

MUSICAL NUMBERS



Act I

Maybe – Annie, Orphans

It's the Hard-Knock Life – Orphans

It's the Hard-Knock Life (Reprise) – Orphans

Tomorrow – Annie, Sandy

Little Girls – Miss Hannigan

Little Girls (Reprise) – Miss Hannigan

I Think I'm Gonna Like It Here – Grace, Annie, House Staff

[There will be a 15 minute interval]

Act II

N.Y.C. – Warbucks, Grace, Annie, Ensemble

Easy Street – Rooster, Lily, Miss Hannigan

You Won't Be an Orphan for Long – Warbucks, Annie

Maybe (Reprise) – Annie

You're Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile – Orphans

Easy Street (Reprise) – Rooster, Lily, Miss Hannigan

I Don't Need Anything But You – Warbucks, Annie

Maybe (Second Reprise) – Annie

Tomorrow (Reprise) – Full Company

CREATIVE AND PRODUCTION TEAM

Company Producer – Lindsey Runnette

Creative Director – Eloise Runnette

Musical Director – Alexandra Middleditch

Creative Team – Eloise Runnette, James Welsh, Joanna Ballard, Ben Agasee, Sam Cohen, Max Morris

Annie Jr. Mentors – Sienna Robson, Bella Rose, Mia Elf, Ella Conway, Mason Jacobs, Josie Cohen, Ollie Sharpe, Olivia Selwyn, Elsie Yershon, Teya Patel, Ada Szelazek, Rafi Cohen, Frankie Ballard

Stage Manager – Sam Cohen

Props Manager – Max Morris

Costume Design – Lindsey Runnette, Daren Middleton

Wardrobe – Jiina Patel, Kelly Hopkins, Jennifer Cockerell

Lighting – Sam Raymond assisted by Mason Jacobs

Sound – Dan Szelazek, Maya Christie

Photography – Sam Raymond

Backstage crew – Sam Cohen, James Welsh, Max Morris, Ben Agasee, Oliver Seymour, Ollie Sharpe, Sienna Robson, Bella Rose, Maia Elf, Josie Cohen, Ada Szelazek, Lindsey Runnette, Daren Middleton, Joanna Ballard

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WELCOME

Following our sold-out, much acclaimed Radlett Centre production of **Les Misérables** just 11 weeks ago, we're delighted to welcome you back to this wonderful **Drama Spectrum** production of **Annie Jr.**

Annie is a firm musical theatre favourite – a timeless, tale of hope, resilience and finding family in unexpected places. As ever, it's been an absolute joy working with the talented and enthusiastic cast from *Dream Team* and *Sticks and Stones*, who have poured their hearts into every song, scene and dance step. Whether it's your first time seeing **Annie** or your fiftieth, we hope this performance at St Peter's Parish Hall brings a smile to your face and a tap to your toes.

This hall holds a special place in my heart – I made my very first appearance on this stage at just two years old! St Peter's Parish Hall has been the proud home of countless pantomimes, musicals and youth productions, and it continues to be a hub of creativity and community spirit. As many of you know, we are currently working on our 'Raise The Curtain' initiative, with plans to replace the curtains in the coming months. But that's just the beginning – there's still so much to be done. From upgraded lighting and sound to new rigging, **Drama Spectrum** are committed to improving this space and ensuring it remains a vibrant venue for generations to come.

Back to today and **Annie Jr.** is a heartwarming reminder that brighter days are always just around the corner. Thank you for supporting young performers and live theatre – enjoy the show!

Love,

Lindsey Runnette – Director, Drama Spectrum

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ABOUT THE SHOW

Set in 1930s New York, during the Great Depression, **Annie Jr.** follows the journey of a spirited orphan who dreams of finding her parents and refuses to give up hope. After escaping Miss Hannigan's cruel orphanage, leaving with nothing but her optimism and her trusty dog Sandy, **Annie** sets out to find her real family and touches the hearts of everyone she meets – including billionaire Oliver Warbucks and even President Roosevelt!

Did you know that the musical **Annie** is inspired by the classic American comic strip *Little Orphan Annie*, created by Harold Gray in 1924? The strip, which ran for over 85 years, chronicled the adventures of a resilient red-haired orphan named **Annie** and her loyal dog, **Sandy**. The enduring popularity of the comic strip led to various adaptations including the beloved Broadway musical, which made its debut in 1977 winning seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical. Its uplifting story and memorable songs have inspired countless productions worldwide, making **Annie** one of the most beloved musicals of all time.

