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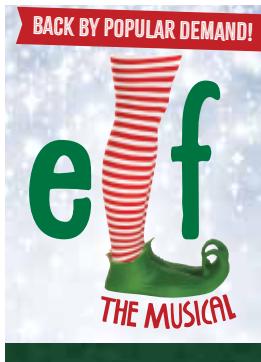
This recognition truly warms our hearts. It's more than just an award—it's a real nod to the passion and hard work poured in by our amazing staff, backstage crew, and talented performers. But even more so, it's a celebration of our loyal Season Partners and guests, whose continuous support keeps our curtains rising year after year and to whom we owe a big thank you.

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Dear Friends,

There is something about a 6-foot-tall Elf that brings out the kid on all of us during the Season. We last ran *Elf the Musical* in 2018. This is one of the most fun shows we have ever run and I am truly excited to have Elf the Musical on our stage once again for this holiday season. The cast is amazing, the show is joyful and humorous, and the music is upbeat. You're in for a treat! I want to wish you all a Happy Holiday season - whatever it is you celebrate this time of year, please make it a wonderful and joyful one. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us at the Alhambra.



What a year it has been for us - sold out shows and being named the number one dinner theater in the country by USA TODAY highlighted our year, and there were so many others I can't even write them here. I look back and cannot believe we are into our eighth and final show of the season. 2026 will be here before we know it, and it's time to start all over again.

As you snuggle into the holidays, please remember those on your shopping list with Alhambra tickets and Season Partnerships. They are always the right size and color and no one over returns them. Our season next year includes eight amazing shows, from musical comedies like *Menopause the Musical* to comedies to like *Morning After Grace* to big classic musicals like *Damn Yankees* and *Meet me in St. Louis*, we have you covered. We will celebrate our nation's 250th birthday with *1776*. Our summer family show, *Shrek the Musical* will enchant you. *Saturday Night Fever* will have you dancing in the aisles. And, of course, *Christmas Carole* will fill you with Christmas delight.

We've also got some great After Dark Music events, kicking off in January with *Brass Transit*, a tribute to Chicago and *The Dionne Legacy*, an incredible tribute to Dionne Warwick. We've got a dozen more up our sleeves, so pay attention to your Stagelight newsletter because these tickets go fast!

Want to make sure you don't miss a beat? Join us as a Season Partner to get all the perks - including first-notice on all new shows. Of course, having your choice of the best seats and a big savings helps, too!

Again, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us at the Alhambra. Thank you for making 2025 so special, and cheers to 2026!

Your friend,

Craig



CAST OF CHARACTERS

Buddy	Mason Ebert
Jovie	Kaylee Hendry
Walter Hobbs	James Skiba
Emily Hobbs	Jennifer Medure
Michael Hobbs	Elijah Chase Lawless
Deb.....	Lisa Valdini Booth
Store Manager/Ensemble	Jereme Raickett
Santa/Mr. Greenway	Pete Clapsis
Ensemble - Chadwick.....	Jeremiah Burch
Ensemble - Matthews.....	Nick Potts
Ensemble - Charlie	Malik Harris
Ensemble - Larry Spinotti.....	Joseph Davila
Ensemble - Passion Fruit Girl.....	Ava Madara
Ensemble - Waitress	Lorena Reis Farmand
Ensemble - Tiara.....	Lisa Kidder
Ensemble - Charlotte & Brat Mom	Charity Walton
Youth Ensemble.....	Lily Davidson
Youth Ensemble - Brat Child	Sadie Slotoroff

UNDERSTUDIES

Role of Buddy	Jeremiah Burch
Role of Jovie	Lorena Reis Farmand
Role of Michael.....	Lily Davidson

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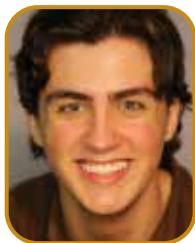
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Mason Ebert

BUDDY

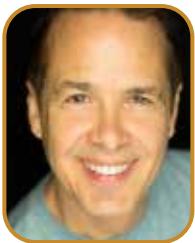
Mason is thrilled to step into the spotlight as Buddy in *Elf The Musical!* A lifelong fan of holiday magic, Mason is overjoyed to spread Christmas cheer. Previous favorite roles include *The Wedding Singer* (Ensemble) and *Rocky Horror Show Live* (Brad).

