



SAN DIEGO
JUNIOR THEATRE
PRESENTS



Annie

©Tribune Content Agency, LLC

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 9
CASA DEL PRADO, BALBOA PARK

Directed by ELISSA RUSSELL
Music Direction by MICHAEL TYREE
Choreography by MARC CARO-WILLCOX

Book by THOMAS MEEHAN
Music by CHARLES STROUSE
Lyrics by MARTIN CHARNIN

Based on Little Orphan Annie by permission of The Media Tribune Services, Inc.

Lead Sponsor: Drs. Robert & Julie Cowan Novak and Family



A NOTE FROM PRODUCING ARTISTIC DIRECTOR, JOEY PRICE



WELCOME to San Diego Junior Theatre's 78th season!

We are thrilled to welcome you on the extraordinary journey that is our 78th season, as we invite you to **Forge Your Path**. Each of our productions this year explores the courage and resilience it takes to find one's own way in the world. No matter where you are on your journey, we hope these stories will inspire you to embrace adventure, face challenges, and discover the power within yourself.

Our season begins with the timeless classic **Annie**, a story of optimism and perseverance in the face of hardship. Annie's journey reminds us that even in our darkest moments, we can always hope for a brighter tomorrow. Then, we venture into the icy world of **Disney's Frozen, JR**, where two sisters learn that true strength comes not from fear, but from embracing who they truly are.

In **Where the Mountain Meets the Moon**, we follow Minli, a young girl who dares to seek her own destiny beyond what she has always known. Her journey to change her family's fortune is a testament to the power of storytelling and believing in the impossible. From there, we dive into the hilarious and heartfelt tale of **Shrek**, where an unlikely hero discovers that being true to oneself is the greatest adventure of all.

Our season continues with **A Bad Case of Stripes: The Musical**, a colorful story about self-acceptance and the courage to embrace individuality. And finally, we close Season 78 with the sweeping epic **Les Misérables**, where characters fight for freedom, redemption, and the pursuit of a better future – each forging their own path in the face of adversity.

Through these stories, we celebrate the dreamers, the adventurers, and the misfits who dare to carve their own way. We invite you to join us in the audience, experience the magic of live theatre, and be inspired by these unforgettable journeys.

Joey Price

CAST

ANNIE.....	Lulu Stezano
MISS HANNIGAN.....	Naomi Rice
OLIVER WARBUCKS.....	Quincy Ricker
GRACE FARRELL.....	Annie Lawrence
LILY ST. REGIS.....	Sophie Gonzalez
ROOSTER.....	Josiah Briggs
MOLLY.....	Micaela Mejia
PEPPER.....	Jordyn McConnell
TESSIE.....	Valentina Cornelia
DUFFY.....	Pearl Salonga
JULY.....	Ezra Floersheimer
KATE.....	Fiona Denow Fry
BONNIE BOYLAN/ENSEMBLE.....	Rauri McClain
CONNIE BOYLAN/ENSEMBLE.....	Sarina Turk
RONNIE BOYLAN/ENSEMBLE.....	Juliet Abell
FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT/BERT HEALY.....	Dylan Hochman
ANNETTE/FRANCIS PERKINS.....	Olivia Jane
CECILLE/ENSEMBLE.....	Adelaide Orechwa
MRS. GREER/ENSEMBLE.....	Zoey Mendenhall*
MRS. PUGH/ENSEMBLE.....	Amaia Downing
MR. BUNDLES/HULL.....	Jude Sabin
STAR-TO-BE/ENSEMBLE.....	Penny Gage*
DOG CATCHER/ENSEMBLE.....	Linnea Voytek
JIMMY JOHNSON/MORGANTHAU.....	Pierce Beal
WACKY/ENSEMBLE.....	Logan Leslie
RADIO FOLEY ARTIST/ENSEMBLE.....	Vivian Schwartz
NYC USHERETTE/ENSEMBLE.....	Valerie Borromeo
POLICEMAN/MARINE.....	Eliott Garcia
LT. WARD/DRAKE/FRED MCCRACKEN/ENSEMBLE.....	Russell Jaggars
HOWE/ENSEMBLE.....	Liam Daniels
SANDY.....	Hamilton Caro-Willcox

