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## CHICAGO

### TEEN EDITION

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**BOB FOSSE &  
FRED EBB**

*MUSIC BY*  
**JOHN KANDER**

*LYRICS BY*  
**FRED EBB**

*BASED ON THE PLAY BY MAURINE DALLAS WATKINS*

*SCRIPT ADAPTATION BY DAVID THOMPSON*

*MUSIC EDITING BY PAUL MCKIBBINS*

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Cora Heiser & Sumana Chaganti

**Student Stage Managers:**  
Abby Drummond-Alston, Abby Pepper, Jude Remaley

**Dance Captain:**  
Amelia Syx

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# SCENES & SONGS

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## Act One

### Scene One - Chicago

Overture ..... Orchestra

And All That Jazz ..... Velma, Murderesses, Principal Dancers,  
Members of the Company

### Scene Two - Roxie's House

Funny Honey ..... Roxie

### Scene Three - The Jail

Cell Block Tango ..... Merry Murderesses, Principal Dancers,  
Cell Block Tango Ensemble

### Scene Four - The Jail

When You're Good to Mama ..... Matron "Mama" Morton

### Scene Five - The Jail

### Scene Six - The Visitor's Area

A Tap Dance ..... Tap Dancers

### Scene Seven - Billy's Waiting Area

All I Care About is Love ..... Billy, Principal Dancers, Members of the  
Company

### Scene Eight - Billy's Office & Interview Room

We Both Reached for the Gun ..... Billy, Roxie, Mary Sunshine, Reporters,  
Ensemble

### Scene Nine - Roxie's Vision

Roxie ..... Roxie, Principal Dancers, Members of  
the Company

### Scene Ten - The Jail

I Can't Do It Alone ..... Velma

### Scene Eleven - The Jail

My Own Best Friend ..... Roxie, Velma, Members of the Company

## Act Two

### Scene One - The Jail

I Know a Girl ..... Velma

Me and My Baby ..... Roxie, Murderesses, Reporters, MCs

Mister Cellophane ..... Amos

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# SCENES & SONGS

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## Act Two (continued)

### Scene Two - The Jail

When Velma Takes the Stand ..... Velma, Murderesses, Principal Dancers,  
Members of the Company

Razzle Dazzle ..... Billy, Murderesses, Principal Dancers,  
Mama, MCs

### Scene Three - The Courtroom

### Scene Four - The Courtroom / The Jail

### Scene Five - The Courtroom / The McVickers Theatre

Nowadays ..... Roxie and Velma

Hot Honey Rag ..... Roxie and Velma

Finale ..... Company



## Pit, Conducted by Elizabeth Francisco

### Violin

Miku Shiota

### Baritone Sax/Bass Clarinet

\* Johnathon Bean

### Keyboard 1

Kyle Faber

### Bass

\* Ben Kurtz

### Reed 1 & 2

Lois Russo

### Keyboard 2

\* Eric Zhu

### Piccolo

\* Margaret Petren

### Reed 2 & 3

Jen Monaghan

### Keyboard 3

Matthew Francisco

### Alto Sax

# David Dill

### Trumpet

Evan Rondinelli  
Nick Dugo

### Banjo

\*\* Andrew Meehan

### Soprano/Alto Sax

\* Mikkey Bruno

### Trombone

\* Brielle DeBlaay  
Anthony Triplett

### Percussionists

\* Ryan Paone  
Bryan Tuk

\* MHS Student

\*\* MHS Alumni

# MHS Faculty

# CAST

## Characters (in order of appearance)

Masters of Ceremonies	Cora Heiser, Joelle Miles
Velma Kelly	Natalie Zebrowski
Roxie Hart	Paige Alaishuski
Fred Casely	Cavan Mackenzie
Amos Hart	Juno Walter
Officer Fogarty	Hunter Maertzig
Merry Murderess - Liz	Emmalyn Koch
Merry Murderess - Annie	Nora Alaishuski
Merry Murderess - June	Samantha Cranmer
Merry Murderess - Hunyak	Hannah Lake
Merry Murderess - Mona	Amelia Syx
Matron "Mama" Morton	Sonja Otero
Billy Flynn	Rogan Mackenzie
Mary Sunshine	Mandi Chesney
Kitty	Brianna LaFreedra
Harry	Eli Hughes
Judge	Abby Drummond-Alston
Harrison	Will Groschopp
Court Clerk	Jill Reilley
Juror #1	Ava Nascimento
Principal Dancers	Alex DePiano, Aubrey Wheeler, Carmen Bibian, Danica Murray, Gigi Tang, Jeramie Hampton, Mya Frazier, Talia Smerecki
Tap Dancers	Alex DePiano, Aubrey Wheeler
Reporters	Cassie Guihan, Cece Montalbano, Evie Sullivan, Gabi Angelo, Leah Thress, Paxton Boxman, Tom MacNeel, Zoe Alai

