

2024-2025 PERFORMING ARTS SEASON

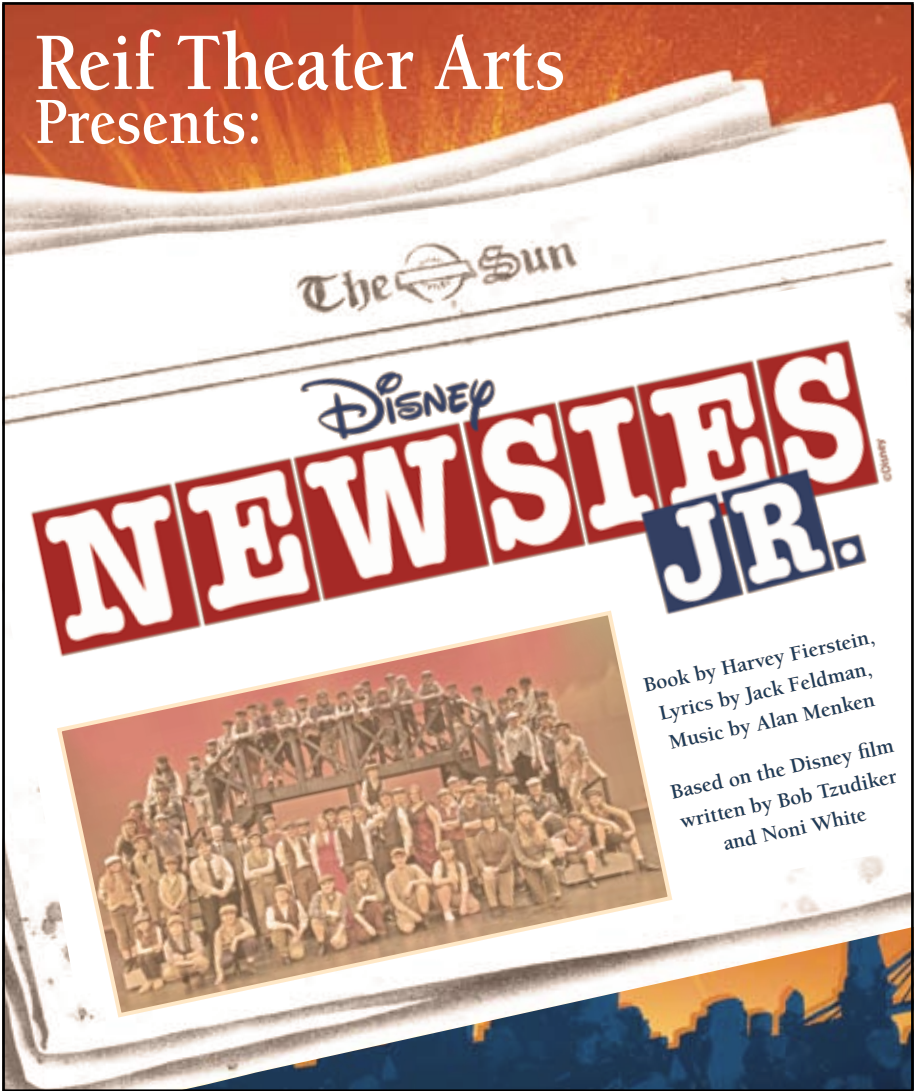


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The Bellamy Brothers

Friday, April 4, 2025

7pm | The Reif: Wilcox Theater

Reif Cozy Concerts:

Jed LaPlant

Saturday, April 5, 2025

7pm | The Reif: Ives Theater

Transit Authority -

The Music of Chicago

Saturday, April 26, 2025

2pm | The Reif: Wilcox Theater

Kathy Mattea

Thursday, May 1, 2025

7pm | The Reif: Wilcox Theater

Hairball:

Silver Anniversary Tour

Friday, May 16, 2025

Doors: 5:30pm

Northwood's Band: 7:15pm

Hairball: 8:30pm

Yanmar Arena, Grand Rapids

Reif Cozy Concerts:

Amanda Grace

Thursday, May 22, 2025

7pm | The Reif: Ives Theater

Reif Dance: Spring Show

Fri-Sun, June 6-8, 2025

7pm & 2pm | The Reif: Wilcox Theater

Reif Summer Theater Workshop



Snow White & the Seven

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

Music Direction by **Linda Bengé**

Crossover Choreography by **Raeanne Graupmann**

Stage Manager **Amy Stovall**

Production Assistants **Mike Magner & Glen Key**

Lighting and Set Design by **John Miller**

Set Construction & Stage Crew **Greg Johnson**

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Costume Committee

Amy Stovall	Linda Bengé	Lynn Siebert
Amy Savela	Brittany Adams	Rosa Herrera
Katie Smith	Amanda Kostiuk	Sophie Kostiuk
Theresa Stark	Trinity Hemmila	Noah Jetland
Jenny Mariano	Kasia Labovich	Mike Magner
Lacey Daigle	Christina Monson	Glen Key
Kenna Christensen	Abby Edminster	Lillian Stark
Amanda MacDonell	Stephanie Simmons	
Katie Benes	Jessica Brown	

