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PRODUCTION MANAGER: Megan Bell

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Diane Dinger

CONDUCTOR: Dr. Dane Heuchemer

COSTUME DESIGN: Susan S.B. Brown

CHOREOGRAPHY: Anthony Ingham



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OLIVER! is based on Charles Dickens' second novel about an orphan who navigates the grinding bedrock of the English Industrial Revolution. It is classic Dickens in its unsparing portrait of Victorian society. Young Oliver Twist shuffles from workhouse to undertaker and eventually the stinking streets of London, where he falls in with the Artful Dodger and criminal father figure, Fagin. What I love about this story is that it's as simple as a little kid who believes

he wants more in the world and instigates change. The story is about how urban culture denies the needs of its children. It resonates today with the digital and technology revolutions that threaten to leave whole classes of people behind. What's the cost of advancement, and who does that serve? The miracle of Dickens is that even though he exposed the horrors that lived down those grimy alleys, he revealed the humanity in each of them. He showed us that these were human beings with fate and circumstances thrust upon them, and their actions were not that much different from the despicable behavior of some people in the upper classes. We hope that by the end of the production, our audience will be asking the most famous line spoken by Oliver, "Please, sir, may I have some more?" ACTORS PLACES, CURTAIN UP!

Bruce Jacklin, Director

BRUCE JACKLIN has directed and acted in more than 150 productions in the last 30 years. This includes professional, summer stock, collegian, and community theatre productions. Bruce is a certified adjudicator for the Ohio Community Theatre Association and American Association of Community Theatre. He has received awards in acting and directing at both regional and state festivals from OCTA, AACTfest, Columbus Theatre Roundtable, and OTA festivals for productions including DEATH OF A SALESMAN, OF MICE AND MEN, TRIP TO BOUNTIFUL, WALLY'S CAFE, HIDDEN IN THIS PICTURE, DONKEY BASEBALL, NIETZSCHE ATE HERE, THE BAD SEED, and others. Bruce is a member of AFTRA/SAG (American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, Screen Actors Guild) and has appeared in numerous national and local television films and commercials. Bruce was also in the film treatment of Roy Berkowitz's NIETZSCHE ATE HERE. The film premiered in the 2013 Montreal International Film Festival. He won Best Supporting Actor at the San Francisco Actor's Film Festival and in 2014, he received the Red Cross Education Hero Award. PCG Talent in Columbus, Ohio and Docherty in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania represent him. Bruce is the artistic director for both MTVarts and The Alcove Theatre productions.

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OLIVER TWIST	Jillian Snow	CHAIRMAN	Asa Cormier
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THE ARTFUL DODGER	Alex Snodgrass	GANG OF THIEVES	Logan Costa, Zach Cramer, Christopher Hartman, Madigan Kennedy, Ellie Salvucci, Ashlynn Scott, Madison Sichina, Briggs Swallow
BILL SIKES	Steve Herbst	KID'S ENSEMBLE	Kiersten Clinedinst, Isabella Cook, Maddie Donabauer, Nora Gotschall, Fox Haver, Jenna Jurkowitz, Grace Mayville, Sadie Ryals, Anneliese Scott, Avery Sears, Oliver Snow, Rosie Stemen, Carena Swallow, Ryder Witt
NANCY	Kelly Yerxa Lauth	ADULT ENSEMBLE	Asa Cormier, Carrie Haver, Jayson Herbst, Lucas Herbst, Jared Pierce, Caroline Pletcher, Aidan Scott, Megan Snow, Kylie Stadler
BET	Molly Smith		
MR. BUMBLE	Paul Russell		
MRS. CORNEY	Kate Ernsberger		
MR. BROWNLOW	Larry J. Evans		
MR. SOWERBERRY	Tony Montgomery		
MRS. SOWERBERRY	Megan Evans		
CHARLOTTE	Sage Szucs		
NOAH CLAYPOLE	Billy Woodring		
MR. GRIMWIG	Trey Swallow		
MRS. BEDWIN	Mary Rugola-Dye		
OLD SALLY	Stephanie Scott		
CHARLEY BATES	Drew Caton		
NIPPER	Gwen Brady		
CAPTAIN	Logan Montgomery		
HANDWALKER	Peyton Haustein-Cline		
KNIFE GRINDER	Rodney Cheek		
STRAWBERRY SELLER	Abigail Tayse		
ROSE SELLER	Amanda Mayville		
MILKMAID	Lillian Mayville		
MATRON	Caroline Pletcher		
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Orchestra

Conductor – Dr. Dane Heuchemer

Violins.....	Meg Litteral Jill Hawkins Jeanne Griggs	Keyboards.....	Christa Brady Ted Buehrer
Viola.....	David Hoyt	Trumpets.....	Carol McCutcheon Heather Faulkner
Cello.....	Glenn Sigler	Horn.....	Arlene Grant
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Musical Numbers

