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August 9 - 25, 2024

Paliku Theatre at Windward Community College

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The logo for the musical "Newsies" is presented on a red, tilted banner. The word "Disney" is written in its signature script at the top left. The word "NEWSIES" is written in large, bold, white, sans-serif capital letters across the center of the banner. Below "NEWSIES", the words "THE BROADWAY MUSICAL" are written in smaller, bold, black, sans-serif capital letters. A small "© Disney" copyright notice is visible on the right side of the banner.

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DISNEY'S NEWSIES

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Mary Chesnut Hicks

Director's Note

It is difficult to believe it has been five years since our last IABK community production, and we are thrilled to be back at the beautiful Palikū Theatre perpetuating the legacy of Ron Bright. Mr. Bright's eldest son, Clarke, likes to tell the story of when Mr. B. saw *Newsies* on Broadway for the first time. He said he was like a little kid, practically dancing out of his seat to the thrilling music and high energy performances. It has been on the radar as a potential IABK project for several years, but the show calls for 17 singing and dancing "Newsies" — and it is always a question of if you can find a cast that can meet the demands of the show.

Well, find them we did. This is an exceptional group of performers. In addition, we have two new members joining our artistic staff for the first time: The incomparable Roslyn Catracchia who led our vocals, and Ahnya Chang who is one of the most brilliant choreographers/storytellers through dance and movement I know. We are also thankful to have the "Designing Women Dream Team" of costume designer Anna Foster, set designer DeAnne Kennedy, and lighting designer Janine Myers back with us creating the visual magic you will see on stage.

At times I forget that 150 years ago, this story actually happened. While several parts of it have been fictionalized for dramatic purposes, it is true that in the summer of 1899 on the streets of New York City, a group of young people took a stand for what they believed in. They impacted the city-wide distribution of two of the largest papers at the time: Joseph Pulitzer's *World* and William Randolph Hearst's *Journal*. The Newsboy strike was also influential in drawing attention to child labor conditions in New York City, which eventually led to enacting child labor laws throughout the United States in the 1930s.

This is a story about standing up for what you BELIEVE in. Mr. Bright would love this production. And would love having son Clarke Bright holding the baton in the pit, grandchildren Caity and Drew on stage, and grandson Christopher at the drum set — the heartbeat of the musical score. We hope you will leave humming one of the catchy tunes, but more importantly knowing YOU CAN make a difference in this world.

Thank you for supporting IABK and theatre in our community. This show is dedicated to Jade and to Popsicle, and always to you, Mr. B.

Only love.

Mary Chesnut Hicks

MAHALO



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brightest kids on the planet.**



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THE CAST

(in order of appearance)

Jack Kelly	Genesis Kaeo
Crutchie	Lennox Kepa
Race	Joshua-Dwayne Figueroa
Albert	Shane Nishimura
Elmer	Pono Wong
Specs	Drew Bright
Henry	Steven Tee
Romeo	Jonah Sardinha
Mush	Jay Laeno
Jo Jo	Tysen Jao
Splasher	Philex Kepa
Mike	Azaliah Kekuna
Ike	Melissa Brown
Buttons	Trent Yamagata
Tommy Boy	Aidan Cheng
Boots	Leland Hara
Katherine Plumber	Seanalei Nishimura
Nuns	Rebekah Botello, Caity Bright, Lainey Hicks
Morris Delancey	Jantzen Shinmoto
Oscar Delancey	Austin Ajimura
Wiesel	Devon Nekoba
Davey	Kai Durkin
Les	Hunter Fudge
Joseph Pulitzer	Kalani Hicks
Seitz	Jacob Edwards
Bunsen	Nolan Hong
Hannah	Caity Bright
Nunzio	Jay Laeno
Woman with Paper	Rebekah Botello
Young Boy	Alex Kimura

Snyder	Pono Cummings
Police Officer.....	Nolan Hong
Medda Larkin	Alison Maldonado
Stage Manager.....	Devon Nekoba
Bowery Beauties	Lainey Hicks, Faith Kawai, Maya Yoshida
Guard	Jacob Edwards
Mr. Jacobi	Devon Nekoba
Scabs	Leland Hara, Aidan Cheng, Trent Yamagata
Mayor.....	Devon Nekoba
Goons.....	Jacob Edwards, Kalani Hicks
Spot Conlan	Steven Tee
Darcy	Lainey Hicks
Girls on Street.....	Faith Kawai, Maya Yoshida
Roosevelt	Tom Holowach

*At the August 10th performance,
the roles of Bunsen and Police Officer will be played by Allan Lau.*

*At the August 15–18 performances,
the roles of Wiesel, Stage Manager, Mr. Jacobi, and Mayor
will be played by Allan Lau.*

THE ORCHESTRA

Flute, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone.....	Scott Villiger
Trumpet.....	Wyatt Nagao
Trombone.....	Jordan Goto
Synthesizer – Violin, Cello	Joe Pacheco
Keyboard 1.....	So Jin Kimura
Keyboard 2.....	Reid Ishikawa
Guitar – Acoustic, Electric.....	Brian Chang
Bass.....	Derek Higashi
Drums	Chris Bright
Percussion	Lynell Bright