*Dance Captains

ORPHANS

Ema Benz	Mia Cohen
Greta DeSmet	Olivia Robinson
Marlo Ragadio	Sage Garcia
Mary Kuriakose	Skyler Geller

ENSEMBLE

Aliyah Lee	Claire Palmer	Evie Roach
Hanna Sithole	Sloane Price	

**Photography, videotaping, sound recording & texting
are strictly prohibited during the performance.**

*Annie is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com.*

MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT 1

Overture
Maybe
Hard Knock Life
Hard Knock Life Reprise
Tomorrow
Hooverville
Little Girls
I Think I'm Gonna Like it Here
N.Y.C
Easy Street
Maybe (Reprise)

ACT 2

Entr'Acte
Fully Dressed
Easy Street Reprise
Tomorrow (Reprise)
Something Was Missing
I Don't Need Anything But You
Same Effect on Everyone
A New Deal for Christmas

There will be a 15-minute intermission between Acts 1 and 2.

ORCHESTRA

CONDUCTOR/KEYBOARD - Michael Tyree

REED 1 - Nathaniel Jorge
REED 2 - Gabriel de Andrade
TRUMPET - Chris Wilson
TROMBONE - Neil Slavick

VIOLIN - Clare Hatter
BASS - Edward LaBarbera
DRUMS - Michael Masessa
CELLO - Isadora Flores

CREW

STAGE MANAGER.....Atlas Ohle-Kot
ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGERS.....Audrey Buhr, Jamie Lang-Tregoning
BOX OFFICE.....Blake Burrows, Caleb Dade
HOUSE MANAGERS.....Cita Thompson-Beronio, Valentina Garcia Wells
SOUND BOARD OPERATORS.....Naia Okunor, Phoebe Sturak
LIGHT BOARD OPERATOR.....Melanie Mroczek
SPOTLIGHT OPERATORS.....Siena Matranga, Theo Martin
COSTUMES.....Chloe Palmer, Destiny Snow, Jax Leslie, Lena Turk,
Liz Rodriguez, Rachel Sciammas, Theia King
HAIR & MAKEUP.....Alice Palmer, Asa Erickson, Evelyn Marcella, Gray Beal,
Harper Celebi-Mawhorter, Reagan Runsvold, Sloane Ash,
Jamie Graves, Liz Rodriguez, Taj Plettner Booker
STAGE CREW.....10-08 Ballas, Catie Nordin, Elena Downing, Julieta Flores,
Max Bengs, Quinn Young, Tanner Zavoral
USHERS.....Aliya Sheehy, Audrey Davis, Ava Bellama, Coral Lani Farr,
Elliana Gabai, Emmy Racanelli, Gwynn O'Leary Enterline,
Jamie Robinson, Juliet Hernandez-Mark, Julieta Renteria,
Leonardo Hernandez-Mark, Liliana Pomeranz, LillyAnn Conrads,
Mac Orechwa, Russell Matranga, Sophia May, Stella Decker

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

San Diego Junior Theatre recognizes that we sit on the ancestral homeland of the Kumeyaay Nation. We extend our respect and gratitude to the Kumeyaay peoples who have lived here for over 10,000 years.

