## THEY DELIVERED THE PAPERS, UNTIL THEY MADE THE HEADLINES...

## SPARTA COMMUNITY THEATRE'S PRODUCTION OF



MUSIC BY
ALAN MENKEN

LYRICS BY

JACK FELDMAN

BOOK BY
HARVEY FIERSTEIN

Based on the Disney Film
Written by BOB TZUDIKER and NONI WHITE

Originally produced on Broadway by DISNEY THEATRICAL PRODUCTIONS

Orchestrations by DANNY TROOB Incidental Music & Vocal Arrangements by MICHAEL KOSARIN Dance Arrangements by MARK HUMMEL

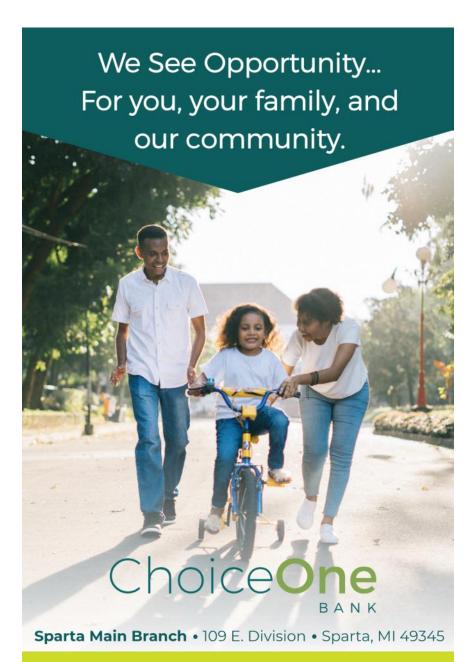
### Sparta High School Auditorium

Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 7:30 pm Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 7:30 pm Friday, February 21, 2020 at 7:30 pm Saturday, February 22, 2020 at 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm Sunday, February 23, 2020 at 2:00 pm

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### Director's Note —

I love a good history lesson and NEWSIES is certainly that!
Although the characters in the show are fictional Jack Kelly is based on the real strike leader of 1899 Kid Blink (real name Louis Ballatt). He is most referred to by his quote, "Friens and feller workers. Dis is a time which tries de hearts of men. Dis is de time when we'se got to stick together like glue.... We know wot we wants and we'll git it even if we is blind." Kid was blind in one eye. The strike lasted 12 days (July 21, 1899-August 2, 1899) and was disbanded when The New York Sun agreed to buy the newsboys unsold papers back at the end of each day for full price. This strike is credited to have inspired more child worker movements and, eventually, the creation of the Child Protection Laws (1910's-1970's) that granted children safe working conditions and encouraged them to get an education.

I would like to thank my staff: Steve, Rebecca, Amber, Jeff and Jeff, Patty, Karen, and Natalie for all their hard work and attention to detail. I would also like to thank Scot Geysbeek and Connie Howe for making my buildings a reality and Scot for building our printing press. Our theatre family is very blessed to have all of these people working to make them look and perform their best as they take the stage! Please enjoy our show!

### Dedication —

This show is dedicated to the memory of Kurt Mackey a very conscientious and enthusiastic member of our orchestra. Kurt played trombone for many of our productions. We lost him in a tragic auto accident on August 5, 2019.

We all remember him for his witty sense of humor and his passion for music.

## Newsies Synopsis of Scenes Act 1

Prologue — Rooftop at Dawn

Santa Fe

Scene 1 — Newsboys' Lodging House and Newsies' Square

Carrying the Banner

Scene 2 — Pulitzer's Office, Afternoon

The Bottom Line

Scene 3 — A Street Corner

Chase

Scene 4 — Medda's Theater

That's Rich
I Never Planned on You/
Don't Come a-Knocking

Scene 5 — Newsie Square, Next Morning

The World Will Know

Scene 6 — Jacobi's Deli & Street, Afternoon

The World Will Know (reprise)
Watch What happens

Scene 7— Katherine's Office

Watch What Happens Now

Scene 8 — Newsie Square, Next Morning

Seize the Day The fight

Scene 9 — Rooftop

Santa Fe

Intermission

### Act 2

Scene 1 — Jacobi's Deli, Next Morning
King of New York

Scene 2 — The Refuge

Letter From the Refuge

Scene 3 — Medda's Theater

Watch What Happens (Reprise)

Scene 4 — Pulitzer's Office & Cellar, Afternoon
The Bottom Line (Reprise)
Brooklyn's Here

