

Spotlight Productions

Theatre For Family



Oliver!

consider yourself part of the family

OCTOBER 5, 6, 7, 8

Thursday, Friday & Saturday 7:30 pm | Sunday at 1:30 pm

From the Director

Bringing this story to life in West Bend 2023 required a delicate and gentle balance of faithfully presenting the Charles Dickens story written in gritty London 1850, while still making it 'palatable' for both young and old audiences of today. There will be no overt violence or murderous rages depicted onstage (however there are a few offstage inferences). Instead, we have chosen to focus on the triumph of good over evil, and most importantly, the search for love and family, a theme that is present in everything that we strive to accomplish in our community theatre organization.

Spotlight Productions bills itself as 'a theatre for family' and onstage today you will see three generations of real-life Spotlight Productions families. Fathers, mothers, husbands, wives, grandparents, sons and daughters, all learning and working together to present a high quality, entertaining community production. Several of our participants began with us decades ago, and have now brought their children, spouses and friends along to experience, and perhaps learn to love, the wonderful world of live theatre.

So while you watch Oliver search for love and a family, we are blessed to know that we have indeed found ours.

Enjoy the show.

Jackie

A note for sensitive audience members: The final scene of the show is intense and contains inferences of violence and murder.

Notes

- Strobe lights and non-allergenic hazer will be used during this show.
- Please **REMAIN SEATED** during the performance. Actors often enter and exit rapidly through the aisles.
- As a courtesy to all, **PLEASE TURN-OFF ALL CELL PHONES & PAGERS.**
- As with every theater, **CAMERAS AND SOUND RECORDING EQUIPMENT ARE PROHIBITED** during the performance. Therefore, the use of **FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY IS PROHIBITED** in this theater at all times.
- In consideration of other audience members, **CHILDREN UNDER 3 YEARS OLD** cannot be admitted to performances.
- There is **NO SMOKING** allowed in or on the West Bend High School Campus

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or BACKSTAGE?**



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OLIVER!

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Cast of Characters

OliverAiden Brettingen
 Artful Dodger.....Evan Waech
 FaginPhil Greve
 NancyBailey Schultz
 Bill SikesNick Brettingen
 BetMonica Hafenbreadl
 Mr. BumbleRyan Eckert
 Widow Corney.....Shay Feiter
 Mr. SowerberryAaron Eckert
 Mrs. Sowerberry.....Melanie Gierach
 Mr BrownlowEric Kirkegaard
 Mrs. BedwinSherry Eckert
 CharlieBryson Schmandt
 CharlotteLyla Zarembo
 NoahWade Janssen
 Dr. GrimwigKyle Eckert
 Old SallyAbby Janssen
 MatronJulie Kniech

ORPPHAN/FAGIN KIDS

Hailee Kutz
 Clara Mintie
 Mia Hanvey
 Ainsley Padget
 Tegan Miller
 Ella Meyer
 Avi Meyer
 Felicity Sternig
 Sterling Brettingen
 Ivey Gamache
 Ashlin Reisdorf
 Isla Bolha
 Isabella McWhinney

TOWNSPEOPLE

Zach Church
 Jesse Kutz
 Khya Jimmerson
 Genevieve Talbot
 Hailey Granger
 Robert Fehrmann
 Willow Wilcox
 Emily Frederick
 Abby Frederick
 Mycajah Emery
 Elizabeth Mintie
 Sherry McElhatton
 Lindsey Vanderweilan
 Danielle Gedemer
 Brian Eckert
 Dean Joecks

Past Productions

Fall Musicals

Beauty & The Beast	Nonsense
Matilda	The Sound of Music
Young Frankenstein	Broadway Under
Newsies	The Bigtop
Joseph & The Amazing	The Wizard of Oz
Technicolor Dreamcoat	Once Upon A
The Music Man	Mattress
Chitty Chitty Bang Bang	West Side Story
Fiddler on the Roof	Oklahoma
Shrek	Guys and Dolls
Brigadoon	Godspell
Jesus Christ Superstar	Li'l Abner
Joseph & The Amazing	Annie
Technicolor Dreamcoat	Pippin
Cats	Take Me Along
The Wizard of Oz	Bye Bye Birdie
Fiddler on the Roof	Gypsy
Annie	Oliver!
Cinderella	The Boyfriend
Oliver!	Carnival
You're A Good Man	Give My Regards To
Charlie Brown	Broadway
The Best of Spotlight	

