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# MARY POPPINS THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

A musical based on the stories of P.L. Travers & the Walt Disney Film. Original Music and Lyrics by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman. Book by Julian Fellowes. New Songs & Additional Music & Lyrics by George Stiles & Anthony Drewe. Co-Created by Cameron Mackintosh.

#### with

Alan Pierce

Anastasia Hanchak Katy Benko Miner Linda Correll Justin Balint Tammy West Liz Carlson Shannon Garrison Lilly Glass Eryn Kamph Margaret Reeves

> Lachelle Yoder Director

Alan Pierce Assistant Choreographer

> Crystal Gueck Sets and Props

Charity Schueckler Jeremy Spittle Hilary Pierce Rich Pinson Joe Gueck Elizabeth Steimel Rachael Fortin-Brito Clare Villella Claire Correll

> Mary Beth Balint Producer

Amber Kiffney Costumes

Lori Roddy Orchestra Director Peter Marsh Owen McDonald Mindy Ratcliff Janice Nette Eric Black Katie Pierce Kassidy Miner Marlee Ratcliff Katie Schlenker

Shania Duane Choreographer

Debbie Martin Stage Manager

Mindy Ratcliff Photographer

Charlynn Mills Vocal Director Paul Correll Graphic Design and Photographer

Sam Yoder Sound Engineer

Mary Poppins is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI (www.mtishows.com).

#### MARY POPPINS: THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

One of the most popular Disney movies of all time is capturing hearts in a whole new way: as a practically perfect musical! Based on the books by P.L. Travers and the classic Walt Disney film, Cameron Mackintosh and Disney's Mary Poppins delighted Broadway audiences for over 2,500 performances and received nominations for nine Olivier and seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical.

The jack-of-all trades, Bert, introduces us to England in 1910 and the troubled Banks family. Young Jane and Michael have sent many a nanny packing before Mary Poppins arrives on their doorstep. Using a combination of magic and common sense, she must teach the family members how to value each other again. Mary Poppins takes the children on many magical and memorable adventures, but Jane and Michael aren't the only ones upon whom she has a profound effect. Even grown-ups can learn a lesson or two from the nanny who advises that "Anything can happen if you let it."



#### FROM THE DIRECTOR

Pulling Mary Poppins together was nothing short of an amazing experience. I was gifted this year with a staff of women who are passionate about the theatre and Allegro. What a powerful combination! And the result of that is Mary Poppins.

Allegro represents a beautiful fusion of theatre, music, and dance, embodying everything we teach. It serves as a vibrant centerpiece, providing outsiders a glimpse into our world, and allowing us to share our artistic vision with the community.

Mary Poppins has been one of my favorite stories for so long. To this day, when I watch the original movie, I cry when Mary leaves. The music. The dance. The animation. What's not to love! When we started discussing the fall show and Poppins was suggested, I jumped at the chance. We knew going in the script would push all of us beyond what we've done in the past, but we were all excited to step up to the challenge.

And our cast. These folks have been such a joy to work with! The depth of talent represented within these 30 people is extraordinary. When I started getting little video snippets of choreography and music rehearsals, I was giddy. The cast and staff have worked so hard to bring Mary Poppins to life. We can't wait to share it with you!

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ReStore for allowing us to borrow pieces for our set

Fauquier Community Theatre and ARTFactory for the use of costumes

Our Community Partner, Peak Roofing

City of Fairfax Community Theatre and Peter Marsh for the lights

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Allegro Photographer, Mindy Ratcliff, The Little Photoshop

Cathleen Stocktill-Beachboard and her Theatre One class for their work on sets and tech for the show

