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SOPHIA BISLIG (Beth Bradley) is a junior at Xaverian High School. She is on the Speech and Debate Team, Select Band, Select Chorus, Campus Ministry, Stage Crew, Clipper Society, Clippers In Action, and participates in Kindness Club at her school. This is her 4th NCT show(!) After spending some time behind the scenes helping out with multiple shows including Seussical, Carrie, and Music Man, she is excited and ready to kick off the Christmas season on stage again!

SARAH CAPIELLO (Grace Bradley) is thrilled to be returning to the stage after seven years away! She was last seen in NCT's 2017 production of A Wonderful Life as Mary Bailey. Some of her other favorite credits include Annie Get Your Gun, South Pacific, Seussical, Oklahoma!, and A Christmas Carol. She would like to offer huge thanks to the cast, crew, and creative team, as well as much love to the family and friends who have always been her biggest supporters! To the audience—enjoy the show! It's going to be the BEST ever! Luke 2:11.

LUCIA CARDONE (Gladys Herdman) is thrilled to join the cast of The Best Christmas Pageant Ever at Narrows Community Theater. She is a fourth grader from Bay Ridge, and recently performed as Winky the House Elf and Cho Chang in Harry Potter IV with Vermont Youth Theater and as Rabbit in Winnie the Pooh with Staten Island Children's Theater. Lucia also trains at Dimensions on Stage and plays basketball at St. Anselm's. She is grateful for all the support and encouragement from her parents, family and friends!

NOLA CARLSEN (Featured Ensemble) is excited to make her debut with Narrows Community Theatre as part of the ensemble in The Best Christmas Pageant Ever. She previously performed in Poly Prep's summer camp production of Drum Dream Girl. Outside of theatre, Nola enjoys traveling, fashion, and is a big fan of Harry Potter and Star Wars. She thanks the cast, crew, and director for their support.

INDY CHATTIN-THOMPSON (Ralph Herdman) is a junior in the drama program of Edward R. Murrow High School. He's performed in Murrow's productions of "Murder on the Orient Express" and "Les Misérables". He's also a member of the Youth Company of the Iroindale Ensemble Project, an experimental theater company based in Brooklyn. This is his second production with NCT, having performed in NCT's "Seussical" this year.

KAYLA CONDON (Featured Ensemble) is so excited to be a part of Pageant. She attends Fort Hamilton High School, and this is her second production with NCT. She has been in many others such as Willy Wonka Jr., Highschool Musical Jr., and The Little Mermaid Jr. Kayla would also like to thank her friends and family for supporting her.

KERRIGAN FITZPATRICK (Cabaret Dancer) is a junior in the Dramatic Arts Academy at Fort Hamilton H.S. She is a member of the International Thespian Society and an officer in her troupe. Past performances include the Dance Ensemble in "Prom," for which she won an award for the "best ensemble performance musical," "She Kills Monsters" as Farrah the Farrie/ Evil Tina, and Teary Girl/Dance Ensemble for Mean Girls, for which she won the "Hammie" award for "BEST ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE IN A MUSICAL." Kerrigan has been with NCT for the past 3 years and was Uncle Henry/ensemble in "The Wizard of Oz," Maud Dunlop in "Music Man," Featured Ensemble in "The Christmas Carol," Fox/Ensemble in "Cinderella", and Mayzie La Bird in "Seussical." Kerrigan also choreographed the first young adult NCT show, Carrie. Kerrigan played Alicia in the short film "The Shade" and the granddaughter in the trailer for "Tokens." Kerrigan is so excited to be part of the pre-show. She wants to thank Chris and Joanne and the cast for this experience.

NICOLE GRIECO (Mrs. Clark) is so excited to be part of a NCT show for the first time! She has loved performing in community theater since childhood with the former Strivelli Players and Ridge Chorale (Les Miserables, The Producers, Mary Poppins). In recent years she has been an active member of brooklynONE in Industry City, appearing in Romeo & Juliet, A Midsummer Night's Dream, As You Like It, the One-Acts/ New Works Festivals, and Night of the Living Dead.

FIONA GUTKIN (Featured Ensemble) is over the moon to be in her first show. Fiona attends 5th grade in Good Shepherd Catholic Academy. She loves to sing, dance, and have fun with her friends and she is really excited to now do it on a stage.

KAYANNA HARRIS (Doris, Baby Angel) is in the 3rd grade at PS/IS 104, The Fort Hamilton School, in Brooklyn, this will be her first ever production and she's very excited to be a part of it!



