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Gainesville, TX

## elf the musical

Book by Thomas Meehan & Bob Martin

Music by Matthew Sklar

Lyrics by David Berenbaum

Directed by Shannon Rivoire



December 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18 - 7:30 PM

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# **Butterfield Stage Players**

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Music Director - Susan Higgins  
Assistant Director - Genesis Matthews  
Stage Manager - Kathy Zachary  
Assistant Stage Managers - Maya Dulock & Eden Dulock  
Choreographer - Savannah Mendez  
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# CAST

## Cast Members

Buddy	Justin Hinton
Jovie	Emma Stevens
Walter	Russell Schmid
Emily	Courtney Kelley
Michael	Emery Tarrant
Deb	Carlie Cleveland
Santa	Chris Bevers
Chadwick, Doorman, Fake Santa	Emmet Bayer
Matthews, Angry Fake Santa	Tony Johnson
Manager, Sneezing Man	Gene Matthews
Mrs. Greenway, Taxi Woman	Eryka Kitundu
Sam, Saleswoman	Percie Carrillo
Sarah, Store Elf #2	Tearsia Voyles
Customer #1, Store Elf, Charlotte	Abi Rozell
Teenager, Customer #2, Store Elf	Ava Hillis
Mother, Waitress, Emma Van Brocklin	Anna Rozell
Store Elf #1, New York Lady	Addison Stevens
Security Guard #1, Policeman #1, Salvation Army Lady, Store Elf	Della Walterscheid
Security Guard #2, Policeman #2, Store Elf	Hope Pearman
Charlie, Flyer Girl	Madeline Billings
Tiara, Flyer Girl	Eleanor Hartman
Elf, Girl in Macys	Delaynie Doss
Boy Elf, Little Santa	Benjamin Green
Elf #1	McGara Patterson
Elf #2	Caroline Kelley
Elf #3	Rilynn Rauschuber
Elf #4	Gwen Bronnenberg
Elf, Skater	Libby McNamara

# CAST

## Cast Members (continued)

Elf, Laughing Girl in Macys .....	Keeley King
Mrs. Claus .....	Gayle Bevers
Sant's Helper .....	Caleb Bevers
Hobo Santa, Fake Santa .....	James Dietz
David Lambert, Fake Santa .....	Ty Belger
Fake Santa .....	Desmond Pouncil
Fake Santa .....	Devon Hacker
Fake Santa .....	Clint Kelley

## Directors / Choreographer / Stage Manager

Director .....	Shannon Rivoire
Music Director .....	Susan Higgins
Choreographer .....	Savannah Mendez
Assistant Director .....	Genesisus Matthews
Stage Manager .....	Kathy Zachary



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# CREW

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## Assistants / Production Crew

Assistant Stage Manager	Eden Dulock
Assistant Stage Manager	Maya Dulock
Director's Assistant	Addy Murphy
Production	Ethan Bevers, Eden Dulock
Production	Maya Dulock, Della Hartman
Production	Abby Murphy, Casper Norwood, Claire Warren
Set Construction	Sandy Geyer, Devon Hacker, Shannon Rivoire
Set & Light Design	Sandy Geyer
Santa's Set Workers	Emmet Bayer, Caleb Bevers, Chris Bevers
Santa's Set Workers	Ethan Bevers, Emma Bronnenberg
Santa's Set Workers	Gwen Bronnenberg, Michelle Bronnenberg
Santa's Set Workers	Justin Hinton, Debbie Klepper, Abi Rozell
Santa's Set Workers	Anna Rozell, Brian Rozell, Emma Stevens
Santa's Set Workers	Emery Tarrant, Tearsia Voyles
Sound Operator	Devon Hacker
Spotlight & Projections Operator	Cassie Newton
Props	Megan Krebs
Artist	Emmet Bayer
Costumes	Mary Jo Dollar, Shannon Rivoire, Renea Stephens
Costume Construction	Nancy Moore
Stunt Choreography	Russell Schmid

