



# Calliope Productions 2026 Season



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**Calliope Theatre**  
**150 Main Street**  
**Boylston, MA**



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## **CAST (in order of appearance)**

Rona Lisa Perretti.....	Linnea Lyerly
Chip Tolentino .....	Norman Dubois
Logainne Schwarzandgrubenniere .....	Marissa J. Browning
Leaf Coneybear .....	Rain Smallcomb
William Barfee .....	Kyle Collins
Marcy Park.....	Libbey Stearns
Olive Ostrovsky .....	Heidi White
Vice Principal Douglas Panch.....	Brian Higgins
Mitch Mahoney .....	Jared Palazzo

## **PRODUCTION STAFF**

Director .....	Lisa Tierney
Music Director.....	Elisabeth LaBarre
Choreographer.....	Amanda Lawton
Stage Manager .....	Alexis Prosser
Set.....	Bob Reidy, Dave Ludd
Costumes.....	Donna Reidy
Lighting and Sound .....	Matthew Valeri
Props.....	Kimberly LiPuma
Rehearsal Pianist.....	John Leslie

## **ORCHESTRA**

Piano .....	John Leslie
Cello.....	Holly Wielsma
Percussion.....	Scott Snow
Reeds .....	Cora Dykens

Special thanks to Adrienne Nys, Deb Kracht and Jil Lesko  
as well as our team of volunteers helping in the lobby.

## WHO'S WHO



**Linnea Lyerly** (Rona Lisa Perretti) - It has been an honor to be a part of this production. I would like to thank the whole production team for their trust, hard work, and support, and it was pure joy to be a part of this incredible cast! Special thanks to Scott, Olivia, and Maggie, I couldn't do any of this without you all in my corner. I'm also so grateful to have had parents who instilled in me a love of music and theater, and who taught me the importance of finding the humor in everything, this one is for you ❤️. Other favorite roles include: Jacqueline in "La Cage Aux Folles" (WCLOC), Yente/Fruma Sarah in "Fiddler on the Roof" (Calliope), Adult Woman in "Spring Awakening" (WCLOC), Luisa in "Nine" (WCLOC), Marie in "Cinderella" (Calliope), Judy in "Small Mouth Sounds" (WCLOC), Helen Bechdel in "Fun Home" (WCLOC), Diva Raquel DeAngelis in "Living On Love" (WCLOC), Rita in "Lucky Stiff" (Calliope Productions), Sarah in "Company" (Weston Friendly)



**Norman Dubois** (Chip Tolentino) - Norman (he/him) is so excited to be back on the Calliope stage in one of his favorite shows of all time! Some of his past roles include Perchik in *Fiddler on the Roof* (Calliope), Hysterium in *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* (Square One Players), and Matt in *The Fantasticks* (Studio Theatre Worcester), Torasso in *Passion* (Theater UnCorked), and Lenny in *Rumors* (WCLOC). He'd like to thank the wonderful production team and talented cast for putting together the show you're about to see. Special shout out to his partner and fellow speller, Kyle Collins, as well as their cat, Sabrina.



**Marissa J. Browning** (Logainne Schwarzandgrubenniere) - Marissa (she/her) is thrilled to join this amazing cast and crew in her first production with Calliope! Some favorite previous roles include: Janet (The Drowsy Chaperone), Millie (Thoroughly Modern Millie), Little Becky Two Shoes (Urinetown), Bambi (Curtains), Serena (Legally Blonde), and Dance Captain/Assistant Choreographer for numerous shows (American Idiot, Catch Me If You Can, Footloose). Marissa received her B.A. in Musical Theatre from Dean College and now works as the Director of Admissions at Nichols College. She would like to thank her family, friends, Joe, and the Nichols Admissions staff for their endless support and love!



**Rain Smallcomb** (Leaf Coneybear) - Rain (they/them, he/him) is flippin' pumped to return to the Bee as a speller in their Calliope debut! Rain is a professional fun-haver, educator, and tarot reader. Some of their favorite past roles include Jack in *Into the Woods*, Esmeralda in *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, Mitch in *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, and Leading Player in *Pippin*. A proud autistic queer goof, he is beyond excited to imbue the stage with authenticity and joy in this dream role. Thank you bunches & bundles to the cast, crew, creative team, and supporting communities. WE LOVE YOU!!! Extra special thank you to the love of my life, Brit; your support means the world. Wopila! Pilamaya! <3



**Kyle Collins** (William Barfee) - Kyle (he/him) is t-h-r-i-l-l-e-d to return to Calliope Productions after playing Avram in *Fiddler on the Roof* this past December. Other recent credits include Francis in *La Cage Aux Folles* (WCLOC) and Pseudolus in *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* (Square One Players). After playing Leaf in college, he is honored to return to the bee in the role of Barfée, which has proven to be as challenging as some of the words you might spell. Many thanks to this incredible cast and crew for making this experience something to be proud of. Much love to his friends, family, and partners: Norman (Chip), Eduardo, and Troy for their constant support of his creative endeavors. E. R. Let's go!