July 1899
Manhattan, New York

ACT ONE

Overture

Prologue – ROOFTOP, at dawn

Santa Fe (Prologue).....Jack, Crutchie

Scene 1 – NEWSBOYS' LODGING HOUSE & NEWSIE SQUARE

Carrying the Banner.....Jack, Newsies, Nuns

Scene 2 – PULITZER'S OFFICE, afternoon

The Bottom Line..... Pulitzer, Seitz, Bunsen, Hannah

Scene 3 – A STREET CORNER

Scene 4 – MEDDA'S THEATER

That's Rich..... Medda, Bowery Beauties

I Never Planned on You/Don't Come a-Knocking..... Jack,
Bowery Beauties

Scene 5 – NEWSIE SQUARE, the next morning

The World Will Know Jack, Davey, Les, Crutchie, Newsies

Scene 6 – JACOBI'S DELI & STREET, afternoon

The World Will Know (Reprise).....Jack, Davey, Les, Newsies

Scene 7 – KATHERINE'S OFFICE

Watch What Happens Katherine

Scene 8 – NEWSIE SQUARE, the following morning

Seize the Day Davey, Jack, Les, Newsies

Scene 9 – ROOFTOP

Santa Fe Jack

INTERMISSION

ACT TWO

Entr'acte

Scene 1 – JACOBI'S DELI, the next morning

King of New York..... Davey, Katherine, Les, Newsies

Scene 2 – THE REFUGE

Letter from The Refuge..... Crutchie

Scene 3 – MEDDA'S THEATER

Watch What Happens (Reprise) Davie, Jack, Katherine, Les

Scene 4 – PULITZER'S OFFICE & CELLAR, afternoon

The Bottom Line (Reprise)..... Pulitzer, Seitz, Bunse

Scene 5 – BROOKLYN BRIDGE & MEDDA'S THEATER

Brooklyn's Here..... Spot, Newsies

Scene 6 – ROOFTOP, night

Something to Believe In..... Katherine, Jack

Scene 7 – PULITZER'S CELLAR & STREETS OF NEW YORK

Seize the Day (Reprise)..... Newsies

Once And For All..... Jack, Davey, Katherine, Newsies

Scene 8 – PULITZER'S OFFICE, the next morning

Scene 9 – NEWSIE SQUARE

Finale Ultimo..... Company

CAST



**Austin
Ajimura**



**Rebekah
Botello**



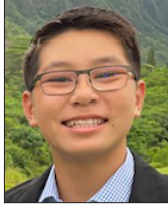
**Caity
Bright**



**Drew
Bright**



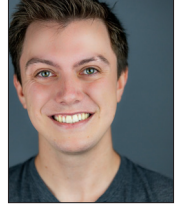
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Brown**



**Aidan
Cheng**



**Pono
Cummings**



**Kai
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**Jacob
Edwards**



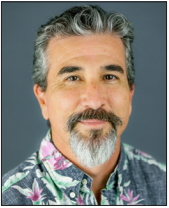
**Joshua-Dwayne
Figueroa**



**Hunter
Fudge**



**Leland
Hara**



**Kalani
Hicks**



**Lainey
Hicks**



**Tom
Holowach**



**Nolan
Hong**



**Tysen
Jao**



**Genesis
Kaeo**



**Faith
Kawai**



**Azaliah
Kekuna**



**Lennox
Kupa**



**Philex
Kupa**



**Alex
Kimura**



**Jay
Laeno**



**Allan
Lau**



**Alison
Maldonado**



**Devon
Nekoba**



**Seanalei
Nishimura**



**Shane
Nishimura**



**Jonah
Sardinha**



**Jantzen
Shinmoto**



**Steven
Tee**



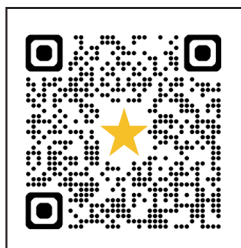
**Pono
Wong**



**Trent
Yamagata**



**Maya
Yoshida**



Scan here for a digital copy
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biographies and photos of our
cast and production staff.

