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A message from SVCT's President

Annie, the musical, is based on a famous long running comic strip introduced in 1924. While the strip appealed to children who followed the exploits of Annie, it was also targeted at adults with political commentary on the New Deal, communism, unethical businessmen, and the growing union movement. With the stock market crash of 1929, and Roosevelt's election in 1932, the focus of the strip shifted. Annie's creator, Harold Gray, did not support FDR and the New Deal. He thought there was too much government interference and even killed off Daddy Warbucks in 1945 as he did not feel Warbucks could exist in a world with FDR. (He did somehow bring Warbucks "back to life" after FDR's death). Annie's exploits in the comic shifted during this period to criminals, the gap between rich and poor, New Deal programs, hard work and initiative.

The musical, while set during the Great Depression, avoids most of the political message of the original strip. You can see some elements of the original comic through settings like Hooverville, angry songs like "Thank You Herbert Hoover", criminals like Rooster, and the income inequality is clear with the difference between Warbucks and everyone else. However, even without the political themes of the original strip, many of the messages carry through to the musical: life may be difficult but with optimism, hope, common sense, and knowing right from wrong, the "sun will come out tomorrow" to better times.

Annie won the Tony Award for best musical in 1977, and SVCT's youth performers are proud to bring this timeless production to our stage.

This season's next show is a joyful production of *Guys and Dolls*, a classic of the American musical stage. We then begin our 50th anniversary season, with new productions of SVCT's most favored shows of the past 50 years: *Aladdin*, *It's a Wonderful Life*, *Godspell*, *1776*, and *Gypsy*. We also have some special 50th anniversary events including a group trip to Broadway to tour "NYC" and enjoy three Broadway shows, and a Gala celebration in January. See our website, www.svct.org, for more information about our upcoming season and events.

Enjoy the show and please consider joining our theatrical family for opportunities to be on stage or backstage, and to become members. Help us continue our 50 year tradition of quality theater.

Peter Mandel - President, South Valley Civic Theater



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In celebration of our half century anniversary, we are pleased to offer additional benefits to our Patrons, Sponsors, Benefactors, Directors and Producers. Please ask one of our ushers if you are interested in supporting us at one of these levels.

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Act One:

Musical Numbers

Maybe	Annie, Orphans
Hard-Knock Life	Orphans
Tomorrow	Annie, Sandy
Little Girls	Miss Hannigan
I Think I'm Gonna Like It Here	Annie, Grace, Mansion Staff
N.Y.C.	Warbucks, Grace, Annie, Star-To-Be, NYC Chorus
Easy Street	Rooster, Miss Hannigan, Lily St. Regis
You Won't Be An Orphan For Long	Warbucks, Annie

Intermission

Please enjoy some delicious treats in our lobby. Stop by the candygram table to give a shout out to your favorite actors.

Act Two:

Musical Numbers

Maybe—Reprise	Annie
You're Never Fully Dressed Without A Smile	Roberta Healy, Boylan Sisters
You're Never Fully Dressed Without A Smile	Tessie, July, Kate, Orphans
Easy Street—Reprise	Rooster, Miss Hannigan, Lily St. Regis
I Don't Need Anything But You	Warbucks, Annie
Maybe—Second Reprise	Annie
Tomorrow—Reprise	Company

Cast of Annie Jr.

Annie.....Tegan Leong
Molly.....Paige DeRosa
Pepper.....Maya King
Duffy.....Zoe Hargreaves
Kate.....Abby Curtis
Tessie.....Cambria Pace
July.....Lizzy Piper
.....Sydney Hoiberg (Sundays)
Bundles McCloskey...Ethan Komrosky
Apple Seller.....Artemisia Schoepe
Dog CatcherMakena Willis
.....Angelina Villafranca (4/28)
Lt. Ward.....Melanie Chipman
Louise Howe.....Coco Crowley
Star-to-be.....Lauren Perales

Oliver Warbucks.....James Tuttle
.....Carter Sepulveda (Sundays)
Miss Hannigan.....Isabella Rosal
Grace Farrell.....Leah Grifall
Rooster Hannigan.....Oliver Kaelin
Lily St. RegisMakayla Hoiberg
Drake.....Austin Vandecoevering
Mrs. PughPresley Calisi
Annette.....Caroline Drayton
Cecille.....Ruby Salvatti
Mrs. Greer.....Jillian Puente
Roberta Healy.....Cece Cooper
Boylan Sisters.....Caroline Drayton
Emily Deakin
Jillian Puente
Lauren Perales (Sundays)

Orphans

Sidney Berry	Sydney Hoiberg
Stephanie Chen	Ginger Kaelin
Lenora Evans	Rory O'Connor
Reagan Fry	Cate Pace
Kiera Gallagher	Molly Paul
Noelle Gorski	Jamie Satoto
Chloe Grotz	Angelina Villafranca
Penny Guild	Makena Willis

Mansion Staff & NYC

Hamilton Blanchard	Ethan Komrosky
Cece Cooper	Noah Komrosky
Coco Crowley	Hayden Mallette
Melanie Chipman	Lauren Perales
Emily Deakin	Ethne Piper
Gianna Garcia	Artemisia Schoepe
Kaitlyn Gomez	
Madelyn Keirstead	

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Meet our Cast



Sidney Berry - Orphan

Sidney is a third grader at St. Mary School in Gilroy. Sidney is performing in her seventh theatrical production with her most recent roles in *Into the Woods Jr.* and *Alice in Wonderland Jr.* Sidney enjoys soccer, dance, basketball, swimming, and everything Disney! She would like to dedicate her performance to her dad, Bert Berry... he was always her biggest fan.