#### SONGS

#### Act I

#### Prologue (Chim Chim Cher-ee) Bert

**Cherry Tree Lane (Part 1)** Banks Family, House Staff

> The Perfect Nanny Jane, Michael

**Cherry Tree Lane (Part 2)** Banks Family, House Staff

**Practically Perfect** Mary Poppins, Jane, Michael

> All Me Own Work Bert

**Jolly Holiday** Bert, Jane, Michael, Neleus, Mary Poppins, Ensemble

> Let's Hope She Will Stay Banks Family

> > Winds Do Change Bert

**A Spoonful of Sugar** Mary Poppins, Jane, Michael, Mrs. Banks, House Staff

**Precision and Order** Clerks, Bank Chairman, Von Hussler, Northbrook

> A Man Has Dreams George

Feed the Birds Bird Woman, Mary Poppins, Ensemble

Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious Mary Poppins, Bert, Jane, Michael, Mrs. Corry, Ensemble

> Twists and Turns Bert

**Playing the Game** Mary Poppins, Valentine, Doll, Teddy Bear, Toys

Chim Chim Cher-ee (Reprise)

Bert, Mary Poppins

#### SONGS

#### Act II

**Cherry Tree Lane (Reprise)** Banks Family, House Staff

Brimstone and Treacle (Part 1) Miss Andrew

**Let's Go Fly a Kite** Bert, Park Keeper, Michael, Jane, Ensemble, Mary Poppins

> Good for Nothing/Being Mrs. Banks George, Winifred

Brimstone and Treacle (Part 2) Mary Poppins, Miss Andrew

**Practically Perfect (Reprise)** Jane, Michael, Mary Poppins

**Step in Time** Bert, Michael, Jane, Sweeps, Mary Poppins

A Man Has Dreams (Reprise)/A Spoonful of Sugar (Reprise) George, Bert

Anything Can Happen (Part 1)

Mary Poppins, Jane, Michael, Winifred, Bird Woman, Bankers

Give Us the Word George

**Anything Can Happen (Part 2)** Mary Poppins, Bert, Jane, Michael, Ensemble

A Spoonful of Sugar (Reprise)

Mary Poppins

**Bows** Ensemble

#### **CAST AND CREW**

#### **Cast Members**

Mary Poppins	
Bert	
George Banks	
Winifred Banks	2
Jane Banks	5
Michael Banks	
Mrs. Brill	
Robertson Ay, Sweep, Bank Chairman, Ensemble .	Jeremy Spittle
Miss Andrew, Ensemble	
Neleus, Mr. Punch, Messenger, Sweep, Bank Clerk	
Mrs. Corry, Sweep, Bank Clerk, Ensemble	2
Miss Lark, Bank Clerk, Sweep, Ensemble	Janice Nette
Katie Nana, Doorman, Ensemble	Tammy West
Admiral Boom, Park Keeper, Bank Clerk, Ensemble	e Rich Pinson
Policeman, Von Hussler, Sweep, Ensemble	Eric Black
Mrs. Smythe, Bank Clerk, Queen Victoria, Ensembl	e Liz Carlson
Northbrook, Sweep, Ensemble	Joe Gueck
Doll, Sweep, Ensemble	Katie Pierce
Household Staff, Sweep, Bank Clerk, Ensemble	Shannon Garrison
Bird Woman, Bank Clerk, Dance Ensemble	Elizabeth Steimel
Valentine, Dance Ensemble	Kassidy Miner
Statue, Dance Ensemble	Lilly Glass
Toy, Dance Ensemble	. Rachael Fortin-Brito
Fannie, Toy, Tap Ensemble	Marlee Ratcliff
Bank Clerk, Dance Ensemble	Eryn Kamph
Ensemble	Katie Schlenker
Annie, Toy, Sweep, Ensemble	Clare Villella
Sweep, Ensemble	
Sweep, Toy, Ensemble	Claire Correll

#### **Production/Creative**

Director	Lachelle Yoder
Producer	Mary Beth Balint
Production Assistant	Hilary Pierce
Choreographer	Shania Duane
Assistant Choreographer	Alan Pierce

