

Central High School Presents:

October 13, 14 & 15 2022 at 7pm

PUFFS

A One Act Play by Matt Cox

Central High School Mariposa Theatre



Tickets available at
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Director's Notes:

Firstly, thank you so much for coming to see *Puffs*. I cannot begin to describe how much fun this experience has been not only for myself, but for every cast and crew member a part of this show. *Puffs* is all about a group of young wizards and witches at a magic school in England. Sound familiar?? Well this story is not exactly the story you already know!

It has been so much fun working on this magical show. It is pretty magical to see a group of 40 teenagers and a few adults come together to create something so hilarious and fun. Nowadays everyone takes life so seriously and it has been a joy to get to laugh with these students during rehearsals everyday. These students truly impress me with their talent and hard work. I am so proud of them for putting this crazy show together in only five weeks!

CHS theatre has truly become a family. If you ask any student in this production, I guarantee they would tell you the safest place they feel at CHS would be the Mariposa Theatre (previously known as the auditorium). In here, every person is welcome. No matter what walk of life you come from, you are allowed to be 100% yourself in this room. Our theme for our 2022-2023 season is "Never Underestimate the Power of Being Underestimated" because just like the Puffs CHS theatre students are sometimes underestimated but together we can achieve amazing things and have fun doing it!

Personally, I would like to thank my girlfriend Tayler. Thank you for being my family and supporting me every single day, I love you! I would also like to thank all the amazing CHS theatre parents/guardians who have helped so much this year already! You are so appreciated by myself and the students.

Last, thank you to you all for being our audience members and supporting CHS Theatre. I hope this show makes you laugh until your face hurts!!!

Welcome to the family,

Amanda Meltzer (A. K. A . Ms. M)

Mesa County Valley School District 51

Central High School Theatre

Presents:

Puffs

*or Seven Increasingly Eventful Years at a Certain
School of Magic and Magic*

A One Act Play by

Matt Cox

Directed by Amanda Meltzer



PUFFS

Photography.....Amber Ziek
Assistant Director.....Percy Markowski

WAYNE HOPKINS.....Shane Storey
OLIVER RIVERS.....Kyle Nordenson & Sean Frazee
MEGAN JONES.....Sophia Johnson
NARRATOR.....Sierra Heady
ERNIE MAC and OTHERS.....Jordan Lasley
HANNAH and OTHERS..... Addison Cain
J. FINCH FLETCHLEY and OTHERS.....Cooper Dewitt
LEANNE and OTHERS.....Brooklyn Reiber
SALLY PERKS and OTHERS.....Camryn Leistico
SUSIE BONES and OTHERS.....Cambria Hensen
CEDRIC and MR. VOLDY.....Max Bardell

The Cast

PUFFS/ DEATH BUDDIES:

Kaitlyn Van Beek-Fox, Allison Spoon, Cassidy Grant, Kara Bird, Daphne Shakespear, Tasia Guest, Zoe Maple, Alexis Barraza, Aleena West, Lynn Lyon, Victoria Durham, Joseph Cooper, Sean Frazee, and Kyle Nordenson

OLIVER U/S.....Sean Frazee
MEGAN U/S.....Zoe Maple
NARRATOR U/S.....Daphne Shakespear
ERNIE MAC/ J.FINCH /CEDRIC U/S.....Cassidy Grant
HANNAH/ SUSIE U/S..... Lynn Lyon
LEANNE/SALLY U/S.....Allison Spoon

U/S = Understudy

PUFFS TECH CREW:

Stage Manager- Ryann Dejarnatt

Costumes- Justin Firm, Charlie Breiner,
Mackenzie Caughlan, Daina Wilkinson

Props- Max Bybee, Addison Katsenbergermagill,
Kiersten Grabowski, Isaiah Patton

Lighting Tech- Quinn Riddell Brosig

Sound Tech- Ace Jarvis

Booth Apprentice- Gwen McGlothlin

Spotlights- Isaiah Patton, Daina Wilkinson
Shayda Doyle

The Cast and Crew

Puffs Overview

The New York Times proclaims *Puffs* "A fast-paced romp through the 'Seven Increasingly Eventful Years at a Certain School of Magic and Magic.' For Potterphiliacs who grew up alongside Potter and are eager to revisit that world, *Puffs* exudes a jovial, winking fondness for all things Harry!"

