



BUCKEYE COMMUNITY
THEATRE
Proudly Presents:

LEGALLY BLONDE

The Musical

JR.



October 6th, 2023 @ 7:30pm
October 7th, 2023 @ 2:30pm* & 7:30pm
October 8th, 2023 @ 2:30pm
At Medina's Haddad Theatre
(144 North Broadway)
*Sensory Friendly Performance

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Music and Lyrics By Laurence O'Keefe and Nell Benjamin
Book By Heather Hach



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And the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer motion picture

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Cast (In order of appearance)

Margot	Paige Kupec
Serena	Sophia Brauser
Pilar	Morgan Lehman
Gaelen	Liliana Stark
Kate	Stella Vodilko
Bruiser	Amelia Hughes
Elle Woods (Matinee Performances)	Ava Kanieski
Elle Woods (Evening Performances)	Paige Pedmo
Saleswoman	Pacie Hadad
Store Manager	Laney Smith
Warner Huntington III	Ben Beneke
Grandmaster Chad	Lukas Ziska
Winthrop	Kaitlyn Taraschke
Lowell	Sophia Thomas
Pforzheimer	Libby Lutzko
Jet Blue Pilot	Jet Druley
Emmett Forrest	Nicholas Peterseim
Aaron Schultz	Courtney Urbanek
Sundeep Agrawal Padamadan	Eden Benz
Enid Hoopes	Laila Schoenbaechler
Vivienne Kensington	Lexi Dacek
Professor Callahan	Cain Hoover
Paulette (Matinee Performances)	Emmy Fairbanks
Paulette (Evening Performances)	Adriana Thomas
Whitney	Mara Poe
Dewey/Kyle	Doran Dacek
Rufus	Seraphina Nagy
Brooke Wyndham	Brooke Milewski
Sabrina	Charlotte Casey
Prison Guard	Renee Tomasheski
KIKI	Olivia Cambouris
Cashier	Laney Smith
Sylist	Emma Raulie
Bookish Client	Grace Urda
Judge	Sarah Miller
Bailiff	Kassidy Kovacic
Chutney Wyndam	Norah Woofter
Ensemble:	Jill Hildenbrand, Arya Hronec, Brennan Lewis, Quinn Ziska, Lucille Scali, Adelaide Singleton, Emma Turchek

Who's Who:

Ben Beneke: Ben is a successful performer, this will be his third year doing theatre, he has done smaller school shows, along with Freaky Friday, and The Addams Family, in which he played Mal Beineke. This coming year he plans to participate in Frozen Jr. and Mean Girls, along as beat box for the schools acapella group.

Eden Benz: Eden Benz is a Dancer, Singer, and Actress. She loves to learn and is going into 7th grade at Claggett Middle School. She loves reading, writing, and listening to music! She's always got a trick up her sleeve and a smile on her face.

Sophia Brauser: Sophia is a talented young actress currently in the 5th grade at St. Francis Xavier School. With a passion for performing, she has already graced the stage in The Wizard of Oz and Shrek Jr. She also recently made the finals for Medina's Got Talent. When she's not on stage, Sophia loves spending time with her two beloved dogs, hanging out with friends, and playing volleyball. She would like to thank her mom and dad, Ms. Kimberly (her amazing vocal coach), and her cast mates for all of their support.

Oliva Cambouris: Olivia has been very fond of theater since she was a little girl. She started joining community theater in 2019 as well as school productions and has participated in 6 shows. She is currently an eighth grade student at Medina Christian Academy. In her free time she enjoys hoarding books that she will most likely read a few months after buying but finish them in a few hours. She also enjoys looking at her washi tape and rubber duck collections while petting her grey and white overweight cat, Jorge. Have a fantabulous day!

Charlotte Casey: Charlotte is a seventh grader at St. Ambrose school. Her theatre experiences went from being a first grade pirate to her most recent being Grace Farrell from Annie jr. In between were roles such as an Oompa Loompa to a casted orphan before COVID 19. Also, She plays for 2 lacrosse teams! Charlotte would like to thank her friends and her parents for always supporting her as she advances in her hobbies.

Who's Who:

Doran Dacek: Doran is excited for his first theatre experience, especially with sister Lexi. Doran is a personal trainer, model and actor. Doran is in several movies and The Mayor of Kingstown. He wants to thank Mom, Dad and Lexi. Also thanks to Kim States for believing in him!

Lexi Dacek: Lexi loves theatre! She's been in 16 musicals. Lexi has also been in 2 movies. Lexi takes singing lessons with Kimberly States and acting lessons in Cleveland Lexi thanks Mom, Dad and Doran for always supporting her.

