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Countdown to Riverside City College's 100th Anniversary

On April 13, 2012 Performance Riverside began its run of the Tony award winning Broadway musical “Annie” in Riverside City College’s Landis Performing Arts Center. The musical stars Jaidyn Young as “Annie”, David Aldrete as “Daddy Warbucks” and Sutton the dog as “Sandy”. Young is one of the finalists vying to portray the lead role in Broadway’s fall 2012 35th Anniversary revival of “Annie”. Performance Riverside’s production of “Annie” continues its run from Friday April 20th to Sunday April 22nd.

Twenty-five years ago, in 1987, The Riverside Civic Light Opera presented RCC’s first production of “Annie”. That show featured Julie Abbot as “Annie”, Bill Odien as “Oliver (Daddy) Warbucks”, Merde the dog as “Sandy” and Patricia Scarborough as “Miss Hannigan”. In the lower right hand corner of the photo below can be seen Julie Abbot (out of character) and Gary Schultz (as himself). Schultz (Director, Performing Arts, Associate Professor Theater Arts 1966-1996) was the Producer / Director of the 1987 production.
Below is a recent photo of the 1987 cast of “Annie”. Left to right: Julie Abbott (Annie), Patricia Scarborough (Miss Hannigan) and Bill Odien (Oliver “Daddy” Warbucks).
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It is 3 years and 47 weeks until RCC’s 100th Anniversary on March 13, 2016.

The Riverside City College Instructional Media Center is bringing you this five year countdown to RCC’s 100th Anniversary. Our intention is to give everyone a weekly glance at the many people and events that have been a part of the college.

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