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Leapin' Lizards!

Annie now on stage at Beef & Boards

Seven-time Tony Award winner is 2018 Season Family Show

INDIANAPOLIS – With red hair, grit, and plenty of spunk, America's favorite orphan proves her worth to a billionaire and a new generation as Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre presents *Annie* as its 2018 Season Family Show. Now on stage, the seven-time Tony Award winner stars 12-year-old Claire Kauffman in the title role.

The Broadway musical, which opened in 1977, is derived from *Little Orphan Annie*, a 1920s Chicago Tribune comic strip by Harold Gray that was inspired by James Whitcomb Riley's 1885 poem of the same name. But the musical is set in 1933, during the Great Depression and centers on Annie, an orphan girl in New York City. Left on the doorstep of an orphanage as an infant, Annie is convinced her parents will one day return for her – proving their identity with the matching half of the locket they had left with their infant daughter.

Through a miscommunication, chance, and a bit of luck, Annie ends up spending a week with billionaire Oliver Warbucks just before Christmas, and both of their lives are changed forever.

Filled with great musical numbers including "Tomorrow," "It's The Hard Knock Life," "Easy Street," and "N.Y.C.," *Annie* is on stage through July 15, with 50 performances scheduled in the intimate setting of Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre.

Kauffman, who just completed fifth grade at Zionsville Middle School, returns to the Beef & Boards stage after making her debut last season in the children's choir of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Reprising his role as Oliver "Daddy" Warbucks is Ty Stover, who will be portraying the billionaire for the fourth consecutive Beef & Boards production. Returning from the 2009 production to reprise their roles are Bobbi Bates as Grace Farrell, Jeff Stockberger as Rooster, and John Vessels as Drake. Kelly Teal Goyette, most recently seen as Mrs. Santiago in *Ghost, the Musical*, and Dragon in *Shrek, the Musical*, returns in the role of Miss Hannigan. Deb Wims returns to Indianapolis to play Lily St. Regis.

Tickets range from \$44 to \$69, and include Chef Odell Ward's family-friendly dinner buffet, fruit & salad bar, unlimited coffee, tea and lemonade. *Annie* offers a \$10 Family Show discount off tickets for children ages 3-15.

For reservations, call the box office at 317.872.9664 anytime between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays. For complete show schedule, visit beefandboards.com.

Annie is sponsored in part by the Peyton Manning Children's Hospital at St. Vincent.

Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre, Indiana's only year-round professional dinner theatre, is celebrating 45 years of serving up exceptional entertainment in 2018.



Fact Sheet

WHAT: *Annie*
Music by Thomas Meehan, Charles Strouse, & Martin Charnin
Based on "Little Orphan Annie"

WHEN: May 31 through July 15, 2018

Weekday/Saturday Evenings

Doors open at 6 p.m.; Buffet from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; Show at 8 p.m.

May: 31

June: 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 9, 12, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 28, 29, 30

July: 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 14

Weekday Matinees

Doors open at 11 a.m.; Buffet from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Show at 1 p.m.

June: 6, 13, 20, 27

July: 11, 12

Sunday Evenings

Doors open at 5 p.m.; Buffet from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Show at 7 p.m.

June: 3, 10, 17, 24

July: 1, 8

Saturday/Sunday Matinees

Doors open at noon; Buffet from 12:15 to 1 p.m.; Show at 1:30 p.m.

June: 3, 10, 16, 17, 24, 30

July: 1, 7, 8, 14, 15

WHO:	Director	Eddie Curry	Choreographer	Ron Morgan
	Musical Director	Kristy Templet	Costume Design	Jill Kelly Howe
	Lighting Design	Ryan Koharchik	Set Design	Michael Layton
	Sound Design	Daniel Hesselbrock	Stage Manager	Elizabeth Stark

Starring

Claire Kauffman	as Annie	Ty Stover	as Oliver Warbucks
Kelly Teal Goyette	as Miss Hannigan	Bobbi Bates	as Grace Farrell
Jeff Stockberger	as Rooster	Deb Wims	as Lily St. Regis
James Anthony	as F.D.R.	Bradley Keiper	as Bundles McCloskey
Doug King	as Cordell Hull/Lt. Ward	Amanda McCarthy	as Mrs. Greer
Kenny Shepard	as Harold Ickes	Katherine Tabisz	as Cecille, Star to Be
John Vessels	as Drake	Christine Zvakos	as Francis Perkins/Mrs. Pugh

Orphans: Bridget Bingham (Tessie), Sadie Cohen (Ruby), Macy Franklin (Kate), Kynden Luster (July), Sylvie Templet (Molly), Anna Wagner (Pepper), Aliva Rose Williams (Duffy)

WHERE: Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre 9301 Michigan Rd., Indianapolis, 46268

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WEB SITE: For more information or show schedule, visit beefandboards.com