ACT ONE

“Prologue / Overture”.....	Orchestra
“Food, Glorious Food”	Workhouse Boys
“Oliver!”	Mr. Bumble, Widow Corney, Boys
“I Shall Scream”.....	Mr. Bumble and Widow Corney
“Boy for Sale”.....	Mr. Bumble
“That’s Your Funeral”.....	Mr. Sowerberry, Mrs. Sowerberry, Mr. Bumble
Coffin Music.....	Orchestra
“Where is Love?”.....	Oliver
The Fight.....	Orchestra
Oliver’s Escape.....	Orchestra
“Consider Yourself”.....	The Artful Dodger, Oliver, Chorus
“You’ve Got to Pick a Pocket or Two ”.....	Fagin and Gang
“It’s a Fine Life”.....	Nancy, Bet, Gang
“I’d Do Anything”.....	The Artful Dodger, Nancy, Oliver, Bet, Fagin, Gang
“Be Back Soon”.....	Fagin, The Artful Dodger, Oliver, Gang
The Chase.....	Orchestra

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ACT TWO

“Oom-Pah-Pah”.....	Nancy and Chorus
“My Name”.....	Bill Sikes
“As Long as He Needs Me”.....	Nancy
Reprise: “Where Is Love?”.....	Mrs. Bedwin
“Who Will Buy?”.....	Oliver, Vendors, Chorus
Reprise: “It’s a Fine Life”.....	Bill Sikes, Nancy, Fagin, The Artful Dodger
“Reviewing the Situation”	Fagin
Reprise: “Oliver”.....	Mr. Bumble and Widow Corney
Reprise: “As Long as He Needs Me”.....	Nancy
London Bridge.....	Orchestra
Reprise: “Reviewing the Situation”.....	Fagin
Finale.....	Company

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 Choreographer.....Anthony Ingham
 Conductor.....Dr. Dane Heuchemer
 Producer.....Janis Stone
 Production Manager.....Megan Bell
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 Christopher Hartman
 Stage Manager.....Serra Barrett
 Assistant Stage Manager.....Michael Sears

Set Designer.....Bruce Jacklin
 Master Carpenter.....Joseph Bell
 Carpenters.....Chuck Rogers, Michael
 Sears, Bill Szucs
 Scenic Artist.....Bruce Jacklin
 Set Dressers.....Allison Smith,
 Charlotte Smith
 Props Master.....Megan Evans
 Prop Runners.....Tessa Corrigan,
 Ryder Witt, Avery Sears

Costume Designer.....Susan S.B. Brown
 Seamstresses.....Janet Stutzman, Mary
 Harris, Ainsley Sweeney, Amy Stemen, Jess
 Smarrella, Tish Roginski, Maddie Donabauer

Wigs and Hair Design.....Ruth Frady
 Wigs and Hair Assistants.....Karen Fullerton,
 Leann Jurkowitz, Caroline Pletcher,
 Chloe Skillman, Bella Doyle

Lighting Designer.....Ian Fraser Ernsberger
 Assistant Lighting Designer.....Scott Swingle
 Light Board Operator.....Becky Thompson

Spotlight Operators.....Esme McDonald,
 Sarah Hammond

Sound Engineering.....Alex Thompson
 Sound Design.....Ian Fraser Ernsberger
 Sound Assistant.....Chloe Skillman

Fly Captain.....John Nixon
 Fly Crew.....Steve Jefferson,
 Dan Bockover

Set Crew Lead.....Trey Swallow
 Set Crew.....Jayson Herbst, Lucas
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 Aidan Scott, Billy Woodring, Drew Caton,
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GWEN BRADY (Nipper) will be a third grader at East Elementary. She's excited to be back for another great summer! Previous stage credits include "Gretl" in THE SOUND OF MUSIC, "Tiny Tim" in A CHRISTMAS CAROL, and supporting roles in WELCOME HOME and THE WIZARD OF OZ. Also look for her in September in SHREK JR.! She hopes you enjoy the show!



DREW CATON (Charley Bates) is about to be a junior at Newark Catholic and this is his first show at MTVarts. He has performed in many youth and community theatre shows, one of his favorite roles being "Sebastian" in THE LITTLE MERMAID at Newark Catholic. Drew would like to thank the people at MTVarts for making this such a great experience for his first show here. He also enjoys playing the piano and drawing. He hopes you enjoy the show!



RODNEY CHEEK (Knife Grinder) has been seen on stage as "Oz Guard" in THE WIZARD OF OZ, "Maude" in BYE, BYE, BIRDIE, "Juror #9" in 12 ANGRY MEN, & "Maurice" in BEAUTY AND THE BEAST. He has also had roles in PATSY CLINE, LIZZIE BORDEN, and SWEENEY TODD as well as working audio and tech crews for many productions for MTVarts and the Alcove Dinner Theater. He currently serves on the board for the Mount Vernon Music & Arts Festival and has organized and traveled for 18 years in southern gospel quartets. Rodney is also the stadium announcer for Mount Vernon High School football and girls basketball games.