Hamilton Blanchard – NYC Child

Hamilton is sometimes excited about his first experience being on stage. He tries to be a good four year old brother to his big sister, Melanie, and loves to be with her and her friends. Hamilton hopes you enjoy the show as much as he enjoys superheroes and Legos. He would like to thank his friend Ethne for sharing the role and theatrical debut with him for SVCT's *Annie Jr.*



Presley Calisi – Mrs. Pugh / NYC

This is Presley's seventh show with SVCT! She's a sixth grader at Martin Murphy, and loves playing soccer. Presley is grateful to be a member of this creative and supportive community, and is very excited to be a part of *Annie Jr.* She hopes you enjoy the show!



Stephanie Chen – Orphan

Stephanie is nine years old in fourth grade. She has performed in *The Nutcracker* ballet each year since 2015 as nymph, soldier and lamb as well as *Alice in Wonderland* ballet production as a butterfly in 2017. Stephanie is an avid figure skater with Shark Ice. She wants to thank her parents and loving sister Laurena's support for her passion. Thank you Ms Kathy and Ms Colleen and friends for making the show fabulous!



Melanie Chipman – Lt. Ward / Mansion Staff / NYC

Twelve years ago, Melanie made her theatrical debut in SVCT's 2006 family musical, *Annie*. She is glad to be performing in *Annie Jr.* as her tenth show with SVCT. Besides her cameo role as "NYC baby" in *Annie*, Melanie has enjoyed playing roles such as Flotsam in *The Little Mermaid Jr.* and Little Kangaroo in *Suessical Jr.* with SVCT. She is delighted to share this experience with her four year old brother Hamilton as he makes his theatrical debut as "NYC child."



Cece Cooper – *Roberta Healey / Mansion Staff / NYC*

Cece is a seventh grader at Brownell Middle School. This is her first production with SVCT. She has, however, been in multiple productions with the City of Gilroy. Her past roles include Jack's Mom in *Into the Woods Jr.*, and Puumba in *The Lion King Jr.* She enjoys listening to different musicals and hanging out with friends. Cece would like to thank everyone involved with the show and hopes you enjoy *Annie Jr.*!



Coco Crowley – *Louis Howe / Mansion Staff / NYC*

Coco is a seventh grader at Charter School. She has done many plays, including SVCT's *Mary Poppins*. She loves swimming, playing softball and literature. Coco would like to thank her friends for their support and help. She could not have made it to the position she is without all the people around her.



Abigail Curtis – *Kate*

Abby is a third grader at St. Mary School in Gilroy. This is her first show with SVCT, but she has played the Hen and a Woodland Creature in *Into the Woods, Jr.*, a Sugar Cube and Sea Creature in *Alice in Wonderland Jr.*, an Elf in *Elf Jr.*, and Chip in *Beauty and the Beast Jr.* through Gilroy Parks and Recreation. Abby would like to thank her friends and family for all their continued support.



Emily Deakin – *Boylan Sister / Mansion Staff / NYC*

Emily is in seventh grade at Martin Murphy Middle School. Emily has recently been seen as Adela in *The Little Mermaid Jr.* and as Chi Fu in *Mulan Jr.* Outside of the theatre, Emily enjoys being outside, going to the beach and playing the flute, piano and ukulele. Emily thanks you for coming and hopes you enjoy the show.



Paige DeRosa - *Molly*

Paige is ten years old and a fifth grader at El Roble. She loves to do theater and this is her seventh show. You may have recently seen her as the Mysterious Man in Gilroy's production of *Into The Woods Jr.* or as Young Simba in *Lion King Jr.* When not becoming best friends with the stage, you can find her reading "The Fault in Our Stars" or the Harry Potter series. She loves this role because she feels it portrays her childish side of life. She has a feeling you won't have a hard -knock life after seeing *Annie!*



Caroline Drayton – Boylan Sister/ Annette / NYC

Caroline is in the seventh grade at Charter School of Morgan Hill. She has been in numerous play productions, including Advent Lutheran’s CMT, the City of Gilroy, and SVCT shows since she was four years old. Last seen as Cinderella’s Mother in City of Gilroy’s *Into the Woods Jr.*, *Annie Jr.* is her sixth SVCT production. She hopes that all of everyone’s hard work that has been put into this show makes it great! Doing plays is a wonderful experience for her, and she is so glad to be able to share that experience with all of you. She thanks her parents and friends for all of their support, and hopes you are thrilled by the amazing wonders that await you in NYC!



