



Presents

The 25th Annual Putnam County
SPELLING BEE

**Directed By
Kathleen Hill**

**Assistant Directed by
Christian Boudman**

Produced by Russ Ellis

**Music & Lyrics by
William Finn**

**Book by
Rachel Sheinkin**

**Conceived by
Rebecca Feldman**



July 14, 15, 21, 22 @ 7:30pm

July 23 @ 2:00pm

AT 51 GLENDON ST. WOLFEBORO, NH

Show Sponsored by: Richard J. Neal, DMD

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The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

The first time I saw The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee I laughed and cried. The tales of all the characters onstage are hilarious and poignant and through a simple competition that plays out every spring, we learn that life is never easy but always good. Nothing lasts forever, good or bad. I have lived through the ups and downs of a regional spelling bee and believe me, the sound of that bell is disappointing enough to break your heart. You need to remember, you did something great just to get there. Now we sit at the Village Players waiting for a hilarious show. Each actor, musician and crew member has done something great just to get here. They have worked hard, taken acting risks and made me laugh until I snorted. A want to thank everyone who worked on this show for making this production a "very nice, very nice very very nice" show! Thanks for making me laugh so hard!

~Kathleen

PS. The final word of the 2017 annual Scripps National Spelling Bee was Marocain. A word of French origin that describes a type of dress fabric. Could you use it in a sentence?

Chip Tolentino -	Connor Nelson
Logainne	
Schwartzandgrubenierre-	Rebecca Connelly
Leaf Coneybear -	Garrison Barron
William Barfee -	Joshua Spaulding
Marcy Park -	Sammi Smith
Olive Ostrovsky -	Gwen Collins
Rona Lisa Peretti -	Christine Muehlhausen
Douglas Panch -	Bob Tuttle
Mitch Mahoney -	Paul Stewart

Director.....	Kathleen Hill
Assistant Director.....	Christian Boudman
Producer.....	Russ Ellis
Music Director.....	Bobby Burns
Choreographer.....	Kaylin Dean
Stage Manager.....	Matt Johnson
Set Design.....	Jay Sydow
Costume Designer.....	Cathy Williams
Lighting Design.....	Hunter Emory
Lights and Sound.....	Erik Peterson
Props Master.....	Phoebe VanScoy-Giessler
Set Construction.....	Kaylin Dean, Russ Ellis, Matt Johnson, Erik Peterson, Joshua Spaulding, Jay Sydow, Bob Tuttle, Marty Williams
Backstage Crew.....	Kaylin Dean, Tiffany Carter, Russ Ellis, Chelsea Stewart, Mark Pierce
Hair and Makeup.....	Luke Cassidy, Chelsea Stewart, Michaela Andruzzi
Publicity.....	Cathy Fraser
Photography.....	Michael Wilfert
Program & Banner.....	Athena Ellis
House Manager.....	Sandra Ellis and Meegan Ellis
Tickets.....	Carol Bense
Headshots.....	Bobbi Boudman

Bass.....	Bobby Burns
Woodwinds.....	Jeff Smith
Percussion.....	Patrick Doherty
Piano.....	Hailey Kelley

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BIOS



Garrison Barron (Leaf Coneybear) is happy about being a part of his first Village Players show. You may recognize him from previous Kingswood productions such as *Underling* from *The Drowsy Chaperone* and Fezziwig from *Scrooge*. Garrison also is one of the student representatives of the New Hampshire Educational theater. When he's not acting he is a full time worker as maintenance at Lake Winnepesaukee Golf Course.

Christian Boudman (Assistant Director) has appeared on-stage in eleven Village Players productions including most recently, *Kiss Me, Kate, Spamalot, Bathroom Humor, Seussical, the Musical* and *Caught in the Net* but *Spelling Bee* represents his first foray into directing. Fortunately, he's had the tremendous privilege to observe, learn from (and attempt to emulate) one of the best: Kathleen Hill. Thank you, Kathleen! When not lurking around the theater, Christian is usually hanging out with his wife, son and hound dog or in his studio creating visual effects for movies and television.

Bobby Burns (Music Director) is excited to be making his Village Players debut with *25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee!* Bobby is the Director of Music at Kingswood Regional High School, where he has taught for six years. When not playing in pit orchestras or directing, he's playin' the jazz. He wants to thank the cast and production team for bringing him into the VP Family!



Gwen Collins (Olive Ostrovsky) has been involved in theater for years. *Spelling Bee* is her thirteenth theatrical production, and first major role in a musical. Gwen's previous roles include Beatrice in *Shakespeare's Much Ado About Nothing*, and Viola in *Twelfth Night*. Gwen has been in productions with both The Village Players and Perform It! When she is not at the theater Gwen can usually be found either teaching/taking, classes at Expressions Dance Academy, or playing Dungeons & Dragons with her friends.



Rebecca Connelly (Logainne Schwartzandgrubenierre) is an avid theater geek and is excited to be returning to the stage for her third production with the Village Players. Other theater credits include the Palace Theater, Winnepesaukee Playhouse, and Kingswood Theater. In her free time you can find Becca in a tree, reading a book, dreaming of travel, and/or being a hooligan with her pals. Lots of love and gratitude to friends and family!

