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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRODUCERS

Welcome to Rock of Ages: Teen Edition!

Thank you for joining us today at the beautiful R. W. Stevens Auditorium at Highland Park High School! This summer marks the third season of the Highland Park Theater Company, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing quality theatrical and educational experiences to our community. You can learn more about us at www.hptheatercompany.org.

We're thrilled to bring you Rock of Ages: Teen Edition—a high-energy celebration of '80s rock anthems, big hair, bigger dreams, and even bigger guitar solos. This show is pure fun, but it's also about the power of chasing your passions, the importance of community, and the joy of music that moves people to stand up, sing along, and maybe even throw a fist in the air.

This production has been entirely powered by the creativity, dedication, and hard work of our talented teen cast. Over the past two weeks, they've poured their energy into mastering challenging harmonies, nailing choreography, and embracing the bold, over-the-top spirit that makes this show so iconic. We've laughed (a lot), we've rehearsed until our voices were hoarse, and we've built not just a production, but a team.

While Rock of Ages is all about fun, the spirit of the show—dream big, support your friends, and stay true to yourself—resonates deeply with us as educators. We couldn't be prouder of these young performers for stepping into these larger-than-life roles and giving you an unforgettable night at the theater.

So, sit back, relax, and get ready to be transported to the Sunset Strip, where the drinks are cold, the music is loud, and the dreams are big. As the show says, "Don't stop believin'!"

Enjoy the show!

- Tova and Keith

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Book by
CHRIS D'ARIENZO

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ETHAN POPP

With

MANALI WELLER SAANVI KARTHIK EVAN LEIZ ACID CUNNINGHAM
CHEYENNE COLEMAN AKIRA RODENBIKER ELYSA SALES
CAROLINA HIGH NADAV LEVINE GOLDBERG

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BAILEY HALPERN BELLA HOLLAND SARAH LIPSTEIN ARIELLA MENASHA
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LEILA WEINBERG JILLIAN WOLF

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PARKER TAPPEN

Sound Design
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JASON ORBE

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Choreographer/Producer
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KEITH PRESTY

Directed by
LUKE FERRELL

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CAST

Lonny..... EVAN LEIZ
Justice..... ELYSA SALES
Dennis..... ACID CUNNINGHAM
Drew..... SAANVI KARTHIK
Sherrie..... MANALI WELLER
Father..... CHEYENNE COLEMAN
Mother..... NINA SHAW
Joey Primo..... JULES SASSO
Anita..... AKIRA RODENBIKER
Mayor..... LEILA WEINBERG
Hilda..... CAROLINA HIGH
Franz..... NADAV LEVINE GOLDBERG
Stacey Jaxx..... CHEYENNE COLEMAN
Waitresses..... MONTERRAT GUERRA,
NINA SHAW, LEILA WEINBERG
Protestors..... SARAH LIPSTEIN,
SONIA PATEL, BIANCA VILLANUEVA
Constance Sack..... PARKER TAPPEN
Ja'Keith Gill..... SURYA PATEL
Sleazy Producer..... ARIELLA MENASHA
Orion Producer..... ELLA FARKAS

ENSEMBLE

AYLA BRANDLER, BELLA HOLLAND, OLIVIA SASSO,
ELLIE SPRINGER-LIPTON, JILLIAN WOLF



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Director.....	LUKE FERRELL
Executive Producer.....	KEITH PRESTY
Producer/Choreographer.....	TOVA HALPERN
Music Director.....	AURORA GIBNEY-KRASHEN
Technical Director/Lighting Designer.....	JASON ORBE
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MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT I

“Noize/Paradise/Good Time”	Lonny, Drew, Ensemble
“Sister Christian”	Sherrie, Mother, Father, Ensemble
“We Built This City/Too Much Time”	Anita, Hilda, Dennis, Stacee, Ensemble
“We’re Not Gonna Take It”*	Anita, Ensemble
“More Than Words/To Be With You/ Heaven”	Sherrie, Drew, Waitresses, Ensemble
“Waiting for a Girl Like You”	Drew, Sherrie, Ensemble
“Dead or Alive”*	Stacee, Ensemble
“I Want to Know What Love Is”*	Stacee, Sherrie
“Feel the Noize/Not Gonna Take It”	Stacee, Sherrie, Dennis, Anita, Drew, Ja’Keith, Ensemble
“Harden My Heart/Shadows of the Night”	Sherrie, Justice, Ensemble
“Here I Go Again”	Sherrie, Drew, Stacee, Ensemble

