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## General Information

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### **BOX OFFICE**

Monday-Friday

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Also open one hour before curtain time.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

Offices are located off the main lobby. Executive Director, Administrative Assistant and Bookkeeper can be reached directly at (814) 432-5196. A staff or board member is available at every event.

### **ACCESSIBILITY**

A wheelchair is available in the lobby. Restroom facilities off the lobby are accessible. Guide dogs will be accommodated. Assistive Listening

Devices are available free-of-charge. Please inquire through the Box Office.

### **LOST AND FOUND**

Found items are held in the Box Office.

### **RESTROOMS**

Restrooms are located off the lobby and Little Theatre.

### **STAGE AREA**

Restricted to performers, staff and authorized visitors.

### **FIRE EXITS**

Located at the front and rear of the auditorium and lobby. Use only in case of emergency.

# Elf the Musical

By Thomas Meehan  
and Bob Martin

Music by  
Matthew Sklar

Lyrics by  
Chad Beguelin

Based upon the New Line Cinema film written by David Berenbaum.

## Welcome to the Barrow-Civic Theatre

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We hope you enjoy the show that you are about to see! Latecomers will be seated at the discretion of the management.

Please turn off electronic devices. Per our contractual obligations with the artists and copyright laws, the use of cellphones, photography and recording devices in the theatre is prohibited. Violators may be asked to leave and may be held liable.

Please be considerate of fellow audience members and leave the theatre during the performance only during intermission or in the event of an emergency.

Patrons who bring young children are asked to ensure that children in their care do not disturb other audience members.

No smoking in the theatre or on theatre grounds.

Special seating is available for the mobility impaired and elderly. Please make this request when ordering your tickets.

When permitted by contract, discounts are available for groups of 10 or more and families of three or more on certain performances. Please contact the Box Office.

If you have concerns about the performance or facility, please contact the Executive Director. We are not responsible for the actions of individuals or damages to personal property. We will, however, attempt to help in any way we can to ensure your experience at our facility is positive.



**E** *If The Musical* is about believing - in yourself, in others, and that something special or magical is possible.

With Buddy's help, open your hearts and minds to the importance of our connections to one another. His powerful belief in Santa and the magic of Christmas helps us learn to balance our expectations and disappointments and believe in the magic that surrounds us. Let this visit with Buddy and this amazing cast help you enfold your heart around the kind of deep, true faith that Buddy and so many others in the musical cling to in order to help Santa fly and bring everyone closer with hope and love.

This cast and crew, under the music direction of the truly talented Andrea Fenske, and the strong leadership of Producers Kolby Martin, Will Price, Martha Heise, and Laura Ordaz, along with dynamic Stage Manager Jayme Wolbert, the fabulous dance moves of Choreographer Taylor Nelson, and strong piano playing of Beverly Clark and Mary Brooks, have made the undertaking magical. They are hard-working, tenacious, and talented actors, dancers, and singers who have brought my vision to life. Technical Director Jim Amero, Costumer Cheryl Heffernan, and Props Master Linda Thayer illuminate the stage with spectacular costumes, scenery, and props.



Thank you for joining this amazing cast and crew tonight as we take you to the North Pole and New York City and leave you singing and smiling.



Judy Millar  
*Director*

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## Did You Know?

Aside from producing popular plays and musicals, concerts and special events, we also offer...

### Rental Spaces

With multiple spaces and equipment available to fit your needs, let us host your next birthday party, fundraiser, reception or business conference.

### Youth Theatre Programs

Here, kids can discover and develop their creative potential in a safe and vibrant learning environment.

### Internships and Volunteer Opportunities

Gain valuable first-hand experience in areas from office administration to technical theatre.



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- Birthday Parties
- Business Conferences

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From theatrical performances to big-screen presentations, our Main Stage auditorium offers large capacity seating with a variety of technical systems suitable for larger events.

### LITTLE THEATRE

With a stage, bar and room for 65 guests, our Little Theatre is a great space for parties and smaller events.

### MAIN LOBBY

Complete with a concessions bar, our lobby is a great place to hold a fundraiser or gala event, with tables and chairs available for use.

