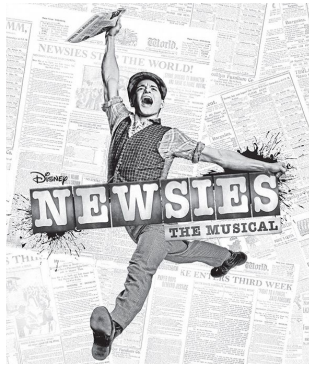
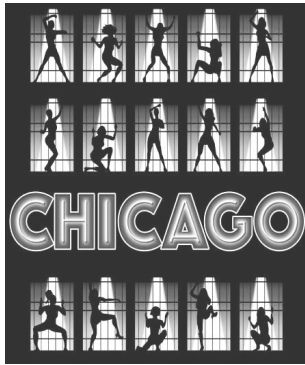


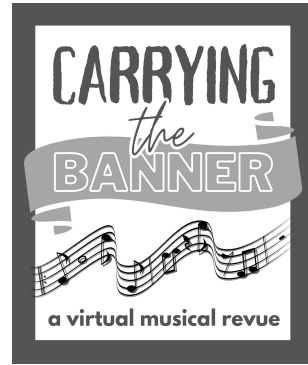
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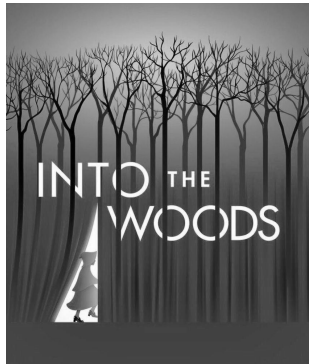
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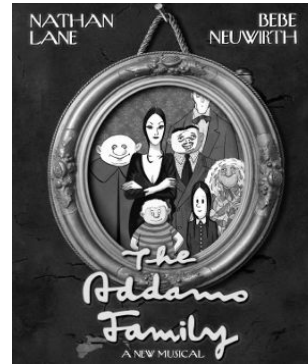
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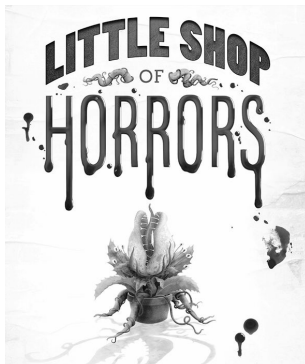
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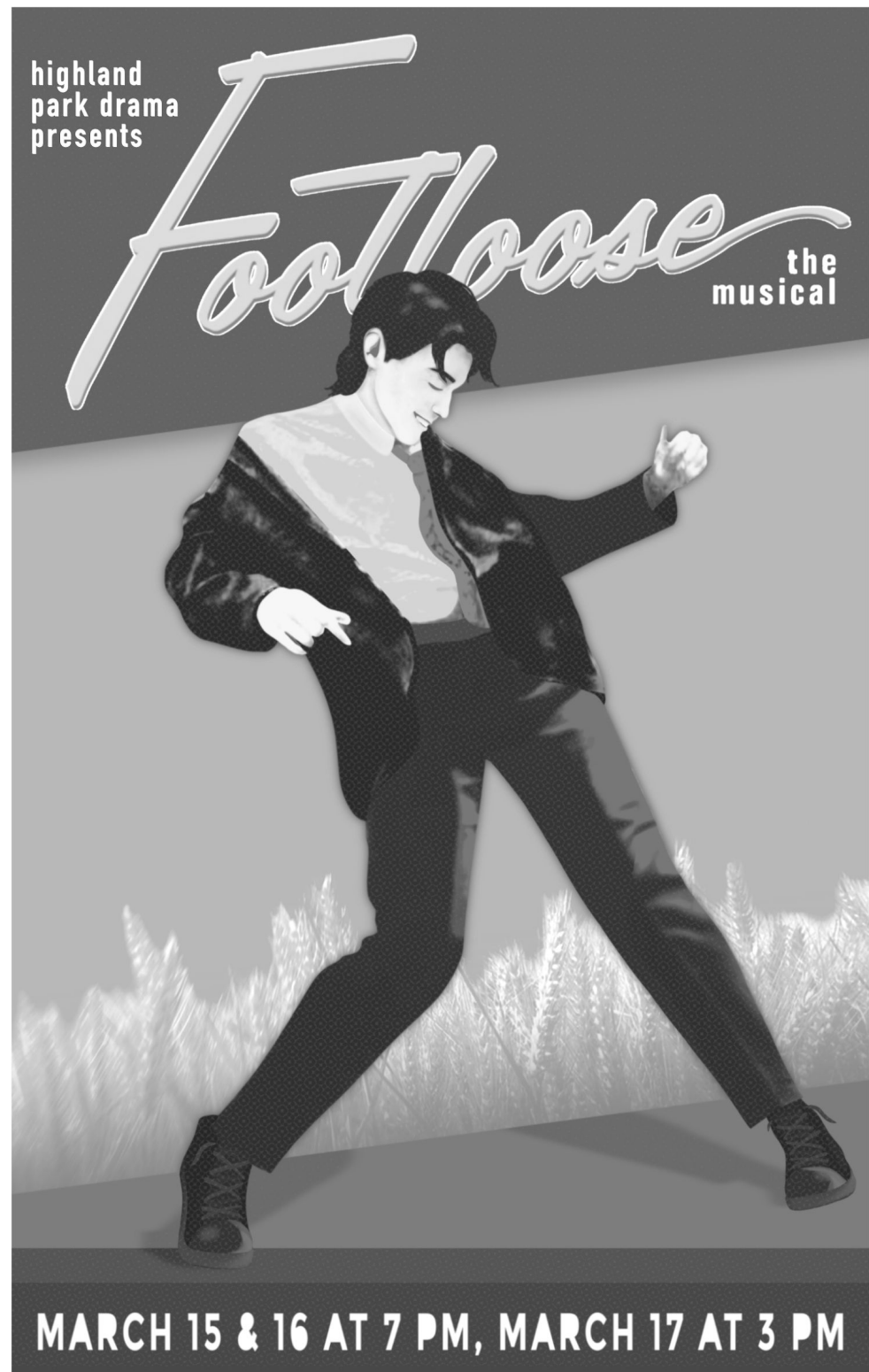


