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# SCHOOL OF ROCK

#### **BASED ON THE PARAMOUNT MOVIE BY MIKE WHITE**

#### BOOK BY JULIAN FELLOWES LYRICS BY GLENN SLATER NEW MUSIC BY ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER

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### PRODUCTION NOTES

Welcome to the Hershey Area Playhouse! It is my delight to welcome you to School of Rock, our latest mainstage production of the 2023 season. This season, we bring you stories that illustrate human nature through vulnerability, fear, and hope. And while *School of Rock* may seem like it doesn't fit that description, trust me, it does.

School of Rock is a wonderful show that requires versatile actors, performers, musicians, and vocalists. At the heart of this story is a love for music and the desire to find oneself. Jonathan and his production team have done an exceptional job of creating an environment that embodies these values-ones we hold dear at the Hershey Area Playhouse. I'll confess, I was not a huge School of Rock fan before this season. I had never even seen the movie until Jonathan's insistence. But his enthusiasm, and the joy of watching the performers of this show-the young and the not as young-has been infectious.

I wish to express my sincerest thanks to the many volunteers and current and past board and committee members who make performances like this a reality. Without their generosity, productions like these would not be possible. We follow a long line of dedicated individuals who have maintained a commitment to quality theatre in Central Pennsylvania. It is an honor to be a part of this tradition, and we thank you for your continued support. Please come back to visit us for our upcoming productions. If you like what you see today and are able to support our efforts, please consider sharing your own gifts at hersheyareaplayhouse.com.

#### JASMINE AMMONS BUCHER, BOARD CHAIR

*School of Rock* is not just a musical; it's a celebration of the transformative power of music and the boundless potential that lies within each and every one of us. Through the infectious energy of rock 'n' roll, this story reminds us of the importance of embracing our individuality, nurturing our talents, and daring to dream big. It's a testament to the unbreakable spirit of youth, the magic of music, and the impact that dedicated teachers can have on their students' lives.

I will be honest in saying, that taking on this production was 100% selfish. I put it in the ears of all my closest friends and when it was time to help build the season at the Playhouse I dropped many subtle hints (doubt they were subtle). But as I reflect on the tail end of this process and the shows coming forward it has been an education for me and hopefully for the members of the cast and crew as well.

Throughout this process I have learned that Central Pennsylvania has some of the most talented youth AND adult performers I have EVER had the pleasure of working with. I have learned that this little community theatre in Hershey, PA has so much heart in and outside of its walls, and finally, I have learned that this experience will truly be one I take with me in my life.

On behalf of myself, the cast, crew, production team, and the Board of Directors, we thank you for being here and hope that this experience will be one that will take you far beyond the walls of the Hershey Area Playhouse.

In rock we trust!

#### JONATHAN WALKER-VANKUREN, DIRECTOR

## CAST

#### ROCK

Jon Knauss Katy Naimoli Bryan Kuntz Emily Myers Charlotte Caples Grace Signor Brady Smith Aliyah Swanson Scarlett Meyer Julian Ford Lucy Tibbs Ella McKell Sawyer Bowie Lilah J. Smith James Mott Madison Bitner Harper Menegat Amy Jo Brixius Brendan Pierce Aimee Bealer J. Neumyer Edward Valentine Jr.

**DEWEY FINN ROSALIE MULLINS** NED SCHNEEBLY PATTY DI MARCO SUMMER HATHAWAY TOMIKA **ZACK MOONEYHAM FREDDIE HAMILTON** KATIE LAWRENCE MARCY **SHONELLE BILLY SANDFORD MASON WARD** JAMES SOPHIE MADISON **MRS. SHEINKOPF MR. MOONEYHAM MRS. HATHAWAY MR. WILLIAMS MR. SPENCER** 

## ROLL

Jon Knauss Emily Wick Jeff Hosenfeld Aimee Bealer Adeline Jackson Cienna Kamanda Brady Smith Aliyah Swanson Scarlett Meyer Julian Ford Gianna Petrou Hannah Vespignani Sawyer Bowie Adele Hosenfeld Eliza Nurick Lucy Trout Harper Menegat Amy Jo Brixius **Brendan** Pierce Emily Myers J. Neumyer Edward Valentine Jr.

#### COMPANY

Bethany Malykh, Emma Kneisley, Emma Gottschall, Danielle Klinger-Grumbine, KJ Samuels, Benjamin Kapp, Laurie Rhodes

## PIT

GUITAR/MUSIC DIRECTOR KEYBOARD/ASSOCIATE MUSIC DIRECTOR BASS GUITAR DRUMS Warren Gramm Mark Naimoli Eric Boyd Aaron Rudderow

# **SCENES & MUSICAL NUMBERS**

#### ACTI

"I'M TOO HOT FOR YOU"	No Vacancy, Dewey
"WHEN I CLIMB TO THE TOP OF MOUNT ROCK"	Derven
"HORACE GREEN ALMA MATER"	
"HERE AT HORACE GREEN"	
"HERE AT HORACE GREEN PT. 2"	
"CHILDREN OF ROCK"	Dewey, Ned
"MOUNT ROCK (REPRISE)" "QUEEN OF THE NIGHT"	Patty
"QUEEN OF THE NIGHT"	
"YOU'RE IN THE BAND"	Dewey, Students
"YOU'RE IN THE BAND (REPRISE)"	Dewey, Students
"IF ONLY YOU WOULD LISTEN"	
"IN THE END OF TIME"	Dewey
"FACULTY QUADRILLE"	
"IN THE END OF TIME (BAND PRACTICE)"	Dewey, Backup Girls
"STICK IT TO THE MAN"	Dewey, Students
"MOUNT ROCK THE ESCAPE"	
"IN THE END OF TIME (THE AUDITION)"	
"STICK IT TO THE MAN (REPRISE)"	Dewey, Students

