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THE COMMUNITY FOOTLIGHT PLAYERS
OF LA GRANGE PARK

BEETLEJUICE

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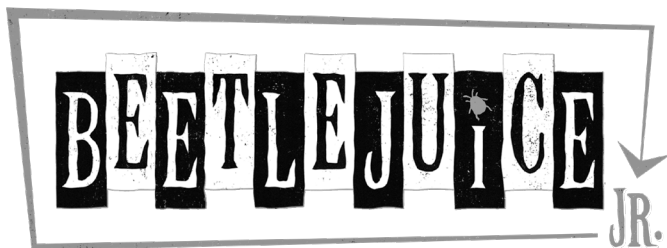
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Recently Deceased Cast

Beetlejuice.....	Zion Brown
Lydia Deetz.....	Leah Halverson
Charles Deetz.....	Kenny Graves
Barbara Maitland.....	Karin McCarthy-Foubert
Adam Maitland.....	Atticus Hein
Delia Schlimmer.....	Iris Belsan
Paige Parker.....	Miss Argentina
Sky.....	Grace Arcuri
Juno.....	Sofia Kader
Otho.....	Dylan Lindstrom
Maxie Dean.....	Sam Creps
Maxine Dean.....	Scarlett Chambers
Beetlejuice Clone #1.....	Ben Williamson
Beetlejuice Clone #2.....	Bianca Jacobucci
Priest.....	Violet Edgeworth
Girl Scout/Disco Girl.....	Greta Boldon
	Kaeth Hopfinger
	Kearra Pearce
	Hannah Williamson
Cheerleader.....	Wren Garland
	Lily Hughes
	Lily Lauksman
	Lulu Matthews
Clone/Sand Worm.....	Malcolm Belsan
	Otis Boldon
	Teddy Chambers
	Leo Lauksman
	Tom McNulty
	Archer Ritter
Cigar Mobster.....	Thomas Chambers
Death by Fireworks.....	Nolan Gildow
Dead Jockey.....	Layne Chobot
Death by Toaster.....	Vivienne Guzman
Machete Groom.....	George McNulty
Parachute Jumper.....	Holiday Boldon
Dead Scholar.....	Josie Kaluzny
Recently Deceased.....	Ben McGinn
	Griffin Ritter

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	<p>Grace Arcuri (Sky)</p> <p>Grace is so excited to be playing Sky, the girl scout in Beetle-juice. This is Grace's fourth show with Footlight Players. She would like to thank her sister, Elise, for helping her practice, and all the directors for their hard work making this show happen!</p>
	<p>Iris Belsan (Delia Schlimmer)</p> <p>Iris Belsan is an 8th grader who attends SEG middle school. She loves theater and has a great admiration for all art. Throughout practices for the musical she has both made new friends and grown as a performer.</p>
	<p>Malcolm Belsan (Clone/Sand Worm)</p> <p>Malcolm goes to Brook Park Elementary and is in the fourth grade. He is nine years old and this is his first play. He is so excited. Malcolm likes hanging out with friends, video games, and eating. He says, "break a leg!" to Lucy, Lily, Leo, Ben, and his sister Iris.</p>
	<p>Greta Boldon (Girl Scout/Disco Girl)</p> <p>Greta is excited to be in her 4th Footlight Players performance! You may recognize Greta from the Wizard of Oz, Matilda, and Legally Blonde. In her time off, Greta enjoys practicing Karate, drawing, playing cello, playing bass guitar in local band The Lanterns, and reading her favorite books.</p>
	<p>Holiday Boldon (Parachute Jumper)</p> <p>Holiday is excited to be in her 5th performance with Footlight Players! You may recognize her as Dorothy Gale from the Wizard of Oz, Into the Woods, the Addams Family, Matilda, and Legally Blonde. Holiday enjoys playing with her cats, singing in local band The Lanterns, and hanging out with friends.</p>
	<p>Otis Boldon (Clone/Sand Worm)</p> <p>Otis is very excited to be in his 2nd Footlight Players performance! You may also recognize Otis from the Wizard of Oz. He is one of the youngest members and is excited to join the cast with his sisters. Otis enjoys playing baseball, singing vocals in local band The Lanterns, and playing video games.</p>

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Zion Brown (Beetlejuice)

Zion is 14 and has been at Footlight since he was 8. He loves performing and feeling of being on stage. When not on stage he loves playing basketball and hanging out with friends and family. He would like to thank Pam, Cole and Michele for their all time support!



Scarlett Chambers (Maxine Dean)

Scarlett is thrilled to be playing Maxine Dean in Beetlejuice! She loves all things music and recently appeared as Fan in A Christmas Carol. Footlight has been a long-time theater home for Scarlett, and she would like to thank all the wonderful people who support her and made this show possible!



Teddy Chambers (Clone/Sand Worm)

Teddy is thrilled to make his theatrical debut as a Beetlejuice clone and Sandworm! As a local first grader, Teddy is an imaginative artist and Lego master who loves to sing, create, and make people laugh. He'd like to thank his family and the production staff for their love and support!



