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# CAST

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Mr. Alonso Smith.....	Mark Murphy
Mrs. Anna Smith.....	Rachel Hendrickson
Lon Smith.....	Sam Illum
Rose Smith.....	Phoebe Mock
Esther Smith.....	MaryAnn Traxler
Agnes Smith.....	Elizabeth Cure
Tootie Smith.....	Nora Mae Dixon
Grandpa Prophater.....	Don Leonard
Katie.....	Julie Fox
John Pruitt.....	Ryan Russell
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Postman/Motorman.....	Jamie Copaken
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Peewee Drummond/Ensemble.....	Lane Barrette
Sidney Purvis/Ensemble.....	Paul Ruf
Lucille Ballard/Ensemble.....	Autumn Quarles
Eve Finley/Ensemble.....	Mia LaFevre
Ensemble.....	Allison Buell, Cate Coble, Elliott Dagget, Sammy Homolka, Jonah Kahn, Allyson Makalous, Alana Shields, Greta Sonnenberg

## Orchestra

Kaytee Dietrich - Flute & Clarinet • Crystal Kimmel - Flute, Piccolo & Clarinet  
Anne Sneller - Oboe & English Horn • Amy Jantz - Clarinet  
Emily Carney - Horn • Crista Pinkston - Reed 4 • Scott Stevens - Trumpet  
Andrew Beckstrom - Trumpet • Lee Hake - Trumpet • John Burke - Trombone  
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Edwin Fukunaga - Harp/Keyboard • Frank Annechini - Bass  
Jonathan Fang - Violin • Matthew Fang - Violin • Ashley Kunze - Violin  
Ethan McWilliams - Cello • Michael Fang - Cello • Ty Tuttle - Keyboard 1

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# Musical Numbers

## ACT I

Meet Me in St. Louis .....	The Smith Family & Katie
The Boy Next Door .....	Esther
Meet Me in St. Louis (Reprise) .....	Tootie, Agnes, Esther, Rose & Grandpa
Whenever I'm With You .....	The Smith Family & Katie
You'll Hear a Bell .....	Mrs. Smith
A Raving Beauty .....	Rose & Warren
Skip to My Lou .....	Lon, Warren, Rose, & Ensemble
Drunk Song .....	Tootie
Under the Bamboo Tree .....	Tootie, Agnes & Esther
Over the Bannister .....	Esther & John
The Trolley Song .....	Esther & Chorus

There will be one 15 minute intermission.

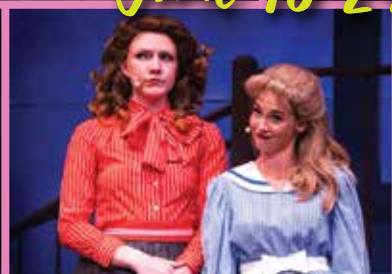
## ACT II

A Touch of the Irish .....	Katie, Esther & Rose
The Boy Next Door (Reprise) .....	Esther & John
A Day in New York .....	Mr. Smith, Mrs. Smith, Rose, Esther, Katie & Grandpa
You'll Hear a Bell (Reprise) .....	Mrs. Smith
Wasn't it Fun? .....	Mr. Smith & Mrs. Smith
Christmas Waltz .....	Ensemble
The Banjo .....	Lon & Ensemble
You Are for Loving .....	Esther & John
Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas .....	Esther
The Trolley Song (Reprise) .....	Ensemble
Meet Me in St. Louis (Reprise) .....	Principals & Ensemble



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## Who's Who in the Cast

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**Lane Barrette (Peewee Drummond/Ensemble)** is a recent graduate of the University of Kansas, getting a BA in Political Science and Theatre Performance. This will be Lane's third production at Theatre in the Park and his last show before attending law school in the fall.

**Allison Buell (Ensemble)** is excited to perform in her third show at Theatre in the Park! Past credits: *Amahl and the Night Visitors* (Lyric Opera KC), *Something Rotten!* (TIP), RWS Entertainment, and Disney Cruise Line. She sends thanks to her friends/family. Enjoy the show!

**Cate Coble (Ensemble)** will be a junior in High School at Bishop Miege. Other High School productions include St. Teresa's Academy and Rockhurst High School. She's excited to be in her first show at Theatre in the Park! She thanks her parents, siblings, and friends for being supportive.

