



*Little Theatre of Watertown presents*

# *Miracle on*



# 34<sup>TH</sup> STREET

## *the Play*

Adapted by Mountain Community Theater from the novel by Valentine Davies  
Based upon the Twentieth Century Fox motion picture *Miracle on 34th Street*

## **DECEMBER 12-15, 2024**

*Sally Port View, 7828 NYS Route 12E, Three Mile Bay*

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## *Synopsis of Scenes - Winter in New York City*

### Act 1

Scene 1	-----	Central Park Thanksgiving Parade Route
Scene 2	-----	Santaland at Macy's
Scene 3	-----	Santaland at Macy's
Scene 4	-----	Santaland at Macy's
Scene 5	-----	The Home of Doris Walker
Scene 6	-----	Santaland at Macy's
Scene 7	-----	Macy's Employee Meeting Room
Scene 8	-----	Hospital Room

### 15-minute Intermission

### Act 2

Scene 1	-----	Judge Harper's Chambers
Scene 2	-----	Judge Harper's Chambers
Scene 3	-----	NY City Courtroom
Scene 4	-----	Cozy Restaurant
Scene 5	-----	NY City Courtroom
Scene 6	-----	Judge Harper's Chambers
Scene 7	-----	NY City Courtroom
Scene 8	-----	NY City Post Office
Scene 9	-----	Judge Harper's Chambers
Scene 10	-----	NY City Courtroom on Christmas Eve
Scene 11	-----	Quaint NYC Neighborhood

## *Cast*

Kris Kringle	-----	Robbie Gray
Doris Walker	-----	Mary Summerlin
Fred Gayley	-----	David Koberling
Susan Walker	-----	Norah Sterling / Serenity Rollins
Shellhammer	-----	Chloe Foss
Sawyer	-----	Lynnea Calender
Doctor Pierce	-----	Teona Renda
Judge Harper	-----	Robert Kimball
Halloran	-----	Jeremiah Rollins
Finley/ Drunk Santa	-----	Jon Banister
Mara/ Foster Mother	-----	Brianna Jaspersohn
Bag Lady/ AI/ Pedestrian	-----	Kat Bell
Macy	-----	Ian Corbett
Bloomingdale/ Lou/ Pedestrian	-----	Ronald Finn
Rich Person/ Sharon's Parent/ Duncan	-----	Ava Hanson
Johnny's Parent/ Pedestrian	-----	Sunny Finn
Johnny	-----	Ruairi Ard
Sharon	-----	Evelina Simmons
Dutch Boy	-----	Kai Koberling
Megan	-----	Emery Ratigliano
Janet	-----	Lorelai Worthington
Child #1	-----	Elizabeth Banister
Child #2	-----	Braelyn Bell
Elves	-----	Burke Beuttenmuller

Neveah Kelsey, Lane Rollins, Hudson Shelton, Corbin Stevens



**Director Notes from Lindsey Oakes:**

As a movie buff, some of my favorite movies are the classics. When I saw that there was a play version of Miracle on 34th Street, I knew I needed to direct this play for Little Theatre of Watertown. There is just something warm and fuzzy about a story about a woman who doesn't want to practice the tradition of Santa Claus with her daughter. But with the miracle of Christmas a gentleman who thinks he is Santa, convinces all of New York City to believe. Some of the iconic movie scenes that I love are also portrayed in the play version: Susan pulling on Santa Claus' beard, Kris convincing Susan to pretend to be an animal, Fred asking if Kris sleeps with his whiskers inside or outside of the covers, and the courtroom mail scene. I hope the entire community relives as many fond holiday memories as I do while enjoying our production of Miracle on 34th Street.

