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# Written by Matt Cox

Originally produced Off-Broadway by Tilted Windmills Theatricals

(John Arthur Pinckard, and David Carpentero)

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School of Theatre + Dance, Jerry Dickey, School Director

Originally Produced Off-Off Broadway by Stephen Stout and Colin Waitt

Director ~ Kaycee Renee Wilson Stage Manager ~ Delys Russell Producers ~ Larry Segel & Billy Jenkins

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Best of Luck to the Cast & Crew of Puffs!

~ Michael Giusti

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## **Director's Note**

#### HIIII!!!

We are so excited that you have been accepted to the School of Magic and Magic and have been sorted into the Puffs with the rest of us!

Last Spring, I had the incredible opportunity of playing Megan Jones in another production of *Puffs* at the Milford Performing Arts Center. So to be able to come back to this hilarious and magical world on the other side of the table is truly unbelievable. It has been such an honor to work with every single person involved with this show, cast and crew.

Each individual who has had a hand in TCS's *Puffs* is such their own person and has put their unique spin on the role (or roles) they play. So make sure you notice how each character walks, their mannerisms, and what their wand is, because no two are the same. But even though each person is such a different piece of the puzzle, they come together to form one beautiful picture.

And that is exactly what makes *Puffs, PUFFS*! Embracing said uniqueness and individuality to create a family of organized chaos. I have had the time of my life putting this show on its feet, so I hope you all enjoy watching it even half as much!

BYEEEE!!!
-Kaycee Renee Wilson

There will be one 15-minute intermission.

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Please silence your cell phones before the performance begins.

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Please return all beverage containers (cans and bottles) to the recycling boxes at the bar.

Do not put them in the trash.

Thank you!

#### **Production Staff**

Producers	1	
Light Board OperatorBilly Thompson		
Sound DesignDelys Russell		
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Stage CrewErica Traub and Katie Sobkowicz		
Costume DesignKaycee Renee Wilson	1	
Props ArtistCaroline DeBrota		
Props CoordinationErica Traub and Katie Sobkowicz		
Set DressingMeg Brown, Caroline DeBrota,		
Katie Sobkowicz, Erica Traub, Kaycee Renee Wilson		
Ticket PrintingSusan Roberts Box Office CoordinationLarry Segel		
Ticket DeskMike Giusti		
Raffle OrganizerAmanda Allen		
Marketing / Social MediaMark Damon		
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Paper Program Layout/EditingMark Damon		
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# The Cast of Characters

Wayne Hopkins. Oliver Rivers Megan Jones The Narrator. Cedric & Mr. Voldy	Thomas MarshKaleigh RyanDavid Lee Vincent Benedict Dawn-LewisMandi TotinMark DamonHeidi FisherBec Ray LoweTricia SmithCaroline DeBrota
Harry, Fat Friar, Rowena, and Death Buddy  1st Headmaster, Sorting Hat,  A Certain Potions Professor, Professor Turb  Professor Sproutty, Ghost History Teacher.  Professor Locky, Professor Lanny, Runes Teacher.	Stephen Nedell an,
Real Mr. Moody, Mr. Bagman, and Death	Buddy
Xavia Jones, Anthony Goldstein, Hermeoone #2, Dragon, and Myrtle	·
Uncle Dave, A Very Tall Man, Goyle, Colin, Mr. Nick, Clumsy Longbottom, Hermeoone Sal, Viktor, and Death Buddy	
Zach Smith, Hermeoone #1,	•
2nd Headmaster, Dragon, and Death Bud Blondo Malfoy, Seamus Finnigan, Dragon, Ric Gryff, and Death Buddy #1	•
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#### Scenes

## **ACT I**

- ♦ Prologue
- ♦ Welcome to the Puffs
- Studies
- The Feast!
- ♦ Back in the Common Room
- A Trio is Born
- Wayne & Cedric
- The End of the Year
- ♦ Year Two
- Dueling Club & Harry Wants to Kill Everyone
- More Terror in the Common Room
- ♦ The Heir of Snakes
- A Great Hall Again / End of Year Again
- Letters
- Year Three
- Flectives
- ♦ A Great Hall Slumber Party
- FIELD TRIP!
- Letters, Again
- Goblets, Fire.
- Not Forgivable Curses
- ♦ Days Before the First Task
- The First Task
- Dates for the Ball
- ♦ A Bathroom
- The Yule-Tide Ball
- The Second Task & the
- Subtleties of Lake Watching
- Wayne & Cedric
- The Third Task

#### Intermission

#### <u>ACT II</u>

- Introduction
- ♦ Letters Again
- ♦ Welcome Back
- Hopkins, Potter, & Emotions
- ♦ The Rest of Year Five
- The Dark Lord
- ♦ Snogging 101
- Later, in the Hallway
- Perks of Love
- ♦ Mummy
- End of Year Six Where Nothing Major Happens
- A Funeral & Instant Messaging
- ◆ The End Begins
- ♦ A Great Hall Again
- ♦ The Battle
- ♦ A Very White Room
- Nineteen Years Blah, Blah. An Epilogue