Lenora Evans - Orphan

Lenora is in fourth grade at JAMM. She debuted her acting skills last year in *Cinderella* at Oakwood School and later played the granny in *Little Red Riding Hood* at JAMM. Lenora loves playing soccer and traveling to tournaments with her Toros team. She has thoroughly enjoyed being in *Annie Jr.* and is excited for future shows with SVCT.



Reagan Fry - Orphan

Reagan is eleven years old and a fifth grader at Oakwood School. Her most recent appearance on stage was as the janitor in *Attack of the Killer Grasshoppers*. Reagan currently studies dance en pointe at San Jose Dance Theatre. She loved her role last year as the black lamb in the 52nd annual production of *The Nutcracker*. Reagan is grateful for the opportunity to be a part of SVCTs production *Annie Jr.*



Kiera Gallagher - Orphan

Kiera is ten years old and attends Nordstrom Elementary. This is her fifth show with SVCT and she loves being an orphan, but not scrubbing the floors! Other productions include *Seussical Jr.*, *Mulan Jr.*, *The Little Mermaid Jr.*, and *Willy Wonka*. She enjoys soccer, snow skiing and hanging out with her friends.



Gianna Garcia—Mansion Staff

Gianna is a fourth grader at Oakwood School in Morgan Hill. She loves sewing, the color purple and traveling to the happiest place on earth, Disneyland. Gianna’s first performance was at the age of 6 in her school play. She has since participated in three other plays and loves every minute of it. *Annie Jr.* is her debut at SVCT.



Kaitlyn Gomez – *Mansion Staff / NYC*

Kaitlyn is in fourth grade at Charter School of Morgan Hill. In October Kaitlyn participated in *Madagascar Jr.* and caught the theater bug. Kaitlyn would like to thank her family and friends for all their support. Thank you for coming and enjoy the show.



Noelle Gorski - *Orphan*

Noelle is in third grade at Oakwood School in Morgan Hill. Noelle has performed in many productions with her drama class at school. She loves performing on stage and is thrilled to be part of the cast of *Annie Jr.* She looks forward to being a part of many more productions in the future! Noelle would like to thank her family and friends for all their support.



Leah Grifall – *Grace Farrell*

Leah is twelve years old and in seventh grade at Charter School Morgan Hill. She was most recently cast with SVCT as Veruca in *Willy Wonka*. You may have also have seen her in *The Little Mermaid Jr.*, *Mary Poppins*, *Mulan Jr.*, and *Oliver!* Leah is having fun tuning in with her more sophisticated side for this character. She would like to thank the director and staff for giving her the opportunity and for helping her to learn and grow, as well as her parents for their support. Leah performs in plays at school and competes on her travel softball team with *Nor Cal Legends* in San Jose. She also enjoys drawing, playing piano & guitar, and mountain biking.



Mason Grifall - *Sandy*

Mason is five years old (on April 21st) and lives with his family in Morgan Hill. This is his debut performance in musical theater and he seems to be enjoying the spotlight, as well as all the love and attention from the cast. When not on the stage he can be found fetching the ball, wrestling with his cat Calvin, or napping on the couch. Mason also enjoys camping & backpacking with his family.





Chloe Grotz - Orphan

Chloe is eight years old and a second grader at Stratford School in Morgan Hill. This is her first production with SVCT and on a community theater stage! She has been in productions at her school since Kindergarten, with her first solo last year and has always loved being a performer. Off stage, Chloe enjoys gymnastics, dance, singing, reading, cooking and pretty much anything arts & crafts related she can get her hands on! She is grateful for this opportunity and for the love and support of her family & friends!



Penny Guild - Orphan

Penny is eight years old and a student at Charter School of Morgan Hill. This is her second play with SVCT. Previously you may have seen her in *Willy Wonka*. When not acting, she enjoys playing soccer and gymnastics. Penny is so excited to be playing an orphan in *Annie Jr.* and hopes you enjoy the show.



Zoe Hargreaves - Duffy

Zoe is a fifth grader at CSMH. This is her fifth show with SVCT (*Seussical Jr.*, *Mulan Jr.*, *The Little Mermaid Jr.*, *Willy Wonka*). Zoe has learned so much and is grateful for the staff and crew, along with her cast mates. Outside of performing, Zoe enjoys soccer, cooking, and spending time with her family, friends, and her new dog Marsh. She is excited you could make it to *Annie Jr.* Enjoy the show!



Makayla Hoiberg — Lily St. Regis

Makayla is thirteen years old and in the seventh grade. This is her eighth musical she's been a part of. You may have seen her recently as Cinderella's Step Mother in Gilroy's production of *Into the Woods Jr.* Makayla enjoys reading, singing and dancing ballet. She is so excited and thank for this wonderful opportunity to play such a sassy and fun character. Thank you, Jenna Hernandez for your direction and guidance. Also, thank you Colleen for being a fabulous and hard-working director!



