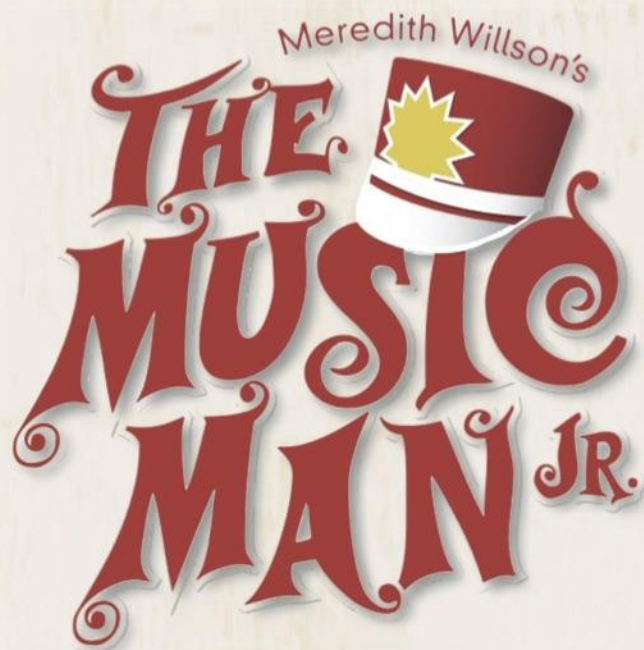


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The Music Man Junior

Act I

Scene 1: A Railway Car
Scene 2: River City, Iowa
Scene 3: A Street In Front of The Paroo House
Scene 4: The Interior of the Paroo House
Scene 5: The Madison Gymnasium

Intermission

Act II

Scene 5 Continued: The Madison Gymnasium
Scene 6: On the Street
Scene 7: The Paroo Family Porch
Scene 8: Center of Town
Scene 9: The Paroo Family Porch
Scene 10: Madison Park

The Wadsworth Footlighters' Mission Statement:

The Wadsworth Footlighters is a local community theatre driven to create and preserve unique experiences, to educate and entertain. We encourage and provide opportunities for all ages who wish to participate, support, and express themselves through the performing arts, both on stage and off.

Director's Note:

The arts are very important and they can change the world one little town at a time. Harold Hill comes to Iowa thinking he can make a few dollars and con the stubborn people of River City to believe he can lead a boys band. However, the people of Iowa embrace the arts and learn music can change people for the better even if it's just a ploy.

As The Wadsworth Footlighters continue to produce musicals/shows, it is always more important to help the community understand its impact on the performers, production staff and the community itself. Theatre has changed so many lives and touches each of us in different ways. Why not celebrate and be a part of something much larger than ourselves? We hope that we can change people for the better through our art form. Some of our performers have continued to be part of shows and plan to continue taking part and perhaps making a career in theatre. Our production staff has grown to help other theatre groups, and has goals to continue producing high quality art. Wadsworth has started to embrace The Footlighters and help us grow and become an established part of the community.

We could not have done this without each person, and all of you play a key part in making this art form change Wadsworth for the better. We have to start now! "Pile up enough tomorrows and you'll find you've collected nothing but a lot of empty yesterdays." Help us fill yesterdays for performers, production staff, and WADSWORTH!

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Meet The Production Team:

Jill Holland (Director) Jill is very excited to co-direct The Music Man Jr. This is her fourth show on production staff with the Wadsworth Footlighters, previously working on Disney's Peter Pan Jr. in 2017, Honk Jr. in 2016, and Disney's The Jungle Book Kids in 2015. Jill is a 2011 graduate of Wadsworth High School, as well as a 2014 graduate of Ashland University. Upon graduating from Ashland University with an education degree, Jill began working at Cloverleaf High School as a tutor. She is currently an Intervention Specialist with Shelby City Schools in Shelby, Ohio, where she works with middle school students with various disabilities. Jill would like to thank everyone for supporting the Wadsworth Footlighters and all of the children, parents, and volunteers who have worked hard to put this production together! Enjoy the show!