ACT II

“The Final Countdown”	Dennis, Lonny, Anita, Ensemble
“Any Way You Want It/I Wanna Rock/ We’re Not Gonna Take It”	Justice, Drew, Sherrie, Ja’Keith, Anita, Ensemble
“High Enough”	Sherri, Drew
“Hate Myself for Loving You/Heat of the Moment”*	Sherrie, Stacee
“Hit Me With Your Best Shot”*	Franz, Ensemble
“I Can’t Fight This Feeling”*	Lonny, Dennis
“Keep on Loving You/Oh Sherrie”	Hilda, Drew, Ensemble
“The Search is Over”	Drew, Sherrie
“Don’t Stop Believing”	Full Company

*Student-choreographed

THERE WILL BE ONE 15-MINUTE INTERMISSION.

WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST

AYLA BRANDLER (Ensemble) is a rising freshman at The Frisch School. This is her first time participating in musical theatre. She loves to read, do crafts, and hang out with friends. She thanks her brothers for inspiring her poses during the musical and all of the cast and crew for making this experience awesome.

CHEYENNE COLEMAN (Stacey Jaxx/Sherrie's Father) is a rising freshman at Elizabethtown College. Previously, she has participated in *Mean Girls* (Mrs Norbury), *Heathers* (Veronica's Mom), *Tangled: On Ice* (Rapunzel), *Willy Wonka: On Ice* (Wonka), *Beauty and the Beast: On Ice* (Belle), *The Little Mermaid: On Ice* (Ursula), and more. She would like to thank everyone in the cast and crew for making this production possible.

ACID CUNNINGHAM (Dennis) is a rising junior at Ulpanat Amana. Previously, they've participated in many HPYTC productions, such as *The Little Mermaid Jr.* (Atina), *Mary Poppins Jr.* (Katie Nana), *Peter Pan Jr.* (Slightly), and *Frozen Jr.* (Kristoff), as well as the past two summer HPTC shows. In their free time, they love doing anything creative and are always doing something new. They are so happy to be a part of this production, and they would like to thank the cast and crew for being such an amazing family.

ELLA FARKAS (Producer) is a rising sophomore at EBHS. She has previously participated in *Heathers* and *Mean Girls* with HPTC as well as many shows with

HPYTC, including *Seussical Jr* (Mayzie), *The Lion King Jr* (Simba), *Peter Pan Jr* (Tiger Lily), and more. She would like to thank the amazing cast and crew of Rock of Ages. "Did you hear the word?"

NADAV LEVINE GOLDBERG (Franz) is a rising freshman at Highland Park High School. They have participated in a multitude of HPYTC and HPTC shows and musicals, including *Matilda* (Bruce), *Seussical* (Horton), *Beauty and the Beast* (Beast), and more. In their free time, they love to compose songs, draw, read, write, and most importantly, sing. They are so thankful to the entire cast and crew of *Rock of Ages* for making this possible and for creating a loving and empowering community.

MONTSERRAT GUERRA (Waitress #1) is a rising junior at Highland Park High School. This is her third show with HPTC, previously having participated in *Mean Girls* (Ensemble) and *Heathers* (Ensemble). She also participates in the HP Drama Club, having previously been in *The Prom*, *She Kills Monsters*, *Footloose*, *Puffs*, and more. In her free time, she likes to listen to music. She would like to thank the cast and crew for making this show possible.

BAILEY HALPERN (Rocker/ Ensemble) is a rising freshman at RKYHS. This is her second time participating in an HPTC show. She has previously been in the HPYTC's *Seussical Jr.* (Jojo), *Beauty And The Beast Jr.* (Lefou), *High School Musical*

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Jr. (Troy), *Moana Jr.* (Maui), and more. She enjoys reading, writing, and hockey. She'd like to thank her castmates for making this an amazing experience.

CAROLINA HIGH (Hilda) is an actress and singer from Brazil. She has previously performed in Brazilian productions of *Heathers*, *Fame*, and *Annie*. She also participated in HPTC's productions of *Heathers* (Veronica) and *Mean Girls* (Regina). She is excited to be back once again for *Rock of Ages*!