# Setting

Location: United Kingdom,

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Time Period: The Present

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# Who's Who Cast

In alphabetical order



Kathy Bedard ~she/they~ (Xavia Jones & Others) is excited to be working with TCS again! You may have seen them in past TCS shows - Lovely Thoughts and Other Stories, On This Winter's Eve One Act Play Festival, It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play, or Almost, Maine. Other local endeavors include Talking to Strangers (Burlington Players), Check Please (QP), The Myling (PMRP), and

"Festival@First" (T@F). Some favorite roles: Irena (*The Good Doctor*), Aunt Eller (*Oklahoma*), Gloria Thorpe (*Damn Yankees*), and Gladys Herman (*The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*). Outside of theater, they enjoy dance, doodling, cosplay, hiking, and playing with their black cat, Nox.



Benedict Dawn-Cross ~he/him~ (Cedric & Mr. Voldy) graduated with a BA in Theatre from Muhlenberg College in Allentown, PA in 2020. Having relocated to Boston last July, he's thrilled to debut with TCS. Alongside acting, Benedict enjoys singing and playing the drums. His previous productions include The Bald Soprano (Mr. Martin), Rent (Restaurant Man/Ensemble),

Cinderella (Prince Christopher), and The Ladykillers (Constable McDonald/General Gordon).



Mark Damon ~he/him~ (J. Finch Fletchley) is excited to be back on the TCS stage. He has previously performed in the orchestra pit for productions like Spring Awakening, Cabaret, and The Wizard of Oz. Recently, he played Orin the dentist in Little Shop of Horrors. Other roles include Brad in The Rocky Horror Show, Action in West Side Story, Romeo in Romeo and Juliet, and

Krzyzhtoff in Hedwig & The Angry Inch. Mark is also the guitarist for the Boston-based rock band Talk Chalk.



Caroline DeBrota ~she/her~ (Leanne) is making her TCS debut as Leanne, a character whose quirky personality and joyful nature couldn't be closer to the truth. Some might say she's not even acting! Caroline was most recently seen as Jessie in Night of the Living Dead with Post-Meridian Radio Players and Lady Stutfield in A Woman of No Importance with Drag-

onfly Players. She is delighted to greet the incredible DeBrota family, who flew in from Indiana to see this show! This will be her ninth production with her beloved Shawyoun--here's to many more shows together!



**Heidi Fisher ~she/her~ (Sally Perks)** is very excited to be stretching her comedic muscles to embody Sally Perks! As a long-time fan of \*that\* series, getting to do *Puffs*, especially with this hilarious cast, is a joy and a privilege. This is her first production with TCS. When not on stage, Heidi can be found working as an offshore wind project manager, as well as chipping away at her

first book. She would like to thank her loved ones for continuing to support her doing the thing! #CKC



Joseph J Grebla ~he/him~ (Uncle Dave & Others) is extremely excited and grateful to be in *Puffs*! This will be his first show with TCS and only his second show EVER. He made his theatrical debut last year in Theatre@First's production of *The Cherry Orchard* and spent the second half of 2023 taking acting classes at the Cambridge Center For Adult Education. When

not attending a particular school of magic Joseph works in the "potions" industry at the Lord Hobo Brewing Company (potions means beer.) In his free time he enjoys gardening, watching football, cooking Polish food and lifting weights. RIP UNCLE DAVE!!!

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for more information about auditions and performances!



Billy Jenkins ~he/him~ (Blondo Malfoy & Others + Co-Producer) is an actor, writer, and puppeteer. This is his fourth show with TCS. Other TCS credits include: Much Ado About Nothing, Comedy of Errors, and Little Shop of Horrors. Other past theatre credits include: As You Like It (Forged Muse Productions), A Midsummer Night's Dream (Gazebo Players of Medfield), and

Robin B. Goode (Chelsea Theatre Works). He also played "Eddy" in *Gutterbug*, which is available for streaming on Amazon Prime and ITunes. He also serves on the board of TCS. He would like to thank his family and friends for their continuing love and support. Enjoy the show!



Bec Ray Lowe ~he/they~ (Ernie Mac) is so excited to join TCS this production of Puffs! Previous roles include Uncle Fester (The Addams Family), Smee (Peter Pan), and Spirit of Christmas Present (A Christmas Carol). When not on stage, they can be found as the Manager of Education Operations at The Huntington. They would like to dedicate this show to their partner Ash

and to their Education Department coworkers for always being their biggest supporters.



