

Upcoming Events

Music Faculty Recital

Enjoy the talents of our full- and part-time faculty
featuring solo and small ensemble collaborations

4 pm Saturday April 11

Northside's Louise E. Addicott and Yatish J. Joshi Performance Hall

Speech Night

Featuring public speaking at its best

Prelims: 5:30 pm Mon 3/13 - Wed, 3/15, Finals: 7 pm Mon, 3/20

Louise E. Addicott and Yatish J. Joshi Performance Hall

Ensemble Concept/21

“New Voices of Michiana” features works by high school and
college students. These works were selected through a
call for scores during fall 2015.

Louise E. Addicott and Yatish J. Joshi Performance Hall

The Raclin School Variety Show

Featuring performances from the guitar and woodwind studios, and the
IU South Bend Percussion Ensemble.

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Euclid Quartet String Studio

Relax as students of the Euclid Quartet present solo
and small ensemble performances.

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IU South Bend Piano Studio

Take in the great piano repertoire as interpreted by
these highly skilled and very creative young pianists.

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IU South Bend Theatre and Dance Company presents

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

Music and Lyrics by
William Finn

Book by
Rachel Sheinkin

Conceived by
Rebecca Feldman

Additional Material by
Jay Reiss

Originally Directed on Broadway by James Lapine

Originally produced on Broadway by
David Stone, James L. Nederlander, Barbara Whitman, Patrick Catullo
Barrington Stage Company, Second Stage Theatre

8 pm April 9, 10 & 11, 2015

2 pm April 12, 2015

Campus Auditorium, Northside Hall

THE CAST

Rona/ Olive's Mom

Doug Panch

Chip/ Jesus

Coneybear/Carl Dad

William Barfee

Marcy Park

Schwarzy

Olive Ostrovsky

Mitch/Dan Dad/Olive's Dad

Emily Beck

Tristan Conner*

Patrick Sweeney

Jacob Kramer

Brad Pontius*

Samantha Shepard

Jordyn Nutting

Mimi Bell

Javon Barnes

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee is presented through special
arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance
materials are also supplied by MTI. 421 West 4th Street, New York, NY 10019

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ARTISTIC CREDITS

Director	Justin Amellio
Choreographer	Carolynn Hine-Johnson
Assistant Choreographer	Laura Brown
Musical Director	James Bowyer
Technical Director	Greg Demetrakis
Scenic Designer	Yuri Cataldo
Lighting Designer	Nich Sikorski
Costume Designer	Jillian Westplate+
Costume Shop Manager	Aimee Cole
Wig and Makeup Designer	Sarah Vervynckt+
Scenic Artist	Jeffrey Barrick+
Prop Designer	Zachary Swartz+
Sound Designer	Anna Sherck
Sound Board Operator	Buddy Longbrake+
Light Board Operator	Kala Erickson*
Stage Manager	Ian LaFountain+
Assistant Stage Manager	Kathleen Molchan+

RUNNING CREW

Deck Crew	Jessica Redd
Follow Spot Operators	Jinesh Sanghavi
	Dakota Word
Putnam Coordinators	Jaime Bahena
	Daniel Blevins*
	Marlon Burnley
	Alexandria Sadowski
Wardrobe Crew	Abigail Amaro-Renteria
	Emily Chidalek
	Casey McDonald

* Theatre/Broadway League Scholarship Recipient
 + IU South Bend Theatre and Dance Company is very proud of our student designers and technicians

Alumni Weekend // April 9-12, 2015

The IU South Bend Alumni Weekend features a selection of performances and exhibitions at the Ernestine M. Raclin School of the Arts, including the Broadway musical *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, a Music Faculty Recital, the BFA Student Exhibition II, and Student Exhibition. These events are paired with discount offers at the following restaurants. Pickup an Alumni Weekend Discount Tickets to receive the noted discount offer. For more information visit arts.iusb.edu.

Hensell's Oaken Bucket

10% off bill (food only) 1212 S. Ironwood Dr, South Bend
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This production is entered in the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (KCACTF). The aims of this national theater education program are to identify and promote quality in college-level theater production. To this end, each production entered is eligible for a response by a regional KCACTF representative, and selected students and faculty are invited to participate in KCACTF programs involving scholarships, internships, grants and awards for actors, directors, dramaturgs, playwrights, designers, stage managers and critics at both the regional and national levels.