#### **15-MINUTE INTERMISSION**

#### ACT II

"TIME TO PLAY"	Summer, Students
"AMAZING GRACE"	
"MATH IS A WONDERFUL THING"	Dewey, Summer
"WHERE DID THE ROCK GO INTRO"	Dewey, Rosalie
"WHERE DID THE ROCK GO"	
"SCHOOL OF ROCK PT 1"	
"SCHOOL OF ROCK PT 2"	
"DEWEY'S CONFESSION"	Dewey, Patty, Ned, Rosalie, Parents
"IF ONLY YOU WOULD LISTEN (REPRISE)"	
"I'M TOO HOT FOR YOU (COMPETITION)"	Theo, Doug, Bob, Snake
"SCHOOL OF ROCK (COMPETITION)"	Dewey, Students
"STICK IT TO THE MAN (COMPETITION ENCORE)"	
"YOU'RE IN THE BAND CURTAIN CALL"	Dewey, Company
"QUEEN OF THE NIGHT (ROCK VERSION)"	Company

## CAST



Jon Knauss



Katy Naimoli



Emily Wick



Bryan Kuntz



Jeff Hosenfeld



Emily Myers



Aimee Bealer



Charlotte Caples



Adeline Jackson



Grace Signor



Cienna Kamanda



Brady Smith



Aliyah Swanson



Scarlett Meyer



Julian Ford



Lucy Tibbs



Gianna Petrou



Ella McKell



Hannah Vespignani



Sawyer Bowie



Lilah J. Smith



Adele Hosenfeld



James Mott



Eliza Nurick



Madison Bitner



Lucy Trout



Harper Menegat



Amy Jo Brixius



Brendan Pierce



J. Neumyer



Edward Valentine, Jr.



Bethany Malykh



Emma Kneisley



Emma Gottschall



Danielle Klinger-Grumbine



KJ Samuels



Benjamin Kapp



Laurie Rhodes

# **CREATIVE TEAM**



Jonathan Walker-VanKuren



Warren Gramm



Mark Naimoli



Stacy Erdman



Rosemary Bucher



Sierra Fields



Megan Arnold



Mohit Patel



Molly Trautman



Bailey Klinedinst



Kat Turner



Miguel Santiago

# **ABOUT THE CAST**

**JON KNAUSS (DEWEY FINN)** is excited to be in his first Hershey Area Playhouse production. Some of his favorite performances include *Godspell* (John/Judas), *Cabaret* (Bobby), *Eddie* (Lippa's The Wild Party), and *Cain* (Children of Eden). When not performing Jon does medical scheduling and coding. Thanks to those who have relentlessly supported him, his cat, Grim, for always singing along, and his boyfriend, Wes, for all the love and encouragement he has given. He/him

**KATY NAIMOLI (ROSALIE MULLINS, ROCK CAST)** is excited to return to Hershey Area Playhouse as Rosalie Mullins. She was last seen on-state at HAP in *Sweeney Todd*. No stranger to the stage, her favorite roles include Little Red in *Into the Woods* and Edwin Drood in *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*. When not on-stage, you can find Katy doing anything and everything outdoors or hanging with Mark and their puppy, JoJo. She/her

**EMILY WICK (ROSALIE MULLINS, ROLL CAST)** is excited to make her Hershey Area Playhouse debut with *School of Rock!* Previous: *Camelot* (Montgomery Theater); *A Christmas Story* (Broadway Theatre of Pitman); *Cabaret* (HP&P); *Ragtime* (Servant Stage Company); *Worlds of Wonder* (Magic & Wonder Theatre); *The Home Game* (Blue Gate Musicals); *Tecumseh! Outdoor Drama*. Emily taught for Missoula Children's Theatre and was recently the assistant director/choreographer for *James & the Giant Peach Jr.* at Servant Stage Company. When she isn't performing Emily likes to practice aerial arts and learn folk songs on guitar. So much love to Mom, Dad, Josh, Matt, and Gabe. @itsemilywick. She/her

**BRYAN KUNTZ (NED SCHNEEBLY, ROCK CAST)** has loved being in HAP's production of *School of Rock*, which comes as the latest step in a rekindling of his love and passion for theater. After a long hiatus from the stage, Bryan has been inspired by the opportunity to perform alongside his children (including James Mott in SOR), and especially appreciated the chance to have 5 of his 7 kids be involved with him in Susquehanna Stage's recent production of *Children of Eden*. In his younger days, Bryan loved being a part of productions like *Pippin, West Side Story*, and especially *Footloose* (Chuck Cranston). In addition to singing, Bryan also loves playing "anything with keys" and dabbling on the bass guitar. You can often find him doing all that on worship teams at Elizabethtown BIC church, where he is on staff as a Family Ministries Pastor. Thanks to the whole cast for a great ride, and especially to his beautiful, loving, supportive wife, Kristin! He/him

