

Sugar Factory Playhouse and CASWJ Present

# The *Best* Christmas Pageant *Ever*

By Barbara  
Robinson

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8~17

Midvale Performing Arts Center  
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Midvale, UT

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## Cast

Bob Bradley/Fireman	Scott Andrewsen
Grace Bradley	Jennifer Bedore
Beth Bradley	Samantha Billingsly
Grandma Beth	Rosalie Richards
Charlie Bradley	Caleb Howells
Ralph Herdman	Daxton Baker
Imogene Herdman	Shayla Colton
Leroy Herdman	Griffin Konishi
Claude Herdman	Duke Andrewsen
Ollie Herdman	David Howells
Gladys Herdman	Hilda Gonzalez
Alice Wendelken	Elsie Baker
Mrs. Armstrong	Adele Beck
Reverend Hopkins	Matt Baker

### **Church Ladies and Firemen**

Church Lady	Amber Abel
Church Lady	Jenny Baker
Church Lady	Jo Brown
Church Lady/Mrs. McCarthy	Shaina Burgoyne
Nurse/Church Lady	Melanie Gonzalez
Church Lady	Nikole Holt
Church Lady	Rachel Howells
Mrs. McCarthy	Elizabeth Nuttall
Nurse/Church Lady	Shayna Osmond
George Armstrong/Fireman	Bryan Osmond
Orderly/Fireman	Giancarlo Ferrate

### **Shepherds and Angels**

Baby Angel	Lily Abel
Lead Angel	Elizabeth Abel
Baby Angel	Andi Andrewsen
Shepherd	Tucker Andrewsen
Baby Angel	Charlotte Brown
Angel	Emma Brown
David/Shepherd	Blaze Burgoyne

Beverly/Lead Angel	Kellikae Childs
Shepherd	Philip Gonzalez
Angel	Hadley Hansen
Lead Angel	Anne Holt
Shepherd	Adam Howells
Roberta	Hannah Howells
Hobi Clark	Aarav Johri
Elmer Hopkins/Fireman	Jaron Konishi
Janet	Kayleigh
Elmer Hopkins/Hobi Clark	Evan Maxfield
Lead Angel	Alissa Parker
Lead Angel	Isabel Reiter
Maxine	Tavia Robinson
Lead Angel	Karsyn Widerburg

### **Director's Note**

This production of *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* happened by accident!

Another show had been planned for and preparation worked on for months, when legalities with copyrights made it impossible to gain permission to use the script. Hence, we returned to an old favorite that had not been done for many years! We hope you will enjoy a new retelling of the story of *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, with Young Beth and Beth decades later, sharing the telling of the crazy, sweet story of when the Herdmans bulldoze their way into the town's Christmas pageant, and the ensuing miracle that occurs!

A huge and most sincere thanks to a lovely, hard-working, and talented cast. And how can I thank the most amazing and dear production staff? They worked above and beyond to support me and help bring you this fun, funny, sweet story. Some were family, and the others now feel like family!

Now sit back and (I quote a former patron) "Enjoy a Warm Bubble Bath of Christmas Cheer!"

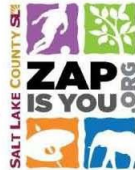
Thank you for coming, and we wish you all a Happy Christmas!

## Production Staff

Producer	Jennifer Bedore
Director	Petronella Oliver
Production Assistants	Adele Beck, Julie Gerstner
Costumers	Julie Konishi, Rosalie Richards, Mary Mason
Props	Petronella Oliver
Set	Mike Burgoyne, Vic Groves, Klare Oliver
Piano Accompaniment	Cheryl Nielsen
Lighting and Sound Design	Robbie Dalley
Sound	Cameron Christensen
Lights	Crystal Ahlemann
House Manager	Kristen Hickman
Marketing and Social Media	Shaina Burgoyne
Programs	Jen Crabb

## Special Thanks

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West Jordan City  
Cultural Arts Society of West Jordan



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[www.facebook.com/SugarFactoryPlayhouse](http://www.facebook.com/SugarFactoryPlayhouse)

and visit the **Cultural Arts Society of West Jordan** website [wjarts.org](http://wjarts.org) for information about Sugar Factory Playhouse and other arts in West Jordan!



