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It's a Wonderful Life

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Based upon the film by Frank Capra
Story by Philip Van Doren Stern

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Thursday, November 29 ~ 7:30 pm
Friday, November 30 ~ 7:30 pm
Saturday, December 1 ~ 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm

Adults~ $10 Students/Seniors~ $8 ICCSD~ $5

West High School 2901 Melrose Avenue, Iowa City, IA 52246

Dedicated to
Stella Lucille Rocarek Gefaller
It's a Wonderful Life baby girl—
Welcome to it!

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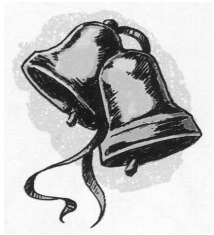
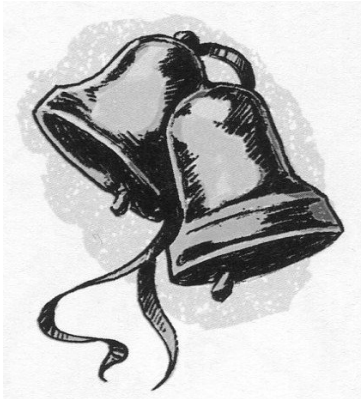
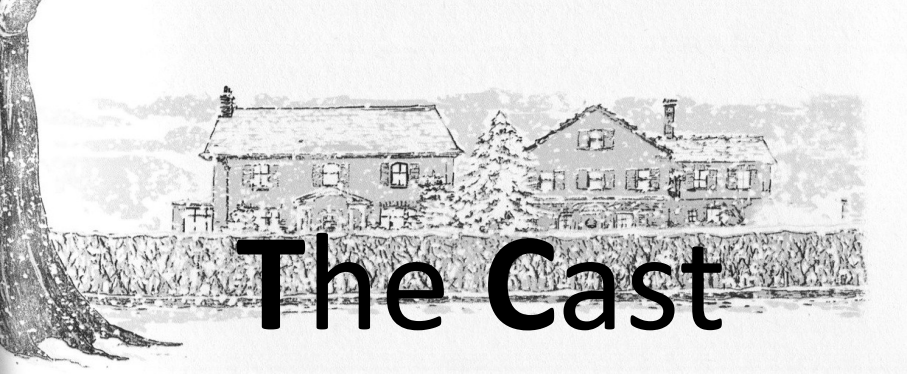


Production

Director	**Katy Nahra**
Stage Manager	**Sarahann Kolder**
Technical Director	**Jeff Smith**
Head of Set	**Brad Ockenfels**
Lighting Crew Chief	**Roison Welch**
Sound Crew Chief	**Michael Acherkan**
Props Crew Chief	**Emily Weis**
Production Manager	**Ann Rocarek**
Production Assistant	**Ashley Pettit**
Costume Designer	**Becky Dagle**
Costume Crew Chief	**Olivia Sheff**
Makeup Crew Chief	**Erin Kallsen**





The Cast

George Bailey—Jonah Pouleson
Clarence Odbody—Keon Hunt
Mr. Gower—Nick Barker
Young George/Pete Bailey—Thomas Barker
Harry Bailey—Lukas Elkins-Nesheim
Mother Bailey—Katelyn Simpson
Aunt Tilly—Rachael Mysnyk
Violet Peterson—Maya Bassuk
Young Violet—Alyssa Hancock
Bert—Greg Ludwig
Ernie—Nick Pearce
Uncle Billy—Jack Christensen
Mary Hatch—Erin Kallsen
Young Mary/Zuzu Bailey—Amy Evans
Henry F. Potter—Thomas Sparks
Mr. Potter's Goon—Derek Steffen
Mr. Potter's Secretary—Hanky Song
Sam Wainwright—Micah Otterbein
Miss Andrews—Ally Franz
Mrs. Thompson—Alex Eldridge
Mr. Martini—Yannik Encarnacao
Mrs. Martini—Lauren Dunkelberg

Quinn Steigleder (Townsperson)
This is Quinn's first Theatre West production. She wants to give a special thank you to her family and all of her friends for supporting her through her hard work to become a townsperson.

Dalton Strauser (Set)
This is Dalton's second time doing set.

Olaf Sunleaf (Set)
This is Olaf's seventh show at West High School. He is thankful to be a part of Theatre West and all that it brings. Olaf would like to thank his friends and family.

