

Century High School's Panther Playhouse

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25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

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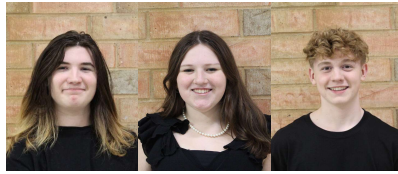
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CAST



Logan Holt Ruby Clark Andrew Poch



Lillian Scurlock Elijah Hatlevig Therese Woerter



Alex Wanek Phoebe Meyer Hudson Meyer



Eli Utne Matthew Tollefson



Emily Haase Ashley Barnard Kai Andersen Ancella Eggers



Elia Atkins Gabriel Wallenfelt Lennon King Koffee Reitman

OLIVE OSTROVSKY.....Ruby Clark
 WILLIAM BARFEE.....Logan Holt
 CHIP TOLENTINO.....Andrew Poch
 LOGAINNE SCHWARTZANDGRUBENNIERE.....Lillian Scurlock
 LEAF CONEYBEAR.....Elijah Hatlevig
 MARCY PARK.....Therese Woerter

RONA LISA PERRETTI.....Phoebe Meyer
VICE PRINCIPAL DOUGLAS PANCH.....Alex Wanek
MITCH MAHONEY.....Hudson Meyer
CARL GRUBENIERRE.....Eli Utne
DAN SCHWARZ /JESUS CHRIST.....Matthew Tollefson

Understudies

Ashley Barnard (Olive), Emily Haase (William), Kai Andersen (Logainne), Ancelia Eggers (Leaf), Elia Atkins (Marcy),
Matthew Tollefson (Panch), Copeland Steele (Mitch), Andrew Poch (Olive's Dad), Gabriel Wallenfeldt (Carl/Jesus),
Lennon King (Dan)

Rehearsal Volunteer Stand-ins

Ancelia Eggers, Lennon King, Elia Atkins, Ashley Barnard, Emily Haase, Kalista Thammabanvong, Koffee Rietmann, Kai
Andersen, Allyn Sucero, Gabriel Wallenfeldt

CREW



Haili Holman Sara McDonald McKay Bram



Rachael Obranovich Amanda Kaus Ryan Kohlmeier



Copeland Steele Shaked Rachbuch Tayte Klassen Allyn Sucro



Veronica Kariuki Oliver Zastro Dylan Murphy Bailey Jacobson



Mason Lewis Leo Schnek Emma Hass

DIRECTOR.....Haili Holman
 VOCAL DIRECTOR.....Sarah McDonald
 CHOREOGRAPHER.....McKay Bram
 CONDUCTOR.....Amanda Kaus
 SET DESIGNER.....Rachael Obranovich
 SOUND.....Ryan Kohlmeier
 STUDENT TECHNICAL DIRECTOR.....Tayte Klassen

ASSISTANT STUDENT TECHNICAL DIRECTOR.....Allyn Sucro
STAGE MANAGER.....Copeland Steele
ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER.....Shaked Rachbuch
SOUND TECHNICIAN.....Veronica Kariuki
Bailey Jacobson
Oliver Zastrow
Dylan Murphy
SPOTLIGHT OPERATORSEmma Haas
Mason Lewis
STAGE CREW.....Leo Schenck

Scenes and Songs

*The show's run time is 1hr and 45min. There is NO intermission.

1. The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

1a. The Rules

2. My Friend The Dictionary

3. Pandemonium

4. I'm Not That Smart

5. Magic Foot

5a. Magic Foot Playoff

6. Pandemonium (Reprise)

6a. Chip Goodbye

6b. Rona Moment #2.

7. Prayer Of The Comfort Counselor

8. Chip's Lament Intro

9. Chip's Lament

10. Woe Is Me

11. Spelling Montage

11a. I'm Not That Smart (Reprise)

11b. Coneybear Goodbye

12. I Speak Six Languages

13. Jesus

13a. Three Spellers Remain! Sluice!

14. The I Love You Song

14a. Crepuscule

15. Woe Is Me (Reprise)

15a. How Exciting

15b. Rona Moment #3

16. Second (Part 1)

17. Weltanschauung

17a. Olive & Barfee Pas De Deux

176. Second (Part 2)

18. The Champion

19. Epilogues

20. Finale

21. Bows

22. Exit Music

WHO'S WHO

CAST

Ruby Clark (*Olive Ostrovsky*)

Ruby is a junior and excited to be in Putnam County playing Olive Ostrovsky! This is her 12th theater production and her 9th year of doing musicals. Outside of the theater she spends her time doing crafts and singing in the Bella Voce choir. She is also involved in her choir at school, as choir president.