Cory Ott (Director) Cory is so proud to be directing The Music Man Junior along side one of his best friends Jill. He is no stranger to the position of director, directing The Wadsworth Footlighters' production of Disney's Peter Pan Junior and The Secret Life Of Girls. In the past he has also directed at Wadsworth Middle School and Theatre 8:15. Cory is currently a Cast Member at Walt Disney World in Florida, as well as a substitute teacher in Ohio, looking for a elementary teacher position next school year. He would like to thank everyone who made it to the show as well as the cast and crew for their hard work. This show would not be possible without them. Cory would also like to thank a few people who have helped him get where he is today: family and friends, Disney, Jill, Kelsey, Mc, Lake, Csaky, Baxley, Pernod, Dawna, Jerri and anyone else he may have inadvertently forgotten. "All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them." ~ Walt Disney. Cory hopes you enjoy the show and thanks you for coming.

Meet The Production Staff:

Jerri Saltz (Producer) Never again! That is what I said last year! But here I am.... And I am loving it and glad I said yes! It certainly makes the job of producer so much easier to work with such a fantastic crew. From the first production meeting to the last practice, it was so helpful to call upon production staff, parents, and even the actors for some extra help. With six performances this year, there were over 100+ volunteers needed for production weekends. When the sign-ups went out the parents jumped at the chance to help. Thanks to all of them. I am proud to be part of such a wonderful group, the Wadsworth Footlighters, board, staff team, and of course all the kids. The kids make EVERYTHING worthwhile. Until next year..... (again, I am going to say NO!!)

Mike Saltz (Set Design/Builder) This is my sixth year of working on the set building of a Footlighters production. Each year is challenging to build eye-catching, play appropriate stage design. It is also challenging to meet the needs and wants of the directors. I look forward to the challenge of each play and wonder what will come next. With the help of a great team we try to make it look and function the best we can. I enjoy working with the Wadsworth Footlighters and seeing the completed overall performance.

Linda McNamara (Musical Director) What do retired music teachers do? They become music directors of Footlighters Productions. Linda McNamara has musically directed 7 plays musicals for the Footlighters. She is happy to be working this year with the Music Man production. She also looks forward to directing in the winter.

Lindsay Patterson (Set Design) Lindsay has done 11 shows with the footlighters, recently directing her first production, Just Desserts. When she isn't on stage or back stage, she loves to spend time with her husband and two sons! "There's nothing we can't do if we work hard, never sleep, and shirk all other responsibilities in our lives!" - Leslie Knope

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Meet The Cast:

Anna Bohrer (Newspaper 1, Townsperson) Anna is delighted to be in her first show with The Wadsworth Footlighters. She is an 8th grader at Our Lady of the Elms. Anna's previous shows include, The Mystery of the Manger (Lead) , If Sherlock Holmes Were a Woman (Shirley Holmes), Alice in Wonderland (Sarah). She has studied with Summit Chorale Society and is currently studying classical music with Jenny Baird. Anna enjoys singing in her youth band and listening to Broadway Tunes. She has enjoyed meeting new friends and has had a great experience performing in the Music Man Jr.

Avery Bohrer (Wa Tan Ye Girl) Avery is a 5th grader who loves to perform. Her previous work includes, The Power of the King (Lead) and Alice in Wonderland (Ensemble). Avery also enjoys piano and basketball. In her spare time, she loves to spend time with her family and friends. She has enjoyed her experience with The Wadsworth Footlighters because she has shared it with her sister Anna and her friend Harper.

Nate Boulter (Ewart, Salesman 5) Nate Boulter is excited to be performing in his first production with The Wadsworth Footlighters. While attending Wadsworth Middle School, he has appeared in High School Musical Jr., Northwoods Nonsense, as Zazu in Disney's The Lion King Jr. and Ziggy in Cloak and Dagger. Nate was a member of the WMS Show Choir in both 7th and 8th grades. Nate will be a freshman at Wadsworth High School this fall. At WHS, Nate will be on the Speech and Debate Team and a member of Men's Chorus. In his spare time, Nate enjoys traveling, playing with his two Siberian Huskies and going to the movies. His favorite film is The Wizard of Oz.