Now, we know that for most of us, 'You're Never Fully Dressed Without Your Phone', but 'Maybe' you'll take the 'Easy Street' and leave them in your bag or pocket during today's performances! That is because for licensing and child protection reasons – and also because illuminated phone screens distract the performers and fellow audience members – photography or filming is strictly prohibited and we really don't want to have to call **Officer Ward** on you. Please refrain from even taking your phone out during the show and ensure that it is switched to silent or switched off... maybe even until 'Tomorrow'?

PERFORMERS



CAST HANNIGAN – Saturday 10th May 2pm and Sunday 11th May 5pm

Oliver Warbucks – Frankie Ballard
Grace Farrell – Evie Blech
Miss Hannigan – Estée Goss
Rooster – Ariel Maymon
Bert Healy – Kian Harte
President Roosevelt – Ethan Cohen
Apple Seller – Leah Millman

ORPHANS

Annie – Evelina Baker
Molly – Teya Patel
Pepper – Jennifer Blaiberg
Duffy – Esme Baker
Kate – Beatrice Kelly
July – Isabelle Cooper
Tessie – Olivia Seferi
Maggie – Skylar Lennard
And... Olivia Walker, Lilia Lacy, Parker John, Leah Millman, Ethan Cohen, Kian Harte, Benji Lowen, Noel Seferi, Shey Patel, Peyton Beale, Lily Katz, Quinn Purnell-Martin, Jayden Freeman, Blake Amrany

HOUSE STAFF/ NEW YORKERS

Teya Patel, Jennifer Blaiberg, Esme Baker, Beatrice Kelly, Isabelle Cooper, Olivia Seferi, Skylar Lennard, Olivia Walker, Lilia Lacy, Parker John, Leah Millman, Ethan Cohen, Kian Harte, Benji Lowen, Noel Seferi

CAST WARBUCKS – Saturday 10th May 5pm and Sunday 11th May 2pm

Oliver Warbucks – Rafi Cohen
Grace Farrell – Chloe Hopkins
Miss Hannigan – Emilia Piperno
Rooster – Josh Sharpe
Bert Healy – Shubh Verma
President Roosevelt/Bundles Buddy – Ethan Frome
Apple Seller – Ava Ivanauskaite

ORPHANS

Annie – Poppy Rose
Molly – Anaiya Kothari
Pepper – Liberty Hunt
Duffy – Lexi Szelazek
Kate – Ruhi Goyal
July – Sophie Golding
Tessie – Jasmine Levi
Maggie – Ana Luiza Peixoto Sousa
And... Aashi Sonthalia, Sophie Price, Cliona McAndrew, Saoirse McAndrew, Ava Ivanauskaite, Shubh Verma, Alex Kasin-Lewis, Noah Stratton, Etta Mortimer, Sorcha Lengyel, Sofia Kotecha-Hyatt, Louis Newmark, Theo Franks

HOUSE STAFF / NEW YORKERS

Ethan Frome, Anaiya Kothari, Liberty Hunt, Lexi Szelazek, Ruhi Goyal, Jasmine Levi, Sophie Golding, Ana Luiza Peixoto Sousa, Aashi Sonthalia, Sophie Price,

Saoirse McAndrew, Cliona McAndrew, Ava Ivanauskaite, Shubh Verma, Noah Stratton, Alex Kasin-Lewis,

Market Trader – Ethan Frome, Alex Kasin-Lewis

CAST HANNIBUCKS – All performances

Bundles – Eddison Houghton
Dogcatcher – Ayaan Patel
Sandy – Arlo Devrimoz
Officer Ward – Tristan Shapiro
Drake – Aydan Patel
Cecille – Talia Rollnick
Annette – Annabel Sherski
Mrs. Greer – Jasmine Peters
Star To Be/Mrs. Pugh – Mia Nurick
Announcer – Adam Harris
Lily – Skyla Stanton (Sat 10th)
Lily – Lexie McLoughlin (Sun 11th)
Louis Howe – Noah Stratton (Sat 10th 2pm /5pm & Sun 5pm)
Louis Howe – Shubh Verma (Sun 11th 2pm)

ORPHANS/HOUSE STAFF/ NEW YORKERS

Elsie Yershon, Olivia Selwyn, Bella Hemens, Lexi Reiff, Adam Harris, Ayaan Patel, Eddison Houghton, Tristan Shapiro, Talia Rollnick, Annabel Sherski, Jasmine Peters, Mia Nurick

Bundles Buddies/Market Traders

Aydan Patel, Eddison Houghton, Adam Harris,

Market Trader – Ethan Frome, Alex Kasin-Lewis