# Cast

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BUDDY	Ian Best
JOVIE	Madison Wakefield
WALTER HOBBS	Kevin Fox
EMILY HOBBS	Carol Brown
MICHAEL HOBBS	Kyel Harry
DEB	Brooke Lawrie
MANAGER/ENSEMBLE/DANCER	Angela Higby
MR. GREENWAY/ENSEMBLE	Tyler Best
SANTA CLAUS	Max Miller
MRS. CLAUS/ENSEMBLE/DANCER	Donna Tarleton
CHARLOTTE/ENSEMBLE/ MRS. CLAUS (UNDERSTUDY)	Rebekah Askey
CHARLIE/ELF/ENSEMBLE/DANCER	Lily Mendoza
TIARA/ENSEMBLE	Aoife Salusky
FAKE SANTA/ENSEMBLE	Gavin Empson
ELF/MATTHEWS/DANCER	Chris Warner
CHADWICK/DANCER/ENSEMBLE	Jenny Jack
SAM/ENSEMBLE	Jackie Higby
ELF/ENSEMBLE/DANCER	Savannah Rodgers
ELF/ENSEMBLE/DANCER	Emilie Weaver
ELF/DANCER	Cameron Whitling
ELF/ENSEMBLE	Alaina Beers
ELF/ENSEMBLE	Logan Welms
ELF/DANCER	Dominic Hawke
ELF/ENSEMBLE/DANCER	Ava West
ENSEMBLE/DANCER	Heather Hondel
ENSEMBLE/DANCER	Kaylee Hibbard
ENSEMBLE/DANCER	Angie Higby
ELF/SANTA LINE/FAMILY	Maci Colwell

# Production Team

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**STAGE DIRECTOR**

Judy Millar

**MUSIC DIRECTOR**

Andrea Fenske

**CHOREOGRAPHER**

Taylor Nelson

**PRODUCERS**

Martha Heise

Kolby Martin

Will Price

Laura Ordaz

**TECHNICAL DIRECTOR**

James Amero

**STAGE MANAGER**

Jayne Wolbert

**LIGHTING DESIGN**

Michael Palumbo

**LIGHTING EXECUTION**

Brianna Barnett

**SOUND EXECUTION**

Zack Dempsey

**PROJECTIONS****OPERATOR**

Brandon Huff

**FLY OPERATORS**

Aaron Ritzig

Andrew Ritzig

**SPOTLIGHT OPERATOR**

Ashlynn Cornmesser

**STAGE CREW**

Elizabeth Amero

Tristan Fox

Delaney Peterson

Aaron Ritsig

Andrew Ritsig

Alyssa Wright

Chelsey Wright

Emily Wright

Madyson Wright

**HAIR**

Jenny Jack

**COSTUMER**

Cheryl Heffernan

**PROPS MASTER**

Linda Thayer

**SET ART WORK**

Stephen Leccia

Jayne Wolbert

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Carol Brown

Andrea Fenske

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# Orchestra

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**CONDUCTOR**

Andrea Fenske

**FLUTE/PICCOLO**

Stephanie Adams

**BASSOON/TROMBONE**

Rae Connolly

**REHEARSAL PIANIST/  
PIANO**

Beverly Clark

**CLARINET/  
SAXOPHONE**

Mary Beth Hutchinson

**TRUMPET**

Terri Wittreich

**KEYBOARD**

Mary Brooks

**BASS**

Wendall Holmes

**REEDS**

Armond Walters

**PERCUSSION**

Beth West

## SPECIAL THANKS

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*The producers and production staff of Elf the Musical would like to send a big THANK YOU to the following community members for their outstanding support in this production!*

In honor of Joyce & Gordon Clark

Baillie Lumber

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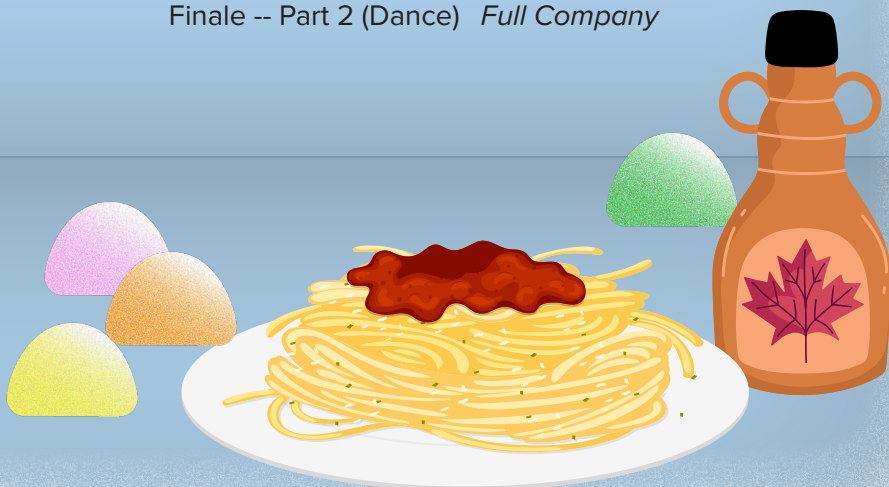
# Act One

