

Production Staff

Director.....Dr. Kathleen Downs

Stage Manager.....Michelle Jones

Set Design.....Ken Downs

Set Construction.....Dennis Moyer
 Lena Belflower
 Elizabeth Yorker
 Michelle Jones
 Matthew Eargle
 Michael Graul
 Christina Moss
 Lance Hartzog
 Charles Waller
 Clair Brooks
 Chris Brackett
 Whitney Mitchell
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 Charles Waller
 Christina Moss
 Michael Graul
 Tiffany Jacobs-Thomas
 Pooja Patel
 Karina Patterson
 Aisha Bryant
 Clair Brooks

Costumes & Makeup.....Kaala Terrell
 Jeanette Clarke
 Kenyana Hixson
 Lena Belflower
 Clair Brooks

Lighting.....Chris Brackett
 Alex Noblitt
 Lance Hartzog
 Imani Clark
 Ryan Brantley

Sound.....Matthew Eargle
 Shanterius Smith
 Desire Robinson

MIDDLE GEORGIA COLLEGE THEATRE

Production Staff (Contuned)

Promotional Material.....Matthew Eargle
 Jonathan Silva

Ushers.....Delta Psi Omega NHS
 Dr. Downs's Theatre Appreciation
 and Acting I Classes

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**ENCORE SINGERS/PLAYERS
& DELTA PSI OMEGA
PROUDLY PRESENT**



Book by **Rachel Sheinkin** Music and Lyrics by **William Finn**
 Conceived by **Rebecca Feldman**

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

RUSSELL THEATRE
NOVEMBER 10-12
7:30 PM
NOVEMBER 13
2:30 PM

Director's Note

The blue and yellow pads on the back wall of the stage spent years in a middle school gym. They exude a slightly sour odor that was ground into their vinyl covers by generations of awkward, insecure 12- and 13-year-olds. Perhaps you can smell it from where you're sitting. Maybe you remember it from your own early teen years.

Middle school is a time when even popular kids feel like outsiders sometimes. It's a time when roller-coaster emotions, physical changes, cracking voices, acne, and the sudden, awkward awareness of the opposite sex conspire — always at the worst moment — to make all youngsters feel like geeks and losers.

Then there are the kids who join the audio-visual and chess clubs, the kids with pocket protectors and horned-rim glasses. These are overachievers who raise their hands first in class, get good grades, and carry briefcases. These are the kids who study the dictionary and compete in spelling bees. They're the real outsiders.

Or are they? In *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, William Finn and Rachel Sheinkin suggest the kids often on the receiving end of middle school abuse aren't so very different from everyone else. They complain about overbearing parents, worry about success, and daydream about sex.

No matter who you were in middle school, you just might see a bit of yourself in the angst-laden characters on stage if you listen closely.

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The Rules

My Friend The Dictionary

Pandemonium

I'm Not That Smart

Magic Foot

Pandemonium Reprise

Prayer Of The Comfort Counselor

Chip's Lament

Woe Is Me

I'm Not That Smart Reprise

I Speak Six Languages

The I Love You Song

Woe Is Me Reprise

How Exciting

Second (Part 1)

Weltanschauung

Second (Part 2)

The Champion

Finale

Cast

(In order of appearance)

Rona Lisa Perretti.....Elizabeth Yorker

Chip Tolentino.....John Eyler

Logainne SchwarzandGrubeniere.....Chandani Mitchell

Leaf Coneybear.....Lena Belflower

William Barfeé.....Kile Deal

Marcy Park.....Aisha Bryant

Olive Ostrovsky.....Clair Brooks

Douglas Panch.....Dennis Moyer

Mitch Mahoney.....Matthew Eargle

The Putnam County Orchestra

Musical Director.....Dr. Robert McTyre

Piano.....Chong Cairney

Synthesizer.....Nathan Jones

Drums.....Matthew Young

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The Consignment Store

Bleckley County Middle School

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Charles Quinn &

The Ocmulgee Symphony

Orchestra

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