

Performance runtime is approximately 1 hr. 45 min. with a brief 15 intermission
STROBE LIGHTS ARE USED IN THIS PRODUCTION

Cast

Solomon Waiser.....	Janitor/Carl/Jesus
Gwyneth Delling.....	Rona Lisa Peretti
Brenna Carpenter.....	Student/Sue/Leaf's Mom
Mitchell Stephens.....	Chip Tolentino
David Berry.....	Leaf Coneybear/Olive's Dad
Maddie Lechuga.....	Logainne Schwartzandgrubenierre
Maja Stephens.....	Marcy Park/Olive's Mom
Trent Stuenkel.....	William Barfee
Caroline Killinger.....	Olive Ostrovsky
Zeth Martinez.....	Vice Principal Douglas Panch
Alex Pampell.....	Michelle Mahoney

Student Crew

Gavin Delling.....	Lighting Console
Addison Elliott.....	Photography
Xandor Garcia.....	Soundtrack
Peter Green.....	Videography
Sean Khouanmuong.....	Spot Light Operator
Tiras McNeal.....	Videography
Naomi Waiser.....	Stage Manager, Props Master

Artistic and Creative Team

Zac Brumbaugh.....	Tech Director, Sound, Program, Music
Brian Chambers	Director, Music, Lighting & Set Design, Sound Effects
Jason Stephens.....	Set Construction
Amy Termina	Costume Designer, Choreographer, Props Coordinator

Please greet the Cast and Crew in the Lobby after the show!

Special Thanks!

Alex Berry.....	Amy Carpenter
Elizabeth Killinger.....	Veronica Lechuga
Paul Stuenkel.....	Terri Stuenkel
Brian Waiser.....	

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ABOUT THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE

Winner of the Tony and the Drama Desk Awards for Best Book, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* has charmed audiences across the country with its effortless wit and humor. Featuring a fast-paced, wildly funny and touching book by Rachel Sheinkin and a truly fresh and vibrant score by William Finn, this bee is one unforgettable experience.

An eclectic group of six students vie for the spelling championship of a lifetime. While candidly disclosing hilarious and touching stories from their home lives, the tweens spell their way through a series of (potentially made-up) words, hoping never to hear the soul-crushing, pout-inducing, life un-affirming "ding" of the bell that signals a spelling mistake. Six spellers enter; one speller leaves a champion! At least the losers get a juice box.

A riotous ride, complete with audience participation, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* is a delightful den of comedic genius. The small cast and unit set make this a perfect option for high schools or community theatres. *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* is a fast-paced crowd pleaser and an instant theatre patron favorite.

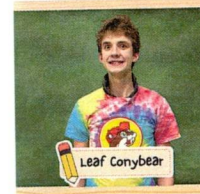
Initially, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* started as a non-musical play, entitled *C-R-E-P-U-S-C-U-L-E*, done by the improvisational group "The Farm." One of the performers in the play, Sarah Saltzberg, happened to be the nanny of playwright, Wendy Wasserstein. Impressed by what she saw, Wasserstein suggested to friend, William Finn, that he may be able to take the show to the next level. Finn, his former student, Rachel Sheinkin, and *C-R-E-P-U-S-C-U-L-E* creator, Rebecca Feldman, worked together to turn the piece into a full-length musical.

Director's Note:

"In a world where we willingly limit our communication to a certain amount of digital characters, it is so refreshing that this delightful musical dares to sing the praises of words. Words deserve to be celebrated. Words have life literally breathed into them when they are spoken. Words evolve and change. New words are added to our vocabulary every day. Words are history. They have their own DNA. They are amalgams of cultures. A word's sound, meaning, and spelling is the result of centuries of human conquest, cooperation, and competition. It's been a privilege and honor to work with these aspiring actors. Theatre is about discovery, story telling and fun. Watching them bring these characters to life was a joy. The crucial education that is gained may not register for all the bee's contestants immediately, but as William Finn's brilliant lyrics remind us, 'It's a very nice beginning.'"

