

KENTWOOD PLAYERS presents a KENTWOOD KIDS PRODUCTION

MR. POTCHER'S



HOLIDAY

What does he mean, "Cancel the holidays?"

A MUSICAL

Book and Lyrics by BOB SILBERG

Music by BARBARA KLASKIN SILBERG

Directed by DREW FITZSIMMONS and MELODIE S. RIVERS

Choreographed by LULU PEÑA

Produced by MELODIE S. RIVERS and BRUCE STARRETT



MR. POTCHER ALSO HATES CEL PHONES
Please turn off all noise-making devices
and no flash photos. Enjoy the show!

CAST OF CHARACTERS

(in order of appearance)

Miss Teaford/Mona Lisa Jennifer Sperry
Shalena Tyler Cable
Zimmer Osric Holt
Meryl Katie Reinhold
Harry Ja'von Willis
Chloe Sarah V. Harnden
Jake Kenjo Cable
Will Steven Lerner
Darcy Fiona Okida
Jessica Melana Dix
Carmen Skylar Washington
Lorne Kobe Kubes
Andi Genevieve Thomas
Coach/Santa/Plato George Kondreck
Mr. Potcher/DaVinci Dylan Bailey
Miss Snood Valerie Ruel
Jack-o-Lantern/Stefano Trevor Hart
Cupid/Rodney Hollister Starrett
Leprechaun/Carter Riley Dix
Easter Bunny/Mackenzie Isabel van Aalst
Thanksgiving Turkey/Carolyn Stephanie Hotz
Children's Day Guy/Franklin Logan R. Hannig
Shakespeare/Fantasy Orchestra Conductor Drew Fitzsimmons

PRODUCTION CREW

Book and Lyrics Bob Silberg
Music Barbara Klaskin Silberg
Music Arranged by David Tobocman
Directors Drew Fitzsimmons and Melodie S. Rivers
Producers Melodie S. Rivers and Bruce Starrett
Music Director Martin Feldman
Choreographer Lulu Peña
Lighting Designer Lucas N. Hannig
Props Mistress Lori A. Marple-Pereslete
Costumer Marie Olivas
Set Designer Drew Fitzsimmons
Stage Manager Kira Sherman
Graphic Designer Martin Dix

SCENES AND MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT I

SCENE 1 - School Auditorium

(Song: *Thanksgiving*)

SCENE 2 - School Cafeteria

(Songs: *Another One For Darcy, I Heard From a Guy, Busy, Hail to Darcy*)

SCENE 3 - Mr. Potcher's Office

(Song: *Waste of Time*)

SCENE 4 - Classroom

SCENE 5 - Mr. Potcher's Office

(Song: *Potcher's Heroes*)

SCENE 6 - School Cafeteria

SCENE 7 - Mr. Potcher's Office

SCENE 8 - Isle of Lost Holidays

(Song: *August Has No Holidays*)

SCENE 9 - Classroom, School Cafeteria

(Songs: *Pencils Up, Pencils Down, Anyone But Me*)

- 15-minute Intermission -

ACT II

SCENE 1: School Cafeteria

(Song: *Keep A Goin'*)

SCENE 2 - Isle of Lost Holidays

(Song: *Isle of Lost Holidays*)

SCENE 3 - Darcy's Bedroom, Shalena's Bedroom, Isle of Lost Holidays

(Songs: *Nightmare Medley, At the Touch of Love, It's Love It's Love It's Love, It's Love It's Love It's Love [Reprise]*)

SCENE 4 - Mr. Potcher's Office

SCENE 5 - Potcher's Office, Isle of Lost Holidays

(Songs: *Potcher's Lullaby, Take a Chance, Isle of Lost Holidays [Reprise]*)

SCENE 6 - School Auditorium

(Song: *Darcy's Cheer*)

SCENE 7 - School Auditorium

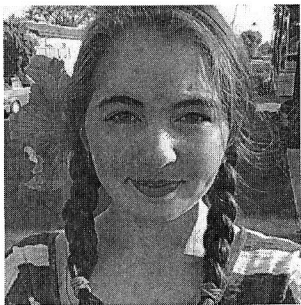
(Song: *As We Go Round the Sun*)

