

# 20 years

I cannot believe it has been that long since I portrayed one Daniel Francis Hannigan in my high school senior year. This afternoon, I had the pleasure to sit and enjoy the final performance of an area company's production of "Annie." I was NOT disappointed. Several of my theatrical colleagues and friends had roles on stage at the glorious Huber. Crystal was remarkable as "Aggie" Hannigan. ALWAYS a powerhouse performance displaying the deliciousness of the marvelous character in song, movement, and action. It is very difficult to pick which "sister" I prefer.

Denver, Denver. WHAT A HOOT! He portrayed not only Drake (Warbucks' butler) but one of FDR's cabinet members and a dog catcher as well. Each character was entirely different in appearance, tone, and characterization. From an Irish brogue to the not-so-stiff English servant, he stole the spotlight in every scene he was in! AND YES, he can sing!

I have always been a huge fan of the Hooverville scene. The song which "Likes to Thank Herbert Hoover" for putting hundreds of former employed citizens on the streets is a really fun bit which I was a part of in my second go round. Mary and a few of my other friends doubled (or tripled) in this scene, as Warbucks' servants, and a few other cabinet members.

Finally, Annie herself was a delight. Her charisma on stage fit the role perfectly. Her singing and speaking voice held just the right amount of power, spunk, and naivete. For whatever reason, the production had a different actress stepping into the role both weekends.

I make it a point to never critique roles I have previously played (not that I am biased or anything) ☐

**WELL DONE CAST AND CREW!!!**