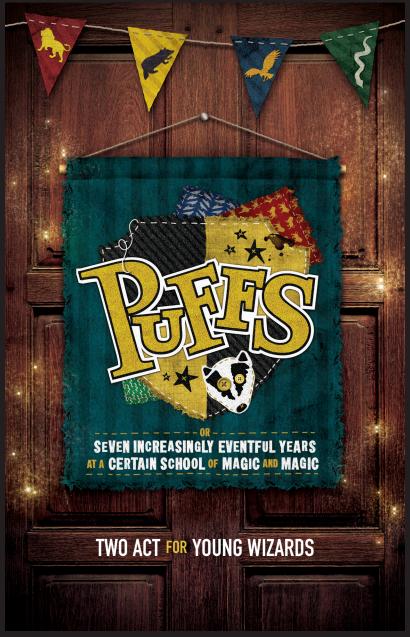
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PUFFS was developed in part during a Residency with the University of Florida School of Theatre + Dance, Jerry Dickey, School Director

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

PUFFS (TWO ACT FOR YOUNG WIZARDS)

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PRODUCTION TEAM



Hannah Dietz, Director

Mrs. Dietz is a graduate of Miami University where she earned a bachelor's degree in both mathematics and education. She then returned to Miami to complete her master's in the Art of Teaching. She has been teaching math at LHS since 2017. Mrs. Dietz is no stranger to the theater world, as she started participating in productions when she was 11. She is thrilled and honored to be a part of LHS Drama where she gets to witness firsthand the incredible talent of the students.



Kristin Dowey, Assistant Director

Mrs. Dowey is excited about putting on another production at Loveland High School and hoped one day her college performance minor would go to good use. She is a speech-language pathologist at the high school, a parent, and a community member. She loves to perform and has participated in many productions, including singing in the chorus for the Cincinnati Orchestra. She would like to thank her family for supporting her and allowing her to pursue one of her passions.



Theresa Kovacs, Producer

Mrs. Kovacs has been producing plays for LHS since fall of 2016. Before that, she was a librarian in various roles for The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. Since she retired, her life has been filled with drama, also serving on the Cappies Board and as producer of the Cappies Gala at the Aronoff. She started off as a parent volunteer in drama in 2001 and wants to thank her children, Brittany and Drew, for being involved in drama and sharing their passion with their parents. Special thanks to her husband, Steve, who she drags along to get involved in her projects. His support means everything.



Elaine Michael, Costume Designer

Mrs. Michael's designs have been seen at LHS as well as many Cincinnati community theaters. She will be performing in *Southern Fried Nuptials* with Sunset Players in May and is costuming two other shows besides Loveland's: *Death by Fatal Murder* for Beechmont Players and assisting with *Legally Blonde* at Footlighters. She is the proud recipient of the 2022 ACT of Greater Cincinnati Mario Pitocco Award for sustained excellence in technical theater. As always, much love to Mike and Kaylee.



Hannah McDaniel, Technical Director and Set Designer

Ms. McDaniel is the LHS Tech Director and Construction Coordinator. As a proud Loveland alumni, having participated and mentored in shows from her time in Loveland, she is excited to be back in the Loveland theater. After graduating from Loveland High School she attended the University of Cincinnati and obtained her bachelor's degree and certification in Education, and is now the Learning Lab Aide for LHS. Ms.McDaniel wishes to thank all of the students, families, staff members and sponsors for their participation and support of the LHS Drama Department. She would also like to give a shout-out to her dad, Howard McDaniel, for all his help with the rocky task of making faux stone walls. This show was so much fun to put together, and she hopes you all have just as much fun as the cast and crew. Get ready for *Puffs*! Go Badgers!



Kent Slyder, Construction Head

Mr. Slyder enjoys working with the students, teaching them basic construction skills. He is blessed to work as a repair tech for Mr. Appliance of Cincinnati. He is a Trustee and Sunday School teacher at Trinity Methodist Church as well as the Set Director at LMS. He also works extensively with Loveland Stage Company. His whole family, including his lovely wife, Dora, is involved in theater. Many thanks to the parents and student volunteers who work behind the scenes to make this show a success!

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Velcome to our production of PUFFS!

As we embark on this journey through the halls of a certain school of magic, I encourage you to embrace the spirit of camaraderie, loyalty, and underdog triumph that define the Puffs house.



While the spotlight often shines on the chosen one, a certain boy wizard with a scar, let us remember that every hero has their own story.

Tonight, we celebrate the unsung heroes, the loyal friends, and the resilient spirits that make up the Puffs.

