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by Matt Cox

Originally Produced Off Broadway
by Tilted Windmills Theatricals
(John Arthur Pinckard / David Carpenter)

PUFFS was Developed in Part During a Residency with the University of Florida School of Theatre + Dance,
Jerry Dickey, School Director

Originally Produced Off-Off Broadway by Stephen Stout and Colin Waitt

Puffs (Two Act Edition) is presented by special arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc.
Hiiii! And welcome to Puffs!

Each year, we find that choosing a show is second only to casting a show in its difficulty. We can read dozens of plays, ask for advice from countless Directors’ groups, and simply hope something just falls on a desk or table in front of us. No matter what, one always wonders if the “right” show was chosen. We definitely chose wisely this year, not just for the mystical content but also for the magic that our Creekers create on stage.

Puffs is funny, it has heart, it has kids playing kids on stage, it’s fast and furious, utterly ridiculous, and it is whole lot of fun. However, this show also has approximately 34098543210975 props, sound cues, costumes, and lighting changes, making it far more daunting than a usual comedy. The fact that it’s a comedy is a point worth noting as well: It is much easier to make an audience cry than laugh. Comedy is difficult for actors of any experience level - but WOW were these actors up to the challenge!

Our minions have embraced the absolute highest level of difficulty that a show can throw at them! Our tech crew had the incredible opportunity to work with “Puffs” playwright Matt Cox, and were granted the privilege of using the original music and sound effects from the Off-Broadway production. Our sound and light booth operators are using Indian Creek’s brand new, state-of-the-art technology to make it all happen.

Indian Creek is all about being comfortable with yourself, having the courage to take healthy risks, and gaining a sense of belonging as you find your place in the world. This off-beat, funny, heartwarming, and sometimes downright ridiculous show hits the mark. In a world where we are all due for a good laugh, Puffs was the perfect choice!

And let’s take a moment to appreciate the magic of being indoors - in our own Jack & Nancy Becker Center for the Performing Arts - to view LIVE THEATER together again!

We hope you enjoy the show even just a fraction of the amount that we have enjoyed creating it. And try the jellybeans at intermission!

- Matt McCormick and Jill Woodward
Cast

Julia Argilan.......................................................... Hannah & others
A.J. DePaolis................................................................... Oliver Rivers
Alston Georges..................................................... J. Finch & others
Cate Malachowski................................................. Sally Perks
Campbell McCormick........................................... Leanne & others
Maddie Mixter.......................................................... Narrator
The Mop............................................................................. Ron Mop
Kat Rini.............................................................. Susie Bones, Harry, & others
Chris Roberts........................................................... Cedric Diggory & Mr. Voldy
Katie Spencer........................................................... Megan Jones
Ty Spencer............................................................. Ernie Mac & others
Jamie Woodward....................................................... Wayne Hopkins

Setting

The play takes place at a Certain School of Magic and Magic over a period of seven school years.

Directors

Director.......................................................... Matthew McCormick
Assistant Director.................................................. Jill Woodward
Overlord........................................................... Cameron Brown '22
Underlord........................................................... Julian Sherrod '22
Deck Chief.......................................................... Kate Boney '22
Sound Design....................................................... Cameron Brown
Props Lead.......................................................... Devin Kyle '22
Costume Design.................................................... Lynann Derrick
Production Staff

Sound Apprentices..............................Delayni Bland ’23, EJ Davis ’23
Sound Board......................................Cameron Brown, Delayni Bland
Lighting...........................................Anthony Thonnard ’22, Julian Sherrod
Spotlights........................................Eli Fortier ’22, Tommy Burton ’25

Props Team
Kate Boney, Cam Calhoun-Liebnow ’23, Mary Claire Carter ’23, EJ Davis, Sydney Griffin ’25, Anna Judge ’25, Evie Souder ’22, Sam Sussman ’23, Kyndall White ’24

Minions (Backstage Crew)
Kate Boney, Cam Calhoun-Liebnow, Mary Claire Carter, Anna Judge, Devin Kyle, Evie Souder, Sam Sussman

Set Construction
John Argilan, Kate Boney, Cam Calhoun-Liebnow, Alston Georges, Campbell McCormick, Matt McCormick, Tiffany McCormick, Kat Rini, Dick Smith, Shaem Spencer, Sam Sussman, Jamie Woodward