Meet The Cast:

Haylee Breyley (Farmer, Pick-a- Little Lady) Haylee is 11 years old and will be entering 6th grade. She is the Farmer and a Pick-a-Little Lady in The Music Man Jr. The Music Man Jr. is her fourth theater production with the Footlighters. Last year she was a Lost Boy in Peter Pan Jr. She also was in the ensemble for Honk Jr. and Jungle Book Kids. Along with performing, Haylee loves basketball and country music! She has been in church choir for five years and enjoys dance, singing, swimming, reading, history and spending time with her family and friends. She thanks her family, directors, and all of the volunteers of The Wadsworth Footlighters for their support and encouragement. Haylee TRULY loves being a part of The Wadsworth Footlighters and hopes everyone enjoys the show!

Chloe Brosch (Townsperson) Chloe is 12 years old and in the 7th grade at Wadsworth Middle School. She is excited to be in her first performance with The Wadsworth Footlighters. Chloe loves to sing in the youth choir at church and looks forward to being a member of the WMS Show Choir in the fall. She enjoys voice and dance lessons as well as participating in acting camps at the Magical Theatre Company. Chloe would like to thank her family for their support and hopes you enjoy the show!

Mary Dean (Wa Tan Ye Girl) Mary Dean, in the role of Wan-Tan-Ye girl, is 12 years old. She is known for her previous role as a dalmatian in 101 Dalmatians. Mary enjoys playing soccer, basketball, volleyball, and horseback riding. She is a marksman and has received several awards in both archery and bb shooting sports. She's looking forward to middle school show choir and her third year of the saxophone in band. Mary's parents are very proud of her!

Avery DiSanto (Pick-a-Little Lady) Avery is 11 years old and going into 6th grade. She loves theater and this is her 4th production with the Wadsworth Footlighters, she has also been part of productions for Theater 8:15 and Rubber City Theatre. Avery recently enjoyed filming her 5th commercial for Summit Toyota and competing in the Invention Convention Nationals as a state champion. In her spare time Avery volunteers with the elderly and animals, she is an adventurous young lady who likes to explore new things.


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Grace Ellis (Man 2) Grace Ellis is very excited to be in her seventh show with The Footlighters! She is going into the 7th grade at Highland Middle School this fall. Grace loves to read, play video games and be lazy. She is looking forward to participating in HMS's musical next spring.

Heidi Fongheiser (Eulalie) Heidi is 13 years old and is going into the 8th grade. This is her fifth show with the Wadsworth Footlighters and she has enjoyed every minute of it. When she's not on stage, Heidi loves to read, watch movies with her sister, Holly, and serve at her church. Heidi hopes you enjoy the show, and thanks you all for coming!

Myles Fortner (Marcellus, Salesman 1) Myles is going into the 8th grade at Wadsworth Middle School. He enjoys the arts and is in show choir and band at school. He also enjoys participating in plays and plans to continue being a part of these throughout school and during summer breaks. He is very excited about being a part of Music Man Jr. as this is his first role in a play.

Bryce Goodin (Olin, Salesman 3) Bryce is extremely proud to be participating in his first theater production as "Olin" and as a member of the School Board/Quartet. As a theater newbie, Bryce has thoroughly enjoyed the rehearsals, meeting other theater/singing buffs and making new friends. Bryce will be in the 5th grade at Wadsworth's Central Intermediate in the fall. He wants to thank Cory, Jill and all of the volunteers that make this experience so great!

Lilyanne Hall (Wa Tan Ye Girl) Lily is 8 years old and been performing with Footlighters for the last 2 years. She also performed with Heritage Homeschool in both The American Revolution and Hansel and Gretel and the Spooky Woods. Lily loves acting, roller skating and horses. She looks forward to this season and the seasons to come.

