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## **“Extra! Extra!” Cast & Creative Team Announced for *Disney’s Newsies* Presented by Kavinoky Theatre at Shea’s 710 Theatre**

Musical Kicks-off “Curtain Up” Weekend & Runs from September 12 – 29,  
Tickets go on sale August 9

D’Youville Kavinoky Theatre and Shea’s Performing Arts Center are pleased to announce casting for ***Disney’s Newsies, The Broadway Musical***. The three-week engagement opens at Shea’s 710 Theatre on Thursday, September 12, as Buffalo’s Theatre District Association celebrates “Curtain Up” weekend, and runs through Sunday, September 29, 2024.

*Newsies*, is set in New York City in 1899. Based on true events, it tells the captivating story of a band of underdogs who become unlikely heroes when they stand up to the most powerful men in New York. It’s a rousing tale about fighting for what’s right... and staying true to who you are.

They delivered the papers until they made the headlines... The two-time Tony Award-winning show, has audiences and critics alike calling it “a musical worth singing about!”

(*The New York Times*). Filled with one heart-pounding number after another, it's a high-energy explosion of song and dance you don't want to miss.

*Newsies*, produced by Kavinoky Theatre led by Executive Artistic Director **Katie Mallinson**, features **Glen Chitty** in the starring role as "Jack Kelly" and **Heather Casseri** playing lead "Katherine Plumber." Supporting cast members include **Kris Bartolomeo** as "Specs/Spot Conlon," **Ryan Butler** as "Davey," **R.J. Creighton** as "Les," **Steve Copps** playing "Joseph Pulitzer," **Lily Jones** as "Medda Larkin," and **Matthew Rittler** as "Crutchie."

Featured roles include **Bobby Cooke** as "Snyder/Mr. Jacobi," **Alex Anothony Garcia** as "Morris Delancey," **Alejandro Gabriel Gomez** in the role of "Wiesel/Mayor," **John Kaczerowski** as Nunzio/Roosevelt, and **Aaron Saldana** as "Oscar Delancey."

In the ensemble are **Melanie Kaisen** as "Buttons," **Jack Catena** as "Henry," **Thomas Evans** playing the roles of "Albert/Bunsen," **Anna Fernandez** as "Hannah/Nun/Bowery Beauty," **Connor Hesch** playing "Mush," **Immanuel Rodriguez** as "Romeo," **Austin Marshall** playing "Racetrack," **Quinn Christopher McGillion** as "Finch," **Sean Ryan** as "Seitz," **Timiyah Love** as Nun/Bowery Beauty/Katherine's understudy, and **William Schimdt** playing "Tommy Boy." **Derek Moran** will serve as stage manager and Sean Ryan as dance captain.

The creative team includes **Eric Deeb Weaver** as Director/Choreographer and **Allan Paglia** as Music Director, with Set Design by **Primo Thomas**, Props by **Diane Almeter Jones**, Costumes by **Kari Drozd**, Hair/Makeup by **Susan Drozd**, Lights by **Brian Cavanagh**, Sound by **Geoff Tocin**, and Fight Direction by **Adriano Gatto**.

Disney's *Newsies the Musical* was first produced in 2011, based on the 1992 film. The music is by Alan Menken, lyrics by Jack Feldman, and book by Harvey Fierstein.

*Newsies* is the kick-off performance for the 2024-25 Frey Electric Season at Shea's 710 Theatre. Performances run on Thursdays and Fridays at 7:30pm, Saturdays at 8:00pm and Sunday matinees at 2:00pm. Orders for groups of 10 or more may be placed by calling Mary Oshei at (716)829-1153. Tickets to *Newsies* go on sale to the public on August 9, 2024. For more information or to purchase tickets visit:

<https://www.sheas.org/performances/disneys-newsies/>

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