JEFF HOSENFELD (NED SCHNEEBLY, ROLL CAST) is excited to be back on stage rockin' and rollin' after a twenty-year hiatus to raise kids! Favorite performances include *Guys and Dolls, Once Upon a Mattress,* and *Crazy for You* (where he met his wife). When not performing on the stage, his true passion is directing and has directed over a dozen plays and musicals at various high schools and community theatre. Favorite productions include: *Little Shop of Horrors, The Comedy of Errors, Anything Goes,* and *Freaky Friday.* Jeff also serves as an evaluator for the Hershey Apollo Awards. Jeff is a middle school principal during his day job, and enjoys swimming, camping, board games, and has recently started bagpipe lessons. Love and appreciation to the rock stars in his life - his wife and kids. A special thanks to this amazing cast and crew! Rock on! He/him

**EMILY MYERS (PATTY DI MARCO, ROCK CAST/MS. HATHAWAY, ROLL CAST)** is so grateful to be taking the stage in her sixth show at the Playhouse! She's been performing for almost 13 years, and there's no place she'd rather be. Previous credits include: *First Date* (Lauren), *Bandstand* (Jo, Julia u/s), *9 to 5* (Company), *Sweeney Todd* (Company), and *Sin* (Avery Bly). She'd like to thank her amazing friends and family, both chosen and blood, for their unending support. Let's rock! She/her

**AIMEE BEALER (PATTY DI MARCO, ROLL CAST/MS. HATHAWAY, ROCK CAST)** is thrilled to return to the Hershey Area Playhouse, where she appeared in Lebanon Valley College's production of *On The Town* (Madam Maude P. Dilly). When she's not performing, she works at the Public Media Center for WITF. Thanks to the everyone involved in the show for an AWESOME experience. Thank you to my family and friends for always supporting me endlessly. She/her **CHARLOTTE CAPLES (SUMMER HATHAWAY, ROCK CAST)** was last seen on the Hershey Area Playhouse stage in *The SpongeBob Musical: Youth Edition* (Sandy). Some of her favorite roles include Mary Lennox in *The Secret Garden* (Theatre Harrisburg), Elle Woods in *Legally Blonde Jr.* (Lebanon Community Theatre), Regina George in *Mean Girls: High School Version* (Popovsky Performing Arts), and Rafiki in *The Lion King Jr.* (HAP). When she is not performing she is a 10th grader at Hershey High School, dancing at Hershey School of Dance and playing guitar. She is so excited to "be in the band" and wants to thank the directors for giving her this opportunity! She also wants to thank her parents and her sister for always supporting her! She/her

**ADELINE JACKSON (SUMMER HATHAWAY, ROLL CAST)** is delighted to be returning to Hershey Area Playhouse, where she previously made her debut last fall as Portia in *Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella: Youth Edition.* Adeline performs whenever she can, and has appeared in both *Shrek Jr.* (Princess Fiona) and *Descendants* (Mal) in her time at Lower Dauphin Middle School. Other favorite performances include *Once Upon a Crime* (Goldilocks) and *Oz* (Wicked Witch), both at HCPAC. When Adeline is not performing on stage, she attends LDMS as an 8th grader and enjoys playing softball and volleyball. She/her

**GRACE SIGNOR (TOMIKA, ROCK CAST)** is excited to be back at Hershey Area Playhouse. Regional: Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (Dutch Apple), Annie (Dutch Apple), Home For The Holidays (AMT), Honk Jr. (Dutch Apple), The Little Mermaid (Dutch Apple). Gypsy (Gretna Theatre). Favorite Credits include: Legally Blonde (Vivienne Kensington), Anne of Green Gables (Anne Shirley), Peter Pan (Peter Pan). In addition to her love for theater, she enjoys modeling and tv/film work. Grace trains with Joanne Abrom for voice, Acting with Lea Sevola, and dances with Tabitha Hubbard. Enjoy the show! Instagram: @gracesignor. She/her

**CIENNA KAMANDA (TOMIKA, ROLL CAST)** 12, is a Lancaster-based performer. Recent credits include Donkey in *Shrek* (Susquehanna Stage), *Susan Waverly* in White Christmas (Fulton Theater), *Lavender* in Matilda the Musical (Gretna Theatre), and Jane in *Mary Poppins Jr.* at the Junction Center. She was also cast as young Michael Jackson in *Reji Woods' Motown Review*. She currently plays trombone and sings in a band at the Young Musician Academy; and studies theater and tap at Creative Pursuits Academy. She is also an avid softball player and lover of all things Broadway. *School of Rock* is her first show at Hershey Area Playhouse and she's thrilled to be a part of this talented young cast! She/her

**BRADY SMITH (ZACK)** is excited to be making his Hershey Area Playhouse debut. He is a 9th grader at Palmyra High School and has participated in musicals in the middle school and area theaters. Brady was most recently seen in *The Prom* (Teen Ensemble). Some of his favorites include *Les Miserables* (Male Ensemble), *The Little Mermaid Jr*. (Sebastian), *James and the Giant Peach Jr*. (Ladahlord), *Footloose* (Rev. Shaw Moore), and *Mary Poppins Jr*. (Michael Banks). Brady has been involved in many activities over the years and has recently made the decision to focus his efforts on theater, vocals, and playing the guitar. He would like to thank the production staff for this amazing opportunity and his family for their continued support.