Meet The Cast:

Julie Harbath (Mrs. Paroo) Julianne is delighted to be making her first appearance with the Wadsworth Footlighters, and has loved making new friends and working with the cast, crew, and directors. She is a rising 8th grader at Old Trail School, where she played her favorite role as the Witch for Into the Woods. In her spare time, Julianne enjoys volunteering, singing, reading, and playing with her dogs, Nala and Kai.

Ethan Heckman (Harold Hill) Ethan is so ecstatic to be in this show. During his acting career he has been in a multitude of shows, including The Pony Express, The Seusification of Romeo and Juliet, The Trial of the Big Bad Wolf, and more, though he has never been in a performance outside of school. Ethan is so grateful to his parents for allowing him to audition, as well as his music instructor, Kimberly States, for recommending the show. Ethan has had a blast working on this show and enjoys every second of it. He hopes you enjoy the show as much as he has!

Camryn Henderson (Maud) Camryn is 12 years old and will be a 7th grader at WMS. This is Camryn's fourth production with The Wadsworth Footlighters where she has played the Bullfrog in "Honk! Jr.", Smee/Nana in "Peter Pan JR." and was a member of the ensemble in "The Jungle Book Kids". Camryn also plays clarinet and is a fiercely competitive swimmer for The Wadsworth Waves swim team. Camryn would like to dedicate her performance to Kelsey....ribbit, ribbit!

Hannah Ihrig (Pick-a- Little Lady) Hannah will be a sophomore at Wadsworth High School this year. Besides doing tech in WHS performance of "42nd Street" this will be her first acting performance on stage. Outside of acting, she's been dancing for 6 years at "Once Upon A Dream Dance and Cheer" and sings in the WHS Elite Choir. She is also on the Speech and Debate team at school. With all of her extracurricular activities, she still manages to keep a 4.17 GPA. Hannah thanks her directors for seeing potential and the true passion for theatre in her to be cast in "The Music Man Jr."

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Thanks to the production staff of Music Man Junior - Cory Ott, Jill Holland, Barb Ott, Jerri Saltz, Elouise Williams, Linda McNamara, Lindsay Patterson, Mike Saltz, Kasey Ziska. What GREAT team work!

Thanks to anyone we may have inadvertently forgot.

Additional THANKS go to so many other individuals, too many to name them all. It takes a great group of wonderful actors, family members and friends, AND a very helpful community to put on a successful production. I personally want to thank everyone associated with this production for their hard work and for saying "YES" when asked to do something. It made my job much easier and a great deal of fun! It takes many people to "get it all together". Special thanks to all!

Jerri Saltz, producer

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Meet The Cast:

Kristin Innocenti (Zaneeta) Kristin is turning 10 years old and is going into fifth grade at CIS. This is her 3rd play and is thrilled to be returning to the Wadsworth Footlighter's stage, having previously been in the Jungle Book Jr. chorus and played "Fluff" in Honk Jr. In addition to acting, Kristin loves to play soccer and swim. She would like to thank her family for their continued support.

Sarah Innocenti (Man 1, Newspaper 3) Sarah is 11 years old and is going into 7th grade at WMS. This is her 3rd play and is happy to be returning to the Wadsworth Footlighter's stage, having previously been in the ensemble of The Jungle Book Jr. and played "Barnacles" in Honk Jr. In addition to acting, Sarah loves to sing (all the time), playing soccer and swimming. She would like to thank her Footlighter family for their continued encouragement.

Alexis James (Amaryllis) Alexis is 9 years old and will be a 4th grader at Sharon Elementary. This is her fourth production with the Wadsworth Footlighters. She has also been in the Wadsworth MS production of Lion King Jr. as well as Suessical the Musical at Sharon Elementary. Singing is her favorite activity of all time. She also enjoys history and science, especially doing experiments. Alexis truly loves being on stage and thanks everyone for coming.

Angel-Belle Jones (Townsperson) Angel comes from a family of 9 people. She has 6 siblings, 5 sisters and 1 brother. This is her 2nd play with the Footlighters, and she really enjoys being part of the Footlighters productions. She enjoys gymnastics, cheerleading, and spending time with the family. She has made a lot of new friends this year and she can't wait to see them and meet new friends in the upcoming plays.