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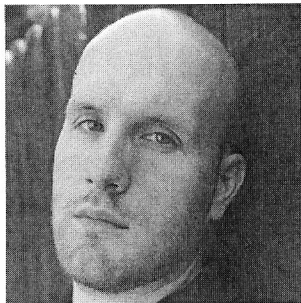
Catherine Rahm, Colleen Okida, Martin Dix, Sandy and Steve Hotz, Susan Weisbarth, the inimitable Jim Crawford, David Jeffers, David Tobocman, Scot Renfro, Geo Cable, Hilary Fitzsimmons, the cast and crew of *It's a Wonderful Life*, the cast and crew of *Becky's New Car*, Annie (for putting up with being shut in a room for hours on end), and all the tireless parents of our Kentwood Kids.



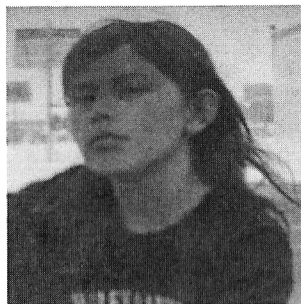
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Isabel van Aalst (Easter Bunny/Mackenzie)
Isabel is super thrilled to perform in *Mr. Potcher's Holiday*. Past credits include Queen of Hearts in *Alice in Wonderland* and the Step Mother in *An ABBA Cinderella*. Thanks to her parents for taxi services and friends for support and attendance. She hopes to graduate college and have some sort of fame.



Dylan H. Bailey (Mr. Potcher/DaVinci)
Dylan is pleased to be playing the title role of Mr. Potcher. Last seen on the Kentwood stage as Bernardo in *Fortinbras*, some favorite past roles include Curley in *Of Mice and Men*, Jan in *Unexpected Guest*, George in *Dot Gone* and Richard in *Meaning of Life*.



Kenjo Cable (Jake)
Kenjo, a 6th grader from MDR Performing Arts Magnet and founding member of the South Bay Singers Youth Choral Group, returns from *All In The Stars*. He has also performed in *Bye Bye Birdie*, *Peter Pan*, *Seussical the Musical*, *Big River*, *The Sound of Music*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Oliver*, *Annie*, and *The Music Man*.

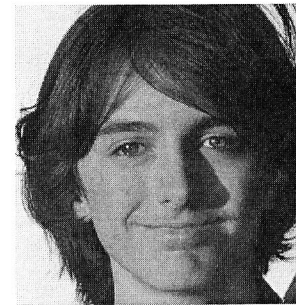


Tyler Cable (Shalena)
Tyler is an 8th grader from MDR Performing Arts Magnet who loves to sing, act and dance. She has performed in *Annie*, *Bye Bye Birdie*, *Oliver*, *The Sound of Music*, *Seussical the Musical*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Big River*, *Peter Pan*, and *All in the Stars*. She is also a founding member of The South Bay Singers Youth Choral Group.

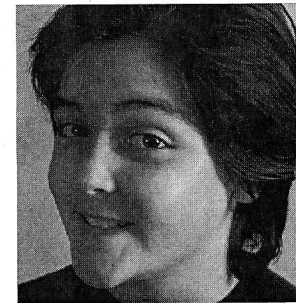
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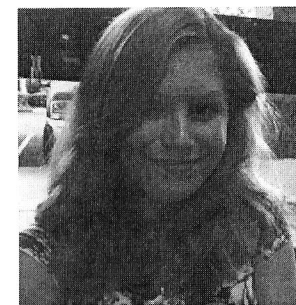
Melana Dix (Jessica)
Melana is very excited to be participating in her second Kentwood Kids production. She was last seen as Praline in *All in the Stars*. When off stage Melana enjoys playing soccer, volleyball, hanging out with her friends and speaking Spanish. She would like to thank Drew and Melodie for their hard work and support.