Happy All The Time	<i>Santa, Buddy, Elves</i>
Not Happy All The Time	<i>Buddy</i>
World's Greatest Dad	<i>Buddy</i>
In The Way	<i>Deb, Walter, Emily, Michael, Ensemble</i>
Sparklejollytwinklejingley (Part 1)	<i>Buddy, Jovie, Manager</i>
SparkleJolly Dance	<i>Buddy, Jovie, Manager, Ensemble</i>
Goodnight Jovie	<i>Buddy</i>
I'll Believe In You	<i>Michael, Emily</i>
In The Way -- Reprise	<i>Emily, Walter</i>
Just Like Him	<i>Buddy, Deb, Walter, Ensemble</i>
A Christmas Song	<i>Buddy, Jovie, Ensemble</i>
World's Greatest Dad (Reprise)	<i>Buddy, Ensemble</i>

*There will be a 15 minute  
intermission between acts.*

# Act Two

- Nobody Cares About Santa *Buddy, Manager, Santas*  
Never Fall in Love (With An Elf) *Jovie*  
    There Is A Santa Claus *Michael, Emily*  
    The Story of Buddy *Buddy, Walter, Greenway,  
    Deb, Michael, Emily,  
    Matthews, Chadwick,  
    Ensemble*  
The Story of Buddy -- Playoff *Walter, Deb, Michael,  
Emily, Greenway, Buddy,  
Ensemble*  
Nobody Cares (Santa's Reprise) *Santa*  
    A Christmas Song -- Reprise *Jovie, Walter, Michael,  
    Emily, Buddy, Ensemble*  
    Finale -- Part 1 *Buddy, Jovie, Walter,  
    Emily, Michael, Santa*  
    Finale -- Part 2 (Dance) *Full Company*



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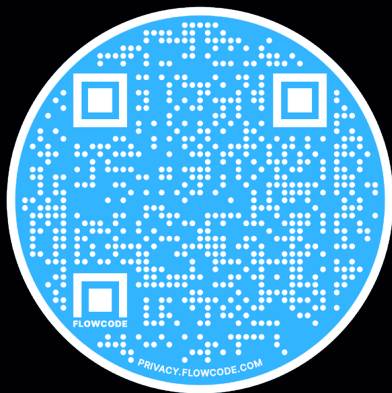
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## **Austin Armstrong (Police)**

Austin is new to the Barrow family. This is his first show ever. He is incredibly excited to be in the FCOA's production of *Elf*. When

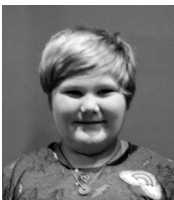
he isn't at rehearsal you can find him gaming and working on computers. He wants to thank Judy and the producers for the opportunity to be in this show. He also wants to thank his girlfriend, who is also in the show, for introducing him to theatre.



## **Rebekah Askey (Charlotte/Ensemble/ Mrs. Claus understudy)**

Rebekah Askey is a home-schooled senior from Sigel, and has been performing for as long as she can

remember. Starting out with a stage fashioned from a mix of bunk beds and jump ropes, she along with friends soon upgraded to recording videos with an actual camera. Then it wasn't long until she inevitably landed on the public stage. She had since been in more than 15 shows to date, including a villager role in *Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies*, and the evil Jemma in *Aladdin and His Wonderful, Magical Lamp*, here at the Barrow. Rebekah is beyond thankful to have a place in *Elf the Musical* and plans to pursue acting and music as a career, so "Wish me luck!"



## **Alaina Beers (Elf/ Ensemble)**

Alaina is a fourth grade student at Hasson Elementary. This is her second appearance on the Barrow-Civic Theatre stage. She

found a love of theatre in her first ever performance in *The Wizard of Oz*. Alaina plays on a local softball team, and when she's not in the theatre or on the field you can find her gaming or editing on the computer.



## **Ian Best (Buddy)**

Ian could not be more excited to bring Buddy the Elf to life on the Barrow stage! Ian has recently been seen as The Cowardly Lion, Shrek, Gaston, and

countless others. He would like to thank Judy and Andrea for all of their help throughout the process. He would also especially like to thank Taylor for all of the help, support, and patience while teaching choreography, because it is well known that he has two left feet. He would lastly like to thank his friends and family for all the love and support during this busy holiday season.