KIERSTEN CLINEDINST (Kids Ensemble) is in 5th grade at Saint Vincent de Paul School. She caught her acting bug in the 2019 MTVarts production of THE WIZARD OF OZ as a munchkin in the Lullaby League. She then captured roles in WILLY WONKA AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY and FROZEN KIDS. Kiersten loves gymnastics, reading, writing, and spending time with her family and friends.

ISABELLA COOK (Kids Ensemble) is excited to be part of the OLIVER cast. This is her second experience performing with MTVarts. Her first



experience in FROZEN KIDS as a member of the snow chorus had her hooked. She is grateful for the direction and guidance of all of the MTVarts leaders and volunteers, and the fun and memories made with her fellow cast members.



ASA CORMIER (Ensemble) is thrilled to be back on stage with MTVarts. Some of his previous theatrical repertoire includes "Curly" (OKLAHOMA), "Roger" (DROWSY CHAPERONE), "Glen" (RUMORS), "Sgt. Caine" (WELCOME HOME), "Abner" (LIL ABNER), "Vladmir Rode" (THREE SISTERS), and many more. Asa would like to thank God for the gift of music and visual arts as well as his family for their love and support.



LOGAN COSTA (Gang of Thieves) is from Centerburg, OH and is a junior at Centerburg High School. This is his second production, the other being NEWSIES at Centerburg, and this being his first with MTVarts. He is excited for his first show with them and wishes the cast and crew the best of luck in the show and in future endeavors.



ZACH CRAMER (Gang of Thieves) is a fifth grader at Wiggin Street Elementary. Outside of theatre, Zach enjoys soccer and Anime. Zach started acting as "Young Harry" in IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE. Since then, he has acted in WILLY WONKA, FROZEN, CHARLOTTE'S WEB, WIZARD OF OZ, and NUTCRACKER. Recently, he was in OEDIPUS REX at the Kenyon theatre. He is really excited to participate in OLIVER and hopes you enjoy the show!



MADDIE DONABAUER (Kids Ensemble) is entering her junior year at Centerburg High School. She is excited to be in her tenth production, and her fifth with MTVarts. She is a member of the Columbus Children's Choir and is part of the New World Singers. She serves as Sousaphone section leader in the Marching Band. Most recently, she enjoyed playing the part of

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"Mush" in NEWSIES. She wishes the cast and crew good luck!



IAN FRASER ERNSBERGER

(Fagin; Lighting Designer) is excited to be back on the Memorial stage in yet another summer musical. This is a full circle moment for him because it was the first show he

ever auditioned for nearly 30 years ago in Mount Vernon, and he was lucky enough to play "Charley Bates". He is now thrilled to have the honor of playing "Fagin", a role he knew all those years ago he would portray someday. He says, "It is strange performing the show from a different viewpoint but I still sing all the childrens' parts every so often. Old habits :)" As usual, Ian would like to thank his family for all their support, his co-star for life, Kate, for putting up with him, and his newest cast member, Anastasia, for changing his life and giving him his favorite role as Daddy. This performance is dedicated to Ian's grandfather, for always believing in him and supporting him from his first show until his very last.

KATE ERNSBERGER (Widow Corney) is thrilled to



be back on the Memorial Stage in her 14th summer musical! It's an honor to be performing with this amazing cast and crew. When not on or backstage, Kate

loves her job working with adults with developmental disabilities

and hanging out with her family. Her favorite roles include "Meg" in LEADING LADIES, "Janet" in WALLY'S CAFE, "Frenchie" in GREASE, and "Alice" in THE ADDAMS FAMILY. She'd like to thank her family for all their support and for allowing her to continue this crazy theatre thing. Special shout out to Ian for always believing in her. Enjoy the show!



LARRY J. EVANS (Mr. Brownlow)

has been involved with theatre most of his life, directing and acting in theatre productions in Columbus & Mansfield, OH, Wausau, WI, and Minneapolis, MN. He previously was Associate

Professor of Theatre at OSU-Mansfield. Some of his favorite musical acting roles have been "Scrooge" in A CHRISTMAS CAROL, "Cogsworth" in BEAUTY AND THE BEAST, and "Clarence" in

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A WONDERFUL LIFE. He is happy to be doing his first show with MTVarts, and to be doing his 8th musical with his grandson, Alex Snodgrass.



MEGAN EVANS (Mrs. Sowerberry; Props Master) has appeared in over 50 productions in the Central Ohio area, most recently as "Elsa Schröder" in THE SOUND OF MUSIC with MTVarts and "Sylvia" in SYLVIA with the Alcove Dinner Theater. Other notable roles include THE WIZARD OF OZ ("Wicked Witch"), THE MIRACLE WORKER ("Annie Sullivan"), BEAUTY AND THE BEAST ("Mrs. Potts"), and THE MARVELOUS WONDERETTES ("Cindy Lou"). In addition to acting, Megan is an experienced stage manager and props designer, and works as the Entertainment Operations Manager for the Mount Vernon Arts Consortium. Much love and thanks to Andrew, and many cuddles to her fur babies, Libbi, Layla, and Lucy.