Spring Comedies

Four Old Broads	All I Really Need To
A Nice Family Christmas	Know I Learned In
100 Lunches	Kindergarten
The Sloth	Spinoff
Borderline Crazyes	Said the Spider To
A Nice Family Gathering	The Spy
Fox on the Fairway	A Bad Year For
Harvey	Tomatoes
Rumors	I Take This Man
Arsenic & Old Lace	I Hate Hamlet
Lend Me A Tenor	The Nerd
The Nerd	The Sloth
The Foreigner	Don't Tell Mother!
100 Lunches	The Foreigner
Saving Grace	It's A Scream
The Odd Couple	The Newlyweds
(Female Version)	Your Flake Or Mine!
Barefoot in the Park	Who's On First
Beside Yourself	Saving Grace
	Mama Say I Do
	The Mousetrapp

Musical Numbers

~ ACT I ~

1. Prologue
2. "Food, Glorious Food" Orphans
3. "Oliver" Mr. Bumble, Widow Corney
4. "I Shall Scream" Widow Corney & Mr. Bumble
5. "Boy For Sale" Mr. Bumble
6. "That's Your Funeral" Mr. & Mrs. Sowerberry & Mr. Bumble
7. "Where Is Love?" Oliver
8. "Consider Yourself" Artful Dodger, Oliver, & Company
9. "Pick A Pocket or Two" Fagin & Kids
10. "It's A Fine Life" Nancy, Bet & Kids
11. "I'd Do Anything" Artful Dodger, Nancy, Oliver, Bet, Fagin & Kids
12. "Be Back Soon" Fagin, Artful Dodger & Kids

~ ACT II ~

13. "Oom-Pah-Pah" Nancy & Company
14. "My Name" Bill Sikes
15. "As Long As He Needs Me" Nancy
16. Reprise "Where is Love?" Mrs. Bedwin
17. "Who Will Buy?" Oliver, Street Vendors & Company
18. Reprise "It's A Fine Life" Nancy, Bill Sikes, Fagin, Artful Dodger, Bet
19. "Reviewing The Situation" Fagin
20. Reprise "Oliver" Widow Corney & Mr. Bumble
21. Reprise "As Long As He Needs Me" Nancy
22. Reprise "Reviewing The Situation" Fagin
23. Bows Company

Scenes & Settings

The action takes place about 1850, in the North of England and London.

Act 1

- Scene 1: The Workhouse
- Scene 2: The Workhouse Parlour
- Scene 3: The Undertaker's
- Scene 4: Paddington Green
- Scene 5: The Thieves' Kitchen
- Scene 6: Streets of London

Act 2

- Scene 1: The "Three Cripples"
- Scene 2: The Brownlow's
- Scene 3: The Thieves' Kitchen
- Scene 4: The Workhouse
- Scene 5: The Brownlow's
- Scene 6: Under the London Bridge

Company Biographies

Mark Barnard, Auditorium Manager: Mark is in his fifth year as Technical Director for the Auditorium at the West Bend High School. Over the years he has been both on stage and behind the scenes finding his love of working with the arts a passion and career path. 17 years later he continues to aid countless groups to realize their artistic pursuits. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his wife and son and their two dogs.

Aiden Brettingen, Oliver: Aiden is ten years old and in fifth grade at St. Matthew School, Campbellsport. He has most recently been in *Peter Pan* and *Beauty and the Beast*. Out of all eight shows he's ever been in, this is his favorite role so far. Other than theater, Aiden plays piano, draws, reads, swims, and skis. He thanks you for being here and he hopes you enjoy the show!

Jamie Brettingen, Associate Director / Choreographer: Surprisingly, though this is Spotlight's third go-round with *Oliver!*, this is Jamie's first time directly involved; in '87, she was just too young and in '04 she was in grad school. This time 'round, Jamie is happy to once again be working with her family to present our adaptation of this classic tale. When she's not at rehearsal, Jamie teaches Spanish & Technology at St. Matt's in Campbellsport. She hopes that by the end of the show you will "want some...more?"