Director-----Lindsey Oakes  
Assistant Director ----- Samantha Stewart  
Stage Manager----- Mary Ann Brown  
Assistant Stage Manager ----- Natalie DiFabion  
Head of Crew----- Christina Sliver  
Crew ----- Calvin Beuttenmuller, Zephyr Koberling, Brayden Bell, Ali James, and Benjamin Shelton  
Lights/sound----- Devon Gillan and Charlotte Banister  
Costumes----- Alexa Simmons, Debra Simmons, and cast  
Set Design----- Lindsey Oakes  
Set Construction----- The Cast and Crew  
Public Relations----- Anita Prather Harvell, Lynnea Calendar, and Laura Oakes  
Production Coordinator ----- Laura Oakes  
Prop construction ----- Laura Oakes, Lindsey Oakes, and Christina Sliver  
Front of House ----- Abby Winters  
Box Office ----- Michael Potter

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## About the Cast



**Ruairi Ard** (Johhny) Ruairi is a student at Brownville-Glen Park. I have never been in a play, but I have done theater camp and I was Jesus in this year's production of The Shadows of The Cross at my religious education program. I like drawing, acting, and art in general. I would like to thank my mom and dad for pushing me to do theater. If they hadn't done that, I might never have done the best thing that has ever happened to me.

**Elizabeth Banister** (Child #1) Elizabeth is excited to be a part of Miracle on 34th Street with Little Theatre of Watertown. This is her first time on stage. Elizabeth would like to thank her parents and sister for encouraging her to pursue acting.



**Jon Banister** (Finley/Drunk Santa) Jon is thrilled to be back on stage with Little Theatre of Watertown in Miracle on 34th Street. He is also to be able to share the stage with his youngest daughter Elizabeth. He has had several roles on stage with Little Theatre as well as directing and helping backstage. Jon would like to thank his wife for all the support she has given him over the years.

**Braelyn Bell** (Child #2) This is Braelyn's first foray into theater, though she has been around it her entire life. While this is her first appearance on stage, she has attended many productions and been behind the scenes for many Lyric shows. She is nervous but excited and ready to take the stage with her mother. She is thankful to her family for encouraging her and is excited for everyone to see her stage debut!



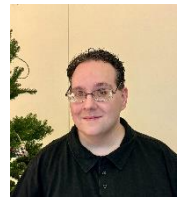
**Katherine Bell** (Bag Lady/Al/Pedestrian) This is Katherine's first show with Watertown Little Theater, though she has been a member of the local theater community for many years and performed with Lyric Theater, where she is a member of the Board. Her previous performances include "Dr. Norquist" in WLT performance of "Bright Star", "Kathy" in WLT performance of "9 to 5", as well as being an ensemble member in WLT performances of "Little Shop of Horrors", "Rocky Horror", and "Disaster". In high school, she performed as the Giant's Wife in "Into the Woods". She has also participated with props, set design, artwork and backstage crew for other shows. She is excited and grateful to be working with such a great cast and crew. A special thank you to her family who have always supported her in her efforts.

**Burke Beuttenmuller** (Elf) Burke is a 7th grade honor student at K12 Private Academy. He debuted in the 2023 Lyric Theatre production of *Newsies* as a "Brooklyn Newsie". He then performed Kristoph in Lyme Theatre's 2024 Summer Camp production of *Frozen Jr.* He is a member of the 2024 Northern Choral Children's Choir. Outside of theatre, he is part of the YMCA Blue Sharks Swim Team and the Dry Hill Ski Team. He is also a black belt in Taekwondo, an avid scuba diver, and an active member in his local Boy Scouts of America troop. His older brother, Rhett, inspired his love for theatre and all things musical. Burke looks forward to more opportunities to grow his love for the performing arts.



**Lynnea Calendar** (Sawyer) "All the world is a stage, we are merely the players" Last seen in Puffs as the multipurpose wizard, Lynnea is excited to bring the role of Sawyer to life this holiday season. A math teacher by day and a theatre nerd by night, educating both as much as possible. Being on stage practically her whole life she is excited to share the stage with both her students and her daughter in this production. Speaking of daughter this is her first show, way to go "Janet". I'm so proud of everything you do, "you are the best thing that I have ever done". She would like to include many thank yous, but she would take up the entire page...so she will simplify to thank everyone whom I've ever had the pleasure to work with, including but not limited to Lorelai, Mom, Dad, Erroll, Ian, and many more. I love you all.