Sydney Hoiberg — Orphan / July understudy

Sydney is eleven years old and in the fifth grade. This is her eighth musical she's been a part of. You may have seen her recently as a wolf in Gilroy's production of *Into the Woods Jr.* or as a seagull in SVCT's *The Little Mermaid Jr.* Sydney enjoys reading, dancing ballet and visiting Disneyland. She would like to thank her family for their commitment. Also to Colleen for this wonderful opportunity!



Ginger Kaelin - Orphan

Ginger is thrilled to be in this production! She is eight years old and goes to third grade at Oakwood School. She enjoys riding her bike, the color blue, and playing with her kittens, Mochi and Wasabi. She also likes spending time with her family and dog, Halo. Ginger would like to thank her family for their support in this production. She hopes you enjoy the show... and that you don't have a Hard Knock Life!



Oliver Kaelin – Rooster Hannigan

Oliver is in fifth grade at Oakwood School. He was most recently seen as Michael Banks in SVCT's *Mary Poppins*. He has also been in several plays at Oakwood. When not at school, he likes to play video games, read, and hang out with his friends. He looks forward to seeing you on Easy Street!



Madelyn Keirstead - Mansion Staff / NYC

Madelyn is ten years old and in fourth grade at Paradise Valley Elementary School. Madelyn has performed in several musicals at her church, as well as *The Little Mermaid Jr.*, *Alice in Wonderland Jr.*, *Madagascar Jr.*, and *Into the Woods Jr.* In addition to acting Madelyn loves to read, sing and play the piano. Madelyn would like to thank her family and friends for all their support and hopes that you all enjoy the show!

The *Little Orphan Annie* show debuted on WGN in Chicago in 1930 and became a national sensation. The show was moved to NBC's blue network in 1931. Shirley Bell was the voice of Annie and the program was sponsored by Ovaltine. Ovaltine offered different Annie inspired merchandise but the most important one was the secret decoder badges. Children sent in box tops and labels to become members of the *Annie's Mystery Radio Club*. Annie would send secret messages during the radio broadcast that they could only solve by using their Annie decoder pins.



Roberta Healy & the Boylan Sisters rehearsing their radio spot



Maya King - Pepper

Maya is thrilled to be playing the role Pepper in SVCT's Annie Jr. She is so happy to be with all of her friends and has enjoyed performing the classic orphan numbers. Maya is a twelve year old seventh grader at St. Mary School, and everyone in theatre is like her second family. You may notice Maya from her previous roles, such as Flounder in *The Little Mermaid Jr.*, Little Red Riding Hood in *Into the Woods Jr.*, and Charlie in *Willy Wonka*. Some of her hobbies and activities include softball, reading, writing, choir, drawing, organizing and dancing. She would like to thank her family, especially her mom for helping produce and working hard to make her happy. She would like to thank her brother and father for supporting her, and her director and the staff for helping her develop and grow. Remember, you're never fully dressed without a smile!



Ethan Komrosky – Bundles McCloskey / Mansion Staff / NYC

Ethan is an eleven year old fifth grader. His dream is to be an inventor. This is his fourth SVCT show including *Seussical Jr.*, *Mulan Jr.*, and *The Little Mermaid Jr.* He's excited to have his first solo lines on stage as Bundles! Ethan loves reading book series, traveling, playing football at school and video games with his brother Noah. He's hooked on SVCT and can't wait for you to enjoy the show!



Noah Komrosky – Mansion Staff / NYC

Noah is a nine year old third grader. Noah is quick to light the room with his antics or a smile. He is a passionate artist and wants to illustrate books and comics when he grows up! This is Noah's first SVCT performance. As a servant in *Annie Jr.*, he's happy to dish out the talent on stage! When he's not drawing or performing, he's playing sports or video games with his brother Ethan. He hopes you enjoy his debut to SVCT!



Tegan Leong – Annie

Tegan is a seventh grader at Oakwood School. Her credits include Setsuko (*Peace On your Wings Bay Area Tour*, Ohana Arts Theatre Co.), Peter Pan (*Peter Pan Jr.*, Oakwood), Winthrop (*Music Man*, Live Oak High School) and Sebastian (*The Little Mermaid Jr.*, SVCT). Tegan is so grateful to director Colleen and the amazing families and members of SVCT for their encouragement, support and love.



Hayden Mallette—*Mansion Staff / NYC*

Hayden is in the third grade at El Toro Elementary School. He is very excited to be performing in his first (and definitely not his last) stage production! He's had a great time learning the ropes and making new friends. He has especially enjoyed sharing this experience with his big sister Lexie. Hayden enjoys soccer, basketball, gymnastics, cub scouts and he LOVES to sing. Thanks to Colleen for encouraging him to audition and for being such a great director. We hope that you enjoy the show!



Rory O'Connor—*Orphan*

Rory is a third grader at Pacific Point Christian Schools. She is very excited since this is her first children's show with SVCT. She had small little cameo appearances in some of her brother's shows, and made her debut as an Oompa Loompa in *Willy Wonka* last Summer. She has had a blast working on this show and has made some great new friends. She hopes you have a great time watching the show!