PRODUCTION TEAM

DIRECTOR.....	Elissa Russell
MUSIC DIRECTOR.....	Michael Tyree
CHOREOGRAPHER.....	Marc Caro-Willcox
SCENIC DESIGN.....	Gordo Ghostway, Isaac Vermilye
COSTUME DESIGN.....	Tammy Molenaar
LIGHTING DESIGN.....	Matthew Novotny
HAIR & WIG DESIGN.....	Tammy Molenaar
SOUND DESIGN.....	Robin Wheeler
DRAMATURG.....	Gordo Ghostway
DOG TRAINERS.....	Anthony Zelig, Jacklyn Knutson
SOUND ENGINEER.....	Cole Atencio
SET CONSTRUCTION.....	Gordo Ghostway, Isaac Vermilye
PR & MARKETING.....	Anthony Zelig, Sabrina Webster
ASL INTERPRETERS.....	Jillean Reitz, Ty McIntee

PARENT COMMITTEE CHAIRS

PRODUCTION CHAIRS.....	Allison Harris-Turk, Happy Aston, Nicole Denow
LOBBY DECORATION.....	Audra Hochman
REFRESHMENTS.....	Heather Sabin
STRIKE DINNER.....	Heather Lang, Nancy Palmer
MEMORY BOOK.....	Devin Roach
LOAD IN/STRIKE CHAIR.....	Lloyd Sabin
SCHOOL DAY MEALS.....	Lisa Lawrence
LAUNDRY.....	Debbie Kilbourn

SPECIAL THANKS

Drs. Robert & Julie Cowan Novak Marc & Oliver Caro-Willcox
 Parent Volunteers of Cast and Crew

Cafe in the Park

Hours: 9am-5pm
 Tuesday-Sunday
 (Closed Monday)

Located inside the Casa de Balboa Building
 Next to the Museum of Photographic Arts and
 Railroad Museum

Offering a variety
 of sandwiches,
 wraps, salads,
 coffee, beverages,
 burgers, hot dogs,
 and baked goods

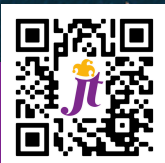
jt SAN DIEGO JUNIOR THEATRE PRESENTS

ENROLL TODAY!

THANKSGIVING CAMP

K - GRADE 6
BALBOA PARK

NOV 24 - NOV 26



jt SAN DIEGO JUNIOR THEATRE PRESENTS

ENROLL TODAY!

WINTER CLASSES & CAMPS

PREK - GRADE 12

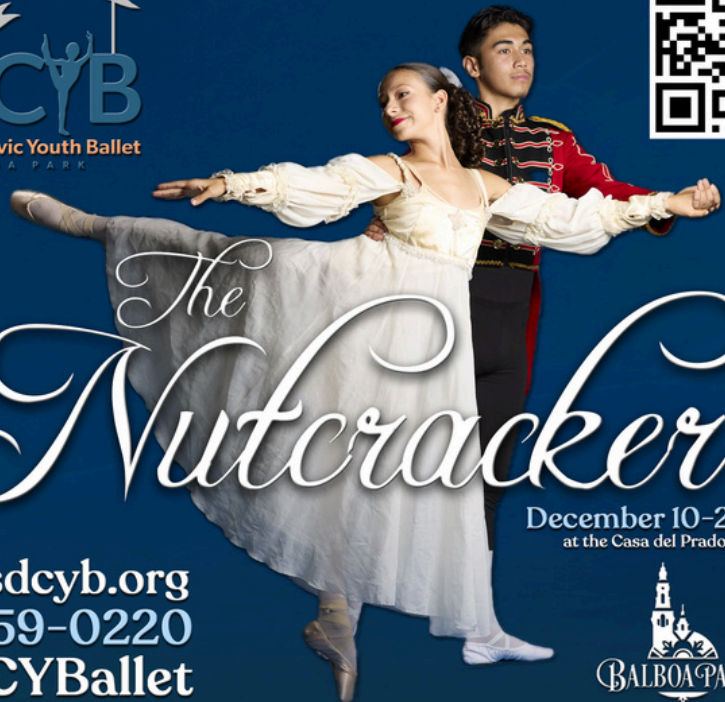
DECEMBER 22 - MARCH 22



For details and to register, visit juniortheatre.com or scan the QR code!

SDCYB
San Diego Civic Youth Ballet
BALBOA PARK

Perfect for families and audiences of all ages!