# WHO'S WHO



**Shannon Rivoire**

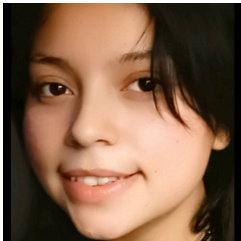
*Director*



**Susan Higgins**

*Music Director*

Susan has been part of Butterfield Stage Players since 2018 when she assisted with music direction for *Sweet Charity* and performed in *Nuncrackers: The Nunsense Christmas Musical*. In 2019, she was musical director for *West Side Story* at Butterfield and performed in *Nuncrackers: The Nunsense Christmas Musical* at Pilot Point's Garage Door Theater. She has been the rehearsal accompanist at Gainesville High School's Theater Department for the past two years. She is the piano accompanist for five choirs in GISD: Intermediate, Junior High and High School. Susan has been the pianist for New Hope Missionary Baptist Church for 24 years. She hopes you find your "SparkleJollyTwinkleJingle"!!!!



**Savannah Mendez**

*Choreographer*



**Genesis Matthews**

*Assistant Director*

Gene loves musicals and Christmas, so this show is perfect for him. He wants to thank his family and friends for their constant support. He wants to dedicate this show to Nee-Nee.

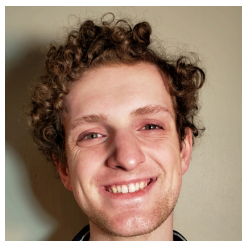
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## Kathy Zachary

*Stage Manager*

Kathy has been enjoying working backstage at Butterfield Stage since 2007. She especially enjoys working with kids during the Christmas season. She is the mother of four daughters and grandma of eight grandchildren. She hopes all of you remember to spread Christmas cheer by “singing loud for all to hear.”



## Justin Hinton

*as Buddy*

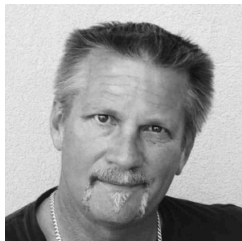
Justin is excited to be a part of his first Butterfield Stage's production. He is a student at North Central Texas College studying music. Recently, he performed as Frank N Furter in North Central Texas College's *Rocky Horror Show*. He would like to thank his friends and family for always supporting him.



## Emma Stevens

*as Jovie*

This is Emma's seventh production at Butterfield Stage. She is a theater student at North Central Texas College. Recently, she performed in the college's production of *Rocky Horror Picture Show*. Emma played Elsa in Butterfield Stage's production of *Frozen, Jr.* She would like to thank everyone in her life for their love and support.



## Russell Schmid

*as Walter*

Russell has become a familiar face around Butterfield Stage over the past dozen years or so. Whether acting on stage, appearing on boards, or directing a production, he pops up at Butterfield Stage with regularity. Audiences will remember him from his appearances in *The Odd Couple*, *Twelve Angry Jurors*, *Creature Creeps*, *Red White and Tuna*, and others. He would like to offer up a hearty “Merry Christmas” to you all.



## Courtney Kelley

*as Emily*

Courtney is an elementary music teacher, as well as a private piano and vocal instructor. In addition to teaching, she has performed professionally. Some of her favorite roles are Laurie in *The Tenderland*, Gretel in *Hansel and Gretel* and the baker's wife in *Into the Woods*. She loves spending time with her family and is thrilled to be doing this show with her daughter, Caroline.

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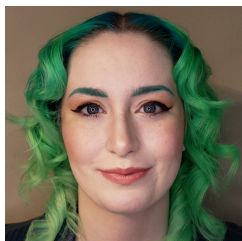
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## Emery Tarrant

*as Michael*

Emery is a freshman at Valley View High School. This is her seventh production at Butterfield Stage. She would like to thank her family and friends for their endless support. She hopes everyone enjoys the show.



## Carlie Cleveland

*as Deb*

Carlie is happy to be making her first appearance with Butterfield Stage. She is a student at NCTC where she recently performed in *A Murder of Crows* and *The Rocky Horror Show*. She wants to wish all of you a merry Christmas and to remind you to spread a little Christmas cheer everywhere you go this season.



## Chris Bevers

*as Santa*

Chris Bevers has been married to Gayle (Mrs. Claus) for nearly twenty years. He has two sons, Ethan and Caleb, his little elves. He is a math and social studies teacher at Sacred Heart Catholic School. He enjoys camping with his family. This is his first time performing at Butterfield Stage. He hopes to inspire his students to have the courage to try new things even though they think it is hard.