**Jamie Copaken (Postman/Motorman)** is excited for his 6th TIP show, including *Sweet Charity* (Oscar) and *Oklahoma* (Ali Hakim). Other favorites include *Little Shop of Horrors* (Seymour), *Into the Woods* (Jack), and *Damn Yankees* (Applegate). Thanks and love to my family!

**Elizabeth Cure (Agnes Smith)** 12, is thrilled to debut at Theatre in the Park! Favorite roles: Matilda in *Matilda* (The White Theatre), Jojo in *Seussical*, Gavroche in *Les Miserable* (First Act Theatre Arts). Huge thanks to Ashley Pankow, Jana Milbourn, FAKC, Mom, Dad, and sisters!

**Elliott Dagget (Ensemble)** This is Elliott's first TIP show, and he's very excited to work with this talented cast and crew! His credits include KC Ballet, KC Rep, Starlight and Spinning Tree Theatre.

**Reece Dickerson (Warren Sheffield)** is a rising sophomore at Drake University studying musical theatre. He is thrilled to be in his first ever TIP show. His recent productions at Drake include *Carrie: The Musical*, *Vigilantes*, and *The Theory of Relativity*.

**Nora Mae Dixon (Tootie Smith)** is a rising 5th grader and thrilled to be in her first TIP show! She dances at Miller Marley, loves making slime, and was recently in shows at TYA and MTKC. She wants to thank family, Franci, and friends!

**Julie Fox (Katie)** is thrilled to be back where theatre began for her 30 years ago! It's been a great ride and an extreme honor this summer to share the stage with such talented folks. Sit back, and enjoy this nostalgic evening!!

**Rachel Hendrickson (Mrs. Anna Smith)** holds a Master of Music in Voice from Florida State University. Favorite roles include: Truly Scrumptious, Eliza Doolittle, and Audrey. Rachel is in The Killer Closer series (ID channel) and a fashion model (QVC). Love to Imogene, Levi, and Zack.

**Sammy Homolka (Ensemble)** is excited to do his second ever production! His first production took place this January. Since then, he has put time and effort into learning the craft of dance and theatre and is excited for you to see him!

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**Sam Illum (Lon Smith)** is a sophomore at TCU studying Musical Theatre. This is Sam's third show at Theatre in the Park, you may have seen him as Chad (*Descendants*) or Darcy (*Newsies*). Past productions include Jean Valjean (*Les Mis*), and Bobby (*Urinetown*). Love always.

**Jonah Kahn (Ensemble)** is thrilled to be returning to Theatre in the Park for his third season. Jonah is a rising junior majoring in journalism. TIP credits: *Zombie Prom*, *Cinderella*. Love to IM, OP, DL, JT, EQ, LK, MF, and family. @jonah\_kahn

**Mia LeFevre (Eve Finley/Ensemble)** goes to Blue Valley Southwest and is pumped to be in her first TIP show! Past credits include: Scuttle (*The Little Mermaid*), Annabeth (*The Lightning Thief*), Clare (*Cry When The Baby Cries*). Mia thanks her family for supporting her!

**Don Leonard (Grandpa Prophater)** first (2009) and last appearance (2019) at Theatre in the Park was the *Wizard of Oz* (Wizard). Over 40 years he has appeared in over 100 community productions, however this is a bucket list show! It has been worth the wait!

**Allyson Makalous (Ensemble)** Ally will be a junior at Mill Valley High School. This is her first Theatre in the Park show! She has worked with many companies and studios such as Miller Marley, Starlight, and MTKC. Ally wishes to pursue theater or psychology.

**Phoebe Mock (Rose Smith)** is thrilled to be back at Theatre in the Park this summer for her 5th show! She is an upcoming sophomore at Otterbein University getting her BFA in musical theater with a dance minor! She thanks her friends and family for their support!



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**Mark Murphy (Mr. Alonso Smith)** is an elementary music teacher in the Fort Osage School District. His last show was *Crazy for You* in 2004. Mark would like to thank Dominic and his friends and family for coming to the show!

**Autumn Quarles (Lucille Ballard/Ensemble)** is an upcoming senior at Olathe north and is thrilled to be in her third show at TIP. Recent shows include: *Chicago* and *Mamma Mia*. She would like to thank her mom, brother and Ashley for their support.