-Brian Chambers

Meet the Cast and Crew



David Berry

My name is David Berry. At a young age, I fell in love with theater and have been performing since I was in 2nd grade. I have played such roles as Captain Hook in *Peter Pan*, the Beast in *Beauty and the Beast* and Michael Banks in *Mary Poppins*. This last year I was Lucas Beineke in the LNA 2023 spring musical, *The Addams Family*. I have always enjoyed being on stage and have been blessed with many skills. I can't wait to keep performing and may one day become professional.



Brenna Carpenter

I have been doing shows here at LNA for 6 years. I have done backstage, tech crew, and acting. I would like to thank my mom and my sister Avery for supporting me throughout all of my theater endeavors and for introducing me to theater. I would also like to thank Mr. B, Mrs. Termina, and Mr. Chambers for creating such a great environment and program.



Gwyenth Delling

I have been acting since my freshman year, I was involved in "Wonderful Town", "That's The Spirit", "Addams Family" "Little Women," and now "Putnam County's 25th Annual Spelling Bee." I would like to thank God, my parents, Gavin and my friends for supporting me in my theatre journey! Outside of Theatre, I am on the Cheer team and participate in other school activities! Thank you for coming to see the show... and don't forget no cell phones at the bee!



Caroline Killinger

I would like to thank my whole family, Trent, Mr. B, Mrs. Hook, Mr. Chambers, Mrs. Termina, Mr. Stuenkel, other friends/mentors who have helped and supported me, and God for blessing me with all that I have and am. I'm also in band, swim/soccer manager, student council, STEM mentorship program, dance team, and National Honor Society. I have done musicals at Lutheran North since I was in 4th grade (*The Sound of Music*) and this musical is my 10th production at Lutheran North. Recently played Pugsley in *The Addams Family*. This is my second show at Lutheran North Academy, and I would like to thank my family friends, and most importantly God.

LHN Musicals Through the Years

1983 Professor Fennerstein's Magical Musical
 1984 Free to Be...You and Me
 1985 The Wizard of Oz
 1986 The Sound of Music
 1987 Annie
 1988 Oklahoma!
 1989 Hello, Dolly!
 1990 Babes in Arms
 1991 Into the Woods
 1992 Bye Bye Birdie
 1993 Once Upon a Mattress
 1994 Li'l Abner
 1995 Annie
 1996 Fiddler on the Roof
 1997 Babes in Arms
 1998 The Pirates of Penzance
 1999 The Music Man
 2000 Forty-Second Street
 2001 Bye Bye Birdie
 2002 Guys and Dolls
 2003 West Side Story
 2004 Hello, Dolly!
 2005 Once Upon a Mattress
 2006 Wonderful Town
 2007 Crazy for You
 2008 Li'l Abner
 2009 The Pajama Game
 2010 Beauty and the Beast
 2011 Oklahoma!
 2012 Hello Dolly!
 2013 Into the Woods
 2014 Bye Bye Birdie
 2015 Footloose
 2016 Seussical
 2017 The Sound of Music
 2018 Honk!
 2019 The Wizard of Oz
 2021 Guys and Dolls
 2022 Wonderful Town
 2023 The Addams Family

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"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee"

Act I

"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee".....Company
 "The Rules".....Panch, Rona, Company
 "My Friend The Dictionary".....Olive, Rona, Company
 "Pandemonium".....Company
 "I'm Not That Smart".....Leaf
 "Magic Foot".....Barfee, Company
 "Pandemonium (reprise)".....Panch, Mahoney, Company
 "Chip Goodbye".....Company
 "Rona Moment #2".....Rona
 "Prayer Of The Comfort Counselor".....Michelle

Act II

"Chip's Lament".....Chip
 "Woe Is Me".....Logainne, Company
 "Spelling Montage".....Company
 "I'm Not That Smart (reprise)".....Leaf
 "I Speak Six Languages".....Marcy, Girls
 "Jesus".....Marcy, Girls
 "I Love You Song!".....Olive, Olive's Parents
 "Woe Is Me (reprise)".....Logainne, Michelle
 "Rona Moment #3".....Rona
 "Second (Part 1)".....Olive, Barfee, Company
 "Weltanschauung".....Olive, Barfee, Company
 "Second (Part 2)".....Olive, Barfee, Company
 "The Champion".....Rona, Company
 "Epilogues".....Company
 "Finale".....Company