Scene Painting
Members of the National Art Honor Society: Advisor Mrs. Hilary Briles, Daniel Ablorh ’22, Madison Allen ’22, Julia Argilan, Amareah Bead ’22, Lila Blue ’22, Kate Boney, Billy Bowman ’23, Molly Bunker ’23, Christopher Kokoski ’23, Julia Leavitt ’23, Kylie McLay ’22, Riley Miknich ’22, Finn Morrisey ’22, Gabby Pardo ’22, Margot Ramsey ’23, Rebecca Streidel ’22, Ethan Stubbs ’22, Alexis Torstensen ’22; Campbell McCormick

Costume Design/Construction
Ava Andrews ’24, Lynann Derrick, Susie Lonergan, Stephanie Argilan
Production Support

Audition Committee........................Maggie Melson, Tom Sheppard
Program.................................................................Anne Engles
Box Office.................................................................Carol Mercer
Publicity.................................................................Tiffany McCormick
Photography.............................................Josh Hubbel, Becca Colley,
Bella Rosa, and Colin Murphy
Concessions Lead..................................................Stephanie Argilan
Chocolate Frogs.....Grace Malachowski ’26, Rooney McCormick ’29

Special Thanks to

• Our cast and crew parents, for driving to and from rehearsals,
  assisting with cast events, and supporting the Arts at ICS
• All of our volunteers who help with concessions, box office,
  costumes, favors, set building, and so much more
• The ICS Health Team for their extraordinary efforts in making it
  possible for us to have live theater once again
• The ICS administration, faculty, and staff, for their support
  throughout the production process
• Our AMAZING facilities team for the extra hours, support, and
  patience they provide every day
• Badgers. We thank the badgers.

No animals were harmed in the making of this production.
Julia Argilan ’23 (Hannah / Others)
Past productions: *Bring It On* (Rich Girl), *She Kills Monsters* (Bugbear/others), *Bye, Bye Birdie!* (Mrs. MacAfee), *Beauty and the Beast* (Mrs. Potts), *Seussical* (Bird Girl). Activities: SPARK and Creative Force dance, GSA, Solo Choir, Tri-M Music Honor Society (Chapter Historian), National Art Honor Society, Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica. Julia is a proud Puff and is super excited about this play. She would like to thank everyone involved in the show, the audience for attending, and - most importantly - Mom, Dad, Erica, Chloe, and Biscuit.

Anthony (A.J.) DePaolis ’22 (Oliver Rivers)
Past Productions: *Bring It On* (Steven), *Newsies* (Henry), *She Kills Monsters* (Monster Squad), and Fall Play 2020: *Voices* (Will/Mr. Montague). Activities: Soccer, lacrosse, solo choir, band, and chorus. AJ would like to thank Mrs. Woodward and Mr. McCormick for making these shows happen every year, and not only shaping him into a great actor, but a great person as well. AJ would also like to thank his family as well for always supporting him and encouraging him to do his best.

Alston Georges ’22 (J. Finch / Others)
Past Productions: *Bring it On* (Twig), *She Kills Monsters* (Crew), *Newsies* (Jojo), *Fighting Demons* (Arnold), *Juliet and Some Guy Named Romeo* (Paris), *Beauty and the Beast* (Maurice). Activities: Sailing, Black Student Alliance, Tri-M Music Honor Society, Solo Choir, and playing video games. “I’d love to thank my amazing family and friends for supporting me throughout this show along with my fellow cast mates for being such great people to hang out with!”

Cate Malachowski ’23 (Sally Perks)
Past Productions: *Bring It On* (Eva), Fall Play 2020: *Voices* (Sam), *The Little Mermaid* (tech crew), *She Kills Monsters* (Evil Gabbi), *Bye, Bye Birdie!* (Rosie), *Beauty and the Beast* (Belle), *Seussical* (JoJo). Activities: Tri-M Music Honor Society (Chapter Secretary), Solo Choir, journalism, SPARK dance, field hockey, Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica, One Love, and Empower. “I would like to thank my amazing mom and dad, my supportive little sister, Grace, the Soup and the Spice, and Mr. Cow. I would also like to thank all my friends and everyone who has supported me during this production and past productions. I am also so happy to be back on stage, and that I go to this school!”

Third or Nothing!
Campbell McCormick '24 (Leanne - Others)
Past productions: Bring It On (Kyler understudy/ Truman dance lead), Voices: Fall Play 2020, The Little Mermaid (Arista), Fame (Iris Kelly), Bye, Bye Birdie! (Ms. Merkle), Beauty and the Beast (Narrator), The Lion King (Young Nala). Activities: ICS STEM Program, Varsity Soccer, EMPOWER, One Love, Tri-M Music Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society, Solo Choir, ICS Dance team, SPARK dance, Anne Arundel County Youth Advisory Council. “I would like to thank everyone who helped bring theatre back to life from the pandemic and my amazing friends and family for putting up with me constantly rambling about how much I love theatre - especially my inspirations Crate McChickenNugget, my roommate Wild Krat, my friendboy Trycicle, and my favorite little sister Rooney Q. I am so excited for all of you to watch all our hard work unfold before you and hear your laughs from the stage. We’re WIZARDS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!”

