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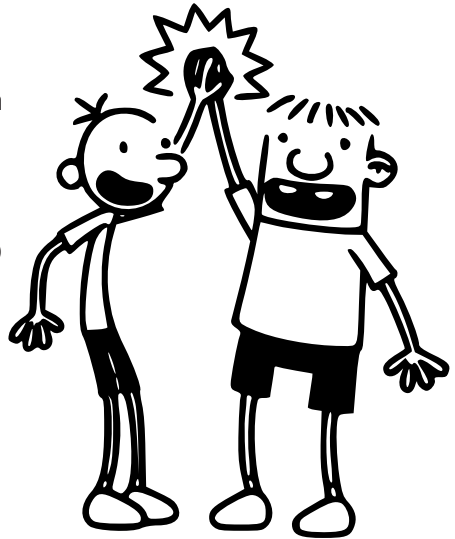
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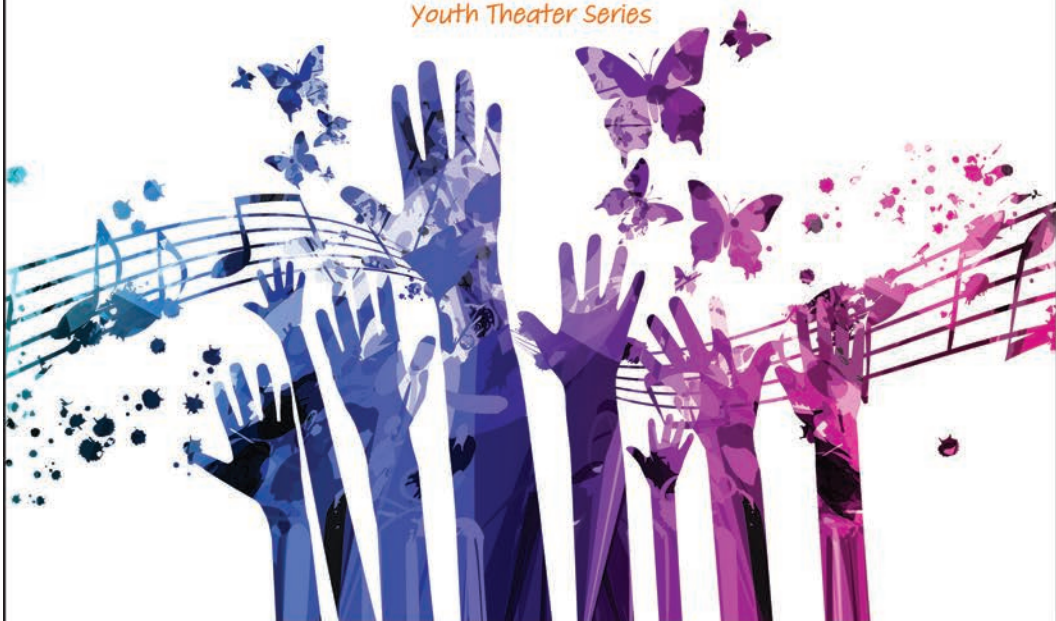
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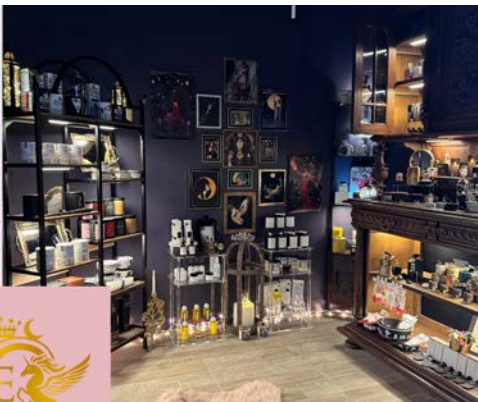
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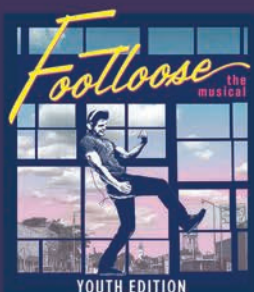
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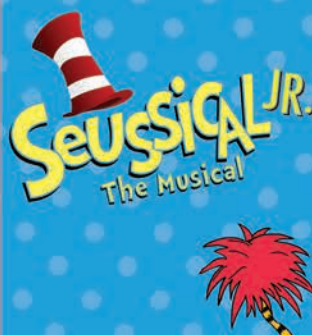
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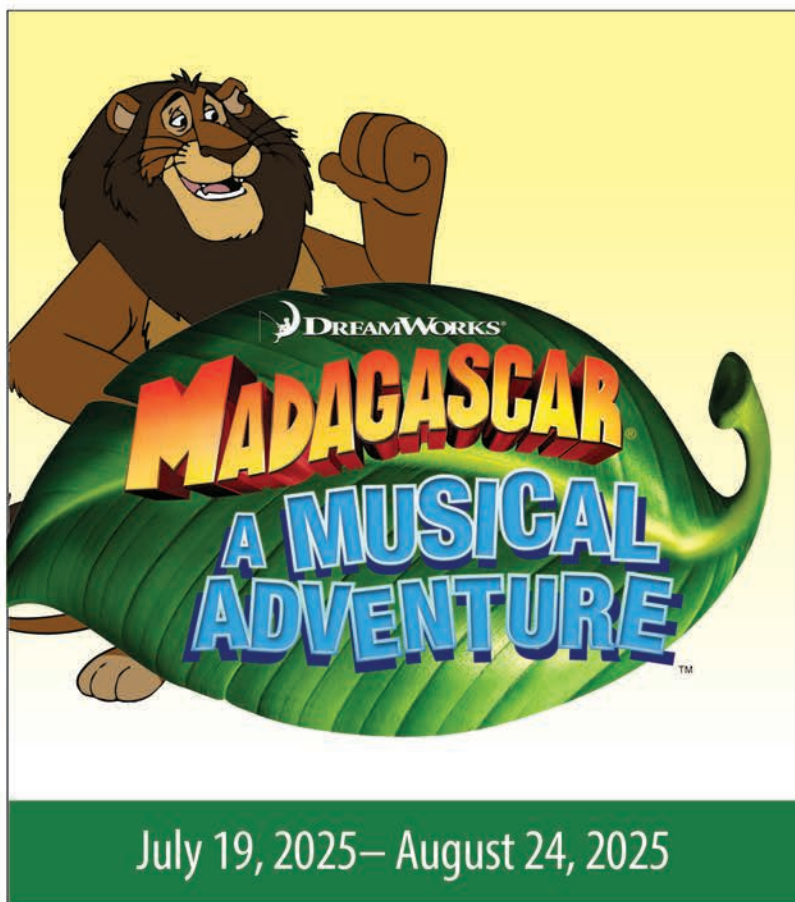
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Jennifer Dolce

