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A LIVE RADIO PLAY

(FULL LENGTH VERSION)

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CAST LIST

The Actor listed in **BOLD is the radio station "WBFR Playhouse of the Air" actor; the characters below are those characters which the actor plays.*

FREDDIE FILMORE played by Lucas Robinson
ANNOUNCER, GOWER, POTTER, BILLY, JOSEPH, PETER BAILEY, ERNIE, OLD MAN COLLINS, ED, PETE, MAN (AT MARTINI'S), NICK, BRIDGE KEEPER, BINKY, COP

JAKE LAURENTS played by Teague Vernell
GEORGE BAILEY (and YOUNG GEORGE)

SALLY APPLEWHITE played by Breanna Jones
MARY HATCH (and YOUNG MARY)

LANA SHERWOOD played by Gina Shuck
VIOLET (and YOUNG VIOLET), ROSE BAILEY, MATILDA, RUTH, MRS. HATCH, MRS. THOMPSON, SCHULTZ, ZUZU, JANIE, SADIE VANCE

HARRY "JAZZBO" HAYWOOD played by Elisha Mummert
HARRY (and YOUNG HARRY), BERT, CLARENCE ODDBODY, SAM WAINWRIGHT, MARTINI, DR. CAMPBELL, CHARLIE, MAN (at run on bank), HORACE THE TELLER, MR. WELCH, TOMMY, SHERIFF

FOLEY ARTISTS played by Thomas Avon & Annie Stone

PRODUCTION TEAM

Producer.....Sarah Lankford
Director.....Connor Gerney
Stage Manager.....Gracie-Rae SwiftBird
Lighting Designer.....Cana Strong
Sound Designer.....Luke Taylor
Set Designer.....Connor Gerney
Costume Designer.....Brittan Weaver
Interns.....Samantha Huntington, Katelyn Michel, Caroline Johnson

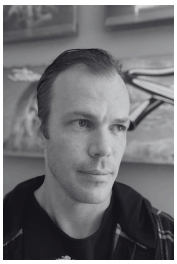
Special Thanks

Angie Jones, Julie McCloskey & Kelly Gerney

WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST



Lucas Robinson *(Freddie Filmore)* has been a theatre enthusiast since he was a child and always had a love for the magic of Christmas. In high school, he was a part of It's A Wonderful Life, but didn't have the opportunity to voice such mixture of characters. This is his sixth show with Encore Center to which he, as always with Encore, and has had a blast performing under them.



Teague Vernell (*Jake Laurents*) is thrilled to return to Encore Theater in It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play. Encore audiences may recognize him as Mr. Boddy from last season's Clue: The Musical. He most recently appeared as Mitch Mahoney in The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee at the Gilbert Theater. Other stage credits include Cabaret (Clifford Bradshaw), On Golden Pond (Charlie Martin), and Rent (ensemble; understudy Roger). His screen work includes RJ Decker, The Waterfront, and The Righteous Gemstones.



Breanna Jones *(Sally Applewhite)* is overjoyed to be spending her holiday season in her home state this year! She graduated from Greensboro College in 2025 with a BFA in musical theatre and is thrilled to be back at Encore for a spell. Some of her favorite credits include Dorothy (Land of Oz), Beth (Merrily We Roll Along), and Dani (Dani Girl). When Bre isn't on the stage, she's probably teaching, crafting, or touching some grass. She hopes this show leaves you with all the warm and fuzzy feelings of the classic film!

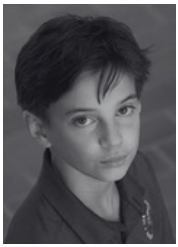


Gina Shuck (*Lana Sherwood*) is delighted to make her Encore debut after recently moving from Delaware to North Carolina with her husband John. She first hopped onto the stage as a kangaroo at age nine and has been hooked on theater ever since. Favorite stage roles include Jessie in Calendar Girls, Ethel Thayer in On Golden Pond, Clairee Belcher in Steel Magnolias, Abbie Brewster in Arsenic and Old Lace, and Fonsia Dorsey in The Gin Game. Her adventures have also included directing, scenic design, voice acting, and independent film. She loves being part of this multi-generational cast and crew and finds their energy, enthusiasm, and fearlessness inspiring…even though she needs a nap after rehearsal.

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Elisha Mummert *(Harry "Jazzbo" Haywood)* is a homeschooled senior who is excited to be a part of this holiday classic! Originally from Lancaster, PA, he has always loved stories and the art of telling them. This is his third show at the Encore Center, having previously starred as "Odysseus" in The Odyssey, A Comedy Mostly, and "Narrator" in The Adventures of Tom Sawyer. He would love to express profound gratitude to everyone at Encore for cultivating such an amazing community, and to his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for guiding him every day. "Remember, no man is a failure who has friends."



Thomas Avon *(Foley Artist)* is a seventh grader at STARS Charter School. He is excited to explore this new experience combining backstage work and onstage performance in one. Recent credits include a staged reading as Edmund (Caspian), Marcellus (Music Man, Jr.), The Captain (Fun in the Sun), Man #2 (The Odyssey: A Comedy, Mostly), The King of Denmark (Hand Christian Anderson, Jr), Hobie (The Best Christmas Pageant Ever), Edmund (The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe), Hansel (CandyLand), Mr. Wormwood (Matilda, Jr), "Johnny" Red Chief (Ransom of Red Chief), Hollywood Agent (Flat Stanley, Jr), and Randy (A Christmas Story). Much love and appreciation to friends and family who continue to support him and a special thank you to Encore for this amazing opportunity!



Annie Stone (*Foley Artist*) is originally from Southern California, and is 16 years old. She began performing in local theater productions at the age of 8. Her favorite past roles include Lois Lane in Kiss Me Kate and Marian in Music Man Jr. Outside the theater, she studies ballet and tap at Encore Performing Arts Center. Annie is passionate about storytelling through performance and looks forward to continuing her journey on stage.

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WHO'S WHO ON THE TEAM



Connor Gerney *(Director/Production Manager)* was born, raised, and homeschooled in Swift Creek, North Carolina. He graduated with a BFA in Theatre Arts from East Carolina University. Since then, he has acted, directed, set designed and choreographed stage combat across the Southeast. He has written and produced multiple original works including a touring production called "Tall Tales of Appalachia!" and upcoming "Brer Rabbit: Tales of the Ol' Piedmont!" He currently works as the Production Manager here at Encore Center. He would like to thank his parents, his beautiful wife, Kelly, and his daughter Marian for their constant love and support! He hopes you enjoy the show!
Ad maiorem Dei gloriam inque hominum salute!



Sarah Lankford (*Producer/Owner)* is a native of Charlotte, NC. She saw a need to bring community theatre to our area 6 years ago. With a background in Musical Theatre and performing professionally from a young age and then earning a BA in Music and MA in Education, she is no foreigner to the stage. Sarah has sung with artists such as Shania Twain, Celine Deon, and toured Italy as a Mezzo-Soprano soloist. Encore was a dream to bring a home for the arts locally and ministry to share love and compassion through high quality artistic performances and education.



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