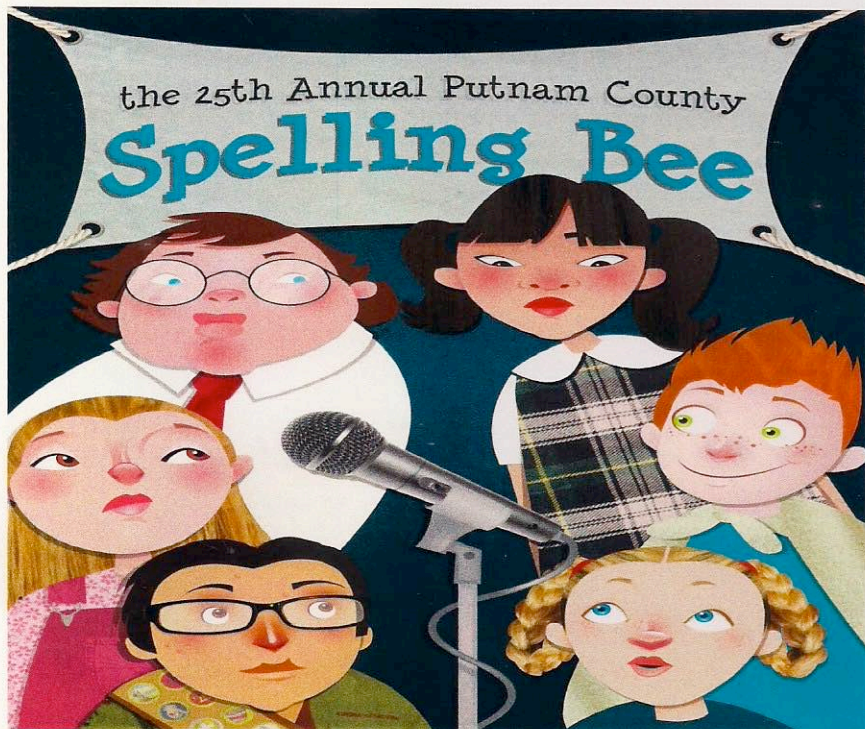


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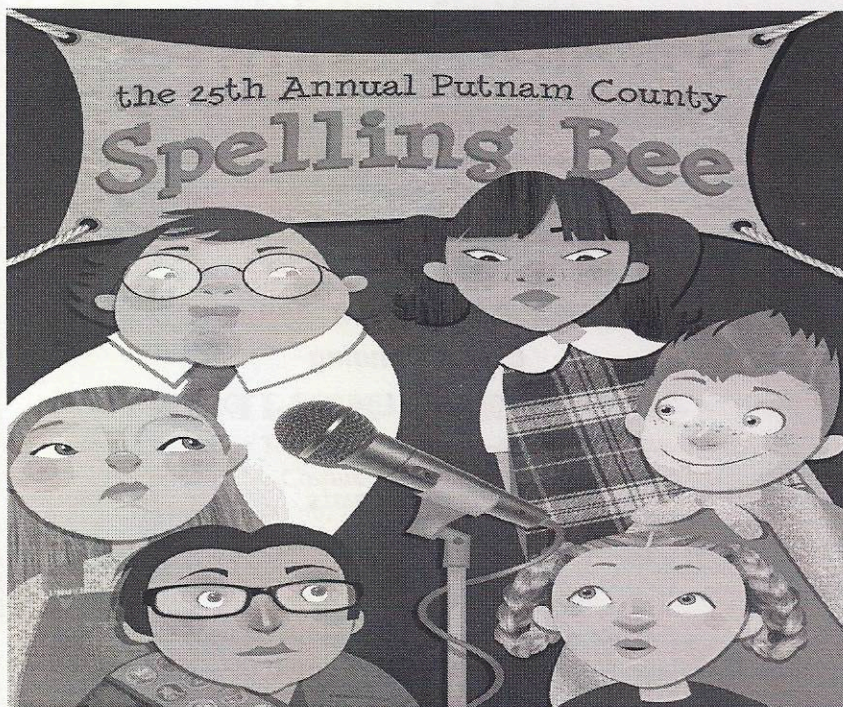
DINNER AT 6:30 P.M., SHOW AT 8 P.M.