# CAST

## Characters (in order of appearance) (continued)

Ensemble .....	Abbie Bartol, Abby Drummond-Alston, Abby Peffer, Andrew Filshill, Cavan Mackenzie, Chloe Whitney, Ava Nascimento, Daphne Johnson, Dylan Bower, Eli Hughes, Em Laird, Emily Ettorre, Emily Geiger, Hunter Maertzig, Jill Reilley, Joey Thomas, Kendall Csonka, Kira Sands, Leighton Castellano, Lena Smoyer, Margot Ferrara, Noah Ray, Olivia Schnaars, Suhyun Park, Tori Lozinak, Tyson Care, Will Groschopp
Cell Block Tango Ensemble .....	Abby Drummond-Alston, Brianna LaFreeda, Chloe Whitney, Cora Heiser, Eli Hughes, Jill Reilley, Joelle Miles, Leah Thress, Leighton Castellano, Will Groschopp

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# CREW

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## Production Staff

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Choreographer .....	Erin Cavanagh
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Costume Designer .....	Heidi Swartz
Student Costume Coordinator .....	Evie Sullivan
Hair & Makeup Coordinator .....	Denise Naylor
Student Hair & Makeup Assistant .....	Leah Thress
Prop Master .....	Heidi Swartz
Student Prop Master .....	Tom MacNeel
Set Design & Coordinator .....	Michael Fitzgerald
Set Construction & Painting .....	Our fabulous cast, crew, friends, parents, and guardians
Light Design .....	Michael Fitzgerald
Graphic Artist .....	Nora Alaishuski
Newspaper Graphics .....	Daphne Johnson, Evie Sullivan, Gigi Tang, Mandi Chesney, Margot Ferrara, Nora Alaishuski, Samantha Cranmer
Senior Tech Director .....	Kyson Godoy
Tech Crew .....	Addison Zick, Anne Barto, Delaney Sands, Gauri Harsha, Isaac Othuon, Isabella Mandracchia, Jude Remaley, Jules Carpia, Kathleen Kenny, Kyson Godoy, Maddie Ladley, Matthew Gravinese, Mia Lundell, Ryan Stender, Yilai Tang, Zarrina Damavandi
Program .....	Denise Naylor, Mary Fitzgerald
Parent Volunteer & Box Office Coordinators .....	Betty Nascimento, Donna Smerecki, Nancy Care

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# WHO'S WHO

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**Abbie Bartol (Ensemble)** - This is Abbie's 8th production, with some of her most memorable roles being Grandma Addams in Addams Family and Snow Chorus Dancer in Frozen Jr. She has loved performing and is very excited for her first high school production. She thanks her family and friends for their support.

**Abby Drummond-Alston (Judge, Ensemble / Student Stage Manager)** - Abby has been doing theater for the last two years and has had so much fun. Chicago has been a fantastic process for her to be a part of and she hopes you all enjoy the show. :) She'd like to thank everyone who helped her get where she is today.

**Abby Peffer (Ensemble / Student Stage Manager)** - Abby Peffer is participating in her 5th show and is excited to get to be on stage with the ensemble and behind the scenes as stage manager. MHS's Theatre Company allowed her to meet the people she will call family for years to come. Thank you Cora, Rogan, and Jeramie. I couldn't do this without you.

**Addison Zick (Crew)** - Addison is a person who enjoys musicals and helping with the tech in them.

**Alex DePiano (Principal Dancer / Tap Dancer / Student Choreographer)** - Alex is one of the choreographers of MHSTC's Chicago. She has been a dancer in A Midsummer Night's Dream, Footloose and The Great Gatsby. She had so much fun getting to dance with everyone in the cast. Such a great show! :)

**Amelia Syx (Merry Murderess - Mona / Dance Captain)** - Amelia is so excited to be cast in another MHS production! She loves the dances in Chicago, and would like to thank her family, friends, and her siblings Logan and Marlaina for supporting her. In the past, Amelia has done the Little Mermaid Jr., Peter Pan Jr., and Footloose.