Logan Holt (*William Barfee*)

Logan Holt is a very talented Fozzie bear enthusiast and sophomore. This is his 10th show, and besides theater he enjoys being batman, playing Pokemon, going for long walks on the beach, listening to music, heely-ing, and talking with his Grandpa Don.

Andrew Poch (*Chip Tolentino*)

When Andrew is not on stage he enjoys playing with his dogs, gaming, calling with friends, and singing. Andrew is in ninth grade and has been enjoying the new high school experience. His most recent roles include RCLS Bobcats Theater's "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory Jr." [Willy Wonka], "Charlotte's Web Jr." [Wilbur], "Peter Pan Jr." [Captain Hook], and "Seussical Jr." [Horton].

Lillian Scurlock (*Loganne Schwartz and grubenierre*) Lillian is a sophomore at Century. This is her 3rd show with the Panther Playhouse, and 9th show overall. Most recently she was Zadie (A Crown of Coral and Pearl the Musical), The Queen (My Fair Lady), and Mrs. Bumbrake (Peter and The Starcatcher). Besides theater, Lillian enjoys singing in the Honors Choirs of SE MN, playing D&D, and making art.

Elijah Hatlevig (*Leaf Coneybear*)

Elijah Hatlevig is in ninth grade and he has always loved theater; it's his greatest hobby. He has met so many friends through theater and in this play alone has made so many great bonds! Elijah lives on a farm with plenty of baby goats and loves nature. He also hopes you really enjoy the show!

Therese Woerter (*Marcy Park*)

Therese Woerter is in 9th grade. She was in *Seussical Jr* in the fifth grade but due to covid it wasn't able to show, so this show is the first show she will perform in that will actually be shown. She is on the Rochester Youth Fencing team--last year her team won the championship and were first in state. She also loves singing and reading in her free time. She read 10 books this summer.

Phoebe Meyer (*Rona Lisa Perretti*)

Phoebe is a senior who lives with her parents Rob and Leslie, brother Hudson, and 3 cats: Pippin, Sky, and Tux. She enjoys singing, acting, traveling, writing, and playing D&D. She has never actually participated in a spelling bee, but likes to think that she could win one! She has been in roughly 28 shows, with highlights being *Black Stache* (Peter and the Starcatcher), *Belle* (Beauty and the Beast), *Eliza* (My Fair Lady), *Juliet* (Romeo & Juliet), and *Ruth* (Blithe Spirit)!

Alex Wanek (*Vice Principal Douglas Panch*)

Alex is a senior returning for his 5th Panther Playhouse production. He is most commonly found wearing two layers, watching horror movies, playing D&D with his friends, and singing in choir. Every so often, he is also known to co-host spelling bees for adolescents.

Hudson Meyer (*Mitch Mahoney*)

Hudson is 15 and a sophomore in high school. He is well versed in theater and some of his favorite roles have been Colonel Pickering (My Fair Lady) and Motel (Fiddler on The Roof). In his spare time he enjoys playing video games and calling friends.

Eli Utne (*Carl Grubenierre*)

Eli is happy to say that he is not a dad, contrary to the plot line of the Spelling Bee. However, he has enjoyed this role very much, and is so excited to help bring this show to you! He's a sophomore this year and lives in Rochester with his mom, dad, and two sisters. He enjoys listening to and writing music, spending time with his friends, and doing theater! You may have seen him in a few other shows last year; He played Harry in *My Fair Lady* and Peter Pan in *Peter and the Starcatcher* here at Century. In this show, you'll see him as Carl Grubenierre, a dad who is very intense, but still has good intentions for his child. (Right?) He hopes you enjoy the show, and that the odds are ever in your favor...

