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SUMMER 2014



**Encore Players**  
COMMUNITY THEATRE  
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**OLIVER!**



JULY 31, AUGUST 1, 2 at 7PM

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**TRUMANSBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

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**Encore Players Community Theatre Presents  
Oliver!**

## Introducing...Encore Players Community Theatre

Welcome to *Oliver!* our very first production. Thank you for coming! We are thrilled to be bringing live theatre to our Village of Trumansburg. What started as a dream in the cold depths of winter 2014 has, with the work and enthusiasm of many people of varied talents, become a reality. We wish to especially thank the Trumansburg Conservatory of Fine Arts for their willingness to support our vision through the use of their space for rehearsals during the month of June. We also utilized the Presbyterian Church, the Methodist Church and the Ulysses Philomathic Library, and wish to express our gratitude to those fine groups. It truly does "take a village!"

Community organizations like ours continue their vibrancy through the work of volunteers like you. If you like what you see, and want to get involved, we will welcome your participation! Encore Players will always be looking for more volunteers, actors and patrons. You can find out more about us, or even make a donation on line: [Encoreplayers.com](http://Encoreplayers.com)

We sincerely hope that this is the first of *many more years* of community productions, and that if you've ever been curious about being on stage, or behind the scenes, that you come and join the fun. Enjoy the show.

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### Director's Notes

The musical *Oliver!*, based upon the novel *Oliver Twist* by Charles Dickens, premiered in London's West End in 1960. After enjoying a long run on the West End, it opened in New York in 1963 and has seen many tours and revivals. *Oliver!* is a classic. It won a Tony award for Best Original Score in 1963, and its beautifully crafted melodies have been in our hearts and heads ever since. In addition to an award winning score, this show has everything else: colorful characters, bad guys, good guys, adorable children, a heroine, a murderer, and finally, a happy ending.

There has been a lot of buzz around town about our first production, and we are delighted to present it to you this weekend. We chose this show for its wonderful music, opportunities for all ages to get involved, and simply because we love it. Anne acted in it twice, in junior high as Mrs. Bedwin, and in college as Nancy, and Alice coached the music for this show in Japan in 2009. It has been an intense 8-week rehearsal process, but well worth the effort. Get ready to watch your local school children, neighbors, relatives, and friends act, sing, and dance this story to life.

## Meet our Creative Team

### Alice Ploss

Alice (Musical Director) is a versatile musician and teaching professional with over 25 years of experience working with all age groups and directing a wide variety of performing ensembles in the church setting, public schools and college level. She sings with Cielle and All Sounds On, and Ephemera, a vocal improv group in Ithaca, and has a small private voice and piano studio. She has a BM in Music Education (organ) from SUNY Fredonia, and a MS in Music Education (voice) from Ithaca College Her musical theater production experience - as a music director, vocal coach, rehearsal and performance accompanist and choreographer - spans 17 productions performed at all levels of secondary education in Trumansburg and surrounding communities, and also internationally in Tokyo, Japan.

### Anne Bialke

Anne (Director) has directed numerous productions in the Trumansburg area, working with young people and adults. Her credits include direction and co-direction, acting and movement coaching, choreography, set design and technical direction, and scenic painting. Her early training includes acting in numerous plays and musicals in high school, college and community groups, a minor in theatre from Minnesota State University Moorhead, with an emphasis on direction and costuming; three years of competition at the State level in Minnesota's State High School League One-Act Competition, and nine years of competitive public speaking, with performances at two national competitions hosted by the National Forensics League. An accomplished painter and illustrator, she has an MFA in illustration from Syracuse University and has been represented by West End Gallery in Corning, NY, since 1995.

### Kathy Lucas

Kathy (Choreographer) is a dance educator and performer. She holds a theatre and dance degree from SUNY Brockport. She has taught a variety of dance disciplines in the NYC public in-school and after-school programs; and was the Dance director for St. Joseph's High School in Brooklyn, NY. She has choreographed for several high school musicals and theatre companies both in NY and Japan. Her passion for teaching and choreography eventually extended to her time abroad in Japan where she founded an all-women's dance and drum company, which she directed for 5 years. Now planting dance roots in Ithaca, she teaches creative conditioning programs, dance, and is an online movement coach.

## Pit Band

Director, Alice Ploss  
Pianist, Russell Posegate  
Violin, Bob Schieber  
Cello and percussion, Bella Robson  
Flute, Kristen Robertson  
Clarinet, Madeleine Manly  
Keyboard, Laura Voorhees  
Drum Kit, Peter DeCloux  
Bass, Robin Ploss