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THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE

CAST OF CHARACTERS IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE

Rona Lisa Perretti (also Olive's mom)	Leslie Boslet
Chip Tolentino	Peyton Lynch
Logainne Schwartz and Grubenniere.....	Abby Toomey
Leaf Coneybear (also Carl's Dad)	Jay Collier, Jr.
William Barfée	Hunter Graves
Marcy Park.....	Annie Hudson
Olive Ostrovsky	Leigh Usilton
Vice Principal Douglas Panch	John Zinzi
Mitch Mahoney (also Dan Dad & Olive's Dad)	Steve Givens
Putnam Language Arts Teacher	Diane Counts
Putnam Middle School Students.....	Suzy Messick, Colby Luzier

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

THE PLACE – The mythical, geographically ambiguous
Putnam Valley Middle School

THE TIME – The present

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(redbranchtheatre.com)*

*John Zinzi – Spelling Bee Website design, creation &
maintenance*

ACT I

MUSICAL NUMBERS

The Twenty-Fifth Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee	Rona and Spellers
The Spelling Rules/My Favorite Moment of the Bee.....	Mr. Panch, Rona and Spellers
My Friend, the Dictionary.....	Olive, Rona and Spellers
Pandemonium.....	Company
I'm Not That Smart	Leaf
Magic Foot	Barfée, Mitch and Spellers
My Favorite Moment of the Bee (Reprise)	Rona
Prayer of the Comfort Counselor	Mitch and Company

--INTERMISSION--

ACT II

Chip's Lament.....	Chip
Woe is Me	Logainne, Carl, Dan and Spellers
I'm Not That Smart (Reprise).....	Leaf
I Speak Six Languages	Marcy, Rona, Olive and Logainne
The I Love You Song.....	Olive and Her Parents
Woe is Me (Reprise)	Logainne and Mitch
My Favorite Moment of the Bee (Reprise)	Rona
Second, Part 1.....	Olive, Barfée and Company
Pas De Deux	Barfée, Olive and Company
Second, Part 2.....	Olive, Barfée and Company
The Champion.....	Company
Finale.....	Company
The Last Goodbye (and all previous Goodbyes).....	Company

WHO'S WHO IN CAST & CREW

(in alphabetical order)

Leslie Boslet – Rona Lisa Perretti – is happy to be returning to the Possum stage where she says she always feels welcome. She has been seen in many Possum productions, most memorably as Lucy in *Jekyll and Hyde*, the Ghost of Christmas Present in *Scrooge* and Mary Magdalene in *Jesus Christ Superstar*.

Jay Collier, Jr. – Leaf Coneybear – is excited to be back on the Possum stage again. His past Possum stage performances include *Guys and Dolls* and *Stinkin Rich* as well as playing Simon Strive in the Salisbury Community Players production of *Jekyll and Hyde*. Jay is currently working on a dual major of music and biology and works in the emergency room at Atlantic General Hospital.

Patrick Hunter Graves – William Barfée – is thrilled to be returning to the Possum stage after six years. A resident of Rehoboth, Hunter attends Cape Henlopen High School where he avidly pursues a career pathway in theatre and the performing arts and where he was most recently seen in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* as Potiphar, *Fiddler on the Roof* as Perchik and *The Importance of Being Earnest* as Algernon. He has also appeared with Clearspace Productions. Hunter would like to thank the cast for their patience with him, seeing he is the youngest in the show.

Steve Givens – Mitch Mahoney — has been singing since he was a child, performed in a few Possum productions as a teenager, and returned last summer with Possum's *Broadway Duets*. Steve teaches 8th-grade English at Seaford Middle School.

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Annie Claire Hudson – Marcy Park – is a college sophomore working on a visual communications major and theatre performance minor. She is currently the publicity coordinator for Harrington Theatre Arts Company. She has been seen on Possum's stage as Lucy in *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, and Mary in *Stinkin Rich*. She also played the baker's wife in *Into the Woods*.