BELLA HOLLAND (Ensemble) is a rising freshman at RKYHS. This is her second HPTC show, her first being *Mean Girls* (Sexy Corn). She would like to thank Rory, Tova, Luke, and the rest of the cast and crew for making this production possible. :)

SAANVI KARTHIK (Drew Boley) is a rising senior at Metuchen High School. This is her second production with the HPTC. Last summer, she was in HPTC's production of *Mean Girls* (Janis Sarkisian). She has participated in many MHS Footlighters productions such as *Our Town* (Prof. Willard), *The Little Mermaid* (Jetsam), *Clue: On Stage* (Ms. Scarlett), and *Footloose* (Rusty). Saanvi loves singing musical theatre and jazz, reading, and binge-watching TV shows in her free time. She would like to thank her friends, family, and the amazing cast and crew for making this show a memorable and fun experience.

EVAN LEIZ (Lonny) is a rising senior at HPHS. This is his second show with HPTC, the first show being *Mean Girls*

(Glen Coco). He also participates in the HP Drama Club during the school year, previously having been in *The Prom* (Barry), *She Kills Monsters* (Steve), *Footloose*, *Puffs*, and more. Evan would like to thank the cast and crew, especially Luke and Tova, for all their hard work to put on this show.

SARAH LIPSTEIN (Protester #1) is a rising 8th grader at Yeshivat Netivot Montessori. She has previously been in multiple HPYTC productions, including *Matilda Jr* (Matilda), *Seussical Jr* (Mrs. Mayor), and *High School Musical Jr* (Sharpay). When she's not singing her heart out, Sarah enjoys reading and bingeing random TV shows. She would like to thank the entire cast and crew for this amazing experience.

ARIELLA MENASHA (Sleazy/Sleazier Record Producer) is a rising freshman at RKYHS. She has previously participated in *The Aristocats*, *Winnie the Pooh*, and *The Addams Family*. In her free time, Ariella enjoys talking to friends, reading, and sometimes randomly singing. She would like to thank all the cast and crew for making the whole production process super fun and exciting.

JEREMIAH MOUSSA (Head of Sound Design) is an upcoming senior at HPHS. He has previously participated in shows in the pit orchestra, including *Footloose* (Clarinet/Tenor Sax/Bari Sax), and *Newsies* (Clarinet), as well as participating in many other productions as head of sound. Jeremiah likes playing his instruments, participating in robotics,

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and rubix-cubing in his free time. He would like to thank Mr. Presty and Tova for allowing him to be the sound technician this year.

SONIA PATEL (Protester #3) is a rising 8th grader at HPMS. She has previously participated in many HPYTC productions, including *The Little Mermaid Jr* (Flounder), *Frozen Jr* (Young Elsa), *Matilda Jr* (Lavender), *The Lion King Jr* (Young Simba), *High School Musical Jr* (Taylor McKessie), and *Moana Jr* (Moana). In her free time, she enjoys hanging out with friends and singing. She would like to thank the cast and crew for this wonderful experience in theatre.

SURYA PATEL (Ja'Keith Gill) is a rising sophomore at HPHS. She has previously participated in *Heathers* (Ensemble) and *Mean Girls* (Ensemble) with the HPTC, as well as many HPYTC Jr productions, including *Beauty and the Beast* (Mrs. Potts), *The Lion King* (Nala), *Seussical* (Gertrude), *Matilda* (Ms. Honey), and more. In addition, she has participated in *She Kills Monsters* (Tech), *The Prom* (Olivia Keating), and *One Acts: Sea of Dreams*. She would like to thank the cast of *Rock of Ages*. "What's the word?"

AKIRA RODENBIKER (Anita Bath) is a rising sophomore at HPHS. She has previously acted in numerous productions with HP Drama Club, including *The Prom* (Shelby), *She Kills Monsters* (Vera), *Footloose* (Ensemble), and *Newsies* (Les). She also participated in HPYTC's *Lion King Jr*. (Rafiki),

Frozen Jr. (Anna), and *Little Mermaid Jr.* (Ariel). She loved spending her summer doing *Heathers* and *Mean Girls* so much that she HAD to be in another show with this lovely group of people. Thank you guys. POWER TO THE PROLETARIAT!

ELYSA SALES (Justice Charlier) is a rising freshman and passionate performer with a growing resume in musical theatre. She has appeared in 17 productions, including *Godspell* (Robin), *13 the Musical* (Charlotte), *Frozen Jr* (Middle Elsa), *Mean Girls Jr* (Martina), and most recently *Beetlejuice Jr.* (Maxine Dean) and *The Lightning Thief* (Dionysus). She trains with voice teacher Amy Suznovich and attends musical theater classes. Elysa would like to thank the cast & crew for a total rockstar experience!