Jet Druley: Jet is a fifth grader at Heritage Elementary. This will be her second year participating in Glee Club and the school musical. Jet was previously in The Wadsworth Footlighters production of Finding Nemo Jr. She is also in Broadway classes at Medina Centre for Dance Art. Her favorite activities include going to Playhouse Square and hanging out with her friends.

Emmy Fairbanks: Emmy is excited to join Buckeye Community Theater as Paulette! Some of her most memorable roles include playing Cinderella, Nancy in Oliver Jr, and Taylor McKessie in High School Musical Jr. Emmy will be entering her freshman year at Highland High School this fall. She wishes to thank her family, Ms. Kimberly States, and Mr. Cory Ott for their support!

Pacie Hadad: Pacie is such a joyous person to be around. Not too long ago she was apart of the ensemble in Wizard Of Oz Jr. and loved meeting new friends! In her free time, she loves being active and spending time with the people she loves. Pacie is so appreciative of her friends and family cheering her on while she is pursuing what she loves, singing and acting!

Jill Hildenbrand: Jill Hildenbrand is in the red ensemble. This is her second musical and she was Pig 3 in Shrek, Jr.! She enjoys singing and takes voice lessons. She is in 5th grade and goes to Highland Schools.

Who's Who:

Cain Hoover: Legally Blonde is Cain's 8th show and his 3rd show in a row playing the villain. He has played Gaston, in Claggett's Beauty and the Beast Jr and just played the role of Lord Farquaad in Medina Show Biz' Shrek Jr. He was also in Newsies, Matilda Jr, 2 spirits of the pasts and the Best Christmas pageant ever. In his spare time he is in the Medina High School Marching band where he plays the baritone saxophone. He plays many other instruments such as flute, oboe and clarinet.

Arya Hronec: Arya Hronec is very excited to be a part of the Legally Blonde production. She recently performed in Miracle on 34th Street and Bedtime Stories (As Told by Our Dad) (Who Messed Them Up). In her free time, Arya enjoys reading books such as Trials of Apollo by Rick Riordan. Arya is 11 and going into the sixth grade.

Amelia Hughes: Amelia (10) is making her debut with Legally Blonde, and is thrilled to enter the world of theater. She has been involved in many other activities such as dance, Girl Scouts, and cheer. Her interests are reading, science, and art.

Ava Kanieski: Ava Kanieski is beyond thrilled to be cast as Elle Woods and is grateful to be given this opportunity! She is a freshman at Medina High School. She has played Babette in Beauty and the Beast Jr and was ensemble in Matilda Jr at Claggett middle school. She would like to thank her best friend, parents, and boyfriend for always supporting her. She cannot wait to perform with the rest of the cast! :)

Kassidy Kovacik: Kassidy is classically trained in ballet and loves performing. She was just recently in New York City for Joffreys Musical Theater program. She has performed with the Cassidy Theater, Medina show biz, Joffrey Ballet School, The School of the Cleveland Ballet, and this is her first time with Buckeye Community Theater! She is very excited to be a part of this amazing team!

Who's Who:

Paige Kupec: Paige has done four musicals so far with her favorite musical being Hadestown. Paige's hobbies include guitar playing, movie watching and going to Cedar Point. Paige would like to thank her mom for always driving her to rehearsal, Miss Kasey, for always helping her if she needed anything during rehearsals, and her Director Cory for giving her the amazing chance to be in this musical.

Morgan Lehman: Morgan is a 10 year old 5th grader at Sharon Elementary and is thrilled to perform in Legally Blonde! Past roles and theatre companies include "Sarah Crachit" in Playhouse Square's A Christmas Carol, "Toto" in the OHYES production of Wizard of Oz, "Alice" in Alice in Wonderland at Stage Door Studios, "Mrs Paroo in A Music Man, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory at Rubber City, Matilda at Weathervane and many more! Morgan's hobbies include cheer, vocal lessons, tumbling, dance, singing Hamilton songs all day long and playing with her pets, Waffles, Cookie and Rex! Break a Leg everyone!

Brennan Lewis: Brennan Lewis is a 7th grader at St. Ambrose. Her love of music and performance has led to the stage where she's excited to be part of "Legally Blonde Jr". Brennan's recent roles include 'Squirt' in "Finding Nemo Jr", 'Annie' in "Annie Jr.", and 'Zazu' in "Lion King Jr.", as well as other shows with the Wadsworth Footlighters and Medina County Show Biz.

Libby Lutzko: Libby is in seventh grade at Highland Middle School. She loves to sing, is passionate about theater, runs cross-country, and competes both platform and springboard diving. Her past casting credits include Star-to-Be in "Annie (Kids)" and Lucille in "Junie B. Jones, The Musical (Junior)" and she belched for Mr. Bumble as part of the ensemble in "Oliver (Junior)" Libby has enjoyed working with the entire cast and crew, and she thank the directors for devoting so much time to making this show a great experience for all!

