



Come audition to be a part of Young Actors' Theatre's senior production,
The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee.

Auditions are open to anyone ages 16 through college. This is a double cast show.

Artistic Team:

Director: Astrid Pett

Music Director: Kailee Ash-Ray

Choreographer: Alexa Cohen

Stage Manager: TBD

Auditions:

Sunday, February 16, 2025

From 5:00-7:00pm

Cost: \$175 in advance, \$200 starting Saturday, February 15, 2025.

please note - this is a double cast production, there are 9 roles in each cast

(Scholarships are available, see our website for more information)

+++If you are unable to attend auditions, please reach out to our office at frontdesk@yatsandiego.org for additional options+++

Callbacks:

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

5:00-10:00pm

Rehearsals:

Please see conflict sheet as the schedule has multiple dates/times.

First read thru on Tuesday, February 25th from 5:00-10:00pm

A detailed rehearsal schedule will be available after auditions – please note the schedule is always subject to change

Production Dates:

May 2-May 10, 2025– 8 performances

May 2, 8 & 9 at 7:00pm

May 3 & 7 at 6:00pm

May 3, 4 & 10 at 1:00pm

Rehearsal & Performance Location:

Young Actors' Theatre

The YAT

Grossmont Center Directory# 212

Young Actors' Theatre is committed to equity, diversity, and inclusion in all aspects of our organization. We encourage people of all races, ethnicities, religions, LGBTQIA+, Gender non-conforming artists and the differently abled to submit for auditions.

This is a double cast show, with 9 cast members in each cast, 18 total cast members. We would love to cast everyone who auditions, however, if we receive too many audition submissions, we will not be able to cast everyone. If we are unable to cast you, we will refund your production fee within 5-7 business days. We do NOT offer refunds after casting, for ANY reason unless we are unable to cast you in the show.

Additional information/requirements:

Auditions are open to anyone ages 16-college. Please be prepared to sing a song that best suits your vocal range, for 1 minute. You need to provide your own music accompaniment, preferably by uploading your track or YouTube link into your google audition form, or by either phone, mp3 player or iPod. No accapella singing (without background music).

You must pay for your production fee, then we will send you the google form to complete with all the additional information we will need. You will need to upload your audition track, headshot and resume to the google form. You do not need to print and bring them with you as we will print them for you. You will receive your audition time once that is all completed. Emails will mostly like come to you a week prior to auditions.

We have a 15-minimum ticket sales requirement. The tickets will be \$15.00 each with a cast code.

With every production we do some kind of fundraiser as well. These tickets are \$5 each. The fundraiser for The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee is an amazing Gift Card opportunity drawing. Your production fee has 5 of these tickets included. No additional tickets are required for purchase. – Please note, if you receive a scholarship or free production credit, you do not receive any fundraiser tickets, nor are they required from you.

We are a volunteer-based organization and we need help from everyone! Each cast member/parent is required to serve a minimum of 20 volunteer hours during the course of the production. We need assistance in the following committees: Costumes, Sets, Props, and Raffle, and we will need performance day volunteers in the areas of Concessions, Promotions, and Usher. Let us know if you would like to chair a committee. The chairperson is responsible for overseeing the committee members, developing a “To Do” list and making sure everything gets done. All committee chairs will receive a FREE Parent Pass. If you would like to be the committee chair, you will receive one free parent pass, \$35 value for your leadership. You must however be totally responsible for the functions of your committee. For those who are unable to help at all, you have the option of buying out of this commitment for the price of \$200.

Costumes:

Every cast member will have their costumes provided by YAT. However, there may be specific pieces that would be required for you to purchase, that you would also get to keep. Examples of these items are: shoes, underdressing, tights, socks, leotards, regular everyday clothes, etc.

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee Description:

Six awkward spelling champions learn that winning (and losing) isn't everything.

Winner of the Tony and the Drama Desk Awards for Best Book, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* has charmed audiences across the country with its effortless wit and humor. Featuring a fast-paced, wildly funny and touching book by Rachel Sheinkin and a truly fresh and vibrant score by William Finn, this bee is one unforgettable experience.

