



## ANNIE CAST BIOS

**Reese Bruning (Annie)** is incredibly grateful to be playing Annie! She has performed in shows for CCP (Seussical), Pumpkin Theatre (Honk Jr., Peter Rabbit, Girl with Diamonds in her Eyes, Mulan Jr., Schoolhouse Rock Live), Artistic Children's Theatre (Lion King, Into the Woods, Little Mermaid, Peter Pan, Cats), FWF (Willy Wonka, Guys and Dolls), and her school's drama program. Prior to Annie, her favorite roles have been Rafiki, Willy Wonka and Nicely-Nicely Johnson. She is a 5<sup>th</sup> grader who enjoys performing with Chesapeake Synchronized Skating team. She thanks all those who have helped her follow her dreams, including Mrs. Chris, Randi, Julie, Raine, Dana, Erin, Jeremy, Jason, Holly, and her family. An extra special thanks to Director Steve, Chrissy, Kathryn, Jason, Ann, and the entire CCP Annie cast and crew for the opportunity and support! She hopes you enjoy the show!

**E. Lee Nicol (Oliver "Daddy" Warbucks)** is honored to return for his 7<sup>th</sup> show with Charm City Players. After playing his favorite "evil" character, Dr. Neville Crane (*The Secret Garden*) with Memorial Players, Lee returns to one of his favorite award winning roles (MDTG Award – Best Lead Actor) that started it all for CCP. Lee started his musical career playing trumpet and went onto be a World Champion with The Garfield Cadets Drum and Bugle Corps, attended Towson University for Music Performance/Education, and pursued theater in NYC. After a few tours and sailing the Caribbean, Lee returned to his "home" town of Baltimore. Lee has been in such shows as *A Chorus Line*, *Jekyll & Hyde*, *Ziegfeld Follies*, *Joseph...*, *Grease*, *Music Man* and *The Secret Garden*, etc. Favorite roles include "Bobby Strong" in *Urinetown* with ASGT (Ruby Griffith Award – Best Show), "Sky Masterson" in *Guys and Dolls* with 2<sup>nd</sup> Star Productions (Ruby Griffith Award – Best Show), and "Adam/Noah" in 2<sup>nd</sup> Star's WATCH Award nominated show *Children of Eden*. Lee would like to thank his Mom and Dad for putting up with his dream, Bob and Leah for continuously putting up with him every day, and Steve and Chrissy for adopting me into their theater family. Enjoy the show!

**Susan Schindler (Miss Hannigan)** graduated from Syracuse University with a BFA in Musical Theater. Some of her favorite roles include; Diana in *Next to Normal*, Lucy in *Jekyll and Hyde*, Narrator in *Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat* and of course, Miss Hannigan in *Annie!* However, her favorite role in the world is being a mom to her 18 year- old son Jake and her 16 year- old daughter Annie! In her theater career, she has received several onstage awards including: Best Performer in a Musical for her performance as Mary Magdalene in *Jesus Christ Superstar* from the Baltimore Sun, and Best Supporting Role in a Musical for her role as Miss Hannigan in *Annie*. Susan teaches kindergarten at the Boy's Latin School. She is thrilled to be doing this role again with Charm City Players!

**Christina Napp (Grace Farrell)** is beyond excited to be back onstage with CCP for the 12<sup>th</sup> time in one of her favorite musicals alongside some of her favorite people. Some previous CCP credits include: Lily St. Regis (*Annie, 2013*), Margot/Vivienne (*Legally Blonde*), Glinda (*Wizard of Oz*; Best Performance 2014), Gingy/Sugar Plum Fairy (*Shrek*), Marion Paroo/Ethel (*Music Man*), and Babette (*Beauty and the Beast*) to name a few. Her most favorite role is Mom to Parker and Wife to Stephen. Christina holds a B.S. in EMF from Towson University and was the host of *Broadway Baby Live* an online radio show. All my love to Stephen, Parker, Mom, Dad, Phil, Christine, and Gunnar. This performance is dedicated lovingly to my grandparents. Sit back, relax, and "I Think You're Gonna Like It Here!"

**Gregory Quinn (Rooster)** is happy to be returning to the CCP stage. He was last seen at CCP as Cogsworth (*Beauty and the Beast*). Some of his other roles include: Donkey (*Shrek*), Sir Harry (*Once Upon a Mattress*), Chip (25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee), Young Joe (*Damn Yankees*), Bill (*Kiss Me, Kate!*), Nicely (*Guys and Dolls*), Snoopy (*You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown*), and Laertes (*Hamlet*). His favorite rolls are being husband to Emily, and Daddy to Abby and Olivia. Greg thanks all of his family and friends for their love and support. "Easy Street, That's where we're gonna be!"