## Production Staff

Director.....Anne Bialke  
Music Director.....Alice Ploss  
Choreographer.....Kathy Lucas  
Additional Choreography and Staging .....Alice Ploss and  
Anne Bialke  
Stage Manager.....Olivia Ohlsten  
Assistant Stage Managers..... Kelsey Broadfield, Cyia Drew  
Set Design.....Anne and Bill Bialke  
Technical Direction.....Bill Bialke  
Costume Design.....Cindy Rice, Barbara Melvin  
Lighting Design.... Geoffrey Peterson  
Sound Designer.....Stan Stewart  
Set Construction.....Bill Coon, Jay Ohlsten,  
Richard Figiel, Erik Nielsen  
Set Painting...Noelle Dembroski, Anne Bialke, Mary Ellen Free  
Costume Construction.....Cindy Rice, Barbara Melvin,  
Alison James, Eleanor Olson, Sarah Posegate, Hilary Gifford  
Sound Crew.....Stan Stewart, Jack Reynolds  
Light Board.....Cameron Rider  
Props.....Deb Pfautsch, Molly Buck, Mary Ellen Free  
House Manager.....Jane Gallagher  
Box Office.....Lara DeSantis  
Hair and Make-up.....Kerri Everhart-Mount, Tracy  
Seaman, Elspeth Peterson, Molly Buck, Noelle Dembroski  
Program.....Cathryn Sellers  
Poster/Program Cover Design.....Madeleine Bialke

## Scenes and Musical Numbers

### Act I

- Scene 1 The Workhouse Dining Hall ---Early Evening  
"Food, Glorious Food" Orphans  
"Oliver" Mr. Bumble, Widow Corney and Orphans
- Scene 2 The Workhouse ---Later  
"I Shall Scream" Widow Corney and Mr. Bumble  
"Boy For Sale" Mr. Bumble
- Scene 3 The Undertaker's Shop  
"That's Your Funeral" Mr. Sowerberry, Mrs. Sowerberry  
and Mr. Bumble  
"Where Is Love?" Oliver
- Scene 4 The Undertaker's Shop ---Next Morning
- Scene 5 A London Street ---Morning, a Week Later  
"Consider Yourself" Artful Dodger, Oliver, Boys, and  
Chorus
- Scene 6 The Thieves' Kitchen and a London Street ---Later That Day  
"Pick a Pocket or Two" Fagin and Fagin's Gang  
"It's a Fine Life" Nancy and Bet, with Fagin's Gang  
"I'd Do Anything" Artful Dodger, Nancy, Oliver, Bet,  
Fagin and his Gang  
"Be Back Soon" Fagin, Artful Dodger and the Gang

### Act II

- Scene 1 The "Three Cripples" Public House --- Later That Evening  
"Oom-Pah-Pah" Nancy and Chorus  
"My Name" Bill Sykes  
"As Long As He Needs Me"
- Scene 2 The Brownlows' and a London Street ---Two Weeks Later  
"Where is Love?" (Reprise) Mrs. Bedwin  
"Who Will Buy?" Oliver, Street Criers and Chorus
- Scene 3 The Thieves' Kitchen Later  
"Reviewing the Situation" Fagin
- Scene 4 The Workhouse--- A Few Days Later  
"Oliver" (Reprise)
- Scene 5 The Brownlows' and a London Street ---A Few Days Later  
"As Long As He Needs Me" (Reprise) Nancy
- Scene 6 Near London Bridge --- Night  
"Reviewing the Situation" (Reprise) Fagin

Cast List

Oliver .....Xander Dawson  
 Dawson Dunne  
 Mr. Bumble.....Jerry Kraus  
 Widow Corney.....Betsy Loring  
 Noah Claypole.....Daniel Trippett  
 Mr. Sowerberry.....Marvin Utech  
 Mrs. Sowerberry.....Lisa Kirby  
 Charlotte.....Erin May  
 The Artful Dodger.....Tucker Rossi  
 Fagin.....Jeff LaPoint  
 Nancy.....Molly Yettru  
 Charlie Bates.....Noah Potenza  
 Bet.....Sophie Tantillo  
 Chairman.....David Williams  
 Old Sally.....Millie Utech  
 Old Annie.....Alison James  
 Bill Sykes.....Scott Dawson  
 Mrs. Bedwin.....Laura Brown  
 Mr. Brownlow.....Dennis Dore  
 Dr. Grimwig.....Harry McCue  
 Bow Street Runner.....Tommy Dunne

Chorus

Joel Abrams, Melanie Andrew, Madeleine Bialke, Laura Brown, Rosie Dawes, Tommy Dunne, Jean Geuder, Alison James, Lisa Kirby, Betsy Loring, Erin May, Denise Milito, Harry McCue, Sarah Posegate, Sydney Preston, Dana Robson, Marvin Utech, Milly Utech, David Williams

Orphans

Mary Andrew, Eleanor Asbrand, Carrie Bub, Oanh Dawes, Xander Dawson, Dawson Dunne, Rosie Fitzgerald, Anna Gardner, Ellie Gardner, Maggie Hjortshoj, Eleanor Kephart, Lance Lawton, Makenzie Masters, Alex Mitchell, Ryan Mitchell, Elle Mount, Evan Posegate, Noah Potenza, Noah Robson, Elijah Schechter, Harlan Stockwell, John Suggs, Natalie Suggs

Workhouse Children

Caitlin Bub, Yheva Martin

Fagin’s Gang

Mary Andrew, Eleanor Asbrand, Oanh Dawes, Xander Dawson, Dawson Dunne, Rosie Fitzgerald, Maggie Hjortshoj, Eleanor Kephart, Lance Lawton, Makenzie Masters, Alex Mitchell, Ryan Mitchell, Noah Potenza, Elijah Schechter

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