Kate Thorne (Set)
This is Kate's first Theatre West production. She is very excited to be involved in set and to see how this whole play thing works.

Mike Wagner (Set)
This is Mike's fourth show at West, and his first time on set. He would like to thank his family for their support.

Nicolas Wagner (Caroler)
Nicolas Wagner is a senior and this is his third production with Theatre West. He is very excited to be in this production and has loved working with Mrs. Nahra. Nicolas would like to pursue a career in musical theatre and he is hoping this experience will help him in his endeavors.

Erin Weathers (Props)
This is Erin's first Theatre West production. Better late than never! She would like to thank her friends and family for always supporting her.

Emily Weis (Head of Props)
This is Emily's third Theatre West Production and her first as props crew chief. She'd like to give a shout-out to Ms. Rocarek and to Allison for letting her use the mini-fridge. She hopes you enjoy the props in the show! And maybe the show too.

Roisin Welch (Head of Lights)
This is Roisin's third year of doing lights for Theatre West and has loved every minute of it! She is looking forward to another great year!

Kasra Zarei (Townsperson)
Kasra would like to thank you, you and you! He loves everything about theatre. He would like to give a shout-out to SPIT (Students Producing Innovative Theatre).

Miss Carter—Tziona Perry

Newsie—Sarah Kang

Janie Bailey—Kayla Luegering

Tommy Bailey—Dallas Sauser

Mr. Welch—Dennis Maach

Mrs. Hatch/Townsperson—Kate Anstreicher

<u>Townspeople</u>

Quinn Steigleder

Chandler Myers

Joey Abreu

Kasra Zarei

Ruolu Liu

<u>Carolers</u>

Ben Nelson

Nicholas Wagner

Ryan Hansen

Kylie Erickson

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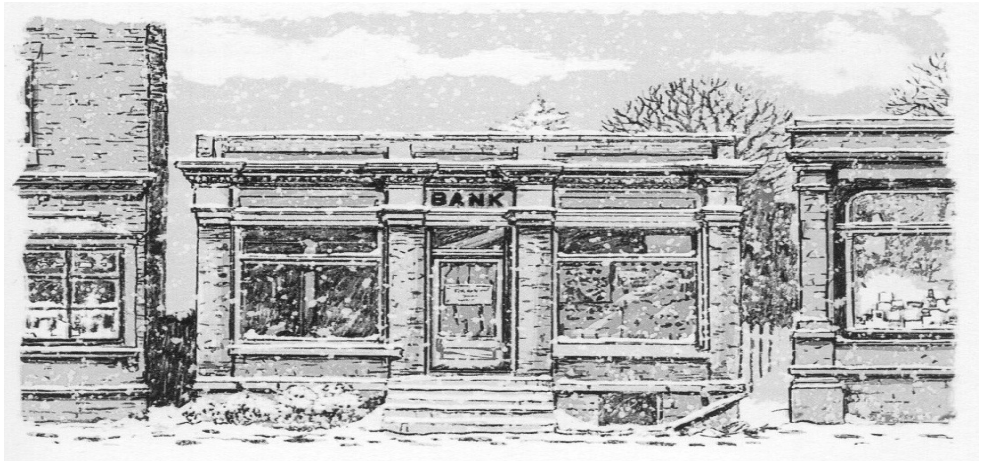
Devin Hedlund



Parent

BRONZE LEVEL

Yannik, we are so proud of you. Keep it coming! —Papa, Mama and Kelvin

Maria and Miguel Encarnacao

Congratulations Greg! We're proud of you and the whole cast!

Roger and Susan Ludwig

We are happy that you are happy to play an old woman once again! Love you loads!

Brooks and Stacy Simpson

SILVER LEVEL

Yamini Bhagwat and Alex Bassuk

Good luck Amy!

Anne and Tom Evans

We love you, Ryno! Break a leg!
Always—Mom, Dad, Ali, Sam and Chris

Allen and Sarah Hansen

Leslie and Dave Kallsen

Fatima Saeed (Assistant Stage Manager)
This is Fatima's second show as an assistant stage manager. She enjoyed working with the cast and crew; they were all amazing. She would also like to thank her friends, parents, Mrs. Rocarek, Mrs. Nahra, and Sarahann for teaching me how to stage manage.

