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PEPPER	Ila Smuin
JULY	Lindsey Hardman
DUFFY	Audrey Young
ORPHAN ENSEMBLE	Addison Sisto, Annalise Barker, Cora Stoddard, Ella Taggart, Gwen Barker, Nevaeh Merrill, Ruby Owens
MISS HANNIGAN	Stephanie Barker
WARBUCKS	Mike Sisto
GRACE FARRELL	Alora Gilroy
ROOSTER	Grant Stoddard
LILY ST. REGIS	Alessandra Sisto
DRAKE	Ben Hacking
ROOSEVELT	Jeff Allen
MRS. PUGH	Claire Owens
MRS. GREER	Mary Hacking
CECILLE	Ashlee Carter
ANNETTE	Hannah Taggart
BERT HEALY	Isaac Merrick
COP	Bronson Merrill
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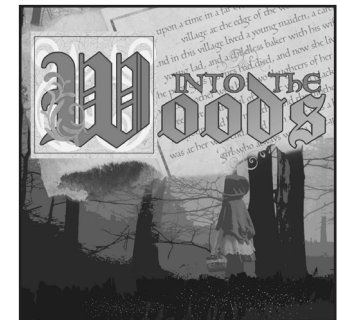


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SETTING AND MUSICAL NUMBERS

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ACT 1

Maybe - Annie, Orphans
Hard Knock Life - Annie, Orphans
Tomorrow - Annie
Hooverville - Ensemble
Little Girls - Miss Hannigan
I Think I'm Gonna Like It Here - Grace, Annie, Drake, Servants
N.Y.C. - Warbucks, Grace, Ensemble
Easy Street - Rooster, Hannigan, Lily
You Won't Be An Orphan For Long - Grace, Drake, Annie, Warbucks, Servants

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ACT 2

Fully Dressed - Bert Healy, Boylan Sisters
Smile (Children) - Duffy, July, Molly, Orphans
Easy Street Reprise - Rooster, Hannigan, Lily
Cabinet Tomorrow - Annie, Roosevelt, Cabinet Members
Something Was Missing - Warbucks
I Don't Need Anything But You - Annie, Warbucks, Grace, Drake, Servants
A New Deal For Christmas - Warbucks, Grace, Ensemble



DIRECTOR'S NOTE

This show has been an unexpected pleasure and delight to direct. I love Christmas and I love "Annie", but I was completely unprepared for how this cast and team would touch my heart this holiday season. From the first rehearsal, there has been something so special about this family of performers and I am so grateful that I have gotten to be a part of seeing their journey. The fun, the laughter, the tenderness, the way they help and lift each other up has been inspiring. I end each night so happy and grateful to be here. Thank you for ten incredible Seasons at VT:L and opportunities to meet people who inspire me to be better. A special thank you to my family - parents, siblings, grandparents - and double that to my husband and daughter. Family is everything and I am so glad that I have mine. Thank you for joining us tonight and making this production, this theatre, this community, such a beautiful reality. Enjoy the show!