Maddie Mixter ’24 (Narrator)
Past Productions: Bring It On (Bridget), Fall Play 2020: Voices (Demon/ adult 1/monologist), Suessical (Cat in the Hat), Schoolhouse Rock Live, Jr. (Sacajawea/ Jupiter/Woman), Willie Wonka (Candy Kid/Oompa Loompa), Mary Poppins (Bank Clerk), The Jungle Book (Grumpy Monkey), Godspell (Soloist), The Wizard of Oz (Dorothy). Activities: SGA (10th Grade Vice President), Key Club, Chorus, Band, STEM, GSA, EMPOWER, One Love, and Tennis Club. “Thank you to my parents for taking the time out of their days and weekends to drive me to every rehearsal, for changing plans to allow me to go to rehearsal, and for being so supportive! Thank you to my little bro, Liam, and my big sister, Alyssa, for being such great siblings. Thank you to all my best friends who spent time running lines with me – you all rock! Thank you to the cast and crew for making my third Indian Creek performance experience amazing; you are incredible people and performers, and I can’t wait to work with you all in the future! I would also like to thank everyone who made theatre in person and in the building possible, especially Mr. McCormick and Mrs. Woodward! Third or Nothing!”

Katia “Kat” Rini ’25 (Susie Bones, Harry, Others)
Past Productions: Schoolhouse Rock Live, Jr. (Jo), The Little Mermaid (Jetsam), Bye, Bye Birdie! (Edna), Adventures of a Comic Book Artist (Stephanie), Alice in Wonderland Jr. (Mad Hatter), A Midsummer Night’s Dream (Hermia). Activities: Karate, drawing, writing, reading, GSA. Kat would like to thank her mother and brother for always supporting her, her cats (Gibby, Velma, and Coco) for being adorable weirdos, her friends for being there, Ms. O’Connor, Mr. Woodward, Mr. McCormick, and Mrs. Woodward for giving her the opportunity to grow as an actress and be a part of many amazing casts. Thank you!
Chris Roberts ’23 (Cedric Diggory / Mr. Voldy)
Past Productions: Bring It On. Activities: Lacrosse, BSA, One Love, Key Club. “I would love to thank my mom and dad for always making sure I have a ride to rehearsal. Thank also to my castmates for being awesome and holding me accountable.”

Katie Spencer ’22 (Megan Jones)
Past productions: Bring It On (La Cienega), Newsies (Albert), She Kills Monsters (Lilith/Lilly), Schoolhouse Rock Live, Jr. (Choreographer). Activities: EMPOWER, National Honor Society, Anne Arundel County Youth Advisory Council, AACPD Minority Youth Advisory Council, dancing, acting. Katie would like to thank her friends and family for being unconditionally supportive of her creative passions; she couldn’t have done any of this without you all! She’d like to give special thanks to Mr. McCormick, Mrs. Woodward, her parents and brothers, Jordyne Hebron, Stephanie Fuchs, Cate Mike Wazowski, Candle McChicken Nugget, Ms. Lynann, Emma Kornmeyer, and all of her aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents, friends, and EMPOWER besties. Also, she’s into books now.

Ty Spencer ’24 (Ernie Mac)
Upper School debut. Activities: ICS Soccer, ICS Lacrosse, BSA, One Love, Key Club, Sidewinders Club Lacrosse. Ty would like to thank his sister, Mr. McCormick, and Mrs. Woodward for encouraging him to do the show. He’d also like to thank the cast and crew for all the love and support.

Jamie Woodward ’22 (Wayne Hopkins)
Past Productions: Bring It On (Randall), 2020 Fall Play: Voices (Eli/Mercutio), Newsies (Finch), Lost in Yonkers (Arty), She Kills Monsters (Monster Squad). Activities: Tennis, National Honor Society, Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica, Mu Alpha Theta Honor Society, Tri-M Treasurer, STEM. “I would like to thank my mom, dad, sister, grandparents, directors, and teachers for supporting me in all that I do.”

No.. FIRST or nothing!
Mark your calendars for these upcoming events in the 2021-22 Indian Creek Performing Arts Series

Middle School Musical

Matilda, JR.
February 23, 24, 26, & 27, 2022

Upper School Spring Musical

Oklahoma!
April 28, 29, 30, & May 1, 2022

Fifth Grade Musical

TBA
May 20 & 21, 2022
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