JULES SASSO (Joey Primo/Ensemble) is a rising Freshman at Highland Park High School. She has participated in many HPTC and HPYTC, including *High School Musical Jr* (Jack Scott), *The Lion King Jr* (Young Nala), and *Beauty and the Beast Jr* (Chip). Jules loves theatre, singing, and programming. Jules would like to thank the entire cast of *Rock of Ages* for helping to put on this amazing show!

OLIVIA SASSO (Ensemble) is a rising freshman in high school. She has previously acted in multiple HPYTC shows including *Frozen jr.* (Middle Anna), *Matilda jr.* (Sergei), *Seussical Jr.* (Wickersham 3), *The Lion King Jr.* (Shenzi), *Beauty and the Beast Jr.*

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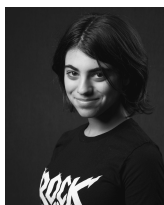
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Nadav, we love you so much!

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You built this city on Rock and Roll!!

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(Madame De La Grande Bouche) and, *High School Musical Jr.* (Gabriella Montez), as well as *Mean Girls* (Ensemble). She loves writing and all things music! She has an undying passion for the arts and absolutely loves her cast. What amazing people! Many thanks to everyone in *Rock of Ages*!!!

NINA SHAW (Sherrie's Mom/Waitress #3) is a rising Sophomore at HPHS. She is thrilled to be performing in her second show with the HPTC, as she previously appeared in last year's production of *Mean Girls* (Sonja Aquino/Dancer). She has formerly performed in many shows with Villagers Theatre, including *Bye Bye Birdie* (Penelope Ann), *Beauty and the Beast* (Dancer), *Peter Pan* (Tiger Lily), and more. She is also a competitive dancer on the Elite Performance Ensemble at Washington Rock Dance. She would like to thank her parents for their endless support and the entire cast and crew of *Rock of Ages*!

ELLIE SPRINGER-LIPTON (Riot Police) is an 8th grader at Highland Park Middle School with a passion for acting. She had been in several shows, including *Beauty and the Beast* (Prince), *The Lion King* (Ensemble), and *Seussical* (Ensemble). She does kung fu and loves horror podcasts and video games. She can also pull off a decent British accent. She'd like to thank her brother for inspiring her to do theater.

PARKER TAPPEN (Constance Sack) is a rising junior at Highland Park High School. She has been a part of multiple productions such as *The Prom*, *Newsies*,

and *One Acts: Sea of Dreams*. She enjoys listening to music and eating Taco Bell. She would like to thank all of her special little buddies for making this experience so great.

BIANCA VILLANUEVA (Protestor #2) is a rising sophomore at Metuchen High School. She has previously participated in shows across four different theatre companies; HPTC, Metuchen High School Drama Club, Rise Up Chorus Theater Company, and Edgar Middle School Drama Club. Her past shows include *Footloose* (Ensemble), *Clue: On Stage* (The Cop), *Matilda Jr* (Ms. Trunchbull), and more. She can do a good British accent. She is incredibly grateful to HPTC for making her first year so wonderful.

LEILA WEINBERG (Mayor/Waitress #2) is a rising junior at Highland Park High School. Previously, she has participated in *Sea of Dreams*, *The Prom*, *She Kills Monsters*, and more. She has also done multiple HPYTC shows. She enjoys listening to music and loudly singing along. She would like to thank the entire cast and crew for making this an amazing experience.

MANALI WELLER (Sherrie Christian) is a rising senior at the Edison Academy Magnet School. This is her second show with the HPTC, previously having participated in *Mean Girls* (Cady Heron). She has been in many Metuchen High School Footlighters productions, including *Puffs* (Prof. Sprouty/Helga/Ginny), *Mamma Mia!* (Islander), *Our Town* (Mrs. Gibbs), *The Little Mermaid*

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(Flounder), *Clue: On Stage* (Yvette), and *Footloose* (Ariel Moore). She has studied various vocal genres, such as musical theater, opera, and jazz. She would like to thank the incredible cast and crew for making this show so amazing!

JILLIAN WOLF (Ensemble) is a rising junior at East Brunswick High School. This is her second production with the HPTC, previously participating in *Mean Girls* (Dawn S./Ensemble). She has previously been in *The Addams Family* (Ensemble), *Frozen Jr.* (Bulda), and *Cinderella* (Fairy Godmother). She would like to thank the cast and crew for making these two weeks a fun experience.