## **Tyler Best (Mr. Greenway/ Ensemble)**

Tyler is excited to be back on the Barrow stage following the theatre's 'extended intermission' during

the pandemic. He became involved at the Barrow in 2018, narrating *A Christmas Story-The Musical*. He enjoyed it so much that in 2019 he returned in the role of Juror #4 in the Off-Barrow drama *Twelve Angry Men* and in 2020 he was in *Anne of Green Gables* portraying Matthew Cuthbert. *Elf the Musical* has been a fun and enjoyable challenge, as it's been his first production requiring him to learn some singing and dancing on stage! As always, he is grateful and humbled to be part of this talented and energetic cast and production team. He sends a huge thank you to his wife,

Kim, and children Carter and Kennedy for letting him dedicate so much time to rehearsing this show; and a thank you to Deanna Wolfong, voice instructor at Porch Music Store in Franklin, for a little training and confidence to "spread some Christmas cheer by singing loud for all to hear!" It is his sincere hope that getting to watch this classic Holiday movie live on stage brightens your Christmas season!



**Carol Brown (Emily)**

Carol is proud to be back on stage at the Barrow-Civic, having just performed as part of FCOA's recent production *Together Again for the First Time*. Carol's previous roles include Miss Farrell in *Annie*, Meg Boyd in *Damn Yankees*, Amy in *Company*, and Mrs. Baskin in *Big the Musical*. Among her fondest memories are the shows where she shared the stage with her husband, Jeff Brown, in shows such as *A Grand Night for Singing*, *All Night Strut*, *The Secret Garden*, *Grease* (stage manager), and of course, *Forever Plaid* (stage manager). As a former member of FCOA's Board of Directors for many years, Carol has produced many shows and has also directed *Forever Plaid* and *Plaid Tidings*. She thanks her husband and family for their support and also the cast and crew of *Elf* for making new memories with her in this production.



**Maci Colwell (Elf/  
Santa Line/Family)**

Maci is excited and humbled to appear in FCOA's production of *Elf*, as her first musical experience. Maci is the daughter of Cody and Rachel Colwell of Emlenton, and she has a sister, Emma. Maci is in third grade at Keystone Elementary, where her favorite subject is math. She enjoys playing sports, especially soccer, softball

and hockey. In her spare time she likes to sing and dance and play with her sister, cousins and dogs. She has enjoyed watching the Barrow shows over the last 7 years, watching her cousins Ian Best, Janelle Sloan and Bret Sloan, as well as aunt Susan Seth perform, and can't wait to follow in their footsteps.



**Gavin Empson (Fake  
Santa/Ensemble)**

What can be said about Gavin that isn't already perceived as legend? Fresh out of high school and ready to sink his teeth into the next big show. He may smell like beef and cheese, but you can bet that he's here to please. Previously, you may have caught him in the Barrow's production of *The Wizard of Oz* as the Scarecrow. Contrary to popular belief, Gavin is immune to most forms of electricity. Gavin is so excited to be a part of such a jolly cast. He'd like to tell the rest of the cast to "Break a leg! Or a toe!"



**Kevin Fox (Walter)**

Kevin Fox has enjoyed theatre since his high school days at OCHS. He has missed being on stage the last couple of years due to Covid. This is his first show since *The Seussified Christmas Carol* in 2019. He has been on the Barrow stage for several productions including *Big Fish*, *It's A Wonderful Life Radio Show*, *Willy Wonka*, *Shrek the Musical*, *Mary Poppins*, *A Christmas Carol*, and *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*. He has so enjoyed working with the cast and crew in this production and hopes to spend a lot more time on stage in the future! Kevin sends a big thank you to his wife, Tonya, and his children for putting up with him during tech week and acting alongside him in many shows.

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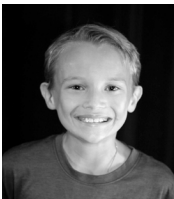
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## **Kyel Harry (Michael)**

Getting to play Michael has been a goal for Kyel since the show was announced last year. He was overjoyed that the opportunity came again with

the reopening and is thrilled to do it as a member of such a wonderful cast. Kyel is a ninth grade student at Rocky Grove High School. *Elf* is his fifth show in a row since the theatre reopened this summer, having previously participated in the youth theatre camp show, *Together Again for the First Time*, the Red Eye Theatre Project and *The Wizard of Oz*. Throughout the years he has done a number of other shows, including the title role in the Youth Theatre production of *Aladdin* right before the shutdown. When he is not hanging around the theatre like it's his second home, he enjoys playing basketball with friends, singing in the Select Choir at school, and running track. He wants to give a special thanks to Judy and Andrea for trusting him with the part of disbelieving little brother, a role he was quite possibly born to play. (Right Keller?)