Tom Christopher Marsh ~he/him~ (Oliver Rivers) is excited for his debut at Saugus! He attended UMass Lowell for electrical engineering and was a part of the allmale A Cappella group UML Hawkapella. He has been performing in local theatre for a number of years. Some of his previous credits include Grandpa (DASH nominated) in The Trail to Oregon with Yorick

Emsemble, Jack Kelly in *Newsies* at a Common Thread Theater, Lafou in *Beauty and the Beast* and Barnaby in *Hello, Dolly!* at Riverside Theater Works. Tom would like to thank all the Puffs and those who have ever identified as a kind and caring person.

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Arielle "Ari" Mercier ~she/her~ (Magic #2) (aka Ari) is super excited to be back on the stage in her debut with TCS. Ari is an employee-experience and event planning guru and a lover of all things that involve community, music, and performance. In her spare time she enjoys watching every reality show, working on one of many in-

progress craft projects, talking to her plants, writing, and cooking cozy vegan meals.



Stephen C. Nedell ~he/him~ (The Teachers) is the K-8 Librarian for Malden Public Schools and has decided to express his mid-life crisis by pursuing his interest in the performing arts. He previously appeared on The Dead Files (\$3.E14 - Dark Inheritance) as "Local Genealogist" and in Malden Community Theater's Summer 2023 production of 35MM: A Musical Exhibition

(The Whore; The Bastard; Sarah's Father). Stephen wants to send out a Puff's "Hi!" to his life partner and soul mate, Karen and their son Zachary as well as to the rest of the outstanding cast, crew and production team. This is his first show performing with TCS.



Brady Neiss-Moe ~he/him~ (Zach Smith & Others) is thrilled to be joining his first production with TCS! Some of Brady's favorite past roles include Gaston (Beauty and the Beast), Cliff Bradshaw (Cabaret), Trekkie Monser (Avenue Q), Joe Sutter (Spitfire Grill), and Kyle (Exit, Pursued by a Bear). When not on the stage, Brady likes to spend his time rock climbing, partaking in

escape rooms and watching anime with his wife and cat. Brady would like to thank the entire cast for making the whole process truly magical (hahaha, get it?).



Meghan Patrick ~she/her~ (Magic #1) is so excited to be in her first show with TCS! She's previously appeared on stage in Off Broadway, On Campus at the university of Rochester, as well as The Drowsy Chaperone (Drowsy), and Our Town (Emily Webb) with ARHS drama. She is SO excited to be a part of this wonderful production of *Puffs* and thanks the cast and crew for the endless fun as well as her parents and Michael for their support and encouragement! Hope you enjoy the show as much as we enjoyed putting it together!



Kaleigh Ryan ~she/her~ (Megan Jones) is excited to be back on the TCS stage for a second time, having played Black Stache in Peter and the Starcatcher last spring. Since then credits include #7 (The Wolves), Mel (One Slight Hitch), Joan Arc (Mother of the Maid), and Lydia/River (Trinkets). Kaleigh is wildly grateful for Boston's community theatre scene and all the joy it has

brought her this past year; along with her incredibly supportive parents and partner.



Shawyoun Shaidani ~he/him~ (Wayne Hopkins) is thrilled to make his debut with Saugus, and especially happy to do his ninth (yes, 9th) show with Caroline! He hopes you have a good time because of the show (or in spite of it. He should probably read those books again.) When he's not on stage, he likes to engage in what he calls "peachy living". That

includes playing/watching basketball, visiting a tiny niche museum, taking a nature walk (ideally with BIRDS), playing his keyboard and drums, or whatever else he feels like in the moment. He recommends it!



Patricia Sharp Smith ~she/her~ (Hannah) is appearing on stage for the first time since her middle school's production of *The Music Man*. She would like to share an excited Puffs' HIIII!!!! with everyone. Patricia earned her BS in Mechanical Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in 2021 and will earn her MSc in the same this spring. As an engineer who grew up sur-

rounded by art lovers, she understands the value creativity and vision bring to the world of STEM (science, technology, engineering, math). She spends her time outside of work snuggling her

rabbits, reading books, ergging, playing trivia, and adventuring with her sisters.



Lauren Thompson ~she/her~ (Ginny & Others) is excited to be back at TCS for a truly hilarious and special piece of theatre! Past favorite roles include Electra in Gypsy, Reverend Mother in Nunsense, Nancy in Oliver! (TCS), Magenta in The Rocky Horror Show, Mitch (Meesh) Mahoney in The 25th Annual...Spelling Bee (TCS). Most recently she was seen (or heard) as The Voice of

Audrey II in *Little Shop of Horrors* (TCS). She would like to take a moment to thank Kaycee, Delys, and Larry for all their hard work and dedication to making this a fun place to be! To the cast, what a bunch of weirdoes we are, but I wouldn't have it any other way. As always one final thank you, to her friends and family, especially her mother Jeanette and husband Billy. Thank you for everything, I hope I make you proud. Xoxoxoxo



Mandi Totin ~she/her~ (Susie Bones) is appearing for the first time at TCS, and couldn't ask for a better cast to make her debut with! She started her theatre career in Orlando, FL at Walt Disney World Resort. You also may have seen her on the JAWS ride at Universal Studios Orlando, blowing up the same shark every 9 minutes (she is so sad they closed that ride). She is very

grateful to Jacob and Torin for giving their constant support and encouragement. She hopes you all enjoy the show, and she would like to dedicate this performance to Christopher Muise.