Nick Brettingen, Bill Sikes: Nick is honored to be part of another Spotlight production, where he will again perform onstage alongside his boys, Aiden (*Oliver*) and Sterling (*Orphan/Pickpocket Extraordinaire*). Nick would also like to thank his lovely and supportive wife, Jamie (Associate Director/Choreographer), and his Jackie-in-law (director) for always believing in him and tolerating his terribly-timed, groan-worthy dad jokes. Now, it's time to get SIKED-ed up for this year's Spotlight production of *Oliver!*

Sterling Brettingen, Ensemble: Sterling is seven years old. He is in second grade. He goes to St. Matt's School, Campbellsport. He's been in four other shows, and his two favorites are *Peter Pan* and *Beauty and the Beast*. Sterling also likes reading, biking, and swimming. He hopes you like the show and that you don't get pick-pocketed!

Isla Bolha, Ensemble: Isla is 11 years old and in fifth grade. She is thrilled to be performing in her first Spotlight production. When she's not singing and dancing on stage, her hobbies include figure skating, knitting, sewing, and swimming. Her favorite color is purple and favorite food is butternut squash soup. She hopes the show will inspire you and make you happy!

Zach Church, Ensemble: Zach is so excited to return to Spotlight for his fourth production! A 17-year-old senior at West Bend West, Zach is an aspiring filmmaker who also enjoys producing music and spending time with friends. You may have seen him previously as Les in *Newsies*, as well as ensemble roles in *Young Frankenstein* and *Matilda*. Other credits include productions with First Stage and Milwaukee Rep, as well as over 20 episodes of an educational television series. Zach would like to give a huge thank you to his Spotlight family for all the memories, and he sincerely hopes you enjoy the show!

Aaron Eckert, Mr. Sowerberry: Aaron is excited to be back for *Oliver!*. This is his second show with Spotlight. He has performed with West Bend Children's Theatre in *Willy Wonka* and West Bend Theater Company in *A Christmas Carol*. Aaron hopes you enjoy the show!

Brian Eckert, Ensemble: After a 25-year hiatus, Brian is happy to be back on stage with his family. Brian plays the bass guitar and handcrafts acoustic guitars.

Kyle Eckert, Dr. Grimwig: Kyle is thrilled to be in his first show with Spotlight. He hopes you enjoy the show!

Ryan Eckert, Mr. Bumble: Ryan is excited to be back on stage with Spotlight again this year. He is having fun doing a show with his twin brother, sister-in-law, and two nephews. This is Ryan's third time performing in *Oliver!* (previously as Bill Sikes and also Mr. Sowerberry). He dedicates his performance to his daughter Ellie, who is his biggest supporter. Ryan is a toolmaker by trade and enjoys motorcycling in his free time.

Sherry Eckert, Mrs. Bedwin: Sherry loves being on the stage with her family. She wishes to send a special message to her son, Jonah: "You're next!" Sherry enjoys knitting, baking, making wine and beekeeping.

Mycajah Emery, Ensemble: Mycajah is extremely excited to be in *Oliver!* and she is also thrilled to be doing her first show with Spotlight. This is her ninth show and you may have seen her in the high school production of *Anastasia* playing Young Anastasia. Mycajah is 15 and is a sophomore in high school and enjoys singing and acting. She hopes you enjoy *Oliver!*

Robert Fehrman, Ensemble: Robert is excited to be in his sixth show with Spotlight Productions. This is his 15th stage appearance, and he has most recently been in *Frozen Jr.* (Oaken) and *The Wizard of Oz* (Crow/Ensemble). When he's not onstage, Robert likes football, percussion, and video games. He hopes everybody enjoys the performance!

Shay Feiter, *Widow Corney/Ensemble*: Shay is a junior in high school, and thrilled to be back with Spotlight for her fourth year! This is her 23rd production, and couldn't imagine loving anything as much as being onstage. Some of her favorite past roles include Kathrine, *Newsies*; Silly Girl, *Beauty and the Beast*; and Fiona, *Shrek*. When she's not in shows she enjoys performing with her show choir, creating art, and spending time with friends. Shay hopes you enjoy the show!

