

# WHAT IS *NEWSIES*?



*Newsies* is a Tony-winning Broadway hit!

Based on the classic 1992 Disney movie, *Newsies* inspires everyone to seize the day and stand up for what's right.

Set in New York City in 1899, *Newsies* is the rousing true tale of Jack Kelly, the charismatic leader of a band of teenaged "newsies." Tired of unfair treatment, Jack rallies the newsies to **STRIKE** against the unfair conditions and fight for what's right!

## WHERE CAN I WATCH *NEWSIES*?

There are two versions of *Newsies*. They are similar, but not exactly the same:

1. The original 1992 Disney Movie is called *Newsies*.
2. The BROADWAY SHOW (which is the version that is the closest to the version we will do) is called *Newsies: The Broadway Musical*.

**AUDITION PACKETS**  
are coming soon!

Auditions will begin November 13th.

Stage Crew sign-ups will be in  
December.

Both versions can be streamed on Disney Plus or rented on Amazon Prime Video, YouTube, or Apple TV

You can also listen to the Broadway soundtrack on your favorite music streaming service.

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## WHO ARE THE CHARACTERS IN *NEWSIES*?

- **Jack Kelly:** The charismatic leader of the Manhattan newsies.
- **Katherine Plumber:** An ambitious young reporter, works hard to make a name for herself as a legitimate journalist in a time when women aren't taken seriously.
- **Davey:** A new newsie who starts selling newspapers to help his family earn a living.
- **Les:** Davey's cheeky younger sibling with a natural knack for selling papers.
- **Crutchie:** A dedicated newsie with a bum leg that's painful, but helps sell more papers.
- **Spot Conlon:** The proud and tough leader of the Brooklyn newsies.
- **Wiesel:** Runs the distribution window for the World.
- **Oscar and Morris Delancey:** "The Delancey Brothers" work at the World and act as "muscle" for the publishers.
- **Joseph Pulitzer:** A pompous businessman through and through, owns the World and is concerned solely with the bottom line.
- **Snyder:** The crooked and sinister warden of The Refuge, a filthy and horrible orphanage.
- **Medda Larkin:** Star of the Bowery Theater and friend of Jack who offers her theater as a safe haven for the newsies.
- **The Bowery Beauties:** Performers at Medda's Theater.
- **Governor Teddy Roosevelt:** A well-respected lifelong public servant, inspires Jack to stand up to Pulitzer.
- **Chorus of Newsies:** including Albert, Buttons, Elmer, Finch, Henry, Ike, Jo Jo, Mike, Mush, Race, Romeo, Specs, Splasher, and Tommy Boy. These hard-working kids of New York City go on strike for a livable wage.
- **Newsies Dancers:** These special dancing parts will be a subgroup of the Newsies Chorus.
- **Chorus of Business Leaders and Assistants:** including Seitz, Bunsen, Hannah, and Nunzio.

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