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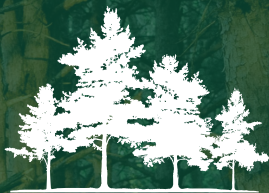


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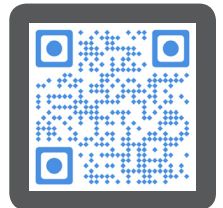
## Reif Executive Director Shantel Dow

It's such a special time of year to be in beautiful Northern Minnesota! I am happy that you have decided to create some memories and fill your soul with live performances. Whether you are here to support the incredible youth of our community, witness a national touring show, or participate in our wide variety of arts education programs, you are to be congratulated!



It is our desire to open the doors of the Reif Center to EVERYONE. We continue to provide diverse programming, work with local partners to provide hands-on arts experiences for those with different abilities, and offer scholarships for our Reif arts education programs. Thanks to our generous community, we can continue to provide these incredible and necessary programs for everyone, but in particular, for our young people and those with limited ability to attend otherwise.

This is also the time of year for giving. The Reif is a non-profit organization that depends on the generosity of our patrons, community members, foundations, and others to continue presenting valuable programming. If you are interested in making a much-appreciated donation to the Reif, please scan the QR code or visit [reifcenter.org/donate](https://reifcenter.org/donate). Thank you so much for considering a gift!



*Truth and acknowledgment are critical to building mutual respect and connection across all differences of cultural heritage. So as we begin our program today, we acknowledge that we are standing on the traditional, ancestral, and contemporary lands of Indigenous people. This land was cared for, and called home, by the Ojibwe people, before them the Dakota, and other Native peoples from time immemorial. Ceded by the Ojibwe to the US government in the 1855 treaty of Washington, this land still holds great historical, spiritual, and personal significance for its original stewards. Before we continue, we will pause for a moment to pay respect to their elders, past, present and future.*



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Directed and Choreographed by **Katie E. Smith**

Music Direction by **Rachel Coppock**

Assistant Directors **Glen Key & Mike Magner**

## Cast of Characters

Buddy the Elf (Hobbs) . . . . .	Noah Jetland
Jovie. . . . .	Ayden Schauer
Walter Hobbs. . . . .	Andrew Keating
Emily Hobbs . . . . .	Riley Stovall
Michael Hobbs. . . . .	Benny Jurvelin
Santa . . . . .	Maverick Starr
Deb . . . . .	Shelby Brown
Sam . . . . .	Makea Niewind
Chadwick. . . . .	Artien Fox Schneider
Matthews . . . . .	Cash Connelly
Sarah . . . . .	Emma Coronado-Rands
Mr. Greenway. . . . .	Jackson Huson
Macy's Manager . . . . .	Bradley Hewitt
Fake Santa . . . . .	Brayden Meyer
Charlotte Dennon. . . . .	Anja Beck
Darlene Lambert . . . . .	Dakira Dagenais
Emma Van Brocklin . . . . .	Precious Nason



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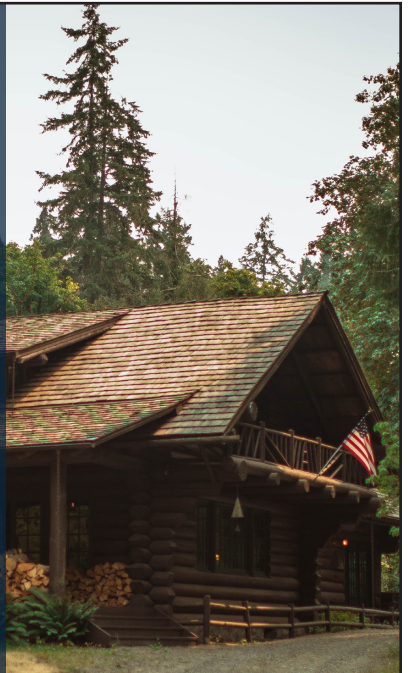
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## Elf Ensemble

Addie Benes  
Robert Budach  
Anna Daigle  
Levi Daigle  
Gracelyn DeVries  
Abigayle Edwards  
Graham Elsen  
Gabby Emerson  
Alayna Felosi  
Annika Gustafson  
Landon Gustafson

