



MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE

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Children's Theatre: *The BFG*

As we write this, the halls are filled with the excited chatter of little kids. About 5,000 of them are trying very hard to stay in a straight line as they walk—or run or skip or hop—from their bus to our auditorium to see an adaptation of Roald Dahl's *The BFG*.

This Children's Theatre production is one of four shows MLC Forum stages every year, and it's definitely the one that gets the most giggles. This year we have something that's wowing the kids: a 10-foot puppet crafted by WELS artist Faith Belt!

The amazing thing about MLC Forum is the sheer number of students involved! Between casts, production staffs, crews, and orchestras, more than a quarter of our student body is involved in at least one of our four productions each year.

Many of these are students who will be teaching and producing plays at their own WELS schools just a short time from now! Talk about ministry preparation!

Here's the personnel list—with students from more than a dozen different high schools.



STUDENT STAFF

Director: **Jenna Weigand** (WLA)
Assistant Director: **Bailey Schwab** (NELHS)
Producer: **Anna Plocher** (CLHS)
Schools Coordinator: **Katie Rosenau** (Lake County Virtual-FL)
Ass't Schools Coordinator: **Anna Nelson** (LPS)

CREW HEADS

Tech Director: **Lillian Ruddat** (Manitowoc LHS)
Props: **Gretchen Lucht** (Antigo HS-WI)
Costumes: **Meredith Schultz** (LPS)
Hair/Makeup: **Katie Ungemach** (Manitowoc LHS)
Set: **Elijah Bagasao** (Homeschool-WI)
Paint: **Bethany Spike** (MVL)
House: **Mora Enoka** (Taylorsville HS-UT)
Stage Manager: **Noah Sulzle** (LPS)
Ushers: **Lindsay Hatton** (Menomonee Falls HS-WI)
Wenda Liu (Manitowoc LHS)

CAST

Sophie: **Noelle Vanderhoof** (LLHS)
The BFG/Dad: **Joseph Schroeder** (MVL)
Mum/Queen of England: **Emma Frey** (SCLA)
Katherine/Mary: **Sophie Horn** (LPS)
Rebecca: **Lilah Kiecker** (WLA)
Guy/Headmaster/Mr. Tibbs: **Jason Horn** (LPS)
Daniel/Head of Army: **Sam Hansmann** (WLA)
Sam/Head of Air Force: **Eric Smith** (MVL)
Ms. Plumridge/Queen of Sweden: **Brenna Moore** (MLS)
Fleshlumpeater: **Tommy Doerr** (WLHS)
Bloodbottler: **Elijah Ruddat** (Manitowoc LHS)
Bonecruncher: **Caleb Jensen** (LPS)
Meatdripper: **Katie Gilkey** (LPS)
Childchewer: **Lilly Heldt** (MVL)
Gizzardgulper: **Taylor Schuettpelz** (Manitowoc LHS)
Puppeteers: **Hope Larabee** (WLHS)
Sydney Buch (Michigan LHS)