## Meet our Cast and Crew!



**Amber Abel (Church Lady)** - Amber has been in musicals and plays since she was young. She has been a part of Salt Lake Vocal Artist Choirs, and is excited to share this experience with her two girls.



**Lily Abel (Baby Angel)** - Lily loves being on stage and has been in several ballet performances. This is her first musical/play.



**Elizabeth Abel (Lead Angel)** - Elizabeth enjoys singing and performing for others, and plays the clarinet in her middle school. This is her first musical/play.



**Andi Andrewsen (Baby Angel)** is so happy to be debuting as a Baby Angel. She has been doing ballet, tap, and jazz for the past few years. She loves to perform and make people smile. She's in kindergarten, and truly enjoys school and friends.



**Duke Andrewsen (Claude Herdman)** is excited to be performing in his debut role as Claude Herdman. He is in fifth grade and has enjoyed singing with his school's choir for many years. As part of a hip hop crew, he and his team have performed and competed multiple times receiving high praise and top awards. As the oldest sibling he works hard to set a positive example and have fun with his family. He's truly loving this experience, and has big ambitions to be an actor/director in the future.



**Scott Andrewsen (Bob Bradley/Fireman)** is so happy for the opportunity to be performing in his debut role as Mr. Bradley. He's worked for many years in the sports entertainment industry performing with cheerleading squads at SLCC, BYU, and even with the Jazz Stunt team. He worked as the Coach for Cosmo the Cougar at BYU, then followed that up with being the coordinator and voice for the Phoenix Suns Gorilla. He has had many opportunities to be in front of large crowds presenting and performing as he worked with the United Spirit Association as a Program Director.



**Tucker Andrewsen (Shepherd)** is delighted to be performing in his debut role as a Shepherd. He's in third grade and enjoys singing with his school's choir, and performing with his hip hop crew. His crew has performed and competed multiple times receiving high praise and top awards. He loves to make his family and friends laugh. At school he is frequently found creating and performing "plays" on the playground with his friends.



**Daxton Baker (Ralph Herdman)** is really excited to play the part of Ralph Herdman. This is his first performance with West Jordan theater. He has been in many other shows. Some of his favorite roles have been Doug in *Descendants the Musical*, and Bruce in *Matilda*. He's had an awesome time with the cast and crew, and he hopes you enjoy the show



**Elsie Baker (Alice Wendelken)** is super excited to play the brat Alice. She loves playing the bratty, mean girls in musicals such as Veruca Salt, Mayzie la Bird, and Tinkerbell. Elsie loves singing, acting, and hanging out with her friends. She would like to thank her mom and dad (who are also in the play) for finding this opportunity, and always dealing with her random outbursts of song, and hopes you enjoy the show!



**Jenny Baker (Church Lady)** is excited for her big theater debut as a gossipy, judging church lady - Mrs. Clausing. After years of cheering for her husband and kids from the audience, Jenny would like to thank her family for encouraging her to finally join them on stage!



**Matt Baker (Reverend Hopkins)** is thrilled to be back on stage - this time with a few members of his fabulous family: Dax (Ralph), Elise (Alice), and Jenny (Church Lady). Some of Matt's favorite roles include Luigi in *Lucky Stiff*, Titus in *The Curious Savage*, and Jud Fry in *Oklahoma*.





**Adele Beck (Mrs. Armstrong/Production Assistant)** returns to the stage after time in foreign lands, in her first role for the Sugar Factory Playhouse. As well as performing, she is also a Production Assistant, helping things run smoothly from auditions through closing.



**Jennifer Bedore (Grace Bradley)** - Jennifer's community theater career began with SFP's production of *Guys and Dolls* in 2009. Since then, she has been privileged to appear in many shows in various community theaters. She has teamed up with Pat Oliver on multiple occasions, and has enjoyed every adventure! Jennifer is grateful to her family who support her obsession with the theater, the friends she makes along the way, and dedicates this performance to her wonderful mother (and personal costumer), and dear father whom she misses every day.



