

# PLAYBILL®

Maroa-Forsyth Middle School  
Maroa, IL



## The Musical

PRESENTS

# ELF

Book by  
Thomas Meehan  
and Bob Martin

Music by  
Matthew Sklar

Book by  
Chad Beguelin

Based upon the New Line Cinema film

with

Charlie Ritter  
Bianca Giles  
Macy Bundy

Brian Lewis  
Aubra Timmons  
Greyson Applebee  
Paige Feinstein

Josh Lewis  
Isabella Nilles  
Charlie Gentle

**Set Painting**  
Michelle Sedy  
MFHS Art Club  
Jami Fawley

**Props**  
Michelle Wikoff  
Theatre 7

**Hair/Makeup**  
Tarin Mills

**Rehearsal  
Chaperones**  
Shelly Upperman  
Jill Feinstein

**Set Construction**  
Cassie Crouch

MFHS Mech/Tech Students

**Concessions**  
Melissa Goede

**DVD Sales**  
Sherry Parker

**Specialty Items**  
Kelly Berry  
Jill Applebee

**Lobby Display**  
Ronda Bundy

**Costumes/Production Asst.**  
Kelly Ritter

**Student Assistants**  
Ava Bleavins & Coletín Towner

**Directed & Choreographed by**  
Mr. Christopher Weisenborn

Originally produced by Warner Bros. Theatre Ventures  
In association with Unique Features

Elf is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).  
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.  
[www.MTIShows.com](http://www.MTIShows.com)

## SONGS

### ACT I

Overture ..... Orchestra  
 Christmastown ..... Santa, Buddy, Company  
 World's Greatest Dad ..... Buddy  
 In The Way ..... Deb, Walter, Emily, Michael, Company  
 Sparklejollytwinklejingley ..... Buddy, Store Manager, Company  
 I'll Believe In You ..... Michael, Emily  
 In The Way- Reprise ..... Emily, Walter  
 Just Like Him ..... Buddy, Deb, Company  
 A Christmas Song ..... Buddy, Jovie, Company  
 World's Greatest Dad - Reprise

### ACT II

Nobody Cares About Santa ..... Fake Santas, Store Manager, Buddy  
 Never Fall In Love (with An Elf) ..... Jovie  
 There Is A Santa Claus ..... Michael, Emily  
 The Story Of Buddy ..... Buddy, Michael, Walter, Greenway,  
 Emily, Deb, Company  
 Nobody Cares ... (Santa's Reprise) ..... Santa  
 A Christmas Song - Reprise ..... Jovie, Buddy, Emily, Michael, Walter,  
 Company  
 Finale ..... Company

the **BEST** way  
 TO spread  
**Christmas**  
 Cheer  
 IS SINGING  
**LOUD** FOR all  
 to **HEAR**  
 ~buddy the elf

## CAST

### Cast Members

Buddy	Brian Lewis
Santa	Grayson Applebee
Walter	Charlie Ritter
Emily	Aubra Timmons
Michael	Josh Lewis
Jovie	Bianca Giles
Deb	Isabella Nilles
Chadwick	Macy Bundy
Matthews	Paige Feinstein
Greenway	Charlie Gentle
Manager	Noah Luther
Sam	Olivia Parker
Charlie/David Lambert	Nathen Binkley
Tiara	Allison Wogoman
Fake Santa	Christian Morgan
Fake Santa #2	Aubrey Stewart
Fake Santa #3	Trista Pryde
Fake Santa #4	Lillian Hutt
Fake Santa #5	Lillian Ringler
Fake Santa #6/Security Guard	Reece Peters
Security Guard	Isaac Berry
Waitress	Riley Upperman
Charlotte Dennon	Reagan VanHook
Police Officer	Michael Clary
Police Officer	Parker Nightingale

## CAST

### Cast Members (continued)

North Pole Elves	Alyna Bohlmann, Abigail Brunner, Naomi Bushert, Addi Clark, Michael Clary, Nora Fisk, Ethan Goede, Samantha Goede, Lionel Grayson, Valerie Hewitt, Gracey Huffman, Jaylen Kacsir, Isabelle Kupish, Gracie Lynch, Bailey Miller, Parker Nightingale, Addi Penhallegon, Sierra Personette, Avri Tertocha, Rachel Totten, Lilly Wehking, Preston Wikoff, Tess Willingham
Macy's Elves	Malayna Ackerman, Grace Allsup, Logan Cline, Kathryn Crowe, Sophia Crowe, Ian Fawley, Alexis Gossett, Danni Hovey, Anika Jyothinagaram, Alex King, Madisyn McCammack, Jackson Schmahl, Adelyn Simmons, Joshua Wintermeyer
Office Workers	Isaac Berry, Gehrig Bunselmeyer, Audra Harding, Ashley Hetherington, Dathan Lidy, Tessa Morr, Kyndall Nailer, Richa Patel, Diya Parekh, Lainey Richardson, Juliana Saner, Addyson Vaughn