Scene 5 — Brooklyn Bridge & Medda's Theater
Brooklyn's Here

Scene 6 — Rooftop, Night

Something to Believe In

Scene 7 — Pulitzer's Cellar

Seize the Day (Reprise)
Once and for All

Scene 8 — Pulitzer's Office, Next Morning

Seize the Day (Reprise 2)

Scene 9 — Newsie Square

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### **Cast of Characters**

#### Wed/Fri/Sat Matinee

#### Thurs/Sat Evening/Sun Matinee

| Jack Kelly     | Cody Wilson   | Nate Rummler   |  |  |      |
|----------------|---|--|--|--|------|
| Crutchie       | Seth TowersNick Dame                                    |  |  |  |      |
| Davey          | Kodey Howland   |  |  |  |      |
| Les            | Justin Bradford   | n BradfordBrett McKenney   |  |  |      |
| Race           |   | Isaiah Marks   |  |  |      |
| Albert         |   | Ty Maycroft  |  |  |      |
| Specs          |   | Raymond Gardner  |  |  |      |
| Henry          |   | _ April Sousa  |  |  |      |
| Finch          |   | _ Olivia Montgomery  |  |  |      |
| Romeo          |   |  |  |  |      |
| Elmer          |   | Kyle Sokolowski  |  |  |      |
| Mush           |   | _ Sydney Geysbeek  |  |  |      |
| Buttons        |   | Ashley Dietrich  |  |  |      |
| Splasher       |   |  |  |  |      |
| Tommy Boy      |   |  |  |  |      |
|                |   |  |  |  | Mike |
| lke            |   |  |  |  |      |
| Unnamed Newsie |   | ak, Michele Fisher, Meme Geysbeek, Jarod Howell,<br>a Stuhan, Stephanie Lamos, Breyjahna Maycroft,<br>ritnee DeYoung |  |  |      |
| Young Newsies_ | Peyton Beuschel, Kenzie Cross, Abby Duff, Madelyn Hume, |  |  |  |      |
|                | Brayley May   |  |  |  |      |
| Scabs          | Annalynn Bagin, Cayden Oudbier, Luis Gallegos,          |  |  |  |      |
|                | Katie Schneider-Thomas, Coy Webber, Jasmine Walters,    |  |  |  |      |
|                | Abby Willcox  |  |  |  |      |
| Spot Conlon    |   | Jarod Howell   |  |  |      |
|                |   | aldCaelin Murdock  |  |  |      |
|                |   |  |  |  |      |
| Dill           |   | Cameron Vates  |  |  |      |

### Cast of Characters, continued

| Wiesel            | _ Tim ShangleJeff Amlotte  |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Morris Delancey_  | Parker Sargent   |  |  |  |  |
| Oscar Delancey _  | Cameron Yates  |  |  |  |  |
| Goons             | _ Jeff Amlotte, Annalynn Bagin, Ivy Behro, Emma Feustel,         |  |  |  |  |
|                   | Luis Gallegos, Katie Schneider-Thomas, Tim Shangle               |  |  |  |  |
| Joseph Pulitzer   | James Kitson   |  |  |  |  |
| Seitz             | Bryan Schneider-Thomas   |  |  |  |  |
|                   | _ Marc McKinley (Wed/Thurs/Fri/Sun)                              |  |  |  |  |
|                   | Nick Lewis (Sat. Matinee & Sat. Evening)                         |  |  |  |  |
| Hannah            | _ Dianna EckerAnna Moore   |  |  |  |  |
| Nunzio            | David Holsworth  |  |  |  |  |
| Guard             | David Holsworth  |  |  |  |  |
|                   | _ Jeff Amlotte Tim Shangle _ Britnee DeYoung Kristin Kowalski    |  |  |  |  |
|                   | <br>_ Jen Becker, Dianna Ecker, Jeanna MacArthur, Darcie Oudbier |  |  |  |  |
|                   | –<br>Amee Paparella, Laura Rozeveld, Jan Shanahan, Tena Stuhan   |  |  |  |  |
|                   | Patty VanderWall, Katie Zank                                     |  |  |  |  |
| Stage Manger      | John Bagin   |  |  |  |  |
| Nuns              | _ Darcie Oudbier, Tena Stuhan, Patty Vanderwall                  |  |  |  |  |
| Mr. Jacobi        | John Bagin   |  |  |  |  |
|                   | _ David Holsworth, Kevin Poling, Tyler Risner,                   |  |  |  |  |
|                   | Bryan Schneider-Thomas   |  |  |  |  |
| Mayor             | John Bagin   |  |  |  |  |
| Gvnr. Roosevelt _ | David Holsworth  |  |  |  |  |
| City People       | _ Allie Amlotte, Jackson Becker, Lexi Becker, Finley Koutz,      |  |  |  |  |
|                   | Michael Shangle, Emily VanSyckle, Bowery Beauties                |  |  |  |  |