David Lee Vincent ~he/him~ (The Narrator) is excited to return to TCS where he played Duke Solinus and Balthasar in 2022's The Comedy of Errors. He has been acting throughout New England since 2015. He has more than 50 credits on stage and film. His favorite roles include LaFeu in Alls Well That Ends Well, Dr. White in Bug, Boris Pischik in The Cherry Orchard, Yertle in Seussical the Musical, Geronte in The Serv-

ant of Two Masters, the Mute in The Fantasticks, Big Daddy in Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, Jerry in At Home at the Zoo, and Rabbi Hyman Popper in Love In An Elevator. He studies stage and film acting at Boston Casting, Portland Acorn Studio, Newburyport Actor's Studio, Blackwood Masterclass, and DuMont's On Camera Workshop. He lives in Newburyport with his partner, Sandy, and his dog Dee.



# Samson Willcox ~he/they~ (Harry &

Others) is excited to be joining TCS for the first time to finally (hopefully) be funny after a long string of screaming, crying, fainting roles like Hero in Much Ado About Nothing (Cape Ann Shakespeare Troupe), Romeo in Romeo and Juliet (Castle Hill Productions), and Bessie in Our Town (Stage 284). When not onstage, Samson can be found making music, pi-

petting, and writing about themself in third person. He's grateful to the whole cast and crew of *Puffs* for being welcoming, patient, and talented AF.

#### **Production Staff**

In alphabetical order

**Billy Jenkins ~he/him~ (Blondo Falfoy & Others + Co-Producer)** See picture and bio in Who's Who for the Cast.



Delys Russell ~she/her~ (Stage Manager) hails from Melbourne, Australia and is very excited to be making her American Theatre Debut with TCS' PUFFS! Delys has previously been involved both on and off stage. Most recently, she performed the lead role in a new original musical STUCK! produced by the University of Melbourne Music Theatre Association. Delys also produced a medley of original works for the Melbourne Fringe Festival in 2022, which received a Commendation for Community Engagement from Union House Theatre. In 2023, Delys then served on the Awards

Committee Panel for Union House Theatre. This is her first time stage managing a production!



Larry Segel ~he/him~ (Co-Producer & Lighting Designer) has been with TCS since the mid - 1990s, as an actor, director, lighting designer, treasurer, and is currently the Board President. He has appeared in several in TCS plays, most recently The Comedy of Errors, and in musicals including Spring Awakening. Larry has directed shows for TCS and Winthrop Playmakers. In recent years he has worked with a professional group, The Psych Drama Company, for which he directed three shows, including The Lion in Winter,

which was hosted on the TCS stage in June 2022. Larry is delighted to welcome so many actors who are new to the TCS stage, joining many old friends for this show.



Kaycee Renee Wilson ~she/her~ (Director) HI!!! Kaycee Renee Wilson is so excited to, once again, be working with the Theatre Company of Saugus! She was most recently in TCS' production of Comedy of Errors (Luciana), and directed the Fall 2022 production of Zombie Prom. She has also directed Newsies with A Common Thread Theatre Company, and several summer musicals with the Performing Arts Center of MetroWest. She hopes that all of you enjoy the trip to our

School of Magic and Magic!

# The Theatre Company of Saugus

The Theatre Company of Saugus (TCS) was founded in 1968. Through volunteer work, this company has been running strong for 50 wonderful seasons! TCS produces at least four shows per season, and has been very successful in running summer workshops, fundraisers, and special events to promote education in theatre for adults and children of all ages. The Theatre Company of Saugus always welcomes new members. You do not need to be an actor or actress to become a member! In addition to being onstage, members can help behind the scenes, either with lights and sound or ticket sales. If you have questions, comments, or want more information, please speak to any of our staff during the intermission or after the show or ...

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#### Theatre Company of Saugus salutes

Our Lifetime Members: Rosemary DeGregorio Mike Giusti

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We have just announced plans for our Youth Theatre Workshop 2024, now in its 14th year. We will again have two programs:

- A two-week camp for Grades 1-8 (Session I) resulting in performances of A Year With Frog and Toad, KIDS
- A summer-long evening program for Grades 6-12 (Session II) culminating in performances of Xanadu, Jr.

Much of the staff is returning from last year, but we have several openings:

Choreographer for Session II

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