Dear Edwina Jr.

A production of

Book and Lyrics by Marcy Heisler
Music by Zina Goldrich

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MPA Executive Director

THANK A FIRST RESPONDER!

For my 8th grade community service project we are asking people to write a thank you card or letter to first responders because they do so much for our community and really get very little thanks in return. These are the agencies we will be thanking (they cover the area of my school):

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Vancouver Police & Clark County Sheriff’s Department
Clark County 911 Dispatchers

Email to: abigaildacorte@gmail.com or Contact my mom Roxanne daCorte @ (360) 513-4721 to arrange pick up or drop off. Emails will be transcribed into a Thank you card. Artwork is also welcome. Must be received by June 1, 2018

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Abby—We love you and are always proud of you.

Break a leg!

Song List

There will be a 10 minute intermission. Each act is approximately 30 minutes.

Time: Now
Place: Paw Paw Michigan in the front yard of Edwina Spoonapple.

Act 1

Paw Paw, Michigan ............................................................. Ensemble
Up on the Fridge .......................................................... Edwina Spoonapple
Dear Edwina ................................................................. Ensemble
Here Comes a Letter! ...................................................... Ensemble
Aphrodite ................................................................. Aphrodite Swenson
Say No Thank You . ................................................. Susie, The Napkins, Johnny, Queen of Boolah Boolah
Another Letter! ............................................................ Ensemble
Abigail ................................................................. Abigail Fleckenheimer
Frankenguest ................................................................. Vladimir, Frank, Frank’s Mom, Ensemble
Carrie ................................................................. Edwina, Chef Ludmilla, Fairy Forkmother, William, Sonoma, Fork/Knife/Spoon Ensemble
Fork, Knife, Spoon ........................................................ Ensemble
Time for Intermission ......................................................... Ensemble

Act 2

Here Come More Letters ................................................ Ensemble
Periwinkle ................................................................. Periwinkle Yurrgenson
Hola, Lola ................................................................. Edwina, Harry, Lola, Ensemble
Ziggy Intro/Ziggy .......................................................... Ziggy, The Marching Band
Put it in the Piggy ........................................................ Mary Sue Betty Bob Girls, Fanny Jerry, Pigs
Thanks for Coming (Part 1) ............................................ Ensemble
Edwina ................................................................. Scott, Ensemble
Thanks for Coming (Part 2) ............................................ Ensemble
Up on the Fridge Breakdown ........................................... Edwina
Sing Your Own Song/Up on the Fridge (Reprise) ................................ Edwina, Katie, Ensemble
Hola, Lola Encore ........................................................ Ensemble
Our Cast

Edwina Spoonapple ........................................... Olivia Ashdown
Kelli Poshkonozovich ....................................... Holland Hauskins
Becky Del Vecchio ............................................. Lily Blodgett
Scott Kunkle ...................................................... Aidan Hefely
Annie .............................................................. Megan Connelly
Bobby .............................................................. Jaedon Moore
Cordell Vanderplonk .......................................... Abigail DaCorte
Lars Vanderplonk ............................................... Lena Finn-Hall
Billy Vanderplonk .............................................. Molly Jung
Katie Spoonapple ................................................. Tessa Niemeyer
Aphrodite Colossus Athena Swenson ......................... Grace Anderson
Susie .............................................................. Maggie Cole
The Napkins ......................................................... Grace Anderson, Adistryn Ackley, Kirstin Walla, Annie Sheppert, Devon Fender, Tessa Niemeyer
Johnny .............................................................. Aidan Hefely
Queen of Boola Boolah .......................................... Audrey Williams
Abigail Mathilda Fleckenheimer ................................. Alex Cusack
Vladimir ............................................................. Anthea Garrison
Frank .............................................................. Lena Finn-Hall
Frank’s Ma .......................................................... Flora Wehde
Carrie .............................................................. Devon Fender
Chef Ludmilla ..................................................... Adistryn Ackley
Fairy Forthmomr .................................................. Kirstin Walla
William ............................................................. Abigail DaCorte
Sonoma ............................................................. Molly Jung
Fork/Knife/Spoon Ensemble .................................. Lily Blodgett, Megan Connelly, Holland Hauskins, Aidan Hefely, Jaedon Moore, Lena Finn-Hall
Periwinkle Hurgen Burgen Uyrregsson ....................... Kirstin Walla
Harry .............................................................. Falcon Allen
Lola ................................................................. Audrey Williams
Ziggy Montego ..................................................... Jaedon Moore
The Marching Band .............................................. Tessa Niemeyer, Molly Jung, Flora Wehde, Anthea Garrison, Abigail DaCorte, Devon Fender
Mary Sue Betty Bob ................................................. Annie Sheppert
Girls ............................................................... Adistryn Ackley, Alex Cusack, Grace Anderson, Maggie Cole, Audrey Williams, Kirstin Walla
Farmer Jerry ........................................................ Collin McMaken
Pigs .............................................................. Holland Hauskins, Megan Connelly, Aidan Hefely, Lena Finn-Hall, Falcon Allen, Lily Blodgett