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Rusty..... VIOLET PYATT
Urleen..... JULIA STEVENS
Wendy Jo..... JULIANA CORDERO-DENT
Chuck Cranston..... LOU SCOTT
Lyle/Garvin..... TEJASVI VENKAT
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A Cop..... MONTSERRAT GUERRA
Betty Blast..... CORAL DISTEFANO
Willard Hewitt..... GEORGINA SANCHEZ
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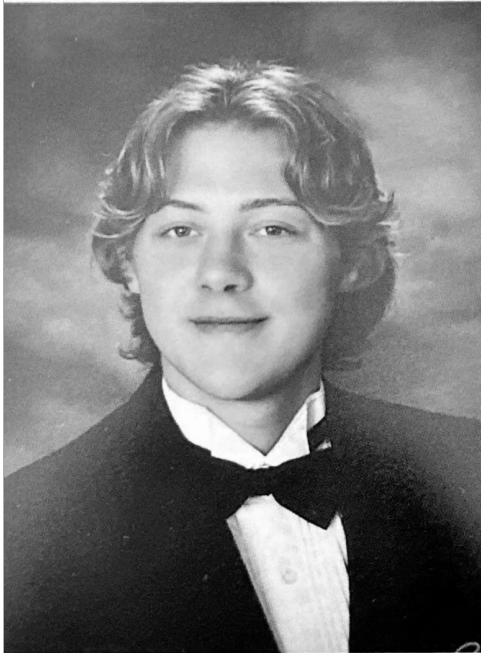
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Love, Mom, Dad, and Dani

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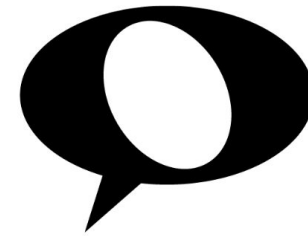
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“Footloose / On Any Sunday”..... FULL COMPANY
“The Girl Gets Around”..... CHUCK, LYLE, TRAVIS, ARIEL
“I Can’t Stand Still”..... REN, WILLARD
“Somebody’s Eyes”..... RUSTY, WENDY JO, URLEEN, TOWNSPEOPLE
“Learning to Be Silent”..... VI, ETHEL, ARIEL
“Holding Out for a Hero”..... ARIEL, RUSTY, URLEEN, WENDY JO
“Somebody’s Eyes - Scene Change”..... RUSTY, WENDY JO, URLEEN
“Somebody’s Eyes - Reprise”..... RUSTY, WENDY JO, URLEEN, CHUCK, LYLE, TRAVIS
“Heaven Help Me”..... SHAW
“I’m Free / Heaven Help Me”..... REN, SHAW, KIDS, CHOIR

15-MINUTE INTERMISSION

ACT II

“Still Rockin’”..... COWBOY BOB, BAND MEMBERS
“Let’s Hear it for the Boy”..... RUSTY, GIRLS, FEMALE DANCERS
“Can You Find It in Your Heart?”..... VI
“Dancing is Not a Crime”..... REN, WILLARD, BICKLE, JETER, GARVIN
“Mama Says (You Can’t Back Down)”..... WILLARD, GARVIN, BICKLE, JETER
“Mama Says - Encore”..... WILLARD, GARVIN, BICKLE, JETER
“Almost Paradise”..... REN, ARIEL
“Heaven Help Me - Reprise”..... SHAW
“Can You Find It in Your Heart? - Reprise”..... SHAW
“Footloose - Finale”..... FULL COMPANY

