The BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER

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TABC is comprised of families of students enrolled in Theater Education courses and/or who perform in the Youth Theater productions at Beck Center. Our primary responsibilities are to support and enrich the youth student theater education experience and to provide hands-on support to Youth Theater productions and events throughout the season.

Through simple fundraising efforts and amazing volunteers, we are able to provide support to our students and Beck Center. Some of what we contribute with funds raised are funding the pit orchestra for the spring musical, hosting end of semester and opening night receptions, and purchasing new equipment for the Theater Education department. Recent TABC purchases include booster seats for our younger theater patrons and upgrades to youth theater department equipment. Our many volunteers provide countless hours of service each year by planning special events for theater students, organizing dinner for cast and crew during Youth Theater tech weeks, designing and implementing Youth Theater cast tables and cast boards, and so much more.

We are grateful for each of our members and we can’t do what we do without your help! Please consider joining TABC. For more information on joining and volunteering with us, please contact Jessica Eidson at BeckTABC@gmail.com.

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Who can use an Assistive Listening Device?
Everyone! While induction neck-loops are only compatible with hearing aids and cochlear implants that include a “T” switch, the ear speaker can be used by anyone who wants a little volume boost.

Will the patrons next to me be disturbed by the Assistive Listening Device?
ALDs are designed to deliver sound directly to an individual and work using specific reserved radio frequencies so as to not conflict with any other devices or equipment in use by the theatre or our patrons. In addition, the ear speakers and the neck loops are designed to be as inconspicuous as possible. It’s likely no one will even know you’re using one.

Are Assistive Listening Devices available for every show and event at Beck Center?
YES! As long as the event is held inside the Senney or Studio Theater.

Do I need to request an Assistive Listening Device in advance?
You do not need to request an ALD in advance of arriving at the theatre and an ALD can be requested at any time during an event. ALDs are distributed on a first-come-first-served basis free of charge. You may request your ALD at the Customer Service desk in the Beck Center lobby.

Is there a cost for using an Assistive Listening Device?
No, ALDs are distributed free of charge on a first-come-first-served basis.

Do I need to sit in a specific place to use an Assistive Listening Device?
No, all of our ALDs will work from any seat in any of our three theatres.

Do you clean your Assistive Listening Devices?
Yes, we follow the manufactures maintenance recommendations and use antimicrobial wipes to clean all earpieces and neckloops when they are returned before placing them back into storage.

Do I need to arrive early to obtain an Assistive Listening Device?
While obtaining an ALD will not take very long, we strongly recommend that all patrons arrive AT LEAST 20 minutes before the performance to allow time to park, get to the theatre, and find your seat.

I have a hearing aid or cochlear implant, will an Assistive Listening Device work for me?
Induction neckloops are also now available for patrons who use hearing aids and cochlear implants with a “T” switch. Ask your audiologist whether your hearing aid or cochlear implant has a “T” switch (telecoil) and how to use it with an assistive listening headset. Patrons find this to be the best way to use the ALD’s.

I have severe hearing loss, will an Assistive Listening Device work for me?
ALDs will generally help anyone who can understand normal conversation either without aid or with a hearing aid. For more severe hearing loss, an ALD alone may not be enough.

Questions? Just call Customer Service at 216.521.2540 or email boxoffice@beckcenter.org
House Information

ACCESSIBILITY – Wheelchair ramps, an elevator, and accessible restrooms make all areas of Beck Center accommodating to all patrons. Theatergoers in wheelchairs should request seats in Row J.

CUSTOMER SERVICE HOURS – 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday; and open through intermission on performance dates. For ticket information visit beckcenter.org or call 216.521.2540.

CELL PHONES – Please turn off all cell phones and audible devices as the sound and screen light are distracting to the audience and especially the cast. Texting is not permitted during performances. Copyrights strictly prohibit the photographing, audio or video recording of all productions. Cameras and cell phones may be confiscated.

