



The Best Christmas Pageant Ever - The Musical Cast List

Thank you so much for auditioning! We really enjoyed seeing so many new faces and new talent. We know it can be disappointing not to be cast. There are numerous factors to consider when casting, many of which are out of your control. Many decisions come down to things that have to do with an actor's look fitting into the vision, chemistry with other actors, ability to do what the role requires, and costuming the amount of people cast within the budget. Please know that there are zero casting decisions that are personal! We love you all and wish we could cast everyone! Please keep auditioning. We look forward to seeing you all at the next audition!

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Mary Thalassinis, Director & Choreographer

Abigail Snow, Assistant Director

Paula Arnold, Music Director

Please note: We are unable to provide specific individual feedback for each child that auditioned. We know it can be disappointing if you don't get cast. Check out our website at www.spartanburgyouththeatre.com/auditions and click the "Audition Tips" button for some tips and tricks of the trade, insight into what directors look for, and how to improve for the future.

Please read the important information below the cast list regarding next steps and the parent meeting on Wednesday, September 23, 2026.

Grace Bradley - Wells Abee
Beth Bradley - Grace Clary
Charlie Bradley - Judah Suits
Bob Bradley - Stephen Wilson
Imogene Herdman - Caroline Keever
Ralph Herdman - Giroux Morelock
Leroy Herdman - DJ Johnson
Ollie Herdman - Ben Rodriguez
Claude Herdman - Kirk Suits
Gladys Herdman - Leah Lawter*
Alice - Quinn Andrews*
Ivy - Riley Pittman*
Elmer Hopkins - Michael Grizzle
Teddy - Josiah Kafele*
Helen Armstrong - Selah Rodriguez
Connie - Aisley Zare
Betty/Co-Dance Captain - Felicity Ferguson +
Luanne - Jamie Hunt*
Reverend Hopkins - Cooper Martsberger
Ensemble/Understudy Ralph, Leroy, Bob & Reverend - Benjamin Davis^
Ensemble/Understudy Grace, Helen & Church Ladies - AnaRuth Lowry^
Ensemble/Understudy Imogene, Beth, Alice & Ivy - Keaton Smith^
Ensemble/Understudy Ollie & Claude - Tomas Mallard^
Ensemble/Co-Dance Captain - Olivia Moody*+
Ensemble - Alice Hunt*
Dakota Young*
Lakelynn McRoberts

**SYT Mainstage Debut*

^ Understudies *aren't* guaranteed a performance. Understudies will learn the role and will only go on if the actor in the role becomes unable to perform. *While in the past we have guaranteed a school time performance for understudies, we are no longer able to guarantee this due to scheduling and many other production factors.* Understudies are called to every rehearsal that the character is called to. Understudies will do most of the work on their own, but the director is available for extra work with understudies as needed. A full list of understudy expectations can be [found here](#).

+ Dance Captain is called to all choreography rehearsals, even if actor is not in those numbers in the show. Dance Captain will learn all choreography for all songs and will be available at all choreography, blocking, and run-through rehearsals to help check-in with choreography when the choreographer is not there.

ACCEPTING YOUR ROLE:

- Unless we hear back from you otherwise, we assume that you accept your role. If you are not present at the cast/parent meeting on **Wednesday, September 23, 2026**, and have not communicated with us otherwise, your role will be recast.

PARENT MEETING:

- The mandatory cast & parent orientation will be **Wednesday, September 23, 2026 at 5:30pm** at the Chapman Cultural Center (in the center building; look for signs). The meeting will last approximately 75 minutes. It is very important that all cast members *and* a parent/adult representative attend the orientation.
- Parents and actors should check their email for a cast paperwork packet and show information. This will be emailed to both actors *and their parents* no later than Monday, September 21, 2026 by 8pm, to the parent and actor email addresses listed on the actor's audition form. Please look over this packet thoroughly and submit it before the cast & parent meeting. If you didn't receive an email, be sure to check your spam. If you still don't see it, please [contact us](#).

CREW:

- If you were not cast in this production, and are in the 7th-12th grade, please apply to crew this production at www.spartanburgyouththeatre.com/crew.