## **Dominic Hawke (Elf/Dancer)**

This is Dominic's very first time on the Barrow-Civic Theatre stage. He is in the third grade. When he isn't on stage, he likes to sing, dance, play soccer, and ride his bike. His sister does theatre and gave him the courage to audition for *Elf*. He's excited this is his first show! Dominic says to tell the audience, "thank you for watching!"



## **Kaylee Hibbard (Ensemble/Dancer)**

Kaylee has been doing theatre since she was eight years old. She has performed in *Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies*,

*Pinocchio*, *On the Shoulders of Gaints*, *Little Mermaid* (youth), *Treasure Island*, *The Wright Brothers*, and *Doo-Wop Wed Widing Hood*. In her free time Kaylee plays the flute and takes jazz, tap, pre-point, and modern/lyrical dance lessons at Thomas School of Dance. She has been dancing since the age of three and playing the flute for almost four years. Kaylee attends Oil City Middle School and is a part of the eighth and sixth grade W.E.B. program. She enjoys camping and going to the beach with her family. Kaylee Hibbard is looking forward to the show and wishes her cast mates the best of luck!



## **Angela Higby (Manager/Ensemble/Dancer)**

Angela Higby is excited to perform on stage in one of her favorite holiday shows.

Two years ago, she was Mrs. Cratchit in Barrow's *Seussified Christmas Carol*. She was also in *Anne of Green Gables*. She is excited to be on stage with her daughter and to continue the holiday tradition. Angela is a social emotional skills teacher for children with Autism and other behavioral needs at St. Stephen's Lutheran Academy. She also teaches English online to children in China. When she is not teaching, she enjoys spending quality time with her family. Break a leg cast and crew.



**Jackie Higby (Sam/  
Ensemble)**

Jackie is a graduate from Lincoln Park Performing Arts Charter School. She is excited to be back on stage after

performing as Diana Barry in *Anne of Green Gables*, which was performed at the beginning of the pandemic. She was Ghost of Christmas Present in Barrow's *A Seussified Christmas Carol*. She also had an ensemble role in FCOA's production *The Music Man*. She has performed in over 30 productions. She has been on several stages like FCOA: Red Barn Players, Butler Little Theatre, Hobnob, and Missoula Children's Theatre to name a few. Some of her roles include: Sponge in *James and the Giant Peach*, White Rabbit in *Alice in Wonderland*, Much Muscles, Mad Hatter, Belinda Cratchet, and a Troll under the bridge. She also was an Arcade Kid in the Netflix Series *Mindhunter*. When she is not acting, she enjoys spending time with her family, friends and her dogs. Jackie is also a Grand Officer of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls. She is excited to play the role of Sam and looks forward to future shows.



**Heather Hondel  
(Ensemble/Dancer)**

Heather is excited to share the stage with such a wonderful cast. Her most recent musical involvement was

as choreographer for Cranberry High School's Musical Showcase. Her past Barrow performances include ensemble roles in *Grease*, *Big Fish*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Mary Poppins*, and *The Little Mermaid*. Heather's high school musical experiences include *Back to the 80s* (Ensemble), *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown* (co-choreographer, ensemble), *The Wizard of Oz* (choreographer,

ensemble), and *Beauty and the Beast* (choreographer, Enchantress, ensemble). Additionally, she has choreographed every CHS show since she graduated in 2017. She would like to thank the production team for their flexibility and allowing her this opportunity, everyone involved with this production for all of their hard work, her dad for all of his love and support, and her mom who has always encouraged her and who will be watching her perform from Heaven for the first time. Most importantly, Heather would like to thank her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, for her talents and abilities.



**Jenny Jack (Mrs.  
Chadwick/Dancer/  
Ensemble) (Hair)**

Jenny is excited to be a part of the Christmas classic *Elf*. Jenny had been involved in several

FCOA productions, some include *Wizard of Oz* as Glinda and Auntie Em, *Crazy for You* as Patricia, *Music Man* as Ethel Toffelmire, *Little Women* as Meg, *Willy Wonka*, *A Seussified Christmas Carol*, *Alice in Wonderland*, *Messiah*, etc. Jenny has also done hair and makeup for many of the Barrow shows, which she enjoys immensely. Jenny has also choreographed at the theatre for shows including *Godspell* and *Tom Sawyer*. Thank you to Judy for the opportunity to be a part of this show! She would also like to thank everyone for their love, support and encouragement! Thank you to the cast, crew, production staff, and directors for all of their hard work. Remember "The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear!" Treat everyday as if it is Christmas! Have a very Merry Christmas!

