

THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY

SPELLING BEE



William Barfée

CHIP TOLENTINO

LEAF CONEY BEAR

Olive Ostrovsky

Logainne Schwartz and Grubenierre

Marcy Park

GOOD LUCK CONTESTANTS!

From Mrs. Peretti
&
Vice Principal Panch

Music & Lyrics by
William Finn

Book by
Rachel Sheinkin

Conceived by

Rebecca Feldman

Battlefield High School Auditorium

May 2-3rd, 10-11th 7pm & May 5th and 12th 2pm

Adult \$12 Students \$8

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Additional Material by Jay Reiss Originally Directed on Broadway by James Lapine
Originally produced on Broadway by

David Stone, James L. Nederlander, Barbara Whitman, Patrick Catullo
Barrington Stage Company, Second Stage Theatre

Is Presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

Directors



Jordan Noble



Victoria Hafner

Assistant Director

Julia Hyde

Stage Managers

Clara Kardash

Sonia Bhadare-Valente

Paryana Dhinsda

Producers

Ella Jackson

Cameron Johnson

Based upon C-R-E-P-U-S-C-U-L-E, an original play by The Farm.
The Barrington Stage Company workshop of
THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE
was originally co-directed by Michael Barakiva and Rebecca Feldman

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this show possible!

Thank you to parents who helped to make concessions possible through donations, time, and elbow grease!

Thank you to administrators for making two weekends possible, being flexible even in the heart of testing season!

Thank you to teachers who go the extra mile to help busy cast and crew keep up with studies while the show goes on!

Thank you to the kids onstage, backstage, and in the booth who step up to the challenge of every new show with energy and enthusiasm!

A very special thank you to Ms. Hafner. She has been half of the musical this year and last, and they just couldn't have happened without her. The contribution she has made to the theatre club has been immeasurable. While we're all sad to see her go, please help us in wishing her the very best in Colorado. The kids in Arvada are very lucky!

Cast

PURPLE	ROLE	BLACK
Rachel Fulbright	Rona	Ava Beddoes
Kirt Boyd	Panch	Aiden Buzzard
Lauren Buckley	Midge	Sydney Lemmon
Mel Diaz	Olive	Emily Doppée
John Novak	Barfée	Daniel Melbourne
Carmen Ortiz	Logainne	Taylor Mras
Ainsley Walker	Marcy	Sam Miller
Zach Walker	Leaf	Camille Jefferies
Lukas Kim	Chip	Martin Michael
	Carl	Tyler Hoopingarner
	Dan	Colyn Murphy
	Olive's Mom	Lexi Kamman
	Olive's Dad	Darnell Glover
	Leaf's Mom	Callie Adams
	Leaf's Dad/Jesus	Josh Menichetti
Pinecone Coneybear		Genevieve Fox
Paul Coneybear		Macie Saul
Brooke Coneybear		Brooke Branch
Marigold Coneybear		AG Hitzel
Raisin Coneybear		Katessa Jordan
Mystery Contestant		Connor Wilkinson

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Saniya Thomas-

Garcia

Shea Ridder

Sydney Ridenour

Scenic/Props

Andrew Page

Bianca Akins

Riley Shimel

Brianna Cipriano

Jana Gottschalk

Maddy Davis

Randin Zikowitz

Faith Landis

Costuming

Britta Taylor

Emilia Wentholed

Sydney Hall

Sound

Eirian Crocker

Quentin Edwards

Perry Flanagan

House

Sophie Llano

Sumayyah Epps

Tamar Guberek

Kellie Phillis

Makeup

Leyna Bauer

Tessa O'neal

Emma Topper

Emily Newburn

Alex Kapus



Julia Hyde is a Junior at Battlefield, and the President of the Theatre Club for the 2018-19 school year. She has enjoyed wearing many hats in the club, including but not limited to Stage Managing *Once Upon a Mattress*, writing for the New Works Festival, performing as Rosaline in Shakespeare's *Freshman Year*, and Assistant Directing the 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee! She loves this club with all her heart, and hopes you enjoy the astounding culmination of all of these wonderful people's hard work.



Clara Kardash is honored to stage manage for the first time! She has been a part of Battlefield theatre for three years now, and has experience assistant directing, acting, and producing. She also had the privilege of attending and performing at Virginia Theatre Association's annual conference this past fall but was on stage most recently as Maria in William Shakespeare's *Freshman Year*. Putnam County is still one of her favorite productions to have worked on and she hopes you enjoy the show!



