



# Annie

Book by **THOMAS MEEHAN**

Music by **CHARLES STROUSE**    Lyrics by **MARTIN CHARNIN**

## June

### 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>

### ENMU-Roswell Performing Arts Center

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## A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR...

Welcome back to the theatre, and WWOB's production of ANNIE, our second show of the 2022 Season! Only a few WWOB "insiders" know that this show has been one that we've been wanting to do for some time, and I'm so proud of the group of people that have once again signed up to bring another great WWOB production to life. ANNIE is ultimately the story of optimism and hope, two ideas that perhaps mean more to all of us now more than ever before.

ANNIE opened on Broadway in 1977, and since then has grown to be one of the most popular musicals of all time. For me personally, this will be the fourth time I've worked on the show, and I enjoy it more and more each time! I'm so proud of our cast and crew, who have worked so hard over these last eight weeks, especially our younger performers. Many thanks to my production team – Devon, Nan, Briana, Casey, Tarra, and Tony – for all their continued hard work on our productions.

I hope you leave today's performance with the hope, encouragement, and optimism that our title character embodies. In a world that can be discouraging, confusing and bleak, we can be reminded that there is a lot to be happy about, and that each new day presents an opportunity to make the world even just a bit brighter.

Enjoy the show!



Summer Souza  
Director - ANNIE

### Special Thanks

Casey Bedford, Brian and Jill Cole, Brianna Bitner, John Bitner, Devon Bullock, Tyler Carter, Jesse Davis, Monica Davis, Phil Davis, Taryn Davis, Frances Dubiel - ENMU-R, Kay Goad, Nancy Hein, Lafonda Humphreys, Ray Itomitsu – Business Notions, Michele Massey, Marisol McDonald, Paula McLean, Theresa Mendiola, Olympian Academy, Donna Oracion – ENMU-R, Jeorganna Simoes, Jan Smith, Summer Souza, Tony Souza, Christina Stock – RDR and the wonderfully supportive friends and family of our cast and crew!



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Music Direction by DEVON BULLOCK & LAFONDA HUMPHREYS (asst.)

Choreography by SUMMER SOUZA

Set Design by TONY SOUZA

Set Artwork by MICHELE MASSEY

Lighting Design by SUMMER SOUZA, TONY SOUZA (asst.),  
& JOHN BITNER (asst.)

Costume Design by SUMMER SOUZA, NANCY HEIN,  
& LAFONDA HUMPHREYS (asst.)

Hair and Make-up Design by TARRA MACIAS

Hair and Make-up Assistants: OLYMPIAN ACADEMY HAIR & MAKE-UP TEAM

Stage crew: BRIANNA BITNER (Stage Manager), CASEY BEDFORD (Box  
Office Manager), TOM PALMER (Sound Operator), MADELINE NELSON  
(Music Operator), ZOE BEDFORD (Spotlight), KATIE ROE (Spotlight)

Way Way Off-Broadway Artistic Director - SUMMER SOUZA

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# MUSICAL NUMBERS

## ACT I

"Maybe" . . . . .	Annie and Orphans
"It's the Hard Knock Life" . . . . .	Annie and Orphans
"It's the Hard Knock Life" (Reprise) . . . . .	Orphans
"Tomorrow" . . . . .	Annie
"We'd Like to Thank You, Herbert Hoover" . . . . .	Ensemble
"Little Girls" . . . . .	Miss Hannigan
"Little Girls" (Reprise) . . . . .	Miss Hannigan
"I Think I'm Gonna Like It Here" . . . . .	Grace, Annie, Ensemble
"N.Y.C." . . . . .	Warbucks, Grace, Annie, Star-to-Be, Ensemble
"N.Y.C." (Reprise) / "Lullaby" . . . . .	Warbucks
"Easy Street" . . . . .	Rooster, Miss Hannigan and Lily
"You Won't Be an Orphan for Long" . . . . .	Grace, Warbucks, Ensemble
"Maybe" (Reprise) . . . . .	Annie