The Nutcracker

December 10-21, 2025
at the Casa del Prado Theater

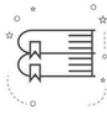
www.sdcyb.org
619-259-0220
@SDCYBallet

BALBOA PARK



Annie provides an important and timely message of love, hope, and optimism! We are honored to serve as lead sponsors! Congratulations to the cast and crew, to Anthony Zelig, Desha Crowover, the entire SDJT staff, parents, and Board of Trustees who provide their time, talent, and resources!

**With Love & Gratitude,
Drs. Robert & Julie Cowan Novak & Family**



Your Strategic Financial Partner

At BGB, we turn **financial chaos into clarity** for business owners.

With over 20 years of accounting and operations experience, we provide **CFO-level guidance, tax strategy, and automation systems** that help you grow with confidence.

Our Services Include:

- **Fractional CFO & Operations Consulting**
Expert financial leadership and strategy for scaling businesses.
- **Accounting, Bookkeeping, & Tax Planning**
Maximize cash flow and minimize taxes with proactive management.
- **System Design & Automation**
Streamline your business operations for efficiency and growth.

"Behind every great performance is solid backstage support."
We bring that same dedication and precision to your finances - so you can focus on your passion.

Proudly supporting local theatre and small business communities.

☎ (619) 289-7646
 🌐 www.bgbllc.org
 ✉ info@bgbllc.org



Create Lasting Change



- *Boost energy
- *Reduce cravings
- *Lose weight naturally
- *Learn quick, easy meals
- *Get the whole family healthy
- *Heal the mind & body

Get a FREE Health consultation

(619) 876-2655

www.HappyFoodHealth.com



barre3

An efficient + effective workout combining strength, cardio, and mindfulness.

Get your first class free



North Park & Mission Hills
 619.436.2122
 follow us @barre3sandiego



Artists At Work



in Balboa Park

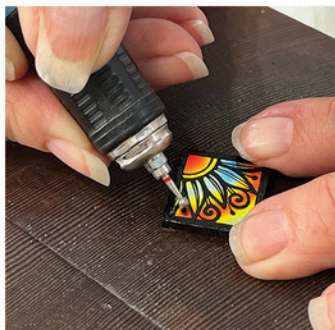
Watch local artists at work in their 36 unique studios representing over 200 local artists. These working art studios enable visitors to meet artists, see demonstrations, purchase one-of-a-kind creations and enjoy the unique historic atmosphere.

Classes, workshops and art camps for all ages.

Village Arts Center (Spanish Village)

between the Nat and the Zoo • open daily from 11am-4pm.

WATCH • LEARN • EXPLORE





SAN DIEGO JUNIOR THEATRE STAFF

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.....	Desha Crownover
PRODUCING ARTISTIC DIRECTOR.....	Joey Price
EDUCATION DIRECTOR.....	Elissa Russell
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & PATRON SERVICES.....	Anthony Zelig
PRODUCTION MANAGER.....	Isaac Vermilye
OFFICE MANAGER.....	Nikki Saldana
EDUCATION COORDINATOR.....	Isadora Swann
ASSISTANT PRODUCTION MANAGER.....	Gordon McLachlan
MARKETING & PATRON SERVICES ASSISTANT.....	Sabrina Webster
COSTUME LOFT COORDINATOR.....	Tammy Molenaar
OFFICE ASSISTANTS.....	Tessa Molenaar, Lizzie Cisneros
FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING ADVISOR.....	Becky Jonestrask
GRAPHIC/WEB DESIGNER	Barron Henzel

AUXILIARY BOARD

CO-PRESIDENTS.....	Debbie Kilbourn, Debi Schneiderwind
SECRETARY.....	Rebecca Gregerson
VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR/MEMBERSHIP.....	Justine Freeman
JTAGS.....	Jennifer Calderon-Mendenhall
JTOPS.....	Audra Hochman

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

PRESIDENT.....	Rick Wisner	
TREASURER.....	Justin Ruggiero	
SECRETARY.....	Allison Harris-Turk	
Carlos Solorio	Charlene Cornelia	Steve Multer

UP NEXT AT SAN DIEGO JUNIOR THEATRE...