Riley Dix (Leprechaun/Carter)
Riley can't wait to unveil his Irish accent for the first time ever. Apologies to any actual Irish people for butchering their beautiful language. This is his second Kentwood Kids production after last being seen as Marrons in *All in the Stars*. When not playing the world's tallest leprechaun Riley enjoys fencing and playing video games. He would like to thank his family and Drew and Melodie.

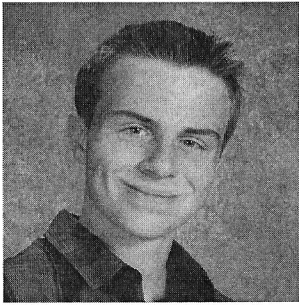


Logan R. Hannig (Children's Day Guy/Franklin)
Logan has dedicated his life to theatre since 2009...you know, back when he was a kid. Since his first role as a Lolipop Guild munchkin in *Wizard of Oz*, he has been the Artful Dodger in *Oliver!*, Dill in *To Kill a Mockingbird*, Louis in *The King and I*, and many other diverse characters.



Sarah-V Harnden (Chloe)
Sarah-V is excited to be in another Kentwood Kids production. She was last seen on roller skates in *Rockin' Robin Hood*. When not singing in musicals she's writing songs and singing with her band. Sarah-V wishes to thank her parents for their support and God for her talent.

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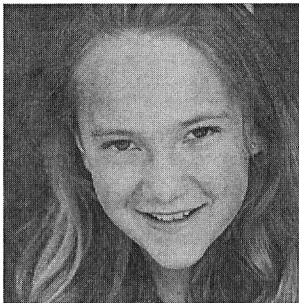
Trevor Hart (Jack-o-Lantern/Stefano)

Trevor is thrilled to take the stage again at the Westchester Playhouse. His past credits include Canard *All in the Stars*, Audrey II puppeteer in *Little Shop of Horrors*, and The Wizard in *Once Upon A Mattress*. When not acting, Trevor likes reading and playing drums. Big "thank you's" to Drew, Melodie, and everyone involved.



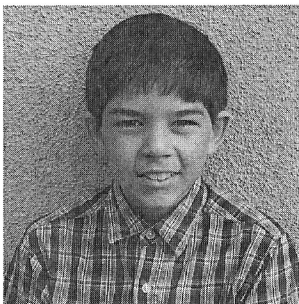
Osric Holt (Zimmer)

Osric thanks Melodie, Drew, Bob and the entire team for the opportunity to play Zimmer. Osi's favorite past roles have been King Comfort in *All in the Stars*, and King Richard/Old Man in *Rockin' Robin Hood*. When not on stage, Osi plays 4 instruments, loves chess and computers, and is on both soccer and swim teams.



Stephanie Hotz (Thanksgiving Turkey/Carolyn)

Stephanie is excited to be in her 6th Kentwood show, including main-stage production *Little Shop of Horrors* and Kentwood Kids shows, *All in the Stars* and *Rockin' Robin Hood*. Stephanie studies drama and improv with the Young Actor's Studio, and has done several stand-up comedy performances at the Hollywood Improv!

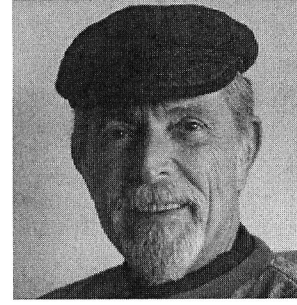


Steven Lerner (Will)

Steven has been acting for the Kentwood Playhouse for about four years, since age 8, and has appeared in productions of *The Wizard of Oz*, *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* and *Greece The Musical*. He enjoys dancing, singing, swimming and playing in the school band. He is looking forward eagerly to the next performance.