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KAYDENCE HARRIS (Beverly), is in the 8th grade at PS/IS 104 in Brooklyn. She was Featured Ensemble in the Narrows Community Theater production of *Seussical* this past summer. She also has been a part of two productions at PS/IS 104, first *Beauty and the Beast Jr.* and the following year in *Wonka Jr.*

HAILEY JOHNSON (Cabaret Soloist) is so excited to be in the cabaret portion of NCT's winter production. She has been in a multitude of NCT shows in different capacities. Recently she was assistant stage manager for the youth summer production of *Seussical*, as well as acting in *Carrie the musical (Freddy)* for the young adult production. Hailey would like to thank the creative team for all the hard work they put in to create such a great production! Happy Holidays!

LEO KALRA (Claude Herdman) is thrilled to return to the stage with Narrows Community Theater in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. Leo made his theatrical debut last year as *Tiny Tim* in NCT's *A Christmas Carol*. Now a fourth grader at United Nations International School, Leo has also lived in South Korea and Los Angeles. He loves dancing, singing, playing the ukulele, and telling jokes. Leo thanks his family, friends, and Chris Carver for their support and encouragement. He's especially excited to go from the ultimate good boy last year to a lovable troublemaker in this show—and to share a special duet in the pre-show with his dad!

RAJ KALRA (Reverend Hopkins) is excited to return to the stage, marking his first performance since completing the improv program at Upright Citizens Brigade Theater over a decade ago. It's been 23 years since Raj's last theatrical appearance in *Pirates of Penzance* with Penn State Thespians. Inspired by Andrew Scott and most recently Adam Brody, Raj hopes to bring some hot Reverend energy to the role. He would like to thank Chris Carver for the opportunity to duet with his son and his son, Leo, for encouraging him to do this. *This performance is dedicated to you, kid!*

PAT KNUTSEN (Mrs. McCarthy) is thrilled to be in the cast of "*The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*". Pat has been on the Board of NCT since 2002, where she has served as Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Board member, and grant chairperson for the last 15 years. She has performed in about 20 NCT shows, her favorite roles being *Sister*, in "*Damn*

Yankees", *Millie Bailey*, in "*A Wonderful Life*", and in 2023, as *Grandma/Ghost of Christmas Future*, in "*A Christmas Carol*", under the direction of our current and five time NCT director, Chris Carver. She'd like to thank the talented cast and crew of TBCPE, it's was definitely a pleasure working with all of them, and to her family and friends, who always support her. Love you guys!

CECILIA IANNELLI (Shirley, Baby Angel) is making her NCT debut as the part of Shirley. She is in 3rd grade, swims, plays ukulele, and loves to sing. This is her first theater production and is very excited to do more shows in the future! "I hope you enjoy the show!"

JULIET MAIDA (Featured Ensemble) is making her first appearance with Narrows Community Theater in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. Studying with Dimensions in Dance since age 4, Juliet is versed in Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Lyrical and Hip Hop, and has recently begun her teaching apprenticeship in Ballet. Juliet has also enjoyed acting at Dimensions On Stage over the past four years playing roles in *Spongebob Squarepants (lead)*, & *Juliet, Teen Beach Movie*, and *Annie*. A recent highlight in Juliet's career came as a dancing snow fairy, fronting for Mariah Carey in the finale of the 2022 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

CONNOR MAYROSE (Singer, Fireman) is thrilled and honored to make his 8th return performance with NCT for *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*! His past shows include *The Most Miserable Christmas Tree*, *Show Boat*, *A Wonderful Life*, *Something Rotten*, *Mamma Mia*, *A Christmas Carol* and *Cinderella*. He's also a member of Jeff Samaha Theater Productions / Ridge Chorale since 2008. Past shows with Ridge Chorale include *Fame*, *Spelling Bee*, *Suessical*, *Parade*, *Beauty And The Beast* and *Annie*. He was also involved in an online theater company *The Underground Screenplay Readings Productions*. His past performances there include *The Little Mermaid* and *Shrek*. He recently performed with BrooklynOne Productions in *Night Of The Living Dead* and *Rocky Horror Picture Show*. He wants to thank Chris, Marla, Steve, Josh, Dayle, Raj, Joanne, and the rest of the cast and crew for the "Best Christmas" experience. Happy Holidays!