Endless thanks to loved ones for their support.

Kaylee Hendry

JOVIE

Kaylee is over-jollyed to be making her Alhambra debut. She would like to thank her parents, friends and family for the immense love and support they give her. Her favorite Christmas tradition is watching ELF with her family, so playing Jovie is the best gift she could have received!



James A. Skiba

WALTER HOBBS

James can't wait to share this heart warming tale this holiday! Past performances include *42nd Street* (Julian Marsh), *White Christmas* (Bob Wallace) and *Grumpy Old Men* (John Gustafson). Favorite roles include *1776* (John Adams), *The Music Man* (Harold Hill), *Annie Get Your Gun* (Frank Butler), and *Footloose* (Rev. Shaw). @JamesASkiba

Jennifer Medure

EMILY HOBBS

Jenny is excited to be back at the Alhambra this Christmas season! A Jacksonville native, Jenny attended DASOTA and the Boston Conservatory. Favorite roles include *A Christmas Story* (Mom), *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* (Truly Scrumptious), and *Come From Away* (Beverley Bass). Much love to friends and family, Jessie, Shain, Cathy, and her amazing kids!



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Elijah Chase Lawless

MICHAEL HOBBS

Elijah is thrilled to return to the Alhambra stage for another magical holiday season! His favorite roles include *A Christmas Story* (Randy) and *Tarzan* (Young Tarzan). When he's not performing, he enjoys epic Nerf battles with his friends. For Mom, Alexander and Savannah—with love and Christmas cheer!

Lisa Valdini Booth

DEB

Lisa was last seen in *Come From Away*. She is thrilled to be a part of this production of *ELF* and having her daughter direct makes it extra special. When off stage she does voice overs and narrates audio books. She was the voice of Winn Dixie for 12 years. You may also have seen her on HGTV , where she was the host of *All In Good Taste*.



Jereme Raickett

STORE MANAGER/ENSEMBLE

Jereme Raickett is a multidisciplinary artist, director, and cultural curator with 20+ years in performance and community engagement. His work bridges cultures, celebrates diversity, and fosters connection through arts education. He's thrilled to return to the Alhambra stage.

Pete Clapsis

SANTA/MR. GREENWAY

Pete - I'm back! 2025- *My Fair Lady* (Alfred P. Doolittle) and *The Mystery Of Edwin Drood* (Durdles). That's three straight incredible years portraying Santa- *Miracle On 34th Street* (Kris Kringle) here in 2023 and in 2024 at Surflight in Beach Haven, New Jersey. Kris/Santa is a magical role and an honor. Merry Happy!



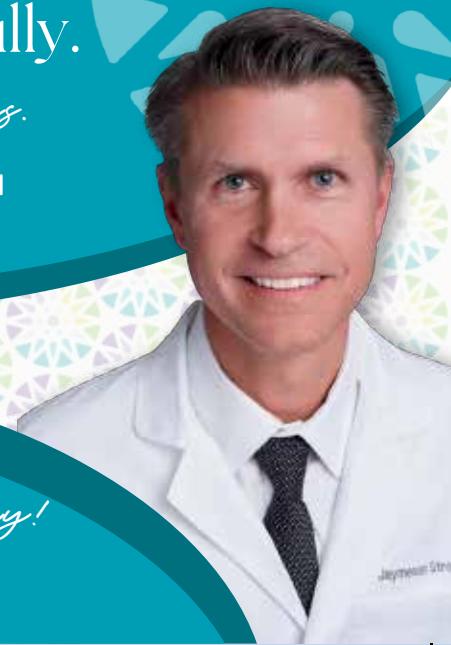


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Jeremiah Burch

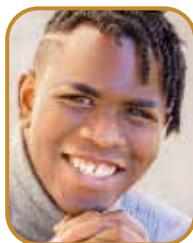
ENSEMBLE - CHADWICK

Jeremiah is a New York based actor, singer, and occasional dancer who is thrilled to make his Alhambra debut! Previous credits include *Jersey Boys* (Bob Gaudio), *Cabaret* (Cliff) and *Shrek the Musical* (Lord Farquaad). When not performing, he enjoys snowboarding, eating spicy chicken, and playing Fortnite. IG: @Jburch2095 Www.JeremiahBurch.Com

