NEW SUBMISSIONS for Artistry’s THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE, to run October 5 - 29, 2023 in the Schneider Theater at the Bloomington Center for the Arts.

Our commitment to INCLUSION, DIVERSITY, EQUITY, ACCESSIBILITY, & ANTI-RACISM is at the center of every decision-making process. We celebrate diversity & are dedicated to embracing & living out these values as an integral part of our artistic process.

COVID-19 SAFETY POLICIES
The safety of our audience and theater-makers is our number one priority. As a result, we follow the latest City, State, and Federal guidelines as well as guidelines set forth by Actors’ Equity Association.

IMPORTANT DATES
1st Rehearsal: Tuesday, September 5th, 2023  
1st Preview: Thursday, October 5th, 2023  
Opening: Saturday, October 7th, 2023  
Closing: Sunday, October 29th, 2023

TYPE OF ACTOR(S)
Professionals (AEA & non-AEA), Developing Talent, and Community Members of any ethnicity and gender identity as well as performers with disabilities. We are seeking to cast a racially diverse group of performers for this show. Twin Cities Locals, please. Adult (18+) submissions only.

AUDITION DATES
Initial Auditions: Friday, June 30th from 12pm-4pm. Sign up HERE.
Callbacks: Friday, July 7th and Saturday, July 8th from 12-4:30pm.
Virtual Submissions: Accepted until June 30th at 4pm via audition@artistrymn.org.
All auditions will take place at the Bloomington Center for the Arts. 1800 W Old Shakopee Rd, Bloomington, MN 55341.

If you previously auditioned for THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE at Artistry, you do not need to audition again.

RATES
Artistry currently operates under the Small Professional Theater (Tier 4) agreement with Actor’s Equity Association (AEA). AEA Contract: $450 per week plus health and pension. There are 3 AEA contracts available. Other contracts range from $330 - $390 per week. Max of 30 hours per rehearsal week (see tentative rehearsal schedule). All rates are non-negotiable.
WHAT TO PREPARE
Please complete the audition form and prepare the song cut listed for your desired role(s) and one 1-minute (or less) comedic contemporary monologue. You will audition with the tracks provided.

1. Audition materials can be found here: bit.ly/3J8yMUu
2. Please sign up for an audition slot here: bit.ly/3qHSD6B
3. Please fill out this audition form: https://forms.gle/m77jbWQ894LREEEnM7
4. Audition resources can be found here: bit.ly/3XbSGUb

ACCESSIBILITY
If you are unable to attend auditions or require help, please contact Artistry by emailing audition@artistrymn.org. Artistry is committed to making theater accessible to all; please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you!
-- Artistry Theater Team

ABOUT THE SHOW
The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee
Conceived by Rebecca Feldman
Music and Lyrics by William Finn
Book by Rachel Sheinkin
Additional Material by Jay Reiss

Director: Tyler Michaels King
Music Director: Raymond Berg
Choreographer: Stephanie Bertumen

This fast-paced, phonetic musical comedy will undoubtedly bring you to your feet! Join an eclectic group of six young people as they vie for the spelling championship of a lifetime, sharing laugh-out-loud and sometimes poignant stories of how they discovered their “favorite moment of the Bee.”

Roles Available:
Rona Lisa Peretti: The number-one realtor in Putnam County, a former Putnam County Spelling Bee Champion herself, and returning moderator.
**Vice Principal Douglas Panch:** After five years' absence from the Bee, Panch returns as judge. He is infatuated with Rona Lisa Peretti, but she does not return his affections.

**Mitch Mahoney:** The Official Comfort Counselor. An ex-convict, Mitch is performing his community service with the Bee.

**Olive Ostrovsky:** A young newcomer to competitive spelling. Olive is shy but has a big heart. She is an only child with often-absent parents and made friends with her dictionary at a very young age.

**William Morris Barfée:** A Putnam County Spelling Bee finalist last year, his famous "Magic Foot" method of spelling has boosted him to spelling glory.

**Logainne "Schwarzy" SchwartzandGrubenierre:** Logainne is the youngest and most politically aware speller. She is somewhat of a neat freak and speaks with a lisp.

**Marcy Park:** The ultimate over-achiever, Marcy has never been given another option. Her many talents include musical instruments, dance, martial arts, baton, etc., and is getting very tired of always winning. She is also not allowed to cry.

**Leaf Coneybear:** A homeschooler and the second runner-up in his district. Leaf's family thinks he is "not that smart", but he insinuates that he is merely easily distracted and he delights in his own wandering focus.

**Charlito "Chip" Tolentino:** Champion of the Twenty-Fourth Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, Chip returns to defend his title. He is a proud boy scout and is on the verge of "adult feelings."

**2 SWINGS**

Please note: characters will double as parents, siblings, etc in flashback/fantasy sequences