



*Payson High Theatre Presents*

**Elf**  
**The Musical** **JR.**

Book by  
Thomas Meehan & Bob Martin

Music by  
Matthew Sklar

Lyrics by  
Chad Beguelin

Based upon the New Line Cinema film written by David Berenbaum

*Payson High Little Theatre*  
**December 9th - 12th**

**1050 S Main ST. Payson**

*♥ Buddy*

## Director's Note

Elf is one of my favorite holiday movies of all time. It's a magical, wonderful story of believing in the magic of family, love, and the spirit of Christmas. I'm proud of this small cast of amazing performers, and technicians, and am blown away by the energy and joy they bring to this story every time. Christmas is one of my favorite times of the year, and being part of this production has made it even better. Thank you Mama Pipkin and Mama Bryant for going the extra mile for us and this experience. We love you!

Rock White

## Songs

Happy All The Time  
World's Greatest Dad  
Sparklejollytwinklejingley  
I'll Believe In You  
A Christmas Song  
World's Greatest Dad (Reprise)  
Never Fall In Love (With an Elf)  
There is a Santa Claus  
The Story of Buddy  
A Christmas Song (Reprise)  
Sparklejollytwinklejingley (Reprise)

ELF JR

is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI) Broadway Junior Collection.

All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

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## Cast

Santa Claus ..... Conner O'Brien  
Buddy ..... Taylek Bryant  
Elf #1 ..... Mekhia White  
Elf #2 ..... Mae Glazner  
Elf #3 ..... Haven Bettis  
Elf #4 ..... Emily Lauber  
Elf #5 ..... Kaylie Durfee  
Charlie the Elf ..... AJ Rindlisbacher  
Shawanda the Elf ..... Mara Taylor  
Business Woman ..... Mae Glazner  
Flyer Guy ..... Mekhia White  
Comforting New Worker ..... AJ Rindlisbacher  
Jogger ..... Mara Taylor  
Teenager ..... Haven Bettis  
Sam ..... Conner O'Brien  
Walter Hobbs ..... Aaron Rindlisbacher  
Deb ..... Mara Taylor  
Emily Hobbs ..... Tori Ludlow  
Michael Hobbs ..... Tanika Lavery  
Police/Security Guards ..... Mae Glazner & Haven Bettis  
Saleswomen ..... Emily Lauber  
Manager ..... Mekhia White  
Jovie ..... Brinley Bettis  
Santa's Helper ..... Kaylie Durfee  
Fake Santa ..... Haven Bettis  
Sarah ..... Emily Lauber  
Mr. Greenway ..... AJ Rindlisbacher  
Chadwick ..... Mekhia White  
Matthews ..... Kaylie Durfee  
Charlotte Dennon ..... Mara Taylor  
Darlene Lambert ..... Mae Glazner  
Emma Van Brocklin ..... Emily Lauber  
Passerby ..... Mae Glazner  
Finale Soloist #1 ..... AJ Rindlisbacher  
Finale Soloist #2 ..... Kaylie Durfee  
Finale Soloist #3 ..... Mara Taylor  
Finale Soloist #4 ..... Mekhia White  
Mother ..... Tori Ludlow  
Child ..... Tanika Lavery

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## Production Crew

Director ..... Rock H. White  
Student Director's ..... Tori Ludlow, Tanna Lavery,  
& Conner O'Brien  
Music Director ..... Rock H. White  
Choreographer ..... Tanna Lavery  
Dance Captain ..... Tanna Lavery  
Technical Director ..... Rachel Pipkin  
Technical Assistants ..... Craig Zeeman & Rich Lindsey  
Student Technical Director ..... Ryan Worthington  
Costume Director ..... Tori Ludlow  
Publicity and Shirt Designs ..... Brinley Bettis  
Sound ..... Chas Pipkin  
Music ..... Cody Barratt  
Lighting ..... Xane Harmon & Ryan Worthington  
Spot ..... Ryan Worthington & Xane Harmon  
Projections ..... Neeshia Simpson  
Props/Back Stage Managers/Runners ..... Rachel Pipkin,  
Dallin Hoyer, Mika Preuss, Adi Ward,  
Justice Corona, Alex Risenmay, Emma Pipkin,  
Katherine O'Brien, Kayla Wright & Azure Marrott  
Stage Crew ..... Ryan Worthington,  
Chas Pipkin, Xane Harmon, Neeshia Simpson,  
Cody Barrett, Adi Ward & Mika Pruess  
Assistant Set workers ..... PHS Glam Squad,  
Adi Ward, Jacklyn McAllister, Lexi Stubblefield,  
Maryah Alberts, Ben Ostler, Justice Corona,  
DJ Delgado, Dallin Hoyer, Abi Loveless,  
Ashley Luna, Jack McLauchlin, Tyson Morrill,  
Mika Preuss, Anberlin Salsbery, Leah Pipkin  
& Ginger Shaw  
Hair and Makeup Director ..... Rhi Wright  
Paul Mitchell the School  
& PHS Glam Squad/Beauty Artists:  
Sammie Androwski, Juliana Sanchez,  
Kaleah Curtis, Yaritza Rodriguez,  
Brock Cory, Mia Palmer, Isa Munoz,  
Ximena Ibarra & Rosy Magana  
Program ..... Mayke Wood



## Special Thanks

June White  
Mekhia White

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Brinley Bettis - President  
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Mekhia White - VP of Membership  
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Ahnika & Byron Lopez  
Haydn, Leah & soon to be grandbaby, Fyn White

AND YOU!!!