LUKE FERRELL (Director) is a New Jersey-based stage director, arts administrator, and teaching artist. Some directing credits include tick, tick...BOOM!, *She Kills Monsters*, *Songs for a New World*, *Puffs*, *The Last Five Years*, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, and *Sweet Charity*. He is a teaching artist with Fresh Theatre Arts and an acting instructor with NJ Teen Arts and West Windsor Arts Center. Luke holds a B.A. in Theater Arts from Rutgers University, where he was the Artistic Director of Cabaret Theatre and where he continues to work in first-year career engagement and academic coaching.

AURORA GIBNEY-KRASHEN (Musical Director) is a second-year voice performance student at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music. She has studied at the Montecito International Music

Festival and Interlochen Arts Camp for classical voice and opera, as well as the New England Music Camp for musical theatre. Aurora has appeared twice at Don't Tell Mama in New York City and was nominated for Best Supporting Actress at the 2024 Marquee Awards. She was also the recipient of the Encouragement Award for Imaginative Musicality and Storytelling at the 2024 Schmidt Vocal Arts Competition in Boston. Her music direction experience includes being assistant music director for *Heathers: Teen Edition* (Summer 2023) and *Moana Jr.* (July 2025). She is extremely grateful for Tova and Fresh Theatre Arts for giving her the opportunity to music direct this amazing musical! @auroragibneykrashen

TOVA HALPERN (Choreographer) is an accomplished theater director and educational theater specialist whose career spans over a decade and a half. She earned her B.A. in Theatre Arts from Rutgers University, where she notably revitalized the Hillel Theatre Company. After graduating, Tova worked on Broadway under Richard Frankel Productions, contributing to high-profile shows such as *Hairspray*, *Stomp*, and *Young Frankenstein*. She returned to academia to earn a Master's in Educational Theater from New York University. Inspired to merge her passions, Tova founded Fresh Theatre Arts, an educational theater company serving schools across New Jersey, offering storytelling, performance workshops, and creative experiences for youth. In the summer of 2023, she was honored to collaborate with Keith Presty

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on the Highland Park Theater Company summer teen program. With a dual commitment to the stage and the classroom, Tova Halpern weaves together professional theater experience, educational leadership, and creative mentorship. Whether through her work with Fresh Theatre Arts or as an adjunct professor at Mason Gross, Tova is grounded in the belief that theater is not just about performance—it's a powerful way to help people find their voice, tell their stories, and connect with others.

NATALIE MOSES (Social Media Manager) is a digital marketing and communications specialist with a passion for storytelling and brand strategy. She earned her B.A. in Economics and an MBA in Marketing, from Binghamton University. With a background in content creation, audience engagement, and brand storytelling, Natalie joined Fresh Theatre Arts to lead the development of social media strategy, video production, and digital branding. She has worked on productions including *Shrek*, *The Prom*, *Moana, Jr.*, and *Rock of Ages*, helping amplify the voices of young performers and the mission of accessible arts education. Natalie is grateful to Tova Halpern and the FTA team for their creativity, collaboration, and commitment to empowering the next generation of artists.

JASON ORBE (Technical Director/Lighting Designer) is a central New Jersey based Theater Technician and Technology Education Teacher. He earned his BS in Technology and Engineering Education at The College of

New Jersey. Jason has worked in a variety of technical roles for a number of theatrical productions. Some of his previous productions include *Mean Girls*, *Heathers*, *Ground Hog Day*, *The Secret in the Wings* and *Newsies*. In addition to technical theater work he also teaches Architecture, Graphic Arts, Theater Tech and Woodshop at Montgomery High School.

KEITH PRESTY (Producer) holds both a Bachelor of Music and Master of Music in Music Education from William Paterson University. He began his teaching career in 2004 as the Band Director at Bartle Elementary and Highland Park Middle School. In 2022, he moved to Highland Park High School, where he now leads the concert band, jazz ensemble, and pep band, and teaches Music Technology. Keith has been involved with the Highland Park High School drama program for nearly two decades. From 2006 to 2015, he served as Drama Director and Technical Advisor, overseeing more than 18 full-scale productions. He continues to musically direct and produce school productions each year. In 2023, Keith and his creative partner Tova Halpern co-founded the Highland Park Theater Company, a nonprofit dedicated to community theater. *Rock of Ages: Teen Edition* marks their third summer production together. Outside of Highland Park, Keith has directed and musically directed for numerous community and youth theater programs across New Jersey. His passion for music and storytelling has made him a trusted collaborator in both educational and

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theatrical settings. In addition to his artistic work, Keith is the President of the Highland Park Education Association, representing over 270 teachers and education support professionals. He also serves as a UniServ Consultant for the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA), advocating for public education and the arts throughout the state.