NORA GOTSCHALL (Kids Ensemble) is going into seventh grade at Mount Vernon Middle School. She has been in ANNIE KIDS, WILLY WONKA KIDS, and FROZEN KIDS as "Queen Iduna". She



has also been in TRAVEL GUIDE THROUGH OZ with Orange Barrel and in A CHRISTMAS CAROL as "Belinda Cratchit" with Community Family Players. She has taken ten years of dance classes at the Spotlight Dance Studio. She enjoys singing, ballet, writing, reading, making cards, and spending time with family and friends.



CHRISTOPHER HARTMAN (Gang of Thieves; Assistant to the Director) received his Bachelor of Fine Arts from Ohio Northern University with a major in Musical Theatre. He was most recently seen

onstage in MTVarts' production of ALL MY SONS as "Chris Keller". He has also performed as "Howard Bevans" in PICNIC, "Kapila/Devadatta" in HAYAVADANA, "Romeo" in ROMEO AND JULIET, "Etches" in TITANIC THE MUSICAL, and he originated the role of "Joe Rupp" in Yianni Papadimos and Ben Chavez's musical, ELYSIUM: AN AMERICAN FABLE. Christopher is excited to be returning to the Knox Memorial Theatre with

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PEYTON HAUSTEIN-CLINE (Handwalker) is from Mount Vernon, Ohio. He is 15 years old and is a freshman at Mount Vernon High School. He enjoys hanging out with friends and his family when not on stage.

He has been in many MTVarts plays, including his most recent role as "Oaken" in FROZEN JR. He also recently played the role of "Billy" in PLAY ON! in his high school play. He wants to thank his grandma, Bev Hauenstein, for being his ride to and from rehearsal.



CARRIE HAVER (Ensemble) is happy to be back on stage after a four-year theatre hiatus and is excited to share this adventure with her son, Fox. Favorite previous roles include "Glinda" (WIZARD OF OZ) and "Sugarplum Fairy/Gingy" (SHREK). She works as a graphic artist and enjoys creating with wood, glass, and other materials. She thanks her husband, Matt, for his support.



FOX HAVER (Kids Ensemble) Fox is an up-and-coming first grader at Twin Oak Elementary. This is his theatre debut! He enjoys reading, jiu-jitsu, soccer, being outside, and camping with his family. He hopes that you all enjoy the show!

JAYSON HERBST (Ensemble) A recent graduate of high school, Jayson is venturing to work in



Marysville. Jayson enjoys art, playing guitar, and singing while not on stage. He has been a part of several productions for different companies. He would like to thank his friends and family for their support.



LUCAS HERBST (Ensemble) will be a senior at the Knox County Career Center. He enjoys playing football and participating in wrestling. He has performed in many productions through his school, MTVarts, LCP, and

Weatherwane. Most recently, he portrayed "Jackal" in WELCOME HOME. He thanks everyone for coming and hopes you enjoy the show.



STEVE HERBST (Bill Sikes) is happy to be sharing the stage with so many talented artists for a second summer in a row. Two of those talented people are his youngest sons, Jayson and Lucas. The pleasure of

creating magic is always greater with family involved. He has played numerous characters in many productions over the years for MTVarts, Alcove Dinner Theater, Licking Co Players, and Weatherwane Playhouse. Some favorites are "Capt Von Trapp" in THE SOUND OF MUSIC, "Proprietor" in ASSASSINS, and "Miles Gloriosus" in A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM. Some favorite shows he has performed in are JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR, LES MIS, SPAMALOT, BREAKING LEGS, and RENT. He would like to thank the entire MTVarts family for this opportunity as well as his wife of 30 years for supporting him and always coming to multiple



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shows, but most importantly the community and audience for being the reason we do all of this.



JENNA JURKOWITZ (Kids Ensemble) will be a 7th grader this fall at Mount Vernon Middle School and is excited to be in her first MTVarts summer production! She is involved in gymnastics, volleyball, and basketball. She also plays the piano and violin, and loves math! This is her fourth MTVarts appearance (ensemble in ANNIE JR., "Oompa Loompa" in WILLY WONKA KIDS, "Olaf" in FROZEN KIDS) and her favorite role so far is "Olaf". Jenna is thankful to live in a community that supports the arts and wishes to thank all the volunteers who have made this production come to life!



MADIGAN KENNEDY (Gang of Thieves) is a senior at Centerburg High School and plans to go to college to study music education. This is the seventh production she has been a part of. Some of her previous roles include "Marian Paroo" from THE MUSIC MAN, "Davey Jacobs" from NEWSIES, and "Fred Gilberts" from CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN. She has had a blast learning all of the choreography and making new friends during rehearsals and hopes you enjoy the show!



