

# Musical Numbers

## ACT 1

"The 25 <sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee"	Ensemble
"The Rules"/"Rona Moment #1"	Panch, Rona, Ensemble
"My Friend, the Dictionary"	Olive, Rona, Ensemble
"Pandemonium"	Ensemble
"I'm Not That Smart"	Leaf
"Magic Foot"	Barfee, Ensemble
"Pandemonium Reprise"/"Rona Moment #2"	Chip, Mitch, Rona, Ensemble
"Prayer of the Comfort Counselor"	Mitch, Ensemble

## ACT 2

"Chip's Lament"	Chip
"Woe is Me"	Schwartz, Ensemble
"Spelling Montage"/"I'm Not That Smart Reprise"	Ensemble
"I Speak Six Languages"	Marcy, Girl Ensemble
"The I Love You Song"	Olive, Olive's Mom, Olive's Dad
"Woe is Me Reprise"	Schwartz
"Rona Moment #3"	Rona
"Second"	Olive, Barfee, Panch, Ensemble
"Champion"	Ensemble
"Finale"/Bows	Ensemble

## CAST BIOS

**Chris Autera** (Vice Principal Douglas Panch) has been a part of the Stanner Players family since last year. He's jumped around from cast to crew, and has enjoyed every second of it. He would like to thank everyone who told him to "Break a Leg," especially since he's in such a great cast!

**Genesis Barreto** (Marcy Park) is a sophomore, and this is her second Stanner Players production. She appeared last year as Mazie La Bird in *Seussical the Musical*.

**David Di Maggio** (William Barfee) is a senior at Molloy and has been in every production the Stanner Players have put on since his sophomore year. He also is a member of Molloy's Theater Arts and Improv Club and will be performing in the Spring Arts Festival. When in college, David hopes to continue acting and being a nuisance to Ms. Winters. He would like to thank his family for supporting him in every production he's been a part of. His favorite color is periwinkle and his favorite shape is not a circle.

**Salvatore DiPaola** (Stage Manager) is a senior at Molloy and has been a part of the Stanner Players since his freshman year. He has been stage manager for the past five productions including *Seussical: The Musical* and *Alice in Wonderland*. He would like to thank his family for supporting him and the Stanner Players for helping him find a great group of friends who inspire him to do better every day and who have become a family to him. He would also like to thank Ms. Winters who has become an inspiration and a role model in his life. Thank you!

**Matt Frenzel** (Alternate Speller/Leaf's Dad/Carl Dad) is making his 6th and final appearance in a Stanner Players production and he is very excited, nostalgic, and feeling a lot of emotions right now. As a Stanner Player, Matt has played roles that vary from a wild, twin Lost Boy, to a wacky Special Agent, to a young, goofy clerk, to a crazy monkey, to an odd frog and another strange twin...Matt is starting to notice a pattern in his roles and can't help but feel that it is saying something about how he presents himself to the world (is he too zany?) But Matt is okay with this, because Matt is doing what he loves. He loves his friends, he loves his family, but what he loves most of all is being able to make people laugh and relieve us all of the daily stress that life throws at us. Matt would also like to dedicate this performance to his prom date Rachel who is literally the best person ever, and to his dog, Nash who is also amazing.

**Niamh Girudsky** (Alternate Speller/Len's Mom) is a senior at Molloy. This is her second appearance in a Stanner Players production, having previously performed in "Seussical the Musical." In her spare time, she likes to start whip circles and call herself Debbie. She would like to thank her lamp, for always being her light when it's dark, and also her step ladder, for always helping her up when she's down. Her quote to live by is, "Big things come in small packages."

**Justyna Jablonska** (Alternate Speller/Leaf's Sister/ Olive's Mom) has been involved with dance, music, drama and modeling ever since she was a little kid. Throughout her years, she has been part of a variety of productions inside and outside of school. She wants to make it very far in the performing arts world. This is one of the only things that she absolutely loves doing and knows that she will always feel comfortable working in the field.