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WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST

JULIANA CORDERO-DENT (Wendy Jo) is a senior at Highland Park High School. This is her first production with the HP Drama Club. Juliana has always loved music, being in choir for 9 years, so doing the musical senior year was a must! After high school, she is going to the Institute of Culinary Education and hopes to open her own bakery. She would like to give a big thank you to her mom for always being there and loving her no matter what. <3

ROY CROSBIE (Cowboy Bob/Ensemble) is a senior at Highland Park High School. They've been seen onstage in *Twelfth Night*, *Chicago*, *Alice in Wonderland*, *Newsies*, *Puffs*, and four One Acts festivals, plus with several other theater groups (NJ Shakespeare my beloved). Outside of drama, Roy is probably taking a nap or desperately organizing their schedule. He wants to give big thank-yous to the entire cast+crew who pulled *Footloose* together so well, and his family for not minding the late nights! <3

CORAL DISTEFANO (Betty Blast/Ensemble) is a freshman at Highland Park High School. She has participated in *Alice in Wonderland*, *Newsies*, the 2023 One Acts festival, *Heathers the Musical*, and *Puffs*. In her free time, she loves to read and sew dresses. She would like to thank the cast and crew for making this show possible.

AURORA GIBNEY-KRASHEN (Vi Moore) is a senior at Highland Park High School. She has participated in many HP Drama productions, such as *Puffs*

(Megan Jones), *Newsies* (Katherine), and *Chicago* (Mama Morton). She also acted in the HP Theater Company's pilot production of *Heathers* (Heather Chandler). Aurora attended Interlochen Arts Camp, majoring in voice and opera, and she performed at the Montecito Festival in 2020 and Don't Tell Mama in NYC in 2022. She would like to thank her friends and family for their support and the *Footloose* cast and crew for such an amazing experience. @briarroseyy

SCARLETT GONZALEZ (Band Member 1/Ensemble) is a freshman at Highland Park High School. This is her first-ever production. She is on the girls' soccer team, and she loves music and spending time with her friends. Scarlett would like to thank the cast and crew for being so thoughtful and friendly right away! She would also like to say thanks to her friends and family for always supporting her!

LILA GRANTZ (Kenzie/Ensemble) is a freshman at Highland Park High School. This is her third production with the HP Drama Club, with previous credits including *Puffs* (Harry) and *Newsies* (Albert). She has done 13 previous theater productions including *Peter Pan* (Michael), *Mean Girls* (Cady), and *Matilda* (Matilda). In her free time, Lila enjoys dancing! She has been dancing ballet for 11 years and other styles for 4 years. She has also done professional ballets with the American Repertory Ballet, including *The Nutcracker*. She would like to thank the whole cast and crew of *Footloose*, and most of all, her parents, who support her no matter what.



The Addams Family



Alice in Wonderland



Chicago



Newsies



Heathers



Puffs



Footloose



Final bow

You broke a leg, Kai.

Kevin
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Bill
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Footloose

This is 40

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Congrats

to Tessa
and the entire
cast & crew of
Footloose!

From Liam the pup
(and your whole family)



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MONTSERRAT GUERRA (Cop/Ensemble) is a freshman at Highland Park High School. This is her fifth production with the HP Drama Club following *Puffs* (Leanne), *Newsies* (Morris Delancey), *Alice In Wonderland* (5 of Spades), and the 2023 One Acts festival. She has also participated in the HPTC's *Heathers* (Beleaguered Geek), as well as several productions with the HPYTC. In her free time, Montse enjoys hanging out with her friends and listening to music. She would like to thank the cast and crew for making this show possible.

LAKSHANYA GURUPANDIAN (Student/Ensemble) is a freshman at Highland Park High School. This is her first time working with the HP Drama Club. She has previously participated in shows with the HPYTC. She enjoys dancing, and she'd like to thank this club for making this show possible.

PHINEAS HORVATH (Wes Warnicker/Bickle) is a junior at Highland Park High School. This is their second production with the HP Drama Club. They participated in *Puffs* (Mr. Bagman, Death Buddy, etc.) earlier this year. He has also previously participated in many HPYTC performances. In his free time, he enjoys playing every instrument they can get their hands on.

BECK HUME (Jeter) is a junior at Highland Park High School. He has previously participated in productions with the HP Drama Club as a techie. He enjoys listening to music and baking. He would like to thank his family and

everyone in the Drama Club for always being so amazing!