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The Cast of Diary of a Wimpy Kid

Greg Heffley	MICHAEL DEANER, MATTHEW EBY
Rowley Jefferson	OLIVER CIRELLI, AMARE TAVAREZ
Rodrick Heffley	KIERAN BROWN
Frank Heffley	DANIEL MEGLIO
Susan Heffley	JESSICA MAE MURPHY
Chirag Gupta	NATHAN BENITES, PRANAV RAMKUMAR
Patty Farrell	CLAIRE DALY, LONDON DELVECCHIO
Fregley	BRADY GOLDMAN, ELLIOT TORBENSON
Bryce Anderson	FINN BROWN, LIAM VON SCHMIDT
Joshie/ Charlie Davis	JAE HUGHES
Chris Hosey	JOHN MOGER, SCOTT MACIOROWSKI
Lionel/Liona James	CAMRYN LAFEMINA, ZACHARY KANAKARIS
Yvette	SOPHIE ACHEE, CARALINE QUACKENBUSH
Claire	ERIN RISOLO, SOFIA JARMEL
Eighth Grader 1	LEXI CID
Eighth Grader 2	WILL LOGAN

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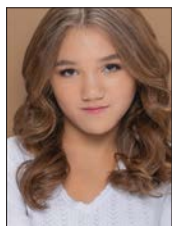
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Sophie Achee



Nathan Benites



Finn Brown



Kieran Brown



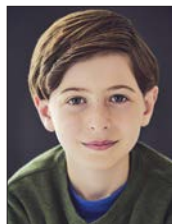
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Claire Daly