Abby Frederick, *Ensemble*: Abby is excited to be back on stage for her 15th show and fifth production with Spotlight. Abby will be graduating from MPTC with her associates degree in early childhood education in the spring of 2024. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Emily Frederick, *Ensemble*: Emily is excited to be back on stage with her Spotlight family for her thirteenth season! When she's not on stage she fills her time working as a special Ed para for the West Bend School District and spending time with her family! Emily has loved watching this show come together and can't wait for you to see it!!

Jessica Frederick, *Backstage Manager*: Jessica is grateful to be able to be backstage again for her eighth year and is happy to have a small part in this year's show. She has a unique view of the show and enjoys sharing it with her daughters. Jessica feels right at home in the organized chaos backstage right. When not backstage, Jessica loves spending time with her girls and her grandson who brings so much Joy to life! She hopes you enjoy the show!

Peter Frigge, *Costume Design*: Peter has enjoyed doing costumes for Spotlight for close to 30 years. As the process began, he was amazed by how much has changed in the 20 years since Spotlight produced *Oliver!* last time, and how all of this once put together without the ability to order vintage items online. Peter would like to invite you to step back almost 200 years into a time without internet, cell phones, and everything we have today and enjoy the show.

Ivee Gamache, *Ensemble*: Ivee is excited for her first performance with Spotlight Productions. She recently found her love for theatre after attending *Anastasia* and *Willy Wonka*. This led her to audition and perform in her first performance, *The Wizard of Oz*, this past July. When Ivee isn't on stage she enjoys drawing and hanging with friends & family. Ivee is a fifth grader at Silverbrook Intermediate School.

Brian Gedemer, *Lighting Design*: Brian has been with Spotlight for 20+ years. By day he is a project manager/manufacturing engineer; When he's not at work, he can be found golfing, watching movies, and managing his fantasy football teams. He also enjoys spending time with his family, especially his 2-year-old granddaughter.

Susan Gedemer, *Accompanist/Music Direction*: Susan has been playing piano most of her life and enjoys playing for musicals and various church and school groups. Beside playing piano, Susan also teaches piano lessons and is a substitute teacher. She loves spending her free time with family and hanging out with her 2-year-old granddaughter.

Danielle Gedemer, *Ensemble/Vocal Coach*: Danielle is excited to be a part of Oliver! She enjoys working with the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music in their Connections program, singing at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, annually composing songs with her mother for West Bend Rec Department's summer theater show, and recently, she joined Milwaukee Opera Theatre as their Company Manager. In her free time, she loves spending time with her incredible family and friends.

Lianna Gedemer, *Accompanist*: Lianna follows in her mother's footsteps and joins Spotlight as an additional accompanist. She enjoys spending time with her parents and sister as part of the Spotlight Family.

Melanie Gierach, *Mrs. Sowerberry/Ensemble*: Melanie is excited to be back on stage after taking a year off to host an exchange student. This is her fourth musical with Spotlight and she enjoyed helping backstage for the spring comedy, *Four Old Broads*, as well. She performed as a milkmaid in *Oliver!* back in high school, which is funny because now she lives and works with her husband on his family dairy farm! The "girls" are great listeners when she practices her songs while finishing up chores! Besides farming, Melanie is mom of three, still likes video gaming, enjoys diamond art and she works at the vegetable farm near her home. She hopes you enjoy following the adventures of Oliver, and if you don't, well, that's YOUR funeral!

Hailey Granger, *Ensemble*: Hailey is so excited to be in her first Spotlight show. She's also recently been in *Willy Wonka*, and *How to Host a Murder Mystery Dinner*. When Hailey's not on stage you can find her working at Crumbl Cookies or hanging out with friends. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Phil Greve, Fagin: Phil is excited to bring this character to the stage. His previous experience includes *Beauty and the Beast* (Lumiere) with Spotlight, as well as *Bye Bye Birdie* (Mr. MacAfee), *Wizard of Oz* (Scarecrow), *Godspell* (Jesus), and *West Side Story* (Tony). When not on stage, Phil loves to lead contemporary worship, and serves as administrator for the music and theology departments of Concordia University Wisconsin. Phil thanks his wife and kids for their support, and Jesus Christ for the gifts he's been given.

