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Crescent Valley Theater

Directed by James Murray V

Auditions: 9/16 & 9/17, Callbacks: 9/18

3:30 to 5:30PM @ CV Auditorium

Showdates: 11/15 - 11/17, 11/22 & 11/23

WHAT IS PUFFS ?



ABOUT PUFFS

As children, we read fantastical stories of kids with incredible abilities, who go on amazing adventures, performing feats of extraordinary heroism. In the past 25 years, one boy-wizard in particular has risen to heights of unbelievable fame. When he discovered he had magical powers on his eleventh birthday, he embarked on an epic seven-year journey to vanquish evil. More than half a billion people followed this boy on his journey, which has now been turned into movies, comics, theme parks, and a wildly successful stage play.

This, however, is not that story. This is the story of the Puffs, who happened to be there too.

Puffs, or Seven Increasingly Eventful Years at a Certain School of Magic and Magic is set in that school, following a group of students who have an affinity for badgers and no wish to die trying to save the world: The Puffs.





CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS

Narrator (Non-Specific Gender): The host of the evening. They know everything about the Puffs and A Certain School of Magic and Magic.

Wayne Hopkins (M): Our hero. An American 90's kid obsessed with video games, pop music, and peak cinema like *Free Willy*. A kid with a great heart who is determined to be the hero, even if a certain boy with a magic scar keeps stealing his thunder.

Oliver Rivers (M): A math prodigy born to muggles; he struggles with basic magic. Spastic, nerdy, and very enthusiastic about advanced mathematics, he is Wayne's best friend and develops a crush on Megan.

Megan Jones (F): If a Puff could be moody and goth, she found a way. Sarcastic, angry, and embarrassed of being a Puff. Looks up to her missing mother, a Puff who works for the Dark Lord. Deep down, all she wants is to feel loved and accepted.

Cedric (M): The Puffs' golden boy. Perfect smile, perfect attitude, and the perfect leader. A Disney Channel hero somehow stuck in the Wizarding World.

Also Plays: **Mr. Voldy:** The Wizarding Dark Lord. He's a real Snake.

Ernie Mac (M): An Irish boy who fancies himself as "the best Puff".

Hannah Abbott (F): A socially awkward and painfully shy Puff. She doesn't have the best social cues.

J. Finch Fletchley (M): The youngest puff. Very sweet and fun loving. Ernie's best friend.

Leanne (F): An energetic and very excitable Puff. She's lived in a cabin in the woods her whole life and has never been around other children until being sent to Magic School. Probably the most innocent and pure of heart Puff.

Sally Perks (F): A near-sighted Puff who refuses to wear her glasses. She has a crush on Wayne and would do anything for him to notice.

Susie Bones (F): A sad and creepy Puff girl. She has a lot of scary stories about her wizarding family and their bad luck.

Harry (Non-Specific Gender): A certain "Boy who Lived". A well-meaning, but cocky boy who rules the school like he owns it. Doesn't seem to notice the Puffs at all.

First Headmaster (Non-Specific Gender): The Headmaster of a Certain School of Magic and Magic. Very old and wheezy.

Also plays: **Mirror Wayne:** Mirror image of Wayne when he looks into a special mirror.

Mr. Bagman: The Tournament Announcer.

Death Buddy 1: A dark wizard follower of Mr. Voldy's.

A Certain Potions Teacher (M): Dressed all in black with a flare of potions and head of snake's house.

Also plays: **Mirror Oliver:** Mirror image of Oliver when he looks into a special mirror.

Second Headmaster: Totally the same Headmaster of a Certain School of Magic and Magic. Nothing different about him at all, no sir. We definitely didn't change actors midway through the show. Angrier and more active than First Headmaster.

Zach Smith: The cool captain of the Quidditch team. Great improviser.



Uncle Dave (M): Wayne's crazy uncle from Cattlepoke Springs, New Mexico.

Also plays: **Wizarding Student Lachy:** A student at a Certain School of Magic and Magic.

Snake #2: Puppeteering part of a giant snake.

Bath Lachy: Creation of a bath at a Certain School of Magic and Magic.

Hermeoone #1 (F): A certain female student at a Certain School of Magic and Magic.

Also plays: **Ginny:** Ron Wesley's sister. Kind of annoying. Wayne has a crush on her.

Bippy: A House Elf who randomly appears in the trio's lives. Loves to sing very annoying songs.

Student Bronte: A student at a Certain School of Magic and Magic.

Death Buddy 2: A dark wizard follower of Mr. Voldy's.

Blondo Malfoy (M): Harry's archrival. Very full of himself.

Also plays: **Sal:** Founding snake of a Certain School of Magic and Magic.

Bath Blondo Malfoy: Creation of a bath at a Certain School of Magic and Magic.

Death Buddy 3: A dark wizard follower of Mr. Voldy's.