Michael Deaner



London DelVecchio



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Brady Goldman



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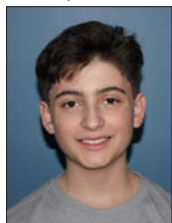
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SOPHIE ACHEE (Yvette) is excited to be returning to Engeman's Children's Stage for this spectacular production of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid The Musical*! Favorite past roles include *Beetlejuice Jr.* (Girl Scout), *Alice In Wonderland Jr.* (Alice), *Beauty And The Beast Jr.* (Madame de la Grande Bouche) (Chip), *Seussical The Musical* (JoJo), *Annie* (Annie), *Frozen Jr.* (Young Anna), and *Mary Poppins* (Mrs. Corry). A huge thank you to Andrew, Marquez, and Gina for this amazing opportunity! Sophie is grateful for an incredible creative team, cast, and crew to work with on this adventure through middle school! Hugs and love to family and friends for their endless support!! IG: @Sophia.Achee

NATHAN BENITES (Chirag Gupta) is excited to be back at the Engeman after attending summer camp last year. Nathan loves the arts and sings and plays the guitar and trombone. He will also be playing Daddy Warbucks in an upcoming production of *Annie Jr.* at his school. He would like to thank Andrew & Danny for thinking of him for this role, and the cast, directors, and crew for a wonderful experience working on this show. Break a leg, everyone!

FINN BROWN (Bryce Anderson) is very excited to be returning to The John W. Engeman Theater in *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*! He was last seen in *Finding Nemo Jr.*, *Sound of Music*, *A Christmas Story*, and *Seussical the Musical*! Finn has also been acting for both TV & Film since he was 7 years old. When not acting, Finn loves to snowboard and play basketball. Many thanks to everyone at the Engeman Theater for this great opportunity!

KIERAN BROWN (Rodrick Heffley) Enjoy the show!
IG: @kieran.j.brown

LEXI CID (Ensemble) is a Latina performer from South Florida and is ecstatic to be making their Engeman debut! Recent credits: *Don't Let The Pigeon Drive The Bus*! (Bus Driver), *Cabaret* (Lulu/Dance Captain). Thank you to Andrew, Marquez, Gina, their family, Allison, Julian, Lea, and Lucas for their unwavering support. LIU Post MT BFA.

OLIVER CIRELLI (Rowley Jefferson) Oliver is so excited to be back at The John W. Engeman Theater for the 4th time! His past performances at Engeman have been Kurt in *The*

Sound of Music, Augustus Gloop in *Charlie and The Chocolate Factory*, and Olaf in *Frozen Jr.* Other notable regional theatre roles include Young Calogero in *A Bronx Tale* and Randolph MacAfee in *Bye Bye Birdie*. A huge thank you to his friends and family for their love and support! IG: @ollie_cirelli

CLAIRE DALY (Patty Farrell) is so eager to perform in her first Children's Theatre production at the Engeman Theater! Some of her past roles include playing Matilda (*Matilda*), Marta (*Sound of Music*), Skye (*Beetlejuice Jr.*), Little Girl (*Ragtime*), Louise (*Sunday in the Park with George*), and much more. She would like to thank her mom and dad for being supportive and her friends for always being there. Follow her at @official_claire_d on Instagram for more!

MICHAEL DEANER (Greg Heffley) is excited to be returning to the Engemen stage in *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*. Broadway: *Elf* (Little Boy/Michael), *Leopoldstadt* (Young Leo). Regional: *A Bronx Tale* (Young Calogero), *A Christmas Story* (Ralphie). TV: "The Daily Show" and "Creative Galaxy". Michael can also be heard as Greg Heffley on the studio cast album of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid, The Musical*. Thank you to my family and to the Engeman creative team for this opportunity.

LONDON DELVECCHIO (Patty Farrell) is thrilled to return to The John W. Engeman Theater stage. Most recent credits include: Veruca Salt in *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, Young Elsa in *Frozen Jr.*, Pearl/Squirt in *Finding Nemo Jr.*, Margot in *Legally Blonde Jr.*, Dawn in *Mean Girls Jr.*, Young Anna in *Frozen Jr.*, Chip in *Beauty & The Beast Jr.*, and Sheila in *Grease Jr.* London's passions include dancing, singing, reading and listening to music. London would like to thank the creative team and her family and friends for their unwavering support.

MATTHEW EBY (Greg Heffley) would like to thank the creative team at The John W. Engeman Theater for being a part of this production. Thanks to his family for all their love and support. In his free time, Matthew enjoys skiing, cooking and hanging with friends. Credits: *Charlie & The Chocolate Factory* (Engeman) and *Matilda* (Theatre Three).