Cambria Pace – *Tessie*

Oh my goodness! Oh my goodness! Cambria welcomes you to her nineteenth stage production, *Annie Jr.* Cambria may be an orphan in the show, but feels at home singing and dancing on stage for an audience. Some of her most memorable shows are *Peter Pan Jr.* as Tinkerbell (Oakwood Theater), *Mary Poppins* (SVCT) and her very first show, *Twelve Dancing Princesses* (SVCT) at age 7. Cambria attends Oakwood Middle School where drama and the Harmonettes Vocal Ensemble are two of her most favorite classes. She continues to play the piano and loves spending time with her family.



Cate Pace — *Orphan*

Little orphan Cate has found her home with SVCT's production of *Annie Jr.* She excitedly makes her comeback to the stage with this show. Some of Cate's most memorable stage performances are *Welcome to the Jungle* (Oakwood Theater), *Seussical Jr.* as a Who (SVCT), and *101 Dalmatians* (Oakwood Theater). Cate attends Oakwood School and will join the Harmonettes Vocal Ensemble this fall. When Cate isn't on stage, you can find her tumbling around at gymnastics, having fun with friends, or playing the piano. Thank you SVCT for making this "little girl" share her "smile" for one and all.



Molly Paul - Orphan

Molly is ten years old and in fifth grade at Paradise Valley Elementary. Her time on stage started at the age of four when she danced in her first of many SVDA's *The Nutcracker*. She has played roles in *Madagascar Jr.*, *Alice in Wonderland Jr.* and two summer theater camps *Frog and Toad* and *Character Matters* through Carol Romo. When not at rehearsal, Molly enjoys playing ukelele, singing *Hamilton* with her friends and watching baking shows on YouTube. She would like to dedicate this show to her awesome parents who help her get through life.



Lauren Perales – Star to Be / Boylan Sister understudy

Lauren is an eleven year old sixth grader at South Valley Middle School and is excited to take part in her first production with SVCT. No stranger to the stage, Lauren has been a part of over a dozen theater performances, most recently as Florinda in *Into the Woods Jr.* with the City of Gilroy and director, Colleen Blanchard. Lauren enjoys cooking, baking, singing and watching YouTube. She would like to thank her family, Colleen and the producers of the show for such a wonderful experience. Enjoy the show!



Ethne Piper – NYC Child

Ethne has been waiting and waiting for her stage debut, and is thrilled to be part of the *Annie Jr.* cast! She loves singing and dancing and the color green. Ethne is in Jr. K at Oakwood. You can find her playing with her LOL Surprise dolls and doing all kinds of art. Ethne would like to thank her family for helping her dreams come true.



Lizzy Piper - July

Lizzy is excited to be back onstage with SVCT! She appeared in *Mulan Jr.* (Hairdresser and Hun) and *The Little Mermaid Jr.* (Blowfish and Chef). Lizzy is in the fourth grade at Oakwood. There she has performed in *Swamped!* (Duck), *Happy the High Tech Snowman* (Happy), and *Fee Fi Fo Fum* (Maid). Lizzy loves gymnastics, singing, art, and spending time with her friends. She would like to thank her Mom for supporting her love of the stage!



Jillian Puente —*Boylan Sister / Mansion Staff / NYC*

Jillian is twelve years old and excited to be performing in her fifth SVCT production. Her most recent roles were as gum-smacking Violet Beauregarde in *Willy Wonka* (SVCT) and narrator in *Into The Woods Jr.* (City of Gilroy). She loves the stage and sends much love to her family who always support her. The creativity and hard work that went into this show was amazing and she hopes you enjoy it!



Isabella Rose Rosal – *Miss Hannigan*

Isabella is an eighth grader at Solorsano Middle School. This is her debut performance with SVCT. Since the age of seven, she has performed lead roles in multiple productions with South Bay & Gilroy Children's Musical Theater, as well as minor roles with the City of Gilroy Recreational Theater program. In addition to theater, she plays the trumpet or baritone horn in her school band, sings in the St. Catherines Childrens Choir and dances recreational jazz with Lana's Dance Company. Her other extracurricular activities at school include being ASB president, CJSF secretary and being a Girl Scout. During her spare time, she loves to read historical fiction books and play the piano & ukulele. Isabella plans on attending NYU or Yale after high school. Her big goal is to live in a loft in New York city while working as an actress in a Broadway musical or working within the theater world in the East Coast.



Ruby Salvatti - *Cecille / Foley artist / NYC*

Ruby is twelve years old and in sixth grade. This is her fifth time on stage and she is loving it! She previously appeared in SVCT's productions of *Mary Poppins* and *The Little Mermaid Jr.*, Live Oak High School's *The Music Man*, and the City of Gilroy's *Into the Woods Jr.* In her spare time she loves to read, write, draw, and play outside. She would like to thank all the wonderful people involved in the making of this show for the amazing experience. Enjoy the performance!