Production Crew

Producer .......................................................... Barbara Richardson and MPA Board of Directors
Director ........................................................ Paul Angelo
Music Director ................................................... Kristin Heller
Choreographer ..................................................... Randy Davis
Stage Manager/Costume/Hair/Makeup Designer ............ Barbara Richardson
Costume Volunteers ........................................... Carol Babinon, Judy Ontko, Asher Naylor, Joey Walla and Heather Skogen
Set Designer ....................................................... Mark Martin
Set Painters ......................................................... RXanne DaCorte, Carrie Blodgett, Greg Shilling, Heath Hefely, Tracey Ashdown and Abigail DaCorte
Lighting Designer ................................................ Ian Anderson-Priddy
Light Board Operator ........................................... Derek Hefely
Spotlight Operators .............................................. Lyfe Allen and Sebastian Hauskins
Sound Designer/Operator .................................... Bill Niemeyer
Sound Assistant .................................................. Madele Gebhard
Show Volunteers ................................................ Mike Jung, Mardee Willman, Maria Matteo, Jim McKMaken, Eric Anderson, Kristi Stroud, Brady Manning, Don Richardson, Colton Jurcich
Props Designer ....................................................... Kathleen Jung
Props Building Assistants ..................................... Meadow Garrison, Tracey Ashdown, Cheryl Huerena, Barbara Richardson, Kristin Heller, Erika Caudle, Mathew Sears, Jason Ackley, Molly Jung and cast members
House Manager ................................................... Joanne Connelly
Backstage Volunteers .......................................... Cheryl Huerena, Gail Moore and Melissa Matteo
Souvenir/Concessions Manager ................................. Joanna Connelly
Green Room Manager ........................................... Kelli Anderson
Green Room Volunteers ......................................... Joc Walla, Laura Sheppert, Carrie Blodgett, Chelsea Woods, Nancy Herron
Concession Volunteers ......................................... Julie Metcalf, Chris Cusack, John Cusack, Laura Sheppert, Allison Duncan, Cary Fender
Box Office ......................................................... Cecilia Williams, Lauren Meyer, Ross Ashdown
Marketing ........................................................ Barbara Richardson, Cary Fender
Photographer ....................................................... Natasha Hauskins
Press Photo Editor & Playbill Design ......................... Richard J. Fowlks

Have a great show Jaedon! We are so proud of the amazing kind, funny, compassionate and talented young man you have become! Live, love, fail and thrive.

Lily—Always
-C & K
Meet our Cast

Abigail DaCorte (Cordell Vanderplonk) is 14 years old and attends Discovery Middle School. Abigail has been both on stage and behind the scenes as stage manager for The Hobbit. Favorite MPA on stage credits include Madeline’s Christmas, Elf the Musical Jr and Shrek the Musical Jr. Abigail would like to thank Paul and the rest of the creative team.

Adisyn Ackley (Chef Ludmilla) is a 10 year old student at Pleasant Valley who enjoys jazz, voice lessons, violin, reading and playing with her dog. Previous MPA credits include Aristocats and Madeline’s Christmas. “Special thanks to Amy and Kristin for helping me with opera.”

Aidan Heffley (Scott) is 10 years old and attended the challenge program at Eisenhower Elementary School. Aidan’s past MPA credits include Aristocats Kids, Aladdin Jr, The Hobbit and Beauty and the Beast Jr. Aidan would like to give a special thanks to his family for letting me do this play and for all your support.” Alex is a proud MPA Youth Ambassador.

Alex Cusack (Abigail) is 9 years old and attends Salmon Creek Elementary. Previous MPA credits are Madeline’s Christmas, The Phantom Tollbooth TYA, Annie Jr, Snow White and 101 Dalmations Kids. When not performing, Alex lies to play outside and sing karaoke, “A special thanks to my family for letting me do this play and for all your support.” Alex is a proud MPA Youth Ambassador.