# Biographies

**BRINLEY BETTIS (Jovie)** - Brinley is a senior and this year's Theatre Council President! She is so excited to do what she loves, theatre! She has always had a passion for being on stage and her favorite role has been *Robin Hawksley* in *Laughing Stock* which she won an award for at Drama Competition. Brinley has also loved being in the high school productions of *The Wizard of Oz*, *Legally Blonde Jr*, Payson Community Theatre's *Matilda*, *Pumbaa* in *The Lion King Jr.*, and *Terk* in *Tarzan*. Brinley has designed the social media posts, videos, t-shirts, and posters you have seen throughout the past two years. She is thrilled to be a part of this year's theatre council and drama family! :) (200+ Thespian Points and National Honor Thespian)

**HAVEN BETTIS (Ensemble)** - Haven will be a sophomore this year and is so excited to be apart of theatre! Their favorite role has been *Ed* in *The Lion King Jr*. Haven loves to perform and they can't wait to share this amazing experience with you! (10+ Thespian Points)

**TAYLEK BRYANT (Buddy)** - Taylek is a Sophomore here at Payson High School. Taylek has many talents. He's performed with Dance Company, Orchestra and in school plays (PJHS's *Seussical*, *the Musical*), and Drama 3's Halloween performance, 2022, *Hello!*. Talek is also a proud member of the PHS Swim Team. (10+ Thespian Points)

**KAYLIE DURFEE (Ensemble)** - Kaylie is a sophomore at Payson high this year. She has always had a love for anything Disney, so she is super excited to have been a part of *Tarzan* earlier this year. Kaylie loves singing and has been a part of various school and church choirs since she was 7. She would like to thank you for your support and hopes you enjoy the show! (10+ Thespian Points)

**HANNAH (MAE) GLAZNER (Ensemble)** - Hannah is a Sophomore here at PHS. Hannah was actively involved in Theatre at PJHS, and has been seen here at PHS in Drama 3's Halloween show *Hello!*, and loves performing! (10+ Thespian Points)

**TANIKA LAVERY (Michael Hobbs)** - Tanna is so excited for her junior year! She has always loved to sing and act. Past roles include *Mary/Mina* in *Laughing Stock*, *Ensemble* in *The Wizard of Oz*, *Tamatoa's Left Claw* in *Moana Jr.*, *Ensemble* in *Legally Blonde the Musical Jr.*, *Nala* in *The Lion King Jr.*, *Ensemble* in *Hello!*, and *Ensemble/Jane Understudy* in *Tarzan*. Thank you to her family for always supporting her! (75+ Thespian Points)

**EMILY LAUBER (Ensemble)** - Emily is a junior at Payson High. Past shows that Emily has been a part of are *Once on This Island*, *The Little Mermaid*, *Xanadu*, *Wizard of Oz*, *Laughing Stock* and *Legally Blonde Jr*. In her free time, she likes to take naps and play Just Dance. Her favorite thing about doing shows is the love that the cast has for each other and that they are always so positive. Emily would like to give a shout out to her mom who always encourages her to do her best and to always try new things.

**TORI LUDLOW (Emily Hobbs)** - Tori is a senior this year and she is so excited to share this show with you! She has been doing theatre with PHS for about five years, and she is ready to finish up her High School theatre experience with a bang! Some of Tori's favorite roles have been *Timon* in *Lion King Jr*, *Specs* in *Newsies*, *Scarecrow* in *The Wizard of Oz*, and *Enid Hoops* in *Legally Blonde Jr*. She loves all aspects of theatre, Student Directing, Hair & Makeup, and Costuming. This year Tori has become the Head Costumer, so she hopes you love all parts of the show, acting or otherwise. (242 Thespian Points and National Honor Thespian)

**CONNER O'BRIEN (Santa Claus and Ensemble)** - This year Conner is super excited to be the Thespian Representative for Troupe 1025. Some of his favorite past roles are *Dewey* in *Legally Blonde Jr*, *Oz Guard* in *Wizard of Oz*, and *the male muse* in *Xanadu*. Conner is excited for this year's Disney-filled line up of shows. (75+ Thespian Points)

**AARON RINDLISBACHER (Walter Hobbs)** - Aaron is so excited for his Sophomore Year! He loves to act and dance. Past roles have included *Scuttle* in the *Little Mermaid*, *Yellowbeard* in *Pirates the Musical*, and an *Oni Monster* in *Momotaro*. He loves reading, drawing, and sharing the joy of stories with others. He is excited to perform with his twin brother, and owes his whole career to his family, who has supported him constantly! Enjoy the Show! Allons-y! (10+ Thespian Points)

**AJ RINDLISBACHER (Ensemble)** - AJ is a Sophomore this year and LOVES theatre! His favorite role that he has played is the *Cat in the Hat* from *Seussical*. AJ has had quite a run in theatre, starting at a young age in elementary school. He is a nerd who drops obscure references wherever he goes. Murder mysteries interest AJ greatly, and he is thrilled with the plots of Disney Villains. He recently played *Scar* in *The Lion King Jr*. AJ wouldn't have gotten far without help from his mentors, like his teachers, friends, and directors. (10+ Thespian Points)

**MARA TAYLOR (Ensemble)** - Mara Taylor is a sophomore here at PHS. She's been seen in *Aladdin Jr.*, *Seussical Jr.*, *Matilda*, *Hello*, Shakespeare Competition 2022, and *Tarzan*. (10+ Thespian Points)

**MEKHIA WHITE (Ensemble)** - Mekhia is so excited for her sophomore year! She has loved theatre ever since she was little. Mekhia is grateful for all the amazing friendships she's made because of theatre! Some of Mekhia's favorite shows she has been in include *Les Misérables*, *Xanadu Jr*, *Seussical Jr*, *The Lion King Jr*, and *Tarzan*! Mekhia can't wait for the rest of our show season! (50+ Thespian Points)

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