

## **AP Summer Stock- 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee Info Sheet**

Welcome and thank you for your interest in this inaugural production of our AP Summer Stock program. It is an excellent way for current students to keep their chops up, and an awesome introduction for new participants interested in BACT's Advanced Performers program.

This is a high-level, audition-required program that begins rehearsing in mid-April 22nd and performs in mid-June. See below for specific dates. The show will be double cast, with each cast having two performances:

- The BOGGLE cast performs Friday, 6-16 at 7:00 pm and Saturday 6-17 at 2:00 pm.
- The SCRABBLE cast performs Saturday, 6-17 at 7:00 pm and Sunday 6-18 at 2:00 pm.

All performers in both casts are expected to hold ALL performance times and be prepared to go on as understudies for their counterparts if needed in case of emergency.

In keeping with the reduced style of a Junior Theatre Festival set, the final production will be presented with limited production elements; cast members will receive a show shirt and minimal props.

**Age Requirements-** 12-18 year old students who are currently in middle or high school are eligible to audition. Seniors graduating in 2023 are welcome to audition. Younger students who are currently enrolled in Advanced Performers may also be considered.

### **CONTENT ADVISORY-**

Although we are presenting the "school edition" of Chip's Lament, titled "My Unfortunate Distraction," families should be aware that the original version of the song is titled "My Unfortunate Erection." Both sets of lyrics will appear in the scripts that students receive, and we encourage you to discuss this subject matter with your student prior to rehearsal.

### **HOW TO AUDITION? SUBMIT A VIDEO**

**All interested participants must submit a video audition by Friday, March 31st, 2023.**

The video should be 30 seconds to one minute of you singing a musical theatre song, with or without accompaniment. Please send videos to [amber@bactheatre.org](mailto:amber@bactheatre.org). Your message should include which part(s) you are interested in, and why.

The team will meet to assess auditions and cast the show on Saturday, April 1st, 2023, with offers going out during the next week.

Participants will have 48 hours to accept or decline their roles and register.

All participants MUST be registered by Saturday, April 15th to be eligible to participate.

### **WHO'S WHO on the CREATIVE TEAM**

Will Mattingly, Director      Amanda Nguyen, Choreographer      Evan Crone, Music Director

### **COST**

The cost of this program is \$900, which includes rehearsal time, one-on-one coaching, and incidentals such as show shirts and admin time. Payment plans are available and a link to our financial aid application will be included when parts are offered for those who need it.

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### **REHEARSAL DATES-**

All rehearsals and performances will be at BACT's Oakland Academy Headquarters in Studio 1

All performers are called to all Saturday rehearsals from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Select performers are called for solo music rehearsal on Wednesdays from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Saturday 4-22	COMPANY
Wednesday 4-26	6:30-7:30 Ronas (Favorite Moment of the Bee, all parts) 7:30-8:30 Leafs (I'm Not That Smart and Reprise)
Saturday 4-29	COMPANY
Wednesday 5-3	6:30-7:30 Olives (My Friend the Dictionary, I Love You Song) 7:30-8:30 Olives and parents (I Love You Song Harmonies)
Saturday 5-6	COMPANY
Wednesday 5-10	6:30-8:30 Barfees & Company (Magic Foot & harmonies)
Saturday 5-13	COMPANY
Wednesday 5-17	6:30-7:30 Mitches (Prayer of Comfort Counselor, solo only) 7:30-8:30 Chips (My Unfortunate Distraction)
Saturday 5-20	COMPANY
Wednesday 5-24	6:30-7:30 Marcys (I Speak 6 Languages) 7:30-8:30 Logainnes and Parents (Woe is Me 1 & 2)
Saturday 5-27	<i>TBD BASED ON AVAILABILITY</i>
Wednesday 5-31	6:30-8:30 Company Music Review
Saturday 6-3	COMPANY
Wednesday 6-7	6:30-8:30 Company, Final Music Review
Saturday 6-10	9:00-11:00 Boggle Cast Runthrough (Scrabble cast watches) 11:00-11:30 Lunch & Notes 11:30-1:30 Scrabble Cast Runthrough (Boggle cast watches)
Tuesday 6-13	6:00-9:00 Boggle Cast Tech
Wednesday 6-14	6:00-9:00 Scrabble Cast Tech
Friday 6-16	7:00 pm Boggle Cast Show 1 (Performers called at 6:00 pm)
Saturday 6-17	2:00 pm Boggle Cast Show 2 (Performers called at 1:00 pm) 7:00 pm Scrabble Cast Show 1 (Performers called at 6:00 pm)
Saturday 6-18	2:00 pm Scrabble Cast Show 2 (Performers called at 1:00 pm)

## Character Descriptions / Vocal Ranges

### *The Spellers:*

**Chip Tolentino (Presenting Male plays 8 – 14; C3 - B4 Tenor):** Champion of the 24th annual Spelling Bee, he returns to defend his title, but he finds puberty hitting at the most inopportune moments. Also the first to be eliminated.