**Samantha Billingsley (Beth Bradley)** - Samantha loves being on stage and is so happy to be in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* again with Sugar Factory Playhouse. Acting is her favorite activity, and she wants to continue developing her talent. Previous roles include Timon, *Disney's The Lion King KIDS* 2022; Susan, *Miracle on 34th Street* SFP 2019; Scuttle, *Part of Your World* UPW 2018; and Baby Angel, *Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, SFP 2014. She will take any part with determination and perseverance. All thanks and praise be to Jesus!



**Charlotte Brown (Baby Angel)** - This is Charlotte's first production, and she has enjoyed being part of it with her mom and big sister. She loves being a baby angel - and especially riding a sled on stage! Charlotte is in 1st grade. She is often found putting together an art project and coloring on any paper she can find. She is thrilled that winter is here so she can play in the snow and celebrate her 7th birthday!



**Emma Brown (Angel)** - Emma is the oldest of four (almost five) sisters, and loves to be a leader in her home! She is often found creating productions for her little sisters to perform. She is thrilled to be back on stage after her last opportunity was canceled during Covid. Emma is in third grade, loves to read, play the piano, and do gymnastics.



**Jo Brown (Church Lady)** - It has been quite some time since Jo has been on stage, but it has been a joy for her to be in this production with two of her daughters! She loved to perform while growing up, but hasn't done much since becoming a mother to her four beautiful daughters. She is grateful for all the support her husband has given as she rediscovers a childhood hobby!

**Blaze Burgoyne (David/Shepherd)** - Blaze has been watching family members on stage his whole life, and has many memories spending time with his grandparents



at the theater helping backstage. He is very excited to be performing on stage for the very first time. He is having a lot of fun and is already looking forward to being in his school musical next Spring.



**Shaina Burgoyne (Church Lady/Mrs. McCarthy)** - Shaina has been involved with the Sugar Factory Playhouse since the “plays in the park” days (*Oklahoma!*, *Brigadoon*, *The Music Man*). Her most recent on stage appearance was as Alice in *You Can't Take It with You*, in 2007. Her return to performing in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* has been memorable as her husband and children have been part of the cast and crew.



**Kellikae Childs (Beverly/Lead Angel)** is a 7th grader at Eisenhower Junior High. She has been in several plays including, *James and the Giant Peach Jr*, *Frozen Jr*, and *101 Dalmatians Jr*. She is so excited to be part of this production and hopes you all enjoy it. When she's not on stage, Kellikae enjoys singing, dancing, drawing, watching anime, and rockhounding. Merry Christmas everyone!



**Shayla Colton (Imogene Herdman)** - Playing a mean bully has been a fun challenge for Shayla, as she has had more experience dancing in musicals. Shayla was most recently seen kicking up her heels in West Jordan Youth Theater's production of *Newsies*. She has danced for years training with Ballet West Academy and Summit Dance Project. When she is not dancing or acting, Shayla, who plans on being an author, is busy creating characters and stories.

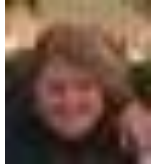


**Robbie Dalley (Lighting and Sound Design)** - A Primetime Emmy Award winner, Robbie has spent the past 20+ years working all things tech for the Sugar Factory Playhouse. He helped to start the in-house tech program, and has continued to help push the boundaries of what is possible for our community theater. Always behind the scenes, but never in the spotlight, he has worked with casts ranging from the Sesame Street Muppets and their Muppeteers to NBC Nightly News Anchor Tom Brokaw, Tonight Show Host Jay Leno, Secretary of State Madeline Albright, and Cake Boss Buddy Valastro to name just a few. Dad to an awesome 9-year-old son (Robbie), and two cats (Penelope & Charlie), he divides his non-theater time between work and family.





**Giancarlo Ferrate (Orderly/Fireman)** - The name's Giancarlo Ferrate and I love everything to do with acting. I've been acting since the beginning of high school. I've played multiple named roles in plays, musicals, and short scenes. I have been dancing since the beginning of high school, and was the choreographer for multiple dances, as well. I practice and teach martial arts, I've even choreographed fight scenes. I've also hosted multiple shows and showcases for my high school.