Dallas Sauser (Tommy Bailey)
Dallas is a seven-year-old second grader at Wickham Elementary. Dallas is planning on a career in the NFL following his college playing days as an Oregon Duck. Dallas would like to thank his parents and his brother and sister for everything they do. This is Dallas's first experience in theatre.

Carolyn Shultz (Set)
Carolyn Shultz is a freshman, and It's a Wonderful Life is her first Theatre West Production. She is excited to be part of the crew. She would like to thank her parents for dealing with her crazy schedule and her sister for getting her interested in theatre.

Siddharth Singh (Sound)
Sid is a DJ and knows a lot about sound. He loves helping with sound for Theatre West!

Katelyn Simpson (Mother Bailey)
This is Katelyn's fourth show at Theatre West and is super excited to be an old lady once again. Also, she would like to thank her friends and family for their support.

Hanky Song (Mr. Potter's Secretary)
This is Hanky's third play at Theatre West. She'd like to thank everyone who's helped get her this far. She would also like to say to everyone, "Have fun storming the castle!"

Minsu Song (Costumes)
Minsu is excited to be a part of It's a Wonderful Life. This is her third Theatre West Production in costumes.

Thomas Sparks (Henry F. Potter)
This is Thomas Sparks' fourth show. He loves his parents, friends, and the arts.

Derek Steffen (Mr. Potter's Goon)
Derek Steffen likes to play golf and tennis recreationally. This is his first Theatre West Production. He would like to thank his mom for supporting him.

Brad Ockenfels (Head of Set)
This is Brad's fifth show with Theatre West. He would like to thank Jeff and Mrs. Nahra for letting him help and his parents for putting up with his crazy schedule.

Micah Otterbein (Sam Wainwright)
Micah is a sophomore and this is his second Theatre West Show. He is also a member of Good Time Company. He is excited to be part of Ms. Nahra's first show at West High.

Nick Pearce (Ernie)
Nick Pearce is a senior at West. Previously, Nick was a knife in Beauty and the Beast. He wants to thank the best moms in the world… his.

Tziona Perry (Miss Carter)
Tziona is very thankful to be with such a great cast in her first play. She thanks all of the friends and helpers who have supported her throughout.

Jonah Pouleson (George Bailey)
This is Jonah's sixth show with Theatre West. He would like to thank his friends and family for their support, especially his parents. He would also like to thank all the parents, teachers, and volunteers that help make Theatre West great. Also he sends a special shout-out to tech!

Lillian Pypes (Caroler)
Lillian is so excited to be performing in her first Theatre West Production, which also happens to be one of her favorite movies. She would like to thank her dad for letting her know every year that Mr. Potter is related to Drew Barrymore. She would also like to thank her mom and sisters for being so supportive!

Josh Reid (Lights)
This Josh's fifth show in Theatre West and he enjoys being a part of theatre. He would like to especially thank his mother whom he loves very much.

Andrew Roskos (Set)
Andrew is thankful for doing Tech. He would like to thank all of his homey G's!

Spencer Roudabush (Set)
This is Spencer's second year participating in tech. Previously, he did tech and run crew for Almost Maine. He wants to thank all those who encouraged him to do theatre.

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Congratulations to Theatre West on a WONDERFUL production. Thomas, we always knew you could be a cranky old man! Love, Mom, Dad, Abby, and William

Amy and Walter Sparks

GOLD LEVEL

Dear Nicholas and Thomas, we are glad you managed to get into a fight! Love, Mom and Dad

Anna and Jim Barker

Congratulations to Jack Christensen and the cast and crew of It's a Wonderful Life!

Gary and Shannon Christensen

We are so proud of our beautiful girl. Good luck, Lauren!

Kim Leslie and Jeff Dunkelberg

Jonah, you've made ours a wonderful life. We're so proud of you. Love, Mom and Dad

Brad Pouleson and Ritu Jain

To Rachael and everyone who has worked so hard on this production; wonderful friends make for a wonderful life! Congratulations to all & God bless you!

Your fans, and the Mysnyk Family

Cast & Crew

Joey Abreu (Townsperson)
This is Joey's first performance with Theatre West. He has studied improv at The Englert Theatre and The Second Theatre City in Chicago. He would like to make a shout-out to his BFF, Kasra Zarei!

Michael Acherkan (Head of Sound)
This is Michael's third show at West, and his seventh overall performance. He is really happy to be a part of this Theatre Program and would like to thank everyone.