#### **CAST AND CREW**

#### Production / Creative (continued)

	Crystal Gueck Amber Kiffney
Stage Manager	Debbie Martin
Vocal Director	Charlynn Mills
Orchestra Director	Lori Roddy
Photographer	Mindy Ratcliff
Graphic Design, Photographer	Paul Correll
Sound Engineer	Sam Yoder
Audio Assistant	Rachel Parkinson
Front of House Manager	Mary Beth Balint
	Andy McNeil, Annie Gentry
Sets	Janice & Curt Nette, Tammy West,
	Eric Black, Joe Gueck, Asa Gueck,
	Isaiah Gueck, Andy McNeil, Heather
	Schueckler, Margaret Reeves, Anna
	Reeves
Costumes	Mara Tiemens, Zamarh Barbour
	Rebecca Terral, Audrey Kovar,
	Lilly Glass, Eli Kiffney,
	Owen Kiffney, Charlotte Kiffney,
	Maggie Lang

#### Orchestra

Flute	Ginger Melby
Clarinet	Howard McCullers, Charles West
Trumpet	Curt Nette
Trombone	Scott Fridy
Horns	Brent Croushorn, Mike Parkinson
Keyboards	Ben Grove, Gil Groom
Bass	Dave Burrelli
Drums/Percussion	James Adams, Lydia Sorenson
Cello	Pam Clem



#### WHO'S WHO **Anastasia Hanchak** as Mary Poppins

Anastasia Hanchak is thrilled to join the cast of Mary Poppins in her first show with Allegro. She was last seen as Magenta in RTP's The Rocky Horror Show. Prior to moving to Northern Virginia. Anastasia spent close to a decade in Orlando. performing at theme parks and as an aerialist. She is very grateful to her husband Ryan, her parents, friends, family, and everyone who made this production possible.

#### Alan Pierce

Alan is a published novelist, avid performer, and professional teaching artist. Playing this role has been a dream of his for nearly ten years and he is grateful for the opportunity to finally bring it to life. In addition to musical theatre and writing he has a great love of fashion, photography, and all forms of interior design and visual art.

#### Peter Marsh

#### as George Banks

Peter is excited to be back on stage with his friends at Allegro. He has performed in numerous productions with Fauguier Community Theater, Sterling Playmakers, the City of Fairfax Theater Company (where he is also a board member) and most recently in The Arlington Players production of Little Women. He is also an experienced set and lighting designer. Love to Courtney and the Squirrels!



#### **Katy Benko Miner**

as Winifred Banks

Katy is thrilled to be playing Winifred for the second time (FCT 2015.) Favorite roles; 'Patsy Cline' in Always, Patsy Cline (FCT, Creative Cauldron), 'Ida' in HONK! (FCT), 'Martha' in The Secret Garden (FCT), 'Mrs. Potts' in Beauty and the Beast (Hope). Other favorite roles; private voice teacher, Theater Director at Wakefield School, Mom to her four kiddos, wife to Ryan. She is grateful for her students and family.



#### **Charity Schueckler**

#### as Jane Banks

Charity is thrilled to be in her first show with Allegro! Some of her past credits include Tuck Everlasting (Ensemble), Frozen Jr. (Young Anna), and The Sound of Music (Gretl). She is nearing her tenth year of ballet with Italia Performing Arts. Charity enjoys gymnastics, reading, and singing in the shower. She thanks her parents and siblings for their support and God for making this all possible. Enjoy the show!

#### as Bert



#### as Michael Banks

Owen is an 11-year-old who lives on a farm in Fauquier County with his family and dogs. When he's not acting, he enjoys fishing, snowboarding, and playing baseball. This is his second Allegro production, following his role in The Wizard of Oz. Owen is excited to keep learning and growing as an actor and looks forward to being part of many more productions in the future!



#### Linda Correll

After volunteering to help with Allegro's Christmas Story last fall and playing trombone in the pit orchestra for both Kettle Run High's Beauty and the Beast and Fauquier High's Wizard of Oz in the spring, she decided it was time to sign up for real this time! Mary Poppins was Linda's first audition since elementary school, and she's excited to share the stage with her daughter and perform with such an amazing and supportive group!

#### Jeremy Spittle

#### as Robertson Ay, Sweep, Bank Chairman, Ensemble

Jeremy's love for theater began last year with his first performance ever playing The Escapologist in the musical, "Matilda" with MAAT. He then continued in the role of Officer Pudney in "Rumors" with the Art Factory in Manassas this past Spring. Jeremy would like to thank his wife for stepping in as chauffeur with the kids so he could join this extremely talented cast and crew.