**- THERE WILL BE A 20-MINUTE INTERMISSION -**

## ACT II

"Maybe" (Reprise II) "Maybe" (Reprise II) . . . . .	Annie
"You're Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile" . . . . .	Bert Healy and the Boylan Sisters
"You're Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile" (Children Reprise) . . . . .	Orphans
"Easy Street" (Reprise) . . . . .	Rooster, Miss Hannigan and Lily
"Tomorrow" (Cabinet Reprise) . . . . .	Annie, Roosevelt, Warbucks and Cabinet
"Tomorrow" (Cabinet Reprise II) . . . . .	Roosevelt and the Cabinet
"Something Was Missing" . . . . .	Warbucks
"Annie" . . . . .	Grace, Drake and Staff
"I Don't Need Anything But You" . . . . .	Warbucks and Annie
"Maybe" (Reprise III) . . . . .	Annie
"New Deal for Christmas" . . . . .	Warbucks, Grace, Annie, Roosevelt, Orphans and staff
"Tomorrow" (Bows) . . . . .	Company

*Picture taking, video and audio recording is not permitted at any point during the performance. Please keep all electronics silenced and put away during the show.*

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## MEET THE CAST

**Boyd Barrett (Warbucks)** has performed for decades on stage, film, one-man shows, and audio productions. He has been seen on Roswell musical stages in a number of roles, including Teyve in Fiddler on the Roof, King Triton in The Little Mermaid, Narrator/Mysterious Man in Into the Woods, and a previous stint as Oliver Warbucks. Boyd would like to thank WWOB for the chance to do the role again. And, of course, he thanks his wife, Kathy, for her constant support.

**Jacob Bassing (Harold Ickes, Ensemble)** last performed in the Music Man where he played Harold Hill. He has also helped with the tech crew by running sound for several other productions over the years. He would like to thank his wife, Julie Bassing and his three girls, Olivia, Evelyn and Avery for all their love and support.

**Julie Bassing (Grace)** is performing in her very first show. She has loved getting to play the part of Grace and getting to meet new people. Julie is so excited to share the stage with her husband, Jacob and Daughter, Olivia. She would like to say a special thanks to her younger two daughters, Evelyn and Avery, who were drug along to most all of the rehearsals and to all the people who helped watch them while they were there.

**Olivia Bassing (Molly)** is so excited to be a part of her very first show. She loves to sing and act and has had a blast with the whole process. She is so thankful for the opportunity to perform and grow her talents.

**John Bitner (Bundles, FDR, Ensemble)** is performing in his 18th production with WWOB and he would like to thank the following people for making his love of theater grow. Babet, Reuben, Horton, Mr. Dawes Sr., a Park Ranger, Igor, Gillis, a Salesman, Maurice, a Steward, Benny Southstreet, Mr. Smee, Vince Fontaine, R.F. Simpson, Simeon, Norm, Mr. Weizel, Amos, Albert Peterson, Franz, Bundles, FDR and finally the support of his family.

**Rebekah Bitner (Ensemble)** has performed with WWOB on many different productions over the years. She would like to thank her friends and family for all the support.

**Emily Boardman (Lilly)** is excited to be a part of her 6th WWOB production! She most recently played Elsa Schrader in the Sound of Music. Emily would like to thank her friends and family for all of their support!

**Dakota Cheromiah (July)** is grateful to be in another WWOB production! She was most recently Louisa in The Sound of Music! Dakota would like to thank her friends and family for coming out to support her, Jessica Kirk for helping shape her voice, and Summer Souza and the WWOB team for giving her a chance to find her place in theater!

**Douglas Cole (Ensemble)** started performing with WWOB Kids program in 2016. He played Timon in Lion King Jr, was in Joseph and played Racetrack in Newsies as his last show. He's was all set for Matilda until Covid hit and now he is looking forward to getting back into the swing of things with Annie.