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Props Designer.....	Annie Yoshida
Rehearsal Pianist.....	So Jin Kimura
Stage Manager.....	Marlina Hufstetler
Assistant Stage Manager	Annie Yoshida
Fight Choreographer	Alex Durrant
Scenic Artist.....	DeAnne Kennedy
Master Builder	Jack Mink
Hair & Makeup Assistant.....	Mia Yoshimoto
Costume Construction	Gayln Akaka, Lanaly Cabalo, Athena Espania, Tarah Maruyama Fudge, Cori Hara, Leighton Hara, Dian Hermes, Holly Holowach, Tara Humphreys, Dari Jao, Faith Kawai, Emily Laidlaw, Lara Lee, Lisa Miyamoto, Holly Moy, Lyn Naruo, Kathryn Nakagawa, Shanel Nishimura, Alex Philippou, Wika Puuohau, Coying Selma, Sandi Shiroma, Jodi Bright Stein, Paraluman Stice-Durkin, Ann Takazono, Aletheia Uchida, Lisa Wong, Neal Wong, Peace Wong, Betty Yoshida, Debbie Ziemke
Dressers.....	Anna Foster, Lara Lee, Betty Yoshida
Light Board Operator	Arwen Lee
Wireless Technician.....	James Tagalog
Follow Spot Operators	AJ Masuda, Wika Puuohau
Production Manager.....	Allan Lau
Publicity.....	Poi Planet, Tracy Larrua, Guy Hess

Set Construction & Scenic PaintingAhnya Chang, Jet Finley,
 Kalani Hicks, Lainey Hicks, Dari Jao,
 Tysen Jao, Sean Nishimura,
 Seanalei Nishimura, Shane Nishimura,
 Shanel Nishimura, Patrick Perini,
 Lisa Wong, Neal Wong, Peace Wong

Program Book Dar Nakagawa

Photography..... Aubrey Lee Staley

Box Office..... Heather Feeley

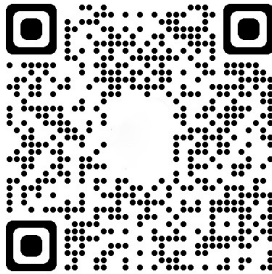
Palikū Theatre ManagerNicole Tessier

Palikū House ManagerHope Taketa

Palikū Staff Andrew Doan, Phillip Foster, Garett Taketa

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 IABK and our mission to perpetuate the performing arts
 in our community. Mahalo!!



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Congratulations to the 2024 Recipients of the I'm A Bright Kid Foundation Education and Performing Arts Awards

Mr. Bright cared deeply about encouraging young people to further their education. We are proud to be able to support these deserving students as they pursue studies in the fields that Mr. B. was especially passionate about - education and the performing arts.



Jenelle Wong
Performing Arts
Kalani HS
U of Southern California



Cleonice Hamm
Performing Arts
Castle HS
UH Manoa



Jamie Kasadate
Performing Arts
Castle HS
Manhattanville College



Carly Omori-Kealoha
Performing Arts
Castle HS
Long Island U



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Palikū Theatre Staff
Windward Community College – Makana Tani
Aloha Graphics – Mark Merriam
Rob Duval
Sean Nishimura
John Tamanaha
Moira Bright

What We Believe

Ronald E. Bright left an indelible mark on the education and theater landscape of Hawai'i and on the lives of those that he mentored. The vision of the **I'm A Bright Kid Foundation** is to support the educational endeavors of those that are inspired to teach and to ensure that his gift of live theater continues to thrive in our community.

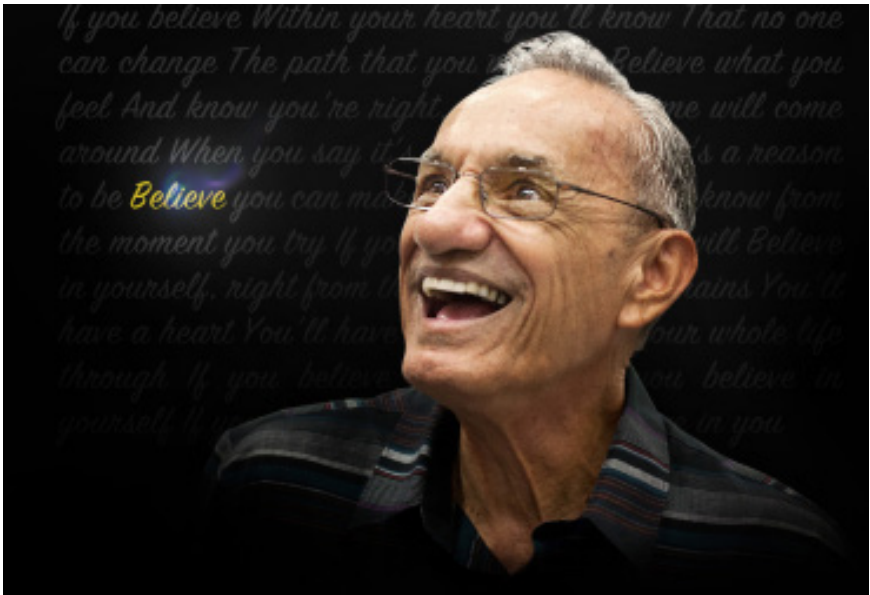
Our mission is to perpetuate the teachings and legacy of Ronald E. Bright by supporting the performing arts and education.

If You Believe

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the I'm A Bright Kid Foundation to support our scholarship awards, our summer musical theatre education program, and our commitment to quality live theatre.

Membership and sponsorship opportunities are also available. Please see our representative in the second floor lobby, or visit:

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