ANNIE MCQUATE (Featured Ensemble) is a 12 years old Military child who is entering 7th grade at Lutheran Middle. Annie has lived in 5 states and is attending her 4th school. This is Annie's 4th produc-



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tion with NCT. She was also in *Seussical*, *Music Man*, and *Wizard of Oz*. Additionally, she has performed in *Moana Jr* and *Elf Patrol* with *Wrightsville Beach Players NC*, *Annie Jr.* with *PS 264* and *SchoolHouse Rock Live Jr.* with *LES Players*. Annie was a Company dancer with *BADD Company* in MD and entering her 2nd dance season with *VSPAC* dance studio in Brooklyn, NY. During the last three years with NCT she has learned so much about theater and made lifelong friends.

ADDISON MCQUATE (Juanita / Baby Angel) is an 11 year old Military child who is entering 6th grade at *St Patrick's Catholic Academy*. Addison has lived in 4 states and is attending her 4th school. This is Addison's 3rd summer production with NCT. She was also in *Seussical*, *Music Man* and *Wizard of Oz*. Additionally, she has performed in *Moana Jr* and *Elf Patrol* with *Wrightsville Beach Players NC*, *Annie Jr.* with *PS 264* and was the Narrator in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* at *St Pat's*. Addison danced with *BADD Company* in MD and also did competitive Cheer with *Calvert All Stars*. She is entering her second dance season with *VSPAC* dance studio in Brooklyn, NY. During the last three years with NCT she has learned so much about theater and made lifelong friends.

COOPER MCQUATE (Featured Ensemble) is in his first theater production ever. Cooper is 7 years-old and has spent his entire life sitting through his sister's dance competitions, cheer competitions, and musical theater performances. It's finally his turn to take the stage! Welcome to the theater family.

VICTORIA MERENYCH (Featured Ensemble). is participating in a play for her first time with NCT. She is very excited to be part of the musical and loves Christmas. She goes to *PS 222* and is in the 5th Grade. She loves music and singing. Over 2 years. She is attending "Pysanka" Choir in Brooklyn. Her favorite Carol is "Carol of the Bells".

SAÚL JOAQUIN MILETSKY (Ollie Herdman) is in the fourth grade at *PS 151 Lyndon Baines Johnson Elementary School* in Bushwick, Brooklyn where he lives with his family. Very focused on his studies, Saúl is also a member of the debating team. He is passionate about acting and singing and loves to perform for his family. He has also won many academic awards for his scholastic achievement and community involvement, including recognition from NY Councilmember Sandy Nurse, who has invited him to speak at some of her meetings on the

development of a dog park. He loves to make people laugh and he hopes to continue to pursue acting.

JULIETTE PERRY (Hobie) is 10 years old and attends *St. Patrick's Catholic Academy*. Some of the roles she has played are "Thing 1" in the "Seussical", "Is-sachar & Ensemble" in "Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat" and "Rizzo" in "Grease" She loves art, music, dance, sports and having fun with her family and friends. Her favorite season is Christmas. She is so thankful to NCT for the opportunity to be part of this production.

SUSANNA REGNIER (Maxine) is excited to perform in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever!* This is her second role with *Narrows Community Theater*: she made her NCT debut in the *Featured Ensemble* of *Seussical* in 2024. Previously, she performed in *Shrek the Musical Jr.* with another local company. She studies *Creative Writing* at *Mark Twain Intermediate School* and when she's not on stage, you can find her baking sweets and sneaking bites to her dog, *Winter*.

JEREMY ROSENFELD (Charlie Bradley) is excited to be joining the *Narrows Community Theater* for his very first show with the company. Jeremy is a sixth grader who lives in Brooklyn, NY with his family. Jeremy has also appeared in such shows as *The Little Mermaid Jr*, *Into The Woods Jr*, *High School Musical Jr*, and *Annie Jr*. He loves musical theatre and going to concerts. He would like to thank *Narrows Community Theater* for this opportunity and his family for their support. We hope you enjoy the show!

CAITLYN SCHMIDT (Mrs. Armstrong) is thrilled to be back with NCT for this holiday production! Caitlyn had the privilege of playing the same role almost 10 years ago in her high school production of *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* and was eager to revisit this exciting role. With NCT, she has been seen in *Nunsense* (*Sister Mary Amnesia*), *Something Rotten* (*Minstrel*), *A Christmas Carol* (*Ghost of Christmas Past*), *Cinderella* (*Charlotte*), and most recently in *Carrie* (*Carrie*). She is proud to have been performing with NCT for the past 11 years. One of her favorite performing credits was being a backup singer in *Josh Groban's* choir on a stop within his *Harmony Tour* in 2022. Caitlyn is currently 24 years old working as a speech-language pathologist, and enjoys everyday being given the opportunity to allow individuals to find their voice. Caitlyn extends a huge thank you to *Joanne*, *Dayle*, *Raj*, *Chris* and all of the NCT board for this opportunity!