The Program

This clever and inventive play "never goes more than a minute without a laugh" (*Nerdist*) giving you a new look at a familiar adventure from the perspective of three potential heroes just trying to make it through a magic school that proves to be very dangerous for children. Alongside them are the Puffs, a group of well-meaning, loyal outsiders with a thing for badgers "who are so lovable and relatable, you'll leave the theater wishing they were in the stories all along" (*Hollywood Life*). Their "hilariously heartfelt!" (*Metro*) and epic journey takes the classic story to new places and reimagines what a boy wizard hero can be.

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Alexis Barraza

Senior –Puff/ Death Buddy
Alexis is so excited to be a part of Puffs and wants to thank you all for coming to the show!!



Leobardo Marin Rivera

Senior– Audio designer
Leobardo Marin Rivera has been involved in live theatre throughout his life, but this year has been given the opportunity to direct a film which will premiere on December 7th. Leobardo is our thespian troupe president, and a representative of our performing arts department. He has been involved in the performance aspect of theatre, with his most notable role being Gomez Addams from The Addams Family. He thanks his closest friends for allowing him to feel welcome in a community that prides itself on unity. He thanks you for coming to see these amazing performers and hope you enjoy Puffs!



Max Bardell

Senior-Cedric and Mr.Voldy
Max is so excited to be a part of Puffs and wants to thank you all for coming to the show!!



Sierra Heady

Senior-Narrator
Sierra loves theatre, singing, playing guitar and dog training. She has been in the Improv troupe since her freshman year, and has participated in one acts, Mamma Mia, The Addams Family and now Puffs. She just wants to say that theatre is her safe space to be—not just the person she is, but—the person that she has always wanted to be. There are so many people that she wants to thank, specifically for pushing her to do her best even when she feels like giving up: Mr. Coronado and Ms. Meltzer, her family, the Cowdrey's, Sean Frazee, Maxwell Bardell and Daphne Shakespear.



Ryann Dejarnatt

Sophomore- Stage Manager
Ryann has done two other productions at central high school, doing lighting and costuming for both. He would like to thank Jourdyn husband, his co-stage manager, Percy, his family (especially his little brother, Calvin.) , as well as Ms. M and everyone in the audience tonight.

**Sean Frazee**

Junior-Oliver Rivers/ Puff/Death Buddy
 Sean Frazee is a Junior at Central High school. He is sixteen years old and enjoys playing video games and participating in the theater program. He has participated in the Egg-a-thon and homecoming parade this year, as well as auditioning for the play.

**Jordan Lasley**

Senior—Ernie Mac and Others
 Jordan Lasley is a senior and feels honored to be a part of the Puffs one act play. He has been in many other shows at Central High School from the Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde to Addams Family. He wants to thank everyone who supported him along the way.

**Addison Cain**

Sophomore—Hannah and Others
 Addison Cain is excited to be a part of her fourth CHS Theatre production as a sophomore. As a freshman she was in Still Life with Iris, Addams Family and Greek Mythology Olympiaganza. She also has participated in numerous productions with the Theatre Project. She wants to thank her Mom, and Dad for supporting her through everything she's done. She would like to thank family and friends for supporting her through her theatre journey. Shoutout to Rebecca Burr, and Evelyn Campbell.

**Daphne Shakespear**

Senior-Narrator U/S Puff/Death Buddy
 Daphne is a senior here at central and has done theater since her freshman year and wants to thank you all for coming to the show and supporting our small theater department. She wants to give a special shoutout to her baby girl Marceline and her best friends Leo, Sia, Jordan, Emily and so many others. She says this department is her home she always here and feels completely safe with everyone in out department she hopes you enjoy the show!!