Directed by Carmen A. Quiñones
 Music Directed by Kim Hendrix Racine
 Choreographed by Ricardo Valenzuela

January 9-18, 2026

Tickets on sale now!

WE'RE SOCIAL! Follow us @juniortheatre



THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

Director's Circle

\$10,000+

City of San Diego Cultural Affairs
Drs. Robert & Julie Cowan Novak and Family
Gina Purlia & Kent Johnson Family Fund
Patrons of the Prado
Price Philanthropies
Casey Purlia Johnson
Kathryn Starr

Diamond Circle

\$5,000-\$9,999

The Daphne Seybolt Culpepper Memorial Foundation

Gold Circle

\$1,000-\$4,999

Anna C. Lewis Fund of the Jewish Community Foundation
Anonymous
BGB
Agnes Chu
Hoffman/Freeman Family
Kimberly & Farrell Layton
Nordin Family
Gerald & Christa Reynolds
Justin Ruggiero
Rick & Bridget Wisner

Silver Circle

\$500-\$999

Zachary Bristow
Stacy Dooley
Rosanne & Robert Fleming
Kimberly Golynskiy
Haberman Family Fund
Steve Multer

Louisa Porter
Cathy Rossi
Elaine & David Saville
Steven Malk & Alexandra Sartor Charitable Fund
James & Laurie Wen
Janet & Anne Winder-Steed

Bronze Circle

\$250-\$499

Leslie Adams Carpenter
Anonymous
Stephanie Blake
Jill Brow-Weller
Rebecca Decker
Charles Deem
Dale Fleming
Betsy Gardner
Russell Ginns
Marlene & Marc Hamovitch
Steve & Mary Jane Harris
Allison Harris-Turk & Brian Turk
Jill Kirby
Lori Partrick
Robert Paul
Helen Prine
William Roetzheim
Patti Saraniero & Ben Thoron
Ben & Amy Schindler
Bill & Debi Schneiderwind
Steve Statharos
Janine & Shoshana Tarkow
Linda & Michael Teays
Regina Troxell
Mary Winkley

Patron

\$100-\$249

Abigail Allen
Anonymous

Geoffrey Clow
Debra Connick
Keli Costales
Susan Distor-Hee
Michelle Fleming
Gregory Garbacz
Alonso Gonzales Cabello
Denise Hampton
Darren Jackson
Lisa Jaret
Rebecca Kovrlija
Dr. Richard Landres
Lazy Dog Restaurants
Marshall & Judy Lewis Fund of the Jewish Community Foundation
Marsha Mooradian
Kathy Nordin
Philip Reza
Felicia Wells
Victoria Wyeth

Thank you!

This list reflects gifts received through October 17, 2025.

We are grateful for the generosity of our donors and make every effort to ensure accuracy in the donor listing. If there is an error, please accept our apologies and contact Anthony Zelig at 619-239-8355 so we can make appropriate corrections.

JOIN THE DONOR LIST!

Your donation will support SDJT's critical mission of making theatre arts education and production accessible to the youth of San Diego.

SCAN THE QR CODE AND DONATE TODAY!

Jtogether





SAN DIEGO
JUNIOR THEATRE
PRESENTS

FORGE YOUR PATH

SAN DIEGO JUNIOR THEATRE'S
78th SEASON
2025-2026

ANNIE

OCT 24 - NOV 9, 2025

DISNEY'S FROZEN JR.

JAN 9 - 18, 2026

(additional shows on Sundays at 11am)

WHERE THE MOUNTAIN MEETS THE MOON

FEB 27 - MARCH 15, 2026

SHREK THE MUSICAL

APRIL 24 - MAY 10, 2026

A BAD CASE OF STRIPES

JUNE 26 - JULY 12, 2026

(no show on July 4)

LES MISERABLES

JULY 24 - AUGUST 9, 2026

Productions subject to availability.

TICKETS ON
SALE NOW!

