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DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Have you ever felt inadequate? Like you don’t belong, or you’ll never quite measure up to your peers? I know I have. In fact, I am fighting with imposter syndrome right now writing this director’s note. I love Puffs because it helps us to realize that not everyone will be grand, but that everyone will impact others, and find love and joy and be important and meaningful to someone. It’s okay to just be okay.

I love creating comedy because I love hearing laughter (please note.) Not everything in life has to be so deep and painstaking and serious. We’re allowed to just have fun, and play, and enjoy a silly little joke. A year ago, I was opening my directorial debut, and four shows later I have learned so much, and gotten to collaborate with many wonderful humans. I am very thankful for my cast, crew, my lovely stage manager Kinsey, the incredibly talented designers and the MCT staff for their dedication and professionalism. Thank you, Joe, for taking a chance on me, and a huge thanks to you, audience member, for making all our hard work count.

Director - Jasmine Sherman
CAST

Wayne Hopkins ..............................................................Az Sacry*
Megan Jones .............................................................Kera Rivera
Oliver Rivers ............................................................Hunter M Carvey*
Narrator .................................................................Faith Taberna*
Cedric / Ensemble ..................................................Nicholas Rapp*
J. Finch / Ensemble ...............................................Reese Sheldahl*
Leanne / Ensemble ..............................................Lucy Taylor
Sally Perks / Ensemble .........................Chelsea Von Hassein*
Hannah / Ensemble ...........................................Alicia Treichler*
Ernie Mac / Ensemble .........................................JT Thornton
Susie Bones / Ensemble ..........................Aubrie Goldhammer*
Zach Smith / Ensemble .................................Zachary Jarvis*
Second Headmaster / Ensemble ....................Tim Ballard
Xavia Jones / Ensemble ..............................Paisley Thornton
Harry / Ensemble .............................................Joy Bakkum*

*denotes Missoula Community Theatre debut!
MATT COX – AUTHOR

Matt Cox is a playwright, actor, improviser, sound designer, and former comic book retail associate based in New York City. His play *Puffs Or: Seven Increasingly Eventful Years At A Certain School Of Magic & Magic* (2016 Off-Broadway Alliance Best Theatrical Experience Nominee) began as a small show made by friends at a small comedy venue, the People’s Improv Theater. It has since broken records Off-Broadway in New York, was screened in movie theaters across the country with Fathom Events, and its production in Melbourne, Australia is Melbourne’s longest running play of the century. His other work includes *Happy Little Trees: A Bobyssey*, *Cool Chefs Jr.*, *The Madness of Captain Dread*, and the four hour geek epic *Kapow-i GoGo* (along with its spinoffs: *The Kapow-i GoGo Holiday Special* & *I Am Mr. Snuggles*). He authored the radio play *El Hombre Bovino* for WNYC’s The Greene Space, and was a contributing writer to The Flea Theatre’s *The Mysteries*. His work has been produced Off-Broadway at New World Stages and The Elektra Theater; Off-Off-Broadway at The Tank, and The Flea Theater; three blocks from Broadway at The People’s Improv Theater, and much further from Broadway at the Alex Theater in Melbourne, Australia. He studied theatre at Tarleton State University. He is working on a novel about an Orc.

JASMINE SHERMAN – DIRECTOR

Jasmine Sherman is a Missoula based actor and director with a BA in acting and a BA in Voice from the University of Montana. She is also the Co-owner of local theater company MissCast Productions. Other shows she has directed include *Dead Man’s Cell Phone*, and *I Am Acquainted With the Night*. This is her first time directing for MCT and she is incredibly grateful for the opportunity to share this magical comedy with you all.

KINSEY STERNAD – STAGE MANAGER

Kinsey was born in Billings, and didn’t grow up in the limelight, but her junior year of high school she landed the large role of Abraham in *Romeo and Juliet*. She achieved a degree in Theatre from the University of Montana, directed *Eurydice* by Sarah Ruhl, and was #46 in *The Wolves*. She loves serving coffee and breakfast burritos at Market on Front, trivia nights at local bars, and spending time with her new kitten Cleo. Kinsey is grateful for *Puffs*, her first role as stage manager, first MCT show and doing it alongside her best friend Jasmine, and a phenomenal cast and crew. She is also a Puff!
BIOS

AZ SACRY – WAYNE HOPKINS

Az is stoked to make their MCT debut as Wayne in *PUFFS!* Az graduated with a BFA in theatre from the University of Montana in 2018 and has been working professionally in Montana since 2016. You may have seen them performing in Virginia City, at the Wilma, or at the ZACC. A deep believer in magic, this orphaned boy wizard can’t wait to share seven years of amazing adventures!

KERA RIVERA – MEGAN JONES

Kera is thrilled, tickled and all angsty to be in *Puffs!* at MCT. They have been bebopping around Missoula - stage managing, assistant directing and performing for over a decade. They have been working hard to bring you all the laughs and some heartfelt moments in *Puffs!* In their spare time, Kera enjoys cuddling cats and laughing with their favorite lobster.