**Cambria Henson**

Sophomore-Susie and Others
 Cambria Henson is a sophomore and is playing Susie Bones as well as other characters. She has been doing theater at The Theater Project for 10 years, but this is her 2nd show with Central High School's Thespian Troupe. She was in Addams Family last year and is super excited to be a part of this amazing production. She wants to thank her friends, her family, Mrs. M, and the cast and crew. Enjoy the show!

**Kiersten Grabowski**

Sophomore-Costumes
 Kiersten is so excited to be apart of Puffs and wants to thank you all for coming to the show!!

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**Zoe Maple**

Sophomore-Megan's U.S/Puff/Death Buddy
 Zoe is so excited to be a part of Puffs and wants to thank you all for coming to the show!!

**Max Bybee**

Junior-Props
 Puffs is Max's first show he's participated in, but he's wanted to for a while. They just chickened out each time there was an opportunity to join, it's still his biggest regret that he didn't join. But he's been drawing a lot more recently and improved over the years, outside of-and at school-he loves singing. Hope you enjoy the show

**Sophie Johnson**

Junior- Megan Jones
 Sophia Johnson, a Junior at Central High School, is thrilled to be playing Megan Jones in this Production of Puffs. Previously she played the Wicked Stepmother in Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella, although this is her first year doing theater at Central High School. In her free time, Sophia likes to sing, play her violin, clarinet or oboe, run, and read. Sophia is thankful for the opportunity to work with all the talented, welcoming people in this program and especially for the support of her parents who constantly push her to do her best.

**Addison Katzenberger**

Junior-Props
 Addison says "I love theater it is my home away from home. The cast and crew of the show are just amazing and a pleasure to work with. This will be my fourth production that I am a part of and each production just gets better and better and, I can't wait to see what we do next. As an amazing group "

**Daina Wilkinson**

Freshmen- Spotlights/ Costumes

Daina Wilkinson is a newcomer to Central Theatre. She is part of the tech crew, she does spotlights and she helps with costumes. In her free time she is trying to play volleyball for the school. If she's not doing that she is running cross country or hanging out with Jordan and/or the rest of the theatre group.

**Cassidy Grant**

Senor-Ernie Mac/Finch/Cedric U/S Puff/Death Buddy

Cassidy Grant is a senior this year at Central High School. This is her first year doing the school play, she does have experience performing in front of an audience though. She has been dancing since she was four years old. For the production of Puffs, she will be a Puff and a Death Buddy. Enjoy the show!!!

**Kara Bird**

Senior-Puff/Death Buddy

Kara is a senior and has been doing theatre all four years of high school. In Puffs, she's a puff, and in Unrequited she plays Heather. It's been her second family, and her community. She wants to thank her mother for being the best theatre mom in the world, she'd also like to include her step-dad, eccentric little sister, and her brother for all of their encouragement throughout her productions. Kara wants to pursue a teaching career but will continue to do theatre in college. She also wants to thank you for coming and supporting Central High School's theatre program. She hopes you thoroughly enjoy the show!

**Shane Storey**

Sophomore-Wayne Hopkins

This is Shane Storey second theatre production with CHS Theatre, after being an Addams ancestor in Addams Family last year. He would like to thank Ms. Meltzer for supporting him through this production and also his family for continually supporting him through his theatre antics. He sincerely appreciates you attending our show and hopes you enjoy our show!

**Percy Markowski**

Sophomore-Assistant Director

Ayla 'Percy' Markowski is in 10th grade, and is the assistant director of the play 'Puffs'. They previously were a costumer and painter for the past productions, 'Still Life with Iris' and 'Addams Family'. Their goal is to graduate and go to a college for fashion and design, and make clothes and designs professionally, but they also have an interest in graphic designs and tattooing.