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FIRE – Exits indicated by red lights are the shortest route to safety. In case of an emergency, please walk to the nearest exit.

LOST & FOUND – Customer Service maintains a Lost & Found service as a courtesy to our patrons. Please report any misplaced items, lost or found, immediately.

PARKING – Convenient, free, on-site parking.

RECYCLING – Beck Center believes in recycling. If you decide to discard your playbill, bottles or cans, please do so in the designated recycling receptacles.

RESTROOMS – Restrooms are located on the ground floor near the garden court at the west end of the Galleria and on the second floor just outside the elevator.

SMOKING – Beck Center is a non-smoking facility. Smoking is permitted outdoors.

About Beck Center

Beck Center for the Arts is proud to be a part of Northeast Ohio’s professional theater landscape. Like our colleagues Playhouse Square, Cleveland Play House, Dobama Theatre, and Great Lakes Theater, Beck Center has a letter of agreement with Actors’ Equity Association. We hire professional actors from the Northeast Ohio region, including members of Actors’ Equity. Specifically, we are a Small Professional Theater (SPT) based on the number of seats, number of our performances, and the maximum weekly hours of work we provide to actors. We are also a producing theater. We produce every show on our stages. Meaning we choose the play, cast and rehearse it, build the sets, props, and costumes, direct and perform the music, and design lights and sound, utilizing regional resources and talent, all for you, our valued patron of the arts. Thank you for supporting live theater!
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CAST

Grace Bradley (Mother) ................................................................. Lucia Durbin
Bob Bradley (Father) ................................................................. Rory Petrulis
Mrs. Armstrong ......................................................................... Evie Ritzert
Mrs. Slocum .............................................................................. Zahra Abbas
Mrs. Clark (u/s Beth) ................................................................. Melina Zavagno
Mrs. Clausing ........................................................................... Ellie Pallett
Mrs. McCarthy ........................................................................... Vivienne Holland
Reverend Hopkins (u/s Mother) ................................................ Oona Louis
Firefighter 1 ................................................................................ Louisa Sabol
Firefighter 2 ................................................................................ Maeve Gibbs
Beth Bradley ............................................................................... Eve Buehrle
Charlie Bradley ......................................................................... Liam Kelly
Ralph Herdman ......................................................................... Gus Gibbs
Imogene Herdman ..................................................................... Kendall Pallett
Leroy Herdman ......................................................................... Declan Robertson
Claude Herdman ........................................................................ Jack Arra
Ollie Herdman ............................................................................ Evelyn Payne
Gladys Herdman ........................................................................ Emaline Bubnick
Alice Wendleken ........................................................................ Penny Guzowski
Maxine ........................................................................................ Grace Bleich
Elmer .......................................................................................... Finn Haselswerdt
Hobie .......................................................................................... Raylen Brown
David .......................................................................................... Theo DeWine

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Stage Manager .......................................................... Cass Penegor
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Scenic Designer/Technical Director .................. Mark DeVol
Assistant Technical Director.............................. Simon Sedmak
Lighting Designer................................................ Patrick Ciamacco
Sound Designer.................................................. Jacob Schneider
Costume Designer............................................... Alicia Murphy
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TABC Parent Representative.............................. Jessica Eidson
Production Assistance ......................... Theater Alliance of Beck Center (TABC)
Program Design................................................... Ryan Lucas

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Eric Fancher, Ed Gallagher, Lynn Miller-Penegor, Scott Spence, Rennie Tisdale, Jennifer Clare-Latham, Members of TABC, and the friends and family of our cast and crew!

[Ghost: The Musical — tickets: beckcenter.org]
WELL WISHES

Lucia! We are so excited to see you in this role as Mother in your last play of Ms. Rachel. We hope you continue to shine as an actor for many more years. You are awesome and we couldn’t be prouder of you! We love you! Mom, Dad, Anna Maria, and Isaac.