**Julie Gerstner (Production Assistant)** joined the tech team this year as a Production Assistant, having previously performed as Mrs. Fezziwig in a Sugar Factory Playhouse production of *A Christmas Carol*. Her favorite thing is spending time with her children and grandchildren. She is enjoying helping with this play, and especially loves being with these wonderful children.



**Hilda Gonzalez (Gladys Herdman)** - My passion is the theatre (with an English accent), and this role has been so much fun!! Previously, I've performed as a poor child in *Les Miserables*, a poor orphan in *Annie*, and Mary Quite Contrary in *Shrek*. I'm grateful to my family for all they do. Love you so much!



**Melanie Gonzalez (Church Lady/Nurse)** - This is my first play with West Jordan, and it's been so fun to step outside my comfort zone of Bluffdale Arts to work with West Jordan. I've been performing for many years, and enjoy all parts. Usually you can find me helping run the tech side, but my passion is singing and sometimes acting. Love to my family as they are my main passion!!



**Philip Gonzalez (Shepherd)** - This is my first play and I'm very excited and having fun. Hope you will enjoy the show!



**Hadley Grace Hansen (Angel)** is thrilled to be performing in her first production. In her first role she will play an angel - something that isn't too much of a stretch. Hadley is an excellent student, big sister, and friend to whomever she meets. Though she is new to theater, it is quickly becoming a passion.



**Anne Holt (Lead Angel)** - Anne Holt's love of community theatre all began when she played Gladys Herdman in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* with Cottonwood Heights City. She has since been in *Matilda the Musical*, and *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*, but this show will always be her special favorite.



**Nikole Holt (Church Lady)** has enjoyed performing in community musicals with her daughters for the past several years. Together they have performed in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, *Matilda the Musical*, and her favorite *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*, where she played Grandma Georgina. She has loved doing this show with her "angel," Anne.



**Adam Howells (Shepherd)** - reluctantly agreed to try out. Though he was initially nervous, he was quick to volunteer for additional roles. Adam enjoys Greek mythology, is new to the cello, and is learning the Greek language.



**Caleb Howells (Charlie Bradley)** has performed in many plays. His most memorable role was performing as a Lost Boy Twin in Riverton's production of *Peter Pan*, back when he was nine years old. Caleb enjoys playing piano, doing puzzles, and making people laugh.



**David Howells (Ollie Herdman)** - most recently performed in *All Together Now* in Riverton. He sings, plays basketball, and makes friends easily. David is in the 4th grade and his favorite subject is math.



**Hannah Howells (Roberta)** has appeared in many plays. Her favorite role was Young Simba in her school's production of *Disney's The Lion King KIDS*. She joined Rise Up Children's Choir this year and keeps busy with practices, performances, and voice lessons. Hanna loves play ukulele and being with friends.



**Rachel Howells (Church Lady/Irma Slocum)** appreciates this opportunity to perform with her talented children. After encouraging her kids to try out, she found herself auditioning as well. She loves how theatre casts become a bonus family.

**Aarav Johri (Hobi Clark)** (Bio not currently available)



**Jaron Konishi (Elmer Hopkins)** - He has been doing shows with Sugar Factory Playhouse for many years. My favorite character I have played is Ollie Herdman, when I did this same show many years ago. Jaron also loves to sing, draw, swim, and play soccer. I work at the rescue farm at Gardener Village. I love working with the animals, especially the ponies. I am so thankful to be doing this again. Hope you enjoy the show!



**Griffin Konishi (Leroy Herdman)** - Some shows I have been in are: *Miracle on 34th Street*, *A Christmas Carol* (Tiny Tim), *Rented Christmas*, *Enchanted Bookshop* (Eddie), *Frozen*, and others. I am on the Taylorsville swim team, and I love soccer. I work at The Rescue Farm at Gardner Village. My favorite animals there are goats and horses. I love entertaining people. If acting doesn't work for a career I would join the navy or be a PI.



**Kayleigh MacConaghy (Janet)** loves singing and listening to music. She has enjoyed being in her school musicals the past two years, and woke the dead in her role as Female Ancestor in *The Addams Family Young@Part*. Kayleigh recently performed in the Jordan School District collaborative Middle School Honors Choir, and is a member of her school's all-female choir. She's looking forward to shaking things up this holiday season with the Herdmans.