Productions entered on the Participating level are eligible for invitation to the KCACTF regional festival. Those productions invited to the regional festival will be considered for national awards of distinguished achievement, to be presented at the KCACTF national festival at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC in the spring of 2012.

Last year more than 1,300 productions were entered in the KCACTF involving more than 200,000 students nationwide. By entering this production, our theater department is sharing in the KCACTF goals to recognize, reward, and celebrate the exemplary work produced in college and university theaters across the nation.

THE ORCHESTRA

James Bowyer, conductor

Clarinet	Katelyn Audette
Alto Sax	Nathaniel Baum
Piano	Siwon Kim
Percussion	Thomas Limbert
Synthesizer	Mariah Mlynarek
Double Bass	Jeff Wright

PRODUCTION CREWS

COSTUME SHOP STAFF	Emily Beck	Brad Pontius
	Daniel Blevins	Samantha Shepard
	Bay Cope	Zachary Swartz
	Crystal Ensz	Sarah Vervynckt
	Jordyn Nutting	Jillian Westplate
SCENE SHOP STAFF	Tristan Connor	Nich Sikorski
	Zachary Craft	Shaylee Vice
	Ian LaFountain	

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THTR-T230, and THTR-T228

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Director's Note

I think one of the hardest parts of growing up is discovering who you are and following your own path. The truth is, we are all unique in so many wonderful ways big and small. It is by honoring our own uniqueness that we come into contact with the millions of things that we all have in common – the things that make up our shared humanity. *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* illustrates this in a loving, hilarious and soaring way. The music of William Finn perfectly places us in this time of uncertainty and discovery by letting us see inside the minds of the various young competitors. Each experience is explored and each moment is rich with reflective reminders of our own experiences. We all want to do our best. We all want the world to love us for who we are and to love the world in turn. In short, we all want to win our own spelling bees. This musical is meant to celebrate the special distinctions that make each of us who we are and celebrate what brings us all together. May it bring out the champion in all of you. We hope you enjoy your time at the Bee. We thank you for coming out to our production and, as always, thank you for supporting live theatre. Stay tuned for what the IU South Bend Theatre and Dance Company's 2015-2016 Season holds in store.

Enjoy the show!
Sincerely,
Justin Amellio

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Indiana University South Bend

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THEATRE AND DANCE FACULTY

Timothy Hanson, Department Chair
Associate Professor - Technical Director/Lighting Design

Justin Amellio, Assistant Professor of Theatre
Acting and Directing

Yuri Cataldo, Visiting Lecturer – Scenic Design

J. Randall Colborn, Associate Dean
Professor - Acting and Directing

Aimee Cole, Lecturer of Theatre
Costume Technology

Carolynn Hine-Johnson, Ed.D., Assistant Professor of Dance

Jason Resler, Assistant Professor of Theatre
Costume Design and Makeup

ASSOCIATE FACULTY

Greta Fisher - Art, Aesthetics and Creativity; Intro to Theatre

Halana Hattery - Social Dance

Ruby Jazayre - Middle Eastern Dance

Kelly Morgan - Jazz/African Dance

Karen Pajor - Jazz/Tap Dance

Colin Raybin - Ballet

Philip Patnaude - Art, Aesthetics and Creativity; Intro to Theatre

Tim Richardson - Art, Aesthetics and Creativity; Intro to Theatre

David Seymour - Latin Dance

Biographies

Samantha Shepard (Marcy Park) is a freshman studying theatre and dance performance at IU South Bend. She was last seen in the IU South Bend Children's Theatre production of *Lilly's Purple Plastic* as Cousin Garland and Victor. Other notable credits include Dr. Levy in *Execution of Justice* and The Narrator in *Red Riding Hood: The Politically Correct*. She would like to thank her mom, best friend Maia, and her second mom Rebecca for giving her the love and encouragement she needs to get up every day and do what she loves.

Jillian Westplate (Costume Designer) is a senior costume technology major at IU South Bend. She looks forward to graduating soon and hopes to travel while working in theatre making unique and amazing things for production companies worldwide. She has greatly enjoyed being a crafts artisan, draper, and first hand for shows such as: *The Wind in the Willows* (IUSB, 2011), *A Christmas Carol* (IUSB 2014), and *South Pacific* (Porthouse Theatre, Kent OH, 2013), among many other shows since 2005. She would like to thank her parents and siblings, Aimee Cole, Jason Resler, and the rest of the IU South Bend Theatre faculty for their generous and unwavering support over the years.

