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THE BEST
CHRISTMAS
PAGEANT EVER

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FROM THE MCT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Welcome to our production of The Best Christmas Pageant Ever!

We are incredibly excited to bring you this show in our 20th Anniversary Season. Before we celebrate, we need to thank you for being a supporter of the arts and helping us reach this milestone year. It's the support from our amazing community that allows us to continue our mission of providing a creative outlet for the performing arts.

At each show we produce, know that every member of the cast, crew and production team has put their heart into creating a beautiful story and experience for you. Our goal at MCT is to continually entertain, educate and enrich our community through the stories we tell on stage. And for our 20th season, we are excited to bring stories new and old to you.

With that said, as a 501(c)3 not-for-profit, we depend on the support of community members like you to continue doing what we do. For our 20th season, we're asking that you consider making a donation to support your Theatre with Heart to set us up for the next 20 years.

You can make a donation online at marshfieldtheatre.org or by mail at:
P.O. Box 344
Marshfield, MO 65706

There are other ways you can support MCT, as well, including:

- Becoming a member: MCT memberships are \$5 for students, \$10 for adults and \$25 for families, plus MCT members get extra perks throughout the year
- Volunteering: You can volunteer to work with MCT at any time throughout the year, and we will happily find the place that fits your specific talents
- Auditioning for shows: We are a theatre troupe, after all! We're always looking for talent, so take a leap of faith and audition for one of our upcoming shows this season.

Thank you for your support of MCT. We appreciate you being here, and we hope you enjoy the show!

Thank you to the following
for making this show a success:

The Jubilee Theater Center & The Wright Family

CAST

Father (Bob Bradley).....	Eric Atwell
Mother (Grace Bradley).....	Jenn Smith
Beth Bradley.....	Adalynn Rowe*
Charlie Bradley.....	Ryker Trevino*
Ralph Herdman.....	Oliver Floyd
Imogene Herdman.....	Zoeë Fiscus
Leroy Herdman.....	Addison Shaw*
Claude Herdman.....	Finley Haymes*
Ollie Herdman.....	Sawyer Taylor*
Gladys Herdman.....	Cricket Cantrell*
Alice Wendleken.....	Sloan Gregory*
Mrs. Armstrong.....	Toni Lorenz
Mrs. Slocum/Mrs. Clausing.....	Angie Hoffman
Mrs. McCarthy/Mrs. Clark.....	Emily Shaw*
Maxine.....	Hannah Atwell
Elmer Hopkins.....	Jacob Vestal
Hobie.....	Waylon Kirk*
David.....	Lydia Rowe*
Beverly.....	Liliana Minor*
Shirley.....	Ella Korte*
Juanita.....	Elsie Shaw*
Doris.....	Bella Shaw*

Firemen:

Randy Hoffman & Elijah Biggers

Angel Choir Members:

Adalynn Rowe, Sloan Gregory, Lydia Rowe, Liliana Minor, Ella Korte, Elsie Shaw,
Bella Shaw, Annaliese Wade

Shepherds:

Ryker Trevino, Waylon Kirk, Jacob Vestal

*Denotes MCT mainstage debut

PRODUCTION TEAM

Production Manager	Kelby Lorenz
Artistic Director	Samantha VanWyhe
Assistant Director	Susie Smith
Production Assistant	Sierra Smith
Sound Design	Kelby Lorenz
Lighting Design	Clayton Wester
Set Builder	Lester Hoffman
Set Painter	Dylan Bradley
Costume Designer	Samantha VanWyhe
Properties Team	Susie Smith, Sierra Smith, Toni Lorenz
House Manager	Angie Hoffman
Box Office Manager	Cindy Uchtman

BIOS

Eric Atwell - Bob Bradley

Excited to reprise his role in The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, he finds it hard to believe that was 18 years ago! From that moment on Eric and his family have enjoyed community theatre in Marshfield tremendously. Over the many years, Eric has been onstage, directed, served as a board member and contributed to baby Hannah, who stole the show in Seven Brides for Seven Brothers! He is thrilled to take the stage with her again in this wonderful production. Some of Eric's favorite roles have been Mortimer Brewster in Arsenic and Old Lace, LeFou in Beauty and the Beast, and Will Parker in Oklahoma! He would like to thank his wife and four children for their love and support. Community theatre has been a great blessing to them all.