**Evan Maxfield (Elmer Hopkins/Hobi Clark)** is a 6th grader at Ridge View Elementary. His favorite acting experience was at Parker Theatre's 2022 summer showcase where he wrote and performed a sketch called "*The Four Salesmen*." Being in this play has become a close second. When not performing, Evan loves to immerse himself in his favorite movies. He loves to create stop-motion videos, draw comics, and recreate movie-accurate film props and costumes.



**Lizzy Nuttall (Church Lady/Mrs. McCarthy)** is excited to be back on stage after a 14 year hiatus. Some of her favorite roles include Mother (*Babes in Toyland*), Towns Mother (*7 Brides*), Ensemble (*Footloose*), Ensemble (*Annie Get Your Gun*). When not onstage Lizzy is a mom of 3, and when not playing chauffeur, referee, chef, and telling her kids dad jokes, she also works at HCT-Sandy. Many thanks to all family and friends for your amazing support! Love you more!



**Klare Oliver (Set and prop construction)** - Klare is happily retired after 45 years in the world of finance and banking. He spends his time volunteering at Tiny Tims, a non-profit organization that builds little wooden cars that are shipped all over the world, mainly to third world countries, and to any children in need. He also is a church service missionary at the Church History Museum in downtown SLC. The rest of his time is spent with his 6 kids and 21 grandchildren, oh, and wife Petronella. He has been a reluctant actor at HCT, and Sugar Factory Playhouse, and has done lights, sound, and sets for as many shows as needed.



**Petronella (Pat) Oliver (Director)** - Utah State fan, but Utah grad, so she cheers for both! Loves to read, run, walk, sing, teach and do theatre. She loves to hand out programs, be in shows, costume, produce and direct. Some of her favorites to direct are *A Christmas Carol*, *Miracle on 34th Street*, and certainly *Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. Favorite characters she has played are Mrs. Fezziwig, Toppers Girl, and many others at HCT. At other theaters, Eulalie Shinn, and Mrs. Sowerberry. She and her husband celebrated their 50th anniversary this year. They happily share 6 great kids and 19 lovely grands!

**Brian Osmond (George Armstrong/Fireman)** - This production is my acting debut. I'm enjoying all of my different roles. My day jobs are working at R&L Carriers, and owning and operating my own lawn mowing company, Grass Guzzler. I'm enjoying the time working with my wonderful wife!

**Shayna Osmond (Nurse/Church Lady)** - This is my second production with Sugar Factory Playhouse. As always I'm having fun! When I'm not acting, I am the cafeteria manager at Monte Vista Elementary, mom to 16 year old son Mitchell, and baking and crafting!



**Alissa Parker (Lead Angel)** is 11 years old and in the 6th grade at Oquirrh Elementary. Alissa loves to role play with her cousins. This love of role playing lead her to try out for this play, which is the first of many plays she hopes to be in! Alissa wants to give a shout out to all the teachers and staff at Oquirrh that are coming to support her!



**Isabel "Izzy" Reiter (Lead Angel)** is excited to be making her debut with Sugar Factory Playhouse. Recent favorites have been playing the role of Rafiki #4 in *Disney's The Lion King KIDS*, and Pranee the Dragon in the Up With Kids version of *Raya and the Last Dragon*. Izzy loves singing, and is gaining a real love of theatre. She is excited to learn and continue to grow as an actor.



**Rosalie Richards (Grandma Beth)** - Rosalie has been involved in Theater Arts most of her life and has loved it. She did her "Experience Theater Live Program" at Hale Theater for 25 years, and has taught theater and film studies courses at several schools. She has directed and performed in many productions. She enjoys travel and old movies. Thanks staff for wanting me to be involved in this feel good production. Thanks to Randy, children, grandchildren (12+2) for supporting me all these years.



**Tavia Robinson (Maxine)** is 14 years old. She loves dancing, singing, and doing anything creative, such as crafting. "There's a door to every dream, so if you can dream it, you can achieve it."



**Karsyn Widerburg (Lead Angel)** is 12 years old, and likes to sing. She was in *Disney's The Lion King KIDS* for her school play. She played the main role of Nala. She likes to perform, and thanks you for coming to see her. Please enjoy the show!