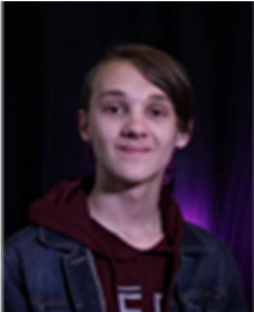
Sonia Bhadare-Valente (Bugz) is a Junior at Battlefield and one of the stage managers for the show. She has participated in BHS theater for all three years of high school. Bugz acted in Battlefield's *Class Action* and *Once Upon a Mattress*; she also did sound for *Our Town* and was one of the assistant stage managers for *Freshman Year*. Outside of Battlefield Bugz has performed in multiple shows with AFYP and *Pied Piper*. She is extremely excited about co-stage managing with Paryana and Clara for this show and cannot wait to see it all come together!



Paryana Dhindsa is an 11th grader who's been in theatre since 8th grade. She's explored different areas in theatre; she was a Candy Kid in *Willy Wonka Jr.*, Makeup for *A Christmas Carol*, Business in *Our Town*, and Costuming for the last two shows at Battlefield. This is her first time stage-managing and she couldn't be more excited. She hopes everyone can break a leg and promises that the show will be amazing!



Ava Beddoes (Rona) is a Sophomore at Battlefield High School and is currently loving her role as Rona. She made her first appearance in *Once Upon A Mattress* as Mabelle. She loves her dance classes and she hopes that her next two BHS Theatre years are just as fun as she has made this one to be!



Aiden Buzzard (Panch) is a Sophomore at Battlefield High School, and has previously been in numerous shows in and out of Battlefield. You may recognize him as Ferdinand from William Shakespeare's *Freshman Year*, Michael from *The Escape*, or even from *Once Upon A Mattress*. Aiden hopes you enjoy the performance and hopes you have as much as he did!



Sydney Lemmon (Midge) is a Junior at Battlefield High School. This is her first year in theatre at Battlefield and her second production with the school. She is so excited to perform with so many talented cast and crew mates in this production. Sydney loves spending her time on stage and off stage with her friends. She is very thankful for this opportunity that she has been given.



Emily Doppée (Olive) is a Junior at Battlefield High School, and this is her first year in the theatre program and her second production with the school. She is incredibly excited to be playing Olive and even more excited to be working with such a wonderful cast and crew. She loves spending time with her friends on and off the stage and cannot wait to see what their hard work and dedication will become on show night.



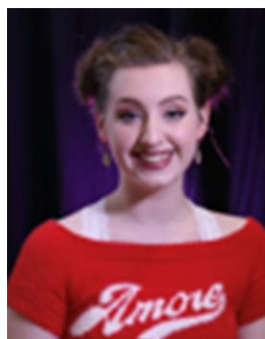
Daniel Melbourne (Barfée) is a Senior at Battlefield. His passion for acting first emerged when he performed the role of Lord Dance-A-Lot in his 5th-grade production of *Joust, the Musical*. Daniel has performed in 14 productions. His favorite role was Sir Harry in *Once Upon a Mattress*. When not acting Daniel is a violinist and works as a cameraman/ photojournalist for *GameDay Magazine*. He will pursue a major in Film, with double minors in Drama and Sports Journalism at Hofstra University in New York this Fall. He is excited about his future and is grateful to his family and his village who have helped him grow and thrive. Please enjoy the show!



Taylor Mras (Logainne) is a Senior! She started Acting in BHS Theatre during her Junior Year during the performance *Once Upon A Mattress* as Lady Larken. In addition to acting, she has also been a previous Producer for William Shakespeare's Freshman Year, a techie for VTA, and a member of Business for Our Town. She also is the current Treasurer for Theatre Club and is so glad all her hard work has produced this amazing show. She wishes you enjoy it!



Samantha Miller (Marcy) is a Junior at Battlefield and is enjoying her second year in theatre at BHS. She was the Nightingale of *Samarkand* in *Once Upon a Mattress* and she was also part of makeup crew for William Shakespeare's Freshman Year. She has been dancing at DeGrasse Dance Studio for 7 years and performed in various musical theatre dances from *Hamilton*, *West Side Story* and the *Nutcracker* ballet. She is in her second year of Battlefield Singer and Bel Canto in choir. She loves theater and is thankful for her friends and hopes you enjoy the show.



Camille Jefferies (Leaf) is a Senior at Battlefield. She is without a doubt excited to debut her love for comedy! She has been in a *Putnam-ber* (Get it?) of BHS plays; this is her 7th production. Although in the past she has directed and backboned costuming, hair and makeup. The characters in this play compelled her to take on the acting challenge. She is a proud teller of horrible dad jokes and puns. She aspires to become a costume designer in the future, while still keeping her passion for acting. This will be her last show. She will miss her home in Battlefield Theatre.