KELLY YERXA LAUTH (Nancy) has appeared in nearly 50 productions throughout the past 25 years. She most recently appeared as "Ann" in the Classics Series production of ALL MY SONS. You may recognize Kelly from her roles as "Audrey" in the Alcove Dinner Theater's LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS, "Morticia" in MTVarts' production of THE ADDAMS FAMILY, and "Belle" in MTVart's production of BEAUTY AND THE BEAST. Kelly has her bachelor's degree in communications and drama, with minors in music and philosophy. She loves being outside, writing and performing music, reading, and enjoying time with her friends and family. Kelly is grateful for the love and support of her family, her husband Kevin, and her three beautiful daughters Maura, Rona, and Zaeva.

AMANDA MAYVILLE (Rose Seller) has been in numerous productions with MTVarts, Pennsylvania Centre Stage, Shoreline Players, and more. Her



favorite roles include "Fiona" (SHREK), "Mary Poppins" (MARY POPPINS), "Anna" (THE KING AND I), "Rosie" (BYE BYE BIRDIE), "Tess Tura" (GYPSY), and "Adelaide" (GUYS AND DOLLS). She loves sharing the stage with her two talented daughters, Grace and Lily. Amanda is the secretary at St. Vincent de Paul Church and also has two grown sons, Fred and Charlie. She thanks her husband, Paul, for his patience and love.



GRACE MAYVILLE (Kids Ensemble) is heading into her senior year at Mount Vernon High School. She plans on studying biology after high school and pursuing a medical career. Grace enjoys ballet class and playing the piano. She is a varsity member of the MVHS tennis team, as well as a member of the high school jazz band.



LILLIAN MAYVILLE (Milkmaid) is thrilled to be back on stage with MTVarts. She previously performed as "Chip" in BEAUTY AND THE BEAST with MTVarts and as "Flora" in THE INNOCENTS with the Alcove Dinner Theatre as well as singing and dancing in the chorus for many summer shows with her family. Lily will be a sophomore at Mount Vernon High School this fall and enjoys singing and studying Latin, Spanish, and French!



TONY MONTGOMERY (Mr. Sowerberry) This is Tony's third show with MTVarts. Previously, he played "Lumiere" in BEAUTY AND THE BEAST (2016), and "George" in ALL MY SONS (2022). He has been involved in community theatre for over 20 years, much of that time spent with Orange Barrel Production Company. Tony and his ravishing wife, Hannah, and their delightful daughter, Scarlett, live in Mount Vernon



LOGAN MONTGOMERY (Captain) is very excited to be doing the show OLIVER! Logan has been in many shows such as THE SOUND OF MUSIC as "Rolf" and WELCOME HOME as "William Daulton" with MTVarts

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as well as PLAY ON! as ‘Saul’ with Mount Vernon High School. He is more than excited to bring this show back to life on our stage. He also wants to say, “try NOT to pick a pocket or two.”



JARED PIERCE (Ensemble) is a local actor with 9 years and 16 shows under his belt. He has had the pleasure of working with Orange Barrel, the Mount Vernon Players, Highland Theatre, and MTVarts. He is pleased to be in OLIVER! for the second time in his theatre career. Jared would like to thank his friends, family, and all of you for coming to the show and he hopes you all enjoy our production!



CAROLINE PLETCHER (Matron/ Ensemble) This marks Caroline’s 6th summer show with MTVarts. She most recently appeared in the role of “Gwendolyn Pigeon” in the Alcove Dinner Theater’s production of THE ODD COUPLE.

In real life, Caroline is a math teacher and track coach at Fredericktown Middle School. She would like to thank her support system at home for always being awesome.



MARY RUGOLA-DYE (Mrs. Bedwin) is a life-long resident of Mount Vernon and is delighted to return to the stage for this production. She is a retired, veteran teacher from our great public school system and the

former music director at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. Mary is serving her 3rd term as a member of the Mount Vernon City School District Board of Education. Mary believes that education leads to knowledge and knowledge can lead to a more equitable and peaceful society, and part of that kind of society is supporting the arts.



PAUL RUSSELL (Mr. Bumble) is honored to be working with MTVarts for the first time in this amazing production. He is active in the music and media ministry of his church and sings in a gospel quartet. He works full time for the

State of Ohio and is a student at Ohio University-Lancaster majoring in Electronic Media. He has been in many productions in central Ohio including JEKYLL AND HYDE: THE MUSICAL, GUYS AND DOLLS, THE WIZARD OF OZ, and others, but his greatest role is husband, dad, and pappaw.



SADIE RYALS (Kids Ensemble) is thrilled to participate in her second MTVarts production. She has played “Young Anna” in FROZEN KIDS, “Ismene” in OEDIPUS REX, and “Noel” in the student film FEW AND FAR

BETWEEN. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, cooking, and playing with her friends. She wants to thank Bruce for helping her develop her acting skills.



