Gunn Kigh School
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THE SIC MAN



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Cast Biographies

BECKY AGIEWICH - AMARYLLIS
BECKY HAS APPEARED IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRODUCTIONS AND AS
THE DUCHESS, "A FUNNY PART," IN YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU,
AT WILBUR. SHE IS GLAD TO BE IN THIS MUSICAL AS SHE LOVES
ACTING, SINGING AND PLAYING THE PIANO -- EVEN THOUGH SHE HAS
TO HIT SOME WRONG NOTES FOR THE PART OF THE PRECOCIOUS
AMARYLLIS!

DAN DEARMOND - MARCELLUS WASHBURN
TYPIFYING MANY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CAST OF THE MUSIC MAN,
DAN IS VENTURING INTO RELATIVELY UNFAMILIAR TERRITORY BY
TRYING OUT WHAT BEING ON STAGE FEELS LIKE. PLAYING THE PART
OF THE FATHER IN AGEE'S ALL THE WAY HOME AT WILBUR, HOWEVER,
HAS MEANT A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT TO HIM.

MIKE JONATH - WINTHROP PAROO
MIKE HAS PERFORMED IN <u>OUR HEARTS WERE YOUNG AND GAY</u>, <u>UP THE DOWN STAIRCASE</u> AND MOST RECENTLY IN A ONE ACT, <u>IMPROMPTU</u>. HE COMMENTS THAT HE PROBABLY GOT THE PART OF THE TEN-YEAR-OLD WINTHROP ON THE STRENGTH OF BEING RELATIVELY SHORT. SINCE REHEARSALS BEGAN, HE HAS BEEN GROWING SO MUCH THAT HE HAS TO ADOPT A SLOUCH. BEING IN A MUSICAL IS VERY GOOD EXPERIENCE FOR HIM, HE FEELS, AS IS THE CHALLENGE OF SPEAKING WITH WINTHROP'S PRONOUNCED LISP.

HILARY LEY - Mrs. Paroo Modifying her English accent to an Irish one for the part of Mrs. Paroo is, Hilary found, quite a challenge; but she finds the character very likeable. She has appeared in IHE Curious Sayage and A Perfect Day For Bananafish and observes That, interestingly, this is her third role as a mother.

ROBERT LITTLE - Mayor Shinn
ROBERT HAS APPEARED IN A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM AND AS THE
KING IN ONCE UPON A MATTRESS AT THE CHILDREN'S THEATER. HE
REMARKS THAT THE MAYOR IS FUN TO PLAY BECAUSE HE IS A VERY
REAL, POMPOUS CHARACTER.

ADDITIONAL CAST BIOGRAPHY

AARON DAI -- EWART DUNLOP

AARON IS IN THE CHOIR, CHORALE, AND HAS BEEN IN SCHOOL BANDS FOR FIVE YEARS. HE PLAYS PIANO, OBOE, BASSOON, AND CLARINET. LAST YEAR AARON WAS IN A STUDENT DIRECTED ONE-ACT, THE PROPOSAL. SINGING IN THE QUARTET WAS VERY FUN, HE SAID, AND NOT AS DIFFICULT AS HE FIRST EXPECTED.

ERRATUM -- BILL REHOR PLAYS THE PART OF OLIVER HIX.

CARRIE ELLEN MATHIOTT - MARIAN PAROO
CARIE HAS ACTED IN NUMEROUS PRODUCTIONS AT SCHOOL AND AT THE
CHILDREN'S THEATER SINCE SHE WAS EIGHT. ONE OF HER
FAVOURITES WAS A NARRATOR IN JOSEPH AND THE MANY-COLORED
DREAMCOAT; ANOTHER WAS THE QUEEN IN ONCE UPON A MATTRESS.
AS SHE HAS LOVED THE PART OF MARIAN FOR A LONG TIME, HAVING
THE CHANCE TO PLAY HER WAS A DREAM COME TRUE. HER APPROACH
HAD BEEN TO ASK HERSELF SUCH QUESTIONS AS WHAT MARIAN'S
RELATIONSHIP TO "UNCLE MADDY," HER FATHER'S BEST FRIEND,
REALLY WAS AND WHAT HER RELATIONSHIP WITH HER FATHER WOULD
HAVE BEEN.