**ALIYAH SWANSON (FREDDIE HAMILTON)** is thrilled to be in her first Hershey Area Playhouse production! She is going into 9th grade at Susquehanna High School and has been preforming on stage for over 5 years. Her favorite roles she's played so far are Jovie in *Elf Jr*, Crutchie in *Newsies*, Miss Honey in *Matilda Jr*, Rusty in *Footloose*, and Little Red Riding Hood/ Prince Charming in *Into the Woods Jr*. Outside of theater, Aliyah is found drumming in her school's band, reading, and singing. She is grateful for all of her family and friends and how they support her by dealing with her singing all the time. She/her

**SCARLETT MEYER (KATIE)** is 14 years old and in 10th grade at Lebanon HS. Though this is her HAP debut, she has been performing since the age of 7 in local community theatre and professional/regional theatre, such as Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre, Prather Productions, and American Music Theatre. Some of her favorite roles include Matilda (*Matilda Jr*), Annie (*Annie Jr*), JoJo (*Seussical Jr*), Young Gloria (*On Your Feet*), Molly (*Annie*), and Les (*Newsies*). In addition to theatre, Scarlett enjoys dancing at The Movement Laboratory, solving Rubik's cubes, and learning new musical instruments. She just learned to play bass guitar this past summer, but she also plays piano, violin, ukulele, and clarinet. Scarlett is grateful for the opportunity to work with the incredible group of adults and kids that made this show possible. Eph 2:10. She/her

JULIAN FORD (LAWRENCE) attends Lampeter-Strasburg High School. He is excited for his debut at Hershey Area Playhouse in *School of Rock.* Julian's previous most recent roles include Friedrich in *Sound of Music* for Servant Stage, Mr. Bundles/Ensemble in *Annie* for Lampeter-Strasburg, *The Musical Box* as a featured singer and Delivery Boy in *Frosty*, and Edgar/Little Boy in *Ragtime* for Servant Stage. Other shows include *The Miracle Worker* as Percy at Belmont Theater, *Anything Goes* at Lampeter-Strasburg, *Sherlock Holmes and the Mystery of the Crown Jewel as* Pip at Fulton Theater, Bruce in *Matilda* for Gretna Playhouse, two *Frozen Jr*. musicals for Lampeter-Strasburg and Servant Sage as Duke of Weselton, and *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* as Jeremy Potts for Lampeter-Strasburg. He enjoys tennis, swimming, and time with friends. Julian wishes to thank his family, friends, Sally Armstrong, Reji Woods, and Cody Smith for their support. He/him

**LUCY TIBBS (MARCY, ROCK CAST)** is thrilled to perform in *School of Rock*! This is her second show at the Playhouse, having appeared previously as Stepsister Joy in *Cinderella Youth Edition*. She is currently a 10th-grade theatre student at Capital Area School for the Arts. Lucy last performed in the CASA theatre End-of-Year play *All in the Timing*. She also was recently seen in *RENT* with the Weary Arts Group. Lucy would like to thank her family, her theatre teacher, and her cast mates for putting on a wonderful show. She/her

**GIANNA PETROU (MARCY, ROLL CAST)** is a 9th Grade Student at Bishop McDevitt High School. She is thrilled to return to the Hershey Area Playhouse, and has been involved in musical theatre since the age of 2! She has been in *The Wedding Singer* (company) *Cinderella: Youth Edition* (Herald) *9 to 5* (company) *SpongeBob Youth Edition* (Devotee, Electric Skate) all of these at HAP! Her favorite role to date has been Young Amelié in *Amelié: Teen Edition* at Palmyra Area High School. She has been dancing at her mother's dance studio Tap n Arts Dance Studio, in Harrisburg, for 13 years. She would like to thank the cast, crew and production team for all of their hard work on this show. She would especially like to thank her family for always supporting her love of theater! She/her

**ELLA MCKELL (SHONELLE, ROCK CAST)** is a rising 9th grader at Capital Area School of the Arts (CASA). Ella has performed in many theater productions including Encore! Homeschool Productions *Shrek the Musical* as Gingy and *Disney's The Little Mermaid* as Ensemble. as Ensemble. Ella has performed in many local community theatre shows including *Honk! - The Musical, Mulan Jr., the Addams Family Jr.,* and *Cinderella: Youth Edition*. Ella has performed featured roles as Donkey in *Shrek Jr.,* Young Terk in *Tarzan,* Tommy in *Matilda Jr.,* Gaston in *Beauty and the Beast Jr.,* and most recently Damien in *Mean Girls, Jr.* Ella is excited to be performing in her first MainStage show at the Hershey Area Playhouse. She/her

HANNAH VESPIGNANI (SHONELLE, ROLL CAST) is excited to make her debut to Hershey Area Playhouse. Most recently she has played the role of Storyteller in Eagle View Middle Schools performance of *Shrek Jr*. Thank you to the entire cast and crew for a memorable experience. And most of all, thanks and all my love to Mom, Dad, and my Grandma: you put up with my constant singing, my schedule, and for that I am extremely grateful. She/her

**SAWYER BOWIE (BILLY SANDFORD)** is thrilled to be a part of his first production at the Hershey Area Playhouse. Sawyer has performed in several regional theater shows and musicals including *Puffs* (J. Finch), *Jack and the Giant* (Jack Spriggins), *A Christmas Carol* (Turkey Boy), and *Frozen* (Kristoff). Sawyer truly enjoys taking on new character roles and learning from his castmates. In his spare time, Sawyer is an 8th grader at Mountain View Middle School in Cumberland Valley School District. Thank you to all the cast and crew for all your great support and friendship. A special thanks to my family and friends that continually show up and share in my love of the theater. He/Him