ELLIE SALVUCCI (Gang of Thieves) is an eighth grader at St. Vincent de Paul where she was first exposed to musicals. She is grateful for previous opportunities with MTVarts to pursue her interest in singing and

performing by playing “Young Anna” in FROZEN JR., “Brigitta” in THE SOUND OF MUSIC, “Molly” in ANNIE JR., and “Candy Man” in WILLY WONKA KIDS. She is so excited for the opportunity to be in the Gang of Thieves and wishes to thank all the cast, crew, and volunteers that made OLIVER! possible!



AIDAN SCOTT (Ensemble) is eighteen and a sophomore at Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville, Tennessee majoring in psychology. He has had the opportunity to perform in several other MTVarts productions in the

past and he is incredibly grateful to be included in yet another wonderful show and for the chance to perform in the Memorial Theatre once again.



ANNELIESE SCOTT (Kids Ensemble) is a 12-year-old homeschooling 7th grader who has appeared in several MTVarts productions, including FROZEN KIDS, WILLY WONKA JR., and ANNIE JR. Despite finding herself

orphaned once again onstage, she has been reviewing her situation and is thrilled to consider herself a part of the OLIVER! cast.



ASHLYNN SCOTT (Gang of Thieves) is a high school junior. She has participated in numerous MTVarts productions, including LION KING JR., ANNIE JR., WILLY WONKA JR., THE SOUND OF MUSIC, and as

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the cast once again for OLIVER! Ashlynn would like to express her gratitude to MTVarts for the amazing opportunities it has given her to pursue her passion for acting alongside her parents and siblings and for encouraging her to chase her dreams.



STEPHANIE SCOTT (Old Sally; Ensemble) is a recovering attorney and a mother of three. Raised in Colorado and Virginia, she is now pleased to call Mount Vernon her home. A graduate of Olivet Nazarene University and the University of Virginia, she has now happily traded the courtroom for a homeschooling classroom. Stephanie appeared in MTVarts production of THE SOUND OF MUSIC and wants to thank MTVarts for giving her the opportunity to act with this fine company once again.



AVERY SEARS (Kids Ensemble) is thrilled to be performing on stage once again with MTVarts and OLIVER! will be her first summer production. Her on-stage performances have included FROZEN KIDS (“Storyteller”), ANNIE JR. (Orphan), and WILLY WONKA KIDS (Oomp-Loompa). She also performs with Tavaci Performing Arts and Mount Vernon Middle School Choir. She loves singing, playing volleyball, hanging out with her friends, and relaxing at home with her dog, Sophie.



MADISON SICHINA (Gang of Thieves) is a 15-year-old upcoming sophomore at Utica HS. She’s thrilled to perform in her third production with MTVarts. She is part of the Utica HS drama club and kantorians choir. Her past performances at Utica include WILLY WONKA (“Charlie Bucket”), GODSPELL, ANNIE (“July”), SCHOOL HOUSE ROCK LIVE!, SISTER ACT (“Mary Patrick”), and just recently IT’S MURDER IN THE WINGS (“Doris”). She has also been in THE SOUND OF MUSIC and FROZEN JR. with MTVarts. Madison is part of the song and dance group Tavaci. She loves to sing and perform whenever she’s given the chance. Madison is grateful to her friends and family for their love and support.

MOLLY SMITH (Bet) is currently a rising junior at Kenyon College, where she is getting her BA in Mathematics and Economics. This is Molly’s



second show with MTVarts having appeared in 2021’s THE SOUND OF MUSIC. When not on stage, she can be found running on the Kokosing Gap Trail, playing Hozier songs on her guitar, or lifeguarding at Hiawatha. She would like to thank the entire cast, and especially Kylie Stadler and the Herbst family, for being such a blast to work with.



ALEX SNODGRASS (The Artful Dodger) is super excited to be in his first show with MTVarts! He is 16 and goes to Big Walnut High School and will be a junior for the 2022-2023 school year. Alex has been doing theatre with his grandfather since 2015, appearing as “Scrooge” and “Tiny Tim” in Minnesota when they lived there. He’s happy they can finally be back on stage together in OLIVER!



JILLIAN SNOW (Oliver Twist) This is Jillian’s sixth performance with MTVarts. Her love of acting began when she played the role of “July” in ANNIE KIDS (2018). Her most recent production was IRVING BERLIN’S WHITE CHRISTMAS at the Renaissance Theatre in Mansfield where she played the role of “Susan Waverly” (2021). Other roles include “Marta Von Trapp” in THE SOUND OF MUSIC (2021), ensemble in FROZEN KIDS (2021), “The Lullaby League” in THE WIZARD OF OZ (2019), and “Matilda” in WILLY WONKA KIDS (2019). She recently had her first film experience in a movie entitled FEW AND FAR BETWEEN, directed by Matt Harrington, where she played the part of “Sister Spirit”. Jillian wishes to send special thanks to MacKenzie Leland and Kelsey Hopkins for their guidance and support in preparing for this show. She thanks her friends and family for their love. Being on stage brings Jillian so much joy, and she hopes to share that joy with you today. Enjoy!