Brooke Milewski: Brooke is currently a sophomore at Medina High School. This is her twelfth production since she began acting at the age of nine. She has been taking voice lessons for the past six years and has recently joined the Encore Entertainment Company show choir at her high school.

Who's Who:

Sarah Miller: Sarah is making her first theatrical debut with Buckeye Community Theatre in this fall production of Legally Blonde, Jr. As an avid Elvis fan, Sarah loves music, singing, and impersonating the "King of Rock and Roll." As she finishes out her middle school career at MCA as an 8th grader, she is also known as a sister to three siblings, plays the drums, loves to read and write, drives her own jet ski and aspires to begin her own restaurant in Medina.

Seraphina Nagy: Seraphina Nagy plays the beloved bulldog Rufus. Her first theater debut was at Chagrin Valley Little Theater which she starred and co-wrote (Cheerleader Tryouts and performed a solo song by Mxmtoon - Prom Dress.) In her free time she enjoys swimming, singing, and collecting crystals and stones. Seraphina wishes to thank her parents as well as her music teacher Mr. Gonda for their love and support.

Paige Pedmo: This is Paige's tenth show! Some of her favorite roles have been Dorothy in The Wizard of Oz Jr., and Pinocchio in Shrek Jr. When she's not performing, Paige enjoys running cross country and track and hanging out with her friends!!

Nicholas Peterseim: Nick Peterseim is a recent graduate of Brunswick High School, who was active in his school's theatre program as well as BHS choirs (Madrigals, mixed symphonic, and show choir). He takes vocal lessons with Kimberly States at KS Vocal Studio in Medina. He plays bass guitar, and plans on pursuing musical theatre in college next year. He would like to thank his Mom and Dad for the endless support, and he is very honored to be participating in Legally Blonde!

Mara Poe: Mara fell in love with acting at the young age of 4 years old. She has completed various workshops and productions through local theater companies in the Akron area. She most recently performed as Peter Pan in the Wandering Aesthetics Summer Production at Spicy Lamb Farm. She is so excited to join the cast of BCT for the first time as Whitney!

Who's Who:

Emma Raulie: Emma Raulie is 12 years old and lives in Medina, Ohio. She has been singing and performing in musicals since she was 8 years old. Emma has been in numerous musical productions, including Frozen Jr. as Young Anna, the Wizard of Oz, Elf the Musical, and Cinderella, to name a few. Emma is also involved many other activities including rugby, basketball and 4H; where she shows rabbits, chickens, turkeys, and goats.

Lucille Scali: Lucille Scali is a sixth grader at North Olmsted Middle School. She enjoys signing, dancing, doing art, and make-up. Legally Blonde Jr is the third production she's been a part of, along with numerous dance performances. Lucy would like to thank all of the people who drove her all the way to Medina every week for practice.

Laila Schoenbaechler: Laila Schoenbaechler, age 12, is excited to be performing in her 10th musical! Her favorite past roles include Young Elsa in Frozen Jr. and Amanda Thripp in Matilda. She is a homeschooler and is involved in dance, piano, gymnastics, and voice lessons. Laila would like to thank Mr. Ott and Miss Kim for letting her be a part of Legally Blonde.

Adelaide Singleton: Her favorite things to do are theater, writing, and sports. Addie plays softball, tennis, and basketball. She did Shrek Jr over the Summer. She is excited to be in this show! Addie would like to thank her family and friends for being so supportive.

Laney Smith: Laney is a senior at Medina High School. She loves creating art and performing. This is her 11th show, and my 2nd musical with Buckeye Community Theater. She'd like to thank her friends and family for all the support throughout her theater journey. :)

Who's Who:

Liliana Stark: Lily loves of variety different things such as watching F1, going to amusement parks, and playing soccer. She has always loved theater and so when she saw this year that she could audition she immediately signed up! She loved how kids in theater are more than just friends and almost like a second family. She would like to thank her family and friends because no matter what she does they are always so supportive and are always by her side through every up and down.

Kaitlyn Taraschke: Kaitlyn Taraschke is so excited to be cast in legally blonde the musical she was in the play Middletown at Medina high school and played the aunt she also was in Addams family the musical and was a Bride ancestor. Kaitlyn is also enjoys camping with friends being in link Crew at Medina High school and Babysitting at her church. The supportive people in her life are her family and friends.

Adriana Thomas: Adriana is in 10th grade at Brunswick High school. She is involved in both the choir and theater departments. She also plays the piano, ukulele and guitar. Her favorite past roles are Joy in Cinderella and Dragon in Shrek. She would like to thank her family for always supporting her.

