which in turn was inspired by the real-life Newsboys Strike of 1899 in New York City. It tells a story of a group of young newsies standing up for their rights against 'The World' Newspaper Company.

As a youth director and choreographer, I was inspired by the story because it evaluated the themes of poverty, feminism, classism, and most importantly the strength and importance of our YOUTH. In the past, ACT has partnered with the GECSDB and created award-winning shows like Waking up Blue that helped promote GSAs in schools; Interrogation, a show that highlighted trans rights; and Inside the Burden that examined immigration from a newcomer's perspective. We believe this show can offer the same opportunity for a meaningful learning experience for students. Theatre experiences such as this one will engage students in conversations that promote equality and inclusion in education.

This performance will feature a racially diverse cast of students ages 8 to 18 attending both grade schools and high schools from all over Windsor-Essex County. We also have many students acting as volunteers working behind the scenes of our show. We feel that it is essential to perform this show for an audience of their peers and to highlight the enrichment opportunities that involvement in community theatre can offer.

For this reason, we would like to invite your students to see a special school matinee performance on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, or May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. (with a 12:30 dismissal) with a special student ticket rate of \$15.

Arts Collective Theatre (ACT) is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the well-being of Windsor-Essex residents through arts-based practices. We take pride in our diversity and in the opportunities, we provide to give voice to marginalized youth through theatre. We hope you will consider attending our special school performance and enjoy this opportunity to learn and grow together.

Sincerely,

**Becca Silvius Miinch**

*Director & Choreographer*

## ARTS COLLECTIVE THEATRE *Newsies Jr. Performance*

**What:** You're invited to see Arts Collective Theatre's Performance of *Newsies* at the Capitol Theatre in Windsor.

**Who:** Available to all students, grades 4 - 12

**When:** Thursday-Friday, May 9th, 10th Performance time 10:00 a.m.

**Cost:** \$15.00 per student.

**TO ORDER TICKETS FOR YOUR SCHOOL GROUP:** Please complete the attached order form and email it to [kkianna89@gmail.com](mailto:kkianna89@gmail.com). Feel free to email any questions that you might have about the performance.



## *Newsies Jr. CAST*

<b>ROLE</b>	<b>Actor</b>	<b>High School</b>
Jack Kelly	Rowan Alice	N/A
Davey	Carson Diemer	Essex District High School
Katherine	Malia Afonso	Cardinal Carter Secondary School
Crutchie	Evangeline Scott	David Suzuki
Les	Reya Bernard	Marlborough Public School
Medda Larkin	Jordyn Sefton	EJ Lajeunesse Secondary School
Pulitzer	Adam Hamoud	Kennedy Highschool
Hannah	Lily Lafreniere	Assumption High School
Bunsen/ Roosevelt		
Seitz	Ryann Vinuya	Tecumseh Vista Academy
Snyder	Bryson Culp	Kennedy Hgh School
Wiesel	Jaiden Banks	Villanova High School
Morris	Ares Mathias	N/A
Oscar	Michael Knapp	North Star Academy
Ada	Cara Cozad	St Clair College
Ethel	Scarlet Scali	Walkerville Collegiate School
Race	Natalie Garrod	Villanova High School
Pigtails	Marietta Filippakis	St Pius X School
Muriel	Olivia Jones	Kingsville Public School
Nancy/ Scott Conlin	Brooklyn Chiodo	Belle River Highschool

<b>Role</b>	<b>Actor/ Actress</b>	<b>School</b>
Ensemble	Reese Kerr	Marlborough Public School
Ensemble	Leighton Baltzer-Snively	LaSalle Public
Ensemble	Maleah Larkin	Catholic Central Highschool
Ensemble	Soph Laughton	James L Dunn
Ensemble	Evelyn Dumouchelle	David Suzuki
Ensemble	Averie Crosby	St Anne
Ensemble	Ashley Dutot	Essex District Highschool
Ensemble	Sirah Hannah Williams	Tecumseh Vista Academy

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*Newsies Jr.* Performance

## ORDER FORM—School Matinee

Thursday, May 9 or Friday May 10 at 10:00 a.m.

SCHOOL NAME:	
TEACHER SPONSOR:	
EMAIL:	
SCHOOL PHONE:	
MAY 9 OR 10 <sup>TH</sup> PERFORMANCE:	
CELL PHONE: (This is for the day of the performance so that we can reach you if your bus is delayed).	

	Total
Number of STUDENT tickets @ \$15 each	
Number of STAFF tickets @ \$15 each	
<b>Total Tickets Requested</b>	

Do you have any students or staff with accessibility needs?    Yes    No

If yes, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

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*An invoice will be prepared and emailed to you once we receive your order form.*