Meet The Cast:

Courtnie Keaton (Marian Paroo) Courtnie Keaton is a sophomore at Wadsworth high school. She has been doing theatre since 8th grade and has been in about 4 shows. She enjoys art, show choir, dance, and participating in sports. She is thankful for her parents for supporting her throughout her life. She is also grateful for the wonderful directors for putting this great show together.

Brianna Keener (Townsperson) This is Brianna's first stage performance. She enjoys dancing, singing, and teaching herself songs on the piano. She was born in Chicago, Illinois. She will be entering 2nd grade and her favorite subject is all of them. She also likes to camp and read.

Seldon Ketchmark- Oliver (Salesman 2) Seldon is 10 years old and has been living in Wadsworth for two years. He has always had an interest in theater performances with his most recent favorite being "Wicked." Seldon is making his theatrical debut in "The Music Man Jr." and is very excited to get his feet wet performing on stage. He is also fond of reading, designing Lego creations, wolves and anything artistic.

Ally Koontz (Alma) Ally is 17 years old. She is in her fifth performance with The Wadsworth Footlighters. Her most favorite role was Mrs. Darling/ Tiger Lily in Peter Pan Jr. She plays the saxophone for The NHS marching and jazz band. This year she was casted as a pirate for NHS Peter Pan and a thespian for NHS High School Musical. She enjoys singing and all art forms especially painting. Ally is excited about being accepted into the Engineering program at WHS.

Karlie Koontz (Constable Locke) Karlie is excited to join the Wadsworth Footlighters for her fifth season. She is entering 10th grade at the Norton High School this fall. Some of her most notable roles include Twin 2 in Peter Pan, The Cook Canterbury Tales, Witch 1 in Macbeth, Dot Honk! Jr., and Scottie in 101 Dalmatians. Karlie was inducted in the National Thespian Society after completing her first year in Speech for Humorous Interpretations. Karlie also loves playing her flute in the Norton High School band.

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO

Jayne Blinkhorn for ALL her help in many areas of the production – building, painting, choreography, sewing, organizing – such a “Jayne of all trades”!

Colleen Tennant and Cory Ott for compiling our programs. It takes a great deal of time, patience and organization to get it all together before publication.

Thanks for Debbie Lake for her input with ideas and changes to improve the production.

Mike Saltz, Joe Tenant, Luke Clinton, Jayne Blinkhorn for building us a set to accent the actors and the integrity of the play. They work hard at building and changing plans and ideas graciously at the last minute.

Lindsay Patterson, Dawn Henderson, Lindsay James, Crystal DiSanto, Dianthus King and MANY others that volunteered to paint. The scenery again looks beautiful – very professional.

Elouise Williams, Kasey Ziska and a WHOLE BUNCH of other sewers and cutters that dressed up our actors to look very much apart of the 20's. Several pieces of clothing were donated and many purchased at the Goodwill, Volunteers of America and other establishments by our own in house “shopper of the year”, who shall remain nameless (KZ). LOVE THE HATS AND KNICKERS!!!

Jessica Sergi and Laurie Bohrer and many other scissor happy cutters and gluers that helped with a great many of the lobby decorations. I am sure many of them have permanent “cutter aches”.

Thanks to the concession staff, Crystal Di Santo, Amanda Leonard/ Cake-Pop Lady, Tanisha Dietry, Cary Goodin for all their help with organizing, decorating..... the ideas were fantastic and the extra help was much appreciated!! Come by and take a look and taste of their creations!!!

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Grace Lutheran Church for their continued support of the Wadsworth Footlighters as one of their outreach programs. We are so lucky to have such a wonderful place to practice, hold our Man-Wich fundraiser, monthly board meetings.....
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The Wadsworth City Schools for allowing us to perform at OJ Work auditorium.

Summit Toyota and the DiSanto Family for offering us a truck for the Blue Tip Parade.

Our creative Man-Wich crew for thinking of the fundraiser idea and working hard to make it so successful and SO much fun!

Michelle Patterson at Expert T's for her assistance and quick delivery of our t-shirt orders.
They were quick and accurate -- all three orders!