#### Mindy Ratcliff

#### as Miss Andrew, Ensemble

Mindy joins this amazing cast in her 4th musical. As a classically trained vocalist, she attended West Virginia Wesleyan on scholarship and has performed many genres of music along the way ranging from classical to country. In 2019, Mindy was a soloist at The White House. She will be providing music direction for her first musical in 2025, Frozen, Jr. She joins her daughter, Marlee, in welcoming you to Mary Poppins!

#### **Justin Balint**

#### as Neleus, Mr. Punch, Messenger, Sweep, Bank Clerk

This is Justin's fourth show with Allegro. Other roles include Ralphie in A Christmas Story (Allegro), Shrek in Shrek the Musical, Jr (Allegro), Emerald City Guard in the Wizard of Oz (Allegro/FHS), Knight/Ensemble in Once Upon a Mattress (FCT), and Ensemble in James and the Giant Peach (FCT). He would like to thank his mom and the whole production team and cast for this great experience!

#### as Mrs. Brill



#### — WHO'S WHO Hilary Pierce

#### as Mrs. Corry, Sweep, Bank Clerk, Ensemble

Hilary Pierce's favorite hobby is community theater. Favorite roles: Mrs. Phelps: Matilda! (MAAT), "Hilary": Godspell (Hope Theater), Muriel: Dirty Rotten Scoundrels (FCT), Tanya: Mamma Mia (FCT), Mrs. Bramson: Night Must Fall (FCT) and many more. By day she is mom to many, grandma to 2, wife to Scott. Blessing others and living life devoted to Jesus are most important.



#### Janice Nette

#### as Miss Lark, Bank Clerk, Sweep, Ensemble

Janice is happy to be in her fourth Allegro show following Annie, Elf, A Christmas Story, and Mary Poppins. After a 40 year break from the stage, she's enjoying the challenge of learning all of the ensemble songs and dances. She loves being with her theatre friends and sends a shout out to our pit orchestra - especially the trumpet player!



#### Tammy West

#### as Katie Nana, Doorman, Ensemble

Tammy has performed in many Allegro productions including A Christmas Carol, Music Man, and Elf the Musical. She also appeared with Gainesville Community Choir and The Living Christmas Tree in Warrenton. Tammy is a fifth grade teacher and loves all things Harry Potter. She is excited to perform in this classic production with her theater friends. She thanks her friends, family, colleagues, and students for their support and enthusiasm.



#### as Admiral Boom, **Rich Pinson** Park Keeper, Bank Clerk, Ensemble

Rich is excited to be returning to the Allegro stage for his roles in Mary Poppins. He has participated in multiple shows in the northern Virginia Community circuit since moving to NOVA three years ago. Rich serves as a Nurse Manager with Encompass Healthcare in Aldie. In his spare time he enjoys his pup and spending time with his daughters.



#### Eric Black

#### as Policeman, Von Hussler, Sweep, Ensemble

Eric moved to Virginia after a 21-year career in the US Army's 10th Special Forces Group. He got involved with Allegro in 2019 with "The Music Man". He has since performed with Allegro in "Annie", "A Christmas Story", and now in "Mary Poppins".



#### Liz Carlson

#### as Miss Smythe, Bank Clerk Queen Victoria, Ensemble

Liz is delighted to be returning to musical theatre after a 30+ year absence! Mary Poppins is her first Allegro show. A classically trained vocalist, she has performed with the Washington Master Chorale and currently enjoys singing with the Vienna Choral Society. She thanks her two amazing kids, her wonderful friends, and (occasionally) her three cats for their love and support.

#### Joe Gueck as Northbrook, Sweep, Ensemble

Mary Poppins is Joe's fifth show with Allegro. He loves the community in community theater and spending time with family and friends.