**Brian Cole (Hull, Ensemble)** -started performing because of his son Douglas who has been in several WWOB productions. Brian played Starky in Peter Pan and Dan in Joseph. He has been their sponsor since their very first season and is an active board member with WWOB.

**Jesse Davis (Drake, Ensemble)** -is in his 2nd production with WWOB. He played Baron Elberfeld in "The Sound of Music". He is honored to share the stage again with his daughter Tessa. Jesse would like to thank his amazing wife Monica for all her love and support and a special thanks to Tony Souza for his persistence in getting him to try out for a production and finally be a cool kid!

**Phil Davis (Warbucks)** Gosh darn it! Phil is excited to be in WWOB's production of Annie. Thanks Wen for supporting the tortured existence of her theater family. Cuz let's face it... If you don't have anyone to share your life with, you might as well be broke and live in Hell's Kitchen.

## MEET THE CAST

**Taryn Davis (Star to Be, Ensemble)** has been performing with WWOB since 2018, appearing in shows like Peter Pan, Singin' in the Rain, Chicago, Sound of Music and many more! Taryn is about to start her senior year at Early College High School and is hoping to graduate with a general studies degree in 2023. She would like to thank you, the audience members, for coming out and supporting local theatre. Enjoy the show!

**Tessa Davis (Molly)** is performing in her 2nd WWOB performance. She was in The Sound of Music and had the honor to play Grell. She will get to share the stage once more with her dad. Tessa is 5 years old and is a dance student at Just Dance, she takes ballet and tap. She is also member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church. She wants to thank Summer Souza, Devon Bullock, Cydni Vandiver, Jahanna McDaniel for teaching and shaping her into the performer she is becoming. She also wants to thank Emily Souza for always being there to take off her mic tape for her. She can't wait to put smile on your face.

**Mya DiNapoli (Pepper)** is 13 years old and was most recently seen in WWOB's production of The Sound of Music as Brigitta. She was also part of the cast for Matilda before it was cancelled due to Covid. She has participated in every school talent show and most events winning first place in her fifth grade talent show.

**Nan Hein (Mrs. Pugh, Perkins, Ensemble)** is in her 17th production with the WWOB family. Nan stepped into the role of lead costumer this year and she thanks all that have pitched in wearing a smile. Love goes out to her husband, David. He is so many things that can't be listed. Happy Father's Day!

**Lafonda Humphreys (Hannigan)** - has been with WWOB since 2019, with her most recent role as Mother Abbess in Sound of Music. Although the role is quite opposite the Reverend-Mother, she is very excited to play Hannigan in Annie, as it is a bit of a dream role for her. This is also her first time as assistant music director; and she appreciates the opportunity to use and grow her musical talents. She'd like to express thanks to her family and friends for their continual support and encouragement to live her dreams and grow her talents.

**Rachel Humphreys (Tessie)** is performing in her second show with WWOB, with her first vocal role as Marta in Sound of Music. She has also been part of Broadway Bound Kids, and loves the energy being in a show brings. Rachel has come to love theater: every bit--from on-stage, to backstage; but her most-favorite part is the bows. Rachel would love to thank her teachers, friends, and family for supporting her.

**Alex Kowalik (Duffy)** has been in several Broadway Bound Kids semesters and was in WWOB youth productions of Disney's Beauty and the Beast and Disney's Lion King Jr. This is Alex's first mainstage production. Alex would like to thank Dakota for being such a great friend and the cast and crew for this wonderful opportunity.

**Cabrie Lethgo (Annie)** has been performing with WWOB since 2019. Her last performances were The Sound Of Music, Newsies, and a BBK shows. She would like to thank Summer, the cast, and crew for making her experience one to certainly remember. She would also like to thank her family and friends here at WWOB for being amazing people to work with.

