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THE COMMUNITY FOOTLIGHT PLAYERS
OF LA GRANGE PARK

BEETLEJUICE

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The Musical. The Musical. The Musical

2026

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Directed by: Pam Podolner | Music/Sound Design by: Cole Burdick | Choreographed by: Michele Ritacco

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	Mabel Abbott (Cheerleader) This is Mabel's first performance with the Footlight Players. She has previously appeared in Willy Wonka, Jr. at the Children's Theater of Western Springs. Mabel is a purple belt in karate and also enjoys ice skating.
	Cora Borner (Barbara Maitland) Cora has found joy in bringing the warm, hopeful spirit of Barbara to life (and afterlife!). When not embracing the unexpected adventures of the recently deceased, Cora enjoys dance, choir, and finding new music genres to explore. Just as Barbara's journey is one of self-discovery and enduring love, so has been Cora's journey with Footlight. She is especially grateful to her castmates, new and old, as well as the directors for making Footlight a second family.
	Nora Burger (Sky) Nora is so excited to return to the stage with the Footlight Players. She is a busy 4th grader at Cossitt. She enjoys doing many activities and loves hanging out with friends. She is thankful for the cast, Pam, Michele, and Cole for all of their hard work,. Enjoy the show!
	Colin Callahan (Adam Maitland) Colin is thrilled to be a part of this amazing cast. This is his 7th production with the Footlight Players. When he's not on stage you can find him in the pool! He would like to thank his family for their love and support as well as Pam, Michele and Cole for this fun opportunity!
	Violet Cardenas (Recently Deceased) Violet, a 5th grader at Brook Park, has been performing since the age of two. She has taken part in many school productions appeared at the Theatre of Western Springs, and loves rocking out on electric guitar with School of Rock venue bands. She's excited to return for her second Footlight show!
	Phoebe Cohler (Clone) This is Phoebe's 3rd show with Footlight Players. Besides theater she enjoys soccer, wheel gymnastics, reading, and spending time with friends.

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	Nora D'Albenzio (Delia Schlimmer) SUCKS-YES! Nora D'Albenzio is thrilled to play Delia in Beetlejuice! Recent roles include Bizarbara in Starmites and Winnifred in Once Upon a Mattress. A 7th grader at S.E. Gross, she thanks her family for their endless support and dedicates this show to her late Uncle Patrick. Enjoy the show!
	Macie DeMonte (Girl Scout/Disco Girl) Macie is excited to sing, dance and act in this fun Footlight production! Macie loves engineering projects, making art, and hanging out with her family and friends. Macie thanks everyone who has made this such a great experience.
	Milo DeMonte (Maxie Dean) Milo loves being on stage and performing for his family, friends, and community. Beyond acting, Milo enjoys la crosse, Xbox, and playing card games. Milo would like to thank his family, friends, Footlight and everyone who has supported his being a part of yet another great show.
	Mabel Diver (Cheerleader) This is Mabel's first performance with Footlight production and she could not be more excited! Mabel is her happiest on stage! She also loves spending time with family and friends, softball, and playing with dogs.
	Stevie Espinosa (Cheerleader) Stevie is excited to be part of Beetlejuice with the Footlight Players.
	Jane Fadool (Beetlejuice Clone #1) Jane is thrilled to be back on stage with the Footlight Players for her 8th season, playing Clone Beetlejuice. She enjoys all the different roles she has performed throughout her time with the group. Outside of theater, Jane loves playing video games, going to town, spending time with friends, and baking delicious food.

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Vincent Gerace (Otho)

This is Vincent's second show with Footlight! He loves the process and is so excited to perform. When he's not on stage, he loves flag football, whiffle ball, and scootering around Brookfield with his friends!



Riley Greene (Maxine Dean)

Riley Greene is excited to be part of her first production with the Footlight Players as Maxine Dean. She has loved rehearsing with the cast and crew and is very excited to perform on stage. Riley would like to thank the director, her fellow cast members, and her family for all their support.



Maddy Grote (Lydia Deetz)

Madeleine is thrilled to be back for her 7th show! She adored being in Legally Blonde and SpongeBob. But her favorite was Diva in Starmites!! She would like to thank all that came out to see her this weekend and a huge thanks to Pam, Cole, and Michelle for this amazing opportunity.



