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# **CHILDREN** LESSER

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#### **Sam Barlow Theatre Department**

**PRESENTS** 

# CHILDREN OF A LESSER GOD

#### by Mark Medoff

Jordana Young Abigail Bethke Bryce Coverdale Kellyann Giorgi Dustin Grundmeyer

Connall Hardenbergh Elisabeth Ross

Assistant Director Linda Zirk **Stage Manager** Grace Sayles

**Directed by**Jeff Schroeder

**Sound & Lighting**Jeff Schroeder



CHILDREN OF A LESSER GOD, the Tony Award winning play staring **Phyllis Frelich** and **John Rubenstein** about a deaf woman and a hearing teacher, opened on Broadway in March of 1980

# **CAST**

#### **Cast Members**

James Leeds	Bryce Coverdale
Orin	Dustin Grundmeyer
Mr. Franklin	Connall Hardenbergh
Sarah Norman	Kellyann Giorgi
Lydia	Jordana Young
Mrs. Norman	Abigail Bethke
Edna Kline	Elisabeth Ross
Production / Creative	
Director	Jeff Schroeder
Stage Manager	Grace Sayles
Assistant Director	Linda Zirk
ASL Translation & Coaching	Mila O'Bryant Kathy O'Bryant Krassi O'Bryant
Sound, Lighting and Marketing Design	Jeff Schroeder



#### **WHO'S WHO**



# **Bryce Coverdale**

as James Leeds

This being Bryce's Senior year, he is extremely excited to play James Leeds. He is thankful for the chance to participate in such a meaningful and impacting production. Bryce's notable roles at Barlow have included Sam in *Mamma Mia* and John Proctor in *The Crucible*. Bryce is very happy to work with Mr. Schroeder and the cast/ crew of this show.



# **Dustin Grundmeyer**

as Orin

Dustin is very excited to be in *Children Of A Lesser God*. His previous roles include Eddie in *Mamma Mia*, Thomas Putnam in *The Crucible* and Dick in *Emotional Baggage*. He is also looking forward to playing Rodger in *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940*. He would like to thank his family for supporting him and Mrs. Caine for her ASL class.



# **Connall Hardenbergh**

as Mr. Franklin

Connall is excited to participate in Barlow's production of *Children Of A Lesser God*. Connall was also lucky enough to play Giles Corey in Barlow's producution *The Crucible*, for which he won the award for Best Supporting Actor. He wants to thank his family for being supportive and "That Jeff guy!"



# Kellyann Giorgi

as Sarah Norman

Kelly is extremely thankful to be a part of *Children Of A Lesser God*. She has been acting since she was six years old and has previously been main dancers for Barlow's *Mamma Mia* and *Guys & Dolls* and a Puritan Girl in *The Crucible*. Kelly would like to thank her friends, family and Mr. Schroeder for all their support. She would also like to thank Mrs. Caine for educating her about ASL and the deaf culture.



# **Jordana Young**

as Lydia

Jordana is thrilled to be in *Children Of A Lesser God* and to use ASL on stage. Her previous roles have been Anne Putnam in *The Crucible*, a Worker in *Mamma Mia* and Phyllis in *Emotional Baggage*. She is also looking forward to being Elsa in *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940*. She would like to thank her friends, family, Schroeder and Mrs. Caine for supporting her all through high school.

#### **WHO'S WHO**



# **Abigail Bethke**

as Mrs. Norman

Abigail is so thrilled to be acting in *Children Of A Lesser God*. She's incredibly grateful for being cast in this show. She's been in two previous productions at Barlow: *Mamma Mia* and *The Crucuble*. She would like to thank Mr. Schroeder, her parents for their support and Mrs. Caine for teaching her ASL.



#### **Elisabeth Ross**

as Edna Kline

Elisabeth is a Junior at SBHS and is thrilled to have the chance to play Edna Klein. She usually works backstage on shows and is very excited to be onstage. She would like to thank her family and friends for being so supportive.



# **Grace Sayles**

Stage Manager

Grace is a Sophmore and very excited to be Stage Manager for this fantastic and unique show. This is her third Barlow production, including *Mamma Mia* and *The Crucible*. This show has been such a great and unforgettable expereince for her. She would like to thank this wonderful cast for trusting her during this production and her family for constantly supporting her. Enjoy the show!



#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

#### Principal

Bruce Schmidt

#### **Assistant Principals**

Kelly Hart & Celeste Pellicci

#### **Activities Staff**

Dan Dalzell & Karyn Dougherty

#### **Performing Arts Staff**

Paul Nickolas & Amber Schroeder

#### **American Sign Language Instructor**

Sarah Caine

#### Bookkeeper

Kim Simmons

#### **TMC Production Staff**

Cheryl Adams & Lori Engdall

#### **Tech Support**

Scott Wilson

#### **Head Custodian**

Carrie Smtih

#### **Barlow VIPs Board Members**

Heather Beckers, Stephanie Craft, Aurora Grundmeyer, Wendy Hull, Heidi Thies, Missy Thies

#### **Barlow VIPs At Large**

Janelle Bethke, Kendra Coverdale, Jules Huber, Ben Kohler, Emily Kohler, Emily Scheider, Christie Scott, James Tinio, Allissa Young

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#### **Student Thespian Board**

Bryce Coverdale

Kellyann Giorgi

Elisabeth Ross

Jordana Young

**Evelyn Whipps** 

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# CHILDREN OF A LESSER GOD

by Mark Mendoff
Sam Barlow High School Room 500
December 5, 6, 7, 12 & 13
at 7:30 p.m.
December 7 at 1p.m.
December 8 at 3 p.m.

# MUSICAL COMEDY MURDERS OF 1940

by John Bishop
Dinner Theatre at
Gresham History Museum
February 13, 14, 15, 16,
20, 21 & 22 at 6 p.m.

# THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE ABRIDGED

by Adam Long, Daniel Singer
& Jess Winfield
Sam Barlow Black Box Theater
March 6 at 7:30 p.m.
March 7 at 1 & 7:30 p.m.
March 8 at 3 p.m.

# **42ND STREET**

Music & Lyrics by Harry Warren & Al Dubin Book by Michael Stewart & Mark Bramble Sam Barlow Auditorium May 7, 8 & 9 at 7:30 p.m. May 10 at 3 p.m.