Maggie Ackers (Makeup)
Maggie is a sophomore and this is her third show at West. This is also her third time doing make-up, and she is excited to work on It's a Wonderful Life.

Kate Anstreicher (Mrs. Hatch/Townsperson)
Kate is extremely excited to be participating in Theatre West again! Previously, she has performed in SPIT, the pit orchestra for the musical and Almost Maine. She hopes everyone enjoys the show and would like to give a shout-out to all the great girls on the West Cross Country Team.

Maya Bassuk (Violet Peterson)
Maya is a junior and this is her fourth Theatre West show. She is so happy to be involved with *It's a Wonderful Life*, and she would like to thank her family and friends for their love and support.

Sydney Beaurivage (Set)
This is Sydney's forth West High Production and she is excited to be a part of another show.

Nicholas Barker (Mr. Gower)
This is Nicholas' second show with Theater West. He played the role of Steve in last spring's production Almost Maine. He would like to thank everyone involved in Theatre West for being so insanely awesome.

Greg Ludwig (Bert)
Greg would like to thank his family for their support, his friends because they're the coolest, and everyone who has helped make this production come together.

Kayla Luegering (Janie Bailey)
This is Kayla's first show at West. She would like to thank her parents, all the directors, and the cast for being a fun group.

Cierra Maach (Assistant Stage Manager)
Cierra is a senior at West High and is excited to be one of the assistant stage managers and assistance production mangers for this show. She is glad to be participating and gives all of her love to her family, who encouraged her to pursue her interests, especially her parents who inspire her more than they will ever know.

Dennis Maach (Mr. Welch)
Dennis would like to thank his family for their support and hopes that they enjoy the show!

Ruby Murray (Set)
Ruby is a sophomore at West High and is thrilled to be on tech crew. She has performed in a lot of plays with Young Footliters and City Circle. She thanks her parents for reminding her that both cast and crew are important.

Chandler Myers (Townsperson)
Chandler would like to thank her family and friends for supporting her in acting, and Mrs. Nahra for being awesome! This is Chandler's first West High theatre production, and she's glad to be a part of this wonderful experience!

Rachael Mysnyk (Aunt Tilly)
This is Rachael's second Theatre West performance. She is primarily involved in dance and show choir. She loves crocs, adventures with friends, and Jesus. She loves performing with so many talented people, especially the wonderful Ally and Lukas.

Ben Nelson (Caroler)
This is Ben's second show with Theatre West. He is very thankful to be a part of such a wonderful cast and crew. He would like to thank everyone. Literally everyone.

Sarah Kang (Newsie)
This is Sarah's first play and second show. She wants to thank the cast, crew, directors, managers, friends, and family for another show to shine in!

Megan Kann (Set)
This is Megan's first show as a techie and she hopes to do many more. She is looking forward to painting lots of walls.

Keion Kazerani (Set)
This is Keion's fifth show with Theatre West. He would like to thank his parents.

Katie Klopp (Makeup)
Katie is excited to be on the tech crew for her first show.

Ashley Knudson (Hair/Makeup)
Ashley is pretty pumped to be doing hair for the play; and a quick shout out to Lauren Knudson for begrudgingly being the practice head.

Sarahann Kolder (Stage Manager)
This is Sarahann's fourth show with Theatre West and she can't wait to share this over-all uplifting play about appreciating life with her family and friends. Thank you to everyone involved with the show.

Alexa Kramer (Costumes)
This is Alexa's second show with Theatre West. Last year, she was Mrs. Potts in Theatre West's production of Beauty and the Beast. This year, she is excited to be helping out behind the scenes and is looking forward to this year's musical. She would like to thank her family, friends, and cat for their support.

Clare Lanaghan (Costumes)
Clare Lanaghan has had tons of fun building and painting the set and helping with costumes. She has also enjoyed doing run crew for the first time. She hopes Megumi Kitamoto (and everyone else) enjoys the show.

Ruolu Liu (Townsperson)
Ruolu is a senior and this is her fourth show at West. She would like to and her friends, who make her smile, and her parents for putting up with her occasional sass.

Thomas Barker (Young George/Pete Bailey)
This is Thomas's first Theatre West production. He would like to thank his friends and family for their support.

Austin Brenner (Set)
Austin is grateful for the opportunity to be in his first production at West.

Olive Carrollhach (Hair/Makeup)
This is Olive's first show with Theatre West, and she is very excited to do hair and makeup. She would like to thank her My Little Ponies for providing ample practice braiding.