JOHN OGILVY - PROFESSOR HAROLD HILL
JOHN HAS BEEN ACTING FOR A LONG TIME: IN THE MIRACLE
WORKER, THE SOUND OF MUSIC, BABES IN TOYLAND, THE CRUCIBLE,
BYE BYE BIRDIE, YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU, DAVID AND LISA,
ARIA DI CAPO AND A PERFECT DAY FOR BANANAFISH. SOME WERE
SCHOOL PRODUCTIONS AND OTHERS AT THE CHILDREN'S THEATER. AN
UNUSUAL VENTURE WAS HIS PERFORMANCE IN THE TWO-MAN PLAY BY
DAVID MAMET, LIFE IN THE THEATER, WHICH WAS PRODUCED IN THE
NEW VARSITY IN PALO ALTO: AN EXPERIENCE HE HOPES TO REPEAT
SOME TIME. HE HAS NEVER IDENTIFIED WITH A CON MAN BEFORE,
BUT SAYS RECENTLY FRIENDS HAVE BEEN REMARKING ON A
RESEMBLANCE. HE THINKS HAROLD IS BOTH A JERK AND SOMEONE HE
LIKES A LOT - SOMEONE, IN FACT, HE FEELS COMPELLED TO
DEFEND.

BILL REHOR - EWART DUNLAP
BILL HAS DONE LOTS OF CHILDREN'S THEATER WHERE HE HAS
APPEARED IN THE MUSIC MAN, THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE, HELLO
DOLLY!, CAROUSEL, SNOOPY, ONCE UPON A MATTRESS (TWICE) AND
BARNUM. DESPITE THESE EXPERIENCES, HOWEVER, HE FINDS
SINGING A CAPPELLA FOUR-PART HARMONY "INTENSELY HARD".

JILL SHALLENBERGER - EULALIE MACKECKNIE SHINN
JILL'S CONSIDERABLE LIST OF CREDITS INCLUDES PERFORMANCES IN
A MIDSUMMERS NIGHT'S DREAM, Me, Myself, THE WICKED ELF, BYE
BYE BIRDIE, DAVID AND LISA, YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU, THE
LEDGE, LEDGER AND THE LEGEND, MY SISTER EILEEN, THIS
PROPERTY IS CONDEMNED, AND THE CURIOUS SAVAGE. SHE IS IN
LOVE WITH HER PART AS A BIG, BUSTLING, OFFICIOUS, SNOOTY
WOMAN WHICH SHE FINDS VERY DIFFERENT FROM ANYTHING SHE HAS
EVER PLAYED BEFORE.

BYRON VAN DYKE - JACEY SQUIRES
BYRON IS COMPARATIVELY NEW TO THE THEATER, THOUGH HE WAS IN
THE THEATREWORKS' WIZARD OF OZ LONG AGO. HE FINDS HIS PART
IN THE MUSIC MAN BOTH FUN AND CORNY.

CHRISTOPHER VAN DYKE - TOMMY DJILAS

AFTER APPEARING IN NUMEROUS PRODUCTIONS IN LOCAL SCHOOLS, INCLUDING DON'T DRINK THE WATER AT GUNN, CHRISTOPHER SPENT LAST SUMMER IN A SUMMER STOCK COMPANY IN MASSACHUSETTS, WHERE HE PERFORMED IN PEER GYNT. HE THEN PLAYED THE PART OF JEFFREY IN THE CURIOUS SAVAGE AT GUNN. MUSICAL COMEDY IS HIS FORTE SO HE IS AT HOME IN THIS SHOW.