#### Katie Pierce

as Doll, Sweep, Ensemble

Katie Pierce is a 13 year old home-school student. Favorite activities are dance, which she has been doing since age 5, and theater. Mary Poppins is her 20th production. Favorite roles: Donkey, Shrek Jr. (Allegro), Cat in the Hat, Seussical Jr. (FCT), Dance ensemble, Wizard of Oz (Fauquier High School). Thanks to Mom and Dad, her amazingly supportive dance teachers, especially Miss Shania, and older brother Alan for their support.





#### Shannon Garrison <sup>as Household Staff, Sweep,</sup> Bank Clerk, Ensemble

Shannon has been involved in theater for 30 years. She is a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist by trade and enjoys hiking and traveling with her family. Shannon has appeared alongside her two children Reagan and Weston in many Allegro productions including Annie, Elf and A Christmas Story. Her husband Gus can always be seen cheering the family on from the front row, though she hasn't convinced him to take the stage...yet!

#### **Elizabeth Steimel**

as Bird Woman, Bank Clerk, Ensemble

Elizabeth is thrilled to be playing Bird Woman aka Tuppence Ze Bag! This is Elizabeth's 47th show of her acting career. You may have seen her onstage in September as Annie Oakley in "Annie Get Your Gun" at Fauquier Community Theatre. She would like to thank her family and friends for their support always!







#### Kassidy Miner as Valentine, Dance Ensemble

Kassidy is thrilled to be in Mary Poppins for the second time, having played the Bird Woman last December. This is her second show with Allegro, having played the orphan 'Kate' in Annie in 2021. Though barely 12, this is Kassidy's 9th show overall. Her favorite role was 'Dorothy' in The Wizard of Oz, and she is excited to play 'Mayzie la Bird' in Seussical Jr. this December.

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#### Lilly Glass

#### as Statue, Dance Ensemble

Lilly Glass is thrilled to join the cast of Mary Poppins. With 15 years of dance experience, she brings her passion for movement and storytelling to the stage. Past credits include Jane Banks in Mary Poppins, Scuttle in The Little Mermaid, and Isir in Aladdin. She is grateful for the opportunity to return to the world of Mary Poppins and thanks her family and friends for their support.



## **Rachael Fortin-Brito**

#### as Statue, Toy, Dance Ensemble

Rachael Fortin-Brito is a 15 year old, who attends Brentsville District High School. You may have seen her in other shows such as, Peter Pan, Alice in Wonderland, Annie, Matilda, White Christmas, and Shrek. She has danced at showcase dance studio since she was 6 years old. She would like to recognize our choreographer Shania Duane, for her phenomenal choreography. Thank you for coming, enjoy the show.





#### Marlee Ratcliff

#### as Fannie, Toy, Tap Ensemble

Marlee, a 7th grader at Gainesville Middle School, is proud to join this cast in her 3rd Allegro musical and 7th overall. Her favorite roles include Grover Dill - A Christmas Story (2023 -Allegro) and Charlie Winslow - Holiday Inn (2022 - FCT) where she received a Lofty Award for her performance. She was selected to All-County and All-Virginia Elementary Chorus in 2023, and is now in chorus at GVMS.

#### Eryn Kamph as Bank Clerk, Dance Ensemble

Eryn has been involved with Allegro for the past 5 years. She has danced for 10 years recreationally and competitively. Eryn was involved in Community Theatre and Choir in her hometown. At St. Cloud State University she performed in Theatre, Choir, and Chamber Choir. Eryn jumped at the opportunity to get involved in her interests again through Allegro.



#### Clare Villella as Annie, Toy, Sweep, Ensemble

Clare is a homeschooled highschooler who greatly enjoys performing theater. Her past productions include William Shakepeare's As You Like It and Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice. This is Clare's first musical, but she has always enjoyed dancing. She is very grateful for everyone's hard work in this production, her parents kindly driving her, and this great opportunity to use her gifts and talents for God's glory.

#### Katie Schlenker

#### as Ensemble



Katie Schlenker is excited and proud to be in the ensemble of Allegro's production of Mary Poppins! Katie is 30 years old, and this is her first Allegro production and she is looking forward to her future with Allegro. She has previous experience from her time in The Wizard of Oz, Shrek: The Musical, Holiday Inn, and The Best Christmas Pageant Ever. She hopes you enjoy this production!