**Paul Ruf (Sidney Purvis/Ensemble)** is a college student at KU studying biochemistry and dance. This is his first show at Theatre in the Park! Past credits include *Cabaret*, *All Shook Up*, and *Mary Poppins*. He wants to thank his parents and hopes you enjoy the show!

**Ryan Russell (John Pruitt)** is exuberant to be returning to Theatre in the Park! Favorite credits include Chad in *All Shook Up* (SMNHS), Jonny Warner in *Zombie Prom* (TIP), and Crutchie in *Newsies* (TIP). He'd like to thank his friends & family. Woo Pig!

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**Alana Shields (Ensemble)** is a BFA Musical Theatre major at Missouri State. She's so excited for her TIP debut! Alana has also performed at Starlight Theatre and The White Theatre. Other past credits include *The Lightning Thief* and *Seussical*. Enjoy the show!

**Greta Sonnenberg (Ensemble)** graduated in 2022 (BM in Vocal Music Education- Mizzou), and just finished her first year teaching vocal music. She studied dance at Miller Marley and currently studies with

Alyssa Toepfer. She dedicates her performance to her grandma, Margy Sonnenberg.

**MaryAnn Traxler (Esther Smith)**

Recent credits include: *Kinky Boots* (Lauren), *Freaky Friday* (Monica), *The Sparkletones* (Danette), and Carnival Cruise Line (Singer/Dancer). All the glory and honor to God. Love to Robb who makes her world turn. Esther is for you, Grandma.

**Sam Williamson (Clinton A. Badger/Ensemble)** is going into his senior year at Shawnee Mission East high school. He is excited, as this is his first TIP show. He would like to thank everyone involved in the show, and hopes you enjoy!

## Who's Who in the Orchestra

**Frank Annechini (Bass)** is happy to be back at Theatre in the Park for his 8th year. Thanks to his family for their support!

**Andrew Beckstrom (Trumpet)** is excited to be a part of the show, Enjoy!

**John Burke (Trombone)** is a mostly-retired software developer and still-active college soccer referee. He also plays in a jazz big band and enjoys choral singing. *Meet Me In St. Louis* is his 34th show at TIP.

**Emily Carney (Horn)** is excited to be in her first show at TIP. Enjoy the show!

**Kaytee Dietrich (Flute & Clarinet)** enjoys playing in musicals and has played in over 50 productions at TIP. She also plays for other community and professional theaters and has played in almost 200 productions. Kaytee received a Bachelor of Music in Flute Performance (KU).

**Jonathan Fang (Violin)** is a freshman at William Jewell College studying Music and Physics. Jonathan plays piano and violin and has been involved in ensembles such as Liberty Symphony, Missouri All-State Orchestra, and Kansas City Youth Symphony.

**Matthew Fang (Violin)** is a high school student at Liberty High School. He plays in the Liberty Symphony and has played in the Youth Symphony of Kansas City. He would like to thank his parents for their support.

**Michael Fang (Cello)** is a high school student at Liberty High School. He has previously performed with the Missouri All State Orchestra and currently plays with the Liberty Symphony Orchestra. He is excited to be playing with his brothers!

**Lee Finch (Trombone)** is a retired Army Lt. Colonel with a music education degree. All of his family are musicians and/or actors. Lee thanks them for sharing him at Theatre in the Park for

yet another year. Love to all family and friends.

**Edwin Fukunaga (Harp/Keyboard)**

This is Edwin's second show at TIP after *Into the Woods*. He has played for several school productions and performs in community and church ensembles including the KC Wind Symphony and Overland Park Orchestra. Have a great show everyone!

**Lee Hake (Trumpet)** is veteran of over 20 years of pit work for TIP; is excited to be once again in the Pit for *Meet Me in St Louis*. Enjoy your visit to St Louis!

**Colvin Hooser (Guitar)** Colvin's musical journey spans from Grammy award winners, to the Andy Williams Band, American Idol Top Ten Finalists and endless musicals. Colvin has a Master of Music Degree and instructs for Barton Community College Fort Leavenworth Campus.

**Amy Jantz (Clarinet)** currently enjoys performing with the Kansas City Wind Symphony. *Meet Me In St. Louis* is the third show she has played with TIP. Amy loves musicals and feels privileged to be a part of this production!