OLIVER SNOW (Kids Ensemble) There couldn’t be a better first show for Oliver than OLIVER! and he is so excited to be a part of this production. Oliver is 7 years old and attends Twin Oak Elementary School. He has previously participated in a little black box workshop at the Richland Academy of the Arts and practices tap at the Spotlight in

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Mount Vernon. Oliver also loves The Titanic, sharks, skateboarding, soccer, and his pet hamster named Thor. He thanks his large fan club of family and friends for their encouragement and support, and looks forward to more appearances on stage.



MEGAN SNOW (Ensemble) This is Megan's second performance with MTVarts. She played the part of a nun and the "bowing lady" in last summer's production of THE SOUND OF MUSIC.

Megan is a graduate student at the University of Akron working towards her Master's degree in speech language pathology. When she isn't studying, she can be seen around town transporting her three children to and from their various activities. This show is extra special because Megan gets to be onstage with her daughter, Jillian ("Oliver") and son, Oliver

(ensemble). Enjoy the show!



KYLIE STADLER (Ensemble) is from Mount Vernon, OH! She graduated from Fredericktown High School two years ago and has been attending Otterbein University to obtain a degree in Music Education and Flute

Performance. During high school, she was heavily involved in the drama department, getting the opportunity to play roles such as "Belle" from BEAUTY AND THE BEAST, "Wednesday Addams" from THE ADDAMS FAMILY, and the "March Hare" from ALICE IN WONDERLAND. She is beyond excited to be a part of drama again and to be a part of the cast for this production! Enjoy!

ROSIE STEMEN (Kids Ensemble) is from Mount Vernon and just finished 6th grade. She has had

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fun getting to sing and dance with her friends in Oliver! She has performed in other community shows, including MTVarts' WILLY WONKA JR. and FROZEN KIDS, in which she played "Anna". She loves drawing, making cards

to send to others, playing volleyball, and playing trumpet and French horn! Consider yourself part of the MTVarts family and enjoy the show!



BRIGGS SWALLOW (Gang of Thieves) is delighted to be back on stage for another summer musical. He previously participated as a chorus member in MTVarts' WILLY WONKA JR. and played "Kurt Von Trapp" in

last summer's THE SOUND OF MUSIC. He is fresh off his role as "Burt" in this spring's classics series play, ALL MY SONS. He is eager to try out his new pick-pocket skills that he learned as a member of the Gang of Thieves in this year's OLIVER!, so watch out for your wallet!



CARENNA SWALLOW (Kids Ensemble) is delighted to be performing in her first production with her big brother Briggs and her father Trey. Carena is heading into second grade at East Elementary. While this is her first

show her mother and father have always known she was destined for the stage. Carena loves to sing, dance, and be fancy.



TREY SWALLOW (Dr. Grimwig) loves spending his summers with MTVarts! This will be his second show after playing a small role in THE SOUND OF MUSIC last summer. This year, Trey will be acting a little, singing a little, and

helping out on the stage crew. He says it is a joy to work with such talent and a blessing to be part of a community that supports the arts.



SAGE SZUCS (Charlotte) is going to be a junior at Mount Vernon High School. Some of her favorite previous roles are "Karen" in MTVarts' WELCOME HOME, "Violet Imbry" in PLAY ON!, "Cinderella" in INTO

THE WOODS JR., and "Amy March" in LITTLE WOMEN. When not acting or singing, she enjoys knitting, reading, and anything crafty. She wants to

thank her parents for their support and hopes you consider yourself at home and enjoy the show!



ABIGAIL TAYSE (Strawberry Seller) is glad to be back for another summer musical. In real life, she is the Archivist at Kenyon and spends her time reading, knitting, and hanging out with her cantankerous

greyhound. She received her Bachelor's in Theatre from Ball State University and Master's in Library and Information Sciences from the University of Pittsburgh. Recent roles: "Lydia" (ALL MY SONS), "Cecile Pigeon" (THE ODD COUPLE), "Maria" (THE SOUND OF MUSIC), "Angie" (BREAKING LEGS), "Aunt Em"/Chorus (THE WIZARD OF OZ). Love to family and friends!



OAKLEY TRAINOR (Bullseye) is a 3 year old English Bulldog who loves to play with horses and is always ready for car rides. You will most likely find him at Rural King or parading around the Dog Fountain downtown. Although

he plays a bad pup in his role in the show, he is the complete opposite in real life! Oakley resides in Howard, Ohio with his owners, Trina Trainor and her daughter Bailey Gainey and his bulldog family and friends from Buckeye Bulldog Rescue.



RYDER WITT (Kids Ensemble) is an 8th grader at Licking Valley Middle School. His favorite subjects are science and art.