HUNTER M CARVEY – OLIVER RIVERS

Hunter is a fifth generation Montanan, and brand new to Missoula! When he was 5, he auditioned for a traveling MCT show and fell asleep in the middle of his audition. He didn't get the part. His likes include soup, 80's movies, Murakami, sour candy, the moon, and being in plays. His dislikes include writing bios and doing things punctually.
FAITH TABERNA – NARRATOR

Faith, the youngest member of the cast, is a born and raised Missoulian! While having lots of performing experience in high school, they are excited to make their MCT debut as the Narrator! They are a part-time student, part-time barista, and a full-time cat mom! Outside of acting, Faith enjoys making music, skiing, and hiding her cat from her landlord!

NICHOLAS RAPP – CEDRIC / ENSEMBLE

Nicholas is new to Missoula and delighted to be making his MCT debut as Cedric/Mister Voldy. While theatrical work may have begun as an excuse to get a young Nicholas out of the house, he’d go on to devote an egregious amount of time wearing loud makeup under hot, colored lights. His passions are limited to Artaud, single origin coffee, Polish Theatre, America as branding, Kleist, online dating as karmic penance, Mayakovsky, and solid IBU.

REESHE SHELDAHL – J. FINCH / ENSEMBLE

Reese recently moved to Missoula and is very excited for his MCT debut. He has been a part of a number of productions at Grandstreet Theatre including The Mousetrap and A Real Boy. He’d like to thank his partner, Natalie Renk, for her endless support and humor.
BIOS

LUCY TAYLOR – LEANNE / ENSEMBLE
Lucy is excited to be back at MCT after performing as Pearl in MCT’s The SpongeBob Musical this past spring. Having spent her earlier years on stage in Los Angeles and New York City, she is happy to be finding her love for theater again here in Missoula. Lucy is a Raven-Puff, a cake lover, and a student at UofM, studying Media Arts and Musical Theater.

CHELSEA VON HASSEIN – SALLY PERKS / ENSEMBLE
Chelsea is delighted to be a part of Puffs for her first ever MCT show! She has recently been seen dancing on the Wilma stage in the Rocky Horror Show Live. Chelsea spent her college years studying dance before finding her way to her current career in textile design. When Chelsea is not creating colorful patterns, you will probably find her taking way too many photos of her cats or scouring local thrift stores.

ALICIA TREICHLER – HANNAH / ENSEMBLE
Alicia is thrilled to be in her first MCT show! She has been acting for many years and has been in several productions including the role of Veronica in MissCast’s I Am Acquainted with the Night.
JEROEN “JT” THORNTON – ERNIE MAC / ENSEMBLE

Born at a young age, JT was destined to entertain. Whether on stage, over the airwaves or on screen, he enjoys telling stories alongside other talented and like-minded folks. Last seen on MCT’s stage as the Foley Fish/Perch Perkins in SpongeBob SquarePants: The Musical, he endeavors to continue making and supporting local art/artists with the goal of showing how creativity and imagination can change lives. Thyself is thy master.

AUBRIE GOLDHAMMER – SUSIE BONES / ENSEMBLE

Aubrie is delighted to be joining the MCT family in her first show since graduating college. An avid lover of storytelling and the humanities, she studied theatre and psychology in the beautiful Shenandoah valley, where she met her beloved husband, Daniel, and took on the role of Henrietta Leavitt in Silent Sky. When she’s not on stage, Aubrie most enjoys writing, snuggling cats, and participating in as many Dungeons and Dragons campaigns as possible.

ZACHARY JARVIS – ZACH SMITH / ENSEMBLE

Zack is beyond excited to be doing his first show at MCT. He moved to Missoula in 2010 and since then has been performing all over the state doing standup comedy. You may recognize him as Brad Majors and Dr. Scott from Rocky Horror Show Live! performed at the Wilma! On top of performing, Zack also knows all the words to the song Space Jam and will sing them on command.
TIM BALLARD – SECOND HEADMASTER / ENSEMBLE

After 23rd grade, Tim was told politely but firmly that “there’s no more school left. Please go home.” He has since pivoted to bus routing (long story) and acting at MCT, most recently as The Mysterious Man in Into the Woods. As luck would have it, Puffs brings Tim to school again, this time WITH MAGIC. Here’s to seven MORE years of fun and learning (mercifully condensed into a couple hours)!

PAISLEY THORNTON – XAVIA JONES / ENSEMBLE

Originally from Ohio, Paisley began with MCT as a Tour Actor/Director, touring domestically and internationally before putting down roots in Missoula as Director of MCT Performing Arts Camps. When not choreographing or providing music direction, Paisley has been onstage as Ursula in The Little Mermaid, Kala in Tarzan, and Dina in Schoolhouse Rock, Live! And others. Paisley thanks the cast and crew for being so much fun to work with, and her husband - he’s pretty much the best.

JOY BAKKUM – HARRY / ENSEMBLE

Joy is new to Missoula and is making their debut on the MCT stage as Harry as well as the various other characters they play. Joy has had a passion for acting for as long as they can remember. From a small town in Montana, they have professionally trained in New York, Portland, and Missoula. Joy has enjoyed every minute of working on Puffs and is very excited to perform again after 2 years away from the stage.
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