**LILAH J. SMITH (MASON WARD, ROCK CAST)** is excited to be making her debut at the Hershey Area Playhouse! Currently an 8th grader at Palmyra Area Middle School (PAMS), Lilah loves dance and music, having taken lessons at Palmyra Academy of Dance (PAOD) since it opened. She enjoys playing piano and cello and would like to say a special thank you to Mrs. Kristen Miller, her piano teacher and Ms. Alley Witt, her dance teacher for so many years at PAOD. Lilah has previously performed in *Legally Blonde, Jr.* (Brooke Wyndham) at the Lebanon Community Theatre and in *Rock of Ages, Youth Edition* (Sherrie Christian) at Palmyra's Gold Star Theatre Camp. At PAMS she has appeared in their productions of *Footloose: Youth Edition.* (Wendy Jo) and *The Little Mermaid Jr.* (Princess #6). Lots of love to: Mom, Dad, Penny, Harper, Bella, Louis, and of course her amazing extended family. She/her **ADELE HOSENFELD (MASON WARD, ROLL CAST)** is excited to be performing again at the Hershey Area Playhouse, where she was seen last month as Karen Plankton in *The SpongeBob Musical: Youth Edition.* Previous HAP shows include *Cinderella, Youth Edition* (Ensemble), *The Lion King, Jr.* (Zazu), *Dear Edwina, Jr.* (Aphrodite), and *The Homecoming* (Pattie Cake) Other favorite performances include *Oliver*! (Fagin's gang), *Game of Myths* (Zeus), *Freaky Friday* (Fletcher), *Camp Rock* (ensemble), and *Pirates Past Noon* (Annie). She is a 9th grade student at Hershey High School and enjoys saxophone, marching band, choir and scouts. She wishes to thank her family, friends, teachers, and directors and wishes everyone a great show! She/her

JAMES MOTT (JAMES, ROCK CAST) is thrilled to be cast as James in this production of *School of Rock*. This is third production on stage in 2023 as he kicks off his freshman year of high school. He was cast as Young Abel in *Children of Eden* at Susquehanna Stage this summer and in the spring he was James in *James and the Giant Peach Jr.* at Elizabethtown Area Middle School. In 2022, James took the stage as Simba in the EAMS production of *Disney Cabaret*. Prior to that James was cast in several shows at the Harrisburg Christian Performing Arts Center. There he played Prince Charming in *Cinderella's Glass Slipper Jr*, as well as a small elf/ensemble part in *Elf Jr*. James loves music and acting, and has been building his tap dancing skills at E-dance in Elizabethtown, PA. He/him

**ELIZA ZURICK (JAMES, ROLL CAST)** is very excited to do her first production at Hershey Area Playhouse! She has been in a series of shows since the age of 7, these shows include, *Annie Jr* (Lily), *Willy Wonka Jr* (Grandma Josephine), *Twelfth Night* (Olivia), *Mary Poppins* (Mrs Corey), *Once Upon A Mattress* (Lady In Waiting), *The Odyssey* (soldier 1), *James And The Giant Peach* (Company), *The Diary Of Anne Frank* (Anne), and more! Eliza works at a Hebrew school on Sundays, and a Summer Camp during the summer! She has played flute for 6 years! Eliza has had a passion for singing since she was able to speak. Eliza would like to thank the cast and crew for this amazing opportunity! She/they

**MADISON BITNER (SOPHIE, ROCK CAST)** is excited to make her debut on the Hershey Area Playhouse stage! Madi discovered her love for the arts at a young age with roles in various productions to include *Matilda Jr*. (ensemble), *Shrek Jr*. (Little Pig and Duloc Dancer), and *Beauty and the Beast* (Mrs. Potts). When not on stage, Madison spends her time as a high school freshman who can be found with her nose in a book, working on a challenging puzzle, singing her favorite songs and hanging out with friends. Madison is thrilled for this amazing opportunity and would like to thank those who continually encourage her to follow her dreams. Thank you to my Mom & Dad and my Grandparents who are always there for me, and my great Aunt Nancy, who encouraged me to audition. I hope you all enjoy the show! She/her

**LUCY TROUT (SOPHIE, ROLL CAST)** is delighted to be returning to the Hershey Area Playhouse stage after previously appearing in *Cinderella Youth Edition* (Queen), *Miracle On 34th Street* (Dutch Girl) and *A Christmas Carol* (Little Beggar/child). Her other recent credits include, Fulton Theatre's production of *The Sound of Music* (Marta), Gretna Theatre's *Matilda* (ensemble), and Hershey High School's *Oliver!* (Captain). She studies voice, guitar, and piano, under Lancaster's Kelly Buchanan. Lucy is a 9th grade student at Hershey High School where she sings in choir. In her spare time, Lucy loves to play video games, take dance classes, craft and talk to her friends. Lucy would like to thank her parents, Joy and Mike Trout for letting her follow her dreams. She/her

**HARPER MENEGAT (MADISON)** is a 9th grader at Cumberland Valley. Her previous musical roles include: Ensemble in *Cinderella*, Pepper in *Annie Jr*, Ensemble in *The Wizard of Oz*, Ensemble in *The Happy Elf*, Fiona in *Shrek Jr*, and Ensemble in *The SpongeBob Musical*. Outside of school, Harper takes voice lessons and loves to dance. Harper would like to thank her family and friends for their continuous support through her musical journey, and Dru Deitch for helping her improve as a singer and actress. She/her

