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BRYCE MUENCHOW (*Harold Hill*)

Bryce couldn't be more thrilled to share the stage with his family this summer. He is a music teacher and veteran performer, but this is his first show with the Watertown Players. This is his second time performing in *The Music Man*,

having first played the role of Oliver Hix with BDACT in 2003. Harold Hill is the dream role he never knew he had and he is excited to bring this con man with a heart to life.

KAYLA KRIZEK (*Marian Paroo*)

Kayla is thrilled to perform as Marian the Librarian! Before moving to Wisconsin, Kayla resided in St. Paul, MN and had the honor of performing as the "Narrator" in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, Belle in *Beauty and the Beast*, and Liesl in *The Sound of Music*. Now Kayla and her family live in Lake Mills, where she teaches middle school music. An enormous thanks to her own real-life white knight, Elliott, and her two favorite piano students, Cora and Hazel.

Enjoy the show!

BLAINE LANDOWSKI (*Marcellus Washburn*)

Blaine can now add "musical theatre actor" to his list of theatre experience. His accomplishments cover just about every role-from the front of the curtain to back stage, at levels of collegiate, community, and professional. He

loves working with his fellow cast and crew to entertain an audience as well as themselves. Come see *Laughing Stock*, Blaine's Watertown Players Theater directorial debut, in just a few weeks!

LARRY MARTINEZ (*Mayor George Shinn*)

Larry Martinez has had his love of theater from his youth reigned by The Watertown Players and has taken part in several productions (*The Game's Afoot*, *Twas the Night Before Christmas*, *Arsenic and Old Lace-Radio Version*).

However, he's particularly excited to be Mayor Shinn in this production because a) it's his first musical, and b) his wife Laura and son Logan are also in the show!



REBEKAH LANDOWSKI (*Eulalie Mackecknie Shinn*)

Rebekah is so excited to return to the stage, this time with her family. She has been involved in many productions both in front of and behind the curtain. Most recently she portrayed the older Susannah Wesley for a church production.

Rebekah is a mother of five and enjoys gardening. She is very excited to be playing Eulalie Mackecknie Shinn. Eulalie is quite the character, and Rebekah hopes you enjoy the show!



MISSY DEFEBAUGH (*Mrs. Paroo*)

Missy is happy to be back on the Watertown Players Stage after a long absence. She first performed with the Players in 2006 as Bloody Mary in *South Pacific*. Missy comes from a musical family and has performed in theater most of her life. Some of her favorite roles are: The Baker's Wife in *Into the Woods*, Vera in *Mame*, Geneva in *Christmas Belles* and Claire in *Steel Magnolia's*. Missy would like to dedicate this show to her 6 grandchildren.



ANDERS HENDRICKSON (*Charlie Cowell*)

This is Anders's debut to the theater world as he plays the show's villain, Charlie the anvil salesman. After watching his three children perform in plays for years, he decided, "This intrigues me. I think I'll have to give theater a try!"

Anders spent his high school years in an Iowa marching band and has been singing *Music Man* songs for decades, making this musical a perfect fit. He enjoys being a cantor at church and still plays the trumpet from time to time. He dedicates the show to his wife and three children, who are also in the musical.



THOMAS HENDRICKSON (*Tommy Djilas*)

Thomas acted in *Newbies, Jr.* ('23) in March as Davey. He was also in *Mary Poppins, Jr.* ('22). He sings in his school's choir and cantors at church. He used to play trombone, but has not yet tried a real piccolo. Thomas dedicates the show to his Grandpa, especially "76 Trombones."

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IRIS WENDORFF (*Zaneeta Shinn*)

Iris is a seventh grader, who is very excited for you to see The Watertown Players' production of *The Music Man*! This is her second show with The Players, but her first musical. She has had a fun time at the practices and loves her role of Zaneeta Shinn. She has put hard work into this show, and hopes that all who watch it can tell. She thanks all of you who have come and hopes that you have a great experience.



JIM BRAUGHLER (*Ewart Dunlop*)

Once a teacher, now a librarian (yes, really!), Jim has lived his entire adult life in Watertown after coming to this fair city for college. There isn't an aspect of theater he hasn't done: director/assistant, costumes and tech, design and both his third time doing *The Music Man* and being a part of a Watertown Players Production. He has enjoyed getting to know his fellow bickering, barbershopping school board members. Please enjoy the production.