Nashelle Jackson

PRODUCTION TEAM

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Assistant Stage Manager	Alicia Allred
Props	McKenna Christiansen
Costumer	Rachel Smuin
Sound Technician	Parry Peacock
Light Technician	Raelynn Gaskill
Spotlights	Isabella Inman, Kotah Gross
Set Construction	Daniel Jackson, TC George, Jon Thomas, Bridger Thomas, Lynelle Raymond
Set Painting	McKenna Christiansen, Mike Sorenson, Nashelle Jackson
Headshots	Joie Madison
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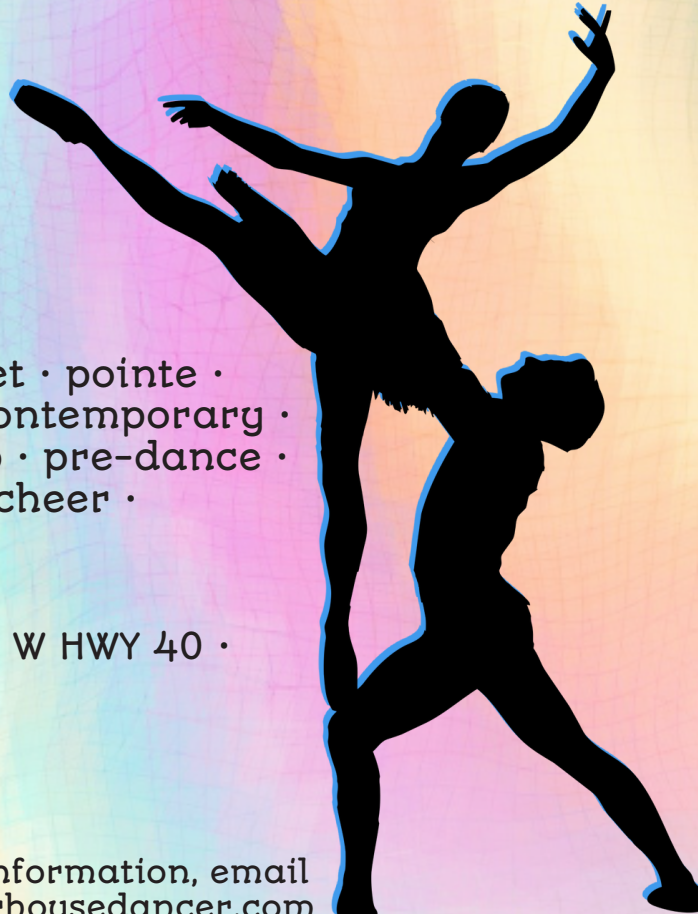
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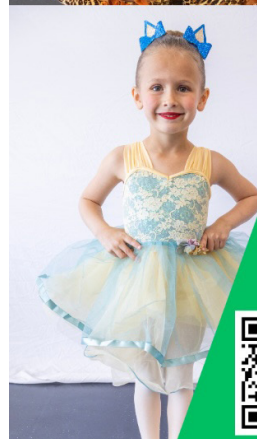
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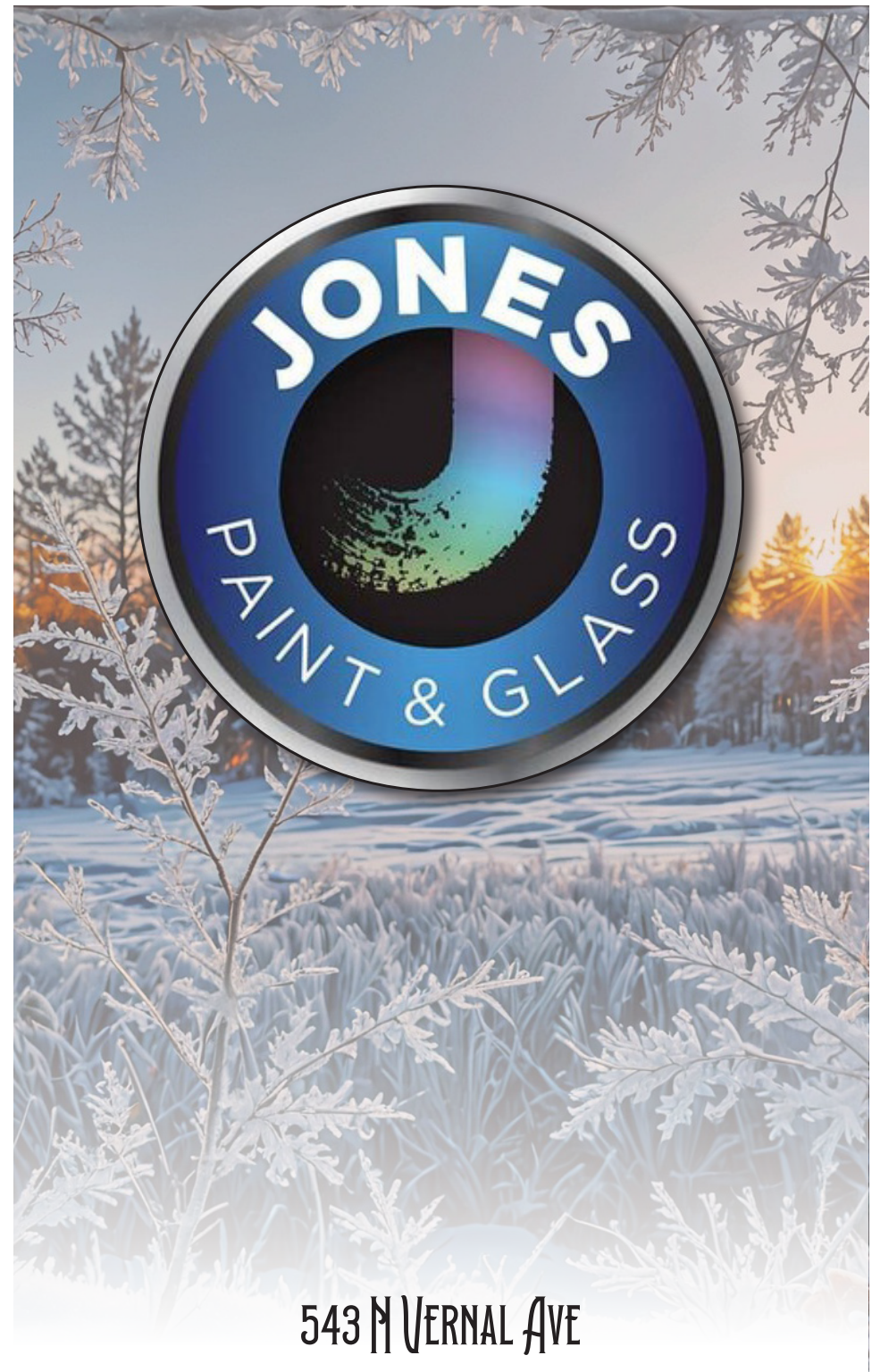
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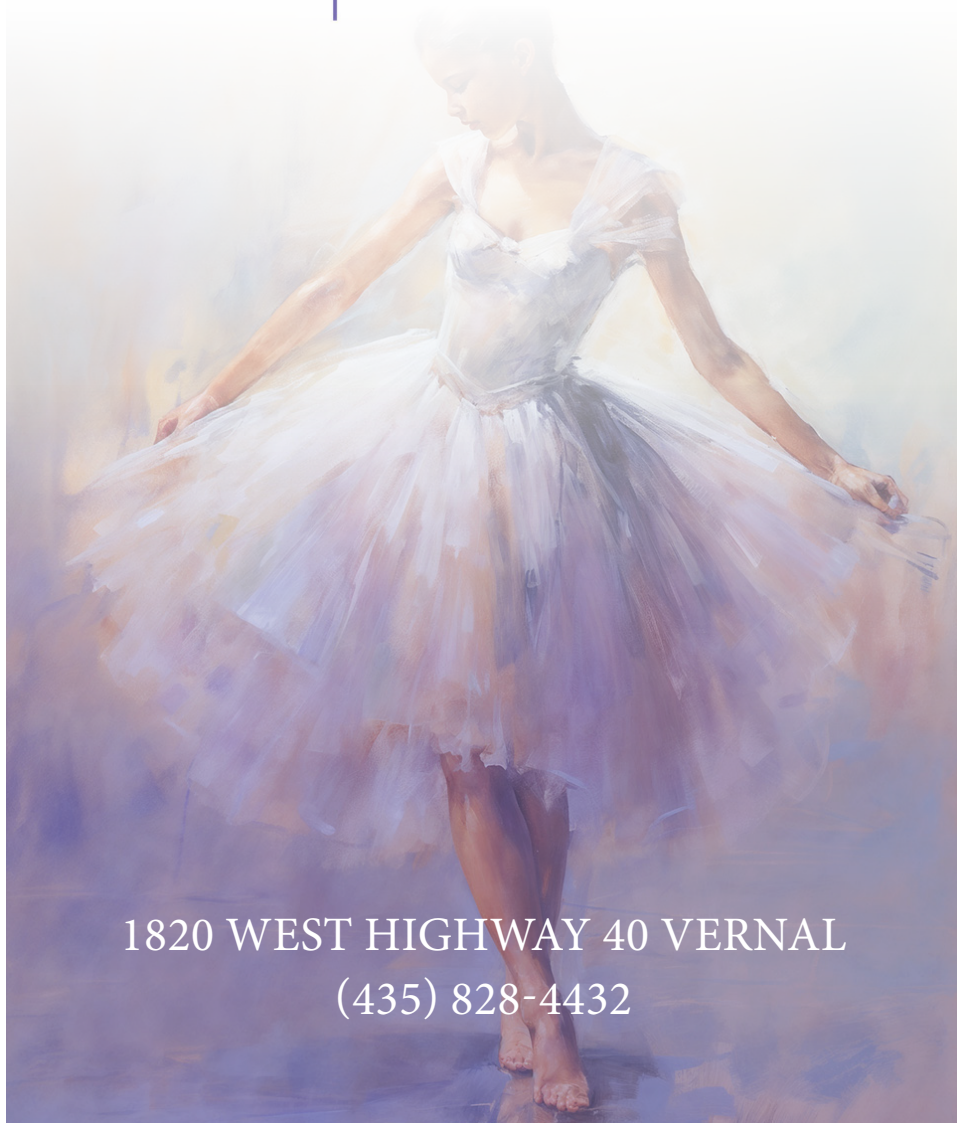
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NEVAEH MERRILL *Orphan*

