

**AUDITION NOTICE**

**Non Union | Profit Share - \$100 Guarantee**

**Ages 19+ | Featured role for child ages 8+ (characters listed below)**

**SHOW: *NEWSIES***

**PRODUCER: CURTAIN CALL PERFORMING ARTS CO.**

**COMPANY: PASSION PROJECT COMPANY**

**Director: Danielle Viola**

**Vocal Director: Jacob Rushton**

**Choreographer: TBA**

**PRODUCTION STATEMENT:** *CCPAC strives to create an inclusive audition process. We encourage actors of all genders, sexuality, ethnicity, size and ability to submit an audition. Please contact us if you need accommodations. Members of the cast, creative and production teams will receive an honorarium based on a percentage of ticket sale profits for their work. There is a \$100 guarantee, anything additional is dependent on ticket sales. As we grow, we hope that we are able to continue offering artists adequate compensation for their work.*

**SYNOPSIS:**

It's time to carry the banner on your stage with *Disney's Newsies!* Set in turn-of-the century New York City, "*Newsies*" is the rousing tale of Jack Kelly, a charismatic newsboy and leader of a band of teenaged "newsies." When titans of publishing raise distribution prices at the newsboys' expense, Jack rallies newsies from across the city to strike against the unfair conditions and fight for what's right! Based on the 1992 motion picture and inspired by a true story, *Newsies* features a Tony Award-winning score by Alan Menken (*Little Shop of Horrors*, *Sister Act*) and Jack Feldman and a book by Tony Award winner Harvey Fierstein (*Kinky Boots*). Featuring the now classic songs "Carrying the Banner," "Seize the Day," and "Santa Fe," *Newsies* is packed with non-stop thrills and a timeless message, perfect for the whole family and every audience.

**CHARACTERS:**

***Roles that have an asterisks (\*) are available for youth to audition for, all other roles are only for performers 19+. If a youth is casted as Les they will be included in the profit share, all other youth will be volunteering in a mentorship as members of the cast. If you have any questions or need clarification please reach out to us.***

**Jack Kelly:** Presents age 20-25, The charismatic leader of the Manhattan newsies, is an orphaned dreamer and artist who yearns to get out of the crowded streets of New York and make a better life for himself out West. Fiercely protective of his best friend, Crutchie, and strongly loyal, Jack isn't afraid to use his voice to attain better conditions for the working kids of New York City. Though living on the streets has given him a tough-guy exterior, Jack has a big heart and can demonstrate a sweet vulnerability – especially when it comes to bantering with a certain female reporter. Must have a great pop tenor voice and sense of physicality. (Vocal Range Bb2-A4)

**Crutchie:** Presents age 16-20, A dedicated newsie with a bum leg that's painful, but helps sell more papes. Though he walks with the assistance of a crutch, Crutchie doesn't let it define him; when in a jam, Jack Kelly's best friend relies on a goofy- sweet sense of humor and optimistic resilience. Crutchie is the heart of the resistance. Though his movement will suggest his bum leg, Crutchie should still be included in the dance numbers. (Vocal Range C3-A4)

**Davey:** Presents age 16-25, Les's straight-laced, bright big brother starts selling newspapers to help his family earn a living, but becomes swept up in the fervor of the strike. A leader in his own right who is learning to use his voice to uplift others, Davey is the brains of the resistance. (Vocal Range D3-A4)

**\*\*Les:** Presents Age 8-15, Davey's cheeky younger brother, is inspired by the freedom of the newsies and loves their independent lifestyle. A precocious and natural newsie, Les is an intuitive salesboy and a pint-sized charmer. He should present as younger than the other newsies. (Vocal Range Db3-Bb3)

**Katherine Plumber:** Presents Age 20-25, An ambitious young reporter, works hard to make a name for herself as a legitimate journalist in a time when women aren't taken seriously. Quick, funny, and resourceful, she boldly captures the voice of a new generation rising in her coverage of the newsies' strike. While she generally has no time for cocky, streetwise young men, she makes an exception for Jack Kelly. Though she only has a brief dance solo in "King of New York," Katherine should have a great contemporary pop voice with a high belt – diction is key. (Vocal Range A3-F5)

**Joseph Pulitzer:** Presents Age 35-50, A pompous businessman through and through, owns the World and is concerned solely with the bottom line. Katherine's no-nonsense father, Pulitzer doesn't sympathize with the strikers, but he does eventually – and grudgingly – respect Jack. (Vocal Range F4-C3)

**Medda Larkin:** Presents Age 25-45, Inspired by vaudeville performer Aida Overton Walker, this big-voiced saloon singer and star of the Bowery offers her theater as a safe haven for the newsies. An astute entertainer with great comic delivery, she's a good friend to Jack and stands firmly behind the newsies in their fight for justice. (Vocal Range F3-E5)

**\*\*Newsies:** Various Ages; Including Albert, Buttons, Elmer, Finch, Henry, Ike, Jo Jo, Mike, Mush, Race, Romeo, Specs, Splasher, and Tommy Boy, are some of the hard-working kids of New York City that go on strike for a livable wage. May be cast male or female.

**Spot Conlon:** Presents Age 20-25, The proud leader of the Brooklyn newsies, boasts an intimidating reputation and a short singing solo in "Brooklyn's Here."