# Biographies

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## **Brooke Lawrie (Deb)**

Brooke is ecstatic to be dancing her way back on the BCT stage as the quirky and energetic Deb! She is no stranger to the stage and has worn many hats here at the Barrow including actor, director, stage manager, producer, and her newest title, a member of the FCOA Board of Directors. Her most recent project was working as one of the producers of the 2021 Applefest production of the *Wizard of Oz*. When Brooke is not at the theatre, she is either working at Northpointe Automotive or snuggling at home with her fiancé, Cory and her two cats Leroy and Daisy. Brooke is extremely humbled to be taking the stage with this dynamic cast and would like to thank the entire production team for working so hard to put this production on and for giving the community that much needed magic and joy through *Elf*. Enjoy the show and happy holidays!



## **Lily Mendoza (Charlie/Elf/Ensemble/Dancer)**

Lily is excited to be back at the Barrow for her third performance. Previously, she appeared in FCOA Youth Theatre productions *Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies* as a scout and *The Little Mermaid* as a shark. Lily is an eighth grader at OCMS, where she is participating in cheer, volleyball, soccer, chorus, and is a web leader. Lily has also participated in gymnastics for the Oil City YMCA Tri-stars and volunteered as an assistant coach for fundamentals gymnastics. She has been practicing her singing and dancing to k-pop (korean pop) since the age of 5, which has inspired her plans for the future to eventually move to South Korea to

become a K-pop artist. Lily would like to thank everyone involved who made this production possible for such an enjoyable experience.



## **Max Miller (Santa)**

This is Max's second performance with the Barrow-Civic Theatre. His first was *The Wizard of Oz*, and what a magical time it was. Although he's new to the scene in Franklin, he's been a long-time theatre nerd in South Florida. Some of his favorite roles are King Herod in *Jesus Christ Superstar*, Tony in *West Side Story*, Willard in *Footloose*, and Officer Lockstock in *Urinetown*. Max is so pumped to portray the big man himself in this production with such an amazing cast.



## **Raquel Ivy Myers (Police)**

Raquel is no stranger on the stage. After a two year hiatus, she is back to the Barrow and on stage again. You may have last seen her in *The Music Man*. Some of her favorite FCOA productions she has been in or done stage crew for include *The Producers*, *Crazy for You*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, and *Big Fish*. When Raquel is not at the Barrow and has free time she is either gaming or out in nature on a hike. She would like to thank Judy for being such an amazing director and putting on such a fun and amazing show. She would also like to thank Austin for doing the show with her and wants him to "breaks a leg" tonight. Thank you so much for coming to see the show!



**Savannah Rodgers  
(Elf/Ensemble/Dancer)**

Savannah Rodgers, 13, of Oil City, Pennsylvania is an eighth grader at Oil City Middle School. She recently made her

theatrical debut on stage when she was in the 2021 AppleFest production of *The Wizard of Oz* as a Munchkin, Poppy and Ozian. Savannah has taken five years of dance at Studio 22, cheered three years for the Oil City Lil' Drillers, Girl Scouts, and is currently in her fifth year of being on a USAG gymnastics competition team at Rogers Gym. When she is not flipping around or Tiktok-ing, she enjoys spending time with her friends and family. Savannah would like to thank everyone that supports her love for the theatre and has attended her shows. With Christmas being one of her favorite holidays, she is excited to be a part of *Elf The Musical* alongside an amazing cast.



**Aoife Salusky (Tiara/  
Ensemble)**

Aoife is elated to have the opportunity to spread Christmas cheer with the cast and production team of *Elf the Musical*. She has

previously portrayed Dorothy in FCOA's *The Wizard of Oz*, Princess Jasmine in *Aladdin & His Wonderful, Magical Lamp*, Little Red in *Doo-Wop Wed Widing Hood*, and an evil shark in *The Little Mermaid*. She has also performed the role of Elmer in *Newsies* at her high school. Aoife is a freshman at Clarion Area High School, where she is a member of Clarion Singers and a mental health advocate for Come Together Clarion. Outside of school, Aoife enjoys performing with HOLeY Jeans Youth Choir and at Open Mic Nights. She is a teen facilitator for Little Leaders in which she helps elementary girls develop leadership and civic engagement skills.



**Donna Tarleton (Mrs.  
Claus/Ensemble/  
Dancer)**

Donna Tarleton is pleased to be part of FCOA's production of *Elf the Musical*. This is her second

performance in an FCOA production, the last one being many years ago. She has performed in several Oil City Playhouse productions. She thoroughly enjoyed getting to know this talented cast and would like to thank them for helping her through the dances.