DIETRICH LANDOWSKI (*Wintrop Paroo*)

Dietrich is no stranger to the Watertown Players Theatre stage, and he is very excited to be playing Winthrop in *The Music Man*. It was the role he was hoping for. He has had a great experience performing for the Watertown Players Theatre.



LOGAN MARTINEZ (*Oliver Hix*)

This is Logan's return to the stage after performing as Sam in *Mamma Mia!* at Watertown High School in 2018. As a frequent adventurer, Logan is always looking for a unique and memorable experience and decided to join his parents in this production of *The Music Man*.



GIANNA HENDRICKSON (*Amaryllis*)

Gianna plays Amaryllis. She is excited to play Amaryllis because, like her character, she plays piano. Gianna was in the ensemble for *Newspies, Jr.* ('23) and *Mary Poppins, Jr.* ('22). She loves dancing and started dance at age 2. She

dedicates the show to her Grandpa from Iowa who always loved every part of *The Music Man*.



CHRISTINA CHOATE (*Ethel Toffelmier, Pick-a-Little*)

Christina of Lake Mills is happy to be back for another show with The Watertown Players Theater. She will be portraying Ethel Toffelmeier, who is a Pick-a-Little Lady and the town's pianola girl. Even more exciting than being featured in the

musical is getting to share it with her kids.



SAM VORPAHL (*Jacey Squires*)

Throughout high school and as a young adult, Sam performed in many theater productions, including the roles of Curly in *Oklahoma*, and Gaston in *Beauty and the Beast*. It has been 18 years since his last time on stage and he's

enjoying his role in the Barbershop and being in a production alongside one of his daughters and wife. Sam works in the dairy industry. In his free time, he enjoys creating with his daughters, mountain biking, and snowboarding and singing with his church's worship team.



LIVVY SORENSEN (*Alma Hix, Pick-a-Little*)

Livvy is thrilled to be back on stage with the Watertown Players. Her first production with them was when she was five years old. She is currently a senior at Watertown High School. She is a two sport athlete and is very involved in

numerous honors societies. Her musical achievements include being an active member of the "River City Rhapsody" show choir and participating in the spring musicals, most recently as Pilar in *Legally Blonde*. She is excited to be portraying the role of Alma and hopes you enjoy the show!

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BARBARA WARREN (*Maud Dunlop, Pick-a-Little*)

Barb is an at home caregiver for her father-in-law, here in Watertown. She was a choir director for seven years and has been speech coach for 20+ years. In her free time, she enjoys fishing with her husband, Rick, playing with her grand kids—three of whom are in the play, singing harmony in ensembles, and spending time with her five wonderful kids—one of whom is in the play. Barb is so excited to be portraying the role of Maud Dunlop in our production. She would like to dedicate this show to her dad, Jim Stubblefield, who nurtured her love for music and musical theatre.



TYLER HEILAMAN (*Conductor*)

Tyler is enjoying his first role in a musical since the '90s! He is excited to be new in town & performing with the WPT. He has earned degrees focused on the business of entertainment along with multimedia production and marketing. In his spare time Tyler likes to go hiking & camping and loves watching thunderstorms. Tyler will be playing the role of Conductor for this wonderful musical and would like to remind you to have fun!



SHEILAH VORPAHL (*Mrs. Squires, Pick-a-Little*)

Sheilah is a homeschooling mother of two from Fort Atkinson, with a love of language, teaching, learning and music. She serves as an interpreter at her church. Throughout childhood, she performed in various theater productions. Her last show was 18 years ago. She's thrilled to be in her first show with Watertown Players and back on the stage alongside her husband and one of her daughters!



EMMA DOYLE (*Pick-a-Little Lady*)

Emma is a high school student at WHS. She will be a Junior in the 2023/2024 school year. This is Emma's second production with the Watertown Players. Last summer she was Mrs. White in *CLUE*. This time, Emma is playing the part of a Pick-A-Little lady. She had lots of fun putting this together and hopes you'll enjoy the show.



NORA MUENCHOW (*Gracie Shinn*)

Nora is going into first grade and is making her debut on stage as Gracie Shin! Nora is a big fan of ALL musicals and especially likes listening to soundtracks. She enjoys art, games, and spending time with her family. Nora is excited to wear her costumes and share the Wells Fargo Wagon with you!



