

Fenceline Theatre Company's

Production of

Disney

**HIGH
SCHOOL
MUSICAL**

ON STAGE!

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Directed by Jane Hille

Musical Direction by Susannah Morcombe

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FENCELINE THEATRE

— SPACE TO CREATE —



Swan
Christian College



SCENES

ACT ONE

1. East High School Steps (& Ski Lodge) - MONDAY, 7:45AM
2. Ms. Darbus's Homeroom - MONDAY, 8:00AM
3. Hallway - MONDAY, 8:15AM
4. Gym - MONDAY, 8:30AM
5. Chemistry Lab - MONDAY, 2:00PM
6. Theater - MONDAY, 3:00PM
7. Theater - TUESDAY, 3:00PM
8. Various Places - TUESDAY, Evening
9. Cafeteria - WEDNESDAY, Noon

ACT TWO

1. Rooftop Garden - WEDNESDAY, 12:30PM
2. Sharpay's Locker - WEDNESDAY, 12:30PM
3. Study Hall - WEDNESDAY, 1:00PM
4. Gym - WEDNESDAY, 3:30PM
5. Locker Room / Lab - WEDNESDAY, 4:00PM
6. Isolated Spaces - WEDNESDAY, Evening
7. Rehearsal Room - THURSDAY, 12:30PM
8. Theater - THURSDAY, 12:45PM
9. Study Hall - THURSDAY, 1:00PM
10. Lab / Theater / Locker Room & Gym - FRIDAY, 3:00PM
11. Gym - FRIDAY, 5:00PM



FROM THE DIRECTOR

High School Musical was a very popular movie, that I'm sure many have seen. Disney then took the film and converted it into a full stage show, which you are seeing tonight.

The show has 24 leads: speaking and/or singing parts, and we have put more than 70 students from Year 5 to Year 12 in this show. We auditioned the show early last year and had a huge response. We started rehearsals in Term 3 and have been working on it ever since.

Making theatre is what I do, but for our students this is about so much more than the final performances to audiences. It's a journey. It's about staying the course, sitting through rehearsals, having the courage to make yourself vulnerable, while you master a new skill set. It is about hard work and being part of a team, that relies on you being present and doing your best for the greater good of all. It is a process, a collaboration and very often a negotiation. Ultimately, when this many people work together, it's about trust. A transaction that enables magic to happen. I believe that this process is invaluable for young people.

We have had a huge team involved in bringing this to you. Miss Susannah Morcombe and I have worked very closely on this. She is an amazingly talented artist and musician, and she has worked tirelessly on this show, often singing the whole score during rehearsals. She is a great gift to the Performing Arts Department, and I am so grateful for that, because she has made this whole process easy. Similarly, we have been lucky enough to work with Ms. Beth Balla, who is also a talented and skilled Dance artist, sharing her gifts with this ensemble cast. Choreographing 70 plus students in movement in this space, is not easy, but Mrs. Balla has worked diligently to make it look so. She has given up countless lunchtimes finessing the work, so that the students look as good as they do. Mr Karl Dietrich has also been integral to the show. He too is an amazing musician and pianist. He has been at every rehearsal with the whole cast playing the score for our students; he is always positive and that is a wonderful blessing to us all.

Miss Nadia Alexander is the PA assistant, and she has been so marvellous throughout these preparations. She has helped me hang all the 'bling' in the lighting catwalk, she's organised props and the program and countless other things. I am so grateful to have had her help. Ms Joanna Walden has also been another generous member of staff, who is another artist, doing the artwork for the banners and who created the wildcat logo on top of making all the Cheerleader and Basketball costumes, which has been a huge undertaking. And again, so grateful to her for her talent and the time she has given to this project. Mr Matthews, Head of Performing Arts, has been there to support us all. He has worked with individual students helping them with lines and the authentic delivery of their characters. He takes care of all the things I forget to do, like book the theatre space for whole school day rehearsals and he's been pretty handy with a paint brush!

Finally, we have been blessed to do this show with Dr Pretorius as our new Principal. She is amazing. She has come to nearly all the rehearsals, sat and watched this show develop, she and her husband have helped paint the banners and she has supported the staff and the students involved. I am beyond grateful for her kindness and the generous spirit she shares with us all.

There are many other staff to thank. The word Disney, by default means huge. Marketing, promotions, staging, set building, lighting, sound, and the list goes on. Thank you to everyone who has helped bring this together; it would not have happened without your input and support.

Ultimately, this is about giving our students an opportunity to do something different. To share their talents with each other, to watch each other grow and gain confidence, and to collectively share those blessings with you the audience. We do this, because these are our blessings from God, and it is our joy to give this back to Him.

Jane Hille

CAST

PA ANNOUNCER

JACKIE SCOTT

Hallie Alvary

THE ADULTS

KARAOKE M.C.
MS. DARBUS
COACH BOLTON
MS. TENNY/MODERATOR

Liam Hislop
Shelby Anderson
Trent Howson
Claire McGill

THE JOCKS

TROY BOLTON
CHAD DANFORTH
ZEKE TAYLOR
JASON
BASKETBALL MASCOT

Ngoni (Tyler) Nyamutswa
Joshua Jarvis
Taine Collins
Claire McGill
Chase Byrne

THE THESPIANS

SHARPAY EVANS
RYAN EVANS
KELSI NEILSON
JAMES
SUSAN/CYNDRA
CATHY
ALAN

Hannah Willemse
Prezley Lea
Tayah Krause
Jeremy Moulds
Quynh (Sofie) Quach
Claire McGill
Sebastian Weeks