**Madison Wakefield  
(Jovie)**

Madison is thrilled to step into the shoes of one of her favorite characters, Jovie. Most recently, Madison performed in the

Barrow productions *The Wizard of Oz* and *Together Again For the First Time*. She has appeared in other shows in Titusville such as *The Little Mermaid*, *Annie Jr.*, *Shrek*, and *Aladdin Jr.* She would like to thank Deanna from Porch Music Store for helping her along the way. Madison is excited to be working with the amazing cast and crew of *Elf*. Madison hopes that you enjoy the show and keep your Christmas spirit high!



**Chris Warner (Elf/  
Matthews/Dancer)**

Chris is 15 years old and in 10th grade at Titusville High School. Chris is a part of band, choir, and student council. He enjoys

dancing and doing gymnastics. While participating in summer theatre and school productions, this is Chris's first FCOA production, and he is excited for the audience to see the show. Chris loves being involved with *Elf* and spending time with the cast. He can tell this is going to be a snow stopping production!

# Biographies

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## **Emilie Weaver (Elf/ Ensemble/Dancer)**

Emilie is so excited to be in her third production at the Barrow, now as a 5'8" elf! She was in her first musical 10 years

ago at age seven and hasn't stopped since. She currently studies voice and piano at RocSato Conservatory of Music at Hillhurst. Offstage, she is a writer and has had seven of her short-length plays performed in the Meadville area, and has served as student music director with FCCT in Meadville. Some of her favorite past roles include Rapunzel in *Into the Woods*, the titular role in *Anastasia*, and Miss Honey in *Matilda*.



## **Logan Welms (Elf/ Ensemble)**

Logan is very honored and humbled to appear on stage again and to be a part of FCOA's production of *Elf The Musical*.

Logan has participated in several FCOA Youth productions as well as *A Seussified Christmas Carol*. He recently played a Munchkin and Flying Monkey in The FCOA Applefest production of *The Wizard of Oz*. Logan is a sixth grade student at the Oil City Middle School. He plays the trumpet in the sixth grade band. Logan has also taken ukulele lessons at Porch Music for over two years and is a member of HOLEY Jeans. Logan would like to thank the entire production staff and tech crew for their hard work and dedication. To the cast, enjoy the bright lights and break many legs!



## **Ava West (Elf/ Ensemble/Dancer)**

Ava is so excited to partake in *Elf*. Most recently, she was in *Wizard of Oz* here at the Barrow. Along with this, she was in

*Footloose* and *Seussical* for the Rocky Grove/Franklin High School musicals. Ava is so thankful for the friends she's made these past couple of months, and for all the fun she's had.



## **Cameron Whitting (Elf/Dancer)**

Cameron is the son of Ed and Molly Whitting and is a sixth grade student at the Valley Grove Elementary School. Cam has been

involved in the FCOA Youth Theatre for many years. He was in the ensembles of *No Strings Attached- A Pinocchio Story* and *The Little Mermaid*. Cam was also Sultan's Assistant in *Aladdin*, as well as the Big Bad Wolf in *The Granny Awards*. Recently, Cameron took the BCT stage in *The Wizard of Oz*, where he played a member of the Lollipop Guild and Nikko, the Wicked Witch's right hand flying monkey. He also performed in the popular family classic, *A Christmas Story*, as well as, *A Seussified Christmas Carol*. Cam would like to thank the tech crew and orchestra for all of their hard behind the scenes work. To all of his *Elf* Family: Break a leg and Happy Holidays!



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# Franklin-Civic Operetta Association's 2022 Mainstage Season

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## **The Crucible**

*Mar. 18, 19, 25, 26 at 7:30pm | Mar. 20, 27 at 2:00pm*

*The Crucible* is set in a dark time in history where there is confining apparel, challenging proper social etiquette and mass hysteria. During the Salem witch trials, a farmer's wife is maliciously accused of witchcraft by their servant. In this society, those who do not conform to the norm are a threat to the public good. **PG13.**



## **Cabaret**

*Apr. 29, 30, May 6, & 7 at 7:30pm | May 1, 8 at 2:00pm*

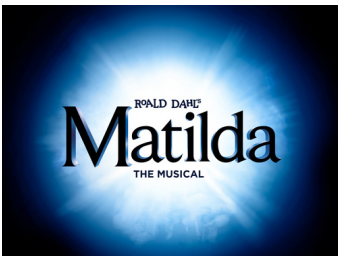
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## **Something Rotten**

*July 8, 9, 15, 16 at 7:30pm | July 10, 17 at 2:00pm*

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## **Matilda the Musical**

*Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 6, 7, 8 at 7:30pm | Oct. 2 at 2:00pm*

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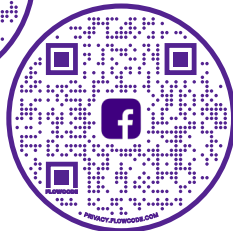
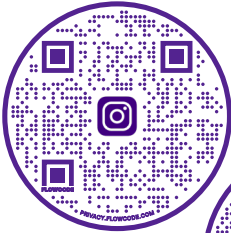
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# From our Executive Director

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Welcome to the theatre, friends!