He loves playing golf and participating in robotics club. His favorite activity is theatre. This is Ryder's fifth MTVarts performance. His roles have included "Sven the Reindeer" in FROZEN KIDS and "Augustus Gloop" in WILLY WONKA KIDS. He wants to thank all of the volunteers who make the MTVarts programs possible.



BILLY WOODRING (Noah Claypole) is from Fredericktown and is an upcoming senior. He participates in football and is a part of the bowling team. He also participates in the select choir at his school and is part of

the drama club. Billy has previously been in ALL SHOOK UP as an ensemble member, BEVERLY HILLBILLIES as "Justin Addison", BOYFRIEND BY BLACKMAIL as "Von Carter", and TURKEY IN THE STRAW as "Phil".



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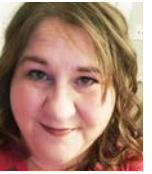
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SERRA BARRETT (Stage Manager) has a Master of Arts in Theater and has been involved with theater productions for over 25 years. She has been on the stage and back stage for many shows, including THE MUSIC MAN, MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET, OKLAHOMA, ANTIGONE, THE WIZARD OF OZ, FREAKY FRIDAY, THE LION, THE WITCH, AND THE WARDROBE, and most recently FROZEN JR. She is thrilled to once again be working with the talented folks at MTVarts.



MEGAN BELL (Production Manager) is currently pursuing her Masters degree at Lesley University in Clinical Mental Health Counseling and Expressive Therapies. She holds a BFA in Studio Arts and Pre-Art Therapy from Ohio Northern University. Megan has been active in MTVarts and other Mount Vernon productions with her family for years, performing in and choreographing for many shows. She is excited to join them for their 2022 season as their production manager, allowing her to approach the theatre experience from yet another perspective. She thanks her family for their continued support and sends her love to all who helped bring this production to life. Enjoy!



CHRISTA BRADY (Rehearsal Pianist/Orchestra) has been playing the piano for the better part of her life, and has accompanied countless summer productions with MTVarts. She is a staff accompanist at MVNU and the pianist at First Congregational Church. She lives in Mount Vernon with her four children and her endlessly patient husband, Nick. She wishes to

thank her family and colleagues for always being so kind and supportive.



SUSAN S.B. BROWN (Costume Designer) has had several adult lives since finishing college and her master's degree in theatre. She then pursued a PhD while keeping house and carting her then 5 year old daughter to school and starting a gourmet kitchenware store. She lived in Princeton NJ for three years where she costumed a non-equity summer stock co. for two years, and then the NY Renaissance Fair for two before returning to Columbus where she pursued an MFA in theatre design. She taught theatre at Ashland University for 15 years and then retired to tend bees and raise vegetables. She has done several MTVarts shows, including THE WIZARD OF OZ (twice), ARSENIC AND OLD LACE, ANNIE, THE MUSIC MAN, THE CRUCIBLE, and THE ADDAMS FAMILY.



DIANE DINGLER (Music Director) has been the vocal music director for MTVarts' summer musicals since it's inception. She is excited to be part of OLIVER! and has enjoyed working with this wonderful cast. Diane teaches voice at Kenyon College as well as in her home studio, and is Director of Music at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church. In her spare time, she enjoys playing with her granddaughter, Olivia, reading, and enjoying the outdoors. Diane is looking forward to beginning her 50th year of teaching this fall.

RUTH FRADY (Wig and Hair Mistress) is proud to serve as wig and hair advisor for the talented cast of OLIVER. She has been wig mistress of MTVarts for the past eleven years, managing



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MICHAEL SEARS (Assistant Stage Manager) After Mike's daughter Avery was in a MTVarts artsIQ production, he began helping as part of the stage crew and with set pieces for the productions of WILLY WONKA KIDS/JR and FROZEN KIDS/JR. He's looking forward to watching OLIVER! from the wings and of course getting ready for SHREK JR!



DR. DANE HEUCHEMER (Conductor) is a Professor of Music and the John B. McCoy-Banc One Distinguished Teaching Chair at Kenyon College, where he teaches music history and directs the Symphonic Wind Ensemble. OLIVER! represents his sixteenth year conducting the summer musical for MTVarts and his twentieth summer production since moving to the area in 1995.



ANTHONY INGHAM (Choreographer) This is Tony's 3rd time choreographing for MTVarts. He previously choreographed LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS for MTVarts in 2019 and THE SOUND OF MUSIC in 2021. Tony is so happy to be asked back again this year for OLIVER! and to share his vision of the dances, as well as working with the talent in and around Mount Vernon. Tony has been dancing since he was 8 and attended various schools for training from Phil Black's Dance Studio in NYC to Carnegie Hall. He performed all over the country in the telethon circuit to various commercials and infomercials and was on tour for RENT for 6 months. Born in New York City and raised in New Jersey, Tony has been choreographing for 28 years. "Thank you MTVarts for letting me come back!"

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