**Andrew Filshill (Ensemble)** - This is Andrew's first year on stage at Methacton High School. He has preformed in Jesus Christ Superstar, Beauty and the Beast, Into the Woods, Xanadu, and Frozen Jr. This year Andrew was told he had to join one club in high school, so here he is enjoying every second of it.

**Anne Barto (Crew)** - Anne joined crew for the high school in last year's production of Footloose. She participated in this year's play and is excited to be part of the musical. She acted in Methacton's middle school productions of Beauty and the Beast as well as Mary Poppins. She hopes to continue her hobby in college.

**Aubrey Wheeler (Principal Dancer / Tap Dancer)** - Aubrey Wheeler is overjoyed to be back performing on the Methacton High School Stage! You may have last seen her as Lysander in A Midsummer Night's Dream. She thanks the cast, crew, and pit for this amazing production. She sends her love to her Mom, Dad, and little brother.

**Ava Nascimento (Juror #1, Ensemble)** - Ava Nascimento is a junior at Methacton. She is very excited to be in this year's production of Chicago. She is a co-secretary for the Theatre Company, and has been involved in theater at Methacton since freshman year. She was also in The Great Gatsby and Footloose last year.

**Benjamin Kurtz (Pit)** - Ben is grateful for the opportunity to play in the pit for a third year! He has received immense support. He thanks his parents for instilling a love of musicals in him. He thanks Mrs. Magann for pushing him to join the pit. Finally, he thanks Mrs. DeSanto and Mrs. Francisco for their encouragement.

**Brianna LaFreeda (Kitty)** - Brianna LaFreeda is a junior and this is her sixth show at the high school! This fall, she was Hermia in "A Midsummer Night's Dream". Last spring, she was a featured dancer in "Footloose". She is so excited for everyone to see this production and thanks everyone for their time and efforts!

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**Brielle DeBlaay (Pit)** - Brielle is so grateful to be working with such an amazing pit team. This season has been so fun and exciting, Brielle is proud of everyone who has participated in this musical.

**Carmen Bibian (Principal Dancer)** - Carmen Bibian is part of the Principal Dancers and the Cell Block Tango Ensemble. She is proud of the entire cast for their dedication to the show and is grateful to all of the production staff for making this musical possible. She is excited to show the entire casts' hard work on stage.

**Cassie Guihan (Reporter)** - This is Cassie Guihan, she is in 11th grade. She has been participating in theatre since she was little. She is so happy to be a part of this amazing show and thankful to everyone who made this such a memorable experience.

**Cavan Mackenzie (Fred Casely, Ensemble)** - Cavan Mackenzie is very excited to be returning for his third performance with the Methacton Theatre Company. Chicago is one of Cavan's favorite musicals and he is very excited for this shot (or six) to be a part of the wonderful cast.

**Cece Montalbano (Reporter)** - Cece Montalbano is a junior and is so excited to be in Chicago. Previously she has been in Methacton's The Great Gatsby and Footloose. She has had such an amazing time being a part of this show. She would like to thank her fellow cast mates for this wonderful experience.

**Chloe Whitney (Ensemble)** - This is Chloe Whitney. She is in 10th grade and did both performances of the Methacton Theatre Company last year and was also in the cast of A Midsummer Night's Dream. She would like to thank everyone involved in putting the whole show together and making it a truly amazing experience and show.

**Cora Heiser (Master of Ceremonies / Student Music Director)** - Cora is so sad to say this is her last show in the Methacton Theatre Company. Previously she has played Patchy the Pirate (Spongebob), and Ethel McCormack (Footloose). She would like to thank Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Francisco, and Mrs. Naylor for making the past four years at the high school amazing.

**Danica Murray (Principal Dancer)** - Danica is very excited to be a part of Chicago. She has always loved the musical and is very happy to be dancing in it with an amazing cast and crew! She has been in one other production, Footloose. She hopes for another great show with all these amazing people!

**Daphne Johnson (Ensemble)** - Daphne is in the show. You will see her on stage. She's there... I promise. This is her first production. She happy.