#### Margaret Reeves

#### as Sweep, Ensemble

Margaret is thrilled to be in Mary Poppins as her first show with Allegro! When not rehearsing, Margaret enjoys singing, complaining about schoolwork, and hanging out with her wonderful family and friends! Thanks to the fabulous cast and crew, her mom for encouraging her to audition, and her entire supercalifragilisticexpialidocious family. Hope you love the show!



#### **Claire Correll**

#### as Sweep, Toy, Ensemble

This is Claire's 7th production, 3rd with Allegro, and she is currently working on two more! She's excited to share the stage with her mom and see everything come together. She'd like to thank her family, the production team, and fellow cast members for their support.











# WHO'S WHO Lachelle Yoder

Lachelle is the Program Director and co-founder of Allegro. Her interest in theatre began while attending the University of Arkansas. She picked up directing again with Allegro's "Christmas Carol, the Musical" in 2018. Her greatest happiness is seeing the story come to life, with all the parts together, on stage, transporting the audience into the magic of theatre. She and Sam live in Nokesville with their 2 cats and 1 dog. When she's not at Allegro she enjoys grabbing a good book.

#### **Mary Beth Balint**

This is Mary Beth's sixth show as a Producer. Previous shows include Shrek the Musical (FCT), Jesus Christ Superstar (FCT), and Songs for a New World (Triune). She enjoys working on shows with her kids and is grateful to her son Justin, her husband Mike, and five other children for their support. Thanks also to this talented cast and crew! They are practically perfect in every way!

#### Shania Duane

#### Choreographer

Shania is a dance and theatre teacher at Allegro and Showcase Dance Studio. She has been involved with Allegro for three years having previously directed and choreographed Matilda Jr. and Shrek Jr. She has been an integral part of starting Allegro's Youth Theatre Program and looks forward to the upcoming production of Frozen Jr. in January. She would like to thank Alan for being a wonderful assistant choreographer as well as Lachelle for her continued support. A special thanks to her family- Zach, Jacob, Charlie, and Teddy for their loving support. Enjoy the production! God Bless!

#### **Crystal Gueck**

#### Sets and Props

Crystal has been involved in theatre since she was young. Her passion for the arts has only grown with time. She has directed, designed and built sets/props, and acted in many shows over the years - most recently performing in Pilgrim's Progress in DC. Nothing, however, has been as rewarding as her roles of wife, mom, and now "Gigi" to two grandchildren due in April!

#### **Amber Kiffney**

#### Costumes

This is Amber's fourth production with Allegro and she has enjoyed the opportunity to work with this talented cast and crew. Amber studied Theater Arts at Furman University. She lives in Warrenton, VA with her husband, three children, and three dogs. When she's not designing and constructing costumes, she enjoys Scouting with BSA Troop 360 and runs her own small business: The Warrenton Sewist.

#### Director

Producer



#### — WHO'S WHO Debbie Martin

#### Stage Manager

Vocal Director

Debbie is an artist, actress, and a USAF veteran. Since moving to the NoVA area in 2022, she's been both onstage and/or backstage in some capacity for nearly a dozen shows. She is an award winning director, and has produced, vocal directed, stage managed, assistant directed, scenic designed and costumed in CA, CO, & VA. She's especially grateful for her daughter, who puts up with her theatre shenanigans.

#### Charlynn Mills

#### Charlynn is thrilled to have joined the family here at Allegro! Her theatrical background ranges from acting, props, costumes, directing, and vocal directing. She is also a proud member of the IATSE Theatre Wardrobe Union. After spending nearly a year on tour as Star Dresser for the First National Tour of Pretty Woman, she loves calling Manassas home as she puts down roots with her new husband, Greg Mills.



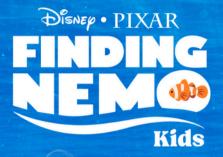
## Lori Roddy

#### Orchestra Director

Lori is happy to return for another Allegro production! She has worked as a music director, pianist and performer for churches, as well as community, regional and dinner theaters in the DC area and Florida. Thanks to a great cast production team and orchestra! Love to David.

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