TESSA HUTTNER (Audrey/Ensemble) is a freshman at Highland Park High School. This is her fourth production, previously participating in HP Drama Club's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Egeus/Lion), *Newsies* (Elmer/Hannah), and the HPTC's *Heathers* (Young Republicanette). She also participated in summer classes at the George Street Playhouse and sings in the school choir. Outside of performing arts, Tessa likes to play soccer and listen to music. She would like to thank her family and friends for always supporting her and everyone in the cast, crew, and staff for making this show happen!

MAC JONES (Reverend Shaw Moore) is a senior at Highland Park High School. This is his eighth performance with the HP Drama Club, with previous credits including *Puffs* (Wayne Hopkins), *Newsies* (Jack Kelly), *Chicago* (Clerk/Ensemble), *Alice in Wonderland* (Set Building/Props), *Legally Blonde* (Set Building), and the annual One Acts productions. Outside of HPHS, he performed in the HPTC's *Heathers* (J.D.) and numerous shows with the HPYTC. Apart from giving great sermons and NOT dancing, he enjoys spending time with his pets and friends, playing hockey, and listening to music. He'd like to give a special thanks to his family for being supportive of him as well as his directors for inspiring him to do what he loves. He also wants to thank his peers for being the most amazing and wonderful people throughout this production process.

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CORA KAPER-DALE (Ariel Moore) is a sophomore at Highland Park High School. This is her first production with the HP Drama Club, although she has previously participated in productions with the HPYTC. She enjoys playing on the school's sports teams, singing in Amandala (an acapella group at the high school), and spending time with friends and family. She would like to thank her family for being very supportive, and she would also like to thank the cast and crew for being so welcoming and encouraging and making this an amazing experience.

MARIA LEVINA (Ethel McCormack) is a junior at Highland Park High School. This is her third year in the HP Drama Club. She has been in *Twelfth Night* (Sebastian), *Chicago* (Mary Sunshine/Hunyak), *Alice in Wonderland* (Queen of Hearts), the 2023 One Acts (Riva), *Newsies* (Race/Bowery Beauty), and *Puffs* (Ernie Mac and others). Before joining the Drama Club, she participated in shows with the HPYTC. Maria enjoys art, music, and spending time with family and friends. She would like to thank her wonderful directors, the cast members, and the amazing crew members who put the show together. Lastly, thank YOU for watching!!!

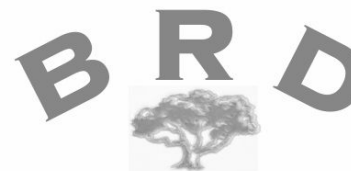
JOVAN LINDSEY (Travis) is a sophomore at Highland Park High School. He has been in one show since joining the Drama Club, *Puffs* (Blondo/Professor Lanny/Anthony/Death Buddy/SS Security), which was his theater debut. He enjoys music of all kinds, fashion, pop culture, and many different

genres of TV shows and movies. He would like to thank himself for building up the courage to take part in this great experience before it was too late!

REA ONKEN (Student Number 3/Ensemble) is a freshman at Highland Park High School. This is her first year participating in HP Drama productions. She enjoys socializing with friends and reading or going to cafes when she has the time. She would like to thank her friends for encouraging and supporting her to act in this production.

MERAV PETTER-LIPSTEIN (Eleanor Dunbar/Ensemble) is a freshman at Highland Park High School. This is her second year with HP Drama. She previously worked on the costumes and props teams for *Alice in Wonderland*, *Newsies*, and *Puffs*. She also acted in One Acts 2023 (Mary-Anne/Guard 2/Crimpton). Merav likes to read, watch old movies, and play with her three cats. She would like to thank her parents for encouraging her to act in this production.

VIOLET PYATT (Rusty) is a sophomore at Highland Park High School. She has previously participated in many HP Drama Club productions, including *Newsies* (Medda Larkin), *Chicago* (Mona/Ensemble), *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Helena), *And Then There Were None* (Dr. Armstrong), and more. Violet has performed in Paper Mill Playhouse's New Voices Concert since she was 12, as well as numerous other community theater productions. She would like to thank the entire cast and crew, especially the seniors, for



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making her last show with them so special. <3

AKIRA NARA RODENBIKER

(Jacey/Ensemble) is an 8th grader at Highland Park Middle School. This is her second production with the HP Drama Club, having previously participated in *Newsies* (Les). She has performed in the HPYTC's *Frozen* (Anna), *The Little Mermaid* (Ariel), and *Moana* (Chief Tui), as well as the HPTC's *Heathers* (Ensemble). When she isn't acting, Akira sings in the choir and Amandala, a girls' acapella group. She also likes to run cross country and track. She would like to give thanks to her dad, mom, her cute dog, and the cast for being there for her!

