

## SJ Rep Theater Interview: Cast of The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee - Part 1

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Loni sits down with three of the cast members of the SJ Rep Theater production 'The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee' to discuss acting, musicals, and, of course, spelling. Do they know their ABCs?

In this interview:

- **Marc De La Cruz** as Chip Tolentino
- **Dani Marcus** as Olive Ostrovsky
- **Clifton Guterman** as Leaf Coneybear

The production is directed by Timothy Near in her swan song for the Rep (she received a standing ovation, along with the cast, on opening night). Rick Lombardo will begin a new era of artistic leadership starting with the 2009/2010 season.

Stay tuned for Part 2 coming soon. Also, we have a special surprise bonus featuring assistant director and motion consultant Amanda Folena.