So sit back, relax, and get ready to laugh, cheer, and perhaps shed a tear or two as we follow the adventures of these ordinary students in an extraordinary world.

Thank you for joining us on this magical ride!

CAST

Narrator Ethan Shepherd

Wayne Hopkins Paul Laufersweiler

Oliver Rivers Sam Alarcon

Megan Jones Sophia Herbon

Ernie Mac and A Very Tall Man/Seamus/ Aaron Frazier

A Certain Potions Teacher/

Professor Turban/Ghost History Teach/

Professor Locky/Mr. Nick/Sal/ Second Headmaster/Real Mr. Moody

Hannah and First Headmaster/ Camdyn Drohan

Professor McG/Professor Sproutty/ Xavia Jones/Professor Lanny/ Runes Teach/Ms. Babble

J. Finch Fletchley and Uncle Dave/Goyle/ Will Day

A Fat Friar/Clumsy Longbottom/Viktor/

Mr. Bagman/Zach Smith

Leanne and Ginny/Helga/Frenchy Liv Bast

Sally Perks and Hermeoone/ Tabitha Johnson

Blondo Malfoy/Rowena/ Rita Scooter/Bippy

Susie Bones and Colin/ Ava VanBuskirk

Hermeoone #2/Ric Gryff

Cedric and Mr. Voldy Liam McCracken

Harry and Myrtle/Hermeoone #3 Maria Blaker

Death Buddies played by all cast and some crew members

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CREW

Student Director Sophie Eilert
Student Producer Audrey Smith

Stage Managers Gabby Fronk and Tegan Caney

Stage Crew Sabrina Halili-Felse, Owen Naylor

Lights Eleanor Klein, Isaac Endress

Sound Luke Jacobs, Aidan Jody, Marcel Mangan,

Cammie Hooper

Props Izzy Bisogni, Madelyn George, Em Laufersweiler

Costumes Sophie Reimels, Aubrey Hawks **Hair & Makeup** Grace Hepburn, Emma Schottmiller

House/Lobby Hailey Mollman, Caroline Smith, Elizabeth Watts

Publicity Annika Larsen, Ashley Owens

Set Construction Cammie Hooper, Evie Hooper, Emily Nilsson,

Eric Diskowski with cast and crew

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SETTING: 7 Years at a Certain School of Magic and Magic

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There will be a 15-minute intermission before the beginning of Year 5

SYNOPSIS

Puffs tells the story of a young boy who found out he had magical abilities, attended a wizarding school, and experienced 7 relatively uneventful years. Follow Wayne Hopkins through his journey to make friends, become a school hero, and achieve at least third-or-nothing in the house cup.

From magical mirrors to troll-defending chants, Wayne's first year is just everything one would expect from a magical school. His second year held a bit more danger in the form of a snake attack and unexplainable student petrifications. With third year came pen pals, electives, mass murderers, and an eventful sleepover. Fourth year brought school-wide competition, acknowledgment from his idol, and the indication of a future much more sinister. As he continues through his teenage years, Wayne learns how to navigate friendships, inadequacy, grief, and what it means to be a Puff.

THANK YOU

We may have you convinced that this production was a simple spell with a few magic words, but support of our program is vital to putting on quality shows. Our sponsors are listed below, and we want to highlight these wizards who helped behind the scenes.

Concessions Committee headed by Kristen Johnson and Sharon Shepherd **Costumes** headed by Elaine Michael, with assistance from Jay Frazier and Footlighters, Inc.

Dinner between the Saturday shows arranged by Jay and Nicole Frazier **Program** Stefanie Laufersweiler, assisted by student producer Audrey Smith **Publicity (adults)** Kirk McCracken, Steve Kovacs

Senior Tribute Suzanne Eilert

Set Construction headed by Kent Slyder and Hannah McDaniel; assisted by Steve Kovacs, Joe Blaker, Jay Frazier, Jason Naylor and Andrew Scherpenberg; special shout-out to Howard McDaniel and his masonry skills!

Sponsorships Sharon Shepherd
Stargrams headed by Stephanie Naylor
Tech Saturday meal arranged by Abbie Bast
Ticket Sales headed by Amanda Drohan

Thanks also to Cindy Cronin and Mackensie Slyder, and to the LHS administration, custodians, office staff and teachers. They are the ones who make our school magic and support us in so many ways.

A special thank you to the Mason High School Theater Department for loaning us their snake! (the theatrical kind)

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Sam Alarcon (11th grade)_____Oliver Rivers

This is Sam's fourth production with LHS Drama. He's involved with other activities such as show choir, marching band and Student Council. He is a junior this year and can't wait to finish it out with a bang in *Puffs*. It's very fun and he can't wait for everyone to see it!