GEORGINA SANCHEZ (Willard Hewitt) is a senior at Highland Park High School. She has previously been in *Puffs* (Cedric) with the HP Drama Club, but this is her first musical with the club, as she just transferred this year. She plans on going to college for mechanical engineering and enjoys reading, spending time with her friends and family, and building lots of Legos. She would like to thank this amazing community from the bottom of her heart for their love and support. Each and every member of this club has contributed to this being the best year of her life...and for teaching her how to dance.

LOU SCOTT (Chuck Cranston) is a junior at Highland Park High School. He has participated in multiple shows with the HP Drama Club, including *Puffs* (Xavia Jones), *Newsies* (Romeo), *Alice in Wonderland* (Red Queen), and more. He

will bore you to tears with his beers and his bikes. He also enjoys spending time playing music, writing, and swimming. He would like to thank the cast and crew for giving him anything that he wants!

EVELYN SPRINGER

(Lulu Warnicker/Ensemble) is a senior at Highland Park High School. This is her first production with the HP Drama Club, but she has assisted many productions through the HPYTC, such as *Aladdin*, *Mary Poppins*, *Peter Pan*, and *Matilda*. She enjoys reading, coloring, and spending time with her family and friends. She would like to thank the entire cast and crew for making this an amazing production!

JULIA STEVENS (Urleen) is a sophomore at Highland Park High School. She has participated in many shows, including *Puffs* (Narrator), *Heathers* (Miss Fleming), *Newsies* (Mush), *The Wedding Singer* (Featured Dancer), *Matilda* (Student), and more. In her free time, she enjoys dancing and spending time with her friends. She would like to thank the entire cast and crew for making this experience truly special :)

KAI STEVENS (Ren McCormack) is a senior at Highland Park High School. This is his 13th production with the HP Drama Club, with previous credits including *Puffs* (Oliver Rivers), *Newsies* (Crutchie), *Alice in Wonderland* (Cheshire Cat/Mouse), *Chicago* (Reporter/Ensemble), *Twelfth Night* (Sir Andrew), *The Addams Family* (Pugsley Addams), and more. He also performed

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in the HPTC's pilot production, *Heathers* (Ram Sweeney). He would like to thank the cast, crew, and staff for their kindness and support, and he can't stand still!

EMILY TAWIL (Coach Dunbar) is a sophomore at Highland Park High School. She has previously done 10 shows, including *Heathers* (Kurt's Dad/Ensemble), *Newsies* (Wiesel/Mr. Jacobi/Stage Manager/Mayor), *Alice in Wonderland* (King of Hearts/Caterpillar), *Moana* (Tamatoa), *Annie* (Rooster), and *Chicago* (Kitty/Ensemble). Emily wants to pursue acting as a career and likes graphic design as well as SFX. In her free time, she dances, sings, and overall just wants to have a good time. And that's what this production has given her. Thank you.

TEJASVI VENKAT (Lyle/Garvin) is a senior at Highland Park High School. This is her fourth show with the HP Drama Club. She has previously taken part in *Newsies* (Jojo), *Chicago* (Lighting), and *Twelfth Night* (Lighting). Teji loves singing and cutting loose in *Footloose*, and she would like to thank the Drama Club and her family for being super fun and supportive. Also, let's hear it for the Pit Orchestra!

LEILA WEINBERG (Ensemble/Cowgirl) is a freshman at Highland Park High School. She has previously participated in *Heathers* (Ensemble), *Puffs* (Susie Bones/Myrtle), and *Newsies* (Props/Makeup). She also did many HPYTC shows. She enjoys listening to music and loudly singing along. She would like to thank the cast and crew of

Footloose for making this a wonderful experience.

FADHIL ABDULLATIF (Set Design) is a senior at Highland Park High School. This is his first time working on a production with the HP Drama Club. Outside of theater, he enjoys socializing and lending a helping hand to any task that he comes across. He would like to thank his mom for being supportive of whatever endeavors he finds himself in.

AREEBAH ALAM (Set Design/Costumes) is a senior at Highland Park High School. She has seamlessly transitioned from her role as Rafiki in a fifth-grade production of *The Lion King* to her current role as a member of the HP Drama Club tech crew. Areebah is an avid tennis player, loves reading Kurt Vonnegut, and cherishes moments spent with her close-knit circle of friends. Her heartfelt appreciation extends to her dedicated crew members, whose efforts have elevated every production to new heights.

RED AUGUSTINE (Head of Lights) is a freshman at Highland Park High School but has been in the Drama Club since 8th grade, starting off as an actor in *Alice in Wonderland* (Knave of Hearts) and then doing lights for *Newsies* and *Puffs*. In her free time, she likes to do art, write stories, and play the drums. She would like to thank Tova for always putting together the best shows and the cast and crew for being a family to her.