**William Barfée (Presenting Male plays 8 – 14; Eb3 - Bb4 Tenor):** A Finalist last year, but eliminated because of health reasons (someone put peanuts in the brownies). His famous "Magic Foot" method of spelling had boosted him to spelling glory, even though he only has one working nostril, a touchy personality, a severe peanut allergy, and the mistaken belief that he looks good in shorts (not to mention an easily-mispronounced last name. It's Bar-Fay).

**Olive Ostrovsky (Presenting Female plays 8 – 14; B3 - F5 Soprano):** The young newcomer to the spelling world. Her mother is in an ashram in India and her father is working late, as usual, but he's trying to make it. She made friends with her dictionary at a very young age, and here she is.

**Logainne Schwartzandgrubenierre (Presenting Female plays 8 – 12; C4 - D5 Soprano):** Logainne is the youngest and most politically aware speller, with two stage dads who would make Mamma Rose blush. Perhaps the most rabid competitor of the bunch. She has a lisp.

**Leaf Coneybear (Presenting Male plays 8 – 14; A2 - G4 Baritenor):** The Second runner-up in his district (the winner and first runner-up had to go to a Bat Mitzvah), Leaf comes from a large family of former hippies and makes his own clothes. He's not really that smart, but his heart is in the right place and he has a unique talent for pulling obscure words out of the air. All of the children in his family are named after plants, and all of his words are South-American Rodents.

**Marcy Park (Presenting Female plays 8 – 14; B3 - E5 Soprano/Mezzo-soprano):** A recent transfer from Virginia, Marcy placed 9th in last year's nationals. She speaks six Languages, is a member of all-American Hockey, plays Chopin and Mozart on multiple instruments, sleeps three hours a night, hides in the bathroom cabinet, and is getting very tired of always winning. Intended by the authors to present as Asian American. Must be athletic. Requires cartwheels, splits, karate kicks.

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### The Adults:

**Rona Lisa Peretti (Presenting Female plays 30 – 70; C4 - Ab5 Soprano):** The #1 realtor in Putnam County, a former Putnam County Spelling Bee Champ (at the 3rd annual Bee) and returning moderator. Sweet but stern.

**Vice Principal Douglas Panch (Presenting Male plays 30 – 70; Character Voice, Limited Singing):** After five years' absence from the Bee, Veep Panche is back as word pronouncer and judge. The "incident" of the 20th annual Bee is almost totally forgotten, and he's in a much better place now, thanks to a high-fiber diet and Jungian analysis.

**Mitch Mahoney (Presenting Male plays 20 – 70; E3 - A4 B4 Tenor):** The Official Comfort Counselor. Mitch is serving his court ordered community service with the Bee, and he might find he has a knack for hugs and handing out juice boxes or slapping all these annoying kids around to teach them a life lesson. He is not sure which.

**Carl Schwartz:** One of Schwartz's dads, he's set on his heart on his little girl winning the bee, no matter what he has to do. Tries to sabotage William's foot. Can be played by Leaf.

**Dan Grubenierre:** One of Schwartz's dads, he's slightly less insane than Carl (but still intent on getting his baby the gold). Can be played by Mitch.

**Leaf's Mom:** Overprotective and doubtful of her son's abilities to stand up to the competition. Can be played by Logainne.

**Leaf's siblings, Marigold, Brooke, Pinecone, Landscape, Raisin, and Paul:** Not very confident of Leaf's abilities. Can be played by Olive, Marcy, Chip and the volunteer spellers.

**Olive's Mom and Dad:** She's in India, he's working late, but they appear in Olive's imagination to encourage her and tell her they love her. Can be played by Miss Peretti and Mitch.

**Jesus:** Appears to Marcy in a moment of crisis. Can be played by Chip.