**Darcy:** Presents Age 15-20, The upper-class kid of a publisher who sides with the newsies. Can double as a newsie.

**Bill:** Presents Age 15-25, The son of William Randolph Hearst who joins the newsies' cause. Can double as a newsie.

**Wiesel:** Presents Age 35-50, Or "Weasel," runs the distribution window for the World and knows most of the newsies by name. Assisted by the intimidating Delancey brothers, who keep order by any means necessary, Wiesel is Pulitzer's disgruntled paper- pusher.  
**Oscar and Morris Delancey:** Male, Age 15-20, Tough brothers who work at the distribution window for the World, take the side of the publishers in the strike and are known to use their fists to make a point.

**Seitz:** Presents Age 20-40, Editor, advises Pulitzer, but ultimately admires the kids' newspaper

**Bunsen:** Presents Age 35-50, Pulitzer's bookkeeper, raises the newsies' price per paper

**Hannah:** Presents Age 20-40, Pulitzer's practical and insightful secretary

**Nunzio:** Presents Age 30-50, Pulitzer's barber.

**Snyder:** Presents Age 45-65, The crooked and sinister warden of The Refuge

**Mr. Jacobi:** Presents Age 35-55, Allows the newsies to congregate in his restaurant

**Governor Teddy Roosevelt:** Presents Age 50-65, A well-respected lifelong public servant

## AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

**REGISTER:** To book an in person audition please send an email to [contact@curtaincallpac.ca](mailto:contact@curtaincallpac.ca) with your resume and headshot attached in the same file. Please state your preferred time for your audition and if you have any rehearsal schedule conflicts that you know of. Audition slots will be first come first serve.

**SELF TAPE:** If you are unable to attend in person please send a self tape via an unlisted Youtube Link or a Google Drive link to [contact@curtaincallpac.ca](mailto:contact@curtaincallpac.ca) by July 7th at 5:00pm.

**VOCAL AUDITION:** Please prepare two contrasting songs in the style of the show no longer than a 32 bar cut. You will be required to sing with an instrumental track, please bring them with you to the audition or send them to us prior to your auditions. We will have a bluetooth speaker available for you to sing with. All performers must complete a vocal audition. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled time.

**VOCAL AUDITION DATE: July 7th 5pm - 10pm | Location: Gasworks (141 Park Street North, Hamilton)**

**DANCE AUDITIONS:** Following vocal auditions select performers will be invited to our dance call. Please come ready to move and perform. Please bring tap shoes if you have them. Auditionees will be released as the evening goes on, we cannot give an exact time, thank you for your understanding. All adults and youth auditioning must attend the dance call.

**DANCE AUDITION DATE: July 8th 6pm - 10pm | Location: Gasworks (141 Park Street North, Hamilton) | Sign in begins at 5:45pm**

**CALLBACKS:** Following vocal & dance auditions select performers will be invited to callbacks, please check your emails frequently following your vocal audition.

**CALLBACK DATE: July 9th 6pm - 10pm | Location: Gasworks (141 Park Street North, Hamilton)** *Please be prepared to be released at anytime*

### **SHOW AND REHEARSAL DETAILS**

Rehearsals will take place in Downtown Hamilton at Gasworks, rehearsals will occur three times a week on Sunday 1-8pm & Thursday and Mondays 6-10pm. **Sundays and Thursdays will take priority** with Mondays used on an as needed basis. **Rehearsals begin July 13th** please plan for every Sunday / Monday / Thursday.

Cast availability will be taken into consideration when creating the rehearsal schedule, please let us know your **availability for rehearsal days in your audition intent email**, if there are any conflicts we will do our best to accommodate what we can if given advanced notice. The following rehearsals and show dates are **Mandatory**. *\*Accommodations cannot be made for Tech Week and Performances\**

### **Tech Rehearsals**

August 10th 1-8pm  
August 11th 6-10pm  
August 14th 6-10pm  
August 15th 6-10pm  
August 18th 5-10pm Cue to Cue  
August 19th 5-10pm Run Through  
August 20th 5-10pm Run Through  
August 21st 5-10pm Final Dress / Preview

### **Shows**

August 22nd 7pm  
August 23rd 7pm  
August 24th 2:30pm  
August 28th 7pm  
August 29th 7pm  
August 30th 2:30pm

**Potential Casting Structure:**

CCPACs Passion Project Company is known to do productions with as small a cast as possible, please see below for an example of how *Newsies* may be cast. If you have any questions please let us know.

Jack Kelly
Katherine
Davey
Les
Crutchie / Additional Newsie
Pulitzer
Medda Larkin / Nun 1 / Newsie
Race
Albert
Spec / Finch
Henry / Buttons / Mayor
Romeo / Elmer / Bowery Beauty 2
Tommy Boy / Spot
Mush / Jojo / Stage Manager
Oscar Delancey / Guard / Newsie
Morris Delancey / Newsie
Wiesel / Seitz (Publisher) / Police/ Newsie
Bunsen (Accountant) / Scab 2 / Police / Mr. Jacobi / Darcy / Walking Man
Hannah (Secretary) / Nun 2 / Bowery Beauty 1 / Scab 1 / Woman Walking By / Newsie
Nunzino (Haircutter) / Snyder / Bill / Roosevelt / Scab 3 / Newsie