Liv Bast (11th grade) Leanne (and others)

This is Liv's sixth show with LHS Drama. Outside of theater, Liv is a dance captain in By Request show choir, is in Loveland's a cappella group Resonance, plays guitar and piano, and is a member of NHS. Some of her favorite shows have been *The Wizard of Oz* and *Something Rotten!*, and she's super-excited for this to be another fun show!



Izzy Bisogni (11th grade)_____Props and Death Buddy

This is Izzy's sixth drama production with LHS. Outside of drama, she also does show choir crew. She is very excited to do props and be onstage for this show.



Maria Blaker (9th grade) Harry and Myrtle

Maria is thrilled to be in her second show at LHS. She has loved the Harry Potter series ever since first reading the books in 4th grade. She likes this play because it shows a series many people are familiar with through a perspective that hasn't been told before. She's enjoyed learning a British accent for years and she's glad to get to use it in the show. She's happy to work with so many talented, hardworking and kind students and directors. She thanks her mother and grandmother for helping her practice and improve her acting and hopes you enjoy the show!



Tegan Caney (12th grade) Co-Stage Manager

Tegan participates in many activities outside of drama, including playing soccer, performing with show choir, and working at NEST. She was the stage manager for *Something Rotten!* last fall and is excited to do it again for her last show at LHS. After graduation, Tegan plans to attend Ohio University and study biology and animal behavior.



Will Day (12th grade)______J. Finch Fletchley (and others)

This is Will's fourth show at Loveland High School, and his third as an actor onstage, previously performing in *Murder on the Orient Express* and most recently as Nostradamus in *Something Rotten!* Outside of theater, he is involved in By Request show choir and the LHS jazz orchestra. After high school he plans on studying political science at the University of Cincinnati. He is very excited to share this show and hopes everyone enjoys it!



Eric Diskowski (11th grade) Set Construction and Death Buddy
This is Eric's fifth high school production at LHS and he's very happy to be in another
show and get to be here with everyone.



Camdyn Drohan (10th grade) Hannah (and others)
Camdyn is 16 years old and has been performing for nine years. This is her fourth
show at LHS. You may have also seen her as Michel the Conductor here last year in
Murder on the Orient Express or as Benjamin in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor
Dreamcoat at the Loveland Stage Company. She wants to thank the cast and crew
for being incredibly kind and her family for being so supportive.



Sophie Eilert (12th grade) ______Student Director
Sophie has been involved in theater for ten years and this is her seventh show here
at the high school. Outside of drama she is involved in Loveland Show Choirs and
HSDA and enjoys hiking, listening to music, and hanging out with her friends and
family. Sophie plans on attending Wittenberg University next year to study nursing.
She has loved getting to be a part of this show and can't wait for you to see it!



Isaac Endress (10th grade)
Lights
Isaac has worked in many shows for Loveland High School such as *The Wizard of Oz*and *Something Rotten!* on props, and *Murder on the Orient Express* on stage crew.
This is Isaac's first time doing lights but he's so excited to learn new things and work
with new people. Enjoy the show!



Aaron Frazier (9th grade) ______Ernie Mac (and others)
This is Aaron's second LHS production, but this is his fifth drama production. You may have seen Aaron previously in Something Rotten! as one of the troupe members.

Aaron is super-excited to put on this show with all of his friends, and he hopes you enjoy the show.



Gabby Fronk (12th grade)______Co-Stage Manager
Gabby has been a part of many productions at LHS, Something Rotten! and Murder
on the Orient Express being some of her favorites. Outside of drama she is a thrower
on the track team and a Cappies Critic, and loves spending her free time reading or
going on walks. After high school, Gabby plans to attend college to study technical
theater or zoology.



Madelyn George (9th grade)_

Props

This is George's second LHS production as a crew member. Outside of drama, they spend most of their time playing games, drawing, and hanging out with their friends. They hope you enjoy the show just as much as they enjoyed making it.



Sabrina Halili-Felse (12th grade)

Stage Crew

This is Sabrina's third show with Loveland High School. Outside of drama she is a part of show choir, HSDA and NHS. In her free time she likes to sing, hike and dance, and she works at NEST and Milk Jar. Next year Sabrina plans to attend the University of Dayton to study industrial and systems engineering and minor in dance/music. She is so glad to have been a part of this show!



Aubrey Hawks (10th grade)_

__Costumes

This will be Aubrey's fourth production at Loveland High School as a member of crew. She is excited to help with costumes for this show.