## Emmet Bayer

*as Chadwick, Doorman, Fake Santa*

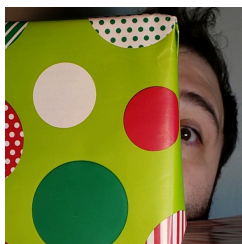


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## **Tony Johnson** *as Matthews, Angry Fake Santa*

Tony is a sophomore (soon to be junior) at North Central Texas College. His current goal is to obtain his bachelor's degree in Theater at the University of North Texas, and possibly his master's degree. Tony has a certificate in welding, which he hopes to be able to use for stage design someday. Some will recognize him from the college's recent production of *The Rocky Horror Show*, in which he played Rocky. *Elf* is his first production at Butterfield Stage. He has had a lot of fun working with this wonderful cast. He wants to wish all of you a Merry Christmas!



## **Gene Matthews** *as Manager, Sneezing Man*

Gene loves musicals and Christmas, so this show is perfect for him. He wants to thank his family and friends for their constant support. He wants to dedicate this show to Nee-Nee.



## **Eryka Kitundu** *as Mrs. Greenway, Taxi Woman*

This is Eryka's second production at Butterfield Stage. Her first was *West Side Story*. She is a student at North Central Texas College and plans to transfer to a four-year college to get a degree in music. Eryka would like to thank her family for their love and support and the cast and crew involved in making this show happen.



## **Percie Carrillo** *as Sam, Saleswoman*

Percie began acting in 2019 with North Central Texas College's *Be More Chill*. Since then, she has been involved in many other theatrical productions. *Elf* is her first one at Butterfield Stage.



## **Tearsia Voyles** *as Sarah, Store Elf #2*

This is Tearsia's first time to be in a production. She would like to thank her family, especially Paula and Eddie, for supporting her in pursuing her dreams. For Christmas, she would like to spend time with family and get a million books.

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# WHO'S WHO

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**Abi Rozell** *as Customer #1, Store Elf, Charlotte*



**Ava Hillis** *as Teenager, Customer #2, Store Elf*

Ava is a seventh grader at Muenster ISD. She is the daughter of Lance and Holly Hillis. Ava has been in six other performances at Butterfield Stage. She participates in UIL, basketball, student council, cheer and one act play at school. In her free time, she likes to hang out with her friends and family, go shopping, ride bikes and most of all, she loves to spend time playing, snuggling, and spoiling her puppy, Finn.



**Anna Rozell** *as Mother, Waitress, Emma Van Brocklin*

Anna is a speech pathologist at North Texas Medical Center and the Cooke County Special Education Co-op. Anna's greatest accomplishment is being a mother. This is her first musical to be in and is proud to share the stage with her daughter. She wants to thank Brian for his support in all her crazy adventures. For Christmas she is asking Santa for a trip to Honduras to see her family.



**Addison Stevens** *as Store Elf #1, New York Lady*

Addison is the daughter of Todd and Sandra Stevens and the younger sister of Emma Stevens. She is a sophomore at Slidell High School where she runs cross country and track, and she participates in UIL One Act Play. Addison has been in several plays at Butterfield Stage including *Charlotte's Web*, *The Lion*, *The Witch and The Wardrobe*, *Seussical* and *Frozen*.

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# WHO'S WHO

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## **Della Walterscheid** *as Security Guard #1, Policeman #1, Salvation Army Lady, Store Elf*

Della is in the seventh grade in Muenster. She is the daughter of Josh and Iva Walterscheid. Watching her older brother, Benton, in One Act Plays is what piqued her interest in acting. This is her third production at Butterfield Stage. She recently competed with her school's One Act Play. She is happiest when she is singing and dancing, so she is right at home on stage. She and her family are grateful for the opportunities that Butterfield gives her to perform.



## **Hope Pearman** *as Security Guard #2, Policeman #2, Store Elf*

Hope is currently an eighth grader at Era middle school. She is the daughter of Amy and Jody Pearman. She loves dogs, singing and hanging out with friends. For Christmas she wants a speaker.