Jamie Satoto - *Orphan*

Jamie is eleven years old and always loves to sing. Music has taken a huge part of her life. She was introduced to acting and dancing at her school, Barrett Elementary. She's currently involved in Girl Scouts, loves to spend her time playing ukulele, doing gymnastics, swimming and other outdoor activities. Jamie is very excited for her first public appearance with *Annie Jr.* She feels blessed that she has such a great opportunity and experience to learn new things and meet new friends.



Artemisia Hendrix Schoepe – *Mansion Staff/NYC*

Artemisia is thirteen and loves theater and acting. She's been in three other plays: *Into the Woods Jr.*, *Cinderella Jr.* and *Elf Jr.* *Annie Jr.* is her fourth production. Artemisia would like to thank Colleen and the crew for making this such a fun experience. Thank you to everyone who came out to see this fantastic production of *Annie Jr.*



Carter Sepulveda – *Oliver Warbucks* (Sunday understudy)

Carter enjoys hanging out with his friends, playing video games and dungeons and dragons. He is currently a senior, enrolled in the Ocean Grove Charter School. Carter has always enjoyed acting and singing, even at a very young age. You may recognize him from his many different roles including, but not limited to; Cinderella's Prince from *Into the Woods Jr.*, Grandpa George from *Willy Wonka*, Garvin from *Footloose*, Captain Hook from *Peter Pan Jr.*, and Billy Kopecki from *Big the Musical*. Sit back, relax, and enjoy *Annie Jr.*!



Bailey Tom - *Sandy*

Bailey is face-licking, tail-wagging excited to make his stage debut as Sandy. He previously wanted to be Toto but wouldn't fit in the basket. Bailey is a six year old Golden Retriever and has his own blog: baileysdailyblog.wordpress.com.



James Tuttle – *Oliver Warbucks* / *Trumpet player*

James is twelve years old and a seventh grader at Britton Middle School. He loves to read books, watch movies, play board games and play his trumpet for Jazz Band and French Horn for Concert Band. This is James's first experience in a play and he is excited to try this new adventure! James is known by friends and his family to be their comic relief and he loves making people laugh and be happy. He is thankful for this opportunity to be in SVCT's production of *Annie Jr.*



Austin Vandecoevinger - *Drake*

Austin is in eighth grade at Martin Murphy Middle School. This season, Austin was in *Act One* making *Annie Jr.* his sixth SVCT production. He also played Charlie Brown in his school play. Besides theater, he enjoys being a part of his school band as a baritone horn player. Austin would like his friends and family to know that he really appreciates all their support. It means a lot to him.



Angelina L Villafranca—Orphan / Dog Catcher understudy

Angelina is twelve years old and a sixth grade student at Jackson Academy of Music and Math in Morgan Hill. Angelina has been cast in three plays at SVCT: *Miracle on 34th Street*, *The Little Mermaid Jr.* and *Annie Jr.* She loves the theater, has a passion for singing and acting and enjoys playing soccer. She plays an orphan in Annie and is acting as an understudy for the dog catcher.



Makena Willis - Orphan / Dog Catcher

Makena is in fifth grade at Jackson Academy. She has been in many shows such as *Cinderella Jr.* as Gus, *Elf Jr.* as Shawanda, *Into the Woods Jr.* as a bird & Milky White, *The Little Mermaid Jr.* as a Chef & Guppy, and some other productions. In her spare time, Makena likes reading, LaCrosse, and playing video games. She would like to thank her family, and one of her best friends Molly, who is in the cast with her, for their support!



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Colleen Blanchard – *Director / Lighting Designer / Set Designer*

Colleen has directed over 30 productions in the South Bay for SVCT, SBSC, Rucker Elementary, Gavilan College, Gilroy Recreation Department, and various local schools over the past 20 years. She has also enjoyed working in the theater arts as a lighting designer, performer and occasionally as a choreographer alongside her husband, Travis. She has had a wonderful time working with this group of young actors. Special thanks to her talented choreographer Jennifer and vocal director Tami for their valuable contributions to the show.



Kathy Tom – *Producer / Costume Designer*

After starting in theater many years ago as a youth actress, Kathy is delighted to once again be working with an SVCT Youth production! She is thrilled to be sharing this show with her granddaughter, Melanie, and her daughter, Colleen. She has spent the last 18 years with the stage company in many different roles: Actress, Producer, Stage Director, Costumer, and Board Member. She has had the good fortune to be involved here with many of her favorite Broadway shows, among them *Into the Woods*, *1776*, *Peter Pan*, and the *Wizard of Oz*. She was last seen on the SVCT stage as Mrs. Sowerberry in *Oliver!* When not involved with one of our shows, you'll probably find Kathy running around Disneyland with her family!



Tiffany Hoiberg – *Assistant Producer*

This is Tiffany's first time assisting with an SVCT production. She has produced 4 productions for South Valley Dance Art's over the past 3 years. She has two daughters, Makayla and Sydney, who are in Annie Jr. She loves being a part of the theater arts and meeting wonderful actors/actresses. Tiffany would like to thank Colleen and Kathy for allowing her to be a part of this production and giving her these cherished and wonderful experiences.