Tammy Guth, Backstage Manager: Tammy mostly recently was on stage as Beatrice, in the comedy, *Four Old Broads*. Some other shows you may have seen her in include *A Nice Family Christmas*, *The Sloth*, and a few others. During the musical season, you will find her backstage trying to keep order. Besides theater, Tammy enjoys sewing, and is a volunteer seamstress for "Touched by an Angel-WI" and St. Joe's Hospital. As always, she wants to thank her husband, Mark, and her children Katie, Kelsey, Calvin and Karter for their support and understanding...love you guys! She hopes you enjoy the show.

Mia Hanvey, Ensemble: Mia is an eleven-year-old who just entered the sixth grade. While she has been in martial arts, speed skating, piano and numerous sports, she is finding her true passion in the arts. She sings with the choir, is actively involved with "Bravo" and participates in onstage productions at school. She loves to dance and has experience in jazz, tap, ballet and modern expression. This is her first venture into community theater. She is excited about the show and hopes you are too!

Monica Hafenbreadl, Bet: Monica has made many accomplishments in her lifetime including but not limited to: becoming a certified skydiving instructor, holding the state wide record for largest Venus Fly Trap collection, spending a stint employed as Taylor Swift's personal ice cream scooper, and being the first female to set foot on Jupiter. Her biggest accomplishment however, is starring as Bet in this production of *Oliver!* She hopes you enjoy the show!

Abby Janssen, Old Sally: Abby is very excited to be on stage for *Oliver!* After supporting three of her children in the last five Spotlight productions and working on sets, she took the leap and auditioned this year. Abby's last production was 30 years ago so she's grateful to the Spotlight family for their encouragement. When not rehearsing, Abby enjoys reading, bingeing Bravo shows and indulging in her husband's wonderful culinary creations. Abby thanks you supporting community theater and hopes you enjoy the show!

Wade Janssen, Noah: Wade is ecstatic to be back with Spotlight Productions for his third year in *Oliver!* Wade is 13 years old and attends Badger Middle School in eighth grade. When not at school, Wade plays video games with his friends, paints, and listens to music. Wade can't wait for you to see the show!

Khya Jimmerson, Ensemble: Khya is very excited to be on stage again. This is Khya's first production through Spotlight and she is looking forward to many more. Khya is a sophomore at West Bend East. When she is not on stage she enjoys hanging out with friends. She hopes you enjoy the show as much as she does!

Dean Joecks, Ensemble: Dean has been in over thirty Spotlight shows, and will probably continue until he gets one right. He has enjoyed working with family and friends, some old, some new, on this classic! Dean enjoys golf, dining out, dining in, grilling for the masses at home, or basically anything that has to do with eating. Dean loves traveling the world with his lovely partner Jackie.... to find places to eat. Dean knows that you will enjoy this very talented group of actors who will present this classic, *Oliver!* Thanks for supporting community theater!

Eric Kirkegaard, Mr. Brownlow/Ensemble: Eric returns to the stage for his thirteenth show with Spotlight Productions. He hopes that you too come away feeling that you are part of the family. Thank you for sharing in the experience of live theater. Always a special thank you is offered to the congregation of Peace United Church of Christ for their support of Eric venturing from the pulpit to the stage. He hopes you enjoy the show.

Julie Kniech, Matron: Julie is excited to be able to perform with the talented cast of *Oliver!* With the amazing support of her family, you may have seen her in previous Spotlight productions of *Beauty and the Beast*, *Matilda*, *Young Frankenstein* and *Newsies*. When she is not busy with sewing projects, Julie enjoys playing hockey, skydiving and traveling.

Hailee Kutz, Ensemble: This is Hailee's first musical with Spotlight and she's excited to share the stage with her mom. Hailee is ten years old and going into the fifth grade. She enjoys playing piano, painting, camping and hanging out with her friends. Hailee thanks you for coming and hopes you enjoy the show!

Jesse Kutz, Ensemble: Jesse is very excited to be back performing with Spotlight after a 24-year hiatus. She previously performed in *West Side Story* and *Once Upon a Mattress*. She is now a pharmacist, wife, and mom of two kids. She is proud to have one of her children, Hailee, up on stage with her. Jesse enjoys camping, hiking and downhill skiing with her family. Jesse "Considers [Her]self at Home" back with Spotlight and hopes you enjoy the show!