Taylor Hedlund  
Kinlee Johnston  
Kylie Johnston  
Lucy Kabotoff  
Ryan Kabotoff  
Kinsley Lacek  
Leo Lick  
Calvin Mann  
Ruby Mariano  
Brynn Mundahl  
Gideon Olson

Callan Rutherford  
Cameron Schuster  
Landon Schuster  
Kalea Storey  
Jace Sutherland  
Autumn Thompson  
Gia Tobeck  
Ruby Trevena  
Maggie Troumbly



## NYC Ensemble

Jasper Aultman  
Anja Beck  
Shelby Brown  
Greta Carlson  
Cash Connelly  
Emma Coronado-Rands  
Dakira Dagenais  
Robbie Elj  
Jocelyn Greniger  
Bradley Hewitt

Jackson Huson  
Lucie Jackson  
Benny Jurvelin  
Adriana Kabotoff  
Andrew Keating  
Sophie Kostiuk  
Ruby Larson  
James Martin  
Olivia Martin  
Brayden Meyer

Precious Nason  
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Payton Simmons  
Dezzi Starr  
Maverick Starr  
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# Reif Dancers

Linden Anthony  
Kiira Halvorson

Evie Mariano  
Angel Nguyen

Isabelle Pederson  
Lily Stark

## Crew

**Tech Director** . . . . . John Miller

**Set & Prop Construction** . . . Greg Johnson, Melanie McCoy,  
Buzz McCulloch

**Costumes** . . . . . Amy Savela, Amy Stovall, Jenni Mariano,  
Katie Benes, Katie Smith

**Stage Crew** . . . . . Greg Johnson & DeShawn Nason

**Sound & Projections** . . . . . Reese Huwe

**Spot Light Operators** . . . Erin Greniger & Stephani Crecelius

### Paint Crew

Anja Beck  
Rachel Coppock  
Dakira Dagenais  
Adriana Kabotoff  
Lucy Kabotoff  
Glen Key  
Makea Niewind  
Ayden Schauer  
Katie Smith  
Riley Stovall



# MPRnews

A promotional image for MPR News. It features two women against a dark background. On the left, Angela Davis, a Black woman with dark curly hair, is wearing a maroon V-neck top and looking towards the camera with a slight smile. On the right, Cathy Wurzer, a white woman with short blonde hair and glasses, is wearing a dark blue blazer over a white top, wearing large black headphones, and smiling while looking off to the side. The image has a professional, studio-like quality with soft lighting.

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# Special Thanks

**Rachel Coppock** for sharing her love of music and children with all of us!

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**The Reif Tech Crew** for making this show so beautiful! Particularly **Greg** who cut out the streetlamps and made them stand!

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**“The Amys” Amy Savela** and **Amy Stovall** who have spent countless hours stitching these Elves and Humans into the most stunning costumes.

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**Jennifer Mariano** for sewing 62 Elf Shoes and buying out every thrift-store from here to Duluth!

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**Katie Benes** for sewing marabou onto many costumes (*she will probably be finding feathers in her house for months*).

**Mike Magner** for being a calming presence, for pinning Elf Shoes and for supplying all the sweaters!

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**Glen Key** for painting, cutting out elf shoes, keeping the backstage organized and for a million other things!

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**David Martin**  
**and Melanie**  
**McCoy** for  
filming the show.

The **City of Grand Rapids** for lending us the perfect bench for New York City!

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My students who have put months into the music, dances, lines, and blocking. You are all stars, and I can't wait to see you shine on stage!



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Harvey Band

**MAR. 14**

1:00PM



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Penzance

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Sullivan Players

**MAR. 21**

1:00PM



Ensamble 7/4

**APR. 17**

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**Santa's Village**

Sunday, December 4, 2022  
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**Reif Dance: The Nutcracker**

December 9-10-11, 2022  
REIF CENTER, WILCOX THEATER

**Rock & Roll X-Mas  
Spectacular**

Saturday, December 17, 2022  
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