Electri Sound and Chris Rettger for microphone service, setting them up and his expert assistance in using them correctly.

Holly Fongheiser for her help at our practice sessions. We also appreciate her assistance with the soundboard, making sure all the actors are heard and that we are hearing minimal squeaky sounds.

Dave Fongheiser for volunteering his time to make sure all our characters are in the spotlight. We appreciate your help with lighting during the production.

Meet The Cast:

Matthew Koontz (Jacey, Salesman 4) Matt is eleven years old. This is his fifth season for The Wadsworth Footlighters. Matt enjoys playing basketball, riding his bike and fishing for fun. Matt loves to play the drums and hopes to play quad in the NHS band someday. He just crossed over from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts and is working on his Tenderfoot advancement. Matt loves to sing, especially at church where he graduated to a junior guide this summer at VBS impressing everyone with his leadership skills.

Liam Leonard (Townsperson) Liam Leonard is 5 years old and from Medina, OH and this is not only his first production with the Wadsworth Footlighters, but also his first EVER show! With mom and dad involved in theater all their lives, Liam has it in his blood! He loves to sing and dance (especially to The Greatest Showman) and can't wait for the curtain to rise on his first show. Break a leg to the cast and crew!

Colin Moore (Charlie) Colin has participated in two shows previous to The Music Man. These were The Lion King Jr. and Cloak and Dagger. In The Lion King he played the role of Mufasa and in Cloak and Dagger, he filmed the show for WCTV. Colin is very grateful to the directors for all the time and effort they have put into this show, and he enjoys and looks forward to every day of practice

Zionna Redmon (Pick-a-Little Lady) Zionna Redmon is a bright young talent that loves her family and friends. She is grateful for all their encouragement. The Music Man Jr. is her second play. Zionna played a fairy in last year's performance of Peter Pan Jr. Her past experience includes dance and choir. Zionna will do track, show choir, and drama in 7th grade. She's recently had a poem published. Thank you Wadsworth Footlighters for always welcoming and inspiring her!



Meet The Cast:

Jadden Saltz (Ethel) Jadden is performing in her eighth production for the Wadsworth Footlighters. She has performed in past productions of Peter Pan, as a lost boy and Peter Pan's Shadow, Jungle Book as Mowgli and 101 Dalmatians, as Fidgit! This year she adds The Music Man Jr. to her list. Being part of the theatre, is a special part of Jadden's life. Next year she will attend Wadsworth Middle School as a seventh grader. In her spare time, she enjoys sports and currently plays soccer. She appreciates all the people she has met during this and past experiences.

Harper Schmid (Gracie) Harper is overjoyed to be performing in The Music Man Junior! Harper enjoys singing, dancing and ventriloquism. Harper was in the 1st national tour of the Broadway Show "Waitress" in the role of Lulu at Playhouse Square. Harper was also in Alice in Wonderland as Alice Jr. with Kenmore Creative in Akron. Harper is a proud Actor's Equity Member. Harper sends her love to all of her family and friends.

Bella Schoonover (Farmers Wife, Pick-a-Little Lady) Bella Schoonover, who plays the role of the Farmer's Wife and a Pick-a-Little Lady in the Music Man Junior, has enjoyed her first experience in a theatrical production. Her grandfather's involvement in the theatre, as well as, her love of music inspired her to try acting this season. She looks forward to starting 7th Grade at Wadsworth Middle School, where she will play the flute as a member of the band and participate in Show Choir. In her spare time she enjoys reading, sewing, drawing, and one day hopes to be a veterinarian with a horse ranch of her own.

Kayla Seiler (Townsperson) Kayla Seiler is happy to be a part of this production! This is her first venture into true musical theatre. She is in the fifth grade and also enjoys soccer, taekwondo, cheer, and swimming! Kayla thanks her family for helping her along the way and also letting her do this!