Professor Sproutty (F): Teacher at a Certain School of Magic and Magic with a flair for plants.

Also plays: **Professor Lanny:** Teacher at a Certain School of Magic and Magic with a flair for fortune telling.

Rita Scooter: A wizard Reporter.

Death Buddy 4: A dark wizard follower of Mr. Voldy's.

A Very Tall Man (Non-Specific Gender): A certain large fellow who rescues a baby from a destroyed house.

Also plays: **Fat Friar:** The ghost of a Friar who haunts the school.

Ghost History Teacher: A ghost of a teacher at a Certain School of Magic and Magic who teaches magical history.

Mr. Nick: A ghost who died by a failed beheading.

Anthony Goldstein (Non-Specific Gender): A student at a Certain School of Magic and Magic.

Also plays: **Snake #3:** Puppeteering part of a giant snake.

Hermeoone #2: A certain female student at a Certain School of Magic and Magic.

Bath Anthony: Creation of a bath at a Certain School of Magic and Magic.

Scorpy: Malfoy's son 19 years in the future.

Professor Turban (Non-Specific Gender): A teacher who wears a turban with a hidden secret.

Also plays: **Snake #1:** Puppeteering part of a giant snake.

Real Mr. Moody: A teacher who has a large magical eye for spotting evil.

Death Buddy 5: A dark wizard follower of Mr. Voldy's.

Xavia Jones (F): Megan's Evil mother. Similar to Bellatrix Lestrange if she was sorted into the Puffs as a student.

Also plays: **Ms. Babble:** Teacher at a Certain School of Magic and Magic who teaches about Mugs.

Frenchy: A French witch who goes to school for magic French people in France.



Goyle (M): A student at a Certain School of Magic and Magic who hangs around Blondo Malfoy.

Also plays: **Professor Locky:** Teacher at a Certain School of Magic and Magic who has written several books about how amazing they are.

Ric Gryff: Founding brave of a Certain School of Magic and Magic.

Viktor: A competitive Russian student.

Death Buddy 6: A dark wizard follower of Mr. Voldy's.

Clumsy Longbottom (M): A shy and unconfident student.

Also plays: **Bath Clumsy Longbottom:** Creation of a bath at a Certain School of Magic and Magic.

Professor McG (F): Teacher at a Certain School of Magic and Magic and head of the brave house.

Also plays: **Mirror Megan:** Image of Megan when she looks into a special mirror.

Runes Teacher: Teacher at a Certain School of Magic and Magic who teaches runes.

Death Buddy 7: A dark wizard follower of Mr. Voldy's.

Student Kody (Non-Specific Gender): A student at a Certain School of Magic and Magic.

Also plays: **Soul Sucking Guard 1:** A black robed creature that makes you sad and sucks out your soul.

Dragon #1: Puppeteering part of a dragon.

Seamus (Non-Specific Gender): A student at a Certain School of Magic and Magic.

Also plays: **Soul Sucking Guard 2:** A black robed creature that makes you sad and sucks out your soul.

Dragon #2: Puppeteering part of a dragon.

Crabbe (Non-Specific Gender): A student at a Certain School of Magic and Magic who hangs around Blondo Malfoy.

Also plays: **Colin:** A student at a Certain School of Magic and Magic who likes taking photographs.

Soul Sucking Guard 3: A black robed creature that makes you sad and sucks out your soul.

Dragon #3: Puppeteering part of a dragon.

Student Sophie (F): A student at a Certain School of Magic and Magic.

Also plays: **Soul Sucking Guard 4:** A black robed creature that makes you sad and sucks out your soul.

Hermeoone #3: A certain female student at a Certain School of Magic and Magic.

Myrtle: The Ghost of a student who haunts the bathroom.

Student Cedar (F): A student at a Certain School of Magic and Magic.

Also plays: **Soul Sucking Guard 5:** A black robed creature that makes you sad and sucks out your soul.

Helga: The very first Puff. A friendly witch who loves to cook.

Bath Cedar: Creation of a bath at a Certain School of Magic and Magic.



PUFFS AUDITION SCRIPTS

Please choose TWO of the following monologues to perform at your audition. You do not have to memorise the monologues, but you should be comfortable with them.

Be ready to read ALL of the CHARACTER SNIPPETS.

Go BIG. This is a ridiculous show. If you feel silly, you're doing it right.

WAYNE HOPKINS / *a normal guy who wants to stand out and have others think he is special* Question.

Hypothetical. What if I don't have enough of a personality for the magic talking hat to sort me? Like...how much authority does this hat really have? Never mind. This place is crazy huh? I never thought I'd go to school in a castle. Pretty cool. I've never really liked school. People were mean. To me. I'm talking too much. You probably have all your own nervous thoughts going on ... can I tell you something? I think I might be ... special? I watch a lot of movies and read lots of books, and it's like; a normal boy finds out he actually has amazing abilities and is swept away to a new, magical world? Does that sound familiar? Because that is now my ACTUAL life. And THAT kid, through some incredible circumstances always becomes like the most important person. Like in the whole world. A sort of ... Chosen One. AHH! Magic is real, and this orphaned boy wizard is ready for seven years of amazing adventures!