Nevaeh is thrilled to perform in *Annie* as one of the orphan girls. This will be her fifth play. Her favorite role was “Fluff” in *Honk! JR.* She enjoys both singing and dancing.



RUBY OWENS *Orphan*

Ruby is thrilled to be returning for her fourth production with Vernal Theatre: LIVE. She has loved being on stage from the moment she first stepped into the spotlight, and performing has quickly become one of her greatest passions. Ruby is especially excited for *Annie* because she gets to share this show with her mom, making the experience even more meaningful. She hopes you enjoy the show!



SAVANNAH STORY RAYMOND *Annie T/W/F*

“I have loved being in productions the past two years and I’m so excited to play “Annie” in this production! Even though Annie has gone through hard times, she looks on the bright side. I have also been through hard times and just want everyone to know that when you’re going through hard times we can always have hope because the sun will come out tomorrow! :)”



STEPHANIE BARKER *Miss Hannigan*

Stephanie is delighted to add *Annie* to her long list of productions throughout the years. She is truly honored to take on the iconic role of “Miss Hannigan”—because how often do you get to yell at children in a socially acceptable, fully scripted way? She has had a blast bringing this chaotic character to life. A special thank-you to her husband for making it all possible by holding down the fort during rehearsals.



ZAKARY KELSEY *Ensemble*

“I really enjoy dancing and singing so I was really glad that I ended up joining this play. This is my first play. I love playing video games like Minecraft and Marvel Rivals and playing basketball.”

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ADDISON SISTO *Orphan*

Addison is thrilled to be part of her first performance with VT:L! She thanks all of her teachers, friends, and family for their help and support. Although an orphan, she gets to experience this production with her father and aunt. Addi thanks Boston for the dance and singing practice and Callan for the laughs during dance practice! She hopes that you remember to wear your smile this Christmas!



ALESSANDRA SISTO *Lily St. Regis*

Alessandra is excited to debut as "Lily". She returns to performing after 10 years, coming from Chicago to share the stage with her brother and niece. Past shows include *Into the Woods*, "Baker's Wife", and *Annie*, "Miss Hannigan". She may not have "Lily's" Jersey accent, but she's got charisma. She's grateful for her family hosting her. "This experience has been a joy! Thanks, VT:L!"



ALIYAH SLAUGH *Ensemble*

Aliyah has been performing in plays since elementary school, with *The Lion King* standing out as her all-time favorite role. After taking a three-year break, she returned to the stage this year, joined by her little sister Brycelynn and supported every step of the way by her amazing husband, Dayson. When she's not acting, Aliyah can be found spending time with her beloved goats, dogs, and cats.



