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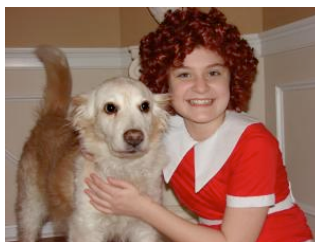
## Annie Jr. Comes to Mason March 13-15

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The Sun Will Come Out Tomorrow...Well, March 13-15 as Annie Jr. Comes to Town

"Annie Jr." one of the world's best-loved musicals, based on the popular comic strip heroine will be singing and dancing its way to town March 13, 14,15, brought by Acting Up, the young performers community theatre based in Mason. There will be four shows of "Annie Jr." at the Mason High School Theater, 6100 Mason Montgomery Road and will feature a cast of approximately 60 talented youngsters ages 6 to 18.

Annie tells the story of a spunky Depression-era orphan determined to find her parents, who abandoned her years ago on the doorstep of a New York City Orphanage run by the cruel, embittered Miss Hannigan. In adventure after fun-filled adventure, Annie foils Miss Hannigan's evil machinations, befriends President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and finds a new family and home in billionaire Oliver (Daddy) Warbucks, his personal secretary Grace Farrell and a lovable mutt named Sandy. The "Jr." version of Annie is shorter but still contains perennial favorites such as "Tomorrow," "Hard Knock Life" and "NYC."



Annie (played by Leah Hall of Mason) will be presented by Acting Up, March 13,14,15 at the Mason High School Theater. See [www.ActingUp.com](http://www.ActingUp.com).

In their past two seasons, Acting Up has been nominated for 117 Orchid awards and won 38 from the Ohio Association of Community Theaters, including Excellence in Ensemble and Excellence in Dance Execution. Acting Up strives to give youngsters an educational experience in the theater through performing and backstage knowledge in designing costumes and lighting, choreography, and assisting in stage managing and other stage crew positions.

In addition, Acting Up has been awarded a grant from Target. They will be using the grant money to provide Annie tickets to those who would otherwise be unable to see the production. "Acting Up Reaching Out" will give targeted economically-disadvantaged students in Warren Co, the opportunity to attend Acting Up performances with 2 free tickets. Acting Up believes that everyone, regardless of their financial situation, should be able to enjoy and participate in the arts. This program will offer the opportunity to see award winning performances in a dynamic theater.

Performances of "Annie, Jr." will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, March 13; 2 p.m., (sign language interpreter will be provided) and 7 p.m., Saturday, March14; and at 2 p.m. Sunday, March15. Tickets are \$10 each (\$8 seniors) and are available online at [www.ActingUp.com](http://www.ActingUp.com) or at the box office starting one hour before the show. For more information call 513-588-0988.

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