PETER WILLIS - OLIN BRITT
PETER HAS SUNG IN THE GUNN CHOIR AND CHORALE, ACTED IN MY
SISTER EILEEN, AND IS A MEMBER OF THE SPANGENBERG THEATRE
TECHNICAL STAFF. HE SAYS THAT THE BARBERSHOP QUARTET GROUP
IS HAVING SO MUCH FUN HAMMING UP THEIR ROLES THAT THEY HAVE
A HARD TIME LOOKING AS IF THEY DISLIKE EACH OTHER AT THE
OUTSET OF THE ACTION.

Cast

CHARLIE COWELL	GDEG RECVED
CONDUCTOR	
HAROLD HILL	JONATHAN OGILVY
MAYOR SHINN	ROBERT LITTLE
EWART DUNLOP	AARON DAI
O	
JACEY SQUIRES	
OLIN BRITT	PETER WILLIS
MARCELLUS WASHBURN	DAN DEARMOND
TOMMY DJILAS	CHRISTOPHER VAN DYKE
MARIAN PAROO	CARDIE CLIEN MATHIOTT
	CARRIE ELLEN MATHIOTT
MRS. PAROO	
WINTHROP	MIKE JONATH
EULALIE MACKECKNIE SHINN	JILL SHALLENBERGER
ZANEETA SHINN	.JENNIFER QUERMAN
CDACIE CHIMM	CLAL KETONEN
GRACIE SHINN	
CONSTABLE	ED HIGGINS
ALMA HIX	SARAH PEARSON
MAUD DUNLOP	
ETHEL TOFFELMIER	GABRIELLE PETROSIAN
MRS. SQUIRES	HILLARY JOHNSON
DEL SARTE LADIES	ANN MARIE DOCKSTADER
	FELICIA LO
	ALISON ALTSTATT
TRAVELLING SALESMEN	
INAVELLING SALESHEN	
	SHAWN EMAMJAMEH
	GLEN RAPHAEL
	GERRY CARGILE
	BYRON VAN DYKE
	ED HIGGINS
	MARK ROBINSON
	AARON DAI

Orchestra

DIRECTOR TERESA MERCHANT

PIANO MARY LEE GLASS

VIOLIN

ERNEST HO (CONCERT MASTER)

SEBASTIAN DOEHLER

MASON HOLDING
CHRISTOPHER HALL
FELIX CHOI
SUZANNE BADET
GRETCHEN GIZE
ELIZABETH MCASHAN

CELLO HEATHER BEACH MRS. LARSON

STRING BASS TILY CHAO

FLUTE SANDRA MA LISA FENWICK (PICCOLO)

CLARINET/SAX
JENNIFER MAYADAS
EDITH CHENG
JEFF HAUSMANN
MEREDITH WESTOVER

OBOE RICK CHESTNUT

TRUMPET
STEVE SMITH
BRIAN BURNETT
JASON OLAINE

TROMBONE
PAUL WILCOX
JENNY PERGA
ED FULLER

BASSOON ZACK CURTIS

PERCUSSION
DENNIS WILLIAMS
AUDREY McCAIN

Act I

SCENE 1: A RAILWAY COACH. MORNING, JULY 4, 1912 TRAVELLING SALESMEN SCENE 1: RIVER CITY, IOWA. CENTER OF TOWN. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING. IOWA STUBBORNTownspeople of River City SCENE 3: THE PAROOS' HOUSE. THAT EVENING. GOODNIGHT MY SOMEONE......MARIAN SCENE 4: MADISON GYMNASIUM. THIRTY MINUTES LATER. ACEY SCENE 5: EXTERIOR OF MADISON LIBRARY. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING. THE SADDER-BUT-WISER GIRL HAROLD AND MARCELLUS PICKALITTLE EULALIE, MAUD, ETHEL, SCENE 6: INTERIOR OF MADISON LIBRARY. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING. MARIAN THE LIBRARIAN HAROLD & MARIAN, BOYS AND GIRLS SCENE 7: A STREET. THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY NOON. SCENE 8: THE PAROOS' PORCH. THAT EVENING. MY WHITE KNIGHTMARIAN SCENE 9: CENTER OF TOWN.