**Melissa Ann Martin (Sophie, Star-To-Be, Lily St. Regis)** is beyond thrilled to revive her roles with the award-winning ensemble of *Annie* and Charm City Players! Some past credits in no order include: Maria in *The Sound of Music*, Lina Lamont in *Singin' In The Rain*, Brooke Wyndham in *Legally Blonde*, Alice Beineke in *The Addams Family*, Britt in *Stinky Kids The Musical*, Lucille in *Junie B. Jones The Musical*, Florinda in *Into The Woods*, Edith in *Pirates of Penzance (three times!)*, Pennywise in *Urinetown*, Cinderella in *Disney's Cinderella*, Ilse in *Spring Awakening*, Lucy-The-S\*\*\* in *Avenue Q*, Justice Charlier in *Rock of Ages*, Miss. Hannigan in *Annie*, Cousin Nettie in *Carousel*, Mama Ogre/Mama Bear/Rat-Tapper and The Dragon in *Shrek*, and Marian Paroo in *The Music Man*. Love and Thanks to friends and family and Kevin my dear husband. Thanks to all of CCP for having me back for another awesome show!!

**Angel Duque (Bert Healy, Cordell Hull, Dog Catcher)** is ecstatic to make his debut with Charm City Players in this season's production of *Annie*. After a number of vocal performances in military ceremonies and participating in *The Full Monty*, He is beyond grateful for the opportunity work with this amazing cast and production team. \*

**Dave Guy (FDR)** is thrilled to reprise the role he performed in CCP's first ever production in Nov. 2013, and for the sixth time overall. Last season he appeared here as Maurice (*Beauty & The Beast*) and as Admiral Boom & Chairman (*Mary Poppins*). A veteran comedic character actor in the Baltimore area for forty years, some of his favorite roles include Nathan Detroit (*Guys & Dolls*), Amos Hart (*Chicago*), Applegate (*Damn Yankees*), Pellinore (*Camelot*), Oscar Madison (*The Odd Couple*), Mushnik (*Little Shop...*), Al Lewis (*The Sunshine Boys*), George Hay (*Moon Over Buffalo*), Saunders (*Lend Me A Tenor*), First Gangster (*Kiss Me Kate*), Herr Shultz (*Cabaret*), Henry Drummond (*Inherit The Wind*), Erroneous (...*Forum*), The Governor (*Best Little Whorehouse....*) and Second Comic (*Sugar Babies*). Dave retired in Nov 2015 as a Customer Service Rep for Crown Cork & Seal.

**Charlie Albert (Drake)** Charm City Players is a welcoming troupe of characters! Following a leave of absence from the stage, Charlie has returned to the fun and hard work. Six musicals (*The Music Man, Cats, Mame, The Sound of Music, Annie and The Secret Garden*) from his adult past, he had to jump back into the magic of the stage. A BIG thanks goes to the cast & crew. Thank you Tess, Kelsey and Alexander for your love, support and patience. Here's to the creative side of our brains! \*

**Patricia Anderson (Cecile, Bonnie Boylan)** After a sixteen-year hiatus from the stage, Tricia is thrilled to be performing in her first Charm City Players production with her daughter Lily. Super duper thanks to her extra rad husband Matt for wrangling their other two babies during all those bedtime rehearsals, to her fairy godmother Tess for introducing her to Chrissy, and to Tara and Maia for keeping her (relatively) on time. Mad props to the amazing cast and crew for pulling off a fabulous show! #asianannie \*

**Ashley C. Dawson (Apple Seller, Annette, Connie Boylan)** is honored and excited to return to Charm City Players for a spectacular show like *Annie*. Notable past roles include the Bird Woman (*Mary Poppins*), Mayzie la Bird (*Seussical the Musical*), and Liza (*Peter Pan*), as well as ensemble last year in CCP's *Beauty and the Beast*. This couldn't have been done without the constant love and support of her family and friends. Thank you for coming and enjoy the show!