Javon Barnes (Mitch Mahoney) is a graduate of Stanhope Elmore High School, and a transfer student from Alabama State University. He is in his senior year as a theatre major at IU South Bend. His IU South Bend Theatre and Dance Company credits include: King of France in *King Lear*, Francis Flute aka "Thisby" in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Clerk in *Execution of Justice*, Stagehand in *Kiss Me, Kate*, and Bob Cratchitt in *A Christmas Carol*.

Emily Beck (Rona/Olive Mom) is a graduate of Riley High School, and in her senior year as a theatre performance major at IU South Bend. Her IU South Bend Theatre and Dance Company credits include: Wardrobe Lady/Ensemble in *Kiss Me, Kate*, Berthe in *Pippin*, Aunt Em in *The Wizard of Oz*, and Little Buttercup in *H.M.S Pinafore*. Some of her favorite outside credits include Punchy the Munchkin/Cornelius in *The Wizard of Oz* and Sheriff Witherspoon in *Johnny Appleseed* at The Lerner Theatre; Yenchna in *Fools*, Narrator/Snow in The Bethel College Genesians Drama Troupe and Ensemble in *Jane Eyre* at Bethel College. She has participated in the Irene Ryan acting competition at KCACTF and has also done property design, light board operator, soundboard operator, assistant stage management, and stage management at IU South Bend. She would like to thank her family and friends for all of their love and support. This has been an incredible experience and she is so proud to be a part of this ensemble and to work with an amazing director. She thanks you for the many wonderful memories.

Jacob Kramer (Leaf Coneybear/Carl Dad) is majoring in acting performance and is a sophomore. He attended high school at Penn High School in Mishawaka, and attended his first year of college at IU Bloomington before transferring up to IU South Bend. Jacob performed in a production with IU Bloomington Opera in which he was one of the chorus members in *La Traviata*. He has also recently been in South Bend Civic Theatre's production of *The Producers* in which he was one of the members of Roger's production team. His favorite role to date is Branislav in Penn High School's production of Robert Fulgham's *All I Really Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*. He received an Excellence in Achievement Award in Musical Theatre Duet at the State Theatre Competition his senior year of High School.

Jordyn Nutting (Schwarzzy) is a graduate of Elkhart Central High School, and in her junior year as a theatre major at IU South Bend. Her IU South Bend Theatre and Dance Company credits include Raphael in *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse*, Belle Fezziwig, Martha Cratchit, Belinda Cratchit and Scrooge's sister in *A Christmas Carol*, Denise Apar, Young Mother, and Dr. Lunde in *Execution of Justice*, Puck in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Dance Captain in *Kiss Me, Kate*, Moth in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Jordyn in *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)*, Cordelia in *King Lear*, Dorothy in *The Wizard of Oz*, Player in *Pippin*, and Gertrude Lindsay in *Smash*. Other favorite credits include Elizabeth in the short film *The Prey* written and directed by Daniel Blevins, and Patty Simcox in *Grease* with Premier Arts. She would like to thank God for blessing her with the incredible support system that is her wonderful family, especially her

beautiful mother who has been there through every peak and every valley, encouraging her to keep her head up and continue following her dreams. She cannot put into words the amount of love she has for each and every one of you.

Brad Pontius (William Barfee) is a graduate of Mishawaka High School and in his third year as a theatre performance major at IU South Bend. His IU South Bend Theatre and Dance Company credits include Harry/Baptista in *Kiss Me, Kate*, one of the Players in *Pippin*, Nick Bottom in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Norman in *Execution of Justice*, Jacob Marley in *A Christmas Carol*, Mr. Jansenius in *SMASH*, Punchy the Munchkin in *The Wizard of Oz*, and The Duke of Albany in *King Lear*. Other favorite credits include Multiple Ensemble Roles in New York Theatre Intensive's *Night of Short Plays* (New York City), Nice Guy Eddie in *Reservoir Dogs* with American Academy of Dramatic Arts (Los Angeles), Stage Manager of *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare Abridged*, authored *A Beautiful Doll* which premiered at IU South Bend, and Sergeant Fogarty in *Chicago* (Summerfly). He hopes to perform theatre in Europe this summer in Austria and Greece, as well as visit the Prague Quadrennial. This is his first performance with a solo in a musical and he hopes that the audience enjoys the show! He would like to thank his Mom and Dad who are the reason he works so hard and whom he loves very much, Jenn and David who lit the passion for theatre, and his friends who have seen him through dark times. He thanks you all, you are all the best inspiration to live.