NOON, THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY.

WELLS FARGO WAGONWINTHROP & TOWNSPEOPLE .



SCENE 1. MADISON GYMNASTUM



Act II

THE FOLLOWING TUESDAY E	VENING.
EULALIE'S BALLETIT'S YOU	DEL SARTE LADIES OLIN, OLIVER, EWART, JACEY, EULALIE, MAUD, ETHEL, ALMA &
SHIPOOPI	MRS. SOUTRES
PICKALITTLE REPRISE	ALMA, MRS. SQUIRES & DEL SARTE LADIES
SCENE 2: THE HOTEL PORCH. THE FOLLOWING WEDNESDAY	EVENING.
LIDA ROSE	
WILL I EVER TELL YOU	JACEY MARIAN
SCENE 3: THE PAROOS' PORCH. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING.	
GARY, INDIANA	WINTHROP
SCENE 4: THE FOOTBRIDGE. FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER.	
IT'S YOU BALLETTILL THERE WAS YOU	.Boys & GIRLS .MARIAN AND HAROLD

SCENE 6: Madison Park.
A FEW MINUTES LATER.

SCENE 5: A STREET.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING.

TILL THERE WAS YOU REPRISE ... HAROLD

SCENE 7: MADISON GYMNASIUM IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING.

FINALE ENTIRE COMPANY

SEVENTY SIX TROMBONES AND GOODNIGHT MY SOMEONEHAROLD AND MARIAN

Dancers

NAOKO AMEMIYA
LORENA BISCHOFF
MARY BLAZZARD
CAITLIN BURGESS
CAROLYN COLLMAN
SHAWN EMAMJOMEH
KAREN GIBBS
ADAM GILES
LAURIE HESSEN
ELIZABETH KIM
MELISSA MCMICHAEL
MICHELLE ROJA
MICHELLE MARTIN
COURTNEY QUAINTANCE
MICHELLE SLEEPER
MARTY YU
REBECCA SNIDER
SHANNON WAGONER
KAREN ZERFOSS
SUZANNE LEUNG
CINDY FOGEL

Chorus

Set Construction

NAOKO AMEMIYA
AARON DAI
CINDY FOGEL
HILARY LEY
FELICIA LO
CHRISTOPHER VAN DYKE
DARCY LYON
GLEN RAPHAEL
PETER WILLIS
ORIANA ANHOLT
GREG BECKER
GERRY CARGILE
STEPHEN GOLDBERG
ED HIGGINS
ROBERT LITTLE
TETIANA LO
JON OGILVY
KATHY BAUDERS
ROBERT LITTLE
TETIANA LO
AND CARGILE
SCOTT EDWARDS
TIM FARRELL
NINA RUDERMAN
CHARLES PRAEL
ALISON STEEN

Production Staff

DIRECTOR
MUSICAL DIRECTOR
CHOREOGRAPHER
LIGHTS/SET DESIGNER
COSTUME DESIGNER/ADVISOR
ASSISTANT COSTUME ADVISOR
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
TECHNICAL DIRECTOR
ASSISTANT TECHNICAL DIRECTORS

STAGE MANAGER
ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER
REHEARSAL SECRETARY
MASTER ELECTRICIAN
ELECTRICS CREW