GILI SAFRAN (Stage Manager) is excited to take on the role of Stage Manager for this production, officially

joining the team just four days into rehearsals! Gili's love for theater started onstage in high school, where she was in *The Wizard of Oz* (Munchkin/Fighting Tree). Since then, she has taken on the role of Stage Manager for two other productions, finding joy in keeping everything running smoothly behind the scenes. Known for being friendly, adaptable, and always ready for a new challenge, Gili loves making new friends and is down for—quite literally—anything. She's thrilled to be part of this amazing cast and crew and can't wait for the audience to experience the show.

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Best Wishes to our

Queen of Noise!

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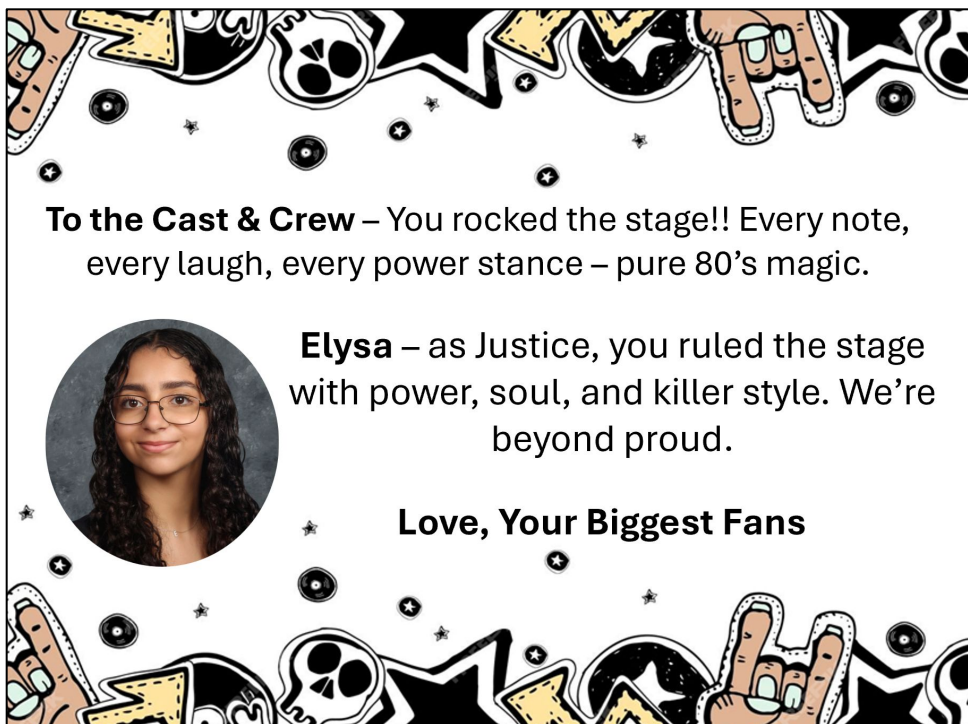
You're AWESOME in so many ways!

Love Dad, Mom, Chananya, Randy, Coby, Glana and Ari



**Break a leg,
Surya and
Sonia!**

**Love, The
Patel Family**



To the Cast & Crew – You rocked the stage!! Every note, every laugh, every power stance – pure 80's magic.



Elysa – as Justice, you ruled the stage with power, soul, and killer style. We're beyond proud.

Love, Your Biggest Fans

Anita Bath a.k.a. Akira-from protesting in Berkeley to Highland Park-never stop fighting for the proletariat! Rock on, cast and crew.



Keep flying high Nina!
We love watching you shine on and off the stage and
are so proud of you.

Love,
Mama, Daddy and Jilly



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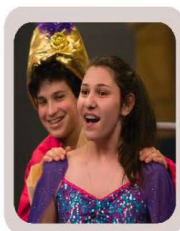
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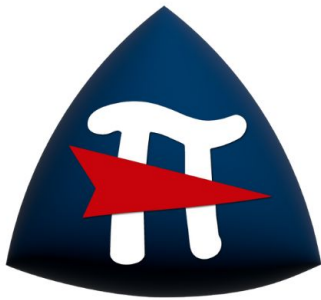


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