Matthew Tollefson (Dan Schwarz/ Jesus Christ/ Panch Understudy)

Matthew is a senior here at Century. Matthew lives at home with his mom (Tracy), his Dad (Doug), his sister (Keira), his brother (Cameron), his dog (Maggie), his bearded dragon (Fred), and his two cats (Juni and Jazi). Matthew's hobbies include hiking, kayaking, paddle boarding, running, playing Magic the Gathering and D&D, and speaking on the speech team. You might've seen Matthew in previous roles, including Henry Higgins (*My Fair Lady*), Major General (Pirates of Penzance), Jack (*Into the Woods*), Bert Healey (*Annie*), Chef Louis (*The Little Mermaid*), and the Constable (*Fiddler on the Roof*). He is still having trouble spelling the word "Mathewe."

Ashley Banard (Olive Understudy)

Ashley is a freshman at Century High school. She has been in Peter Pan as Mrs. Darling, Suessical as Mrs. Mayor and Charlotte's Web as Mrs. Arable. She performed at Rochester Central Lutheran School. Ashley enjoys listening to music and drawing in her free time, as well as spending time with her friends. Her favorite class is choir.

Emily Haase (William Understudy)

Emily is a sophomore and has had such a fun time being a part of this production. When she's not on stage she enjoys singing, playing piano and reading. She sings in the Honors Choirs of SE MN and takes piano lessons through Pure Rock Studios. Some of her favorite past roles include: Hattie (*Kiss me Kate*), Imogene (*The best Christmas pageant ever*) and Penny (*Honk*).

Kai Anderson (Logainne Understudy)

Kai is so excited to be doing her second performance at Century! She most recently was in *Miracle Worker* at the Rochester Civic Theater and loves to Cross-country ski in the winter. She also loves to sing, dance, and hang out with her friends. She hopes you enjoy the 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee!

Ancelia Eggers (Leaf Understudy)

Ancelia Eggers is in 9th grade at Century High School. Her most recent roles include Kellogg Middle School's "Into the Woods Jr." [*The Witch*] and "The Music Man Jr." [*Mrs. Paroo*]. She enjoys Honors Choir of SE MN, sewing, jewelry making, and fashion. She also enjoys watching her favorite shows and movies, listening to music, hanging out with friends, and thrifting.

Elia Atkins (*Marcy Understudy*)

Elia is a freshman here at Century and her favorite role so far was Tamatoa in the Civic Music Theatre's production of Moana Jr. Her hobbies include reading, soccer, playing guitar and clarinet, hanging out with her friends, and singing songs from her favorite musicals which include: The Lightning Thief, Six, Dear Evan Hansen, Mean Girls, Hamilton and Beetlejuice. She has greatly enjoyed the opportunity to be in this production and looks forward to next school year to see which musical will come next!

Gabriel Wallenfeldt (*Carl Understudy and Jesus Understudy*)

Gabriel is a guy who enjoys acting, singing, and other generally artistic things. His tenth grade year has gone well so far and he has had an excellent time in theater and made many new friends! He looks forward to other acting projects and expanding his repertoire for other projects.

Lennon King (*Dan Understudy*)

Lennon is a junior. This is his 9th show overall, but only his third with Panther Playhouse. He's been doing theater since 3rd grade and his favorite show so far has been Peter: and the Starcatcher. In his free time he enjoys reading, painting, and bike riding.

Kalista Thammabanvong (*Volunteer Stand-in*)

Kalista is in the 9th grade. She's been in "The Music Man" in 8th grade in the choir and "Pirates Past Noon" in 5th grade as Pinky. Unfortunately, Covid-19 happened in 5th grade for her and the play never got to be shown to an audience. Her hobbies are singing, drawing, writing, and almost anything to do with fashion.

CREW

Haili Holman (*Director*)

Haili is thrilled to be returning to Panther Playhouse for her second year. She is so thankful to have this opportunity to work with so many talented people! Some of her recent credits include: *Miracle Worker* (Viney), *My Fair Lady* (Director), *Peter and the Starcatcher* (Director), and *Steel Magnolias* (Truvy). When Haili isn't doing theater she is working at her new salon, Sweet Heart Esthetics, where she specializes in lashes and brows. She opened her new esthetician studio in August and has loved being her own boss.

Sarah McDonald (*Vocal Director*)

Sarah McDonald is a choir teacher at Willow Creek Middle School and Century High School. She was part of the first graduating class of Century and is thrilled to be back. She has loved getting to know the students and helping them grow and realize their potential.