Nick Potts

ENSEMBLE - MATTHEWS

Nick is ecstatic to be making his Alhambra debut! He graduated from The Boston Conservatory where he recently performed in *Jesus Christ Superstar* (Jesus). Previous credits include *Evita* (Ensemble) - Reagle Music Theater Boston, *The Drowsy Chaperone* (Ens./Dance Captain/Aldolpho US) - Lyric Stage Boston, and many more! nickpotts.net IG: nick.o.potts



Malik Harris

ENSEMBLE - CHARLIE

You may remember him in *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical!* (Drifter) He's thrilled to return to the Alhambra for his second show. A Brenau BFA grad, he's performed in *Kinky Boots*, *Heartbreak Hotel*, and with Cirque du Soleil. He believes in the joy of live theater and thanks his loved ones for their support! @Unique_malikharris @cogenialcousins

Joseph Rafael Davila

ENSEMBLE - LARRY SPINOTTI

Joseph is making his Alhambra debut! He has performed with the Geva Theatre (Rochester, NY) and Cornwell's Dinner Theatre (Marshall, MI). Favorite regional credits: *An American in Paris* (Jerry Mulligan), *Beautiful: A Carole King Musical* (Swing/Barry u/s), *Spamalot* (Prince Herbert, et al). IG: @jo_rd3



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Ava Madara

ENSEMBLE - PASSION FRUIT GIRL

Ava is a University of Florida BFA Musical Theatre alum based in NYC! She's a member of The Verdon Fosse Legacy Professional Training Program. Favorite roles include *The Music Man* (Marian), *Chicago* (Velma/June), and *Cabaret* (Rosie). Special shoutout to her family and friends for their unwavering support. IG: @avamadara. avamadara.com

Lorena Reis Farmand

ENSEMBLE - WAITRESS

Lorena is thrilled to make her regional theatre debut. Past credits include *The Thorn* (National Tour). Based in NYC, Lorena is a performer and new mom who finds joy in storytelling through movement and connection. Endless thanks to her family. IG: @lorena_reisfarmand



Lisa Kidder Sandiford

ENSEMBLE - TIARA

Lisa is thrilled to return to the Alhambra stage! A former Jacksonville Jaguars NFL cheerleader, she now choreographs and teaches dance throughout Jacksonville, including the JU Sirens dance team and the Palm Valley Barn. Thank you to Chad, DPK, and Mom & Dad for their constant love and support.

Charity Walton

ENSEMBLE - CHARLOTTE AND BRAT MOM

Charity Walton is thrilled to return to Alhambra after appearing in *Rocky Horror Picture Show!* She recently earned her BA in Theatre Arts with a music minor from Flagler College. Favorite credits include *Freaky Friday* (Ellie Blake), *Little Women* (Meg March), and *If/Then* (Kate). Thanks to her family and husband Zach for their support! @charityjwalton





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Lily Davidson YOUTH ENSEMBLE

Lily is delighted to be making her Alhambra debut. Previous roles include *13 the Musical* (Patrice), *The Sound of Music* (Brigitta), *Annie* (July), and *White Christmas* (Susan). Lily is in 7th grade and loves to dance, sing, and travel. She would like to thank her family and teachers for their support.

Sadie Monroe

YOUTH ENSEMBLE - BRAT CHILD

Sadie Monroe is thrilled to make her Alhambra debut alongside her sister, Charity Walton. She recently played in *100 Dalmatians* (Sergeant Tibbs) at Limelight Theatre in St. Augustine, FL. Sadie is incredibly grateful for this opportunity and thanks her family for their constant love, encouragement and support.