**Delaney Sands (Crew)** - This will be Delaney's fourth show. She's been doing stage crew since 8th grade and is excited for her last sophomore show and all the future ones she will participate in!

**Dylan Bower (Ensemble)** - This is Dylan's second time being in a show, and their first time on stage as Ensemble, previously in Frozen on stage crew. They are glad to perform with the rest of the cast and get to know everyone.

**Eli Hughes (Harry, Ensemble)** - Eli is extremely excited to be back on the stage as Harry in Chicago. This is his third production, having been Starveling in Midsummer and Betty in Footloose.

**Em Laird (Ensemble)** - Em has been in theater for a very long time. She performed in the play and musical in her freshman year and is excited to perform in this year's musical, Chicago.

**Emily Ettore (Ensemble)** - This is Emily's first production on Methacton's stage! She has enjoyed being a part of the musical and looks forward to the production.

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**Emily Geiger (Ensemble)** - Emily is very excited to be in Chicago! This is her first time performing on stage for the MHSTC. She would like to thank the cast, crew, pit, and all of the others working behind the scenes for making her first theater experience fantastic!

**Emmalyn Koch (Merry Murderess - Liz)** - Em cannot believe it's their last musical with MHSTC! They are the current Co-President of Thespian Troupe #4449 and they hope to pursue an acting degree in college next year. You can read more about them on their website [emmalynkoch.com](http://emmalynkoch.com) and keep up with them on Instagram @emmalynkoch.

**Eric Zhu (Pit)** - Eric Zhu plays the piano. Known for playing in the jazz band, he is thankful to be in the pit this year.

**Evie Sullivan (Reporter)** - Evie has enjoyed doing theatre at Methacton for the past 2 years. She has been in the last 2 musicals and the play last year and in the fall. She enjoyed doing Chicago and is excited for the show. Evie is also very excited for the next year of theater.

**Gabi Angelo (Reporter)** - Gabi is a returning member of the Theatre Company. This is Gabi's third and final show with Methacton as a graduating senior! She loves Chicago and cannot wait to perform.

**Gauri Harsha (Crew)** - Gauri is excited to be back in the crew for Chicago. She was a part of crew in Midsummer, Gatsby, and Footloose. Gauri wishes the cast, crew, and pit a wonderful show!

**Gigi Tang (Principal Dancer)** - Gigi is so excited to dance in another MHSTC production! As a junior, this is her third musical involvement, and her first in the cast. Outside of theater, she can be seen in other art avenues in both visual and performing arts. She would like to thank everyone for making this amazing experience!

**Hannah Lake (Merry Murderess - Hunyak)** - Hannah is a senior & is so excited to perform in her final show with the MHSTC. She plans to study marketing at UNCW next year. Some of her past performances were Urleen in Footloose & Larry the Lobster/Gary the Snail in Spongebob. She wants to thank her family & friends for their endless support.

**Hunter Maertzig (Officer Fogarty, Ensemble)** - Hunter Maertzig is thrilled to be performing in Chicago. Hunter's past performances have included MHSTC's A Midsummer Night's Dream, as well as Firebird's The Lightning Thief, The Descendants, and Aladdin Jr. He would like to thank his friends and family for their support. Enjoy the show!

**Isaac Othuon (Crew)** - This is the first Methacton production that Isaac Othuon has participated in as crew. Isaac is a senior planning to be an electro-mechanical engineer.

**Isabella Mandracchia (Crew)** - Isabella is excited to be a part of Chicago but feels bittersweet as it's her last time being part of a Methacton Crew. She has been doing Crew since 7th grade as part of Beauty and the Beast and has done every play since. She will miss all the fun she has every year with cast and crew.

**Jeramie Hampton (Principal Dancer / Student Choreographer)** - Jeramie is one of the choreographers for the Theatre Company. She has participated in 5 shows as a principal dancer since her sophomore year at Methacton. Jeramie is going to college for health sciences and respiratory care as her second passion is science/anatomy. Thanks for coming to the show!

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**Jessica Gabell (Student Director)** - Jessica Gabell is thrilled to be a student director again for Chicago! This is her 5th production with MHSTC. She's been involved in pit orchestra, costuming, and tech. She's also been in Methacton's orchestra for the past 10 years. She'd like to thank all of the cast and crew for supporting her!