SHAMILLA AWARI (Props/Costumes) is a sophomore at Highland Park High

Congratulations to the Drama Club seniors!

Fadhil Abdullatif
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John Bilton
Yanitza Campos
Megan Chiu
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Roy Crosbie
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Welcome to the Highland Park Drama Club production of *Footloose*!

The author of the stage adaptation of *Footloose*, Dean Pitchford, described in his notes so clearly the intention behind creating this amazing adaptation. "*Footloose* is actually the story of a man who's lost his son, a boy who's lost his father, and those two help each other heal. What makes a story live on in our consciousness is the characters we meet along the way. We remember how they changed each other. And - when we're lucky - how they changed us." That has always been our goal here at HP Drama Club, to create an environment where our theater-making space is more than just the product we put on the stage.

Being part of theater is a life-changing experience. I never walk into our rehearsal space without acknowledging the impact theater education has on the students who pass through our program. HP Drama has been the starting place of so many amazing student journeys. So many hours on and off stage that incredible humans take with them into college, career, and life. Skills that are developed in rehearsal can be shown no matter what path they take.

A truly successful production involves more than what is presented on stage. It should not only be an artistic learning experience but a personal one as well. I am especially proud of the cooperation, mutual respect, level of commitment, and teamwork that has been demonstrated by everyone involved in this show. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with this cast, crew, pit and artistic team.

Jess: "We can't stand still!" I am so grateful to be dancing through life with you!
Thank you for being you and for bringing this story to life!

Luke: "Somebody's eyes are watching" through the stairs of that amazing set! You get it! Thanks for bringing to life our artistic vision and leading the techies with positivity and passion.

Keith and Nicole: How lucky I am to partner with such amazing professionals. Thank you for helping the students find their voices!

To our HP Drama Club seniors: Look around! This auditorium is filled with people who love and support you and whom you have inspired in return. This year's graduating class was our incoming freshman class during the pandemic. You have shown us true passion for the arts, continuing to show up, even on Zoom, when needed. It has been a pleasure to work with you and watch you grow over the past four years! Thank you for welcoming us with open arms and teaching us along the way. We hope that you will take all your Drama Club memories with you as you embark on your new journey. We wish you much love and success in your future endeavors. Please keep in touch!

Enjoy the show!!

Thank you,

Tova Halpern

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School. This is her second production with the HP Drama Club, having previously worked on *Puffs*. Outside of theatre, she likes to spend her free time expanding her musical skill and knowledge, as well as spending time with friends and family. She would like to thank her parents for allowing her to work on another HP Drama production, as well as the club for being so kind and welcoming.

JOHN BILTON (Head of Set Design) is a senior at Highland Park High School. He has previously worked on the sets of eleven other HP Drama productions, including *Chicago*, *Alice in Wonderland*, *Newsies*, *Puffs*, and many more. He also worked on the Highland Park Theater Company's production of *Heathers*. In his free time, John can be found learning everything about whatever new topic has piqued his interest this month or rereading his favorite Agatha Christie novels. He would like to thank his parents for being so supportive of the Drama Club and the rest of the club for creating such a welcoming space.

YANITZA CAMPOS (Makeup Artist/ Costumes) is a senior at Highland Park High School. This is her first year both attending the school and being a part of the HP Drama Club. This is also her second production with HP Drama, having previously worked on *Puffs*. She can usually be found either drawing, crocheting, playing video games, or watching YouTube and TikTok videos. Yanitza would like to thank her mother for being her second biggest cheerleader (right after her dog, Teddy).

ANDREW DALTON (Head of Lights/ Assistant Producer) is a senior at Highland Park High School. This is his 20th show and last musical. Andrew likes to play guitar, fish, surf, and swim in the ocean. Andrew would like to thank everyone in the Drama Club for such a great experience.

TALIA GLUECK (Stage Manager) is an 11th grader at Highland Park High School. This is her third year in tech, which includes her work on *One Acts 2022 and 2023*, *Twelfth Night*, *Chicago*, *Alice in Wonderland*, *Newsies*, and *Puffs*. When enjoying time by the "fireplace" at home, she can be found knitting or crocheting while watching the latest episode of WWE Monday Night Raw. She would like to thank OOOOOOOOOOlive, the glüktrük, and her mom #loveyoumom.

ISABELLA DE LA CRUZ (Prop Master) is a senior at HPHS. She has previously done eight other productions with the Highland Park Drama Club, including *The Addams Family*, *The Laramie Project*, *Legally Blonde*, *Chicago*, *Alice in Wonderland*, *Newsies*, and more. When Isabella is not working on her thrift store or sleeping, she is in Drama working on props. She would like to give a shout-out to everyone involved in the production, especially the talented seniors!