We are so proud of all your hard work and of how brightly you shine! Love, Mom and Clara.

To our Christmas baby Penny - You are the best gift we’ve ever received. We love you so much! Love - Mom, Dad, Louie, and Augie

Hey Penny, you are really getting good at this. We know you’ll be great in this play too. We love you and are very proud of you! Love, Grandpa Nick & Sharon

Wishing you a sleigh full of wishes and dreams come true. We’re so proud of you, Penny! We love you! Gammy & Pop

Penny Mae - Watching you play Alice in this magnificent play melts our heart - we love you how enjoy performing! Love forever, Grandma and Papa

Congratulations to the Cast of The Beat Christmas Pageant Ever! Break a Leg!

Thanks to the AMAZING Stage Crew! You guys are Awesome!

Declan, you continue to make everyone so proud! Break Everything! Love, Your Whole Family

Rory, you’ve been telling the best ‘Dad Jokes’ for years! Lots of Love, Mom, Dad, Maia, Brady, and Leila

“Break a leg, Gus! You’re the best boy we know, but we’re sure you’ll be good at being “bad”! Love, Mom and Dad”

“Have a blast with your scenes, Maeve! You’ve always had a way of making things more fun! Love, Mom and Dad”

Melina, your family is so proud of you! Enjoy the stage!

Vivienne, you make a great church lady...Isn’t that special?! Break a leg!! Love Mom & Dad

Grace, We are so proud of you. Enjoy playing Maxine! We love you. Mom & Dad

Break a leg, Theo/David! We are so proud of you! Love, Mom, Dad and Desi
Evie- Can’t wait to see you in another production! Your hard work is paying off. Love, Mom, Dad, Lucy, Kate

Evie, We are so excited to see you wheel around the stage as Mrs. Armstrong! Love you, Grandpa and Grandma

Louisa, we are so excited to see you on the stage again!!! Love you so much, grandma and grandpa

LuLu, you embody the spirit of Christmas! Break a leg! - Love Snood

Good luck Maddy in your first theater performance- we are so proud of you! Love Mom Dad Cailin Brady & Aj

Good luck Angel Choir Maddy Tess & Karma. From the Mayer Family

Eve - So excited to watch you perform!!! We love you. Mom & Dad

Karma! So very proud of your commitment and dedication to your first live performance! It’s such an honor to watch you grow. I love you all the way to the moon. Mommy

“Jack, we wish you the best on your Beck debut! Love, Mom, Dad & Mary Ann”

Tessie - We can’t wait to see you light up the stage. Have fun! Love Mom & Dad

Tess- We love you and are excited to see you act on stage. -Annie and Claire

Tess- You’re amazing! Wish we could see it again and again! Love, Grandma Mo, Grandma Karen and Pepe

“Emaline, Bad girl, bad girl, whatcha gonna do? When they finally discover the angel in you! - Love, Grandma Yuzwa”

“Our mischievous angel shall the stage adorn, shouting “Hey! Unto you a child is born!” Go Emaline! Love, your family”

Zahra, have a blast at the Christmas Pageant! We are so proud of you Mrs. Slocum! Love Mom, Dad, & Zain

Oona, we always enjoy seeing you shine on stage! We love you! Mom, Dad, and Kai
HELP US RAISE THE REMAINING FUNDS NEEDED

• Add additional restrooms.
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• Double the size of the front yard pocket park, to expand our gathering space for the community.
• RAISE THE ROOF to create additional space for dance and theater education.

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Oona, I will never run out of pride, well wishes and of course love! Love, Ghee

Break a leg, Raylen! I’m so excited and proud to see your very first show! Love you always, Mimi

Congratulations, Raylen! We’re very proud of you. Have fun on stage! Can’t wait to see you. Love, Bibi and Pappadeaux

All the world’s a stage, Raylen, and you sure know how to find your light! Love, Mom and Dad

Kendall: you were born to play Imogene! We are so proud of you! Love, Mom, Dad, and Sissy

Go, Kendall! You are a natural...a star! Love, Papa, Auntie Jen, Grandma, and Auntie DarDar!