#### Orchestra

Piano

Claire Fairchild-Brock

<u>Keyboard</u>

Landon Knoppers

<u>Bass</u>

Jared Tuinstra

<u>Tuba</u>

Jack Drapper

**Bass Trombone** 

Kevin Bergman

<u>Trumpet</u>

Dan Bostwick John Mousel

Flute/ Piccolo

Krysta Willison

<u>Flute</u>

Tim Burke

<u>Violin</u>

Heidi Kutzli Barb VanPatten Clarin et

Stephanie Gates

Aubrey Patterson-Holsworth

Clarinet & Alto Sax

Kirsten Bagin

Clarinet, Alto & Soprano Sax

Nate Soules

<u>Bassoon</u>

Sandi Gardisky

**Percussion** 

Skyler Boroff

Jenna Lee

<u>Drum Kit</u>

Skip Meyer

<u>Guitar</u>

Connie Howe

Nick Lewis

Dave Nelson



#### The Staff

| Director                    | _ Mar Higgins                                   |  |  |
|-----------------------------|---|--|--|
| Producer                    | _ Jeff VanSyckle                                |  |  |
| Assistant to the Director _ | _ Jeff Van't <sup>*</sup> Hof                   |  |  |
| Vocal Director              | _ Rebecca Towers                                |  |  |
| Choreography                | _ Amber Marks                                   |  |  |
| Assisted by                 | _ Britnee DeYoung, Caity Hume<br>_ Steve Barnum |  |  |
| Orchestra Director          |   |  |  |
| Sound Director              |   |  |  |
| Assisted by                 |   |  |  |
| •                           | Colton Kilpatrick, Isabella Molina,             |  |  |
|                             | Shelly Murdock                                  |  |  |
| Lighting Design             | _ Kadie Howe                                    |  |  |
| Stage Manager               | _ Natalie Horrigan                              |  |  |
| Costumes                    | Patty VanderWall                                |  |  |
| Assisted by                 | Karen Barton, Gina MacArthur,                   |  |  |
| •                           | Lynette Wolbert                                 |  |  |
| Sets                        | _ Connie Howe, Scott Geysbeek                   |  |  |
| Assisted by                 | _ Dave Beechnau, Tom Higgins,                   |  |  |
| •                           | Brian VanderWall, Rod Rozeveld                  |  |  |
| Artwork                     | _ Mona Tompkins, Erin MacArthur                 |  |  |
| Program Ads                 | _ Laura Rozeveld                                |  |  |
| Concessions                 | _ Tena Stuhan                                   |  |  |



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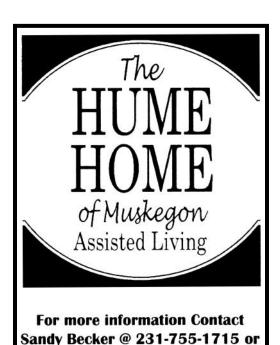
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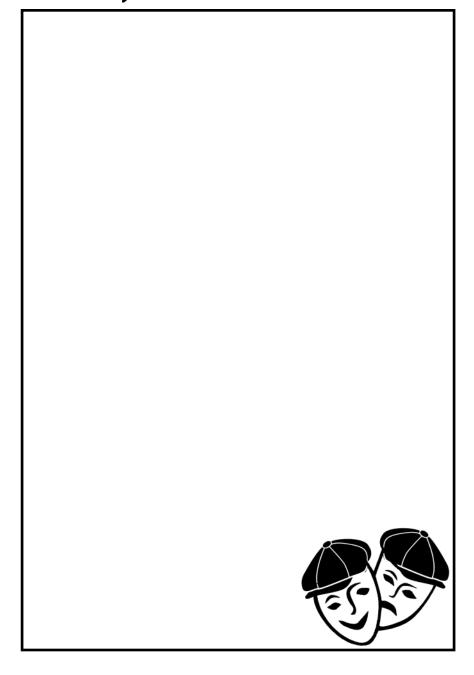


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&
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