Jackie Maynard, Director: As founder and Managing Artistic Director of Spotlight Productions, Jackie has directed every musical and many comedies over the last several decades. Jackie's other passions include traveling the world with her partner Dean, and spending as much time as possible with her cherished grandsons Aiden and Sterling.

Mike McElhatton, Set Construction: Mike has helped over the years in set construction and behind the scenes wherever needed. He has been involved in numerous shows with Sherry, his wife and Tyler and Heather, his children. Mike is employed by Serigraph as an engineering technician. In his free time, Mike enjoys photography, woodworking and hunting.

Sherry McElhatton, Music Direction / Milkmaid: Sherry has given musical direction in addition to appearing on stage for most of Spotlight's musicals over the past 35 years. She is a music therapist, church organist & pianist and choir director. In her limited free time, she enjoys caring for her granddaughter, traveling, gardening and playing the ukulele. Sherry is especially grateful for a family that supports her love of theatre.

Isabella McWhinney, Ensemble: Isabella is excited to join the Spotlight cast for her first production on-stage, where she can showcase her dancing and singing skills. Isabella is an eleven year old sixth grader at St. Frances Cabrini, West bend. She enjoys taking dance classes, participating in her school choir, Chess Club and Math Olympiads competitions, as well as traveling internationally with her family. She is grateful that you can watch her perform and hopes you enjoy the show.

Avi Meyer, Ensemble: Avi is a third grader at Addison Elementary School. He's so happy to be a part of his first Spotlight show! He caught the acting and singing bug from being in the West Bend Youth Summer Theater Program where he played a pirate in *Peter Pan*! He's enjoying being in *Oliver!* with his sister, cousins, and friends! When he's not on stage, he's playing soccer for SC Wave Washington County. He hopes you enjoy the show!

Ella Meyer, Ensemble: Ella is 12 years old and goes to Slinger Middle School. She is excited to be part of her fifth theater production! She has been in a number of musicals including *Matilda*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Willy Wonka*, *Peter Pan*, and now *Oliver!* When not in a show, Ella enjoys crocheting, reading, doing arts and crafts, spending time with her friends and family, and dancing with the West Bend Middle School Competition Dance Team!

Tegan Miller, Ensemble: Tegan is eleven years old and a sixth grader at Silverbrook Intermediate School. She is thrilled to be back for her second musical with Spotlight Productions. She has previously been in the ensemble in *Beauty and the Beast* and also performed as a cheerleader in her middle school production of *High School Musical, Jr.* She is in her seventh year competing with West Bend Dance and in her free time enjoys swimming and bike-riding. Tegan thanks you for coming and hopes you enjoy the show!

Clara Mintie, Ensemble: Clara is thrilled to make her Spotlight debut with the talented cast of *Oliver!* Some of Clara's previous roles include Fan in *A Christmas Carol* (WB Theater Company) and Mrs. Darbus in *High School Musical Jr.* (WB Schools). When Clara is not on stage she enjoys crafting, reading, playing piano, singing, and participating in school clubs. She thanks you for coming and hopes you enjoy this production of *Oliver!* as much as she did!

Elizabeth Mintie, Ensemble: Elizabeth is grateful to be on stage with Spotlight in *Oliver!* Most recently she performed in the ensemble for *A Christmas Carol* and managed props for *A Christmas Carol* and *Calendar Girls* (WB Community Theater). When not on or behind stage, she enjoys reading, spending time with family, and getting outdoors. She appreciates how welcoming the cast and crew at Spotlight have been and thanks you for coming to the show!

Ainsley Padget, Ensemble: Ainsley is thrilled to be part of the cast in *Oliver!* This is her second year with Spotlight Productions. She previously performed in *Beauty and the Beast*, *Winnie the Pooh*, and *Peter Pan*. Ainsley is a fourth grader at Holy Angels. In her spare time, you will find Ainsley singing, dancing, playing piano, drawing or crafting. She hopes you will have a wonderful experience!

Ashlin Reisdorf, *Ensemble*: Ashlin is eight years old and attends McLane Elementary School. She enjoys performing with the Summer Youth theater program (two years), dancing on the West Bend Competition Dance Team (five years), and competing with the Winter Guard Mini Cadets (seven years). When not on stage, Ashlin loves being on her YMCA Gymnastics team, sewing with her great-grandma, and playing with her family/friends. She'd like to thank the Spotlight directors and hopes you enjoy the show!