**Tara Hebert (Mrs. Greer, Ronnie Boylan)** is happy to be sharing the stage with her two favorite orphans, daughters Ada and Maia. This is her first production with Charm City Players. She has also enjoyed following Maia to perform at *Spotlighters, Cockpit in Court*, and *Second Star Productions*. Thanks to all who worked so hard to bring *Annie* to life! \*

**Peggy Friedman (Mrs. Pugh, Perkins)** Peggy is excited once again to appear in this Anniversary Production of *Annie*. Recent stage appearances include *Over the Top* at the Downtown Cultural Arts Center and *Jesus Christ Superstar* with Third Wall Productions. Peggy also enjoys working on films. She would like to thank Chrissy, Stephen, Kathryn and Jason for their patience and hard work and for the opportunity to work with a talented cast on such a delightful show.

**Rose Glennon (Pepper)** is thrilled to be in her first show with Charm City Players! No stranger to the stage, she has been in 16 productions at other theaters including Children's Playhouse of MD (CPM), Cockpit-in-Court, the Archangel Players and Immaculate Conception Middle School. Favorite shows include *Lion King, Jr.*, *Mary Poppins and Shrek the Musical*, all at CPM. She is in 7<sup>th</sup> grade at the Immaculate Conception School; her favorite classes are art and math. Rose loves to study piano, voice and dance. Thanks to Charm City Players for this opportunity to be part of *Annie*. Enjoy the show! \*

**Sasha Lifchez (Kate)** is thrilled to be returning to the CCP stage for her 3rd performance! She was previously seen in *The Wizard of Oz* (munchkin/flying monkey) and *The Little Mermaid*. Sasha has performed with the Peabody Children's Choir, and also enjoys dancing with The Moving Dance Company. She is an eighth grader at Roland Park Country School where she is in chorus and participates in the middle school musical. She would like to thank Chrissy and Steve for this amazing opportunity and her family and friends for all of their love and support.

**Charlotte Thiessen (Molly)** is a 5th grader at the Cambridge School. Charlotte is thrilled to be Molly at CCP in her theatre debut. Charlotte also is a member of Artistry Dance Company's Elite Prep team where she enjoys contemporary, jazz, ballet, tap and hip hop. She also plays defense and mid-field on a local travel soccer team. Next you will see her as Young Fiona in CCP's spring production of *Shrek*. She would like to thank the artistic and production staff for all their support and teaching, as well as her family for always believing in her and cheering her on in whatever she does. \*

**Heidi Thiessen (Duffy, Usherette)** is a high school freshman in the vocal program at the Baltimore School for the Arts. She was most recently seen as Jane/Lost Boy/Indian in CCP's *Peter Pan*, Jane Banks in CCP's *Mary Poppins*, and in the ensemble of CCP's *Beauty and the Beast*. Favorite roles include Sleeping Beauty (*Sleeping Beauty*), Annika Settergren (*Pippi Longstocking*), Opera Singer (*Bugsy Malone*), Jr.), Kathryn (Canterville Ghost) and Jerome (South Pacific) with the Annapolis Opera, as well as Babette and Zaneeta (*Music Man*). Heidi dances competitively for Artistry Dance Company and enjoys participating in choral activities. She would like to thank the artistic and production staff for their encouragement and her family for their constant support.

**Madison Wise (July, u/s Annie)** is excited to be making her debut with Charm City Players. She is 13 and in the 7th grade at General John Sticker Middle School. Madison has been performing with local theatres since the age of 5. Some of her favorite roles include Little Red Riding Hood in *Into the Woods*, Gertrude McFuzz in *Seussical Jr.*, and Alice in *Alice in Wonderland*. She would like to thank everyone at CCP for giving her this opportunity, and her family for all of their support. \*

**Maia Vong (Tessie)** is an eighth grader at Dumbarton Middle School. She is excited to be in her first production with Charm City Players. You may have seen her at Children's Playhouse of Maryland, where she has performed in more than 20 shows. She has also performed with Spotlighters, Cockpit in Court, and Second Star Productions. Favorite roles have included Tiny Tim, Young Cosette, Jemima (*Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*), and even Tessie! #asianannie \*

**Becca Meyers (Orphan, u/s July)** is a sixth grader and enjoys dancing, singing, and cheerleading. She is excited to be an orphan in one of her favorite musicals!

**Isabella King (Orphan)** is so excited to be in her third show with Charm City Players! Previous shows include *Beauty and the Beast* and *Mary Poppins*. She has been taking dance lessons for ten years and plays the flute for her school and church bands. She is involved in her school's drama club, cheer squad, yearbook, and student council. She would like to thank her family for their continued support.

