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Madeline’s Christmas

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Book and Lyrics by JENNIFER KIRKEBY
Music by SHIRLEY MIER
Based on the book by LUDWIG BEMELMANS

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ACT 1 — Use your magic ring with Harsha
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Madeline’s Christmas

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Toy Drive!
MPA, in collaboration with Santa’s Posse, is sponsoring a toy drive during “Madeline’s Christmas.” Bring a new, unwrapped toy, non-perishable food item, clothing item (socks, sweat shirts, coats) or gift card to donate to a less-fortunate family. The cast of “Madeline’s Christmas” will deliver your gift to the Clark County’s Sheriff’s Office, help with wrapping and delivering.
NOTE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,

Barbara Richardson

We are thrilled to be kicking off our 9th season with the family friendly story of “Madeline’s Christmas.” We hope this fresh holiday musical welcomes a new generation of audiences to the Metropolitan Performing Arts experience. Our goal is to enrich the SW Washington community with intimate, high quality live arts and educational opportunities.

Ludwig Bemelmans “Madeline” truly needs no introduction. An award-winning classic, “Madeline” continues to captivate readers more than seventy years after its first publication in 1939. All six sequels have inspired dolls, games, cartoons and even a major motion picture. Madeline’s popularity with girls and boys is a result of her feisty, spunky personality. For generations, Madeline has been a role model for girls learning to speak their mind, explore their individuality, and understand that femininity includes being clever, smart and strong. Naturally, “Madeline’s Christmas” features Madeline as independent and fearless as ever. You will find everything familiar about the book and its illustrations featured in our production.

Happy Holidays and Bonne Annee from Metropolitan Performing Arts. May Madeline bring you closer to the children in your life and the child inside you. Be sure to sign up for our email newsletter to stay up to date for our upcoming semester of classes, auditions, workshops and more!

BARBARA RICHARDSON
MPA Executive Director

Brief Synopsis

“Madeline’s Christmas” follows Madeline and her friends at their boarding school in Paris, as they prepare to go home for the holidays. But on a morning walk in the snow with Miss Clavel, some of the girls catch the flu! Will they get better in time to see their families? And who is the mysterious figure that Madeline befriends and takes them on a thrilling adventure? A charming holiday musical for the whole family, with plenty of laughs, songs and thrills along the way!

LUDWIG BEMELMANS was a painter, illustrator, and writer for both children and adults. A world traveler, he spent most of his time in New York City or Paris. The original inspiration for “Madeline” was the result of his bicycle accident on an island of France. Hospitalized after being hit by the only car on the island, Mr. Bemelmans recalled, “The sisters in that small hospital wore large, starched white hats that looked like the wings of a giant butterfly. In the room next to mine was a little girl who had had her appendix out. In the ceiling over my bed was a crack that had the habit of sometimes looking like a rabbit.” A year later, back in New York City, he penned the first draft of “Madeline” on the backs of menus in Pete’s Tavern. The Madeline books rank among the most-honored children’s books series. “Madeline” was named a Caldecott Honor Book and the first of its five sequels, “Madeline’s Rescue,” won the Caldecott Medal and was a New York Times Outstanding Book of the Year. Mr. Bemelmans died in 1962, after completing “Madeline’s Christmas.”
The Scenes

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

— ACT 1 —

SCENE 1  Miss Clavel and the girls go for a walk and visit the zoo.
SCENE 2  The boarding house. The girls attend their French history lesson. Everyone except Madeline comes down with the flu.
SCENE 3  The boarding house. Madeline takes care of everyone who is sick and meets a magical Rug Merchant.