Anne Sheppert (Mary Sue Betty Bob) is 9 years old and likes soccer, basketball, playing piano and being on stage. This is Annie’s third show with Metropolitan Performing Arts. This past semester Annie played Madeline in Madeline’s Christmas. Annie would like to thank the entire cast for being so supportive and for making the show so much fun! She would also like to thank all of the directors for being so amazing!!

Anthea Garrison (Vladimir) MPA stage debut! Previous theater credits include Dr Evil and the Basket (Wy East Middle School), Jungle Book, The Little Mermaid, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (Riverside Performing Arts), Big Bad and Dogsbreath Devereaux (Love Street Playhouse).

Audrey Williams (Queen of Boolah Boolah/Lola) is a 15 year old performing in her 8th show with MPA. She is delighted to bring you Dear Edwina Jr. She hopes you enjoy the show...and cheeseburgers. Audrey is the president of the MPA Youth Ambassador team.

Collin McMahen (Farmer Jerry) is a 5th grader at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School and is super excited to be in his first main stage production with MPA! He was in the Broadway Jr show Town of Gruff and has participated in several summer camps. Collin loves to play basketball and draw cartoons. He is also quite the “rapper”. Collin would like to thank his family and friends for their love and support.

Devon Feinler (Carrie) is a music loving 11 year old who attends Ben Franklin Elementary. You may have previously seen Devon on the MPA stage in Madeline’s Christmas, Annie Jr and Elf the Musical Jr. Devon would like to thank her mom, friends and the entire cast/crew of Dear Edwina Jr.

Falconn Allen (Harry) is 12 years old and attends Harney Elementary. Falcon enjoys spanish. Favorite MPA credits include Elf the Musical Jr and Winnie the Pooh Kids.

Florah Wehde (Frank’s Mom) is 11 years old. Previous MPA credits are The Aristocats KIDS and Aladdin Jr. Other show credits are The Wizard of Oz and Peter Pan at Franklin Elementary School. Florah studies voice with Animate Voice Studio.

Grace Anderson (Aphrodite) is an 8th grader at VSAA. Previous MPA credits include Madeline’s Christmas, Elf the Musical Jr, Annie Jr and 101 Dalmations Kids. Grace would like to thank all of the amazing cast, crew, and directors that made Dear Edwina Jr possible!

Holland Hawkins (Kelli) is 12 years old and attends VSAA. She has been in many MPA productions, her favorites being Cats, Sleeping Beauty, The Hobbit, Beauty & the Beast, Winnie the Pooh Kids and Annie. Outside of performing, Holland loves dance and literary arts. “I’d like to thank Miss Kristin for helping me, and my mom.”

Jaedon Moore (Bobby/Ziggy) is 10 years old and attends Marshall Elementary. Previous MPA credits are Elf the Musical Jr and Shrek the Musical Jr. When he isn’t performing, Jaedon likes soccer, drawing and singing.

Kirstin Walla (Fairy Forkmother/Periwinkle) has previously been seen on the MPA stage in Madeline’s Christmas, The Little Mermaid Jr, Seussical Jr, Elf the Musical Jr, Wizard of Oz; Winnie the Pooh Kids and Shrek the Musical Jr. She would like to thank the MPA staff for putting Dear Edwina Jr together. “Thank you mom and dad for letting me do theater and thank you to all my friends and family for being supportive.” Kirstin is a proud MPA Youth Ambassador.

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Lena wants to thank her parents for letting her take classes from Metro. She would like to thank my family and all my instructors at MPA! Megan is a proud MPA Youth Ambassador.

Molly Maing (Billy Vanderploenk) is in the 5th grade and goes to Ben Franklin Elementary. Favorite MPA credits include Aladdin Jr, Elf the Musical Jr, The Hobbit and Annie Jr. “Special thanks to my mom, my dad, my sister Kelly and my sister Shannon, who isn’t here physically but in my heart. I love you guys!”

Lena Finn-Hall (Lars Vanderploenk/Frank) is 12 years old and has been acting since she was 7. Lena has previously been seen on the MPA stage as Thorin in The Hobbit. When not performing she enjoys reading, making things, nature and hanging with her flock made out of 1 dog, 2 cats and 10 chickens. Lena wants to thank her parents for supporting her interests.

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