Grace Hepburn (11th grade)

Hair & Makeup

Grace Hepburn has done five shows with LHS Drama and this is her fourth show on hair and makeup. Outside of drama she does color guard and marching band and loves to hang out with her friends.



Sophia Herbon (12th grade)_

_Megan Jones

Sophia is both sad and excited to be performing in her last production for Loveland High School. She is also involved in the By Request show choir and Resonance a capella choir at LHS. Some of her favorite shows she has done include *Theory of Relativity*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *The Wizard of Oz* and *Something Rotten!* She plans to study musical theatre and business in the fall. Sophia thanks everyone who has made her experience so amazing and hopes everyone enjoys the show!



Campbell Hooper (10th grade)__Set Construction/Sound/Death Buddy
Cammie is a not-at-all sarcastic, 8 enneagram sophomore, who never fails to disappoint her family with one "Chicken Butt!" at a time. Cammie has learned a lot from
this play, such as how to properly be dragged off stage, how Ernest Hemingway went
through seven novels and four marriages, and why we should kill all the sharks. She
hopes you enjoy the show!



Evelyn Hooper (10th grade) _____**Set Construction and Death Buddy** This is Evelyn's eighth show and fourth show on crew. She loves biking, drawing, anime, musicals, and also biking. She also loves staring off into the distance thinking of important stuff like what bark is made of. She hopes everyone enjoys the show!



Luke Jacobs (11th grade) Sound Lead This is Luke's fifth show with LHS. He is a member of By Request and show crew. He is also a part of NHS and Thespian Society and is a Cappies Critic.





Tabitha Johnson (10th grade) Sally Perks (and others)

Tabitha has been in many shows with Loveland High School, including *The Wizard of Oz, Murder on the Orient Express*, and *Something Rotten!* Outside of theater,

Tabitha is part of the school's show choir group Allure and loves reading. She hopes everyone enjoys the show!



Eleanor Klein (12th grade) Lights

This is Eleanor's sixth and last show with Loveland. Outside of drama Eleanor figure skates and is on the robotics team. In her free time she enjoys playing video games and spending time with her friends. Next year, Eleanor is planning to go to college for computer engineering.



Annika Larsen (10th grade) Publicity and Death Buddy
Annika is excited to be a part of *Puffs*. She enjoys performing in the high school
marching band and Allure show choir, and baking. She played flute in the pit
orchestra for *Something Rotten!* in the fall and looks forward to future high school
productions.



Em Laufersweiler (9th grade) Props and Death Buddy

This is Em's first year participating in the LHS theater program and second show they've taken part in. Along with theater, they also enjoy performing in show choir in Allure as well as playing in the LHS symphonic band and marching band. Em is very excited to be performing in *Puffs* and hopes that everyone enjoys the show.



Paul Laufersweiler (12th grade) Wayne Hopkins

This is Paul's seventh and final show at LHS, with other notable roles including Poirot in *Murder on the Orient Express* and Shakespeare in *Something Rotten!* Outside of drama he does marching band, show choir and show band, among other activities. After high school he plans on going to Northern Kentucky University to double major in jazz studies on saxophone and music education. He would like to thank everyone involved in the production for making it what it is and hopes you enjoy the show!



Marcel Mangan (12th grade) Sound
Marcel is president of both the Class of 2024 and the National Honor Society.

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Liam McCracken (9th grade) Cedric and Mr. Voldy

This is Liam's second show at LHS. You may have seen him as Nigel in the fall musical *Something Rotten!* In his free time Liam likes to sleep, collect records, watch movies, and hang out with his friends. Liam is a part of the Loveland show choir By Request and Student Council. Liam would like to thank his wonderful directors, the cast and crew for this awesome opportunity. Liam is just an all-around awesome dude.



Hailey Mollman (10th grade) House

Hailey has loved theater since her first show in the first grade, *The Jungle Book*. She moved to Loveland in 7th grade and joined the show choir. She has loved performing with every show choir in the Loveland School District—Loveland Revolution, Allure, and By Request.



Owen Naylor (10th grade) Stage Crew and Death Buddy
Owen is a sophomore who, when not doing drama, is crewing for show choir.
He hopes you enjoy the show.



Emily Nilsson (10th grade)_

Set Construction

Emily played violin for Loveland's fall 2022 musical *The Wizard of Oz* and is glad that she was able to help contribute to *Puffs*.



Ashley Owens (9th grade)

Publicity

Ashley was a part of LMS Drama for two years and is excited to be a part of the drama production at LHS too. Outside of school she's in marching band, obsesses over Taylor Swift, and loves watching Gilmore Girls. Exploring new worlds through her love of reading is a place you can almost always find her in.