FOLLOW SPOTS

KEY GRIP RUNNING CREW

MASTER SOUND MAKE-UP CREW

PUBLICITY

COSTUME CREW SIGNS PROPS CREW JAMES SHELBY THERESA MERCHANT DIANE SILVEN DAN WADLEIGH MARY HARDY JUDITH BHUSHAN ELIZABETH FOX DAN WADLEIGH GREG BECKER SCOTT EDWARDS SCOTT EDWARDS RUTH LEY GRACE FAGEN DONALD FRIED MARIA DELL'OCA LORI RUNYAN JIM JENSEN RON CARGILE KATHY RAPHAEL BRETT MINKIN FRANKLIN BRADLEY ADAM BERNS CHARLES CALA
PHILIPPE KENNEDY
JOHN YEARLEY DARCY LYON
JEFF SAUNDERS
CATHERINE MCKISSOCK
RACHEL DIAZ
MIKE GESCHWIND
CARLA PEREZ (HEAD)
STEPHANIE LEE CHARISSA CHU STEVE WEISSMAN LYLE MILLER GRETTA GIZE ROCHELLE KROUSE YOLANDA CHU SUZIE DAVIS ANNE JOHNSTON CHRISTINE BEIRNE
CLINT SMITH (HEAD)
ELI BEIT-ZURI
SUSAN WOCJICKI
MARY CUMMINS JILL VANONCINI RUTH LEY MARIE HOPPER (HEAD) NINA RUDERMAN DARCY LYON NATHAN BRIDGES

Production Biographies

JIM SHELBY - DIRECTOR

THE MUSIC MAN HAS BEEN A FORMATIVE INFLUENCE IN MR. SHELBY'S
LIFE SINCE HE SAW THE MOVIE "SEVEN OR EIGHT TIMES ONE SUMMER
WHEN I WAS SEVEN YEARS OLD." HE LOVES THE FORM OF THE
AMERICAN MUSICAL COMEDY BECAUSE "IT INVOLVES SO MANY FORMS
OF THEATRICAL EXPRESSION: DANCING, SINGING, ACTING,
FLAMBOYANT SETS AND COSTUMES...."
HE SEES THIS PRODUCTION AS BEING AN EMBODIMENT OF THE VALUES
OF THE MUSIC MAN ITSELF: "... AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF PEOPLE
WHOSE TALENT AND ENERGY IS FOCUSED IN ONE DIRECTION,
ACCOMPLISHING THE NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE."

TERESA MERCHANT - Musicial Director
In her professional life, Mrs. Merchant directs the Orchestra, Choir, and Chorale at Gunn. She also teaches Music Theory and Appreciation of Music. She has directed and produced The King and I and was artistic director of Carousel, as well as other non-Gunn productions. She comments that The Music Man is one of her favorite shows, as it is true Americana, full of life and zest.

DIANE SILVEN - CHOREOGRAPHER
Ms. SILVEN HAS BEEN A PENINSULAN ALL HER DANCING LIFE. SHE
TRAINED IN SAN MATEO WITH LES WILLIAMS. SHE HAS
CHOREOGRAPHED AT MENLO-ATHERTON HIGH SCHOOL SINCE 1974, AND
SHE HAS CHOREOGRAPHED OLIVER! AT THEATREWORKS FOR THE PAST
TWO YEARS. SHE HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH MANY OTHER SHOWS,
INCLUDING THE CLAYPIPERS' PRODUCTIONS DURING THE SUMMER IN
THE GOLD COUNTRY. SHE IS IMPRESSED WITH THE TALENT THAT THE
STUDENTS HAVE AT GUNN AND IS "IN AWE" OF THE STAGE, WHICH
SHE IS HAVING A WONDERFUL TIME FILLING WITH DANCE.

DAN WADLEIGH - Technical director, Set & Lighting Designer Dan brings an impressive set of theatrical credentials to Gunn, including work with Theatreworks, Santa Rosa Junior College, DeAnza College, San Jose Repertory and the Magic Theatre. The Music Man is the third Gunn show Dan has designed.

MARY HARDY - Costume Mistress
Mrs. Hardy must be termed a survivor, having been responsible for the costumes for an almost equally large production, Kiss Me Kate, last year. As much as possible, she has maintained the period of 1912 in her costumes for this production. She has stretched the definition in a few cases to allow some freedom of movement for the dancers. Women in those days wore hobbleskirts, young girls liked the middy look, and young boys wore Buster Brown or middy outfits. It is a challenge to come up with costumes for such a large cast, particularly with period items, like spats!

