CURTAIN CALL

MESQUITE ARTS THEATRE



Book, Music & Lyrics by Jim Jacobs & Warren Casey Otrected by Nancy Pistilli

JULY 18-27

FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS 7:30 PM

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FROM THE DIRECTOR



Nancy Pistilli - Director

WELCOME to Mesquite Arts Theatre! We're glad you're here to see GREASE: school version. These actors are all young people aged 15-25, and they are ready to entertain you. GREASE was made famous by the movie starring John Travolta and Olivia Newton John in 1978; however, it was a Broadway show before that, opening in 1972 and running for 3,388 performances. It was revived on Broadway in 1994 and 2007. The school version stays true to the original Broadway script, so some music is different or omitted. The basic story of high school life is the same, however, highlighting the fashions and music of the 1950's.

NANCY PISTILLI (Director/Choreographer) is back in Mesquite because **GREASE** is the word! She has previously directed/choreographed many classics at MAT, such as **Nunsense**, **Oklahoma!**, **South Pacific**, **Schoolhouse Rock**, **Camelot**, **Steel Magnolias**. Nancy also directs,

choreographs, and performs at other theaters around the DFW area – some of her favorites are **Guys And Dolls, Scrooge, Rocky Horror Show, Hair, Mamma Mia, Drowsy Chaperone, 42**ND **Street, Singing In The Rain, Pirates Of Penzanze.** Nancy retired recently from a 30-year career as an insurance adjuster but continues to teach tap and ballet at several studios, as well as performing proudly as a member of the DALLAS TAP DAZZLERS.

Special thanks to my staff for helping to bring this classic to life! Enjoy the show.

Larry Turner - Musical Director

Larry Turner (Music Director) is delighted to help bring this production to life alongside such a talented cast! He has taught piano and voice throughout Mesquite, Garland, Forney, Grand Prairie, and Dallas, and has performed in roles such as Ladislav Sipos in **She Loves Me**, Jinx in **Forever Plaid**, Cornelius Hackl in **Hello**, **Dolly!**, Motel in **Fiddler on the Roof**, George Bailey in It's a **Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play**, Ferrando in **Così Fan Tutte**, and Adam in **The Complete Works of William Shakespeare** (**Abridged**). He was also a soloist for **Handel's Messiah** with the Lakeside Civic Chorus. Larry's music director credits include **Into the Woods Jr.**, **White Christmas**, **Schoolhouse Rock Live!**, **Forever Plaid**, and **She Loves Me**. He is deeply grateful for all the incredible people who have supported him on his creative journey and finds joy in helping others unlock their voice—on stage and in life.

The Brayo Bucket

The actors for tonight's performance are volunteers. They have donated their time, talent and resources to create a quality production out of their love to entertain. If you've enjoyed the performance, please feel free to show your appreciation with a contribution to the Bravo Bucket after the show. These donations are split among the cast at the close of all performances. Thank you!

THANK YOU FOR COMING. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT A FUTURE PRODUCTION AGAIN SOON!

GREASE

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(There will be one 15 minute Intermission)

THE CAST

Sandy Dumbrowski	Lia Schoendienst	
Danny Zuko	Arnie Juarez	
Miss Lynch	AK Carter	
Patty Simcock	Katyrose Holman	
Kenickie	Zay Ramos	
Rizzo	Megan Gibb	
Sonny	Francisko Perez	
Doody	Tyler Lewis	
Marty	Aiyana Brown	
Frenchie	Macy Moncivais	
Roger	Telvin Culberson	
Jan	Ariel Jimenez	
Cha Cha DiGregorio	Cassia Darrington	
Johnny Casino	Larry Turner	
Teen Angel/Vince Fontaine	Trevor Powell	
Eugene Florcyk	Ryan Whittington	
THE CREW		
Director	Nancy Pistilli	
Musical Director	Larry Turner	
Assistant Director/Stage Manager	Steven House	
Producer	Dennis Gullion	
Set Design	Steven House	
Costumer/Props	Judy Perser	
Dance Choreographer	Nancy Pistilli	
Lights/ Sound Technician		

Graphic Design James Mychael

ABOUT THE CAST

LIA SCHOENDIENST (Sandy Dumbrowski) This is Lia's first time ever playing a lead role! She has been doing theatre since 2021 but has been dancing since she was 11. She also has experience as a choreographer for her own high school senior show (**My Fair Lady**). Other productions shes performed in include **Anastasia**, **Jesus Christ Superstar**, and **Death Note: The Musical**. Her favorite thing to do on stage is an exhausting dance number and is excited to make her MAT debut!