Hannah S. Atwell - Maxine

Hannah is 11 years old and in the 6th grade. She has been homeschooled her entire life. Hannah has been seen in MCT's productions of Seven Brides for Seven Brothers, School House Rock Live!, Bye, Bye, Birdie, Robin Hood Jr., The Jungle Book Kids, and most recently as Slightly in Peter Pan Jr.! Hannah has been part of the MCT family since birth. She has helped with all aspects of theatre, including props, costumes, sets, dinner theatre assistant, and she is MCT's original prop baby! She would like to thank her family and friends for their support and a big shout out to her Dad, Eric, who lovingly agreed to audition for this show with her!

Elijah Biggers - Fireman

Elijah Biggers is an actor based in the Kansas City area. He is excited to be able to return and bring his craft to his hometown in his third show this season at MCT, most recently as Harry Cooper in Night of the Living Dead. His recent roles include Jay Gatsby in The Great Gatsby (MCT), Adam in Miss Nelson is Missing (Theatre for Young America), Jake Laurents in War of the Worlds (Avila University), Peter in Diary of Anne Frank, Pierre In Murdered to Death, Don Browning in Leaving Iowa (Brownville Village Theatre). Peter in The Diary of Anne Frank, Prince Delong in The Unsinkable Molly Brown (Avila University).

Cricket Cantrell - Gladys Herdman

Cricket is 7 years old and is in the 2nd grade at Webster Elementary in Marshfield. Cricket has previously been seen in MCT's productions of The Jungle Book Kids, Charlotte's Web, 101 Dalmatians, Descendants, The Lion King Jr, The Little Mermaid Jr. & Peter Pan Jr. She is currently a member of MCT's performance troupe, Finale. Cricket has also participated in dance recitals and tumbling meets with True North Movement. In her free time, Cricket loves to sing, dance, and tumble. Cricket would like to thank the directorial team for all of their guidance and her family for their continued love and support.

Zoe Fiscus - Imogene Herdman

Zoe has been in Wizard of Oz, Descendants, Grease, and Peter Pan Jr. She enjoys reading, basketball, and spending time with family and friends.

Oliver Floyd - Ralph Herdman

Oliver is so excited to be a part of this production. Recently you may have seen him in Night of the Living Dead as Johnny, or in Peter Pan Jr. as Captain Hook! Outside of theater he loves all things dramatic, reading, writing, and especially Dungeons and Dragons! He wants to thank his mom, dad, Garrett, Ashley, and his best friend in the universe Wesley. As well as Sam and Susie for this amazing opportunity!

Sloan Gregory - Alice Wendleken

Sloan is a 4th grader at Pershing Elementary. This is her third year participating in theater productions. She is excited to be in her first MCT production. Sloan is very thankful for the opportunity to portray such a fun character in the Best Christmas Pageant Ever. Sloan also loves to play soccer and hopes to act in films someday. She is grateful to her family for their continued support of her extracurricular activities.

Finley Haymes - Claude Herdman

This is Finley's third show with MCT, including The Little Mermaid and Peter Pan Jr. She has really grown with each show but more importantly, she has made new friends, had new experiences and overall LOVED being a part of this community. In her spare time she loves fashion, makeup and snuggling with her cat Ash.

Angie Hoffman - Mrs. Slocum/Mrs. Clausing

Angie Hoffman has been involved with MCT since 2017 and is currently serving as the board vice president. She wants to thank her family for their love and support and her theater friends that make these shows so much fun!

Randy Hoffman - Fireman

This is Randy's second performance with MCT. He was recruited by his wife who assured him this would be fun and as usual she was right. In fact, he was excited to come back for this show!

Waylon Kirk - Hobie

Waylon is 9 years old and in the 4th grade at Shook Elementary in Marshfield. Waylon has previously been seen in MCT's productions of 101 Dalmatians, The Lion King Jr., and Peter Pan Jr. In his free time, Waylon enjoys playing video games, football, and swimming.

Ella Korte - Shirley

Ella is 7-years-old and in the second grade at Webster Elementary in Marshfield. Ella has previously been seen in MCT's productions of the Little Mermaid Jr. & Pe-

ter Pan Jr. Ella is currently a member of MCT's Elementary Performance Troupe, Finale. In her free time, Ella loves art and playing with friends.

