OLIVER! APRIL 13TH, 14TH, 20TH & 21ST

Consider yourself at home with Lionel Bart’s classic musical based on Charles Dickens’ novel, “Oliver Twist.” The Tony and Olivier Award-winning show is one of the few musicals to win an Academy Award for Best Picture and is widely hailed as a true theatrical masterpiece by actors and audience members alike.

The streets of Victorian England come to life as Oliver, a malnourished orphan in a workhouse, becomes the neglected apprentice of an undertaker. Oliver escapes to London and finds acceptance amongst a group of petty thieves and pickpockets led by the elderly Fagin. When Oliver is captured for a theft that he did not commit, the benevolent victim, Mr. Brownlow takes him in. Fearing the safety of his hideout, Fagin employs the sinister Bill Sikes and the sympathetic Nancy to kidnap him back, threatening Oliver’s chances of discovering the true love of a family.

“Oliver!” was chosen because of its musicality — lovely, singable numbers, and because there are opportunities not only for the high school, but the middle and elementary schools as well. Students from 4th and 5th Grade are cast as the orphans and middle school students as orphans and pickpockets.

Among the cast are six seniors, finishing out their Manitou Springs High School performance “careers”:

- Nathan Plush as Fagin;
- Christian Evans-Walker as Bill Sikes;
- Alison Lanning as Bet;
- Deven Gates as Mr. Bumble;
- Sydney Dawson as Mrs. Corney; and
- Dorian Perez as Mr. Sowerberry.

The high school band and orchestra students are contributing by providing the music.

*Produced in arrangement with Music Theatre International

**All tickets are sold on a first come, first served basis and are based on availability.**

**Tickets (sold at the door): Adults - $5  Students - $2**

**Pricing subject to change at any time.**

**No taxes or fees will be added to orders.**

Students from Manitou Springs Middle and Elementary schools will be included as cast members in this year’s production.

For the first time, set and costumes are being designed and created by the Technical Theatre class.