**David Kemp** (Alternate Speller/Jesus/Olive' Dad) has been a Stanner Player since his freshman year when he debuted in *You Can't Take it With You* and has been in every fall play and spring musical since. David's involvement in the Stanner Players has inspired him to explore his talents in the Arts. David has been blessed with many opportunities such as the New York State Summer School of the Arts, classes at the Center for Preparatory Studies in Music at Queens College, and was a semi-finalist for the National Shakespeare Competition. David's development of his talents and passion for the Arts can be attributed in part to his family. A big thanks to Ms. Yang, Ms. Winters, Alumni and all the Stanner Players for the opportunities and shared experiences.

**The Negron** (Mitch Mahoney) is a freshman at Molloy. This is his 2nd Stanner Players production, and was previously in *Alice and Wonderland*. He would like to thank his family and friends and everyone in the cast and crew for their support during this production.

**Catherine (Cat) Nolty** (Logainne Schwartzandgrubenierre) is a senior and is very excited to be a part of her last show with the Stanner Players. Her previous productions include: *Alice in Wonderland*, *Seussical* and *Peter Pan*. She would like to thank her family and friends who have been so supportive of her and all her endeavors. She would also like to let her mother know that no, she still can't spell any better than she did before production started.

**Nina Pesa** (Rona Lisa Peretti) has been singing all her life; and she found her calling once she joined the Stanner Players her junior year. She was in last year's production of *Seussical the Musical* and is honored to be a part of this year's production of *The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*.

**Sarah Quispe** (Olive) is a freshman at Archbishop Molloy High School. She is thrilled to be part of the Stanner Players' production of *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*. She has a passion for music and the performing arts. She began taking dance lessons at the age of three, and continued for 10 years, participating in yearly dance recitals. During her junior high school years at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs School, she took part in the talent shows, she was a member of the choir for 5 years, and she played the flute in the school band for six years. For a year and a half, she enrolled in the Garden Players, a musical theater program, where she received musical training, as well as improvisation and acting techniques. She performed as the dancer Maria in the production of *Lemontales* by Betina Hershey Russo. Recently, Sarah performed in the production of *Footloose* at Holy Child Jesus Parish. Sarah auditioned and was accepted into the Drama program at Frank Sinatra High School and the Musical Theatre Program at Saint Francis Preparatory High School. She would like to thank Robert Ariza, Betina Hershey Russo, Sunny Knable and Shannon Winters for inspiring her and helping her become the performer she is today. She is also grateful to all the family, friends and the Stanner Players cast and crew for their tremendous support.

**Harry Singh** (Alternate Speller/Dan Dad) - As this is his last Stanner Players' Production, Harry would like to take this moment to thank The Stanner Players, past and present, and Ms. Winters for these four ineffable years. He would also like to take this moment to point out that no matter how we define ourselves, where we come from, or what we will go onto do, none of it matters on the stage, where the only reality is one you share with the people around you. After all, acting is not how well you can lie, but how well you can tell someone else's truth. (P.S.: Harry hopes to only be as fabulous as his predecessor, Ms. Winters.)

**Paul Tibo** (Chip Tolentino) debuted as a Stanner Player in *Alice in Wonderland* as an insane, crazed, large March Hare in November 2015. He is glad that he joined the Stanner Players and this is his first musical.

**Stephen Velez** (Leaf Conebear) is a senior this year and is very happy to be a part of this production. He would like to thank Ms. Winters and his fellow cast mates for helping to put together this amazing show. He will miss not being smart and being a part of the Stanner Players after he graduates.