**Ian Patrick Corbett** (Macy) has been performing locally since 1997. They recently portrayed J. Finch, among others, in Little Theatre of Watertown's award-winning production of Puffs and also served as the Foreman on Carthage Little Theatre's panel of 12 Incompetent Jurors. Some of their favorite roles include Aunt March in Little Women, Daddy Murphy in Bright Star, and Lillian in 3 Guys in Drag Selling Their Stuff. Behind the scenes, Ian is the current production liaison for Little Theatre of Watertown's board of directors and looks forward to directing Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery next year. "My greatest wish this holiday season is for people to continue loving each other and caring for one another as though every day was Christmas!"



**Ronald Finn** (Bloomingdale/Lou/Pedestrian) This is Ron's first play performance and he is excited and honored to be a part of Little Theater of Watertown. Ron has a 5-year-old son, and is married. He likes to draw, camp, hike, among other things as he hates being bored, He is the youngest of 4 with two older brothers and an older sister all raised in a military household. Ron cannot wait to perform for Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street and looks forward to participating in other plays in the future.

**Sunny Finn** (Johnny's parent/Pedestrian) Sunny has enjoyed her first performance with Little Theatre of Watertown and hopes she can inspire my son (5) to become involved in theater as well. Sunny is inspired by the many talents that surround her. Sunny has lived in 5 states including Hawaii and used to work at Disney World! Her favorite animal is an elephant or a puffin.



**Chloe Foss** (Shellhammer) Chloe is so excited to be a part of Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street and back into the world of theater again. The last show she participated in was in High School but has jumped back in with both feet. Chloe thanks her mother, Kim, for the love and unlimited support she gives and is grateful to her partner, Joey, who still manages to cheer her on from halfway across the world.

**Rob Gray** (Kris Kringle) Rob is originally from the great state of Tennessee. He found community theater while stationed in Baumholder, Germany with the Army. Since then, he has participated in a number of productions over the past decade. This is his fifth performance with Little Theater of Watertown. He was previously in Seussical the Musical, A Christmas Carol, The Experiment, Great Gatsby: A Live Radio Play, Little Women, Sandcastle Man, and No Body Like Jimmy.



**Ava Hanson** (Rich Person/Sharon's parent/Duncan) Ava has been performing in plays and musicals locally since 2017. This is her 3rd performance with Little Theatre of Watertown. Some of her favorite roles include Morticia Addams in the Addams Family School Edition and Isa in the Sandcastle Man. Outside of performing, Ava loves to travel and go to Disney. She is currently at JCC working to get her Criminal Justice degree. She would like to thank her mother for supporting her in all of her theatrical endeavors and Ian for encouraging her to step out of her comfort zone and try plays rather than just sticking to musicals. She looks forward to doing future shows with these incredible people.



**Brianna Jaspersohn** (Mara/Foster Mother) This is Brianna's second production with Little Theatre, and she is thrilled to be part of one of her all-time favorite Christmas stories. She would like to thank the cast and crew for creating such a fun and welcoming environment and extend her heartfelt gratitude to her family for their unwavering support, which allows her to dedicate so much time to something she loves.



**Nevaeh Kelsey** (Elf) Watertown High School student in the class of 2026, this is Nevaeh's second year participating in a Little Theatre Production. Most recently, Nevaeh has performed as The Black Knight in Watertown High School's production of *Spamalot*, and in Stagenotes's production of *The Prom*; Overall, this is her 14th production. Nevaeh would like to thank her teacher, Rebecca Rose, for supporting her through her acting career.

**Robert Kimball** (Judge Harper) Robert's most recent role was as Joseph Pulitzer in the Lyric Theater of Watertown's production of *Newsies*. Robert trained as a General Surgeon at Columbia University and in the United States Army. Two years ago, he retired from his long-running role of Surgeon in the Operating Theater and now plays in the smaller ensemble production of "Watertown City Council." Robert is ever thankful for the support of his wife, Beth, and his entire family.