**Caden Lethgo (Ensemble)** is excited to be back performing with WWOB in Annie. He previously played Rolf in The Sound of Music as well as performing in Mamma Mia! And Newsies, where he played Davey. Caden wants to thank his mom, dad, sisters, and Emily for all the love and support!

**Juan Macias (Officer Ward, Bert Healy, Morganthau, Ensemble)** is proud to be a part of Way Way Off-Broadway for another great show! This is his 6th show with WWOB and is beyond thrilled to help bring another production to life for the audience! He would like to thank his friends and family for all the support throughout the years and can't wait to bring a smile to everyone's face!

## MEET THE CAST

**Ruby McLean (Duffy)** is excited to be doing her first show with WWOB! She is known for being the biggest "theatre kid" at her school and constantly breaking out into song in class. She would also like to thank her cat Boo for being very understanding of her practices and late nights.

**Juliana Mendiola (Pepper)** began performing in 2018 with WWOB's Broadway Bound Kids program. Her most recent performance was in *The Sound of Music* where she played her first main role as Louisa Von Trapp. She would like to thank WWOB for giving her an outlet to express herself, and bringing people into her life that she wouldn't have met otherwise.

**Alexis Parker (Ensemble)** is joining WWOB in her very first production. She would like to thank her friends and family (especially Dakota, Alex, and her sister Mya) for all the support on her journey in this production. She decided to audition for *Annie* to help get over her fear of stage fright and is thankful for the opportunity. She would like to thank all the directors for their help and kindness along the way. She has really enjoyed her time during this show and is looking forward to many more opportunities to perform onstage.

**Katie Gwartney Roehlk (Boylan Sister)** is dipping her toe in the water of musical theatre for the first time since 8th grade. She's grateful to Emily T., Devon, Summer and her family for supporting the adventure.

**Jonathan Romero (Howe, Ensemble)** is back home, having been away from theater for 2 years, he's ready to get back on stage and wow the crowds, his last performance being Chicago. He'd like to shout out two very important people, Kye Padilla for always being a cool little dude, and Isaac Smith - love you Mia Amor.

**Jeorganna Simoes (Mrs. Greer)** has participated in theater for many years. She was last seen in WWOB's production of *The Sound of Music*, as Frau Schmidt. She enjoys the professionalism and camaraderie necessary to create a show.

**Rey Skywalker (Stray Mutt, US Sandy)** came into this life smiling. David and Nan failed when they fostered her for Southwest Collie and Sheltie Rescue. Her snout keeps her in trouble. At times, Rey does wish Nan would be a better Seeing Eye mom. Thanks goes to Annie for all the treats and Maverick for all the sniffs.

**Emily Souza (Liesl)** is back on stage again, having previously played Liesl in *The Sound of Music*. Emily loves performing and has been seen in several previous WWOB shows and BBK. Emily wants to send a huge thank you to her mother, father, brother, and Caden for all the love and support!

**Eric Souza (Ensemble)** is continuing his comeback tour with his performance in *Annie*. Eric most recently performed as Frederick in *The Sound of Music*. Eric is especially excited to be working with all his family on this production, including the best dog in the world - Maverick.

**Maverick Souza (Sandy)** is making his performance debut in *Annie*. He is thrilled to be performing with his family on stage and his new friend Rey. He would like to apologize in advance for any barking that may occur during the show, however he is just a dog happy to be living in America. Maverick would like to dedicate his performance to his favorite human - his dad Tony.

**Tony Souza (Rooster)** is a co-founder of WWOB, and has been seen in many productions throughout the company's history. His most recent role was that of Pharaoh in 2019's production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Tony would like to thank his amazing wife, Summer, for all the love and support, as well as his awesome kiddos, Emily and Eric.