ARNULFO JUAREZ Aka Arnie (Danny Zuko) is excited to be a part of this production of **GREASE** and so ready to put on an amazing show. Arnie has been in theatre and doing shows for 7 years, going onto 8. This is Arnie's first community theatre performance and first time landing the lead role. As the year progresses Arnie will be attending Stephen F Austin as a theatre major and then a musical theatre major. Arnie would like to thank his friends and family and of course his work manager for allowing so many days off for rehearsals.

AK CARTER (Miss Lynch) is an actor, comedian, and professional dungeon master living in Dallas, Texas. You might recognize her from **King Arthur's Quest** (Missoula Children's Theatre) or The Murder Mystery Company. You can see her play Katrina in **Sleepy Hollow** at the Plaza Theatre this fall (Company of Rowlett Performers). This is her second time performing at the MAT, and she is very excited to be playing Miss Lynch so she can show off some of her greatest talents: singing, dancing, and yelling at children. Don't worry, one of those was a joke - she's a terrible dancer.

KATYROSE HOLMAN (Patty Simcock) has always known she was made for the stage. From small speaking roles in kindergarten to her first lead role in high school, she puts her all in every role she's had the honor of playing. She would like to thank her family for spending all their money on her love for theater arts.

ZAY RAMOS (Kenickie) is a 2025 Horn High School graduate. He's been in 6 theatre productions at Horn, the most recent being **The Lightning Thief**, where he played Percy Jackson. Zay is super excited to be a part of **GREASE** one of his dream shows, and putting his spin on Kenickie!

MEGAN GIBB (Rizzo) goes to Dallas College for teaching. She has been in theatre since 6th grade "It always put a smile on my face". She would like to thank her mom and grandma for being her number one supporters, and would like to say to anyone who wants to do theatre, "Don't listen to the theatre teachers or choir teachers that put you down. Just jump on that stage and shine, because I am living proof of not letting the "haters" get to me".

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FRANCISKO PEREZ (Sonny) is new to theatre and has only been in 2 shows. The shows Francisko has been in are **Elf** as a security guard and "**You're a Good man Charlie Brown**, as Schroeder. Francisko has also been in choir for all 4 years of high school going into his senior year.

TYLER LEWIS (Doody) is a dedicated theater enthusiast whose heart beats for the stage. From the moment he first stepped into the spotlight, he's been hooked on the magic of live performance. With a string of shows under his belt, including standout roles in **The Fortune Cookie**, and **She Loves Me**. He's poured his soul into every character, blending humor, heart, and a touch of charm. Offstage, Tyler Lewis is a collaborative spirit, always eager to dive into the creative process and bring stories to life with fellow artists. Theater isn't just a passion—it's his home.

AlYANA BROWN (Marty) is a sophomore at Poteet High School. Her favorite classes are science and choir and she recently made her school's show choir. She is honored to be playing Marty in her very first show and is proud of the friends she's made within the cast. She loves God, chocolate, and her amazing family. Special thanks to her friends, family, and teachers for helping her along the way.

MACY MONCIVAIS (Frenchie) is a 21 year old, enthusiastic patron of the arts. She has been in the dance world for quite some time and has recently loved the acting scene as well. She was in 2 previous MAT productions, **A Christmas Carol** and **The Wizard of Oz**, and enjoyed them so much! She's done other productions while she was a student at Mesquite High School and since graduating, she is happy to of found a local theatre to keep her love of musical theatre alive. She wants to thank her wonderful husband and all of her family for supporting her in everything that she does!

TELVIN CULBERSON (Roger) is an incoming sophomore Vocal Music Education major at Texas Christian University, where he studies under Dr. James Rodriguez. He has performed in **SpongeBob the Musical** as Plankton, **Alice by Heart** as Alfred, and has appeared in productions of **Sweeney Todd** and **The Pirates of Penzance**. Telvin is thrilled to be making his Mesquite Arts Theatre debut as Roger and can't wait to bring this fun character to life!