**AMY JO BRIXIUS (MRS. SHEINKOPF)** is in her 10th year of performing at HAP. She was previously seen performing as Violet (9 to 5), Mrs. Lovett (*Sweeney Todd*), Angie (*The Wedding Singer*), Justice (*Rock of Ages*), Sebastian (*The Little Mermaid*), Winifred (*Once Upon a Mattress*), Mrs. Harcourt (*Anything Goes*, Carlisle Theatre), Mazeppa (*Gypsy*), and Ethel Tofflemier (*The Music Man*). Amy Jo is proud to be a HAP Board member and Chair of the Production and Artistic Committee. Thank you to Jonathan, the production staff, and this rocking cast for an awesome experience! She would also like to thank her parents, Gram, family, and friends for traveling to see her in these productions. She/her

**BRENDAN PIERCE (MR. MOONEYHAM)** is returning to the Hershey Area Playhouse after performing in *Bandstand* earlier this year. Brendan was involved in theater throughout high school, and most recently played trombone in the pit orchestra for Lebanon Valley College's production of *On The Town*. Brendan has just finished his first year studying music education at LVC. He would like to thank the cast and crew for being very welcoming, and his family and friends for their continuous love and support. He/him

**J NEUMYER (MR. WILLIAMS)** is excited to be performing in his first show at Hershey Area Playhouse. After a 28 year hiatus, he debuted in *Chicago* (Sergeant Fogerty) with Bare Bones Theater Ensemble. In his free time, he enjoys escape rooms and trivia. Thank you to my wonderful wife, Cyndi, for her amazing love and support. He/him

**EDWARD VALENTINE, JR. (MR. SPENCER)** is excited to return to the Hershey Area Playhouse for *School of Rock*. This will be his second performance here, recently having starred in *Bandstand* (Davy Zlatic). He has participated in Palmyra Area High School's theater program in their pit and cast. He recently graduated from Palmyra and hopes to be an airline pilot in the future. Thank you to my family and friends for supporting me through these wacky times. He/him

**BETHANY MALYKH (COMPANY)** is excited to be making her Hershey Area Playhouse debut! Recent credits include *The Addams Family* (Ancestor), *The Happy Elf* (Featured Dancer), *Descendants* (Fairy Godmother) and *Wizard of Oz* (Ensemble/Dancer). She studied acting at Messiah College and The Gaiety School of Acting in Dublin and studies voice with David Glasgow in Mechanicsburg, PA. Thank you to Jonathan and the entire cast and crew for this wonderful experience and a huge thank you to my husband, family, and friends for all their love and support! She/her

**EMMA KNEISLEY (COMPANY)** This will be Emma's second show at this theatre, but don't let that fool you! She has been active in community theatres for over half her life. Some notable roles she has taken on with pride include *Shrek* (Dragon), *Beauty and the Beast* (Mrs Potts), *Into the Woods* (Florinda), and so many more on the Lebanon Community Theatre stage. When she's not performing she's a super mom to a beautiful 6 year old girl and a call center manager for M&T Bank. She's always grateful for an opportunity to sing and share her happiness with the world. She/her

**EMMA GOTTSCHALL (COMPANY)** is so excited to be joining the cast of *School of Rock*! Recently, Emma made her Hershey Area Playhouse debut as a company member in 9 to 5 this season. Emma has performed as an ensemble member in *Miss Saigon, Urinetown*, and *West Side Story* at St. Joseph's Regional H.S. in Millburn, NJ. Since high school, Emma has focused on non-theatrical pursuits, getting an M.S. in Food Science and currently works as a Project Manager at The Hershey Co. In her spare time, Emma also plays horn in Mr. Goodband, Hershey's employee band. She's thrilled to work alongside the entire cast and crew to make this production a reality. "Td like to give a HUGE thank you to the friends and family that supported this crazy desire to get back into theater after a 15 year hiatus; especially my partner, Adam, who always encourages me to follow my dreams!" She/her

**DANIELLE KLINGER-GRUMBINE (COMPANY)** is thrilled to return to the Hershey Area Playhouse stage, having recently performed in the musical 9 to 5 over the summer. She previously performed in other shows at the playhouse including *Gypsy* (Tessie Tura), *The Music Man* (Mrs. Squires) and *A Christmas Carol Musical* (Ghostly Tio/Ensemble). Danielle has also performed with other area theatres over the last 20 years. When not performing, Danielle enjoys spending time with family and friends, helping to lead worship at her church, volunteering, gardening and baking. Thanks to the cast and crew for another amazing experience. Much love to all, especially her two leading men, husband, Nate and son, Benjamin. Let's rock! She/her

**KJ SAMUELS (COMPANY)** is beyond excited to be returning to HAP. Past HAP performances include The King and I, The Music Man, The Secret Garden, The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, and Spring Awakening. KJ was most recently seen in Bat Boy: The Musical with the Twin Valley Players playing 3 crazy characters. KJ is the 2016 Hershey Theatre Apollo Award for Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Musical - Recipient. Regional Theatre - Jesus Christ Superstar (John/Totem Pole Playhouse), The Hunchback of Notre Dame (Chorus/Fulton Theatre), Titanic: The Musical (JH Rogers/Servant Stage Company), 2020 Virtual Summer Concert Series (Servant Stage Company), Gifts of the Magi (City Him/Cavod Theatre), Who Killed Elliot Hale? (Alexander/Gretna Theatre). Favorite credits include The Addams Family (Fester/Creative Pursuits), and Shakespeare in Love (Fennyman/Creative Pursuits) both directed by Broadway actor Matthew Hydzik. Other credits include - Frankenstein, Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, Damn Yankees, 9 to 5, La Boheme, Beauty and the Beast, Singing in the Rain, South Pacific, The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, Godspell, The Ever After, and The Addams Family. Film/TV include - Draculaw, Brave The Dark, Sheetz commercial. He/him/they/them