Sophie Reimels (11th grade)

Costume Lead

Sophie has been in five LHS shows, with her favorite being *Little Shop of Horrors*. When she's not working on costumes, she works at Kings Island as a supervisor and plays golf. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Emma Schottmiller (12th grade)

Hair & Makeup

This is Emma's second and final show crewing for our LHS Drama productions. She is a part of our hair and makeup team for this production. Outside of drama she also participates in our high school's varsity winter guard. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Ethan Shepherd (11th grade)

_Narrator

This is Ethan's sixth production at Loveland High School and eighth ever. His previous roles include the Tin Man in *The Wizard of Oz*, Nick Bottom in *Something Rotten!*, and Audrey II's puppeteer in *Little Shop of Horrors*. In addition to theater, Ethan is involved in show choir, Thespian Society, and Cappies. He hopes you feel the magic of the stage!



Audrey Smith (11th grade)

Student Producer

This is Audrey's third production at LHS and first time as a student producer. Outside of drama she participates in Science Olympiad, Healthcare Club, the yearbook and piano. She hopes you love the show as much as she enjoyed working on it!



Caroline Smith (9th grade) House and Death Buddy
Caroline has been a part of five shows before *Puffs*. This is her second show at LHS
but her first doing crew here! Outside of drama she's in the marching band and loves
reading.



Ava VanBuskirk (12th grade)
Susie Bones (and others)
It's bittersweet for Ava to be participating in her eleventh and final production with
Loveland Drama. Some of her favorite shows with the program include Murder on
the Orient Express and Something Rotten! Ava is Lead Cappies Critic as well as
Thespians President, and she is also a class representative for Student Council, a
vocal captain for By Request, a peer tutor, and a member of AQT and LHSNN. She
loves music and wants to thank her family for fostering that love and coming to all
of her performances. After high school, Ava plans to major in English and minor in
theater in college.



Elizabeth Watts (9th grade) House and Death Buddy
This is Elizabeth's second show at LHS but her first time doing crew. She is excited to
meet new people and to help out with the production. She hopes you enjoy the show!



PUFFS



The original show premiered on December 3, 2015.

A large part of the show relies on improv from the cast.

All background characters play at least three different roles.

Puffs has had professional runs in Australia, Canada and Mexico.

Matt Cox, the writer of the show, claims that the majority of the show came to him on the subway.

In total there are 55 assorted characters throughout the show.

In order to build the giant monster hands over 12 hours, intense origami skills and an industrial-size roll of paper were needed.

The majority of the "Death Buddies" are played by crew members.

39 students worked on the show.

The largest wall in the set is 12 feet tall.

Seniors

What a shame we don't get 7 years to spend with you, but at least you get to go out with a PUFF!! To paraphrase the Headmaster, you were all supporting characters in LHS Drama's story, but it's time now to continue the story where you are the main character and it's all about you. Thanks for letting us be a supporting character for you.

Class of 2024

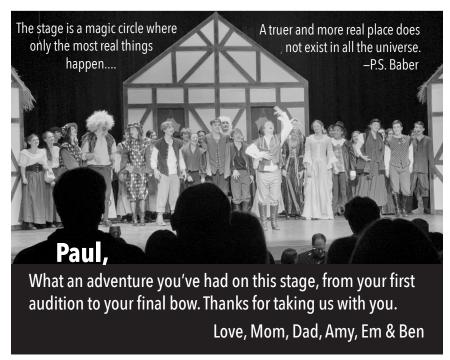




Another Season, Another Show! We're So Proud of You!

MOM, DAD, AIDAN & CHARLIE







Sophia Herbon

For 6 years we have watched you grace the Loveland stages with character, talent, and beauty. You are a precious soul, and we thank God for the blessing you are to those around you! We can't wait to see your next act! With Love - Mom, Dad, Caleb and Madelyn



Candyn,

We are so glad that you were "sorted" into OUR house.

We love you and are so proud of you!



Love, Mom, Dad, Taigan & Breckin



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Kirk McCracken, President

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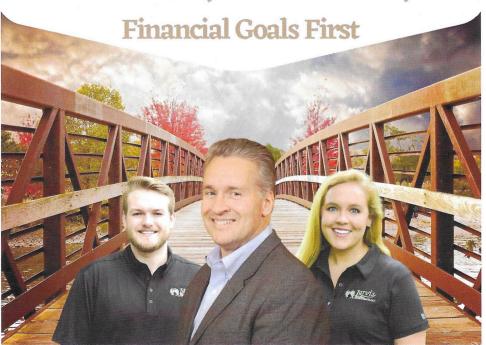






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