Austin Guerrieri (Cigar Mobster)

Austin is excited to be back with Footlite Players for his second performance! After The Wizard of Oz, returning was an easy choice. He loves drumming, playing hockey, and hanging with friends. He would like to thank Cole, Ms. Michele, and Ms. Podolner for making this production possible.



Stella Kajmowicz (Beetlejuice Clone #2)

Stella is thrilled to be part of Footlight Players "Beetlejuice Jr" this year. This is her 4th production with Footlight and definitely not her last. When she is not in rehearsal, Stella also enjoys playing guitar, reading, drawing, and doing any type of craft.



Max Kennedy (Beetlejuice)

Max is ecstatic to perform as Beetlejuice this season! It is his favorite character. This is his fifth play. He plans to continue theater during high school (and beyond!) He enjoys drawing comic book characters, singing, and voice acting. He hates cleaning his room!

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	Julian Marcano (Clone) Julian is a creative kid who loves making his own videos and building imaginative LEGO designs. He dreams of becoming an actor and has his sights set on LA.
	Carlie Maresso (Girl Scout/Disco Girl) Carlie is 11 years old and this is her 5th production with Footlight Players. In her free time, she enjoys drawing and playing the oboe & keyboard. Carlie would like to thank Mrs. Podolner, Cole & Michelle for making this possible. She is very excited to be in Beetlejuice & hopes you enjoy the show!
	Jude Mason (Charles Deetz) Jude is so excited for his role as Charles in Beetlejuice! This is Jude's 5th performance with Footlight and he absolutely loves it. Jude would like to thank his family for their unconditional support and his Directors for pushing him and helping him to constantly learn and grow!
	Leah McQuillan (Death by Fireworks) Leah is thrilled to join the cast for her 4th show with FP! She has previously performed in Starmites, WOZ, SpongeBob, and Red Riding Hood. She is a 4th grader at Brook Park. She would like to thank her family, friends, and everyone with FP! She hopes you enjoy the journey through the Netherworld!
	Ella Melendez (Miss Argentina) Ella is excited to appear as Ms. Argentina! She has had an amazing time growing with this cast and crew. She loves theatre, music, and making audiences laugh. Ella would like to thank her directors, cast and especially her family for their encouragement and support.
	Bri Meshke (Juno) Brianna is very excited to be part of her sixth Footlight Players production as Juno and a Beetlejuice clone. She can't wait to perform with all her friends once again. Sending lots of love to her family and friends!

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	Cecily Miller (Machete Bride) Cecily is excited to be part of Beetlejuice with the Footlight Players.
	Krista Papartis (Dead Jockey) Krista is so excited to be in Beetlejuice Jr! She loves being on the swim team, playing her trumpet and caring for her cockatiel Kiki! She'd like to thank her parents and the Footlight Players Team for their support and encouragement. Enjoy the show!
	Lucy Pina (Dead Scholar) This is Lucy's 4th production with the Footlight Players. Her favorite character that she has been is a Banshee in Starmites. She is so excited to be playing a dead cheerleader and a lawyer in Beetlejuice Jr. Outside of acting, Lucy enjoys hanging out with friends and playing soccer.
	Juliana Rodriguez (Recently Deceased) Juliana is excited to be part of Beetlejuice with the Footlight Players.
	Violet Grace Schreiber (Girl Scout/Disco Girl) Violet is excited to be part of Beetlejuice with the Footlight Players.
	Lily Spevacek (Parachute Jumper) Lily is excited to be part of Beetlejuice with the Footlight Players.

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	Cora Stanczak Cora is thrilled to be in her 6th Footlight play. She wants to thank the directors and junior directors. Outside of theater, Cora cheers and plays soccer.
	Riley Sutton (Death by Toaster) Riley's first musical performance with Footlight was Matilda 4 years ago and has enjoyed every musical performance since! Off stage she enjoys ice skating, dancing, and spending time with friends and family. Riley would like to thank her family, friends, and directors for their support!
	Annika Yanz (Priest) This is Annika's fifth show with Footlight, and she's so excited to be doing Beetlejuice! She enjoys reading and singing in her free time and would like to thank Mrs. Pouldoner, Michelle, and Cole for being amazing directors. Enjoy the show!

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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. Show dates- May 15th-17th at Park Jr. High



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.



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