



COLORADO COLLEGE

Department of Music

The 25th 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 Theatre

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

The Barrington Stage Company Workshop of THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE was originally co-directed by Michael Barakiva and Rebecca Feldman

▲ **Warning:** This production uses flashing lights. Viewer discretion is advised.
Any video and/or audio recording of this production is strictly prohibited.

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

Jennifer DeDominici, *Director*
Daniel Brink, *Music Director*
Madison Dillon, *Choreographer*

Friday, November 10, 2023, 7 p.m.
Saturday, November 11, 2023, 7 p.m.
Sunday, November 12, 2023, 3 p.m.

Packard Concert Hall

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From Jennifer DeDominici:

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee is, in many ways, a simple show. There is no turntable, no pyrotechnics, no cast of thousands. It does not require elaborate sets or costumes. Simplicity in these ways is attractive when producing a show in Packard Concert Hall which is shared by all the groups in the Music Department, and which is not equipped like a traditional theater.

Simplicity also allows us to tell the stories of these characters by focusing on the power of words, music, and movement. We can laugh, groan, and cry as we watch humans navigate through new social situations, personal relationships, and growing pains without the need of much more than our talented actors and their commitment to the story.

I love that this story creates a communal safe space for people who otherwise feel unsafe, alone, or "other" in their lives. Through the experience of the spelling bee and the love of words, these humans find a new way to understand their world, themselves, and each other.

We hear many definitions and uses of words in sentences throughout this show. I love most of all that, by the end of the show, we are left pondering the alternate definitions of "winning."



Cast

- A.J. Jones (U.C.C.S.) '25** **William Barfee**
(Visual and Performing Arts; Digital Filmmaking minor)
- Alex Ukropina '27** **Understudy: Leaf, Schwarzzy, and Marcy**
(Psychology)
- Ava Piebenga '25** **Logainne Schwartzandgrubenierre**
(Environmental Science)
- Bella Houck '27** **Marcy Park**
(Communications)
- Bryn Daney '24** **Olive Ostrovsky**
(Philosophy)
- Calvin Than '24** **Vice Principal Douglas Panch**
(Studio Art and Computer Science)
- Chris Heckenkamp '24** **Jesus Christ**
(Philosophy; Music and Education minors)
- Ella Dill '26** **Leaf Coneybear, Carl's Dad**
(Music)
- Mark Autry*** **Mitch Mahoney, Dan Dad, Olive's Dad**
- Natalie Caputo '27** **Rona Lisa Perretti, Olive's Mom**
(Psychology)
- Owen Rask, '24** **Chip Tolentino**
(Economics; Political Science and Mathematics minor)

***This Actor appears through the courtesy of Actors' Equity Association, the Union of Professional Actors and Stage Managers in the United States.**



Act I

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee	Company
The Rules	Spellers and Panch
My Friend, the Dictionary	Olive
Pandemonium	Spellers, Panch, and Mitch
I'm Not That Smart	Leaf
Magic Foot	Barfee, Rona, and Spellers
Pandemonium (Reprise)	Company
My Favorite Moment of the Bee (II)	Rona
Prayer of the Comfort Counselor	Mitch



Act II

Chip's Lament	Chip
Woe Is Me	Schwartzzy, Carl, Dan and Company
Spelling Montage	Spellers
I'm Not That Smart (Reprise)	Leaf
I Speak Six Languages	Marcy and Girls
The I Love You Song	Olive and Olive's Parents
Woe is Me (Reprise)	Schwartzzy, Barfee, and Olive
My Favorite Moment of the Bee (III)	Rona
Second	Olive, Barfee, Panch, and Rona
Finale	Company
The Last Goodbye	Company



A Production of the Colorado College Music Department

Daniel Brink ~ Music Director and Lecturer, Department of Music

Stephanie Brink ~ Production Consultant and Vocal Instructor,
Department of Music

Jennifer DeDominici ~ Director and Principal Voice Instructor,
Department of Music

Madison Dillon '23 ~ Choreographer

Isabella Garcia '25 ~ Costume Designer and Hair/Makeup Designer

Sam Goodner, '26 ~ Lighting Designer and Sound Designer
(Independent Design Major involving music)

Katie Norton '24 ~ Assistant Stage Manager and Props Master
(Anthropology; Museum Studies minor)

Ava Piebenga '25 ~ Paper Crafts and Assistant Props Coordinator
(Environmental Science)

Kira Severy-Hoven '27 ~ Stage Manager
(English)

Calvin Than '24 ~ Prop Artist

(Studio Art and Computer Science)



Special thanks to:

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DEPARTMENT**

*Unless indicated, all concerts are in Packard Hall, are free, and require no
tickets.*

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CC Choir Concert

Friday, Dec. 1, 7 p.m.

Shove Chapel

Guitar Ensemble Concert

Saturday, Dec. 2, 3 p.m.

Lessons and Carols

Sunday, Dec. 3, 6 p.m.

Shove Chapel

Concert Band

Tuesday, Dec. 5, 7 p.m.

Celeste Theatre, Cornerstone Arts Center

Bluegrass Ensemble

Thursday, Dec. 7, 7 p.m.

Chamber Orchestra Concert

Tuesday, Dec. 12, 7 p.m.

Music at Midday

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 12:15 p.m.

Tiger Jazz Concert

Thursday, Dec. 14, 7 p.m.

Gamelan Indonesian Music and Dance

Sunday, Dec. 17, 3 p.m.