**WE ELVES TRY TO  
STICK TO THE  
FOUR MAIN FOOD  
GROUPS: CANDY,  
CANDY CANES,  
CANDY CORNS  
AND SYRUP**



## CREW

### Crew Members

Backstage \_\_\_\_\_ Ava Bleavins, Audrey Burns, Jayden Holthaus, Coletyn Towner

Sound \_\_\_\_\_ Grant Simmons & Grant Vandevoorde

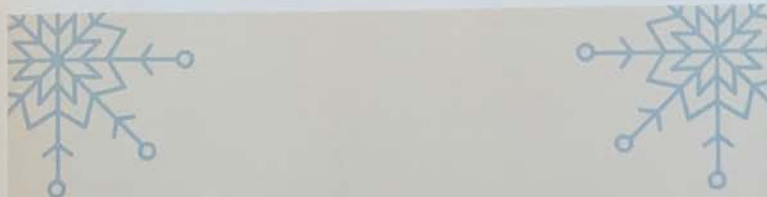
Lights \_\_\_\_\_ Lylian Featherstone

Projections \_\_\_\_\_ Max Berry

Camera \_\_\_\_\_ Paige Shull



## ADS



# NORTH POLE CONCESSIONS

LOCATED IN THE BACK OF THE CAFETORIUM

Popcorn--\$1

Candy--\$1

Drinks--\$2

Water, Pepsi, Diet Pepsi

Specialty Items

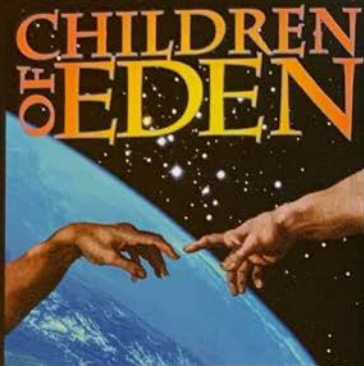
Hot Chocolate--\$3

Chocolate Dipped Pretzel Rods--\$2



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### Show Auditions

Stephen Schwartz and John Caird's musical, *Children of Eden* casts the beloved biblical stories of Genesis through the personal lens of family. A two-act musical with an original cast of sixty, *Children of Eden* starts with the very beginning: the creation of the universe. Father breathes life into his children, Adam and Eve, and learns that the hardest part of being a loving Father is letting go. This joyous and inspiring musical celebrates the difficulty of choice, the importance of passion, the value of questioning, and the pain in allowing those you love to take risks and face the consequences. It's universal themes of family and love, as well as brilliant music will be brought to life by two full casts of performers in grades 1-12.

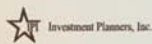
Rehearsals held Saturdays and Sundays, beginning January 11. Leads will begin rehearsal prior to January 11.

Directed and choreographed by Marie Jagger-Taylor, with vocal direction by Christine Smith.

November 22	4 - 6:30 p.m.
November 23	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
November 24	1 - 4 p.m. (call-backs)

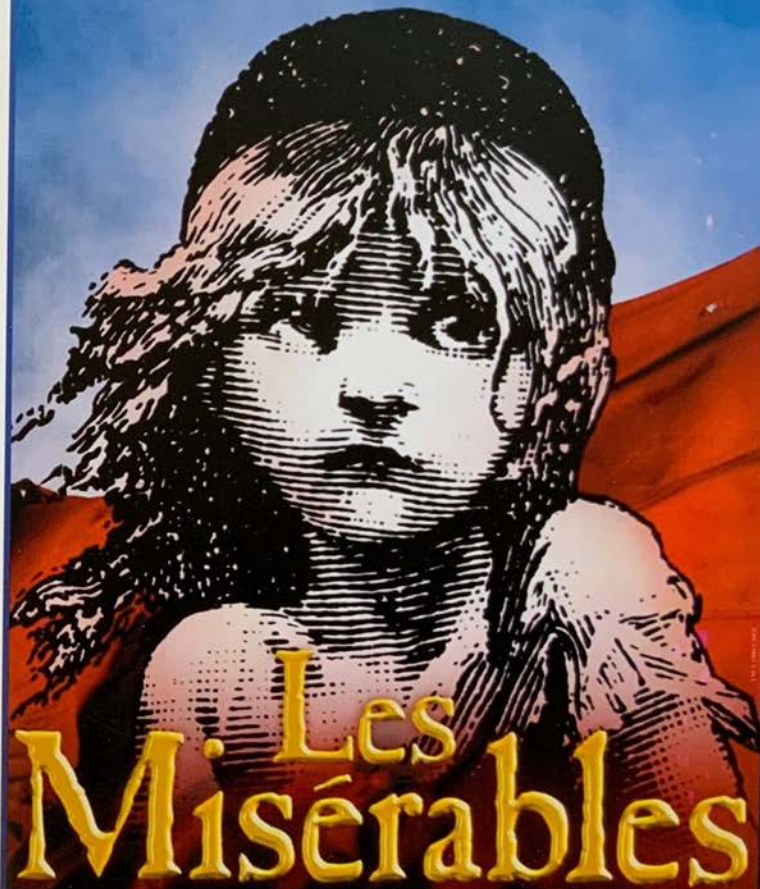
Fee: \$165 (\$145 w/resident discount)  
\$145 / \$125 for Dance & Drama students

