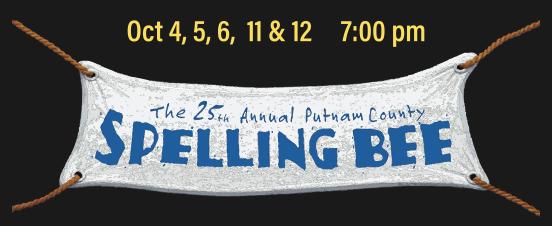
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## THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE

Music & Lyrics by
William Finn Ra

Book By Rachel Sheinkin

Conceived by Rebecca Feldman

> Additional Material by Jay Reiss

Originally Directed on Broadway by James Lapine



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#### **Directors' Notes**

"Life is Pandemonium!" is not just a lyric from a Putnam song, it's been a reality for The Players' cast and production team with this fall show. We started out in August rehearsing in a warehouse in Burnsville (shout out to Landmark Creations!) with hopes of getting in the newly remodeled auditorium at Twin Oaks Middle School by mid September. When the completion of the project was delayed, thankfully we were able to secure the theatre at Shakopee West Middle School (shout out to Shakopee Schools!) who came to our rescue and graciously welcomed us into one of their auditoriums

Thank you for sharing an evening with us supporting local community theatre. We truly appreciate YOU, the audience! We hope you enjoy this Tony Award-winning musical. Both hilarious and poignant, it's a tale of six quirky adolescents and some equally quirky adults, all on a journey of self discovery during the Bee. Perhaps tonight you'll find your own "Favorite Moment of the Bee."

Sheri and Kay (love to Doug and Rick)



# Musical Synopsis

#### Act 1

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spellii	ng Bee"Rona and Kids
"The Rules"	Panch, Rona and Kids
"My Friend the Dictionary"	Olive and Ensemble
"Pandemonium"	Kids and Midge
"I'm Not That Smart"	Leaf
"Magic Foot"	Barfee and Ensemble
"Magic Foot Playoff"	Ensemble
"Pandemonium (Reprise)"	Panch, Midge and Kids
"Chip Goodbye"	Kids
"Rona Moment #2"	Rona
"Prayer of the Comfort Counselor"	Midge and Ensemble
Act	2
"Chip's Lament"	Chip
"Woe Is Me"	Logainne, Carl, Dan and Ensemble
"Spelling Montage"	Panch and Kids
"I'm Not That Smart (Reprise)"	Leaf
"I Speak Six Languages"	Marcy and Ensemble
"Jesus"	Marcy and Ensemble
"The I Love You Song"	Olive, Olive's Mom, Olive's Dad
"Woe is Me (Reprise)"	Logainne and Midge
"Rona Moment #3"	Rona
"Second (Part 1)"	Olive, Barfee and Ensemble
"Weltanschauung"	Ensemble
"Olive & Barfee Pas De Deux"	Ensemble
"Second (Part 2)"	Olive, Barfee and Ensemble
"The Champion"	Rona and Ensemble



Rona Lisa Peretti	Kellie Klein
Vice Principal Douglas Panch	Justin Dekker
Midge Mahoney	Lynnda Nelson
Olive Ostrovsky	Jessica Halverson
William Barfée	Adam Waldon
Logainne Schwartzandgrubenierre	Elizabeth Wolfe
Marcy Park	Natalie Dulka
Leaf Coneybear/Carl Schwartz/Jesus	AJ Lennartson
Chip Tolentino/Dan Grubenierre/Olive's dad	Tyler Eliason
Dr. Ernestina Harvey/Olive's mom	Bretanne Ostberg

#### **Orchestra**

Orchestra Director Ted Sammis
Piano Vicki Bickle
Bass Pete Bliss
Clarinet Becky Loebertmann
Flute / Alto Sax Melissa Cummings
Drums / Percussion Jay Bjoin
Percussion JoAnne Hillyer

#### **Production Crew**

Directors	Kay Dunning and Sheri Brunner
	Tyler Eliason
	Emily Allen
	nSteve Hermansen
	Bob Cunningham, Carrie Cunningham
Lights and Sound	Mike Sweeney, Josh Clausen,
	Bob Cunningham, Steve Hermansen
Costumes	Kay Dunning, Linda Linehan
Props	Sheri Brunner
	Patti Arntz
Rehearsal Pianist	Vicki Bickle
Photography and Videograp	hyJuris Ozols, Rick Dunning
	Stephanie Meacham, AJ Lennartson,
Kay	Dunning, Sheri Brunner, Melissa Cummings
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**Kellie Klein** Kellie is thrilled to be appearing in her third PLP production, portraying the positively charming Rona Lisa Peretti in *Putnam*. Prior roles include Mayzie La Byrd in *Seussical* and Grace Farrell in *Annie*. When not on stage, she works full time as a paralegal and further champions the theatre program at Prior Lake High School as the parent representative to the Patrons of the Arts and Activities. Kellie is so grateful for the opportunity to work alongside this amazingly talented cast, crew, pit, and directors. She thanks her family, especially her husband, Mark, and two awesome kids, Audrey and Jackson, for handling mom being out of commission to take part in this show. *I SUPERLOVE YOU!!* 



