

Stage Program



Hastings on Hudson, NY
Hastings Theatre Program Presents

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FMS 5th Grade Musical

Original Music & Lyrics by
Richard M. Sherman &
Robert B. Sherman

Co-Created by
Cameron Mackintosh



Book by
Julian Fellowes

New Songs &
Additional Music &
Lyrics by
George Stiles and
Anthony Drewe

A musical based on the stories of P.L. Travers and the Walt Disney film

Friday, March 15, 2024
Saturday, March 16, 2024
HHS Auditorium - 7:00 PM



Adapted by iTheatrics under the supervision of Timothy Allen McDonald
Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's Mary Poppins JR. is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by Music Theatre International (MTI) - mtishows.com

Director's Note

Mary Poppins is an absolute favorite. I had agreed to play the show as a favor for a friend in August of 2015 and this turned out to be a providential given that my dear friend Gerard Marciano, Hastings previous long-time legendary Theater Production Coordinator, had talked me into directing the previous year's fifth grade musical. And so I played and watched *Mary Poppins* with a fresh pair of director's eyes after having directed my first show in January and the instant *Mary Poppins JR* was published in late 2017, I jumped at the chance to do that show with the fifth graders of Hastings. Now in my tenth year directing the fifth grade musical, I found myself instinctively drawn to *Mary Poppins JR* again.

But first, my thanks. The presentation of every gourmet meal extends beyond the efforts of the executive chef of a restaurant. The same is true for theater, and so in addition to all on the back cover of your program, I personally thank Phyllis Udice, Gillian Husovsky, Maya Lopez (who was my student in 2015!), and all high school mentors who have worked diligently behind-the-scenes to help me help our fifth graders take what I have dreamed for them and elegantly present it for all of you in real time.

Nine years older and wiser (and balder) since that fortuitous summer 2015 gig, I remain convinced that "anything can happen if you let it" is the nucleus of *Mary Poppins (JR)*. That said, the older I get the more I appreciate the "if you let it" part of the sentence not only as an empowering of us as humans to let all manner of good things happen, but rather as the awesomeness of our responsibility to allow only good to happen. The initially dysfunctional Banks family beautifully provides a (fictitious but still) real and relatable example of the wholeness that comes from accepting that responsibility.

I hope our fifth graders tonight demonstrate this in a sweet and sincere manner, and that we take the same to heart! Enjoy *Mary Poppins JR*.

-Jon Riss

Musical Numbers

Prologue
Cherry Tree Lane (Part 1)
The Perfect Nanny
Cherry Tree Lane (Part 2)
Practically Perfect
Practically Perfect (Playoff)
Jolly Holiday
Winds Do Change
A Spoonful of Sugar
Spoonful (Playoff)
Precision and Order (Part 1)
Precision and Order (Part 2)
A Man Has Dreams
Feed the Birds
Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious
Twists and Turns
Playing the Game / Chim Chim Cher-ee (Part 1)

INTERMISSION

Chim Chim Cher-ee (Part 2)
Cherry Tree Lane (Reprise)
Brimstone and Treacle (Part 1)
Let's Go Fly a Kite
Brimstone and Treacle (Part 2)
Practically Perfect (Reprise)
Step in Time
Step in Time (Playoff)
A Spoonful of Sugar (Reprise)
Anything Can Happen (Part 1)
Give Us The Word
Anything Can Happen (Part 2)
Goodbye Then, Mary
Anything Can Happen (Finale)
Bows

Cast

Bert	Luca Canetta
George Banks	Gideon Wallach
Winifred Banks	Eloise Rynders
Jane Banks	Julia Chen
Michael Banks	Benicio Gutierrez
Katie Nanna	Naomi Bendersky
Mrs. Brill	Ember Lustbader
Robertson Ay	Mills DiGerlando
Mary Poppins	Genevieve de la Garza
Neleus	Miles McCormick
Bird Woman	Lola Lacruz
Miss Smythe	Beatriz Fuentes
Chairman	Henry DiMartino-Blanco
Von Hussler	Parker Sierra
John Northbrook	Frankie Casano-Antonellis
Mrs. Corry	Alexandria Condon
Miss Andrew	Josie DiMartino-Blanco
Police Officer	Desmond Loren
Chimney Sweep 1	Evan Bucsesu
Chimney Sweep 2	Jax Cohen
Chimney Sweep 3	Ava Owens
Chimney Sweep 4	Georgiana Watson
Messenger	Noah Camaj

Cast

Park Strollers & Statues, Honeybees, Clerks, Passerby, Customers, Kite
Flyers, Policemen, Chimney Sweeps

Micayla Abramowicz
Malou Baldor
Naomi Bendersky
Sarai Berkowitz
Ava Bhashyam
Sosina Bourns
Evan Bucsescu
Noah Camaj
Emma Campbell
Frankie Casano-Antonellis
Ella Chang
Jax Cohen
Alexandria Condon
Clara Costa
Caleb DiBonaventura
Henry DiMartino-Blanco
Josie DiMartino-Blanco
Maya Ezratty
Beatrix Fuentes
Ethel Gautschoux
Alex Hassan
Rosie Horozova
Simone Kelly
Lola Lacruz
Desmond Loren
Miles McCormick
Maddie McMahon
Ira Nivarthi
Ava Owens
Parker Sierra
Emma Tamburini
Georgiana Watson
Roxy Wertheim

———— **Production Crew** ————

Assistant Stage Managers Alhana Varley, Grey Shapiro
Backstage Run Crew.....Alina Holder, Leni Hsiao,
Siddharth Patel, Ariana Shechter
Props Run CrewSebastian Barajas, Lev Berko
Deck Sound CrewSiddharth Patel
Costumes CrewAnna Perrin
Light Board OperatorJay Nichols
Spotlight OperatorSam Gaillard
Sound Cue OperatorRobert Grinberg
Front Of HouseAlina Holder



———— **Upcoming Shows** ————

HHS Musical - Urinetown, The Musical
April 12, 13 (7PM) & 14 (2:00 PM)

Creative Team

Director & Music DirectorJon Riss
ChoreographerMaya Lopez
Tech DirectorGillian Husovsky
Production CoordinatorPhyllis Udice
Costumer..... Kim Sava

HS Mentors & FMS Helpers

Stage ManagerSylvie Black
ASMs & Deck Crew.....Valentina Dimnet, Franny Kastner,
John Mielke, Grace Smith, Jet Spiro, Ella Tadmor
PropsOlive Berko, Erin Lobovsky
CostumesBianca Arnon, Elin Esposito, Lucinda Gunton,
Niamh Lynch, Akansha Muthukrishnan
A1 EngineerIsaac Volpe
Deck SoundBruno Dal Piaz, Lilliana Esposito
Lighting DesignBrian Jaeger
Lighting CrewMarcus Galland, Brian Jaeger, Owen Linder,
Chloe McCabe
SpotlightWill McQuaid Curtis, Chloe McCabe
Gobo OperatorChloe McCabe
VideographerEden Goldman-Wetzler
Front of House Frankie DiMartino-Blanco, Chiyo Christ,
Maya Ganeshanantha, Leigh Jacobs

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