

**THEY DELIVERED THE PAPERS,  
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**SPARTA COMMUNITY THEATRE'S  
PRODUCTION OF**

**Disney**  
**NEWSIES**  
**THE BROADWAY MUSICAL**

**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**

*Finale*

***Videotaping and flash photography are  
forbidden by the publishing company.***

# Cast of Characters

## Wed/Fri/Sat Matinee

## Thurs/Sat Evening/Sun Matinee

**Jack Kelly** \_\_\_\_\_ Cody Wilson.....Nate Rummier  
**Crutchie** \_\_\_\_\_ Seth Towers.....Nick Dame  
**Davey** \_\_\_\_\_ Kodey Howland  
**Les** \_\_\_\_\_ Justin Bradford ..... Brett McKenney  
**Race** \_\_\_\_\_ Isaiah Marks  
**Albert** \_\_\_\_\_ Ty Maycroft  
**Specs** \_\_\_\_\_ Raymond Gardner  
**Henry** \_\_\_\_\_ April Sousa  
**Finch** \_\_\_\_\_ Olivia Montgomery  
**Romeo** \_\_\_\_\_ Evan Cowdrey  
**Elmer** \_\_\_\_\_ Kyle Sokolowski  
**Mush** \_\_\_\_\_ Sydney Geysbeek  
**Buttons** \_\_\_\_\_ Ashley Dietrich  
**Splasher** \_\_\_\_\_ Erin Ondrusek  
**Tommy Boy** \_\_\_\_\_ Brandon Ingersoll  
**JoJo** \_\_\_\_\_ Ahnika Schippers  
**Mike** \_\_\_\_\_ Kat Hogan  
**Ike** \_\_\_\_\_ Danae Lokers

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**Unnamed Newsies** Michelle Baltruzak, Michele Fisher, Meme Geysbeek, Jarod Howell,  
Lexie Kelly, Felica Stuhan, Stephanie Lamos, Breyjahna Maycroft,  
Kya Patterson, Britnee 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

**Katherine Plumber** Michelle Fitzgerald .....Caelin Murdock

**Darcy** \_\_\_\_\_ Parker Sargent

**Bill** \_\_\_\_\_ Cameron Yates

## Cast of Characters, *continued*

**Wiesel** \_\_\_\_\_ Tim Shangle ..... Jeff 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

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**Joseph Pulitzer** \_\_\_\_\_ James Kitson

**Seitz** \_\_\_\_\_ Bryan Schneider-Thomas

**Bunsen** \_\_\_\_\_ Marc McKinley (Wed/Thurs/Fri/Sun)  
Nick Lewis (Sat. Matinee & Sat. Evening)

**Hannah** \_\_\_\_\_ Dianna Ecker ..... Anna Moore

**Nunzio** \_\_\_\_\_ David Holsworth

**Guard** \_\_\_\_\_ David Holsworth

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**Snyder** \_\_\_\_\_ Jeff Amlotte ..... Tim Shangle

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**Medda Larkin** \_\_\_\_\_ Britnee DeYoung ..... Kristin Kowalski

**Bowery Beauties** \_ Jen Becker, Dianna Ecker, Jeanna MacArthur, Darcie Oudbier,  
Amee Paparella, Laura Rozeveld, Jan Shanahan, Tena Stuhan,  
Patty VanderWall, Katie Zank

**Stage Manger** \_\_\_\_\_ John Bagin

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**Nuns** \_\_\_\_\_ Darcie Oudbier, Tena Stuhan, Patty Vanderwall

**Mr. Jacobi** \_\_\_\_\_ John Bagin

**Policemen** \_\_\_\_\_ 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

### **Keyboard**

Landon Knoppers

### **Bass**

Jared Tuinstra

### **Tuba**

Jack Drapper

### **Bass Trombone**

Kevin Bergman

### **Trumpet**

Dan Bostwick

John Mousel

### **Flute/ Piccolo**

Krysta Willison

### **Flute**

Tim Burke

### **Violin**

Heidi Kutzli

Barb VanPatten

### **Clarinet**

Stephanie Gates

Aubrey Patterson-Holsworth

### **Clarinet & Alto Sax**

Kirsten Bagin

### **Clarinet, Alto & Soprano Sax**

Nate Soules

### **Bassoon**

Sandi Gardisky

### **Percussion**

Skyler Boroff

Jenna Lee

### **Drum Kit**

Skip Meyer

### **Guitar**

Connie Howe

Nick Lewis

Dave Nelson

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## The Staff

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

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