Bryson Schmandt, *Charley Bates/Ensemble*: Bryson is really excited to be in his first Spotlight production. He is a sixth grader at Good Shepherd Lutheran. His first experience with acting was as Michael in Good Shepherd's production of *Peter Pan* and he loved it. Bryson loves any sport, reading, eating gruel, being outside, and playing the French horn and piano. Bryson hopes you "Consider yourself part of the family!"

Bailey Schultz, *Nancy*: Bailey is so excited to be back in another Spotlight show. This is Bailey's tenth show with Spotlight and she has been enjoying every minute. You may have seen Bailey recently in shows like Hartford Players production of *Wizard of Oz* and Spotlight Productions *Beauty and the Beast*. When Bailey is not working on shows you can find her curled up with a good book or hanging out with her husband Justin. Bailey hopes that you enjoy the show and to remember that "It's a fine life."

Michelle Spettel, *Set Designer*: Michelle loves the stories of Dickens, so bringing the story of *Oliver!* to life with Spotlight Productions was great fun. She is blessed with an outstanding group of builders, painters, and friends (she sends a special thank you to Tim Spettel) that make the hard work of bringing a show together enjoyable. Michelle hopes that the next few hours take you away, to a place filled with magic... A place only live theatre can take you.

Felicity Sternig, *Ensemble*: Felicity is delighted to be performing in her first Spotlight production. She has previously performed in *Winnie the Pooh* and *Peter Pan* through the Rec Department's Youth Summer Theater. Felicity is a third grader at Holy Angels School. She enjoys playing outside, singing, dancing, and collecting playbills from musicals that she has attended. Her favorite musical is *Matilda*. Felicity hopes you enjoy the show, and that you will "consider yourself part of the family!"

Genevieve Talbot, *Ensemble*: This is Genevieve's first performance with Spotlight Productions, and she is thrilled to perform with the whole cast and crew. She is a homeschool super-senior with ambitions to enter the story-telling profession. Everything she loves is story-related; acting, reading, writing, watching movies and plays alike. She has had previous acting experience with homeschool troupes H.I.S. Players and Class Act Theatre and is so excited to frame the epic tale of *Oliver!*

Lindsey Vanderwielan, *Rose Seller/Sound*: Since 2011, Lindsey has been involved in over 30 theater productions onstage, in the cast and as stage crew, assistant director, and director. Some of her favorite roles on stage have been Marian (the Librarian) in *The Music Man* and a Newsie in *Newsies*. Lindsey is happy to again be back onstage with the Spotlight family. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Evan Waech, *Artful Dodger*: Evan is excited to be playing *Artful Dodger* in this production of *Oliver!* This is his second season with Spotlight, and his sixth show. Evan is currently a seventh grader at Saint Frances Cabrini School. When he is not on stage, he enjoys being an Uncle to his six nieces and nephews. He likes to draw and is especially excited about being an altar server at Saint Frances Cabrini Church. He hopes you consider yourself part of the *Oliver* family as you enjoy the show!

Willow Wilcox, *Ensemble*: Willow is excited to be doing her first production with Spotlight. When Willow is not on the stage she enjoys hanging out with friends and her cat. Willow is a sophomore at West Bend West High School. She hopes you enjoy the show and thanks you for coming!

Lyla Zaremba, *Charlotte/Ensemble*: Lyla is super excited to be back on stage with Spotlight for the second time! Previously through Spotlight, she was part of the ensemble for *Beauty and The Beast*. Lyla is a seventh grader at Badger Middle School. When she's not on stage she enjoys playing the piano and singing with choir for school. Lyla hopes you enjoy the show!



Mark Barnard
Auditorium Manager



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Robert Fehrman
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Abby Frederick
Ensemble



Emily Frederick
Ensemble



Jessica Frederick
Backstage Manager



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Costume Design



Ivey Gamache
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Brian Gedemer
Lighting Design



Susan Gedemer
*Accompanist /
Music Direction*



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Ensemble/Vocal Coach



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*Mrs. Sowerberry /
Ensemble*



Hailey Granger
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Phil Greve
Fagin



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