**Brooke Spence (Orphan, u/s Pepper)** made her acting debut at St. Casimir Catholic School. In 2015 took the stage as Miss Gulch and the Wicked Witch of the West in the *Wizard of Oz*. In 2016, she played the role as Scar in *The Lion King* and in 2017 she took the lead role as Belle in *Beauty and the Beast*. Most recently she had the opportunity to participate in the summer camp with Charm City Players where she played the roles as Lumiere in *Beauty and the Beast Jr.*, and Peter Pan in *Peter Pan Jr.*. She just entered her 11<sup>th</sup> year of dance. Currently she is starring as an orphan in *Annie*. \*

**Clara Thiessen (Orphan)** is a 3rd grader at the Cambridge School. Clara is excited to be an orphan and performing with her sisters in her theatre debut. Clara is a member of Artistry Dance Company's Elite Prep team where she enjoys contemporary, jazz, ballet, tap and hip hop. She also takes piano lessons. She would like to thank the artistic and production staff for making *Annie* such a great experience. She also sends her love and appreciation to her family for encouraging her to audition. \*

**Se'Lah Jackson (Orphan)** is an actress, singer, and dancer from Baltimore. She has been training in the performing arts from the age of 4. She has attended the TWIGS program at The Baltimore School for the Arts where she was trained in acting and ballet, Three Ring Theatre, Young People's Summer Stock for the Performing Arts, Mid-Atlantic Youth Ballet, and Center Stage Theatre in Baltimore. Se'Lah enjoys summer, reading, swimming, science, math, making pancakes, and spending time with her family. She is looking forward to her first production with Charm City Players! \*

**Sa'rai Jackson (Orphan)** is an actress, dancer, and singer from Baltimore. She has been training in the performing arts since the age of 3. She has attended the TWIGS program at The Baltimore School for the Arts where she trained in acting and ballet, Three Ring Theatre, Young People's Summer Stock for the Performing Arts, Mid-Atlantic Youth Ballet, and Center Stage Theatre in Baltimore. Sa'rai enjoys riding her bike, martial arts, reading, writing, swimming, history, law, and making her family laugh. She is excited about her first performance in *Annie* with Charm City Players! \*

**Lyla Walter (Orphan, u/s Molly)** is excited to be performing in her second CCP show. She previously performed in the ensemble of *Seussical the Musical*. She has also been seen as Young Simba in *The Lion King Jr.* at Jacksonville Elementary, Cogsworth in *Camp iMagination's Beauty and the Beast* at CCP, and in several performances and solos with Lutherville Music School and the Children's Chorus of Maryland in recent years.

**Lucienne Mitchell (Orphan)** is thrilled to be making her Charm City Players debut in *Annie*, her favorite musical of all time. A third grader at the Mount Washington School, Lucienne loves dancing ballet with the Baltimore School for the Arts TWIGS program and participating in Girl Scouts. \*

**Rose Glennon (Pepper)** is thrilled to be in her first show with Charm City Players! No stranger to the stage, she has been in 16 productions at other theaters including Children's Playhouse of MD (CPM), Cockpit-in-Court, the Archangel Players and Immaculate Conception Middle School. Favorite shows include *Lion King, Jr.*, *Mary Poppins and Shrek the Musical*, all at CPM. She is in 7<sup>th</sup> grade at the Immaculate Conception School; her favorite classes are art and math. Rose loves to study piano, voice and dance. Thanks to Charm City Players for this opportunity to be part of *Annie*. Enjoy the show! \*

**India Palmer (Ensemble)** is an actress, model, dancer, and violinist who is currently a theater major in college. She has had various jobs in film, theater, dance, and modeling. However, this is her first time working with Charm City Players as well as being in a musical. She is very excited to be working on *Annie* and looks forward to future endeavors! \*

**Ada Vong (Orphan)** is a second grader at Stoneleigh Elementary who is so pleased to be in her first show ever! She also loves playing piano and spends half of her life doing competitive gymnastics. #asianannie \*

**Lily Anderson (Orphan)** is in the second grade at Stoneleigh Elementary, and is maniacally excited to be performing with Charm City Players in her first show EVER! In those rare moments when she isn't singing at the top of her lungs, Lily enjoys ice skating, softball, piano, and most especially, hanging out with friends. She'd like to thank her mom for giving her life and also all those rides to rehearsal. #asianannie \*

**Frederick Frye (Lt. Ward, Fred McCracken, Judge Brandies)** first appeared at Charm City Players on the school board in *Music Man* and enjoyed being in *Mary Poppins* and *Peter Pan*. He has held dramatic roles at Arena Players, Spotlighters and Vagabond Players. As an accomplished chorister he has sung Gilbert and Sullivan at Young Vics, Towson University, Catonsville Community College and performed at Cockpit in the Court and Dundalk Community Theatre. He sang with the Handel Choir of Baltimore and the Annapolis Chorale. He is presently the president of the Baltimore Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society and the Harbor City Chorus.