**Julia Zrillo** (Stage Manager) is a senior at Molloy. This is her fourth year in the Stanner Players. She has stage managed *Peter Pan*, *You Can't Take It With You*, *The Matchmaker*, *Seussical*, and *Alice in Wonderland*. This past summer, she worked as stage crew for *Mary Poppins* at St. Gregory the Great Theater Group. Julia is also an executive officer of the Theatre Arts and Improv Club. She feels extremely blessed to have been a part of the Stanner Players for the last four years. Being a part of this family is unforgettable and irreplaceable. She would like to thank Sal for keeping her young. And lastly she would like to thank Ms. Winters, who has been an incredible inspiration these last three years. Julia could not have asked for a better director, mentor, and friend.

## Cast List

Rona Lisa Peretti ... Nina Pesa

Chip Tolentino ... Paul Tibo

Logainne Schwartzandgrubenierre ... Catherine Nolty

Leaf Conebear ... Stephen Velez

William Barfee ... David Di Maggio

Marcy Park ... Genesis Baretto

Olive Ostrovsky ... Sarah Quispe

VICE Principal Douglas Panch ... Chris Autera

Mitch Mahoney ... Che Negron

Alternate Speller/ Leaf's Dad /Carl Dad ... Matthew Frenzel

Alternate Speller/ Leaf's Mom ... Niamh Girdusky

Alternate Speller/ Leaf's Sister/ Olive's Mom ... Justyna Jablonska

Alternate Speller/ Jesus/ Olive's Dad ... David Kemp

Alternate Speller/ Dan Dad ... Harry Singh

### Piano

Frank Auriemma

### Bass

Ed Voyer

**There will be one 15 minute intermission.**

**\*Please note that the actors utilize the aisles, stairs, and ramps throughout the performance. Please do not block the aisles and remain seated until intermission or the end of the performance.\***

**The videotaping or other video or audio recording of this production is strictly prohibited.**



# THE 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE

Music & Lyrics by  
William Finn

Book By  
Rachel Sheinkin

Conceived by  
Rebecca Feldman

Additional Material by  
Jay Reiss

Originally Directed on Broadway by James Lapine

Originally produced on Broadway by  
David Stone, James L. Nederlander, Barbara Whitman, Patrick Catullo,  
Barrington Stage Company, Second Stage Theater

Based upon C-R-E-P-U-S-C-U-L-E, an original play by The Farm.

The Barrington Stage Company workshop of THE 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE was originally co-directed by Michael Barakiva and Rebecca Feldman.

The Farm was founded in 2000 by Rebecca Feldman, Artistic Director. It is a collective of writers and performers, including Jay Reiss, Dan Fogler, and Sarah Saltzberg. The Farm's interest is in the role of improvisation in creating new work for the theatre. The Farm initially designates a two-week intensive period in which to discover, develop, and rehearse a play from the impulses borne mainly out of the pressure of a deadline. Previous projects include "Super" (at Atlantic Theatre Studio), "Why I Hate Florida" (workshop at White Wave in DUMBO), and "C-R-E-P-U-S-C-U-L-E" (at the Present Company Theaterium in October 2002), on which "The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" is based. The character and original dialogue of "Beth Margulies," "Vice Principal Douglas Panch," "Mr. Barfoe," and "Logan Scharztzengrubenierre" were created by Rebecca Feldman, Jay Reiss, Dan Fogler, and Sarah Saltzberg, respectively.