ALORA GILROY *Grace Farrell*

Alora is thrilled to return to *Annie* as "Grace Farrell". She first appeared in the show nine years ago as a maid in her high school production. Alora discovered her love of performing through her childhood Norwegian dance group and church choir. She is grateful for the constant support of her wonderful husband and daughter as she continues her musical theater journey.



ANNALISE BARKER *Orphan*

Annalise is excited to return to Vernal Theatre: LIVE for her third musical! She has loved being part of the cast and especially enjoys the energy and silliness that come with playing an orphan in *Annie*. Annalise is grateful for the chance to perform with such a fun group of people and hopes you enjoy the show!

CAST BIOS



JEFF ALLEN *Roosevelt*

Jeff loves acting, entertaining people, and pop culture references. He also loves the Christmas classics like *A Christmas Carol*, *It's a Wonderful Life*, and *Die Hard*. "Come to the theater. We'll spend some time together, have a few laughs. You asked for a Christmas miracle and we give you VT:L and *Annie*. Merry Christmas and Yippee-kai-yay!"



LINDSEY HARDMAN *July*

Lindsey has found such a love of performing in the theatre and tonight gets to be "July" - a kind and protective orphan. She is 11 years old, in sixth grade, and loves making new friends. She has played roles in *Honk! JR*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Dare to Dream Jr*, and now *Annie*. Lindsey is so excited to be performing for you all!



MARY HACKING *Mrs. Greer*

Mary has been involved with many productions throughout the years. She has spent many hours helping backstage while her family has been on stage and has taken a number of minor roles on stage. Something she really enjoyed was working with her daughters to make the stained glass window for the musical *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*.



MARYKE EK *Star to Be*

Maryke is a senior in vocal performance at BYU Hawaii. She likes to read, spend time with family and friends, and loves to try new food and cuisines. She loves to bring stories to life on stage and is so excited to be a part of this one!



MIKE SISTO *Warbucks*

Mike is thrilled to help you experience the joy of the Christmas season with his portrayal of "Oliver Warbucks". He is grateful for the memories made with his daughter, Addison and his sister, Alessandra. He thanks all of his family for their help throughout this process, especially his beautiful wife, Sarah, for all of her support! He hopes you enjoy the adoption party of *Annie*!

CAST BIOS



GWEN BARKER *Orphan*

Gwen is thrilled to be back on stage at Vernal Theatre: LIVE! She has performed in several musicals here and has loved every moment of being part of the VT:L family. Gwen is especially excited to be in *Annie* alongside her mom and sister—sharing the stage with them makes this show extra special. She hopes you enjoy the performance!



HANNAH TAGGART *Annette*

This is Hannah's second musical at Vernal Theatre: LIVE. She was previously seen in *CLUE* at VT:L and *Oliver* at Outlaw Trail Theater. She's been performing her whole life starting with competitive dance for 13 years, four on Union's drill team, and now theater. She's loved working on *Annie* and hopes you enjoy the show!



ILA SMUIN *Pepper*

"My name is Ila and my birthday is on opening night. I've been in *Honk! JR* and *Dare to Dream Jr*. Some of my other hobbies are drawing, writing, and fashion designing. I love to sketch some of my own little comics. I love to design and create different and cool new clothes, for my style. I love writing my own stories too. Thank you for coming and enjoy the show."



ISAAC MERRICK *Bert Healy*

Isaac loves being in shows here at Vernal Theatre: LIVE and hopes you enjoy *Annie*! He loves being a bad singer... just wait, you'll see.



IVY TAGGART *Kate*

Ivy has been dancing since she was four. She's been in a few school musicals but this is her first Vernal Theatre: LIVE production and she's loving it!

CAST BIOS



ASHLEE CARTER *Cecille*

Ashlee Carter is excited to return for her third Vernal Theatre: LIVE production. A recent graduate with a bachelor's degree in elementary education, Ashlee previously performed on her SUU's ballroom team and has missed the joy of being onstage. She's grateful for the chance to perform again before heading off on her next adventure, the Disney College Program. She thanks her loved ones for their constant support.