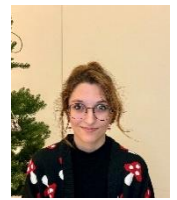
**David Koberling** (Fred) a native of Upstate New York, David first started with Little Theatre of Watertown over a decade ago in *The Foreigner*. Recently he has been honored to come back and help bring to life, *Dinner at Darrios* and *Puffs*. Today he is delighted to step into the world of *Christmas Magic* and the world of *Miracles* through the magic of the American Legal System and *Loop Holes* as Fred Gayley, Santa's lawyer in *Miracle on 34th Street*, directed by Lindsey Oakes. He extends his gratitude to Lindsey, the cast, the crew, and the members of Little Theatre of Watertown for their patience and time as well as the opportunity to defend Santa and the spirit of Christmas!

**Kai Koberling** (Little Dutch Boy) Kai is a 3<sup>rd</sup> Grader and this is Kai's first experience on stage. He thanks his family for helping him with his part in *Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street*.



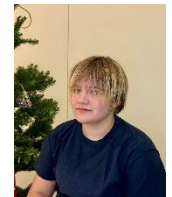
**Emery Ratigliano** (Megan) Emery's theater experience includes playing Wickersham Brother #2 in the Clayton Theater Week's production of *Seussical Jr.* For fun, Emery puts on concerts for her family and is involved in Girl Scouts. She is also learning to play the ukulele and piano. Emery thanks her mom and dad for supporting her in her theater journey.

**Teona Renda** (Dr . Pierce) Teona wishes to thank all of her friends, family, and co-workers for all of their support and to her theater friends, directors and production team for putting together a great show! It's been a blast!



**Jeremiah Rollins** (Halloran) Jeremiah is an Army veteran and streamer under the handle JERcycle. This is his first participation in community theater. Jeremiah would like to thank his children and Twitch/TikTok family for being supportive of this project.

**Lane Rollins** (Elf) Lane is a mixed media artist and attends South Jefferson Central School. This is his first participation in community theater. Lane thanks their dad and friend River for being there for them.



**Serenity Rollins** (Susan) Serenity wrestles for South Jefferson and loves all creatures. This is her first participation in community theater. Serenity thanks her dad and her best friends Syndra and Hannah for all of their love and support.

**Hudson Shelton** (Elf) Hudson's previous theater experience includes performing in Lyme Theater Week's *Frozen Jr.* Hudson thanks his family, his fish, and the monster under his bed.



**Evelina Simmons** (Sharon) Evelina has participated in Lyme Theater Week's production of *Frozen Jr.* and Clayton Theater Week's production of *Seussical Jr.* Evelina thanks her mom for helping her feel more confident.

**Norah Sterling** (Susan) Norah is very excited to be a part of *The Miracle on 34th Street* with the Little Theatre of Watertown. She has performed in several plays over the past two summers, including *The Wizard of Oz*, *Frozen Jr.*, and most recently starring as Mayzie LaBird in *Seussical Jr.* as part of the Clayton Theater Week at the Clayton Opera House. Norah is a Fifth-Grade student at General Brown, enjoys crafting, and is also an athlete, competing in soccer and lacrosse throughout the year. Norah has a passion for singing, dancing, and drama and looks forward to continuing her work on stage. She would like to thank her family and the Little Theatre of Watertown for making this possible and allowing her to pursue her love for acting.





**Corbin Stevens** (Elf) Corbin has recently played in *Anxiety is Orange*, “Ms. Calendar’s Theater School Thing.” Corbin thanks his dogs, his family, and Ms. Calendar.



**Mary Summerlin** (Doris) Originally from Tennessee, Mary grew up in her local children's theater program. Once adult life settled down a bit, she was once again able to participate in multiple local theater productions including her favorite role of Meredith in *Bat Boy, the Musical*. Since moving to the North Country in 2016, she's had the absolute pleasure to work both with Watertown Lyric Theater and Little Theater of Watertown with whom she earned a TANYS award for acting. She is thrilled to have the opportunity to work with this joyous cast, dedicated director, and absolutely committed crew.



**Lorelai Worthington** (Janet) Lorelai has participated in Little Theatre of Watertown’s Summer Youth Theater Camp for the past two years and is proud to be in her first full Little Theatre production, *Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street*. Lorelai thanks her mom, grandma, and grandpa for their love and support.