Thomas Chambers (Cigar Mobster)

Thomas is excited to join Footlight for the first time as the Cigar Mobster in Beetlejuice Jr.! A comic book fanatic and comedy guru, Thomas dreams of writing for SNL someday. He's thrilled to join the cast and would like to thank his family, friends, and the directors for all their support!



Layne Chobot (Dead Jockey)

Layne Chobot is 13 years old and a 7th grader at SE Gross Middle school. She is excited to be in her 10th! show with the Footlight Players! She would like to thank- her Mom, Dad, brother, and the cast and crew of Beetlejuice. Especially Pam, Cole & Michelle! Enjoy the show!



Sam Creps (Maxie Dean)

Sam is happy to be in his fourth production at Footlight. He is looking forward to being involved in future Footlight productions.

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Violet Edgeworth (Priest)

I am so excited to be in Beetlejuice Jr! This is my 4th production with Footlight and I am so excited to be the priest! I've been doing mma for 3 years now. I Love to draw and create art. I thank everybody who helped this production come to life. I also thank my parents for always supporting me.



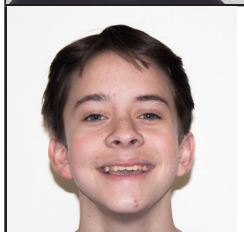
Wren Garland (Cheerleader)

Beetlejuice Jr. is Wren's first play and she's so excited to be a part of it! Wren is in second grade and enjoys art, music and spending time with friends and family.



Nolan Gildow (Death by Fireworks)

Nolan is a 5th grader at Brook Park Elementary School. Nolan loves music. He plays guitar and trumpet. Beetlejuice is his first experience with musical theater and he's "exploding" with excitement to perform this show!



Kenny Graves (Charles Deetz)

Kenny is so excited to be preforming again with the amazing people here at Footlight. Kenny has been performing at Footlight for 3 years now, and this year he is thrilled to be playing Charles in Beetlejuice Jr. He would like to highlight all the amazing work the whole team has done to put on this wonderful show and is so thankful to be in this wonderful team.



Vivienne Guzman (Death by Toaster)







Viv is so excited to be back on stage for her fifth show with Footlight Players! She has loved being a part of the show and can't wait to bring Death by Toaster to life. Enjoy the show!



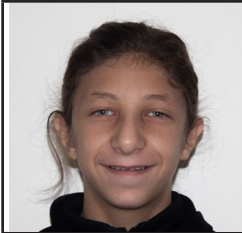

Leah Halverson (Lydia Deetz)

Leah is ecstatic to be back for her 9th production with Footlight. Favorite past roles include Glinda, Dory, Eleanor, Miss Honey, & Baker's Wife. Leah enjoys singing in show choir, playing volleyball, and reading. Special thanks to her incredible directors for their guidance and support, and her family especially her Sister Ivy for helping her run lines and songs.

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	<p>Atticus Hein (Adam Maitland)</p> <p>Atticus is excited to be a part of Beetlejuice Jr, for his third Footlight Players performance. Previous performances include The Tin Man in The Wizard of Oz, Spacepunk in Starmites, and Prince Dauntless in the Western Springs Theatre production of Once Upon a Mattress. Atticus plays drums and sings in the praise band at First Presbyterian Church of La Grange. He is thankful to Mrs. Podolner, Michele, and Cole for their guidance. He sends love to his family for their support and enthusiasm.</p>
	<p>Kaethe Hopfinger (Girl Scout/Disco Girl)</p> <p>Kaethe's dramatic flair can be traced to infancy but she makes her Footlight debut in Beetlejuice. Her musical theater talents are enriched by her love for competitive gymnastics, fantasy fiction, and national geographic documentaries. Beetlejuice perfectly channels her macabre sense of humor and propensity to break out in song and dance.</p>
	<p>Lily Hughes (Cheerleader)</p> <p>This is Lily's first musical. She is so excited to cheer on her fellow cast members!</p>
	<p>Bianca Jacobucci (Beetlejuice Clone #2)</p> <p>Bianca is a 7th grader and her love for theater started with her 5th grade musical, Moana. Her productions include Finding Nemo Jr., Land Before Time, and Beetlejuice Jr. with the Western Springs Children's Theater. She would like to thank her mom for driving her to all of her rehearsals.</p>
	<p>Sofia Kader (Juno)</p> <p>Sofia is in 7th grade at S.E. Gross Middle School. Outside of theater, she loves to play soccer and make art. She would like to thank Pam, Michele & Cole for being such great teachers!</p>
	<p>Josie Kaluzny (Dead Scholar)</p> <p>Josie is an eighth grader at SE Gross Middle School performing and loves performing with her school's Show Choir and with the Footlight Players. Josie has been part of several casts with the Footlight players and is dying to perform in Beetlejuice for you all!</p>