— ACT 2 —

SCENE 4  The boarding house. Christmas Eve. The girls meet Harsha, the magical Rug Merchant.
SCENE 5  The girls arrive at their homes for Christmas. Miss Clavel is alone at the boarding house.
SCENE 6  The boarding house. New Year’s Day. Mrs. Murphy, Madeline and the girls return and sing Happy New Year.
Musical Numbers

“Madeline” ........................................................................................................... Madeline, Girls and Miss Clavel
“Madeline Reprise” .......................................................................................... Madeline, Girls and Miss Clavel
“Achoo!” ............................................................................................................ Madeline, Girls, Mrs. Murphy and Miss Clavel
“Chilly” ................................................................................................................ Harsha
“Abracadabra” ................................................................................................. Madeline, Harsha and Mouse
“Abracadabra Reprise” .................................................................................... Madeline, Harsha and Girls
“We’re Flying” ................................................................................................... Madeline and Girls
“Something Isn’t Right / Joy of the Season” ................................................ Miss Clavel / Madeline and Girls
“Bonne Annee (Happy New Year)” .................................................................... Full Company

Curtain Call ........................................................................................................ Full Company
The Cast of Characters

- In order of appearance -

Miss Clavel ........................................ Grace Anderson (Cast Red)
Miss Clavel ........................................ Norah Skogen (Cast Green)
Madeline / Monkey .......................... Sarah Gardner (Cast Red)
Madeline / Monkey .......................... Annie Sheppert (Cast Green)
Regine ................................................ Maggie Cole
Isabelle .............................................. Megan Connelly
Simone .............................................. Devon Fender
Dominique ........................................ Tessa Niemeyer
Mary ................................................... Adisynn Ackley
Amy .................................................... Lily Blodgett
Juliette .............................................. Holland Hauskins
Kate .................................................. Gabrielle Herron
Camille ............................................. Reese Ho
Daphne ............................................ Kirstin Walla
Anne ................................................ Alex Cusack
Miss Murphy / Tiger ........................ Abigail DaCorte
Mouse ............................................. Olivia Ashdown
Harsha / Monsieur Brun / Monkey ...... Owen Gebhard

== Break a leg! ==

Break a leg TESSA! – Mom & Dad
Break a leg TESSA! Much Love, Grandma & Grandpa

LILY, Bonne chance little one! Always, C & K

Break a leg, GABBY! Love Mom & Dad

GABBY, Have a great show.
Nana, Grandad, Grandma and Grandpa

OWEN, Best wishes. Always proud of you and your accomplishments. Love, Grams & Pappa

Break a leg OWEN! We love you.
Mom, Dad, Maddie & Abby

WILL, KYLIE, KRISTIN AND KATIE –
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Meet the Cast

ADYSYNN ACKLEY
(Mary)
is 9 years old and attends Pleasant Valley. Adysynn loves to read, sing and play with her dog “Koda.” Adysynn has previously been seen on the MPA stage as Thomas O’Malley in Disney’s “Aristocats Kids.”

GRACE ANDERSON
(Miss Clavel)
is an 8th grader at VSAA. Favorite MPA credits include Emily Hobbs in “Elf Jr,” Grace Farrel in “Annie Jr” and Cruella DeVil in Disney’s “101 Dalmatians Kids.” “Thanks to the entire cast and crew of Madeline’s Christmas.”

OLIVIA ASHDOWN
(Mouse)
is 14 and has been part of MPA for three years. You may have seen her in her most recent role as the Genie in Disney’s “Aladdin Jr.” She is very excited for this show and more to come. She wants you to know that she thinks you will love the show and to enjoy!

LILY BLODGETT
(Amy)
is a 6th grader at Gaiser Middle School. Lily loves to read, draw and is an avid gamer. Previous MPA credits include Nori in “The Hobbit,” Berloz in Disney’s “Aristocats Kids,” North Pole Elf in “Elf Jr,” Ensemble in “Beauty and the Beast Jr,” and Snow White in “Snow White.” “I would like to thank my teachers, family, friends and Metro family. A special shout out to the amazing costume designer, Pat! Now, take a seat, sit back and be our guest.”

MAGGIE COLE
(Regine)
is 11 years old and attends Meadow Glade Elementary. Maggie has done theater since she was 5 years old. You might have seen Maggie on the MPA stage in “Aristocats Kids,” “Beauty and the Beast Jr” and “Annie.” Maggie would like to thank her parents for letting her take classes from Metro. She would also like to thank all the directors.

MEGAN CONNELLY
(Isabelle)
is 11 years old and attends Thomas Jefferson Middle School. Megan loves taking acting classes at MPA and visual arts at school. You may have seen Megan on the MPA stage in Disney’s Aladdin Jr, Elf Jr and Disney’s Beauty and the Beast Jr. Megan wants to thank her family and friends for their support. She hopes you enjoy the show!