Painting Crew

Katie Smith	Adriana Kabotoff
Glen Key	Lucy Kabotoff
Mike Magner	Hunter Hemmila
Callan Rutherford	Riley Wick
Micah Sween	Noah Jetland
Henry Sween	Makea Niewind
Poppy Kreitzer	Emma Coronado-Rands
Isabella Jolicoeur	Anja Beck

Props

Katie Smith	Jada Zieke
Katie Benes	Izzy Cochran
Lauren Kostiuk	Julia Beaty
Sophie Kostiuk	Andy Sween
Mike Magner	Krista Rogers
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CAST

Jack Kelly	Riley Wick
Crutchie	Micah Sween
Katherine Plummer	Anja Beck
Medda Larkin	Riley Stovall
Davey	Prestyn Thompson
Les	Maddux Edminster
Race	Benny Jurvelin
Muriel	Madelyn Hanson
Albert	Andrew Keating
Hazel	Lillian Stark
Pigtails	Dakira Dagenais
Specs	Makea Niewind
Romeo	Fox Schneider
Jo Jo	Henry Sween
Nancy	Lauren Kostiuk
Joseph Pulitzer	Hunter Hemmila
Wiesel	Levi Daigle
Morris Delancey	Izzy Cochran
Oscar Delancey	Sophia Norberg
Roosevelt	Robbie Elj
Darcy	Calvin Mann
Bunsen	Brayden Meyer
Seitz	Peter Myers
Hannah	Adriana Kabotoff
Woman	Emma Coronado-Rands
Snyder	Lucas Aalto
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Police Officers	Peter Myers Hunter Hemmila

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Newsies Ensemble

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Almendinger
Aryanna Almquist
Lucas Aalto
Claire Anderson
Huxley Arnason
Julia Beaty
Nora Berg
Winston Brown
Mavis Bujold
Nora Close
Izzy Cochran
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Greta Miller
Olivia Miller
Ella Monson
Precious Nason
Sophia Norberg
Canella Popham
Easton Sandeen
Blair Saw
Payton Simmons
Autumn Thompson
Jada Zielke

Reif Dancers

Gabby Bushman
Caroline Cargill
Kendall
Gunderson
Nora Johnson

Elia Maki
Siena Maki
Lillian Stark
Sage Swanson



Scenes & Musical Numbers

Act I

Prologue **Rooftop/Alley**
Santa Fe (Prologue)

Scene 1 **Newsies Square**
Carrying the Banner
Carrying the Banner (Reprise)

Scene 2 **Pulitzer's Office**

Scene 3 **Street**

Scene 4 **Medda's Theater**
Just a Pretty Face

Scene 5 **Newsies Square**
The World Will Know

Scene 6 **Katherine's Office**
Watch What Happens

Scene 7a **Newsies Square**
Seize the Day (Parts 1 & 2)

Scene 7b **Rooftop/Alley**
Santa Fe

~ **Intermission** ~

Act II

Scene 1 Restaurant/Newsies Square
King of New York

Scene 2 The Refuge
Letter from the Refuge

Scene 3 Medda’s Theater

Scene 4a Pulitzer’s Office

Scene 4b Transition to Theater
Brooklyn’s Here

Scene 5 Medda’s Theater

Scene 6) Newsies Square/Cellar
Seize the Day (Reprise)
Once and for All

Scene 7 Pulitzer’s Office

Scene 8 Newsies Square
Finale



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A Note from the Director

There is just something about seeing a group of kids rising up to fight for good that gets me every time. The story of the Newsies is full of heart, and shows young people working together to overcome challenges. This cast of young artist have come together to do the same.

This year we have a very busy schedule at the Reif which left us short a month of our rehearsal process compared to past shows. Add to that the fact that Newsies is known for being a very dance-heavy show and you have another huge obstacle for a cast of mostly “non-dancers.”

These kids have worked so hard during rehearsals, and many have helped eachother outside of rehearsals to make sure the dances look great. After two and a half months of intense choreography rehearsals, I think I can say, there isn't a non-dancer among them!

I have seen several personal triumphs and group successes among this cast. I have been brought to tears many times during rehearsals simply because I am so proud of these kids.

Cast, if you take time to read this, Thank you for being the best part of my job. You are amazing, and capable, and so full of joy!

I need to also thank all of the kids, parents, and friends who have helped bring this show to the stage. Please, look at the long list of names under each committee and know that I could never have done this without any of them. Thank you for the endless hours of cutting, sewing, painting, papier mache-ing, etc.

Thanks also to the Reif tech crew, John for designing and lighting this beautiful set, Greg for building everything to perfection, Melanie for programming qlab to kep the sound and projections going. I am so grateful for all of your time and talents.

Their names appear in this playbill several times but I have to end by thanking my incredible team. Linda, you bring out the best in these kids and remind me of the good always. Mike and Glen, nobody would believe the hours you have spent making this dream of a show a reality. Amy Stovall, you are such a gift to me and these kids, both as our stage manager, and as the queen of costuming Newsie style! Amy Savela, you have also made these kids look picture perfect in every scene. Raeanne, the crossovers add the perfect touch I was hoping for between the scenes. Thank you all! I can't imagine a group I could trust or value more.

One last time, thank you to the young artists who are about to set this stage alight. Sieze the day!



Katie E. Smith

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