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BRADY GOLDMAN (Fregley) is thrilled to be in this production of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* and continuing his journey with the Engeman. Brady's past Engeman credits include Sven and Wesolton (*Frozen Jr.*), Sheldon (*Finding Nemo Jr.*), Pugsley Addams (*Addams Family*), Featured Dancer (*Something Rotten*), and more. Brady would like to thank his family for all their love and support, especially his puppy, Jovie. As well as the creative team of this Long Island Premiere production.

JAE HUGHES (Joshie/Charlie Davis) is delighted to live out their pop star fantasy! As a resident Children's Theater actor at The John W. Engeman Theater, Jae has appeared in countless productions over the past decade. Jae is a member of popular theatre company, Team StarKid (350+ million views and multiple Billboard-charting albums), appearing in *Nightmare Time* and *Space Baby*. Off-Broadway: *Cabaret* (Gallery Players), *GRIMM: A New Musical* (FringeNYC). Regional: *Fun Home* (Alison). IG: @_jaehughes

SOFIA JARMEL (Claire) is thrilled to return to the Engeman's Children Stage with this talented cast. Recent Children's Stage performances include *Finding Nemo Jr.* (Coral, Peach) and *Frozen Jr.* (Young Anna, Olaf). Regional credits: *A Christmas Story* (Ensemble), *On Your Feet!* (Little Gloria) both at the Engeman Theater and *Evita* (Ensemble) at The Gateway Playhouse. Film: "Empty Paradise". Favorite roles include *Matilda* (Matilda), *Annie* (Molly), and *Pippin* (Thea). She would like to thank Gina, Marquez, Andrew, and the entire cast and crew of Wimpy Kid. Love to Mom and Dad for the constant support!

ZACHARY KANAKARIS (Lionel/Liona James) is delighted to return to the Engeman Theater in *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*! He recently portrayed Sven in *Frozen Jr.* at the Engeman and completed his second season in *A Christmas Carol* at Theatre Three, playing Tiny Tim and the Turkey Child. Other recent credits include Nigel in *Matilda the Musical* (Theatre Three, Main Stage) and roles in *Pinocchio* and *Alice in Wonderland* (Children's Theater). His school and academy performances include Marlin in *Finding Nemo Jr.*, Bruce in *Matilda Jr.*, Winthrop in *The Music Man*, and Les in *Newsies Jr.* When not on stage, Zach enjoys singing show tunes and studying sax, piano, guitar, and voice with Bill Kroupa.

CAMRYN LAFEMINA (Lionel/Liona James) is so excited for her first Children's Theater performance! She has participated in other Engeman shows such as *101 Dalmatians*, *Willy Wonka*, *Seussical*, *Legally Blonde*, *Madagascar*, *Mean Girls*, *Lion King*, *Sound Of Music*, and *Shrek*. She loves to sing and dance and enjoys attending Broadway plays.

WILL LOGAN (Ensemble) is excited to be back on the Engeman stage with *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*. Will is a graduate of AMDA NYC with a major in Musical Theater. Rep: The Wayne Agency. Past Engeman credits include: *Alice in Wonderland*, *Seussical*, and *Rapunzel*. Thank you, Marquez, Andrew, and Gina. Thank YOU for supporting Long Island Theater! IG: @willie16man

SCOTT MACIOROWSKI (Chris Hosey) is thrilled to be back on the stage at Engeman after his first experience in *Beetlejuice Jr.* as Otho last month. He has previously had roles in productions of *The Descendants*, *SpongeBob the Musical*, *The Wizard of Oz*, and *High School Musical*. He would like to thank this amazing cast that he's having such a great time performing with, as well as his friends and family, for all their support! Enjoy the show!

JOHN MOGER (Chris Hosey) in his Engeman Debut! John is in 7th grade at East Woods School and has recently appeared locally in *13 the Musical* as Evan Goldman, directed by Joey LaVarco. CAP Syosset Mainstage: *ELF the Musical* (Michael Hobbs). He is a professional model for both print and online (CHAPS Ralph Lauren, Macy's, Vineyard Vines). John loves soccer, chess, and his dog Clara. IG: @john.mogeroofficial

JESSICA MAE MURPHY (Susan Heffley) is thrilled to be back onstage at the Engeman Theater with this amazing cast and crew! Some past credits include: Maleficent (*Disney's Descendants*), Cat (*Seussical*), Rapunzel (*Rapunzel*), Louise (*Gypsy*), and Annie Sullivan (*The Miracle Worker*). Jess would like to thank her friends and family for their never ending love and support! Jessmaemurphy.com

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CARALINE QUACKENBUSH (Yvette) is thrilled to return to The John W. Engeman stage for the Long Island Premiere of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*. Her most recent credits include *Frozen Jr.* (Queen Iduna), *Legally Blonde Jr.* (Elle Woods), *Beetlejuice Jr.* (Ensemble), *Almost Maine* (Suzette), *Madagascar Jr.* (Gloria), and *Addams Family* (Flight Attendant Ancestor). She has had so much fun working on this show with the amazing cast. A big thank you to Andrew, Marquez, and Gina for their dedication, this wonderful opportunity, and all her friends and family who come to support her!