Note: Fee includes costume, script, rehearsal CD and show shirt.  
Shoes are not supplied. Audition registration begins November 11.  
Call 422-5911 to schedule audition.



This program is partially supported by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Illinois Arts Council Agency, and the Decatur Area Arts Council.

Maroa-Forsyth High School  
presents



Thursday, April 2 (Dinner Theatre)--6:00pm

Friday, April 3--7:00pm

Saturday, April 4--7:00pm

Sunday, April 5--2:00pm

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Boys used in  
 tonight's  
 production will be  
 donated to the  
 Trojan Football's  
 Toys for Tots  
 drive!



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**SQUARE**  
 THE LITTLE THEATRE  
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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This production would not have been possible without the help of some very special people. Our apologies if we have inadvertently left anyone off this list.

Dr. John Ahlemeyer, Superintendent

Dr. Kris Kahler, Middle School Principal

Maroa-Forsyth Board of Education

Maroa-Forsyth Middle School Faculty and Staff

Mrs. Sarah Lidy, District Band Director

Tim Mullins, Janet Peasley, Michael Riley, Wes Weikle

Brad Ochiltree & Val Jordan, Publicity Poster Design & Sponsorship

Jill Applebee, Raffle Items

All Committee Chairs

Parent Volunteers

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### Past Productions at Maroa-Forsyth Middle School

Willy Wonka Jr. (Spring 2009)

Annie Jr. (Fall 2009)

Seussical Jr. (2010)

Guys and Dolls Jr. (2011)

Alice in Wonderland Jr. (2012)

The Pinocchio Show (2013)

Once On This Island Jr. (2014)

The Lion King Jr. (2015)

High School Musical Jr. (2016)

Camp Rock (2017)

Freaky Friday (2018)

## NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

A title known all over the world, *Elf the Musical* is based on the cherished 2003 hit movie that tells the hilarious tale of Buddy, a young orphan who mistakenly crawls into Santa's bag of gifts and is transported to the North Pole.

Buddy is raised unaware that he is actually a human, until his enormous size and poor toy-making abilities cause him to face the truth. With Santa's permission, Buddy embarks on a journey to New York City to find his birth father and discover his true identity.

Faced with the harsh reality that his father is on the naughty list and his stepbrother doesn't even believe in Santa, Buddy is determined to win over his new family and help New York remember the true meaning of Christmas.

When the current 8th grade class went on our annual musical trip to see a production of *Elf the Musical*, they wondered if I would ever do a Christmas show as the musical. To be honest, I hadn't really thought of it before. After doing more research, I thought it would be a nice addition and change to what we have traditionally done on stage here.

What's even more exciting is this is the first time we have done a full 2-act show at the Middle School level. This just goes to show the dedication and talent of these students to take this program to the next level.

### To the Cast and Crew

Several hours were spent preparing for this weekend--now it's go time! Have fun, and Break a Leg!

### To all involved in this production. . .

I am truly honored to be working along such dedicated individuals. I say this every year, but I truly mean that Maroa-Forsyth has the best parents a director could ask for in his program, and you have once again gone above and beyond in making this production a memorable one for all of us!

Thank you for coming to our production and supporting the Performing Arts at Maroa-Forsyth Middle School. We hope your experience watching *Elf the Musical* is the start of a wonderful holiday season!

Sit back, relax, and enjoy the show!

Mr. Weisenborn  
christopher.weisenborn@mfschools.net







There's room for

EVERYONE

on the

NICE *list*