## **Madeline Billings** *as Charlie, Flyer Girl*



## **Eleanor Hartman** *as Tiara, Flyer Girl*

Eleanor is a seventh-grade student in Muenster. She is the daughter of Justin and Cristy Hartman. This is Eleanor's fifth production at Butterfield Stage. She has loved every bit of her experience at Butterfield Stage. When she isn't at the theater, Eleanor is playing with her dogs or riding her horse.



## **Delaynie Doss** *as Elf, Girl in Macys*

Delaynie is excited to be in her first theater production and part of an amazing cast! She would like to thank her family for bringing her to all the rehearsals and listening to her countless performances of "Happy All the Time" at home.

# WHO'S WHO



## Benjamin Green

*as Boy Elf, Little Santa*

Benjamin is a student at Callisburg Elementary School and is the son of Brady and Lauren. He enjoys acting, reading, and playing outdoors. *Elf* is his first production at Butterfield Stage, but he hopes not the last! He wants a RC Baby Yoda for Christmas.



## McGara Patterson

*as Elf #1*

McGara is a third-grade student at Muenster Elementary. She is the daughter of Justin and Christie Patterson. McGara loves to sing, dance, act and do gymnastics. In her free time, she enjoys hanging out with her friends and reading.



## Caroline Kelley

*as Elf #2*

Caroline is a fourth-grade student. She loves singing, dancing, theater, and reading. She loves Christmas and is so happy to be doing a show during the holiday season. This is Caroline's second show at Butterfield Stage, and she hopes to do many more in the future.



## Rilynn Rauschuber

*as Elf #3*

Rilynn is a fifth grader at St. Mary School. She enjoys drawing, playing games with family and watching movies with her dad. She is making her acting debut in *Elf*. She is excited for Christmas and wants a pair of roller skates from Santa.



## Gwen Bronnenberg

*as Elf #4*

Gwen is a fifth grader at Callisburg Elementary School. She enjoys tap dancing, singing, playing Animal Crossing on Nintendo Switch, and riding her scooter. Gwen loves Christmas year-round, so she is extra excited to participate in *Elf*.

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# WHO'S WHO

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**Libby McNamara**

*as Elf, Skater*



**Keeley King**

*as Elf, Laughing Girl in Macys*

Keeley is currently a third-grade student at Seton Home Study School. She is the daughter of Grice and Nikki King. She has four older siblings: Dane, Paytyn, Cole and Addy, and she has three pets: Stella the pug, Boogie the ferret and Dottie the hedgehog. Keeley loves singing, dancing, and painting. For Christmas, she would love to have a chocolate orange.



**Gayle Bevers**

*as Mrs. Claus*



**Caleb Bevers**

*as Sant's Helper*



**James Dietz**

*as Hobo Santa, Fake Santa*

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**Ty Belger**

*as David Lambert, Fake Santa*



**Desmond Pouncil**

*as Fake Santa*



**Devon Hacker**

*as Fake Santa*



**Clint Kelley**

*as Fake Santa*

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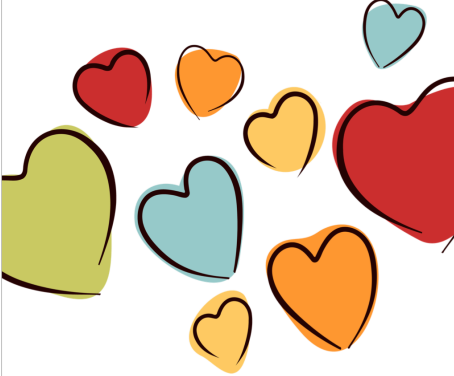
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### YOUTH THEATER CLASSES 2022

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Date: Tuesdays, Jan. 18 - Mar. 5  
Time: 4:15 PM - 5:45 PM

\*Advanced Students Ages 10 - 17  
Date: Thursdays, Jan. 20 - Mar. 7  
Time: 4:15 PM - 5:45 PM

*no classes the week of spring break*

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Ages 10-17  
Date: June 13 - 117  
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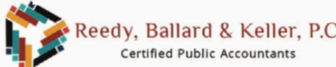
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