Kaylin Dean (Choreographer) is thrilled to be involved in her 19th production with the Village Players. When she's not frolicking/making cast members frolic and cry into their pillows at night, she can be seen in theater productions around the seacoast and teaching at Expressions Dance Academy of Wolfeboro. She would like to thank her friends, family and "kitchen gang" for their love and never ending harassment.

Cathy Fraser (Publicity) has lived in Alton, New Hampshire with her husband, Wayne, for 26 years. They have two adult daughters. Since 2004, she has worked as the librarian at Prospect Mountain High School. Her involvement with The Village Players is recent and includes behind-the-scenes work on 2016's *Bathroom Humor* and *Kiss Me, Kate*, and backstage in 2017's *Biloxi Blues*.

Kathleen Hill (Director) is pleased to be directing for the Village Players again. You may recognize her as Man 1 from the VP production of *Kiss Me, Kate*. Recent directing gigs include *Guys and Dolls* and *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* (Winni Playhouse). When she is not at the theater she is the curriculum coordinator for the Inter-Lakes School District. Love to Jeanne!

Matt Johnson (Stage Manager) has been involved with the Village Players since 1998's performance of *Hello Dolly* where he started as part of the crew. Since then, he's done lights, assistant directing, served on the board of directors as a member at large, and treasurer, though you may have seen him on stage in such performances as *Rogue of the Railway*, *She Loves Me*, and *Spamalot*. He's pleased to be back on stage, as the stage manager for *25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*.



Christine Muehlhausen (Rona Lisa Peretti) is pleased to once again be onstage with Village Players. Fans will remember her most recently as Sour Kangaroo in VP's *Seussical the Musical*. She is the owner of Muehlhausen Defense, LLC and Wayne Monument Service, LLC, cemetery cleaners, but her very favorite job is being Ella's Grammy. "Much love and thanks to my ever patient (and tolerant) husband, Mitch, who puts up with the wild and crazy things I talk myself into."



Connor Nelson (Chip Tolentino) is a singer, actor and student at Kingswood's Regional High School. When he is not rehearsing for a new play or playing piano in the Arts Center he is at home with his cat and his computer, or out with his friends to restaurants and to the beach. He played the role of Aldolpho in Kingswoods last musical production *The Drowsy Chaperone*.



Sammi Smith (Marcy Park) is excited to be in her first production at the Village Players. She is currently pursuing a BFA in Musical Theatre at Manhattanville College. Sammi's favorite past credits include *Spelling Bee* (Olive Ostrovsky), *The Crucible* (Mary Warren), *The Phantom of the Opera* (Madame Giry), and *The Wizard of Oz* (Dorothy). Sammi would like to thank her friends and family for their support.



Joshua Spaulding (William Barfee) has been with the Village Players since the 2009 production of *Mame* and has worked behind the scenes on every show since 2012's *Leading Ladies*. Besides small walk-on roles in a few VP shows, this marks his first foray on the stage since high school.



Paul Stewart (Mitch Mahoney) is very excited to be playing the role of Mitch! Paul has been seen on stage with the Village Players in numerous roles, including Horton the Elephant (*Seussical*), Prince Herbert (*Spamalot*) and many others over the past six years. When not at the theater, you can find him on the softball fields on the Seacoast. He would like to thank his loving wife Chelsea, who has allowed him endless hours away from the house!

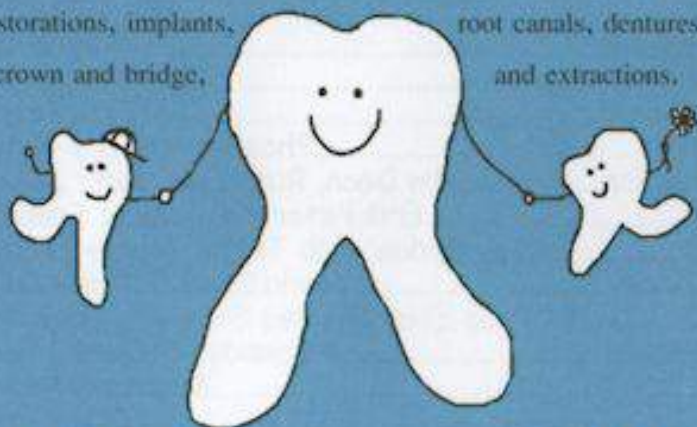


Bob Tuttle (Douglas Panch) has been in shows from *Anne Frank* to *Spamalot* and directed his first show, *Biloxi Blues* for the spring show 2017. Mr. Tuttle's talents include singing, dancing, reciting poetry and being creative with hot glue and casters. Bob spends his quiet times drinking smoothies made from leaves and frog excrement.

Phoebe VanScoy-Giessler (Props Master) can't spel four nuthing sew she iz knot aloud too bee on stadge inn this shoe. Ewe mae have scene her in udder VP producshuns, such az Spamalot or Seussical the Musical. When she is not busy cracking herself up, you can find her working at Lakes Region Community Services (Laconia) or literally running away from home (and back again) in Tuftonboro.

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