Toni Lorenz - Mrs. Armstrong

Toni Lorenz has been involved with MCT in a myriad of ways over the last 19 years, and currently serves as MCT's Director of Development. Within the last 2 years, she has ventured from behind the scenes and out of the wings to appear on stage in The Art of Murder, You Have the Right to Remain Dead, and The Great Gatsby. In her spare time, she works at a local clinic and serves as Women's Ministry Director at Marshfield First Baptist. She would like to thank Kelby for being her sounding board, cohort, and show buddy in all things theatre...and a special thanks to Sam for seeing her as "finely aged" rather than simply old and tired.

Liliana Minor - Beverly

Liliana is a first grader. She has been in Lion King Jr., The Little Mermaid Jr., and Peter Pan Jr. She is currently part of MCT's Elementary Troupe. In her free time, Liliana enjoys imaginative play, hanging out with her friends, and playing with her grandma's dogs.

Lydia Rowe - David

Lydia is 9-years-old and in 3rd grade in Marshfield. She enjoys art, traveling and playing outside. She's participated in The Little Mermaid and is so excited to be back on stage!

Adalynn Rowe - Beth Bradley

Adalynn is 12-years-old and attends 6th grade in Marshfield. She enjoys art, choir, and doing tricks on the trampoline. She's participated in The Little Mermaid Jr and The Lion King Jr at MCT.

Elsie Shaw - Juanita

Elsie is in kindergarten at Wanda Gray Elementary in Springfield. She was previously in Lion King, Little Mermaid, and Peter Pan. She is a member of the MCT Theatre Troupe Finale. She loves dinosaurs and spending time with her GiGi.

Addison Shaw - Leroy Herdman

Addison is in the 3rd Grade at Wanda Gray Elementary in Springfield. She was previously in Descendants, Lion King, and Little Mermaid. She is a member of the MCT Theatre Troupe Finale. She loves crafting and being dramatic.

Bella Shaw - Doris

Bella is in the 5th Grade at Wilson Creek Intermediate in Springfield. She was previously in 101 Dalmatians, Descendants, Lion King, Little Mermaid, and Peter Pan. She is a member of the MCT Theatre Troupe Finale. Bella is involved in orchestra at her school and she loves to sing.

Emily Shaw - Mrs. McCarthy/Mrs. Clark

Emily teaches Special Education at Wanda Gray Elementary in Springfield. This is her first production with MCT. She has previously been in Seussical The Musical with the Lebanon Community Theatre and numerous church plays. Excited to be on the stage again!

Jenn Smith - Grace Bradley

Jenn has been a part of MCT for 13 years. Although she is normally behind the scenes, occasionally she ventures out to be on the stage. Jenn is happily coupled to the most wonderful man in the world, Vance. Together they are the proud parents of Chainy, Chelsea, Holly, Tuff, Roman, & Cricket. Jenn spends her days hanging out with the awesome kiddos of Webster Elementary. She would like to thank Sam and Susie for their guidance and her family for their unwavering love & support.

Sawyer Taylor - Ollie Herdman

Sawyer is 7 years old and in the 2nd grade at Strafford Elementary. Sawyer has recently been seen in MCT's Education Production of Peter Pan Jr. Sawyer has also performed in Lion King Kids at SLT's The Judy and in various school plays. Sawyer enjoys building legos, acting, and drawing. Sawyer would like to extend a special thanks to the directing team, Sam and Susie, for giving him this opportunity. He would also like to thank his parents and grandparents for driving him to rehearsals.

Ryker Trevino - Charlie Bradley

Ryker is 10-years-old and in the 4th grade in Marshfield. He enjoys reading, building with legos, playing board games and time with family. He's participated in Peter Pan Jr with MCT and is excited to be doing this play with his sisters, Adalynn & Lydia!

Jacob Vestal - Elmer Hopkins

Jacob has been in many MCT performances over the recent years. Some of his favorites include Descendants, The Little Mermaid, Peter Pan, and Frozen. Jacob continues to love to put on a show for any audience who will watch. He is especially thankful for his family, friends, and castmates who have helped him pursue his passion for performance!

Annaliese Wade - Angel Choir

Annaliese Wade is 6 years old. This is her second MCT production and she is absolutely hooked on the theater life! Annaliese loves the thrill of the show and the amazing bonds with her fellow crew mates. Annaliese enjoys dancing, girl scouts, baking, and hanging with her family and friends.

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