McKay Bram (*Choreographer*)

McKay Bram is a Movement Fundamentals Artist and Pilates Instructor based in Rochester, MN. She graduated from Beloit College with a BA in Dance in 2014, and co-founded the Rochester Art Ensemble the following year. She is both a performing artist and arts organizer, helping to bring unique art events to the Rochester community. This is her second year as choreographer for Century's musical, and she loves working with the students and seeing them learn and grow through the arts.

Tayte Klassen (*Student Technical Director*)

Tayte Klassen is a junior at Century High School and the Student Technical Director for The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee. She is very excited to be working for her first show as Student Technical Director! She got into theatre tech her freshman year during Blithe Spirit running mics, and took on the role of assistant technical director during Grease. Outside of the theater you may see Tayte grooving with her saxophone. She is so excited to be working with the amazing cast and crew, and to show off all of the hard work that has been put into this show!

Allyn Sucero (Assistant Student Technical Director)

Allyn Sucero is a junior at Century High School and is very excited to be a part of Panther Playhouse's production of the 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee. She began her theater experience as the Assistant Student Technical Director for Blithe Spirit in 2021 and continued with Grease in 2022 (ensemble) and Peter and the Starcatcher in 2023 (Mack). Outside of school she can be seen making and collecting little trinkets and drawings! Al is ecstatic to work alongside this wonderful cast and crew and excited to continue with theater in her final years of high school.

Copeland Steele (Stage Manager)

Copeland Steele is a junior and he has had an amazing time working with the wonderful cast and crew! You may have also seen Copeland playing trombone in jazz or concert band and trombone or bass drum with the drumline in the marching band. Previously you also (hopefully didn't) see him in his role as Assistant Stage Manager for Peter and the Starcatcher but heard him as the voice of Mr. Grin's roars! He was also Co-Stage Manager for My Fair Lady. He hopes you enjoy the show as much as he enjoyed working on it!

Shaked Rachbuch (Assistant Stage Manager) Shaked Rachbuch is a sophomore returning to her second year in the school's Theater department as a part of crew. She enjoys many different forms of art, though painting is her favorite. Her favorite hobby is reading books and she loves spending time with the amazing cast. Shaked was part of the crew in "My Fair Lady" and contributed to building sets for "Peter and the Starcatcher".

Veronica Kariuki (Sound)

Veronica is a 12th grader, and this is her second year behind the soundboard. Who knows, maybe she'll dabble in acting for the next show (not likely). Her favorite hobbies are sleeping, drawing, and honestly doing nothing. She thanks you very much for watching this amazing show :)

Bailey Jacobson (Sound)

Bailey is a junior at Century High School. This is her second show, with the first being My Fair Lady last year. She's excited to continue to be a part of the tech crew. Outside of the theater you can find her in the marching band at football games or taking her two dogs on walks.

Oliver Zastrow (Sound)

Oliver Zastrow is a junior at Century High School. This is his first show since acting in the Jungle Book in fourth grade, and his first time working on sound for a production. He is very excited to be a part of the wonderful crew

for this production. His favorite hobbies outside of theater are hanging out with friends, competing on the varsity mock trial team, and practicing basketball.

Emma Haas (Spotlight Operator)

Emma Haas is a junior at Century this year. They enjoy reading, snowboarding, talking to friends, and of course theater! This is their 3rd show with Panther Playhouse. If you can't seem to find them, they're probably off listening to Boygenius. Emma hopes you enjoy the show!

Dylan Murphy (Sound)

Dylan Murphy is a sophomore at Century High School. He is working with sound for this production of The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee. He is very excited to be able to show off all of the hard work that has gone into it! You may also see Dylan playing in the Century Panthers Orchestra or in competitions with the Century Robotics Team.

Leo Schenck (Stage Crew)

Leo Schenck is a senior at Century this year. He has been a part of stage crew since his sophomore year, participating in shows such as "Grease", "Peter and the Starcatcher", and "My Fair Lady". Some of his favorite hobbies are reading, writing, and playing Dungeons and Dragons with his friends. He hopes that you enjoy the show!

PIT

Amanda Kaus (Conductor/ Piano)

Luke Kim (Flute)

Samuel Freimuth (Clarinet)

Arunav Lamba (Alto Sax)

Ash Berg (Cello)

Gillian Shriver (Percussion)

Zoe Strissel (Percussion)





























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