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## Producers

Mr. Richard Karsten, President  
Mr. Darius Penikas, Principal

## Director

Ms. Shannon Winters

## Musical Director

Mr. Frank Auremma

## Set Design and Construction

Todd Wilkerson

## Lighting Design

Glenn Rivano

## Sound Design

Gary Colter

## House Manager

Kim Cipriano

## Stage Managers

Salvatore DiPaola  
Joanna Wong  
Julia Zirillo

## Stage Manager in Training

Sabryne Yu

## Choreographer

Ashley DeSena

## Lighting

Ariana Cardoza  
Chashtidy Jeffrey

## Sound

Lauren Boldeau  
Dominique DeCosta  
Ingrid Karmazinas

## Running Crew

Katie Van Ripper

## Hair/Make-Up/Costumes

Meghan Khameraj

## Assistant House Managers

Anthony Autera  
Alexander Velez

### Director's Note -

The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee holds a special place in my heart as it was my final college production, as well as the final production I was a part of as an actor. I look back on those months with extremely fond memories, and I am still friends with many of the cast and crew of that production. It was a show that bonded us in a very special way. However, choosing it for this spring's production was not an automatic decision. A college production is very different from a high school production for many reasons; my main concern had to do with the audience volunteers. This show requires a good amount of improvisation, and while things could go very right, they could also go very wrong. It's one thing to rehearse for months with your actors to make sure they know the ins and outs of the script, but you can only prepare them so much for the unexpected. But finally I came to the conclusion that isn't that the whole point of live theater, anyway? No two performances will ever be the same. And seeing these students work on this show the past few months has made me wonder how I could have ever doubted them in the first place.

Putnam County is really like most middle schools: full of awkward, shy, prepubescent weirdos. I say this with all affection. Very few people look back on their time in middle school and think it was the most spectacular time of their lives. However, it is definitely a time of learning and self-discovery, which is exactly what those characters due at the Bee. While they walk into the Bee with the sole focus of winning, they each walk away with a new understanding and realization about themselves, the adults included. These characters are so quirky and so endearing, I hope you will find your favorite (perhaps the character who reminds you most of yourself!) and cheer them on throughout the Bee!

This production could not "bee" what it is without the help of many people. To my production team: Frank Auriemma, Glenn Rivano, Gary Colter, and Todd Wilkerson - I am eternally grateful that you have been able to share your talents and wisdom with me. (I'm slowly learning more and more about the technical sides of theater!) To my friend Kim Cipriano for holding down the front of the House for me. To Lauren Pizzo, Danielle Choo, and the NHS volunteers for their assistance ushering. To Darius Penikas, who in his inaugural year as Principal, had faith in me and trusted me with the show's content and message. To Richard Karsten, for his support. To Joe Sommo for his expertise in party planning. To Liz Murococa for generously giving us billing during the busy and action packed Spirit Week. To our Administration and Faculty for your guidance and kind words of support throughout this process. To my English 9 and 10 students for their patience and understanding. To all of The Parents of the Players (PoPs) for feeding us during dress rehearsals, and for their patience, understanding, and support - thank you for enabling your children to put on this show! And to my family and friends for continuing to understand and support my passion.

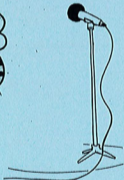
I must finally thank the graduating seniors, many of whom have been with me since my start as director three years ago. I know we started off slowly, but I think together we have built something truly spectacular these past few years and I owe a huge debt of gratitude to you all. You have helped paved the way for future Stanner Players and for future productions. No one could possibly be able to fill the void you will leave when you continue on to college, but we will have to try. All my love to Chris Autera, Lauren Boldeau Ashley DeSena, Matthew Frenzel, Niamh Girdusky, Meghan Khamoraj, Catherine Nolty, Nina Pesa, Harry Singh, Stephen Velez. I would be remiss if I did not single out David Di Maggio, Salvatore DiPaola, and Julia Zirillo who have gone above and beyond these past few years and who have worked tirelessly in each and every aspect of each and every production. In addition to their dedication, they have also kept me sane (for the most part) and I feel as if I will be missing a part of myself when they graduate. All you seniors have spoiled me and I wish you nothing but the best in your future endeavors.

It was a very nice, very nice, very, very, very nice, very nice experience, and I'm so grateful to have struck lighting twice with this show.

-Ms. Shannon Winters

Archbishop Molloy High School's  
Stanner Players Present:

# The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee



The Ralph DiChiaro Theater  
Thursday April 14, 2016, 2:30 PM  
Friday April 15, 2016, 7 PM  
Saturday April 16, 2016, 7 PM  
Sunday April 17, 2016, 2PM