It's been a few months since we reopened our doors, and it's so exciting to raise the curtain again on a full-scale show! To say these last 18 months have been a struggle would be an understatement. While we are still working through uncertain challenges, I thank you for taking the opportunity to join us for a show!

Our Board of Directors and staff continue to work tirelessly to complete the tasks of keeping the building open to the public. We have made every effort to keep our Barrow Family as safe



as possible, and that includes you! Nobody wants to wear a face covering anymore, and our hands are sore from all the washing and sanitizer, but it's our new reality. While

our community remains in the “substantial” or “high” rate of COVID-19 transmission, our mask mandate will remain in place. We all appreciate you doing your part to allow us to remain open, doing shows, and keeping our staff, volunteers and other patrons safe.

Please be sure to reach out to myself, or any member of the board, with questions, comments, or concerns. We need to hear from our community as we transition back to a sense of “normal” here at the theatre. We will continue monitoring things closely, and make necessary adjustments to capacity and restrictions for our upcoming shows.

May you and yours stay safe & healthy!

Best regards,

**Zachary S. Covington**  
Executive Director

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# Franklin Civic Operetta Association

## Mission Statement

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The Franklin Civic Operetta Association is committed to providing leadership and education in cultural development and performing arts to the region, striving to create a legacy of quality entertainment by tapping the resources of all age groups and encouraging the pursuit of artistic talents.

## Vision Statement

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The Barrow-Civic Theatre is committed to being a leader in the cultural growth, diversity and vitality of the region. Our vision is to provide expanding opportunities for quality programming and entertainment for a broad-based audience while maintaining financial stability.

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# A COVID- 19 Update for Our Valued Patrons:

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The Barrow-Civic Theatre is excited to welcome audiences back into our auditorium this fall! We have spent the last several weeks and months tracking the positive and negative COVID testing results and deaths in our area. In addition, we are studying the CDC, PA Dept. of Health, and Venango County guidelines on a regular, ongoing basis. As we reopen, it is paramount that we do all we can to provide a safe environment for our patrons, volunteers and staff, visitors, and performers. We are making every effort to mitigate the spread of the virus within our building.

**POLICY:**

Vaccinations are highly recommended. We recommend that all guests who fall into the eligible categories as defined by the CDC become vaccinated as soon as possible. At this time, proof of vaccination is not required to enter our building.

**Masks are a requirement in the building.** All guests, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a face covering over their nose and mouth in the building while the CDC’s community transmission rate in Venango County remains in the “substantial” or “high”

categories. Approved face coverings include masks made of tightly-woven and layered fabric. Surgical masks and KN95 masks are also approved face coverings. Gaiters, bandanas, ski masks, scarves, or vented masks are not approved facial protective coverings. Face shields are appropriate if you are unable to wear a face mask.

Approved face coverings are available upon request for those guests who enter without one.

We would like to thank all of our patrons for their patience and understanding as we work through the process of returning to live theatre. Please join us as we all do our part to mitigate the spread of the virus within the theatre. Please monitor your health and the health of your family. If you feel ill for any reason, please do not come to the theatre. Your health and safety, and that of our other patrons, our artists, and our staff is our highest priority.

We certainly appreciate your cooperation as we work to reopen our theatre as safely as possible!

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# Barrow-Civic Theatre Covid-19 Protocol

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Please help us keep each other safe during this uncertain public health crisis.

The COVID-19 pandemic is evolving daily, and adjustments are needed regularly, so that we may continue to gather together in our theatre.

If you or a member of your party are experiencing symptoms related to COVID-19, please refrain from entering the auditorium.

At this time:

- Please wear a face covering over your mouth and nose.
- Please continue to physical distance when moving throughout the building.
- There are hand sanitizer stations available for your use throughout the building.
- Please do not gather in large groups in the Main Lobby. If you would like to meet your favorite performer, please do so in a location outside of the building.

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As a precondition to your admission onto the premises of The Barrow-Civic Theatre (“Company”) for *Elf the Musical* (the “Event”), you and Company agree to the following:

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