ALEX CUSACK
(Annie)
is 8 years old and attends Salmon Creek Elementary. This is Alex’s fourth show with MPA. Previous credits are; The Mathemagician in “The Phantom Tollbooth Jr.,” Sandy in “Annie Jr” and ensemble in “101 Dalmatian Kids.”

ABIGAIL DaCORTE
(Mrs. Murphy/Tiger)
is 14 years old and attends Discovery Middle School. Abby is back on the MPA stage after stage managing “The Hobbit.” Favorite MPA shows include “Elf Jr” and “Shrek Jr.” Abby would like to thank Will and the rest of the creative team.

DEVON FENDER
(Simone)
is 10 years old and attends Ben Franklin Elementary School. This is Devon’s third show on the MPA stage. Past shows are “Elf Jr” and “Annie Jr.” Devon would like to thank her mom for driving her to Metro every week.

SARAH GARDNER
(Madeline)
is 10 years old and attends Harney Elementary. Favorite MPA credits include Amanda in the Matilda class workshop, Door Man/Patch/Tree in the Wizard of Oz class workshop and Sleepy/Bird/Guard in Snow White. Sarah would like to thank Mom, Dad, Chester, Peter and Thomas for being patient and supportive! She would also like to thank everyone at Metro!
OWEN GEBHARD
(Harsha/Mr. Brun/Monkey)
is a Freshman at VSAA. This is his sixth show with MPA. His favorite roles have been Ching Ho in “Thoroughly Modern Millie” and Gollum in “The Hobbit.” He would like to thank Will, Kristin and Kylie for being such good mentors.

HOLLAND HAUSKINS
(Juliette)
is 12 years old, attends VSAA and loves dancing! Favorite MPA show credits are “Elf Jr,” “The Hobbit,” “The Little Mermaid Jr,” “Winnie the Pooh,” “Annie Jr” and “Alice in Wonderland.” Holland would like to thank Miss Barbara.

GABBY HERRON
(Kate)
is a 7th grader at VSAA. Gabby has previously been on the MPA stage as a Troll in “The Hobbit,” ensemble in “Elf Jr,” “Shrek Jr,” “Little Mermaid Jr,” “Seussical,” “Winnie the Pooh Kids” and Kate in “Annie Jr.” Other interest includes visual arts and reading.

REES HO
(Camille)
has previously been seen on the MPA stage in “The Hobbit,” “Elf Jr,” Disney’s “Beauty and the Beast Jr” and “Snow White.” She would like to thank everyone for coming to the show!

TESSA NIEMEYER
(Dominique)
is a 3rd grader at Felida Elementary. Favorite MPA credits include “Elf the Musical Jr,” “The Phantom Tollbooth Jr,” “Snow White” and “Annie Jr.”

ANNIE SHEPPERT
(Madeline)
is 8 years old and likes soccer, basketball, playing piano and being on stage. This is Annie’s second show with Metropolitan Performing Arts. This past summer Annie played The Mad Cat and Sosie in Disney’s “Aristocats Kids.” Annie would like to thank her parents.

NORAH SKOGEN
(Miss Clavel)
is 13 years old and attends iTech and enjoys arts and science. When Norah is older she would like to be an Astronaut. Norah loves Metro! Previous MPA shows are “The Hobbit” (Troll), “Elf Jr” (Santa Claus), “Shrek Jr” (Pied Piper), “Annie Jr” (Lily SR), “101 Dalmatians Kids” (Jasper), “The Little Mermaid Jr” (Chef Louis), and “Winnie the Pooh Kids” (Narrator).

KIRSTIN WALLA
(Daphne)
has previously been seen on the MPA stage as Flounder in “The Little Mermaid Jr,” JoJo in “Seussical Jr,” Charlie in “Elf Jr,” Ensemble in “Wizard of Oz,” Bee/Wolf in “Winnie the Pooh Kids” and Shoemaker’s Elf in “Shrek Jr.” She would like to thank the MPA staff for putting “Madeline’s Christmas” together. “Thank you mom and dad for letting me do theater and thank you to all my friends and family for being supportive.”
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