An eclectic group of six mid-pubescents vie for the spelling championship of a lifetime. While candidly disclosing hilarious and touching stories from their home lives, the tweens spell their way through a series of (potentially made-up) words, hoping never to hear the soul-crushing, pout-inducing, life un-affirming "ding" of the bell that signals a spelling mistake. Six spellers enter; one speller leaves a champion! At least the losers get a juice box.

A riotous ride, complete with audience participation, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* is a delightful den of comedic genius. *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* is a fast-paced crowd pleaser and an instant theatre patron favorite.

Available Roles:

Chip Tolentino

An athletic, social, boy scout and champion of the Twenty-Fourth Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, he returns to defend his title, but he finds puberty hitting at an inopportune moment.

Logainne Schwartzandgrubeniére (Schwartz)

Logainne is the youngest and most politically aware speller, often making comments about current political figures. She is driven by internal and external pressure, but above all by a desire to win to make her two fathers proud. She is somewhat of a neat freak, speaks with a lisp, and will be back next year.

Leaf Coneybear

The second runner-up in his district, Leaf gets into the competition on a lark and finds everything about the bee incredibly amusing. He is home-schooled and comes from a large family of former hippies. He has severe Attention Deficit Disorder and spells words correctly while in a trance.

William Barfee

A Putnam County Spelling Bee finalist last year, he was eliminated because of an allergic reaction to peanuts and is back for vindication. His famous "Magic Foot" method of spelling has boosted him to spelling glory, even though he only has one working nostril and a touchy, bullying personality. He develops a crush on Olive.

Marcy Park

The ultimate over-achiever, Marcy has never been given another option. She comes from a family where excellence is expected and so simply produced. A parochial school student, she assumes God, too, expects perfection. She sees herself as a mass of problems but she keeps them to herself. Having moved often because of her parents' work, she knows she can beat the local competition. Her many talents include piano, dance, martial arts, baton twirling, and/or whatever special gifts you can find in your casting pool.

Olive Ostrovsky

A young newcomer to competitive spelling. Her mother is in an ashram in India, and her father is working late, as usual, but he is trying to come sometime during the bee. Having found comfort in its words and vastness, Olive made friends with her dictionary at a very young age, helping her to make it to the competition. She starts enormously shy, and shyly blossoms.

Rona Lisa Peretti

The number-one realtor in Putnam County, a former Putnam County Spelling Bee Champion herself, and the returning moderator. She is a sweet woman who loves children, but she can be very stern when it comes to dealing with Vice Principal Panch and his feelings for her. Her interest in the competition is unflagging and drives it forward.

Douglas Panch

The Vice Principle. Frustrated with his life, he finds the drive of the young spellers alien to him. After five years' absence from the Bee, Panch returns as judge. There was an "incident" at the Twentieth Annual Bee, but he claims to be in "a better place" now, thanks to a high-fiber diet and Jungian analysis. He is infatuated with Rona Lisa Peretti, but she does not return his affections.

Mitch Mahoney

The Official Comfort Counselor. An ex-convict, Mitch is performing his community service with the Bee, and hands out juice boxes to losing students. He has no idea how to offer comfort, but does find himself wishing he could find a way to make the kids feel better.

Carl Dad

Schwarzzy's main trainer, the more intense and competitive of Schwarzzy's fathers. Normally played by actor playing Leaf.

Dan Dad

the more laid back and ineffectual of Schwarzzy's fathers. Normally played by the actor playing Mitch.

Jesus Christ

Deity invoked by a speller in need. Normally played by the actor playing Chip.

Leaf's Mom, Dad, And Siblings

All more academically gifted than Leaf, they are even more surprised than he is by his success. Normally played by the spellers and audience volunteers as indicated in the script.

Olive's Dad

A fantasy version of Olive's dad coming to the bee from work. Normally played by the actor playing Mitch.

Olive's Mom

A fantasy version of Olive's mom at her Ashram in India. Normally played by the actor playing Rona.

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