Martin Michael (Chip) is a Freshman at Battlefield High School. This is his first year in BHS Theatre however he has performed in over five shows outside of battlefield and attended VTA in his eight-grade year.



Rachel Fulbright (Rona) is a Senior at Battlefield High School. She has been in BHS Theatre for three years. She is excited for her final Battlefield production and hopes you enjoy the show!



Kirt Boyd (Panch) is a Senior at Battlefield High School. He has performed with BHS Theatre for three years in production *A Class Act* as Arnold and Boy, *Our Town* as the Narrator, and *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* as Vice Principal Panch. In his free time, he enjoys picking flowers and long walks on the beach. He also hopes you laughed while reading that. He thanks his family for their support during the weeks leading to his last show and hopes you enjoy the production!



Lauren Buckley (Midge) is a Junior at Battlefield High School. This is her first production for BHS theatre and her first year in the club, she was encouraged to join by her best friend Ella. She has a love for singing and is very exciting to try out acting. She has been a Battlefield cheerleader for the past years and is excited to try something new.



Melanie Diaz (Olive) is a Sophomore at Battlefield High School. Mel made her first appearance freshman year as a woman among the dead in the production *Our Town*. Later, she played one of the leads, Melissa, in *The Pickup* and also joined tech in the musical *Once Upon a Mattress*. She's performed in one act plays and now *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*. She hopes you enjoy the show as much as she enjoyed participating in it.



John Novak (Barfée) is a Senior at Battlefield and is honored and ecstatic to play William Barfée in his third and final show with BHS Theatre. He first joined theatre as a member of the ensemble in last year's production of *Once Upon a Mattress*, then moved backstage as a member of the scenic team for Freshman Year, this year's fall show. Now he's beyond excited to play a lead role in his last show, challenge his acting and singing skills, and make more wonderful memories with his friends in theatre.



Carmen Ortiz (Logainne) is a Sophomore at Battlefield. She has participated in Battlefield Drama Club for a total of 2 years, having played roles in shows such as *Our Town* and *Shakespeare's Freshman Year*, and contributing to productions like *Once Upon a Mattress*. She is excited for her current role and hopes that you enjoy the show.



Ainsley Walker (Marcy) is a Freshman at Battlefield High School and she is overjoyed to play Marcy in this year's musical. Ainsley was on the varsity dive team this spring. She also has been dancing competitively and non-competitively since the age of three. Her favorite part of the show has been rehearsals with some of her closest friends and her big brother. She hopes you enjoy the show as much as she does performing in it!



Zachary Walker (Leaf) is a Junior at Battlefield High School. This is his 3rd show with BHS Theatre. When he is not playing the role of the goofy, energetic Coneybear, he is living the role of the goofy, energetic human. He is part of multiple school clubs, including the ice hockey club and infamous peanut butter on Wednesday's club. He is looking forward to a great show with all of his friends and his first show with his little sister.



Lukas Kim (Chip) is a Junior grade. He's been in the battlefield theatre program for three years, this year being his third. He's excited for the next year of theatre and his senior year of high school. His favorite song in the musical is "25th annual Putnam County Spelling Bee"



Tyler Hoopingartner (Carl) is a Sophomore at Battlefield and has been part of Theatre since the sixth grade at Reagan. He has been in numerous performances such as Fame Jr, Our Town, Once Upon A Mattress, The Pickup, and William Shakespeare's Freshman Year. His favorite song in the musical is "Woe is Me". He really hopes you enjoy his performance!



Colyn Murphy (Dan) is a Freshman and this is his first year with Battlefield theater after doing theatre since he was in sixth grade. He usually likes to spend his afternoons rehearsing or relaxing at home.



Lexi Kamman (Olive's Mom) is a Senior in her 2nd year of theatre after originally being cast in ensemble for the spring musical, Once Upon a Mattress. This year, she's been a part of tech for the fall show, Freshman Year, and is now beyond excited to be involved with Battlefield's second musical. Lexi loves performing and can also be found in the school's choral program and color guard with the marching band. She thanks her family for putting up with her long rehearsals and the "Squadsemble" for being such amazing friends!!



Darnell Glover (Olive's Dad) is a Freshman at Battlefield High School. He loves acting and has been in many productions in the past including Titanic and Peter Pan. Darnell is really excited to show you what he can do and hopes you enjoy the show!



Callie Adams (Leaf's Mom) is a Sophomore at Battlefield High School and has been a part of BHS Theatre since her freshman year. She was in the cast of the fall play, William Shakespeare's Freshman Year, and the fall play before that, Our Town. This is her first musical and hopes you enjoy watching it as much as she enjoys being part of it.