THE BRAINIACS

GABRIELLA MONTEZ
TAYLOR MCKESSIE
MARTHA COX
KRATNOFF

Aria Taylor
Skye Holden
Grace Henfrey
Lyla Meldrum

THE SKATER DUDES

RIPPER
MONGO

Jarvis Church
Oliver Murfin

WILDCAT CHEERLEADERS

Stella Atkinson
Madelyn Harney
Ashley Hislop
Taylah Hurren
Alika Husselmann
Lottie Johnson
Ella Jones
Scarlett Kissel

Elyssa Lewis
*Anabelle Lorsch
Sienna Manuel
Rhiannon McElwee
Cassandra (Cass) Scadden
Ella Smith
Emelia Sonneman-Smith

ENSEMBLE CAST OF EAST HIGH STUDENTS

(THESPIANS, SKATER DUDES, BRAINIACS, JOCKS, REBELS, STUDENTS)

Emily Angel
George Bakker-Studsor
Indiya Ballantyne
Mikayla Cullen
Mikayla De Quintal
Amy Dodsworth
Miles Dodsworth
Mina-Jo Farber
Tui Farber
Declan Hislop
Owen Holden
Theo Holden
Isabella Jarvis
Sophia Jarvis

Mikayla Knight
Christina Moulds
Hunny Muller
Alexander Nichols
Cerys Owens
Elle Pepi
Scarlett Pilkington-Warne
Xander Poulter
Grace Ramsden
Ella Stokes
Shaelee Sunjich
Charlotte Tighe
Willow Twine
Caitlyn Young

STAGE AND TECHNICAL CREW

Grayson Pepi
Rachel Orłowsky
Nicola McElwee

Dominik Bishaw
Hemroo Eleperuma

THE BAND

Keyboard 1
Keyboard 2

Guitar
Bass
Drums
Percussion

Mr. Karl Dietrich
Alyssa La Cunza/Hayley Ferris
Lachie Hanley
Mr. Kane Shaw
Tim Woolley
Miss Samantha Ku



COSTUME/LOGO/BANNER DESIGN

Joanna Walden

STAGE DESIGN

Jane Hille

Clive Smith

Rob Butler from Upstage Arts

LIGHTING DESIGN

Jane Hille

George Palmer from Total Concert Productions

SOUND DESIGN

George Palmer from Total Concert Productions

DIRECTOR

Jane Hille

MUSICAL DIRECTOR

Miss Susannah Morcombe

CHOREOGRAPHER

Mrs Beth Balla

MARKETING/COMMUNICATIONS/ PHOTOGRAPHY

Steven Wellbeloved

Cheryl Lim

Swan Advancement Team

TICKETING AND FRONT OF HOUSE

Kylie Bullard,

Natalee Friend

Swan staff

CATERING

Robert Do Carmo

Hospitality staff and students



FROM THE MUSICAL DIRECTOR

High School Musical was a huge endeavour to undertake, and no easy feat. I have been overwhelmed by the efforts of all the staff and students involved, particularly Director Jane Hille. Watching her take nigh on one hundred people from nothing to a complete five nights of show is nothing short of extreme talent and grueling hard work. This is the first musical I have had the pleasure of working on as a Musical Director with a live band. It has been a joy to see notes on a score come to life through the cast and band over the last three terms of rehearsals. That Swan Christian College has supported such an enormous performing arts enterprise, giving so many students an opportunity to discover, develop, and hone their creativity, is a God given blessing.

Acknowledgement must be made of the wonderfully talented musicians who played for every show and spent hours in full day rehearsals with the whole cast: professional musicians and school tutors Tim Woolley on drums, and Hayley Ferris on keyboard, professional musicians and school teachers Kane Shaw on bass, Karl Dietrich on keyboard, and

Samantha Ku on percussion, professional musician and ex-student Lachie Hanley on guitar, and current student Alyssa La Cunza on keyboard. It was more than a joyful experience to work with these people; they made it very easy to come to rehearsals! Special mention to Kane Shaw, who worked tirelessly on the set up of the keyboards and sounds patched through from music programmes on laptops...! It is a phenomenal arrangement on stage, a lot of wires going here, there, and everywhere, and Kane ensured the instruments actually worked, which was, to my mind, masterful. And many thanks to Andre and George on sound who diligently wired everything on stage and helped all of us hear the show.

As 1 Peter 4:10 tells us, "as each [of us] has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's grace". I can firmly say, every student, every musician, every teacher involved in this show used our gifts (and even some we may not even have known we had!) and I pray God is praised as we serve one another in bringing this show to so many.

Miss Susannah Morcombe





FROM THE CHOREOGRAPHER

High School Musical has been both challenging and exciting; it has been a wonderful experience and a privilege to choreograph for this popular, well known and loved musical. I have thoroughly enjoyed the challenge of choreographing for such a large group of performers with such a wide range of skills and talents.

I would like to thank the hard-working students for stepping up and challenging themselves to step out of their comfort zone and learn some

dance moves - some students more than others! As well as their commitment to practicing at home and extra rehearsals to refine their moves.

I hope you enjoy the dance and movement sequences that we have all worked so hard on and I applaud the students for their commitment and perseverance to make this performance come together!

Mrs. Beth Balla

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DAVID SIMPATICO

SONGS BY
MATTHEW GERRARD AND ROBBIE NEVIL; RAY CHAM, GREG CHAM AND ANDREW SEELEY; RANDY PETERSEN AND KEVIN QUINN; ANDY DODD AND ADAM WATTS; BRYAN LOUISELLE; DAVID N. LAWRENCE AND FAYE GREENBERG; JAMIE HOUSTON

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BRYAN LOUISELLE

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