Fenceline Theatre Company Presents



A MUSICAL COMEDY

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Musical Numbers

A Poultry Tale Members of the Duckyard

The Joy Of Motherhood Ida, Maureen

Different (Pre-Reprise) Ida

Hold Your Head Up High Ida, Ugly

Look At Him Members of the Duckyard

Different Ugly

Play With Your Food Cat, Ugly

Every Tear A Mother Cries Ida

The Wild Goose Chase Greylag, Dot,

Goose Squadron, Ugly, Cat

The Joy Of Motherhood Drake

Warts And All Bullfrog, Froglets, Ugly

The Blizzard Soloist, Company

Transformation Ida, Ugly, Company

Look At Him (Reprise) Company

Director's Notes

The story of the Ugly Duckling resonates with all of us in some ways. We have or will face adversity in life and yet each of us is created in the image of Almighty God and as such have gifts that we are called to discover and develop.

So it is for Ugly — the little cygnet who discovers that he's not an ugly duckling, but actually has the gift of being a swan and he uses his experience of adversity to bless others by remaining on the lake next to the duckyard.

And so it is for all involved in HONK this year. We all came unsure, at least to some extent, of whether we could do this — can we sing? Act? Dance? Stand up in front of others? We feel inadequate at times and need courage to push through, to meet the challenge. We learn that it takes hard work, repetition, listening to advice, encouragement and resilience to get the job done. But now we can stand, heads held high, and bless all who come to share this experience with us.

HONK is written as an amusing 'animals as humans' story. While there are some lyrics and dialogue that are clearly representative of the 'animals', I have emphasized the human aspects in this production. After all, no fable or fairy tale is really about animals or fairies. They are about us. They're about human foibles, feats and fulfilments. And so it is with HONK. Perhaps you will even recognize something of yourself or someone you know.

Cast — you can be proud of your achievement in this production. I hope you have enjoyed the opportunity, especially those in lead roles that would normally have been filled by senior students.

Mr Andrew Matthews Head of Performing Arts

Music Director's Notes

This show is in many ways "Classic Broadway". The tunes cover a wide variety of styles with shades of jazz, show tunes, ballads, marches and even classical overtones in "The Blizzard". The libretto is so fun, with so many clever jokes hidden in the lyrics – keep a sharp ear out for the words as many gems are contained within. If you miss them, you will probably hear me laughing from the bio box because I am yet to get sick of them! It has been great to see this variety of musical styles and songs grow on our young cast. We now are at the point where many of them can sing along to all the songs – including the ones they are not in, as they are just so catchy. It has been a great learning experience for the cast, with many students either in their first musical, or performing their first solos ever. It has been lovely to see them pull together and to stretch themselves musically in new ways.

Like all farmyards, there are plenty of wonderful sights and sounds to be discovered, so sit back and enjoy the hayride – and make plenty of noise as you go!

Mr Andrew Raymond Head of Instrumental Music

Choreographer's Notes

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to work on the choreography for the middle school production of HONK!

I would like to thank the students for stepping up and working collaboratively across year groups to bring a fun and exciting take on the familiar story of the ugly duckling.

I would like to especially mention Mr Trevor Ghouse and his choreography in a number of the items in HONK! We appreciate your time and talents that you shared with us during your time at Swan.

I hope you enjoy the dance and movement sequences we have throughout this performance, and I applaud the students for their commitment to hard work and perseverance to make this performance come together!

Mrs. Beth Balla Dance Teacher

Cast

Drake Turkey Henrietta Maureen

Ida
Cat
Grace
Billy
Beaky
Downy
Fluff
Ugly
Mag Pie
Greylag
Dot

Barnacles Snowy Penny

Mother Swan Bewick

Bullfrog Froglet Soloist Blizzard Soloist Father Swan

Pinkfoot

Girl 1 (off stage voice) Girl 2 (off stage voice) Farmer (off stage voice) Jeremy Moulds
Joshua Jarvis
Mina-Jo Farber
Cerys Owens
Claire McGill
Shelby Anderson
Grace Henfrey
Oliver Murfin
Sebastian Weeks
Christina Moulds

Jessica Tamsen / Lily Bellotti

Madelyn Aland Taine Collins Liam Hislop Madelyn Harney Hamish Thomson Lily Bellotti Amelia Williams Jessie Coghlan Jarvis Church Sebastian Weeks Jessica Tamsen Cerys Owens Miles Dodsworth Chloe Grimson Kobi Smith Jessica Barrington Andrew Matthews



Dancers

Mikaela Trew, Lead Dancer and 'Every Tear a Mother Cries' Soloist

Lottie Johnson, Lead Dancer

Lily Moody, Lead Dancer

Georgia Royle, Lead Dancer

Emma Webb, Lead Dancer

Sabrina Konkoly-Fripp, Lead Dancer

Xavier Poulter, Chorus Dancer

Stagehands and Backstage Crew Kye Schorer Sound and Technical Support

Jackson Edwards
Technical Support and Follow Spot Operator

Mia Powell
Media and Marketing

Erin McGrory
Media and Marketing

Alyssa La Cunza
Set Construction and Stagehand

Rachel Orlowsky
Set Construction, Stagehand and Camera

Thomas Falcucci
Set Construction and Stagehand

Acknowledgements

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And a big thank you to Shelby Anderson, Lily Bellotti and Sebastian Weeks for stepping up to fill roles that they were not originally expecting to fill.

The Production Team

Director Mr Andrew Matthews
Producer Ms Jane Hille
Music Director Mr Andrew Raymond
Choreographer Mrs Beth Balla
Costume Design Mrs Isabelle Botha
Lighting Design Ms Jane Hille
Vocal Coach Mr William Vasiu

Stage Manager Mrs Vanessa Bird and Mrs Bernardine Woolard Front of House Mrs Natalee Friend and Mrs Kylie Bullard Marketing Mrs Mona Humphreys and Ms Cheryl Lim



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