Josh Menichetti (Leaf's Dad/Jesus) is a student at Battlefield High School. He has no acting experience as of right now. He will make his acting debut in the school production of the Tony Award winning musical "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee". He was encouraged to pursue acting by his family and close friends. He is a dedicated hard worker who is currently enrolled in four advanced placement level classes.



Genevieve Fox (Pinecone Coneybear) is a Junior at Battlefield. Genevieve has been involved in many extracurriculars at Battlefield, such as Color Guard and Key Club. This is her official year in the theatre program here, but she has been in musicals of Annie, Once Upon a Mattress, and Shrek at her middle school in Chicago. She's excited for this opportunity to perform with the talented people of Battlefield.



Macie Saul (Paul Coneybear) is a Sophomore at Battlefield High School. She has enjoyed the amazing experience she has had from being a part of the musical and has learned so much from Mr. Noble and Ms. Hafner and made so many amazing friends in the process.



Brooke Branch (Brooke Coneybear) is a Sophomore at Battlefield High School. She is playing the sister to the lovable main character Leaf Coneybear. She has been with the Battlefield Theatre department since freshman year, and this is her second musical! She was part of ensemble in Once Upon a Mattress, Battlefields 2018 fall production. She is very excited for this year's comedic musical! Her favorite word is "Betwixt" which is a synonym for the word between. She hopes you enjoy the show!



AG Hitzel (Marigold Coneybear) is a Freshman this year and this is her first show she's performed in with BHS Theatre. She has done other shows outside of BHS such as The Lion King, Madagascar Jr. and The Wizard of Oz. She also was Assistant Stage Manager for the fall show at BHS. She was so excited to receive the role of Marigold! She is so grateful for the friends she has made during rehearsals. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Katessa Jordan, (Raisin Coneybear) is a Freshman at Battlefield. She had appeared as a third- class additional character in Titanic: The Musical at Ronald Reagan Middle School. During spring break, Katessa hopes to visit Broadway with her mother. Upon graduation, Katessa wants to get a bachelor's degree in Environmental Science and Communications so she may help solve pollution in water. She enjoys being casted in this musical and is extremely grateful to the director, Jordan Noble, and his faith in her.



Connor Wilkinson (Mystery Contestant) is a Junior a Battlefield High School. This is his second production for BHS Theatre. His first role was as Dumain in William Shakespeare's Freshman Year. He is excited for his first performance in a musical. and he hopes you enjoy the show!



Ella Jackson (Head Producer) is a Junior at Battlefield. This is her second year in BHS Theatre. She made her theatre debut in ensemble for *Once Upon a Mattress* and was a co-producer for the fall show *Shakespeare's Freshman Year*. She is very excited to be given the chance to be producer for such an amazing musical comedy and with such a talented cast and crew. She hopes you enjoy the show!!



Cameron Johnson (Producer) is a Junior at Battlefield. This is his second year in the theatre program. He started his career as Howie Newsome in *Our Town* and Chad in *The Dealer* (New Works 2018). This is his last year in theatre, and as the show comes to a close, so does his career. He thanks everyone around him for making his sophomore and junior year amazing. (To Carmen, Sam, Callie, Aiden, Mel, Tyler, and Emilia. I'll miss you all.)



Blake Satterfield (Head of Lighting) is a Senior at Battlefield. He has worked on two productions, *Freshmen Year*, and *Once Upon a Mattress*. He will be attending Northern Virginia Community college in the fall.



Andrew Page (Head of Scenic/Props) is a Senior at Battlefield High School. He enjoys architecture and art and will be attending NOVA community college in the fall. He started out with set design in the show "The Shivers" and he went on to contributed to 5 shows at Battlefield. He hopes you enjoy the show!



Eirian Crocker (Head of Sound) is a Junior at Battlefield High School this year. She has previously worked on sound for William Shakespeare's Freshman Year and Osbourn Park's production of The Music Man. She would like to thank her parents and siblings for dealing with her crazy schedule and supporting her.

Sophie Llano (Head of House) is a Freshman at Battlefield. This is her second production at Battlefield, her first being William Shakespeare's Freshman Year. She also participated in theatre in middle school. She enjoys playing guitar, painting, and sleeping.



Leyna Bauer (Head of Makeup) is a Sophomore at Battlefield. She has worked on three productions, Freshmen Year, our Town, and Once Upon a Mattress. She is so grateful for her team and their amazing work. She would also like to thank her mom for always believing in her and supporting her in whatever she does. She hopes you enjoy the show!!

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