

## CASTING/AUDITION INFORMATION



Directed by Kristen Livengood  
Music Direction by Roberta Whiteside  
Choreography by Collin Eten

Auditions open to students ages 8-18 enrolled in the 2019-2020 Parkway Playhouse Junior Conservatory  
15 minutes of this production will travel to the 2020 Junior Theater Festival\* in Atlanta, GA over MLK weekend

\*Please note that there are only 20 spots available for the Junior Theater Festival performance group

### **PRODUCTION DATES:**

**Auditions:** September 8, 2019, 2:30-4:30pm (all auditioning should plan to stay from 2:30-4:30pm)

**JTF Parent Meeting & 1<sup>st</sup> Rehearsal:** Monday September 9 at 5:00pm. JTF attendees and parents, plan to attend the 1st 15 minutes for a short meeting before rehearsal begins. A \$100 deposit per person attending JTF is due at the meeting.

**JTF Cost:** Festival Fee of \$250 per person attending JTF. This fee does not include transportation, meals, or lodging.

\$100 per attendee is due September 9th, and the \$150 remaining balance per attendee is due September 15th.

Unfortunately, Parkway Playhouse does not offer scholarships for the Junior Theater Festival.

### **Rehearsals:**

Sundays from 2:30-4:30pm at the Blue Ridge Fitness Center (155 Love Fox Road)

Mondays & Thursdays from 5:00-6:30pm at the Mountain Heritage Center (113 Green Mountain Drive)

**First Tech:** Monday December 2

**Performance Dates:** December 6 & 7 at 6:30pm; December 8 at 3:00pm at Parkway Playhouse (202 Green Mountain Drive)

**JTF Rehearsals:** Continue regularly after the performance dates until the festival, with time off for Winter Break.

**JTF Dates:** January 17th - 20th

### **SUMMARY OF SHOW:**

Buddy, a young orphan, mistakenly crawls into Santa's bag of gifts and is transported to the North Pole. The would-be elf is raised, unaware that he is actually a human, until his enormous size and poor toy-making abilities cause him to face the truth. With Santa's permission, Buddy embarks on a journey to New York City to find his birth father and discover his true identity. Faced with the harsh reality that his father is on the naughty list and that his half-brother doesn't even believe in Santa, Buddy is determined to win over his new family and help New York remember the true meaning of Christmas.

### **CHARACTERS/CASTING NEEDS:**

25 roles and featured ensemble

#### **Santa Claus (male)**

Vocal Range: Bb3-D5

Santa Claus has a lot on his plate during the Christmas season, and it is starting to show. He is annoyed with the Elves, tired of lying to Buddy and sad that people seem to be losing their Christmas spirit. He is still the same jolly old St. Nick underneath it all, but the job is getting to him. This is a great role for a character performer who can play an older (and somewhat cranky) man while trying hard to keep his holiday spirit.

**Buddy** (male)

Vocal Range: B3-G5

Buddy is the perfect elf! He's good-natured, he means well, and he's happy all the time. There's only one problem. He's not an elf, he's an adult human. This role is perfect for a young man who is an excellent actor and good singer who has the energetic earnestness and comedic timing that Buddy needs.

**Elves** (both)

The Elves are Santa's special helpers who love their job making toys to meet their Christmas Eve deadline.

**Charlie** (male)

Charlie is in charge of monitoring the other Elves, making sure every present is wrapped and every bow is tied. Has authority over the rest of the Elves, but always remains friendly.

**Shawanda** (female)

Shawanda is a dependable and caring elf. She will do whatever she can to help out others, including Buddy, even though she accidentally reveals that he is a human.

**Sam** (male)

Sam is one of Walter's Office Staff who is in a bind at the top of the show.

**Walter Hobbs** (male)

Vocal Range: B3-E5

Walter Hobbs, Buddy's real father, is so focused on keeping his job that he is not making time for his family. He can be stern and unemotional at times, but ultimately he learns to recommit to his family.

**Deb** (female)

Deb, Walter's secretary, has the big responsibility of keeping her boss and the whole office happy. She does this by sharing her positive attitude with everyone.

**Emily Hobbs** (female)

Vocal Range: G3-D5

Emily Hobbs is Walter's devoted wife who would prefer her husband to spend a little more time at home. She is a problem solver and an excellent mother who is doing everything she can to provide a positive family dynamic.

**Michael Hobbs** (male)

Vocal Range: G3-D5

Michael Hobbs is the smarter-than-average 12-year-old son of Walter and Emily. He quickly befriends his new adult brother, Buddy, and does everything he can to make sure Buddy becomes a permanent part of the family.

**Security Guards** (both)

Security Guard #1 and Security Guard #2 are a stern duo from Walter's office, making sure everyone who enters has permission.

**Saleswoman** (female)

The Saleswoman is the first person to greet Buddy as he enters Macy's. She's the consummate sales person: smiling, over-friendly, and always trying to sell something.

**Manager** (male)

The manager is a terrific featured acting role for a performer with good comedic timing. As the manager of Macy's, he's doing everything he can to make sure all the employees stay in line.

**Jovie** (female)

Vocal Range: G3-Db5

Jovie works as a store elf at Macy's, but don't be mistaken she doesn't quite exude the Christmas spirit. She's kind of cynical, a bit tough around the edges, and now the target of Buddy's complete adoration.

**Santa's Helper** (both)

Santa's Helper works as a Macy's Employee and announces when each kid gets to visit with Santa.

**Fake Santa** (male)

Fake Santa is a poor replacement for the real Santa. He's an employee of Macy's who is a bit rough around the edges.

**Policemen** (both)

Policeman #1 and Policeman #2 are a friendly pair of cops who return Buddy to the Hobbs household.

**Sarah** (female)

Sarah is a staff member at Walter's office.

**Mr. Greenway** (male)

Mr. Greenway is one of the crankiest businessmen around. He is the big boss, with a commanding presence.

**Chadwick and Matthews** (male)

Chadwick and Matthews are staff members at Walter's office who are doing everything they can think of to save the day and make their boss happy.

**Charlotte Dennon** (female)

Charlotte Dennon is a TV reporter with a big personality. She does her best to keep her professional persona in public and doesn't like being shown up.

**Darlene Lambert and Emma Van Brocklin** (female)

Darlene Lambert and Emma Van Brocklin are on the scene in Central Park and are convinced of Santa's magic after Buddy reveals their past Christmas gifts.

**Ensemble** (both)

The Ensemble, including New Yorkers, Comforting New Yorker, Macy's Employees, Macy's Employee #1, Members of the Rockefeller Crowd, Office Staff, Business Woman, Flyer Guys, Teenager, Jogger, Carolers, Passerby, Children and Parents are all important roles for creating the distinct worlds of the North Pole and New York City.

**AUDITION PROCEDURES:**

Auditioners should be prepared to present a monologue (45-60 seconds) and 16-bars of a song. Auditioners must sing to be considered for a solo role. All those auditioning should be prepared to read from the script and participate in a dance audition.

**NOTIFICATION:**

ASAP via email no later than Sunday September 8, 2019