JONAH GRANTZ (Set Design) is a junior at Highland Park High School. He has participated in seven previous HP Drama Club productions, including *Twelfth Night*, *Chicago*, *Alice in*

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Wonderland, *Newsies*, and *Puffs*. In his free time, he likes to play video games and participate in Model UN. Jonah would like to thank his family and the rest of the club for so many years of fun!

MAYA HIDALGO (Set Design) is a junior at Highland Park High School. She previously worked on the set of *Puffs*, which was her first production with HP Drama. She likes eating candy and hanging out with her pets! She would like to thank her parents for being lovely little sweeties and her friends for (positively) peer-pressuring her into joining the Drama Club.

EVAN LEIZ (Set Design) is a sophomore at Highland Park High School. He has previously worked on *Puffs*, *Alice in Wonderland*, *Newsies*, and *And Then There Were None*. In his free time, he enjoys hanging out with friends and reading. He would like to thank the staff and everyone else in the Drama Club for making it a welcoming space.

MAEVE MCINERNEY-LIU (Set Design) is a freshman at Highland Park High School. This is the second production she's worked on, and she's excited to do a musical. She enjoys playing in the Concert Band and Jazz Band, as well as singing in the Highland Park High School Choir. She would like to thank the Drama Club leaders for working so hard to make theater a reality for HP students.

JULIUS MCKENNA (Costumes) is a sophomore at Highland Park High School. He has previously done tech for

11 other productions, including *Heathers*, *Alice in Wonderland*, *Newsies*, *Chicago*, and more. In his free time, he enjoys reading Terry Prachett novels and playing Minecraft. Julius would like to thank his parents for picking him up from tech when it's cold and dark out.

SAMANTHA MILSTED (Set Design) is a junior at Highland Park High School. This is her ninth production, with previous credits including *Twelfth Night*, *Chicago*, *Alice in Wonderland*, *Newsies*, *Heathers*, *Puffs*, and more. When not working on shows, Samantha can be found hosting, directing, and producing talent shows for her little cousins. She would like to thank her parents for picking her and her friends up from drama when it's late and cold.

KARA OVALL (Set Design) is a junior at Highland Park High School. She previously participated in *Alice in Wonderland*, *Channel Surfing*, *Newsies*, and *Puffs*. She likes to listen to music and hang out with friends. She'd like to thank the Drama Club members for their hard work to make this show happen.

AYANNA ROCKMAN (Props/Costumes) is a sophomore at Highland Park High School. This is their second production with the HP Drama Club, their first being *Alice in Wonderland*. In their free time, Ayanna enjoys listening to music, writing stories, and dancing. They would like to thank the club for making this opportunity possible.

MARIA SAVVA (Set Design) is a sophomore at Highland Park High

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Music Education. Mr. Presty was the Bartle Elementary School band director from 2004-2022 and now serves as the high school director of bands. He also served as the Highland Park High School Drama Director/Technical Advisor from 2006-2015 where he was responsible for stage and technical direction, producing over 18 full-scale productions. Since then, he has continued to musically direct and sometimes produce for the drama department. In addition to Highland Park, Mr. Presty has directed and musically directed various shows for community theaters and theater programs throughout New Jersey. Aside from teaching, he is also the president of the Highland Park Education Association (HPEA), representing over 260 teachers and educational support staff and is employed as a part-time UniServ consultant with the New Jersey Education Association.

JESSICA STANISLAWCZYK-NAPPA (Director) is a theatre teaching artist and performer in the NJ/NY area. She holds a BM in Voice Performance from Westminster Choir College. Jess has been with the Highland Park Drama Club since 2020, and has since directed and music directed many musicals through Fresh Theatre Arts all over NJ. She also teaches private voice, acting, and piano lessons. When she's not teaching, she is a member of a professional Shakespeare company where she performs as Juliet in *Romeo & Juliet* and Lady Macbeth in *Macbeth*. She is in constant awe of the talent these possess, and hope you enjoy the show! Everybody cut Footloose!

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sports (soccer, track) and enjoys learning, especially math.

SUBIN YU (Percussion) Is a freshman at Highland Park High School. This is her second production with the HP Drama Club, previously participating in *Puffs*. She likes to play the violin and piano in her free time. She also participates in Model UN and ACC. She would like to thank Halcey for inspiring her to continue playing her instrument.