Ellie: you are the best Mrs. Clausing there ever was! We are super proud of you! Love, Mom, Dad, and Kendall

You rock, Ellie! You’re born to be on stage! Love, Papa, Auntie Jen, Grandma, and Auntie DarDar!

Break a leg Liam! We are proud of you and we love you! Mom, Dad, Shane, Mimi, Papa

Annie- We can’t wait to see you shine on stage! Good luck, we love you! - Mom, Dad, Bennett, Louie and Elinor

Let’s go Elmer! We are so proud of you, Finn. Congrats on your first play! Love Mom, Dad, Logan & Blake

Break a leg Finn! We are so excited to see you in your first play! Grandma & Auntie Mara & Tat

CAST

ZAHRA ABBAS
Dover Intermediate School
Grade 5 | Age 10
Westlake

HANNAH ANSLOKKEN
Erieview Elementary
Grade 3 | Age 8
Avon Lake
JACK ARRA
Kensington Intermediate School
Grade 4 | Age 9
Rocky River

GRACE BLEICH
Redwood Elementary
Grade 3 | Age 9
Avon Lake

RAYLEN BROWN
Hayes Elementary
Kindergarten | Age 6
Lakewood

EMALINE BUBNICK
Gilles-Sweet Elementary School
Grade 5 | Age 11
Fairview Park

EVE BUEHRLE
Rocky River Middle School
Grade 6 | Age 11
Rocky River

THEO DeWINE
Horace Mann Elementary School
Grade 1 | Age 7
Lakewood

LUCIA DURBIN
Learwood Middle School
Grade 7 | Age 12
Avon Lake

MYA FERNANDEZ
Normandy Elementary School
Grade 1 | Age 6
Bay Village

GUS GIBBS
Dover Intermediate School
Grade 6 | Age 12
Westlake

MAEVE GIBBS
Dover Intermediate School
Grade 5 | Age 10
Westlake

ANNIE GROZA
Kensington Intermediate School
Grade 3 | Age 8
Rocky River

PENNY GUZOWSKI
Lakewood Catholic Academy
Grade 6 | Age 11
Lakewood

FINN HASELSWERDT
Normandy Elementary School
Grade 2 | Age 7
Bay Village

VIVIENNE HOLLAND
Garfield Middle School
Grade 7 | Age 12
Lakewood
OONA LOUIS
Bay Middle School
Grade 6 | Age 11
Bay Village

KARMA LEWIS
Normandy Elementary School
Grade 1 | Age 7
Bay Village

MADDY MAYER
Goldwood Primary School
Grade 1 | Age 7
Rocky River

TESS
McGETTRICK
Goldwood Primary School
Grade 2 | Age 7
Rocky River

KENDALL ROSE PALLETT
Rocky River Middle School
Grade 6 | Age 11
Rocky River

ELLIE PALLETT
Kensington Intermediate School
Grade 3 | Age 9
Rocky River

LIAM KELLY
Mayer Middle School
Grade 7 | Age 12
Fairview Park

CAMILLE PANGRACE
Kensington Intermediate School
Grade 3 | Age 8
Rocky River

EVELYN PAYNE
Lincoln Elementary School
Grade 5 | Age 11
Lakewood

RORY PETRULIS
Kensington Intermediate School
Grade 5 | Age 10
Rocky River

EVELYN RITZERT
Bay Middle School
Grade 7 | Age 12
Bay Village

DECLAN ROBERTSON
Lakewood Catholic Academy
Grade 4 | Age 9
Lakewood

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Kensington Intermediate School
Grade 4 | Age 9
Rocky River

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Rocky River Middle School
Grade 6 | Age 12
Rocky River
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