*Friends and Family Sending our Cast and Crew Best Wishes*

**Kai Koberling** - wir lieben dich! From: Mom and Dad

**Corbin**, Grandma is so very proud of you! You are an amazing person who continues to surprise me with their talent. You got this!! Love you THIS much

**Zephyr Koberling** - Set it and forget it! From: Mom and Dad

**Ruairi Ard**. We are so proud of you! Shine bright like the star you are destined to be and know that you are. Love you Mimi and Papa

**Ruairi Nicholas-Patrick Ard** we are so proud of you & love seeing you find something that makes you happy. We love you. ♡ Ma and Poppi

Break a leg, **Corbin!** So proud of you for trying something new. The world is your stage. Can't wait to see you bring the magic to life! Love, Mom.

To **Corbin Stevens**: Congratulations Elf Corbin! Good acting and teamwork with fellow elves. -Grandma Peg

**Lorelai**, I’m proud of you, Bug. Love you, Dad

**Corbin Stevens** - Corbin! Stef and I are so proud of you for trying something new! Can’t wait to see you in action. Love Dad and Stef

**Ava**, I am so proud of you! Congratulations on another amazing show!!! Love, Mom

**Ian**, Shine on that stage like you always do! Love, YFS

**Lorelai and Lynnea**, we love you so much. You are so smart, beautiful, and wonderful! We are so proud of you! Gramma/mom & Poppa/dad. We love you!

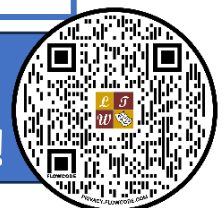
**Elizabeth Banister**, I am so proud of you. Lizzie, you are going to do an amazing job. I love you and wish I could be there to see you live. Love Nanny

**Evelina**, you are our shining star. We are proud of you, remember to have fun! With love from Mom, Dad, and Teddy

**Fledgley the Dog** STEALS THIS SHOW! Be on the lookout in the first scene for his magnificent performance!

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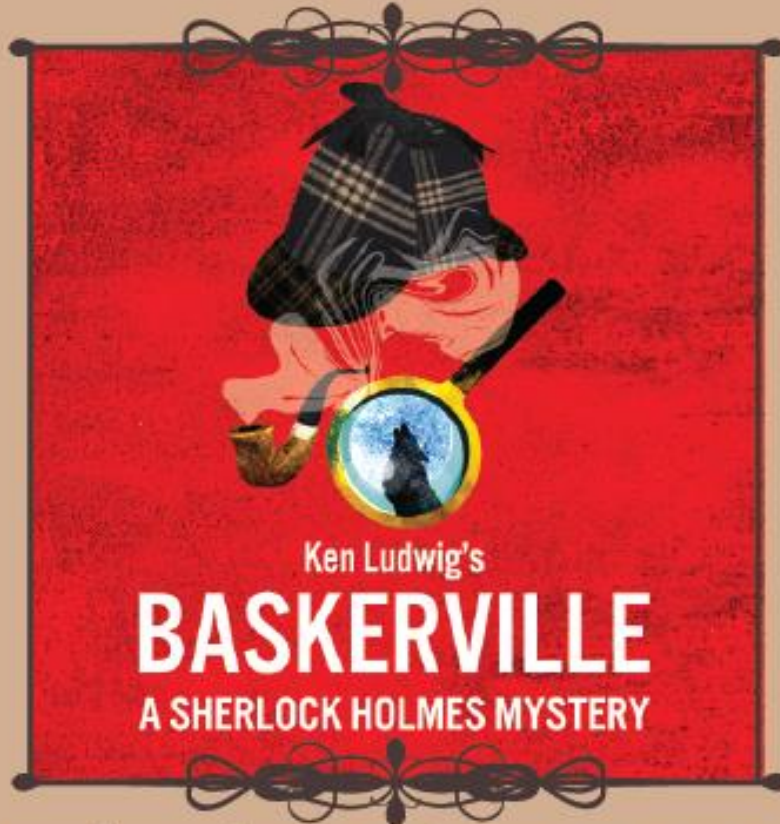
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