LAURA MARTINEZ (*Pick-a-Little Lady*)

This is Laura's return to the stage! Her last performance was her high school's 1988 production of *HMS Pinafore*. After watching many of her family members perform with Watertown Players over the past few years, Laura decided to take the leap and join in on the fun this time around. She is grateful to the directors for this opportunity to join her husband and son on stage and hopes you all enjoy the show!



TOM KOHLS (*Constable Locke*)

This is the fourth show that Tom has been in with the Watertown Players. He was Willard (Superman) in *A Funny Little Thing Called Love*, Wendall in *The Night Before Christmas* and various roles in our senior outreach program. In the past he was active with the Fort Atkinson Community Theatre and the Village Playhouse of Wauwatosa. He would like to dedicate his performance to his grandkids (Lilly, Nate and Collin) and his daughter Gwen and son-in-law Brian.



AMEE MERTENS (*Pick-a-Little Lady*)

Amee Mertens is new to the Watertown Players this summer. After years of being away from choir and theater, she has really enjoyed the challenge of memorizing music, working collectively as a team, and seeing all the pieces come together. This has been a phenomenal group to get to know and work with! During her free time, Amee enjoys family time, reading, singing at church, and sipping coffee or tea with good friends. Enjoy the show!

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MIA HENDRICKSON (Teen Dancer)

She has been dancing since she was 4 years old and is on her high school pom/dance team. She acted in *Mary Poppins, Jr.* ('22) and the comedy *Chivalry Me Timbers* ('21). Mia enjoys music and has played in a real band playing flute. Mia would like to thank her amazing grandparents for supporting and encouraging her.



DALE VAN HOLTEN (Townsperson, Set Construction)

Dale, as the only person in this production to be listen twice as both cast and crew, jumped in as an addition to the wonderful Townspeople. As a director and actor at Watertown Players for decades now, Dale is excited to join yet another production and contribute to the show in every way that he can.



ALAINA MERTENS (Teen Dancer)

Alaina Mertens is having so much fun putting on this show! She loves doing all the dances! This is her 3rd performance with the Watertown Players Theater. In her free time, Alaina likes to play with her sister, jump on their trampoline,

gymnastics, bike, swim, and be outside. Because she enjoys practically everything about theater, she likes that, too, among other activities. She really hopes you enjoy the show!



MARIE HENDRICKSON (Townsperson)

Marie is a townsperson and enjoys being in a family friendly musical like *The Music Man* for the Watertown Players. Marie has volunteered with production of school plays for her three children. She dedicates the show to her husband, Anders.



LAYLA TURNER (Teen Dancer)

Layla Turner is a rising 8th grader at Riverside Middle School. She loves archery, hanging out with her friends at the library or pool, and most of all doing anything on stage. She has been in several shows in the past such as *Schoolhouse Rocks!*

Jr., Frozen Jr., Freaky Friday, Ukrainian Folk Tales, Clue (high school edition), *Wizard of Oz*, and many many more. She is excited to be a teen dancer in the Watertown Players production of *Music Man* this summer and would like to thank everyone who continues to support her efforts with music and theater.



HEIDI MUENCHOW (Townsperson)

Heidi is excited to be this production of *The Music Man* as a Townsperson! She has helped with costumes and stage design with BDACT, but this is her first time in a community theater production. It has been a such a joy to join the stage with her husband, Bryce, and two kids, Gale and Nora! She enjoys being outside, being creative, and spending time with her family. Heidi would like to dedicate the show in memory of her Mom, Lois



SELAH VORPAHL (Teen Dancer)

Selah, age 12, from Fort Atkinson, is thrilled to be in her first Watertown Players production. Selah has participated in children's plays with her church, Missoula Children's Theater's *Snow White*, and BrightRising's *Charlotte's Web*.

When she's not enjoying theater, she likes creating, drawing, dancing and doing gymnastics!



TRACEY NASS (Townsperson)

Tracy Nass is excited to make her theater debut. She did theater work a long long time ago and it has all come back! She is most looking forward to sharing the stage with her talented daughter.

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MAGGIE OESTREICH (Townsperson)

Maggie is currently in her Sophomore year at UW-Platteville and is majoring in Animal Science. She has been in multiple productions with the Watertown Players including *The Music Man Jr.*, *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Jr.*,

and *Beauty and the Beast Jr.* In her free time she enjoys baking, singing, and spending time with family. Maggie is so excited to be a townsperson in the amazing show.