PRANAV RAMKUMAR (Chirag Gupta) is an enthusiastic and dedicated young musician with a deep love for singing, acting, and playing the piano. Pranav is committed to creating original music and sharing it with the world. He aspires to become a globally recognized artist and connect with people worldwide.

ERIN RISOLO (Claire) is so excited to make her Engeman Theater debut in *Diary of a Wimpy Kid the Musical*! Previous credits include Olaf (*Frozen Jr.*), Alice (*Matilda the Musical*), Nemo (*Finding Nemo Jr.*), Jojo (*Seussical Jr.*), Evie (*Descendants the Musical*), Elle Woods (*Legally Blonde Jr.*), Annie (*Annie*), and more. Erin would like to thank the entire production team for this amazing opportunity and her family and friends for always supporting her love of theater. IG: @erinrisolo

JILLIAN SHARPE (Swing) is excited to be back on the Engeman stage! Past Engeman credits include: *Jersey Boys* (Emergency Swing), *Alice in Wonderland* (Cheshire Cat), *Seussical* (Mayzie), *Rapunzel* (Witch), *Frosty* (Swing), *Madagascar* (Gloria). Other Regional credits include *The Producers* (Ensemble), *The Prom* (Alyssa Greene), and *Something Rotten* (Ensemble).

AMARE TAVAREZ (Rowley Jefferson) is thrilled to return to the John W. Engeman Theater to reprise his role as Rowley. Most recently, he played Sven in *Frozen Jr.* at the John W. Engeman Theater. His past lead roles include Nemo in *Finding Nemo Jr.*, Jai in *Space Pirates*, and Slater in *Sally Sells Seashells (and You Can Too!)* In addition to theater, Amare is a voice actor who enjoys bringing characters to life through acting and singing. He looks forward to continuing to grow

as a performer with each new opportunity. Special thanks to Stewart Talent and my entire family for their support! IG: @the_amare_effect

ELLIOT TORBENSON (Fregley) is delighted to return to the Engeman! Recent regional credits and past local roles include: *Charlie and The Chocolate Factory* (Augustus), *13 Jr.* (Archie), *Legally Blonde Jr.* (Ensemble), *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (Ensemble), *Something Rotten* (Townsperson), *Finding Nemo, Jr.* (Sheldon), *Sound of Music* (Kurt), *A Christmas Carol* (Young Scrooge), *Matilda the Musical* (Nigel), *Willy Wonka* (Charlie Bucket). Many thanks to Mom, Dad, Eva, Rebecca, and everybody at Engeman for this opportunity! IG: @elliott.torbenson

LIAM VON SCHMIDT (Bryce Anderson) is very excited to return to the John W. Engeman Theater stage. Previous Engeman credits include *Something Rotten* (Troupe), *Frozen Jr.* (Sven), *Legally Blonde* (Pforzheimer), and *Les Misérables* (Gavroche). He would like to thank the directors, cast, and all the other people who made this show possible. He would also like to thank his family for all their love and support.

JEFF KINNEY (Author) Jeff Kinney is a #1 New York Times bestselling author of the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series and the *Awesome Friendly Kid* series. He is a six-time Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Award winner for Favorite Book and has been named one of Time magazine's 100 Most Influential People in the World. He spent his childhood in the Washington, D.C. area and now lives in New England, where he and his wife own a bookstore, An Unlikely Story.

KEVIN DEL AGUILA (Book) is an Emmy-winning writer and Broadway performer. He is the bookwriter of the Off-Broadway musical hit *Altar Boyz* (New York Outer Critics Circle Award, Best Off-Broadway Musical) and lyricist of *Click Clack Moo* (Lortel Award nomination for Outstanding Musical; Drama Desk nomination for Outstanding Lyrics). His other musical adaptations include the DreamWorks film "Madagascar" and "Dog Man: The Musical". Kevin has written for numerous children's television shows, including "Peg + Cat" (PBS), "Waffles + Mochi" (Netflix), and as head writer of *Blue's Clues & You* (Nick Jr.). Children everywhere have heard Kevin's voice as a Troll in the Disney movie *Frozen*.