Sophia Thomas: Sophia is a 9th grader at Brunswick High School. Sophia enjoys karate and musical. Some of the other musicals she's been in are high school musical, 2 productions of shrek, Frozen, and jungle book. She would like to thank her parents for driving her to rehearsal.

Renee Tomasheski: Renee is excited to be back in musical theater after a 4 year long hiatus. She attends A.I. Root Middle School and is an eighth grader. She is involved in many school clubs and sports including rugby.

Emma Turchek: Emma is so excited to be acting in Legally blonde jr , aka one of her favorite movies, as ensemble/Law Student. She has Done 3 other shows in the past such as 33 little pigs, miracle on 34th street, and Shrek jr. She is in 6th grade at Buckeye elementary and is 12 years old. She would like to thank all her friends and family for all their support. Enjoy the show!

Who's Who:

Courtney Urbanek: Courtney loves performing and is grateful for the opportunity to join the cast of Legally Blonde Jr. She is a dedicated dancer at Martell School of Dance and just completed a summer intensive with North Pointe Ballet. She studies piano under the direction of Shelly Mountjoy and is a vocal student with KS Vocal Studio.

Grace Urda: Grace is currently a 6th grader at Al Root Middle School. This will be her third theatrical performance, having been in Bedtime Stories and Shrek Jr. She is very excited to be in Legally Blonde Jr and to have this experience.

Stella Vodilko: Stella is a 7th grader at Highland Middle School. She eats, sleeps and breathes all things music theatre and is beyond excited to be a part of this amazing cast! She would like to thank BCT for this opportunity!

Norah Woofter: Norah woofter is 13 years old and she has been in 18 productions in her lifetime. This is Norah's first show at Buckeye Community Theater though. Outside of musicals Norah plays rugby and tends to the animals on her farm. Norah would like to thank her parents and siblings for supporting her while she has been in this show.

Lukas Ziska: Lukas is excited to make his Buckeye Community Theater debut! He has previously worked with The Wadsworth Footlighters and the Claggett Middle School Drama Club. Lukas loves attending Playhouse Square and other local theaters to see as many shows as he can. Lukas is an 8th grader at Claggett Middle School.

Quinn Ziska: Quinn is so happy to make her Buckeye Community Theater debut as part of the ensemble. She was most recently Pearl, the flapjack octopus in Finding Nemo Jr. with The Wadsworth Footlighters. Quinn is a 5th grader at Heritage Elementary and loves to attend live theater. Her favorite shows are Moulin Rouge and Six The Musical.



Who's Who Production Staff:

Cory Ott: Cory is excited to be directing his first production with The Buckeye Community Theatre. He has directed throughout northeast Ohio including at The Wadsworth Footlighters, Theatre 8:15, Wadsworth City Schools, and The Luminescent Moon Theatre Company. Some of his favorite productions include Finding Nemo Junior, Willy Wonka Junior, Mary Poppins Junior and Almost, Maine. Cory was a Cast Member for the Walt Disney Company, and hopes to return to making magic sooner or later. He would like to thank the people who have helped him get where he is today, you know who you are! "All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them." ~ Walt Disney. Cory hopes you enjoy Legally Blonde Junior and thanks you for supporting the arts. OMIGod You Guys!

Kimberly States: Kimberly was born and raised in Medina, Ohio. She received her Bachelor of Music degree from Heidelberg University in Tiffin, Ohio. While at Heidelberg, she had the opportunity to study opera in Italy and Germany during her summers. After graduating Heidelberg, she moved to Boston, Massachusetts and received her Master of Music degree from the New England Conservatory of Music. Kimberly remained on the East Coast for several years. She worked in non-profit fundraising and management during the day and sang opera by night.

After several successful performance seasons, Kimberly decided to return home to good old Medina to share her knowledge and love of music with the next generation. Kimberly has had the pleasure of serving on the faculty of Ashland University and the College of Wooster. She now devotes her time to her own business and serving as music director for several local youth theatres.

Kimberly opened KS Vocal Studio in 2017 and now teaches over 50 private students at her Medina Square location. Music has always been the center of her life. She is honored to have the privilege of sharing this passion for music with young and old alike.

Sammy Ezell: Sammy Ezell is excited to be choreographing her first show with Buckeye Community theatre. She is currently studying Musical Theatre in New York at the American Musical and Dramatic Academy. Some other shows she has choreographed include: Frozen Jr. (Pioneer Theatre), Beauty and the Beast (Midview High School), Senior Showcase (Olde Towne Hall Theatre). When she isn't choreographing you can usually find her onstage. Some of her favorite roles include: Rosie (Bye Bye Birdie), Ms. Adelaide (Guys and Dolls), and Esther Smith (Meet Me in St. Louis). She is oh so very proud of these kids and their hard work, and hopes you enjoy the show!!