MEGAN JONES / *Megan is dark, brooding and mysterious.* I never wanted to be a Puff. Every member of my family? Puffs. We're like THE Puff family. But I've always known that I was different. There's nothing even special about Puffs. Loyalty? Being really nice? A bunch of lame, awful failures doomed to be stupid walking personality-less nobodies that no one will ever care about ever? Ugh. My mom was a Puff. But she was different. She became something bigger. She made the name Jones finally mean something other than a bunch of ... Puffs. I thought ... I knew ... I would be different too. But ... after all my hard work to make myself not a Puff, what do you know? The hat puts me with the Puffs. I did everything. I mean, I even changed my accent just so I wouldn't sound like my Puff family.

CEDRIC / *a very popular kid, a bit of a rockstar in the Puff house, but not the sharpest tool in the shed* And my name...is Cedric. Thanks. Now gather round. Don't be shy. Welcome to the Puffs! Just a few things to get you acquainted to the school. First, the stars move. Don't freak out. Just breathe. Second...the Puffs don't exactly have the best reputation here. People will make jokes about you. Or throw food at you. Or they might curse you. In fact, here is a list of curses you can expect to be hit by at some point in the next week. But none of that matters. Because really, we're a bunch of nice, fun, happy people. Also, badgers. Badgers are great!

MISTER VOLDY / *is the embodiment of evil* So. Since we're on the verge of our victory to be remembered for all dark ages to come, pats on the back by the way, I've been working on some fun one liners to say when we vanquish our great teenage enemy, Potter. Maybe I can try some out, so you can see how fun thy are - eh hem. "Boy who lived? How about the boy who's dead now? HA!" "Nice second scar - the one that's on your whole body - since I killed you." "Mother's love your way out of that!" Or my favorite - "Loser says Avada what -" he says, "What" - "KEDABRA!" - then he dies. What? The megaphone is still on? Really? Oh my. I am just having a day, aren't I? YAH! Harry!

HARRY / *Perhaps Harry doesn't actually possess the heroic qualities he is so famous for.* Say ... remember the First Task? That was pretty crazy. At first, I was like, "oh no", but then I was like "broom!" And then I was like "vroom vroom", but then the dragon broke off his chain and chased me all around the school and almost killed a bunch of people. Hahaha ... ahhh. Remember that? Feels like ages ago. Bye, Wayne! Cedric, look out for that dragon! Just kidding.

LEANNE / *Leanne is bubbly, excited, and so proud of her Puffness.* No! I don't want to leave. Why is everyone always so down on us? I won't stand for it anymore! And I won't sit for it either. And I also won't stand on one leg because I can't. Watch. Anyways. Look at your hand! You have a wand! (Everyone looks at the hand that in fact does not have a wand in it.) Unless you looked at your other hand. Look at yourselves! Hannah. You used to be so awkward. And you still are, but we don't mind anymore! Who's that? It's Ernie Mac. And he is basically the best. And Sally. Remember the time you did that thing?



CHARACTER SNIPPETS

Most actors in Puffs will play several roles, so we are looking for actors who have the ability to quickly switch from one comedic character role to another.

Bold vocal and physical choices are encouraged.

XAVIA JONES (*evil, crazy, dangerous*) - I want you to hurt them. Torture them. Kill them, maybe? Prove to me that you are my daughter.

MYRTLE (*quirky, unpredictable, odd ghost with a very distinctive voice*) - Goodbye, Cedric. Think of me every time you see a toilet. Waaaaahhhhhhhhh!

A CERTAIN POTIONS TEACHER (*slimy, sinister, mean, demanding*) - You are the most dunderheaded students I have ever seen sit in my class. If you manage to succeed in my course this year, I will eat a shoe. Ten points from the Puffs.

UNCLE DAVE (*Distant, goofy, not ready for parenthood*) Oh my Gawd! I forgot to tell you. Yer a Wizard, Wayne! ...Also, wizards exist! ... and you are one. Just like your British parents. Oh right! Yer parents were British! Wow. We gotta talk more. Come on, I'll drive ya to the airport!

ZACH SMITH (*Cool, athletic and popular*) Yeah, that's right! I know what you've been doing. Always dumping your Mountain Dew bottles in the lake. We're wizards! Magic that trash away, and respect Aquafina's home! You dirty birdie! Alright! Let's start these try-outs!

PROFESSOR LOCKY (*over confident, charming*) I am not excited about this! It is my duty to make sure you are all educated. So! Who wants to come to DUELLING CLUB?!