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ALYCIA SCOTT (Alice Wendelken) is a sophomore at Saint Saviour High School. She has loved to sing ever since she was little. Some of her previous performances with NCT include playing the Sour Kangaroo in Seussical, Zaneeta in the Music Man and the Monkey General and Crow in the Wizard of Oz. Some of her other favorite productions in her school drama clubs include playing Ariel in The Little Mermaid Jr., The Baker's Wife in Into the Woods Jr., Taylor in High School Musical Jr and Tanya in Mamma Mia. She has had so much fun during this process and is grateful for this opportunity with NCT. She would like to thank her family and friends for always loving and supporting her.

FRANK SCUDERI (Bob Bradley) his passion for the arts has been a constant in his life. In his earlier years, he shined in his role as Jay in "Lost in Yonkers", and impressed the audience as Frank Elgin in "The Country Girl". Evolving from his earlier theatre days, he dabbled in television, independent films, recording music, music videos, and cabaret shows. Despite his creative outreach, the love of performing live on stage is where he's always felt most at home. Frank is beyond thrilled to be back there in The Best Christmas Pageant Ever!

JAMES SIEBEL (Leroy Herdman) is a 7th Grader at St. Ephrem Catholic Academy where he made his stage debut as Drew Boley in Rock of Ages earlier this year. He also starred as Fletcher in Fontbonne Hall Academy's 2024 production of Freaky Friday. James is passionate about acting, writing, singing, basketball, movies, plays and learning the piano. Check out James's youtube channel Rodney Bulldog-Field for funny videos!

NORAH SPATARELLA (Cabaret Soloist) Norah is a Junior at James Madison HS , Law Program. She is 16 years old and has been singing since she was able to speak. Her love for music has had her performing since she was 9 years old. This is her 3rd play with NCT. She was Marian Paroo in Music Man and Kate in Christmas Carol. She has been in several plays outside NCT including Annie (Kate), Beauty and the Beast (Chip), Frozen (young Anna) , Peter Pan (Peter Pan), Frozen (Elsa) and The Little mermaid (Flounder). She has performed on stage in several Caberets. Norah is a Cantor and a Choir member for

St . Bernard's Parish. Norah is extremely thrilled to be part of the wonderful cast . She thanks her family for their continued support and gives a special thanks to the creative team for giving her this amazing opportunity once again.

VICTORYIA TSIALEHA (Imogene Herdman) is a passionate actress and singer currently attending Mark Twain. Thrilled to be in her third show with NCT, she has previously played Amaryliss in The Music Man and Schmitz in Seussical. She would like to thank the entire cast and crew for making this beautiful show possible. She hopes you enjoy the performance!

YAHOR TSIALEHA (Elmer Hopkins) loves performing and acting. He is currently a senior at PS 222 and this is his second show with NCT. He also performed in Seussical this past summer. Outside of NCT, he has participated in several other shows, including The Rainbow Fish (featured ensemble), The Gumble Game (TJ Dole), and The Grunch (Chris). He can't wait to perform in this show. Yahor would like to thank his family for their unwavering support throughout the production!

SHERRY WALLACK (Mrs. Clausing) is thrilled to be part of the wonderful theater company NCT. Sherry graduated with a Certificate of Drama from the American Academy of Dramatic Arts and is a retired NYC teacher. Sherry appeared in "The Women" at Rockaway Theater, the Little Nun in the NCT production of "House of Blue Leaves", Julia in "Lend Me a Tenor", the Little Lady in "On the Town" and Grandma in "A Christmas Carol". Sherry is honored to work with the brilliant director Chris, as well as the talented cast and crew.

NIA WRIGHT (Mrs. Slocum) is a graduate of the Chicago High School for the Arts inaugural class where she trained in the Musical Theatre Conservatory. After having a few music & dance performances in college she has since taken a break from performing. This production marks her long-awaited return to the stage, and she is thrilled to share her passion for theatre with the audience once again. Nia is excited to re-enter the world of live performance and is grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with such a talented cast and crew.