VICKI SCHWEFEL (Townsperson)

Vicki is retired and will be turning 70 this July. This is the very first time she has participated in a musical production. She is very excited to get her feet wet with this exciting production of *The Music Man* where she will be playing the

part of a townsperson. She would like to dedicate her performance to her 96 year old aunt, Marge Goecke, who has recently passed away.



HARPER CHOATE (Children's Chorus)

Harper is very excited to be making her stage debut alongside her sister in the Children's Chorus. Harper is a witty seven year old who has really taken to theater. Doing this show as a family has been a high point of her year.



AUDREY CHOATE (Children's Chorus)

At only five years old, Audrey ranks in as one of the youngest members of this cast's production of *The Music Man*. Her role in the Children's Chorus is her first ever and she's thrilled to join her sister and mom for this great show!

BRENNAN BOETTCHER (Children's Chorus)

Brennan is excited to be performing again with the Watertown Players. He is part of the children's ensemble in *The Music Man*. Brennan is going in 5th grade. His previous performances include *The Blabbermouth*, *The Puffmonster*

and *The Wolf*, two productions of *The Lion King Jr.*, *Wizard of Oz*, *Shrek Jr.*, and 6 other productions. When not on stage Brennan is riding his bike, playing video games or playing baseball.



ARIANNA HENDRICKS (Children's Chorus)

Arianna is nine years old and is entering the fourth grade. She has been performing in plays since she was in Kindergarten. Her first performance with The Watertown Players was *The Nutcracker* at The Octagon House. Arianna enjoys

swimming, riding her bike, and playing with her dog, Honey. Arianna is very excited to be performing in *The Music Man* and she dedicates this performance to her mom and dad.



GEMMA KOLELL (Children's Chorus)

Gemma is looking forward for everyone to see me perform in *The Music Man*. Gemma has performed in other musicals including *The Wizard of Oz*, *Jungle Book Jr.*, and *Frozen Jr.* She is also enrolled in tap and ballet classes with the

Watertown Rec Department. This will be her first performance with Watertown Players. Things she likes to do for fun are swimming, hanging out with friends, going on vacations with her family, and riding her bike. Enjoy the show!



GABE HINRICHES (Children's Chorus)

Gabe is excited to join the Children's Chorus in this cast of *The Music Man*. He has previously performed with the Watertown Players in their Workshop production of *The Blabbermouth*, *The Puff Monster*, & *The Wolf*. This show is dedicated to Gabe's dad, as him and his family keeps his memory at the forefront of their lives.

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ALIESE MERTENS (*Children's Chorus*)

Aliese likes being in *The Music Man*. Her favorite part of being in the cast is that everyone tries to help everyone. This is her third performance with the Watertown Players. In her free time, she likes to do gymnastics and play with her sister. Her favorite scene is Marian the Librarian. Hope you enjoy!



ELIAM LANDOWSKI (*Children's Chorus*)

Eliam is so excited to be in his first show with the Watertown Players. When he's not working on the Minuet in G, he likes to play around with his brothers and sisters and eat. He especially likes cookie dough icecream. He dedicates this show to his Great Grampa Mike.



FELICITY LANDOWSKI (*Children's Chorus*)

This is Felicity's first time on stage. She is having a lot of fun being one of the townspeople. Her favorite part of the show is hanging out in the Kiddie area backstage between scenes. Thank you, Miss Katie! Felicity would like to dedicate this

show to her grammas and grampas.



ELLA NASS (*Children's Chorus*)

Eleanor Nass is going into fifth grade at Good Shepherd Lutheran School. Ella enjoys school and being with her friends. Ella is involved in volleyball, softball and is a member of the Lebanon Luckies 4-H club. Ella has been a

part of youth productions with the Watertown Players and the WPA Studio. She is excited to be in the show with her mom who is making her theater debut.



GALE MUENCHOW (*Children's Chorus*)

Gale is going into second grade and is excited to be in his first theatrical production! Gale loves musicals and was eager to be a part of *The Music Man*. He enjoys riding his bike, building things, and spending time with his family. Gale is excited

to be in the Children's Choir and be a part of the River City Boys Band!