**BENJAMIN KAPP (COMPANY)** has performed at the Lebanon Community Theatre for over ten years, some of his favorite shows performed in include *Little Women* (Laurie), *Romeo and Juliet* (Count Paris), and *Bye Bye Birdie* (Harvey Johnson). He thanks his family and friends for always supporting him and hopes everyone enjoys this show. He/him

**LAURIE RHODES (COMPANY)** moved back to her hometown, Hershey, in 2022, and is delighted to make her PA community theatre debut at the Hershey Area Playhouse. She lived in Boulder, CO for 18 years and dabbled in community theatre there. Favorite productions include *Buffy the Vampire Slayer: Once More, With Feeling, Spoon River, Loving Alanis* (original play directed by the playwright), as well as *Boulder Acts* (original one-acts written, directed, and performed in 24 hours). Laurie is grateful to Patrick, Maggie, Gwen, and Keeva for allowing her the time away that being in a production requires. She/her.

# **ABOUT THE CREATIVE TEAM**

**JONATHAN WALKER-VANKUREN (DIRECTOR)** has enjoyed a successful career both on and off the operatic stage performing works of the jazz, musical theatre, art song, and opera repertoires while having taught students from all around the country. Former students of Mr. Walker-VanKuren have gone on to perform in Broadway national tours, work with regional musical theatre companies, and study classical voice and vocal pedagogy at institutions such as Texas A&M, Michigan State University, and Belmont University. He is currently an Assistant Professor of Voice and Artist Teacher of Studio Voice and Music Theatre at Lebanon Valley College while also maintaining an active recital performing schedule. He/him

**DR. WARREN GRAMM (MUSIC DIRECTOR)** is the Director of Music Education and Assistant Professor of Music at Lebanon Valley College as well as the journal administrator for The Journal of Popular Music Education. Warren received his bachelor's degree in music from The College of New Jersey and his master's in music from The Peabody Conservatory of Johns Hopkins University. Both of those degrees were received with a concentration in classical guitar. He completed his doctorate in music education at Boston University with a focus on peer mentoring within popular music ensembles. Dr. Gramm's research and publication interests include peer mentoring, modern band, popular music education, and authentic approaches to learning. In his spare time, Warren loves live music, musical theater, and photography. He/him

MARK NAIMOLI (ASSOCIATE MUSIC DIRECTOR) is playing his second show at Hershey Area Playhouse, most recently *Sweeney Todd*. He teaches music and coaches golf at Lebanon. He/him

**STACY ERDMAN (VOCAL DIRECTOR)** is happy to return to the Hershey Area Playhouse to work with this amazing cast and crew. Stacy was previously the Music Director for *Cinderella Youth Edition* and has performed at the playhouse including starring as Judy Garland in *The Property Known as Garland*. Stacy has been performing through Pennsylvania since her childhood. She is a K-2 Content Specialist for Commonwealth Charter Academy. Stacy sends her thanks to her husband and three grown children who support having a wife and mother who still loves to play make believe. She/her

**ROSEMARY BUCHER (PRODUCER)** is an NYC-based producer, director, writer, singer, arts administrator, graphic designer, therapist for theatre teachers (amateur licensing associate at Concord Theatricals), and HAP board member. Directing projects include Chess (Lebanon Valley College), Dog Sees God (LVC), Perfectly Normal (Samuel French Off-Off Broadway Festival, NYC), Digital Short Plays (Hershey Area Playhouse), Some Enchanted Evening (with Kevin Edward Gane, HAP), Tilda Swinton Betrayed Us (NY Thespians), and Sweeney Todd (HAP). rosemarybucher.com. She/her

**SIERRA FIELDS (PRODUCER)** is excited to be back at the Hershey Area Playhouse and working with this wonderful group of people. Sierra is an HAP Theatre Academy Instructor, while also serving on the Education Committee here at the Playhouse. She has worked behind the scenes on many productions here at the Playhouse and is super excited to step into the formal role of producer on this production. Outside of the Playhouse, Sierra is an elementary music teacher at Palmyra Area School District and is the middle school director of Palmyra Theatre. Beyond producing on this production, Sierra has been seen in *Mamma Mia* (Sophie) and *The Sound Of Music* (Liesl), among other roles. Sierra looks forward to continuing to sing and perform in the area. She wants to give a special thank you to Jonathan for giving her a role in this production team, and to the whole cast and crew for being Rock Stars! She/her

**MEGAN ARNOLD (STAGE MANAGER)** is very excited to be a part of another Hershey Area Playhouse production! Most recently, she was an assistant stage manager and the lighting technician for HAP's production of *9 To 5*. She is also the production stage manager for Lebanon Valley College's Music Theatre Department, as well as the secretary for LVC's Wig and Buckle Theatre Company. Outside of theatre, she is currently studying Interaction Design at LVC. Megan would like to thank the cast and production crew of *School of Rock* for all of their hard work throughout the process! She/her

MOHIT PATEL (ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER) is an assistant stage manager. He/him

