



## The King's Players presents The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

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London, ON – The King's Players theatre troupe, one of the oldest and more notable clubs at King's University College, presents their rendition of *The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*. The comedic romp opens on January 21<sup>st</sup> and runs until the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8 p.m. in the Joanne and Peter Kenny Theatre.

*The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* follows six children competing to win the Putnam County spelling bee for a chance to compete in the national spelling bee in Washington D.C. The musical sees the return of two actors, Stephen Ingram and Robert Popoli, from the King's Players' December 2015 show. Hailey Hill has been heavily involved in the club for the past three years and is directing the show. This will be the third time The King's Players performs on stage in the new Joanne and Peter Kenny Theatre (266 Epworth Ave), located in the Darryl J. King Student Life Centre (King Centre).

The show is open to the public. Tickets for the musical are available for online purchase through [Event Brite](#). Tickets may also be purchased through the Students' Council store, [King's Connection](#), at the door and are available from the cast and crew members. Tickets are \$15.

The show has some notable changes from the original Broadway musical. There are six children and six adults in the original show, although directors have usually cast nine actors. The King's Players has cast 12 members to rid any audience confusion of having a cast member play both a child and an adult; as well as making the characters and show more relatable to the audience by giving each character a face. The musical also allows for audience participation: members of the audience will take part in the actual spelling bee.

The club is hosting a social media contest: taking a selfie with the posters around the city of London and hash tagging "#KP Spelling Bee" will enter the individual in a draw to win two free tickets. On January 13, the club will promote the show by having cast members participate in a real live spelling bee in the King Centre from noon – 3 p.m. The spelling bee will be judged by The King's Players president Bernadette James.

"It's a crooked comedy that has fun bits of improv and really, really relatable, and silly, and touching characters" says James, who also plays Marcy Park.

The show is co-sponsored by the KUCSC, Theatre Studies at Western and Western Film.

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