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Trish King – *Assistant Producer*

Trish is enjoying working with her daughter (Maya King) on this production. She has worked on shows in Gilroy for the last 5 years, but this is her first time helping to produce for SVCT. Trish made her debut at SVCT as Mrs. Teavee in *Willy Wonka*. Trish would like to thank her husband (Chad) for taking care of business at home so she could be involved in this production. She would also like to thank her son Noah for being the sweetest boy she could ask for. She would like to tell her daughter Maya to "break a leg" and have fun out there.



Suzanne Pace – *Assistant Producer*

Suzanne is excited to wear yet another hat, this time as co-producer of her first show, *Annie Jr.* The movie, *Annie*, was a huge part of her childhood and seeing the story unfold on stage brings a smile to her face. Singing the songs with the cast during read-throughs was unforgettable! Theater has been a big part of motherhood as all three of her daughters have done various plays for over 15 years. Huge hugs and kisses to her family at home and the SVCT family for all their love and support learning the ropes. I don't need anything, but you!



Jenna Hernandez – *Student Director*

Jenna is a current freshman at Live Oak High School. Some of Jenna's previous performances include: *The Little Mermaid Jr.* (Ursula), *Alice in Wonderland Jr.* (Queen of Hearts), *Lion King Jr.* (Rafiki), *Into the Woods Jr.* (the witch) and MANY dance recitals. She would like to thank the whole production team for this opportunity and all of their help on this wonderful project. Jenna is super excited to be on the production team and see theatre from a completely new perspective than she normally does. She hopes you enjoy the show.

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Alice Gracey—Assistant Director

Alice has been working in theatre since 1999 and she's recently enjoyed working as a director's assistant for the last four years. Her favorite shows she's worked on in some capacity include *1776*, *Into the Woods*, *The Little Mermaid Jr.*, and *Peter Pan*. She spends more time working on the children's productions than anything else in theatre and she loves every moment she's able to teach the kids something new. She's hopeful that she'll be able to continue for many more years to come!



Lexie Mallette—Assistant Director

Lexie is happy to be back helping with SVCT. She started with the company back in 2006 when they did the full age cast of *Annie* and was excited to help with *Annie Jr.* Lexie is glad that she gets to work with Colleen again and to be able to do the show with her little brother, Hayden. Enjoy the show!



Tami Piper – Vocal Director

Tami is so happy to be back at SVCT for another great show! Her Vocal Director credits include SVCT's *Mulan Jr.* and *The Little Mermaid Jr.*, and Oakwood High School's *Hairspray*, *The Wiz*, and *Once Upon a Mattress*. Tami also co-directs the Oakwood Middle School vocal ensemble, the Harmonettes. Tami's favorite job is playing mom to her five fabulous kids and wife to her sweetheart Jeff. In her spare time you will find her hiking in the hills or reading a great book. She would like to thank her wonderful mother for her love, support and awesome advice. And her amazing dad, who always loved her for just being Tami.



Jennifer Grifall – Choreographer

Jennifer "*Likes it Here*" with SVCT's *Annie Jr.* staff and amazing cast. You may have seen her most recently in *Willy Wonka* as an Oompa Loompa and in the ensemble for *Mary Poppins*. She got her start in choreography last year working on *The Little Mermaid Jr.* with Liana Kishi. Jennifer would like to thank her daughter Leah for encouraging her to join the fun at SVCT. She is really enjoying the opportunity to dance again after so many years! She manages Grifall Family Chiropractic in Morgan Hill, and enjoys mountain biking, camping and backpacking with family and friends.

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Larry Tom – *Master Carpenter*

Larry has been involved with SVCT since 2000 as a performer, stage manager, producer, set designer, and master carpenter. He also served on the Board of Directors for eight years, including two as President. Among the many SVCT shows for which he designed the set are *Company*, *Into the Woods*, *Peter Pan*, and *Seussical Jr.* Larry has also performed with other theatrical companies such as Lyric Theatre, West Bay Opera, and Center REP of Walnut Creek.



Paige Wilson – *Makeup / Choreographer Assistant*

This is Paige's second time being able to work behind the scenes of one of these amazing young performer shows. She has enjoyed getting to know the kids throughout the run and has enjoyed every minute of it.



Travis Blanchard—*Stage Manager*

Travis has been involved in local theater for almost fifteen years. Alongside his wife Colleen, he has participated in acting, stage management, set and lighting design, and choreography with theater groups throughout the South Bay. He would like to congratulate the cast and crew of *Annie Jr.* for putting on a great production.



Mary Dokter – *Props Mistress*

Mary has been Involved with SVCT since 2009 and currently serves on the Board of the Directors. Mary is jazzed to be the props mistress for *Annie*. Recently she produced SVCT's *Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike*. She previously worked as the props mistress for *The Producers*. She has also been seen on stage in *The King and I*, co-produced the musical *Damn Yankees*, and was costumer for *Oliver!* and *Mulan Jr.* Her other passions are cooking for family and friends, travel, photography, community volunteer and going to musicals.