**Crystal Kimmel (Flute, Piccolo & Clarinet)** has been a woodwind doubler for over three decades. She has performed in numerous ensembles in the KC area over the years. Her first TIP show was in 1994. Currently she just completed her 21st season as Principal Piccolo in the KCWS.

**Ashley Kunze (Violin)** is a nearly-lifelong violinist who loves musical theater—after performing in orchestras and working backstage

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for theater productions, she is happy to be combining her interests and playing in the TIP pit for the first time!

**Ethan McWilliams (Cello)** This is Ethan's first production at TIP. He has been in a number of productions both in the pit and on the stage, including *Seussical*, *Bright Star*, and *Annie*. He currently works at Palen Music Center in Liberty, MO.

**Crista Pinkston (Reed 4)** graduated from William Jewell College with a degree in Music Performance. She plays alto saxophone with the Kansas City Wind Symphony and sings with Musica Vocale, a choral ensemble based in Westport.

**Eric Power (Accessories/Percussion)**

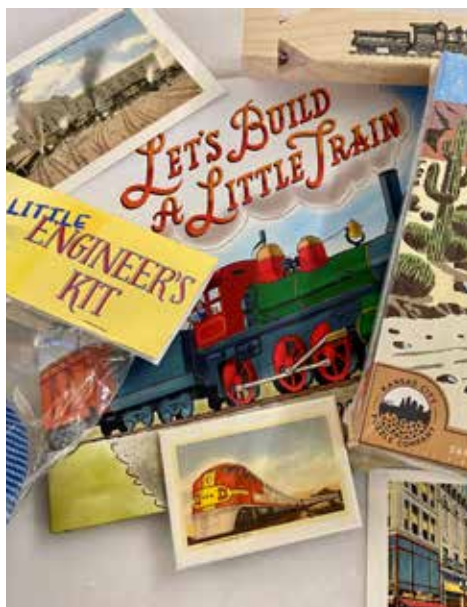
This is Eric's first TIP show! He is a long time member of the Kansas City Civic Orchestra and Kansas City Wind Symphony. Past productions: *Seussical*, *West Side Story*, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, and *Kiss Me Kate*.

**Anne Sneller (Oboe & English Horn)**

This is Anne's 26th show at TIP and 59th show in area theaters. Anne is a regular member of several bands and orchestras in the area playing both oboe and English horn and recently also added the oboe d'amore.

**Scott Stevens (Trumpet)** is the Manager of Bike Stop in Martin City. He retired from the Nebraska Nation Guard in 2018 as a member of the 43rd Army Band. Past performances include *Seussical* (Hoffman & Leawood Stage Company) and *Music Man* (TIP).

**Blake Vignery (Drum Set/Percussion)** is excited to be a part of the show, Enjoy!



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## Who's Who on the Production Team

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**April Bishop (Props Designer/  
Coordinator)** is happy to work with Chris McCoy again. Mixing her two loves, history and theater is true joy.

**Libby Bradley (Costume Designer/  
Coordinator)** is thrilled to work with Chris McCoy and this fabulous production team (last TIP show *Music Man* 2019). She is resident costumer for Olathe East High School and MidAmerica Nazarene University. Libby has also costumed for Leawood Stage Company, The White Theatre, MTKC and many others. You can see her work later this summer in the Olathe Public Schools' production of *Disney's Frozen The Broadway Musical*. Much love to my hubby, Jim.

**Zach Connett (Run Crew)** *Meet Me in St. Louis* is Zach's 7th show. He is an uprising high school sophomore and has switched between tech and acting multiple times and greatly enjoys both. He was thrilled to be asked to be part of the run crew for this show, giving him a chance to experience out-of-school theatre for the first time. He plans to keep working theatre productions, at least in high school.

**Luke Gilmore (Music Assistant)** is a Kansas City-based performer and creative. Performance Credits: *25th Annual...Spelling Bee* (Leaf, TIP); *Freaky Friday* (Swing, New Theatre); *Don't Let The Pigeon...* (Swing, Coterie Theatre); *Half Time* (Phil, TIP). Education: Oklahoma City University (BM Music Theatre, 2022). Thanks to Langston for this opportunity, and to this incredible cast and creative team for letting him meet them in St. Louis. Enjoy the show!