ELIZABETH FOX - ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
UP UNTIL NOW LIZ HAS BEEN AN ACTRESS - IN THE MIRACLE
WORKER, THE SOUND OF MUSIC, DON'T DRINK THE WATER, THE
CURIOUS SAVAGE, AND IMPROMPTU. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SHE
HAS DIRECTED. SHE LOVES SEEING THE SHOW COME ALIVE AND
CAN'T WAIT UNTIL OPENING NIGHT WHEN SHE IS SURE THAT SHE
WILL HAVE A SMILE ON HER FACE THE WHOLE EVENING. IT IS NOT
EVERY DAY, SHE FEELS, THAT A STUDENT CAN GIVE SO MANY
SUGGESTIONS AND FEEL THAT SHE OR HE IS REALLY CONTRIBUTING.

FRANK BRADLEY - KEY GRIP
ALTHOUGH HE HAS MAINLY ACTED IN THE NUMEROUS PLAYS THAT HE HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH, FRANK HAS ALSO RUN THE CREW FOR THE ONE ACTS AND DIRECTED ONE OF THEM, THE MARRIAGE PROPOSAL. HE ADMITS IT IS A CHALLENGE BUILDING EVERYTHING IN THIS SET AND ORGANIZING HOW IT ALL GETS ON AND OFF STAGE, AS THERE ARE NO LESS THAN 18 SCENE CHANGES - BUT IT'S A VERY FUN SHOW TO DO.

GREG BECKER - ASSISTANT TECHNICAL DIRECTOR/CHARLIE COWELL GREG HAS SUCESSFULLY BRIDGED THE "TECHIE-ACTOR" GAP IN HIS HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE CAREER. HE HAS HAD IMPORTANT ROLES BOTH ON STAGE AND OFF IN MOST OF THE GUNN PRODUCTIONS SINCE HE HAS BEEN A STUDENT HERE. HIS DUAL ROLE OF CHARLIE AND ATD IS A FITTING CLIMAX TO SUCH A MULTIFACETED HIGH SCHOOL THEATER CAREER.

SCOTT EDWARDS - STAGE MANAGER
SCOTT HAS BEEN WORKING IN THEATRE FOR FOUR YEARS. HE HAD BEEN INVOLVED WITH SHOWS AT SPANGENBERG AND FOOTHILL COLLEGE. HE IS CURRENTLY "SENIOR TECHIE" AT SPANGENBURG. "THE SHOW HAS BEEN LONG AND HARD BUT I'VE ENJOYED IT."

RUTH LEY - Assistant Stage Manager
Ruth has been props mistress for The Curious Sayage, an
ELECTRICIAN ON THE ONE ACTS, AND CONSTRUCTED "WEIRD PROPS"
FOR KISS ME KATE. FOR THIS MUSICAL SHE HAS TO PRODUCE SOME
UNUSUAL ITEMS SUCH AS SEVEN FOB WATCHES AND PAINT WHAT
APPEARS TO BE SEVERAL ACRES OF SETS.

DONALD FRIED - MASTER ELECTRICIAN
DONALD HAD BEEN EITHER A STAGE HAND OR STAGE MANAGER FOR ALL
THE PRODUCTIONS AT GUNN FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS. THIS IS
HIS FIRST TIME AS MASTER ELECTRICIAN AND HE IS KEPT BUSY
CHOREOGRAPHING ALL THREE OF THE LIGHTING CREW AT THE BOARD.
HE SAYS HE HASN'T HAD MUCH TROUBLE SO FAR, BUT TRIBULATIONS
MAY YET PILE UP.

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Spangenberg Theatre
Foothill College Theatre
Quality Mart
Bargain Box Resale Shop
Nearly New Resale Shop



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PROGRAM LAYOUT/GRAPHICS BY MARIANNE MCKISSOCK

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CONI OAKSON
KATIE ROSENBERG
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SYLVIA VAN DYKE
RUTH VEINOTT
DONNA CROSSMAN
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