**MOLLY TRAUTMAN (ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER)** is excited to be back at the Hershey Area Playhouse for her fourth performance. She was last seen behind the scenes of *9 to 5, The Wedding Singer,* and *Rock of Ages* at HAP. Prior to this she was involved in stage crew in 8 shows throughout her middle and high school careers at Palmyra. During this time, she was awarded the Spirit of Theater Award at the Hershey Theater Apollo Awards. Outside of theater, Molly is a senior biochemistry and molecular biology major at Lebanon Valley College where she is an active member of the Pride of the Valley Marching Band. She plans to attend graduate school to pursue a masters degree in forensic science. She is grateful for the many theater opportunities she has been given and would like to thank her family and friends for their endless support! She/her

**KAT TURNER (COSTUME DESIGNER)** is thrilled to be a part of the Hershey Area Playhouse family for the first time! Kat has devoted much of the last ten years of her life to costumes and costume design. She received her bachelors degree in Speech Communication with a focus on Theatre, with a specialty in costumes. She contributed her designs to Millersville's production of *The Wedding Singer, Heathers the Musical*, and *Sin*. Along with various other productions in varying capacities .She currently works at the Millersville University Costume Shop where she helps curate a collection of over 35,000 costumes. She/her

**BRUCE BARRY (SOUND DESIGNER)** A Lebanon County native, Bruce attended Lebanon Valley College, where he dual-majored in Music Education and Music with a concentration in Trumpet Performance When not teaching band and music at the Lebanon Middle School, Bruce can be found running sound and lights for Lebanon School District's many theatrical events.

**BAILEY KLINEDINST (SOUND ASSISTANT)** is a dedicated and passionate member of the Hershey Area Playhouse team. With a background as an electric bass player, he has been a part of several memorable productions, including *On the Town* and Wig and Buckle Theatre Company's *Bonnie and Clyde*. Bailey has also edited backing tracks for the Acts of Kindness Theatre Company's production of *The SpongeBob Musical*. Bailey would like to thank his family and friends for always pushing him to pursue his education and career. He/him **TRENT COULON (SOUND CONSULTANT)** is excited to work on his third show at the Hershey Area Playhouse! His first experiences with theater were in high school, when he performed in the pit for Dover Area High School's productions of *Back to the 80's, Les Misérables, The Addams Family*, and *The Little Mermaid.* He previously designed sound for *Bandstand, 9 to 5,* and *First Date* at the Playhouse. Trent is a junior at Lebanon Valley College, currently studying audio and music production. He/him

**MIGUEL SANTIAGO (LIGHTING DESIGN)** has worked in all aspects of theatre from performing to involvement on the technical side. He specializes in lighting design and has worked as a designer on numerous shows, some of which include *Sweeney Todd, Kodachrome, The Little Mermaid, Bandstand, 9 to 5,* and *First Date.* Miguel maintains a busy schedule working on and performing in productions at a number of Central PA theaters and organizations. He also serves as the Technical Director at the Hershey Area Playhouse and Gretna Theatre! He/him

JEFFREY MILLER (SET CONSTRUCTION) is a retired Superintendent of Schools from the Methacton School District (Norristown, PA). Previous to his service in Methacton, Jeff was Superintendent of Schools in the Lower Dauphin School District from 1991-2003. A former member of the Board of Directors of the Playhouse and Operations Manager, Jeff has been in the Playhouse's productions of *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, The Sound of Music, Annie, Hello, Dolly!, Oliver,* and *Fiddler on The Roof.* Jeff is happy to have partnered with Carlton Hoke to build many of the sets for Playhouse productions. Jeff lives in Hershey with his wife, Bonnie and their cat and has been an active supporter of the Hershey Area Playhouse. He/him

**CARLTON HOKE (SET CONSTRUCTION)** retired from teaching in 2005 after 35 years of teaching art and computer classes in the Derry Township School District. Since then he has designed, constructed, or painted stage settings at the playhouse for many of our productions. He says that working with Jeff on Playhouse projects is the perfect retirement job. He/him

ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER (NEW MUSIC) has composed the scores of some of the world's most famous musicals. From Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (1969) to Cinderella (2021), his work has been consistently seen on world stages. Before the COVID pandemic hit, Lloyd Webber had shows continually running in the West End for 48 years and on Broadway for 41. When Sunset Boulevard joined School Of Rock, CATS and The Phantom Of the Opera, he equalled Rodgers & Hammerstein's record of four shows running simultaneously on Broadway. He is one of the select group of artists with EGOT status, having received Emmy, Grammy, Oscar, and Tony Awards. Lloyd Webber owns seven London theatres, including the iconic London Palladium and Theatre Royal, Drury Lane. Over the past three years the latter has been completely restored and renovated at a cost of over  $\pounds 60$  million. It is one of the biggest projects ever undertaken by a private theatre owner in recent times. His mantra that every penny of profit made from his theatres is ploughed back into the buildings has meant that considerable work has been undertaken across his theatre portfolio during the pandemic, including the complete remodelling and reseating of the Gillian Lynne. Lloyd Webber is passionate about the importance of musical education and diversity in the arts. The Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation provides 30 performing arts scholarships every year for talented students with financial need and supports a range of projects such as the Music In Secondary School Trust and commissioning research into diversity in theatre. Andrew Lloyd Webber was knighted in 1992 and created an honorary life peer in 1997. To mark his 70th birthday, his bestselling autobiography Unmasked was published by Harper Collins in March 2018.

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