Peyton Lynch – Chip Tolentino – is a sophomore attending Towson University as a theatre major. He has performed in many plays with Possum Point Players as well as Sussex Central High School including *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, *Into the Woods*, *Little Foxes* and *The Rainmaker*. He directed Possum's *James and the Giant Peach*. He will be performing in *Rent* this spring at Towson University. Peyton would like to thank his mom for her endless support.

Abby Toomey — Logainne Schwartz – is returning to the Possum stage for her third show. She was last seen in *Broadway Duets* and *Urinetown*. Other productions she has performed in include *Annie Get Your Gun*, *Millie* and *Footloose*. She would like to thank her husband, Ben, and baby Jude. Farewell Possums!

Leigh Usilton (Olive Ostrovsky) — This is Leigh's 4th production with Possums, having appeared in *Urinetown* (Hope Cladwell), *The Pirates of Penzance* (Mabel) and *Broadway Duets*. She has also performed locally in *Jekyll and Hyde* (Emma Carew), and *Thoroughly Modern Mille* (Miss Dorothy) with the Community Players of Salisbury. Other favorite roles include Sally Bowles in *Cabaret* and Martha Jefferson in *1776*. Leigh teaches voice and music theatre at Salisbury University.

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John Zinzi – V. Principal Doug Panch – is thrilled to be playing the ever-frustrated school vice principal. As a former high school principal, he can identify with many of the fun, and not so fun, parts of the show. John and his wife, Fior, retired to the Milford area in 2008 after 40 years in western New York and northwestern Pennsylvania to be near their growing family. With 25 years on stage and behind the scenes, he is proud to have won several awards from the Theatre Association of New York State. He was last seen on Possum's stage in *Urinetown*.

WHO'S WHO IN THE PRODUCTION CREW

Jim Hartzell – Director – feels very fortunate to have such a talented cast and crew for PPP's production of *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*. Jim has been in theater since his 6th grade operetta. That's practically parallels theater itself! That also gives him quite a lengthy theatrical resume. Directorially, Jim's musicals include *Urinetown, The Musical; Jekyll and Hyde, the Musical; The Pirates of Penzance; The King and I; Oliver; Oklahoma; Big Rive; Oh, Maggie; South Pacific; and Bye Bye Birdie*. Other shows he has directed include *Ten Little Indians, California Suite, The Good Doctor, The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940, Sylvia, Picasso at the Lapin Agile, Moon Over Buffalo, The Wild Flowering of Chastity*, and a number of Christmas shows and cabarets. Onstage, Jim's favorite roles include John Adams (*1776*), Pseudolous (*A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*), Harold Hill (*Music Man*), Paul Bertholet (*Carnival*), Nicely Nicely Johnson and Benny Southstreet (*Guys and Dolls*). He has been on stage for more than 45 other PPP productions. Jim and his wife, Louise two of the founding members, and current trustees of PPP are both retired and live in Georgetown.

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Deni Robinson – Choreographer – has been teaching, coaching, performing and competing professionally for 20 years in Ballroom, theatre and traditional dance. She is a United States Ballroom Dance top 6 finalist in American Rhythm and American Smooth Divisions. Ms. Deni offers lessons from her studio The Ballroom Blitz in Lewes. Some of the productions she has choreographed include, *West Side Story*, *The Music Man*, *Guys and Dolls*, *The King and I*, *Jekyll & Hyde* and *Urinetown*.

Liz Messick — Co-Music Director – has been assisting with many Possum's musical productions for years. Productions at Possum Point Players include musical director for *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown* and *Urinetown*. She was rehearsal pianist for *Little Shop of Horrors* and pit musician for *Pirates of Penzance*.

Melanie Bradley – Co-Music Director – is collaborating on a musical with Liz for the fourth production. They previously played together on *Pirates of Penzance*, *Little Shop of Horrors* and most recently *Urinetown*, *The Musical*. Melanie is a graduate of Ithaca College and the University of Maryland, College Park. Melanie also collaborates frequently with Clearspace Theater Company and teaches private piano lessons.