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Who's Who in the Cast

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John W. Engeman Theater Staff

Production:

Executive Director: **Richard Dolce**
Managing Director: **Kevin J. O'Neill**

Director of Production: **Jennifer Dolce**
Production Manager: **Chelsey Steinmetz**
Stage Supervisor: **Megan Cohen**
Calling Stage Manager: **Steph Rhodes**
Technical Director: **Tim Moran**
Deck Crew: **Gina Lardi**
Children's Program Coordinator: **Andrew McCluskey**
Lighting Supervisor: **Brian Kurtz**
Sound Supervisor: **Laura Shubert**
Sound Engineers: **Lisa Naso, Aidan Gardner**
Wardrobe Supervisor: **Laura McGauley**
Dresser: **Jillian Sharpe**

Operations:

Box Office Manager: **Phyllis Molloy**
House Manager: **Ryan Donohue**
Assistant House Manager: **Craig Boccia**
Company Manager: **Jeannie Marve**
Controller: **Barbara Capri**
Group Sales Manager: **Alexandra Spitzli**
Maintenance Supervisor: **Sean Weigl**

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Marketing, Brand & PR: **Jennifer Pinto, Kelley Henneberry, Diana Girimonti**

Main Stage Scenic Design by **Kyle Dixon**



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The History *of the* Theater

Northport's first movie house was built in 1912 at 256 Main Street, but movies were only one of its uses: Its grand opening included a vaudeville show, and over the years the space was used for high school commencement ceremonies, political rallies, children's recitals, and even basketball games when space in the building was leased by the school system. The early movies were silent films, accompanied by a pianist. Admission to evening shows was 50 cents for adults, 25 cents for children. The Northport trolley added an evening trip in 1913 so that East Northport residents could get home after the movies. Talkies didn't come to Northport until about 1930 when a local businessman leased the theater and installed new projectors.

In April 19, 1932, the theater caught fire, after a blaze started in the adjoining Chevrolet dealership. The responding fire departments found too little water pressure in the hydrants to fight the fire, and water had to be hauled up from the harbor by the truckload. To no avail—the building was a complete loss. The following August, the village board voted for major improvements in the water system.

The first plan for replacing the theater was to rebuild on the same site, but theater builder William McNeil began constructing one on the adjoining property. After much to and fro, Prudential Playhouses Inc. settled on the McNeil site, at 248–250 Main Street, that is occupied by the present theater building. The new Northport Theater, with 754 seats, was opened with speeches and a great ceremony on November 23, 1932. Much was made of the fact that it was of fireproof construction, with major components of its electrical system isolated in a fireproof room in the basement. Uniformed ushers were recruited from the Northport high school, to be selected by the superintendent. The initial attraction was *Sherlock Holmes*, starring Clive

Brook and Ernest Torrence.

The building erected on the site of the old theater was used for a lunchroom under various ownerships, including use by the Northport U.S.O. during World War II. In the 1970s it was converted into two stores.

In 1950 the Northport Theater, still operated by Associated Prudential Theaters, underwent major alterations: Most noticeably the stainless steel marquee was added. The lobby was remodeled, new seats, stage curtains, and wall coverings replaced and a modern air-conditioning system installed. The cost of renovations was put at \$100,000—about as much as the construction of the building had cost 18 years earlier.

As film industry economics and consumer tastes changed, control of the Northport Theater eventually shifted to United Artists Eastern Theatres, which for years offered second-run movies at cut-rate prices. At 99 cents, later raised to \$1.25, movie-going in Northport in the early 1980s was a bargain. But UA finally closed the theater in 1996, and a new owner's plans to renovate the building for a reopening in 1997 were frustrated when the interior was vandalized. The Northport Theater reopened in 1999, but failed to make adequate commercial headway.

On June 30, 2006, Huntington resident and entrepreneur Kevin O'Neill and his wife, Patti, purchased the Northport Theater. Kevin then partnered with theater expert and attorney, Richard Dolce, who had been running the Broadhollow Theater Company, to convert the Northport

Theater into a year-round professional live theater. In tribute to Patti's brother, Chief Warrant Officer Four John William Engeman, who was killed in Iraq on May 14, 2006, they renamed the theater the John W. Engeman Theater at Northport.



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