Jessie Booth

DIRECTOR

At the Alhambra, Jessie directed *Love Letters* and *Fiddler on the Roof*, and was recently in *Boeing Boeing* (Gretchen). Directing: *Clue*, *Shrek*, *Footloose*, *Seussical*, *Mean Girls*, and more. Owner of Jessie Booth Productions, Jessie now performs, produces, and directs immersive cabaret events in Charlotte, NC. [@itsjessiebooth](http://www.jessiebooth.com)



Cathy Murphy Giddens

MUSICAL DIRECTOR

Cathy has musically directed hundreds of shows both regionally and off-Broadway. She loves working with the wonderful talent and outstanding directors at the Alhambra Theatre. Cathy has served as past vocal music chair at Douglas Anderson School of the Arts and professor of music at Jacksonville University.



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Tanner Lane

CHOREOGRAPHER

Tanner Lane is a NYC based choreographer. Choreography: Las Culturistas Culture Awards w/ Bowen Yang and Matt Rogers, *Broadway Baby* starring Bianca Marroquin, *Leg Up On Life*, *Mean Girls* @ Young Artists of America. He's currently on faculty at Broadway Dance Center and Steps on Broadway.
IG: @TannerLane17

Shain Stroff

VICE PRESIDENT OF PRODUCTION

Shain Stroff marks his 15th year at the Alhambra and has contributed to over 95 productions. His directing credits include: *The Mystery Of Edwin Drood*, *Charlie & the Chocolate Factory*, *Christmas Story*, *Wedding Singer*, *Joseph and the Amazing...*, *Escape to Margaritaville*, *Miracle on 34th Street*, *Disney's Beauty & the Beast*, *Legally Blonde*, *Rocky Horror Show*, and *Seussical*. Much love to Frenchie, Schmoukette, and Nadia. IG: Shain_Stroff



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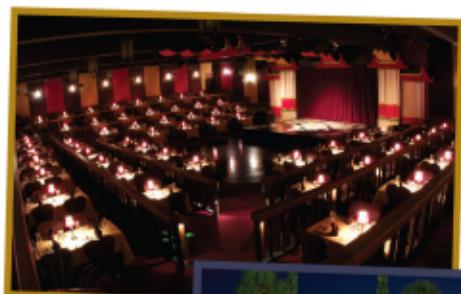
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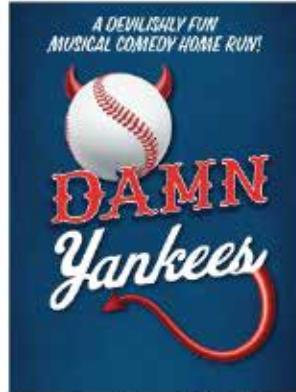
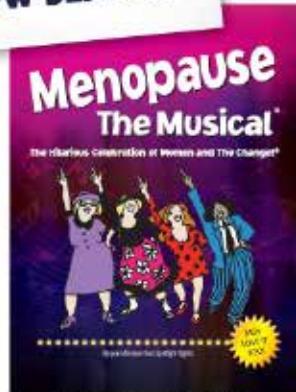
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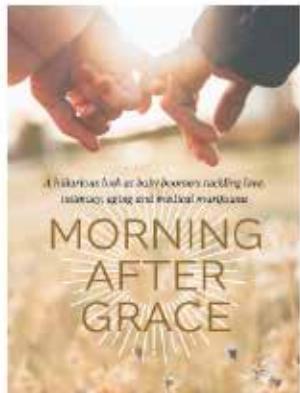
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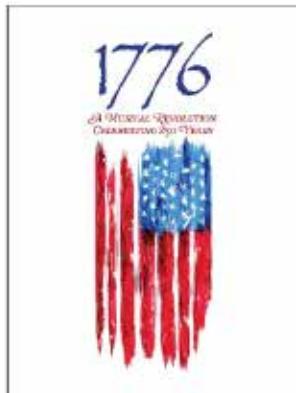


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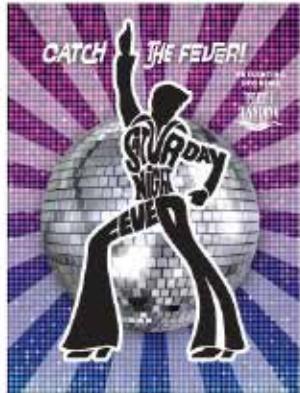
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