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The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

Music & Lyrics by William Finn

Book by Rachel Sheinkin • Conceived by Rebecca Feldman

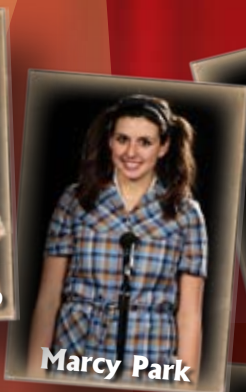
DIRECTED BY LAURA KRAYBILL



Olive Ostrovsky



Chip Tolentino



Marcy Park



Leaf Coneybear

February 2011

Friday the **18th**
Saturday the **19th**
Friday the **25th**
Saturday the **26th**
7:30 p.m.

Sunday the **27th**
3 p.m.



**Logainne
Schwartzand-
grubenierre**



William Barfee

Northlawn Studio Theatre

Hesston
College

START HERE, GO EVERYWHERE

Director's Note:

Welcome to the wild and wonderful world of the spelling bee! Who would have thought a spelling bee could be this funny or fraught with mishaps?

The painful hilarity of the middle-school condition is about to be laid bare, so get ready. While our own middle school years might not invite the fondest recollection, Barfee, Olive, Marcy, Logainne, Chip and Leaf draw us into this world with enough charm to be more than tolerable. But while the spellers at the bee reveal what is timeless about this stage of life, they also give a glimpse of the particular challenges of today's adolescent: non-traditional family structures, absent parents and the pressure to over-achieve. As we witness the bravery of these youths, may we be reminded of both the fragility and strength of the human condition. And if we recognize ourselves in the spellers, may we learn to accept our eccentricities as heartily as we do the champions on stage.

—*Enjoy the show!*
Laura Kraybill

A 15-minute intermission will take place between Acts I and II.

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and refrain from using cameras.**

Cast

Chip Tolentino/Olive's Dad	Solomon Rudy
Logainne Schwartzandgrubenniere	Kaedi LeFevre
Leaf Conebear	Robert Howell
William Barfee	Perry Andre
Marcy Park/Olive's Mom	Erin Banman
Olive Ostrovsky	Laura Unruh
Rona Lisa Perretti	Melody Marshall
Vice Principal Douglas Panch	Curtis Denlinger
Mitch Mahoney	Nik Krahn
Carl Dad	Michael Darby
Dan Dad	Clayton Bontrager
Leaf's Mom/Company	Libby Waltner
Leaf's Sisters/Company	Leah Rittenhouse
	Megan Leatherman
	Evette Yoder
Jesus Christ	Ron Moyo

Staff and Crew

Music Director/Conductor	Matthew Schloneger
Choreographer	Rachel Jantzi
Technical Director/Set Designer	Dan Williams
Stage Manager	Alanah Rempel
Props Master	Rachel Brown
Costume Design	Mariah Estep Samantha Hines Emily Miller
Hair and Make-up	Grace Yoder Andrea DeAvila
Lighting and Sound	Isaac Tice Ben Holland
Stage Crew	Samantha Hines Rudy Litwiller Kayla Kuhns Jenny Carter
Graphic Design	Nancy Miller

Band Members

Ken Rodgers.	Keyboard
Stephanie Swartzendruber	Synthesizer
Nathaniel Yoder	Percussion
Gregg Walker	Alto Saxophone
Amy Brubaker	Clarinet
Erin Hershey	Flute
Parker Stanley	Cello

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