Special Thanks! The doers that make it possible

Chad “He who swims with sharks” King for the wonderful cast headshots.

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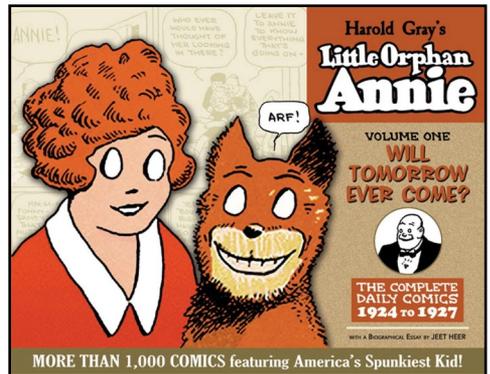
Little Orphant Allie (1889)

James Whitcomb Riley, known as the “Hoosier poet” for the simple, sentimental and colorful language that he used. When he was a child, his parents took in an orphan as a “bound” servant. Mary Alice “Allie” Smith helped with the household chores and would tell the children stories at the end of the day. He wrote about her in his poem, *The Elf Child*, published in 1885. He changed the title for the third printing in 1889 to *Little Orphant Allie*, to honor the young orphan who had impacted his life. There was an error at the typesetter and the poem was released as *Little Orphant Annie*. He was going to correct it but the poem became one of his most popular works.

Little Orphant...Otto (1924)

Harold Gray was born in Kankakee, Illinois in 1894. He majored in Engineering at Purdue University and sold cartoons to the local newspaper. After a stint in the Army, he joined the staff of the Chicago Tribune. Harold wanted to be a cartoonist and pitched several ideas but they were rejected until he came up with one about an orphan with wild, red hair named Otto. There were several comics featuring young boys at the time so he took the suggestion to “put a skirt on him and make him a girl.” He named her Annie after the popular poem *Little Orphant Annie* and a star was born.

Harold created a perennial eleven year old who was “tougher than hell, with a heart of gold and a fast left, who can take care of herself because she has to.” He also wanted to make her an orphan so that she was free to go off on adventures and put herself in danger for weeks at a time without a family to worry about her. Annie was never given a last name or a history – she never looked back, only towards tomorrow. He was inspired by his Midwest upbringing, Charles Dickens's *Great Expectations* and the melodramas of the time. Harold was not the best artist but he was a great storyteller and he captured the imagination of Americans with the adventures of a waif.



The comic debuted on August 5, 1924 in the New York Daily News. Annie was a perfect blend of sweet vulnerability, optimism, gumption and a wisdom beyond her years. Annie is “rescued” from a Dickinson type orphanage by the very wealthy and very snobby, Mrs. Warbucks on a “trial basis.” Her husband, Oliver Warbucks, takes an instant liking to the red dressed, wild haired orphan and senses that Annie is a kindred spirit. They both believe in hard, honest work and in pulling yourself up by your own bootstrap.



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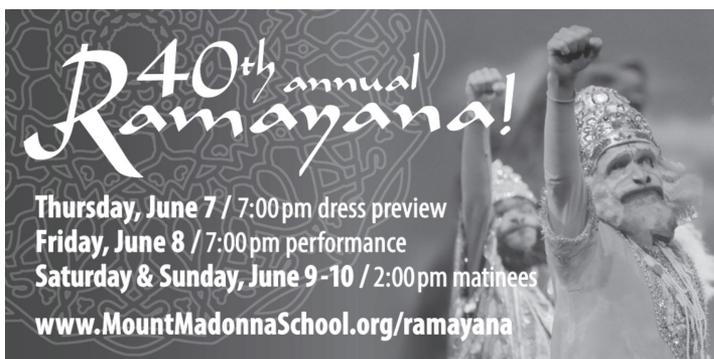
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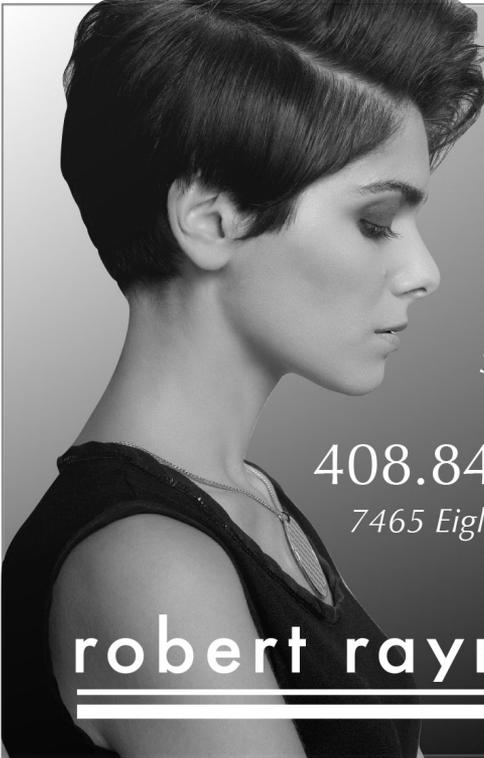
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