LUKE FERRELL (Technical Director) is a New Jersey-based stage director and teaching artist. He is studying theater arts, history, and human resource management at Rutgers University, where he is the Artistic Director of Cabaret Theatre. Aside from his work teaching theater, some of his recent production credits include *Puffs* (Director), *9 to 5* (Music Director), *The Drowsy Chaperone* (Technical Director), *The Last Five Years* (Director), *Newsies* (Technical Director), *Into the Woods* (Music Director), *Spring Awakening* (Music Director), *Sweet Charity* (Director), *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* (Director), and *Chicago* (Technical Director). He is thrilled to be working on his sixth production at Highland Park and would like to thank the tech crew, cast, and staff for all of their hard work! www.lukejferrell.com.

TOVA HALPERN (Director/Producer) has been a professional director and Theatre Arts educator for the past 20 years. Tova graduated with her B.A. in Theatre Arts from Rutgers University.

After graduating from Rutgers, Tova went to work on Broadway at Richard Frankel Productions, producers of *Hairspray*, *Stomp* and *Young Frankenstein*. After gaining a true Broadway experience, Tova went back to school and received her master's in Educational Theater from NYU. With her enthusiasm and love for theater and education, Tova founded Fresh Theatre Arts, an educational theatre company whose mission is to introduce, educate and encourage youth to participate in performing arts programming while strengthening their creativity, self-esteem, and social skills. This is Tova's 9th year as HP Drama's advisor. She is so proud of the cast, crew and staff of *Footloose*. Break legs! @freshtheatrearts

MRS. NICOLE HODGE (Vocal Director) is a mezzo soprano soloist, pianist, conductor and music teacher both at HPMS, HPHS and in private practice. She holds master's degrees in both vocal performance and education, as well as a bachelor's degree in music with a concentration of vocal performance. She has performed with The NJ Oratorio Society as well as NY City Opera & Carnegie Hall. She would like to thank the students for their dedication, Tova Halpern for inviting her to be part of the production team, her husband Antony for being so flexible during musical seasons and her son, Jude, for being her #1 cheerleader.

KEITH T. PRESTY (Orchestra Director) is a graduate of William Paterson University where he holds both a Bachelor and Master of Music in

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School. She has previously worked on *Alice in Wonderland*, *One Acts* (2023), *Newsies*, and *Heathers*. When she isn't at theater, Maria likes to binge-watch TV, play video games, and contemplate her existence! She would like to thank her mother for always being there to pick her up from drama!

KAYA SUKHDEO (Head of Costumes) is a senior at Highland Park High School. This is one of many productions she's worked on, including *Chicago*, *Footloose*, and some other stuff she can't remember. You can occasionally find Kaya solemnly chopping lumber for the frost or finding cool leaves. She would like to thank her stinkbug and inkybinky for their love and support.

CECILIA TANNER-RICCARDI (Set Design) is a freshman at Highland Park High School. This is her second production with the Drama Club, previously working on the set for *Newsies*. When not at school, Cecilia can be found reading, knitting or crocheting, and obsessively watching *RuPaul's Drag Race*. Cecilia would like to thank her friends and family for being supportive of all of her interests.

SOPHIA TAPPEN (Set Design) is a freshman at Highland Park High School. This is the third production she has done, previously working on *Newsies* (Set Design) and *Puffs* (Set Design). Sophia enjoys listening to music and spending time with friends. She would like to thank the friends that made her join this club and the amazing people she has met doing tech.

MEGAN CHIU (Percussion) is a senior at HPHS. She has previously done sound for seven other productions, including *Puffs*, *Newsies*, *Twelfth Night*, *Chicago*, and *Alice in Wonderland*. This is her first year being in the Pit Orchestra, and she is super excited about it. Outside of school, she enjoys editing videos and hanging out with her friends. She'd like to thank the production and cast team for their support along the entire way, as well as her loving family and friends.

HARRISON CLARK (Keyboard) is a freshman at Highland Park High School. Although this is his first production with HPHS, he is very excited to be a part of *Footloose*. He loves to play the piano, of course, but he also swims and plays the trombone. He would like to thank Mr. Presty for convincing him to play for the pit orchestra.

JEREMIAH MOUSSA (Tenor/Baritone Saxophone, Clarinet) is a sophomore at Highland Park High School. This is his second production with the HP Drama Club, previously participating in *Newsies* (Clarinet). Not only does he love band and playing his instruments, but he also enjoys participating in robotics, mathletes, and Rubik's cubing club. He would like to give a huge thanks to Mr. Presty for allowing him to play in the pit this year!

JOSEPH WINFREY (Bass) is a sophomore at Highland Park High School. This is his first production with the Drama Club. He loves playing and participates in the Band, Jazz Band, Pep Band, and Orchestra. Joseph also enjoys

Bonnie says to her favorite performer, "Break a paw!"



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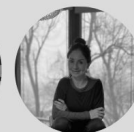


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