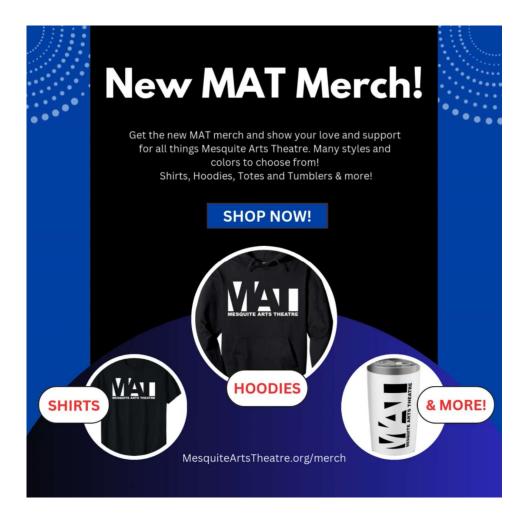
ARIEL JIMENEZ (Jan) is a 17-year-old student from West Mesquite High School, and is thrilled to be playing the magnificent Jan in this beautiful MAT production of GREASE. Ariel has been involved in theatre at West Mesquite High School's theatre for four years, primarily working backstage on memorable shows such as Little Shop of Horrors, Sarah, Plain and Tall, and A Doll's House. Surprisingly, this marks her very first major on-stage role — how exciting is that?! She is incredibly grateful for this opportunity and thankful to be part of such a talented, kind, and hilarious cast and crew.

ABOUT THE CAST

CASSIA DARRINGTON (Cha Cha/Dance Captain) is super excited to be a part of GREASE. Cassia is ready to dance the night away in the National Dance Off. Cassia has been acting onstage since she was in 1st grade in Let Your Hair Down at Rockwall Community Playhouse. Some of her most recent shows have been The Wizard of Oz & The Best Christmas Pageant Ever. When Cassia is not on stage, she is most happily hanging out with friends, working estate sales, & doing fun, funky things. She is thrilled to see what adventures life takes her on!

TREVOR POWELL (Teen Angel/Vince Fontaine) is so excited to be debuting at Mesquite Arts Theatre! Grease is one of his favorites musicals! This will be his first musical after Covid. You may recognize him for his performances as John in Life in the Theatre (The Core Theatre), Horatio in Hamlet (The Classics Theatre Project), Juror Five in 12 Angry Jurors (The Core Theatre), Slick Wallace in Poodles, Postman, and Pastrami (The Core Theatre), George Gibbs in Our Town (The Core Theatre), Jimmy in The Scenic Route (The Core Theatre), Various Characters in Stops Along the Way (The Core Theatre), Motorist in Clue (McKinney Repertory Theatre), and Young Soldier in Last of the Boys (The Core Theatre). Trevor hopes you enjoy this wonderful production!

RYAN WHITTINGTON (Eugene Florcyk) is excited to appear at Mesquite Arts Theatre. Ryan has done theater ever since he was in 6th grade. He has done plays like GREASE: The Musical for Sunnyvale, and has gone to and won state with Sunnyvale for the play The Life And Adventures Of Nicholas Nickelby. Ryan has loved theater for as long as he could remember. He enjoys football and baseball and when not on a stage he's either collecting football or baseball cards or listening to his old rock records.





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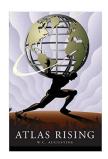
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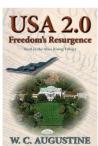


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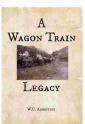






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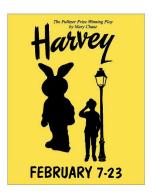




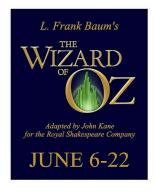




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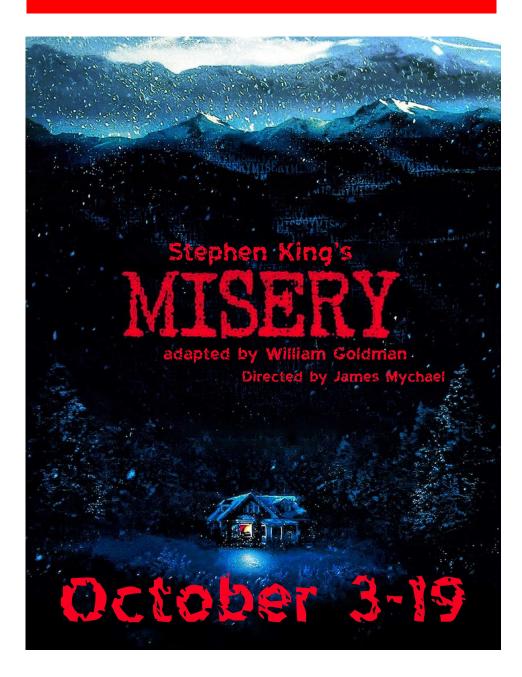
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