Justin Dekker After a five-year hiatus, Justin is ecstatic to be back performing with PLP. He was previously found on stage in a number of PLP shows, such as Oliver! (Fagin), Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (Levi), and A Midsummer Night's Dream (Bottom). He also directed PLP's Alice in Wonderland and Arsenic and Old Lace, among others. When he's not at the Spelling Bee, Justin can be found helping build sets for Stages Theatre Company in Hopkins and watching movies, but not at the same time. Thanks to my family for their love and support. And a special thanks to my daughter Natalie for getting me on stage then and now.



Lynnda Nelson After a long hiatus, Lynnda is excited to be back with PLP. Previous roles include Once Upon a Mattress (Lady Larkin), Guys & Dolls (Adelaide), Annie (Miss Hannigan) and directing PLP's Godspell and Cinderella. Lynnda also sings with local Americana/Newgrass band North of Jordan and the 16-piece swing band SteamHeat. In the past, she's performed at the Edgewater Inn dinner theater, done a six-week tour of Europe with a five-member USO show, and spent several summers at the Red Barn Theater in Rice Lake, Wisconsin. She's excited to be doing this show with her husband, Ted Sammis, directing the pit band.



Jessica Halverson This is Jessica's first time performing with PLP! She has been involved with numerous theatres around the Twin Cities, most recently at Fridley Community Theater this last summer as Hope Cladwell in *Urinetown*. Some of her favorite roles include: Elizabeth Benning in Young Frankenstein and Little Red in Into the Woods (Lakeshore Players); Lucy Van Pelt in You're a Good Man Charlie Brown (Off Broadway Musical Theatre); and Mary Magdalene in Jesus Christ Superstar (Ashland Productions). When not onstage, Jessica princesses with Tiny Diva Princess Party, and teaches Preschool at Primrose School of West Plymouth.



**Adam Waldon** Adam has been doing shows since he was eight years old, but this is his first PLP production. He has performed in many community theatre, middle, and high school productions. Adam graduated from Lakeville South High School in 2018. He now is enrolled at Inver Hills Community College and is working on getting his Associate in Fine Arts Degree.



**Elizabeth Wolfe** This is Elizabeth's first show with PLP, and she is excited to check this show off her bucket list! She has been seen on various Minnesota stages, including Lyric Arts, Artistry, Chameleon Theatre Circle, Lakeshore Players, Off Broadway Musical Theatre, Chaska Valley Family Theatre, and The Minnesota Fringe Festival. She holds a BFA in Musical Theatre from Drake University where she also continued her classical voice training. Thank you to my circle of family and friends for their continued love and support. Enjoy the show!



Natalie Dulka Natalie is incredibly excited to be joining the cast and crew of Putnam for her first show with PLP. She is a recent graduate of North Dakota State University, where she was seen in Songs for a New World, Urinetown, and Late, A Cowboy Song, among others. Most recently, she played Vivienne in Legally Blonde: The Musical at Lyric Arts. In her free time, Natalie enjoys thrifting, karaoke, and a good game of Bananagrams. Her favorite word is "quintessential."



**A.J. Lennartson** Joining his second production with PLP, A.J. is excited to be part of this amazing cast! Recent roles include The Cat in PLP's *Seussical*, Fred Casely in *Chicago* and Pat Gilbert in *State Fair*. A.J. has also recently joined the PLP Board of Directors and would like to thank his family for their continued love and support!



**Tyler Eliason** Tyler Eliason is currently a K-12 Music/Choir Teacher at United Christian Academy in Bloomington. Tyler graduated from Concordia College where he was heavily involved in their theatre and choir programs. He continues to act and direct, with recent credits in *Grease, Chicago, Shrek, Frozen Jr.*, and other musical performances in the Twin Cities. He has also taught private voice instruction since 2012. Putnam is his first production with PLP, and he's very excited to work with the cast to bring this wonderful show to the stage.



**Bretanne Ostberg** Bretanne is happy to be back for her third PLP experience, previously playing Veta in 2017's *Harvey* and Gwendolyn in last year's *The Importance of Being Earnest*. She gained experience from her college and high school theatre and speech days, playing roles from a Shakespearian Witch Queen, to a precocious little girl, to a corpse. Now, she works as a Brand Experience Planner at General Mills and lives in Prior Lake.





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