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	Leo Lauksman (Clone/Sand Worm) Leo is excited to be part of Beetlejuice with the Footlight Players.
	Lily Lauksman (Cheerleader) Lily is excited to be part of Beetlejuice with the Footlight Players.
	Dylan Lindstrom (Otho) Dylan enjoyed being part of the Beetlejuice cast. He loves entertaining audiences through musical theater, band, and choir. When he's not on stage, he likes spending time with family and friends. He'd like to thank the directors for their support!
	Karin McCarthy-Foubert (Barbara Maitland) Karin is excited to be back for another Footlight production. Her recent roles include Shotzi in Starmites and ensemble in Wizard of Oz with Footlight, as well as ensemble in Finding Nemo at SEG. Big thanks to the directors, her family, and her friends for supporting her.
	Ben McGinn (Recently Deceased) This is Ben's 7th show with Footlight. He's excited to be part of such an awesome production. He wants to thank all the people who helped make this show possible!
	George McNulty (Machete Groom) George is excited to be back with Footlight Players! His previous roles included a student in Matilda Jr, Pfortzhimer in Legally Blonde, Yertle the turtle in Seussical and Sardine in Sponge Bob. In his free time George enjoys video games, swimming, hanging out with his two brothers and his dog Lexi.

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Tom McNulty (Clone/Sand Worm)

Tom is thrilled to be back with Footlight Players. Some of his previous roles include Pinocchio in Shrek Jr., Lowell in Legally Blonde, the Grinch in Suessical and an Electric Skate in Sponge Bob. When not singing and dancing, Tom enjoys playing video games and eating banana bread.



Lulu Matthews (Cheerleader)

Lulu is very excited for her first performance with the Footlight. She is a fourth grader at Brook Park Elementary and loves to sing, dance and creating art (drawing, painting, ect.) Lulu's family is so proud of her passion and commitment to this project.



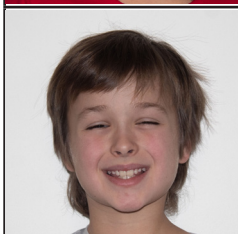
Paige Parker (Miss Argentina)

Paige Parker was born with an exuberant and extremely loud singing voice, which she gladly shares with family members at close range. Her roles have ranged from a witch in a poofy pink dress, a disorderly monkey, a dragon in love with a donkey, and now a beauty queen who happens to be dead.



Kearra Pearce (Girl Scout/Disco Girl)

Kearra is excited to be part of Beetlejuice with the Footlight Players.



Archer Ritter (Clone/Sand Worm)

Archer is excited to be in his second performance. He enjoys playing basketball, going to the pool, video games, and hanging with friends. Archer would like to thank his Moms and brother for supporting him.



Griffin Ritter (Recently Deceased)

Griffin is excited to be in his 4th performance with the Footlight Players. Past roles include Starmite in Starmites, Guard in Wizard of Oz, and Cowboy Fish in SpongeBob. In his free time, he enjoys solving Rubik's cubes, VR, and hanging with friends. He hopes you enjoy the show.

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Ben Williamson (Beetlejuice Clone #1)

Ben is thrilled to be playing Clone 1 in Beetlejuice! This is his 5th show with the Footlight players! Ben is a 5th grader at Brook Park and likes to hang out with friends, ride his bike, and sing. Some of Ben's favorite past roles include Mr. Krabs, and Diggity Razzle-Dazzle. Ben would love to thank his family, Mrs. Podolner, Mrs. Michele, and Cole for all of their support!



Hannah Williamson (Girl Scout/Disco Girl)

Hannah is so excited to be playing the role of girl scout/disco girl! This is Hannah's 3rd production with the Footlight Players! She is a 3rd grader at Brook Park and loves to sing, dance, and play soccer. Hannah would like to thank her family, friends, Mrs. Podolner, Ms. Michele and Cole for everything they do for everyone and all of their support! She hopes that you will enjoy the show!



Pamela Podolner

Pam was first introduced to the Footlight Players in 2018 when her daughter was cast in The Little Mermaid. She has been a volunteer parent for many years and is thrilled to now direct this performance with Footlight. Pam is a local middle school theater teacher and has directed numerous plays and musicals. She is also the director of her school's show choir. Pam is an actor at The Theatre of Western Springs where she is also on the teaching staff. She thanks you for your support and patronage of the Footlight Players, as she has seen its importance in supporting and nurturing our children in the arts. Enjoy the show!

Michele Ritacco

Michele is absolutely dying to be choreographing Beetlejuice Jr. This is her latest production with the Footlight Players, where she has been choreographing since the 2021 production of Into the Woods. Thanks to Pam and Cole for fearlessly bringing the Neverworld to life—no sandworms were harmed in the process. Huge congratulations to both casts for committing fully to every step. And to the friends and families of these wickedly talented performers: thanks for the continued support, and the rides to rehearsal. You're the real MVPs of the afterlife. Say it three times!

Cole Burdick

Cole is thrilled to be back for his who knows how many show! Every show Cole tries to set a new record for fist bumps handed out, and feels like he may have fallen short this year. He apologizes for any disappointment this may have caused the kids. Cole loves playing music, and plays in two local Chicago bands, Chocolate In Your Pocket (guitar), and My Autumn Attic (drums). Cole had a blast working on this show and wants to thank everyone for supporting Footlight! Much love.

The Community Park District of LaGrange Park Footlight Players



We are excited to announce the spring production of Peter Pan Jr! Scan the QR Code to sign up for an [audition slot](#) on 2/14.
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