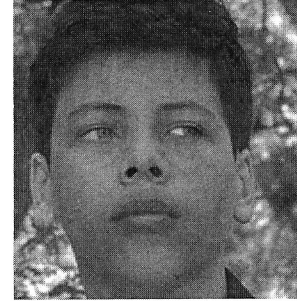


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George Kondreck (Coach/Santa/Plato)

George is happy to be performing with the Kentwood kids for the first time. Previously at Kentwood George appeared in *Ragtime* earlier this year and in *Oliver* last year. George will direct his first play at Kentwood, *The Hollow* by *Agatha Christie* in 2014.



Kobe Kubes (Lorne)

Kobe is excited to act in the Kentwood Kids production of *Mr. Potcher's Holiday*. Kobe has performed in many different roles for the last six years at Westchester. He would like to thank Drew & Melodie for their coaching and his parents for their support. He is also glad that he gets to share the stage with such an amazing group of actors.



Fiona Okida (Darcy)

Fiona is excited to be in her first Kentwood Kids show and was surprised she got cast as Darcy. Her recent Kentwood mainstage shows including *Ragtime*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Candide*, and *The Miracle Worker*. Fiona thanks Drew, Melodie, and Marty for believing in her, and Bob and Barbara Silberg for creating such a fun and challenging show.



Katie Reinhold (Meryl)

Katie, 16, has been in ten Theatre Palisades Youth productions since age seven, including *42nd Street*, *Annie*, and *The Wind In The Willows*. She is currently enrolled in 11th grade at Malibu High School, where she has performed in five productions with the school's theatre department. A big thanks to Melodie and Drew for their dedication to this production!



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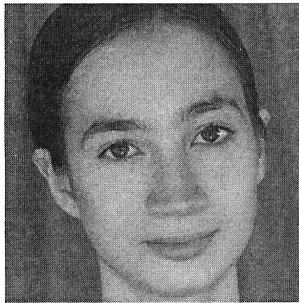
Valerie Ruel (Miss Snood)

Valerie is happy to be working with Kentwood Kids playing a nice person. Her recent character was nasty as Madge in *Sherlock Holmes* for Theatre Palisades. Here at Kentwood, she was Dixie in *Hollywood Arms* and Josie in *The Wake*. She has studied at The Actor's Institute in New York and at Dream-Works Studio.



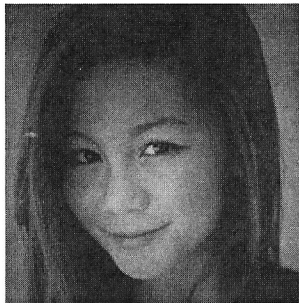
Jennifer Sperry (Miss Teaford/Mona Lisa)

Kentwood appearances: *Fortinbras* (Polish Maiden) and *Ragtime* (Mother); other children's theater: *A Spirit Over Dollsport* (Lillie) Macha Theatre/Films and *John Henry: The Steel Driving Man* (Polly Ann) CCPT. Most recent: *Paint Your Wagon - DLCO* and *The Wizard of Oz - Broadway in the Park*.



Hollister Starrett (Cupid/Rodney)

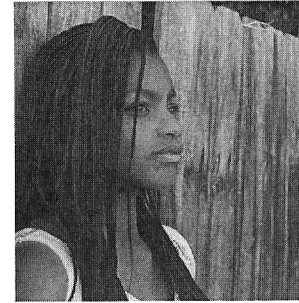
Hollister is thrilled to be a part of *Mr. Potcher's Holiday*. Recent credits include Noisette in *All in the Stars*, ensemble roles in *Ragtime* and *Little Shop of Horrors*, and Prince Chulalongkorn in *The King and I*. Hollister thanks Drew, Melodie, his dad Bruce, and the Silbergs for the opportunity!



Genevieve Thomas (Andi)

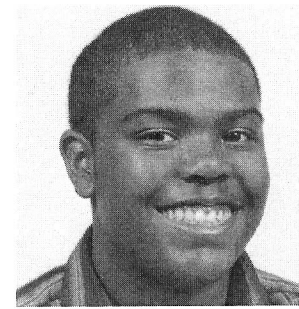
Genny played the role of Darcy in the original reading four years ago and is so excited to now play her former bully. This is her first production with the Westchester Playhouse. Genny is a tenth grader and therefore definitely knows what its like to spend all of her time filling in the bubbles on standardized tests.