**Emily Heflin (Asst. Stage Manager)** will be a student at Missouri S&T this fall, and she is stoked for her second show as an ASM at TIP. She would love to thank her family and friends for their support and all the amazing members of the production team for welcoming her into their team. Enjoy the show!

**Langston Hemenway (Music Director/  
Conductor)** is excited to return to TIP, having previously directed and conducted *The Music Man* (2019) and *Into the Woods* (2018), and also appeared in *Spamalot* and *Back to the 80s* (2017). He directed *9 to 5*, *Carrie*, and *Godspell* with the Jewell Theatre Company, and *Seussical* with Leawood Stage. Dr. Hemenway is the Director of Instrumental Studies at William Jewell and conducts the KC



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**Bre Kristian (Asst. Stage Manager)**

is double majoring at William Jewell College in Theatre and Communications. After working *Spongebob the Musical* last summer as an ASM Bre is excited to be the ASM for not only *Meet Me in St. Louis*, but also *Footloose* later this summer. Past shows include: *A Midsummer Nights Dream*, *The Secret in the Wings*, and *9 to 5 (WJC)*, *The Music Man* and *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee (TIP)*.

**Grant Martin (Costume Assistant/Run Crew Head)** is beyond Thrilled to be apart of *Meet Me in St. Louis*. Grant has been involved with many productions throughout KS both on and off stage. Most recently he costume designed *Is He Dead* at OCTA. @musicalgrant88

**Chris McCoy (Director)** has been involved with 13 shows at TIP dating back to 1989. He has directed and/or choreographed over 50 shows in academic, community, and professional theatres around the country. Notable credits include assistant director *Soul Doctor* (Broadway), production assistant *People Speak* (film), artistic director KC Crossroads Festival of New Musicals, and director *Sangre de un Angel* (world premiere). He also performed at the World's Fair in Seville, Spain in 1992.

**Andro Miller (Run Crew)** has a passion for everything in theatre! He has been in many shows prior, primarily doing run crew. He loves to paint and just be creative in general.

**Madison Shelley (Choreographer)** is the Dance Coordinator for the Blue Valley Recreation Dance Program. She also has been an instructor at Nallia School of Dance for the last 19 years. This will be her 11th production at TIP, and her 2nd time as choreographer. She would like to thank her husband, Russell, and her daughter Eloise for being so supportive. "When life tries to bring you down, just dance."

**Fred Sollars (Run Crew)** is a student at Olathe West High School. He is very grateful for the opportunity to work with TIP. Past OW productions include: *Disney's Freaky Friday* and *Sherlock Holmes: Baskerville*. He thanks all of his wonderful friends and family for their support!

**Ty Tuttle (Accompanist)** is a Kansas City based pianist and musical theatre coach. Ty received his Master's degree in Vocal Coaching & Accompanying (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign). He has performed with theatre companies all over Illinois and the Kansas City area, including MTH, Starlight Theatre, and Little Theatre on the Square. This is his first show with TIP, where he will return to music direct *Little Shop*. Thanks to everyone who makes this possible!

**Brittney Wright (Run Crew)** is an upcoming junior at Olathe East and is excited to be in her first TIP show with her sister, Paige. Recent shows include: *Newsies*, *9 to 5*, *Mamma Mia*, *Carrie*, and *No Signs of Intelligent Life*. She is super excited to work on *Frozen* this summer with the Olathe School District! She would like to thank her sister for inspiring her to be in theater.



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**Paige Wright (Stage Manager)** just graduated from William Jewell College with a degree in Speech and Theatre Education. This upcoming school year Paige will be teaching at Raymore-Peculiar East Middle School and is super excited! Past productions include: *A Midsummer Nights Dream* (Nick Bottom), *The Learned Ladies* (Philamente), and *Seussical (SM)*. Paige is excited to be apart of her 3rd show at TIP. She would like to thank her Fiance, Noah, her family, friends, and mentors.

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 Sound Designer .....Brady Rose  
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 Lighting Interns .....Nathan Bigler,  
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 ATD/Shop Foreman .....Zeb Johnson  
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 Christian Lucas  
 Senior Scenic Painter .....Kylie Driver  
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 Sara Baird, Richard Bertoldie,  
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 Ari Hernandez  
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 Fred Sollars, Brittney Wright  
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