**Alyce Jarvis**

Senior -Sound Tech

She's been in Mamma Mia and still life with Iris, Addams family, she hopes you enjoy the show she wants to thank her parents for letting her do theater and she wants to thank everyone in theater for making her feel like she belongs somewhere she also does rec after school .

**Kaitlyn Van Beek-Fox**

Senior-Puff/Death Buddy

Kaitlyn is so excited to be a part of Puffs, and wants to thank you all for coming to the show!!

**Allison Spoon**

Freshmen-Leanna/Sally U/S Puff/Death Buddy

Allison is so excited to be a part of Puffs, and wants to thank you all for coming to the show!!

**Kyle Nordenson**

Junior-Oliver Rivers/ Puff/ Death Buddy

Kyle is so excited to be a part of Puffs, and wants to thank you all for coming to the show!!

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Cooper DeWitt
 Junior-J. Finch Fletchley and Others
 This is Cooper, Cooper is a junior this year and has been doing theater for several years including several productions with central theatre and community theatre he's very excited to be a part of this show and he wants everyone to enjoy the show



Lynn Lyon
 Freshman-Puff/Death Buddy
 Lynn is so excited to be a part of Puffs, and wants to thank you all for coming to the show!!



Aleena West
 Freshman-Puff/Death Buddy
 Aleena has never been in a play before but she has done drama club but the play was canceled because of covid, so we never got to perform, but she has experience memorizing lines and adding herself to her character(s). Leena is also a part of Central High School's Select Choir, and has done choir since 7th grade. Leena also is taking two honor/AP classes, plus a 10th grade class. Leena's main goal is to finish high school early and work towards taking college classes for Criminal Justice.



Victoria Durnham
 Junior-Puff/Death Buddy
 Victoria is so excited to be a part of Puffs, and wants to thank you all for coming to the show!!



Brooklyn Reiber
 Sophomore-Leanne and Others
 Brooklyn participated in the Addams Family Musical last year as an ancestor. This is her second production. She would like to thank her theatre friends for encouraging her to join!



Camryn Leistico
 Sophomore-Sally Perks and Others
 Camryn is a Sophomore this year and is playing Sally Perks and Others. She has been doing theatre since she was 7 years old. Last year at Central, she was in Still Life with Iris as Iris and The Addams Family as Wednesday Addams. She also Assistant Directed the One Act, Greek Mythology Olympiaganza. She would like to thank her mom for allowing her to theatre and her dad for doing The Theatre Dad On The Run Fundraiser. She would also like to thank her friends Addison Cain, Shane Storey, Cooper DeWitt, Cambria Henson, and Brooklyn Reiber for making this show as fun as it was. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Gwendolyn McGlothlin
 Freshman-Booth Assistant
 Gwen is a manager on the Central football team. Her favorite thing to do is play with her dog. She is also in choir.



Isaiah Patton
 Freshman-Spotlights
 Isaiah is so excited to be a part of Puffs, and wants to thank you all for coming to the show!!



Justin Firm
 Freshman-Costumes
 Justin is so excited to be a part of Puffs, and wants to thank you all for coming to the show!!



Charlie Breiner
 Freshman-Costumes
 Charlie is so excited to be a part of Puffs, and wants to thank you all for coming to the show!!

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Iris Caughlin

Sophomore-Costumes

Iris is so excited to be a part of Puffs, and wants to thank you all for coming to the show!!



Quinn Riddell-Brosig

Lighting Technician

Quinn is so excited to be a part of Puffs, and wants to thank you all for coming to the show!!



Tasia Guest

Freshman-Puff/Death Buddy

Tasia is so excited to be a part of Puffs, and wants to thank you all for coming to the show!!



Joseph Cooper

Senior-Puff/Death Buddy

Joseph is so excited to be a part of Puffs, and wants to thank you all for coming to the show!!



Shayda Doyle

Freshman-Spotlights

Shayda is so excited to be a part of Puffs, and wants to thank you all for coming to the show!!

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