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Skylar Washington (Carmen)

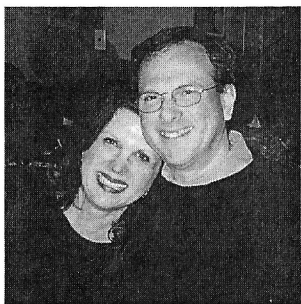
Skylar has been pursuing her dream of becoming an actress since age four. Doing *Mr. Potcher's Holiday* with her choir director, Mrs. Silberg is a special honor. Past roles include: *Annie* (Grace), *Bye Bye Birdie* (Rosie), *Grimm Night* (The Little Mermaid), *Hairspray* (Motormouth Maybell). Skylar thanks her mother and father for always supporting her in whatever she does.



Ja'von Willis (Harry)

Ja'von is happy to return to the Kentwood stage. He has been in shows like *The Miracle Worker*, *Ragtime*, *Rockin Robin Hood*, and *All In The Stars*.

- PRODUCTION -

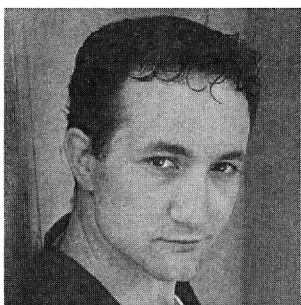


Bob Silberg (book and lyrics)

When not writing musicals, Bob writes about science and technology for NASA. As creative director at Doug Wyles Productions, he wrote for Mel Brooks among many other notables and scripted an Emmy-winning public-service campaign for the Will Rogers Institute. He also wrote a string of business videos, which won the John Cleese Comedy Award and other honors.

Barbara Klaskin Silberg (music)

Barbara is a composer and also the director of the West Los Angeles Children's Choir, which sang on recordings including Grammy-winning *We Are Young* and on *Modern Family*, *Portlandia*, *Brooklyn Nine-Nine*, *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*, *Conan*, and *The Ellen DeGeneres Show* among others. She also provides music therapy at UCLA's Neuropsychiatric Hospital. Learn more at MrsMusic.com.



Drew Fitzsimmons (Co-Director/Set Designer)

Drew has a severe problem with theatre. An intervention was scheduled, but it interfered with rehearsal. He'd like to thank all those who enable him, but that would be talking about people besides him, so know who you are and, "thank you." The Kentwood Kids Program means everything to him; thank you for showing your support.

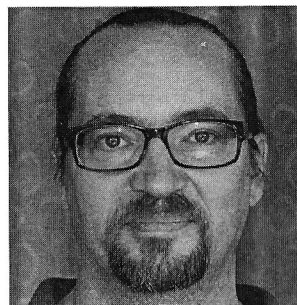


Melodie S. Rivers (Co-Director/Co-Producer)

Melodie is delighted to be working with Drew, Bruce, Marty, Lulu, Marie, Kira, Lucas, Logan, Hilary and the Kentwood Kids on *Mr. Potcher's Holiday*, her fifth turn as co-director/co-producer at Westchester Playhouse. She considers it a privilege to be working with her loved ones to bring Mr. and Mrs. Silberg's artistry to life.



- PRODUCTION (cont.) -



Bruce Starrett (Co-Producer)

Bruce has been involved with every Kentwood Kids production in some capacity since 2009. This is his second venture as producer. He is excited to be working again with his good friends Melodie, Drew, and Marty, and with the talented and dedicated cast and crew of *Mr. Potcher's Holiday*!



Lulu Peña (Choreographer)

LuLu has been dancing since the age of 5. She began teaching dance as a hobby. She has worked with Melodie and Drew choreographing *A Grimm's Night for Hans Christian Anderson* and *Greece (The Musical)*. LuLu is thrilled that she is choreographing once more in this wonderful production of *Mr. Potcher's Holiday*.