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Meet The Cast:

Wyatt Seiler (Townsperson) Wyatt Seiler is excited to be able to begin his musical theatre career with the Wadsworth Footlighters! He is in the second grade and he loves to be a bit silly. Wyatt also loves Minecraft, Pokémon and all things about camping, especially fishing. Wyatt thanks his Mom, Dad and big sister Kayla for their support and encouragement.

Degan Sloan (Conductor, Mayor Shinn) Degan Sloan is 18 and just graduated Wadsworth High School and will be attending Akron University in the fall. Degan has been in 14 shows including Music Man Jr. Other musicals he has participated in are Little Mermaid, 101 Dalmations, Comic Book Artist, Charlotte's Web 42nd Street, Aida, and Footloose. He also does reenactments with the 2/SS PZ. BTL. 5. Degan says Music Man Jr. was his first musical and is glad to make a full circle of shows.

Haydon Sloan (Tommy Djilas)

Haydon is 12 years old and will be going into the 7th grade. This will be Haydon's 1st show and he hopes to be in a few more shows in the future. Haydon enjoys being in the show because of the new people he has met and the friends he gets to see. He is glad to be in a musical with his older brother.

Abby Tennant (Wa Tan Ye Girl) Abby is 10 years old and will be entering 5th grade. "Music Man Jr." is her 5th production with The Wadsworth Footlighters. Abby is on the Jammin' Jumpers Jump Rope Team. She loves animals and has three cats and one guinea pig. Her favorite animal is the panda. Abby would like to thank Cory and Jill and all the helpers for their hard work.

Alaina Tennant (Woman) Alaina is 13 years old and will be entering 7th grade. "Music Man Jr." is her 6th on stage production, her 5th with The Wadsworth Footlighters. Alaina loves writing scripts and directing short films. She also enjoys listening to Broadway Musicals. She would like to say "Thank You" to everyone who came out to see the show!

Meet The Cast:

Morgan Townsend (Townsperson) Hello! I am Morgan Townsend. This is my first play, and I'm already loving it! After summer, I will be progressing up to C.I.S and into fifth grade. I am a huge animal lover and owner of 4 cats and a ferret. I enjoy swimming and playing basketball, too. Another sport I love is Taekwondo. I have been interested in geology, chemistry, entomology, and other sciences. I hope you enjoy the play!

Ada Wagner (Mrs. Squires) Ada is 13 years old and is going into the 8th grade at WMS. This is her first show with the Footlighters and she was previously in the Lion King Jr. Aside from doing shows she enjoys swimming and listening to Broadway musicals.

Anna Wallace (Newspaper 2, Townsperson) Anna W. is 12 years old and is excited to make her theatre debut in the Music Man Jr. She enjoys art, baking, singing, and playing the saxophone in her school band. Anna will be entering 7th grade at Wadsworth Middle School in the fall.

Olivia Wapenaar (Townsperson) Olivia is excited to be a townsperson in this year's performance of the Music Man Jr. She lives in Wadsworth, is 8 years old and will be going into the third grade at Franklin Elementary. This is Olivia's first appearance in theatre. Outside of theatre, she enjoys gymnastics, cheerleading and playing with her two dogs.



Meet The Cast:

Michael Younkin (Winthrop) Michael is 8 years old and will be entering 3rd grade at Isham Elementary. This is Mikey's 2nd musical production with the Wadsworth Footlighters and he is beyond excited to play the role of Winthrop. Mikey's other credits include the role of "Big Mike" in A Tale of Snow White at Orrville Community Theatre this spring. When Mikey is not on stage, he enjoys piano, taekwondo, baking and playing outside with his friends. Mikey would like to thank everybody for coming to see him in the play!

Luke Ziska (Boy) Lukas Ziska is excited to return for a second consecutive season with The Wadsworth Footlighters. His hobbies include: watching live theater (most recently The Little Mermaid, Aladdin, Shrek, and The Wizard of Oz), reading (ask him about the 'Who Was' series), singing (hear him belt out the entire Hamilton soundtrack), and LEGOS (check out his parents dining room table!). In August, Lukas will begin the third grade at Heritage Elementary in Medina.



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Emily Dorland.... Enough Said! Thanks!!! :)