## MEET THE CAST

**Hannah Steely (July)** is a 13 year old, 8th grade student at BMS. When Hannah isn't rehearsing she loves spending time with her family, actively sharing the love of Christ with her local youth group, taking voice lessons, and was recently inducted into the National Junior Honor Society with a 4.3 GPA. Annie will be her second production with WWOB. She was most recently seen as Brigitta von Trapp in the Sound of Music and after her first show it lit a spark. She has a passion for the arts and has loved the opportunity to pursue this passion. She is thankful to her parents and siblings for always believing in her and for their constant support. She is grateful for this experience and the friends she has made along the way.

**Emily Taylor (Boylan Sister)** is performing in her very first production for WWOB! She loves that she's made some great new friends during this process and will definitely be back to perform again in the future. Lots of love to her friends and family!

**Jessica Trujillo (Kate)** is making her third stage appearance with Way Way-Off Broadway. She has appeared in the youth productions of The Lion King Jr, and most recently, played the role of Les in Newsies. She has performed in four prior semesters of Broadway Bound Kids. She would like to thank her parents and her three sisters for their support.

**Marlena Villareal (Tessie)** is so excited to experience this opportunity to share her talent in her first show with WWOB. Marlena would love to give a special thanks to her dad, mom and her sister for always supporting her in her accomplishments and pushing her to achieve more in life. Thank you for being my greatest supporters!

**Braelynn Washichek (Annie)** is 9 years old. This is her first time performing in a main stage show and she is so excited to share the stage with such a great cast. She wants to thank her parents and brother for all their support and love. Annie is one of her favorite characters and she is so excited to perform the title role. She also wants to thank this amazing cast, crew, and production team for making her first theatre experience such a special one.

**Julie Washichek (Boylan Sister, Ensemble)** was most recently seen as Tanya in WWOB's Mama Mia. She has been in many productions and loves being on stage. This show, however, is particularly special because it is her first time sharing the stage with her daughter, Braelynn. She wants to thank her amazing husband and son for all their support. She also wants to thank Rick and Shelba Washichek for all the help during the crazy rehearsal schedule. Lastly, a big thank you to this awesome cast, crew, and theatre company for always making the show experience a great one from first rehearsal to closing day.

**Sarah Willig (Kate)** is performing for the first time with WWOB in this production. Sarah has really enjoyed working with the cast and crew and is looking forward to performing for the audience. She would like to thank her friends and family for all the love and support!



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## MEET THE PRODUCTION TEAM

**Summer Souza (Director, Choreographer)** along with her husband, Tony, is a founding member of WWOB, and currently serves as the Artistic Director and member of the Board of Directors. Besides directing, Summer also performs regularly on stage, her most recent performances including Velma Kelly in CHICAGO, and the Narrator in JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT. She would like to thank the cast and crew for the dedication and hard work on this production and her husband Tony and children Emily and Eric for their love and support.

**Devon Bullock (Music Director)** is WWOB's Music Director and has served in that role for most WWOB productions. Devon wishes to thank her dear Kyle for allowing her to pursue her passion and for being the best husband and dad ever to two "handfuls"!

**Nancy Hein (Costume Design)** See cast bio.

**Tarra Macias (Hair & Make-up Design)** was raised in Roswell, NM. She has been a cosmetologist for 21 years and a cosmetology instructor at Olympian Academy of Cosmetology for 14 years. Tarra is a certified licensed HD Makeup Artist and is screen credited on several films. She is also WWOB's lead makeup and hair stylist.

**Tony Souza (Set Designer)** See cast bio.






**Brianna Bitner (Stage Manager)** is a veteran stage manager for WWOB, having worked behind-the-scenes on many past productions. Brianna would like to thank her friends and family for the love and support, and would like to send special love to her growing group of grandkids.

**Casey Bedford (Front of House Manager)** has been helping run the ticket sales and backstage operations from WWOB's beginning. She loves her theatre family and always looks forward to the next production and chance to work with old friends and make new ones. She also loves the fact that she gets to work with her daughter Zoe. Casey wants to thank all her friends and family for their support and to remind the audience not to forget to buy your "Encore!" tickets!

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