**Joe Arnett (Bundles, Louis Howe)** is no stranger to the CCP stage. Previous CCP credits include Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's *Mary Poppins (Neeleus)* and *Peter Pan (Noodler/ Nana)*.

**Olivia Barry (Ensemble)** is excited to be a part of the ensemble in Charm City Players production of *Annie*. Olivia was last seen in CCP's *Mary Poppins* as a featured dancer. She attends Mercy High school, where she participates in their drama club, Footlighters, and is a varsity cheerleader.

**Alex Fraizer (Morgenthau, Jimmy Johnson)** is thrilled to make his CCP debut. Previous credits include Disney's *The Little Mermaid* and Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* amongst others. \*

**Isabella Heuttner (Ensemble)** is a freshman at Mercy High School and is beyond excited to be making her CCP debut in *Annie*. She would like to thank her family for all of the love and support. \*

**Ellie Killian (Ensemble)** is thrilled to be a part of *Annie*. Ellie's previous CCP credits include Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*, Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's *Mary Poppins*. She would like to thank her parents for all their love and support.

**Abby McDonough (Orphan, u/s Duffy; perf. 11/19)** is a 7<sup>th</sup> Grader from Columbia, MD. This is her first show with CCP and she is very excited to be a part of this awesome cast. Abby is a proud member of Toby Ornstein's Young Columbians. Community Theatre: Grown-Up Nala (*The Lion King*), Ensemble (*Beauty and the Beast*), Baltimore Citizen (*Hairspray*), Raifiki (*The Lion King*) and Children's Ensemble (*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*). She recently won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Columbia Teen Idol singing competition. Abby would like to thank all of her directors and the cast of *Annie* for all their hard work and dedication. She would also like to thank her family and friends for supporting her in everything she does.

**Elizabeth Mingo (Orphan, u/s Tessie)** is a CCP veteran and a 5<sup>th</sup> grader with a passion for dance, swim, and theatre. Elizabeth's previous CCP credits include *The Sound of Music (Gretl)*, *The Wizard of Oz (Munchkin/Flying Monkey)*, *The Music Man (Gracie Shinn)*, *Seussical the Musical (Cindy Lou Who)*, Disney's *The Little Mermaid and Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's Mary Poppins (Ensemble)*, and most recently as the one of the twins in *Peter Pan*. She sends lots of love and thanks to her Mom and Dad, siblings Nathaniel and Rebecca, and her puppy Bella.

**Jaelyn Nelson (Ensemble)** is a senior at Gerstell Academy and has grown up with music all around her. This is her first major production and she is very excited about it. \*

**Brooke Rainville (Ensemble)** a sophomore at Mercy High School is excited to be making her CCP debut and would like to send love to family and friends. Thank you for all your support. \*

**Sydney Randall (Ensemble)** is thrilled to be making her CCP debut. Sydney is fresh off her performance as Helen Keller in MHS' Footlighters production of *The Miracle Worker*. She is a freshman at Mercy High School and sends lots of love to her family, especially her Mom. \*

**Claire Schafer (Orphan, u/s Kate)** is a 6th grader at NDP, is thrilled to be included in this production of *Annie!* This is her second show with CCP and she is excited to return! Favorite past roles include Young Nala in *The Lion King Jr.* and Wendy in *Peter Pan Jr.*. She would like to thank Miss Chrissy, Mr. Steve and Mr. Jason for this opportunity.

**Hope Standish-Pallanck (Ensemble)** is no stranger to the CCP stage. She has had featured roles in CCP's iMAGiNATION 101 summer camp productions of *Disney's The Little Mermaid Jr.* (Ursula), *Disney's Peter Pan Jr.* (Tiger Lily), and *Disney's Beauty and the Beast Jr.* (Maurice) Previous CCP main stage credits include the original award- winning CCP cast of *Annie* (Orphan), *The Wizard of Oz* (Barrister), *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*, *Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's Mary Poppins*, and *Peter Pan*. She would like to thank her moms, Ann and Jenn and her twin sister Faith for all their love and support.