AUDREY YOUNG *Duffy*

"Hey, my name is Audrey. This is my fourth play with the theater. When I found out I got the part of "Duffy", I was so so excited. I would like to thank YOU and EVERYBODY who made this production possible. Can't wait for you to watch the magic happen. Bye BESTIES!!!!"



BEN HACKING *Drake*

Ben wanted his children to learn self-confidence by performing on stage. The director needed an extra male part to play a traveling salesman in *The Music Man*. Ben decided to help out and was immediately hooked. Ben loves theater and building anything with his kids.



BRITLYN KELSEY *Ensemble*

"My name is Britlyn and, so far, this is my second show at Vernal Theatre: LIVE, but I've also done TaVaci and school plays. Other than doing theatre, I enjoy doing things like art, singing, playing with my dogs, and hanging out with my friends and family. I'm super excited for you all to watch the show!"



BRONSON MERRILL *Cop*

Bronson is thrilled to be playing a role in *Annie*. Some of his favorite roles include "Earthworm" in *James and the Giant Peach JR*, "Drake" in *Honk! JR*, and "Coach Bolton" in *High School Musical JR*. "Hope you enjoy the show!"

CAST BIOS



BROOKLYN HACKING *Ensemble*

Brooklyn loves being on stage - whether it is dance or theater. She recently moved to Vernal from Missouri where she was involved in multiple plays, most recent of which being *Matilda the Musical* and *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*.



BRYCELYNN HUNTING *Ensemble*

Brycelynn has helped with past shows, whether in the booth or behind the scenes. So, she's excited to be onstage for the production of *Annie*. Brycelynn has loved participating in the show and hopes you enjoy watching it too!



CAMBRIA DAVIES *Tessie*

This is Cambria's third play at Vernal Theatre: LIVE. You may have seen her in *Honk! JR* or *Dare to Dream Jr*. She wanted to act from a young age and took the chance as soon as she was able. She has also previously done some theatre classes/camps and eight years of ballet. She is super excited to be in this show and is hoping to return to the theatre soon!



CHARLY STODDARD *Molly*

"This is my first time acting and I am so excited to be in this show! I think that you will like this so sit back and enjoy."



CLAIRE OWENS *Mrs. Pugh*

Claire has performed since she was little and has cherished the chance to share her talents with Vernal Theatre: LIVE stage for a decade. As her family prepares to move, she will deeply miss this building and the community that fills it. Claire is grateful for the opportunity to perform one more show alongside her daughter, Ruby. She hopes you enjoy the performance as much as she has loved being part of it.

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CORA STODDARD *Orphan*

"I'm so excited to be back on stage for *Annie* with my dad and little sister. My previous roles at Vernal Theatre: LIVE have been "Player 14", *Dare to Dream JR* and "Penny", *Honk! JR*. My first role was "Juanita" in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. I am in dual immersion at Discovery Elementary and I love Taylor Swift. Enjoy the show!"



ELIGH RICHARDSON *Ensemble*

Eligh is thrilled to serve (literally) in the adult ensemble of *Annie*, bringing both refined poise and a hint of theatrical chaos to the Warbucks household. He promises to "break a leg"...hopefully not literally this time. He thanks his family and friends for cheering him on through every polished (and chaotic) moment. "I hope y'all enjoy this roller-coaster ride of a musical!"



ELLA TAGGART *Orphan*

This is Ella's first Vernal Theatre: LIVE production. She enjoys meeting new people. Ella is in the honors choir for her school and has learned to love singing and dancing.



GRACE OLSEN *Annie Th/S/M*

"I love theater! It is one of the best experiences that I have ever had. I have been in three plays now and I loved all of them. I have wanted to be "Annie" in this production my whole life and I am so happy I am able to have the role."



GRANT STODDARD *Rooster*

Grant is thrilled to return as "Rooster" in Vernal Theatre: LIVE's production of *Annie*. His previous roles include "Rick Steadman", *The Nerd*, "Frank Churchill", *Jane Austen's Emma*, "Dr. Halifax", *The Forgotten Carols*, and "Marquis St. Evrémonte", *A Tale of Two Cities*. When he's not performing, Grant plays the roles of freelance attorney, writer, and dad. He sends his love to Kristin and their family for all their support."