**Libbey Stearns** (Marcy Park) Libbey (she/her) is so honored to be a part of this incredible and absolutely hysterical cast. By day, Libbey teaches Performing Arts at Sizer School and just wrapped up their production of Spelling Bee. She's happy to be back at Calliope this spring after playing Grandma Tzeitel/Bottle Dancer in *Fiddler on the Roof* and directing the teen production of *Once Upon a Mattress*. Some of her favorite previous roles include Shelby - *Steel Magnolias*, Carrie White - *Carrie* (LTOBS), Baker's Wife - *Into the Woods*, Portia - *Cinderella* (The Bradley Playhouse), and Magenta - *The Rocky Horror Show* (CPAC). Libbey would like to thank Lisa, Beth, Amanda and the rest of the crew for this opportunity, as well as this truly remarkable cast. A shoutout to Kait, her SiTA students, and the rest of her friends and family. "I'm NOT all business!"



**Heidi White** (Olive Ostrovsky) - Heidi is excited to be returning to the Calliope stage. Some of her favorite roles include Sibella in *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder* (Greater Worcester Opera) Nellie Forbush in *South Pacific* (JEMS Theater), Evelyn Nesbit in *Ragtime*, Winifred Banks in *Mary Poppins* (Theater at the Mount),

Young Edie in *Grey Gardens*, Hope Cladwell in *Urinetown* (WCLOC), Adelaide in *Guys and Dolls* (Barre Players), Amalia Balash in *She Loves Me*, and Little Red Riding Hood in *Into the Woods* (Calliope Productions). Heidi has worked as a Medical Technologist at UMASS Memorial Healthcare for the last 18 years, and holds a Masters degree in Biotechnology. Many thanks to her family, theater family, and her favorite partner on and off the stage, Paul, for supporting her many theater endeavors.



**Brian Higgins** (Vice Principal Douglas Panch) - Brian is thrilled to finally be making his Calliope debut, as well as his third visit to the Bee! Past roles include Lt. Cioffi in *Curtains* (Weston Friendly Society), Fredrik Egerman in *A Little Night Music* (Sullivan Rep), the Narrator/Mysterious Man in *Into the Woods* (WFS,

Woodland Theatre Company), Harry in *Company* (WFS, SR), and Edgar Beane in *Titanic* (WTC, Concord Players- DASH nomination). He'd like to thank his family for their support, his nephews and nieces for being his inspiration, his friends for bearing with him as he workshoped all of his words and sentences for our guest spellers, and the wonderful team onstage and off for creating such a warm creative environment where everyone could thrive.



**Jared Palazzo** (Mitch Mahoney) - Jared is very excited to be in his third production at Calliope. A special needs worker by day, in the evenings Jared prowls the streets of the greater Worcester area in search of places to sing and act. His recent roles include: Jean-Michele in "La Cage aux Folles" (WCLOC), Motel in "Fiddler on the

Roof" (Calliope Productions), Moritz in "Spring Awakening" (WCLOC), Shakespeare in "Something Rotten" (Theater III), and Dimitri in "Anastasia" (Weston Friendly Society).

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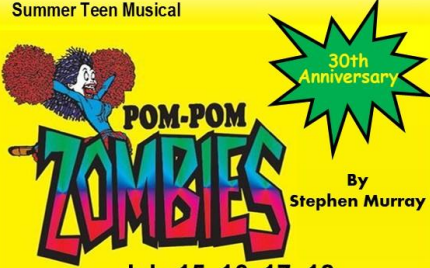
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Summer Teen Musical



**POM-POM  
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By  
Stephen Murray

July 15, 16, 17, 18  
Wed - Fri at 7:30 pm; Sat at 2:00 & 7:30 PM

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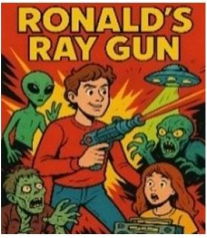


**James  
and the  
Giant  
Peach  
JR.**

Music & Lyrics by Benj Pasek & Justin Paul

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Wed - Fri at 7:00 pm; Sat at 2:00 pm

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RAY GUN**

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By  
Stephen Murray

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**Over the  
River  
and through  
the Woods**

by  
Joe DiPietro


October 15, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25  
Thu - Sat at 7:30 pm; Sundays at 2:00 pm



**SHREK  
THE  
MUSICAL**

Book and Lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire  
Music by Jeanine Tesqui

Dec. 10, 11, 12, 18, 19 at 7:30 pm  
Dec. 13, 19, 20 at 2:00 pm



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