Jack Christensen (Uncle Billy)
Jack is excited to be back for his second Theatre West show and would like to give a shout-out to his parents for always being there and supporting him, even when he said they didn't need to.

Allison Clements (Head of Lights)
Allison is super excited to be a part of the Theatre West family. She would like to thank everyone for their support.

Megan Clements (Production)
Megan is a junior and this is her second year being involved with Theatre West. She would like to thank her parents for dealing with her and her hectic schedule and for their love and support. She hopes everyone enjoys the show.

Daniel Dagle (Lights)
Daniel is a sophomore this year and is involved in Theatre West, jazz band, orchestra and Trap Club.

Matt Drebot (Set)
This is Matt's first show with Theatre West and he would like to thank his friends and family for making him get involved.

Lauren Dunkelberg (Mrs. Martini)
This is Lauren's third Theatre West Show, but the first play she has been in. She would like to thank Kyle for helping learn her lines.

Alexandra Eldridge (Mrs. Thompson)
This is Alexandra's second show with Theatre West. She loves performing and hopes to pursue acting or directing as a career. She would like to thank her family and friends for their love and support as well as the wonderful Theatre West Family for being the coolest people ever.

Lukas Elkins-Nesheim (Harry Bailey)
It's a Wonderful Life is Lukas' first production with Theatre West. He would like to thank his family and friends for all of their support.

Yannik Encarnacao (Mr. Martini)
Yannik Encarnacao would like to thank his family for their support and the entire cast and crew for being awesome.

Amber Erickson (Production)
Amber is a junior at West High and this is her first Theatre West Production. Amber is looking forward to having a great show and experience. She would like to thank Alex Grady, Ashley Erickson, and Emily Weis for encouraging her to do this.

Ashley Erickson (Props)
This is Ashley's fourth Theatre West Production as a proud techie. She would like to thank the fabulous E.W. for doing props with her.

Kylie Erickson (Caroler)
This is Kylie's fourth show with Theatre West, and she loves it. She wants to thank her friends and parents for putting up with her and everyone involved in Theatre West for making the show a great experience.

Amy Evans (Young Mary/ZuZu Bailey)
Amy Evans is a freshman and is totally excited to be in *It's a Wonderful Life.*

Simone Fernades (Lights/Makeup)
Simone would like to thank her parents for letting her use the car all the time and all the awesome people involved with tech and the production.

Maggie Ferrel (Caroler)
This is Maggie's second Theatre West production. She was also in Beauty and the Beast. She would like to thank her parents for encouraging her to try out and for their willingness to pick her up from rehearsals.

Ally Franz (Miss Andrews)
This is Ally's third Theatre West Production. She would like to thank her friends and family for being great, and Jesus for being so awesome.

Alex Grady (Production)
This is Alex's first Theatre West Performance. She has loved the opportunity to meet more people. She'd like to thank her family and friends, especially Amber!

Alyssa Hancock (Young Violet)
This is Alyssa's first Theatre West Production. She would like to thank everyone who supported her.

Ryan Hansen (Caroler)
Ryan would like to thank everyone who did anything to help him become who he is today.

Katie Harper (Caroler)
This is Katie's second Theatre West Production, and she is really excited to be a part of it. She would like to give a special thank you to her parents for supporting her and for putting up with her not being home a lot. She hopes you enjoy the show.

Devin Hedlund (Caroler)
Devin is excited to be in her first Theatre West Production. She has appeared onstage in plays and musicals with the Iowa City Community Theatre as well as operas with U of I. She would like to thank her family and friends for all of their support.

Valerie Hsieh (Set)
Valerie Hsieh is excited to be contributing to It's a Wonderful Life. This is her first show for Theatre West as a member of set, and she looks forward to painting many more sets. She would like to send a shout- out to everyone who deserves one--they know who they are.

Keon Hunt (Clarence Odbody)
This is Keon's second Theatre West Production and he would like to thank his family and friends for being supportive.

Christine Kallsen (Set)
This is Christine's first experience with Theatre West. She is excited to be a part of such a great production and is looking forward to doing more in the future.

Erin Kallsen (Mary Hatch)
This is Erin's second time acting in a Theatre West Production and fourth doing make-up. She would like to thank her friends and family because they're the best. Her mom also deserves an extra special shout-out for not sending her to Australia yet.