**Jill Reilley (Clerk, Ensemble)** - Jill is so excited to be performing her last show with the Methacton Theatre Company. You may have seen her as Omar in Firebirds Aladdin Jr. or Kelsi in Firebirds production of High School Musical Jr. Jill would like to thank her parents for always being so supportive.

**Joelle Miles (Master of Ceremonies)** - Joelle is so excited for her final show with the Methacton Theatre Company! This company has been her favorite part of high school and she will miss it dearly. She has gained her best friends throughout the years and can't wait for what they do next. She hopes you enjoy the show and loves you all!

**Joey Thomas (Ensemble)** - This is Joey's second musical. In seventh grade, she was a muse in her schools production Xanadu. She has always loved performing and has been singing since second grade. She sings both in church and in her school's choir. Joey is very excited to be in this musical and is looking forward to the year!

**Johnathon Bean (Pit)** - Johnathon has been involved in theater since eighth grade when he joined as part of stage crew. He has been involved in tech crew at the high school for 3 years and joined pit his senior year.

**Jude Remaley (Crew / Student Stage Manager)** - Jude has been the stage manager for two shows before this, The Great Gatsby and Footloose. He has been a member of the crew for many shows, starting with Mary Poppins in the 7th Grade.

**Jules Carpia (Crew)** - Jules in the past was on stage and now wants to see the show from the background. Funny, nice, and loud.

**Juno Walter (Amos Hart)** - Juno has historically made botched bios ever since the beginning of their Methacton Theatre career in 7th grade, intermittently appearing in roles such as Spongebob Squarepants and Cowboy Bob, balancing their heavy work life with fighting crime. Please give them candy, they are exhausted. Please.

**Kathleen Kenny (Crew)** - Kathleen Kenny is a junior at MHS and this is her third year doing tech for the high school. She is so excited to be a part of the Methacton Theatre Company's production of Chicago! She loves working next to her friends in cast and crew to make the shows come to life!

**Kendall Csonka (Ensemble)** - Kendall is very excited to return to the high school stage for Chicago. She wants to thank her amazing cast mates for supporting her, as well as her family and friends. Some of her past roles include Young Anna in Frozen, and a Fairy in A Midsummer Night's Dream.

**Kira Sands (Ensemble)** - Kira Sands is very excited to be a part of Methacton High School's production of Chicago. This is her first musical with MHS Theatre Company. She loves working with all of her friends and would like to thank them for this experience!

**Kyson Godoy (Crew / Student Tech Director)** - After having been on stage crew for two shows, light tech for two shows, and sound tech for two shows, he now takes his final role as tech director for Chicago.

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**Leah Thress (Reporter)** - Leah is very excited to be performing with MHSTC once again. She would like to thank the cast, crew, and all those who have chauffeured her around. Congrats to the seniors and SLAYONCÉ!

**Leighton Castellano (Ensemble)** - Leighton is happy to be back for her second Methacton Theatre Company show. She is excited for everyone to see the Methacton Theatre Company's rendition of Chicago.

**Lena Smoyer (Ensemble)** - Lena has been doing musicals for two years and has previously performed in shows such as Xanadu, where she was in the ensemble, and Frozen, where she played one of the elder trolls. She is excited to perform in such a fascinating show and would like to thank her family for supporting her.

**Maddie Ladley (Crew)** - Maddie is very hyped about being a part of Chicago. She would like to thank her family, friends, and crew (even Pax i guess) for supporting her. She also sends a special thanks to all her senior friends. She hopes you enjoy her 30 seconds of running across the stage in the dark.

**Mandi Chesney (Mary Sunshine)** - Mandi is so excited to be back for another MHSTC production! She has been seen previously in A Midsummer Night's Dream (Nick Bottom) and Footloose (Lulu), among many others. She'd love to thank her family and friends for supporting her, and all the production staff for making this show possible.

**Margaret Petren (Pit)** - Margaret is very excited to be playing flute for the musical again this year! This is her second year playing in the pit. She looks forward to meeting musicians and participating again next year!

**Margot Ferrara (Ensemble)** - Margot is thrilled to be working with MHSTC again for Chicago: Teen Edition! You may have seen her as Young Elsa in Frozen Jr. or Flute/Thisbe in A Midsummer Night's Dream. She is eternally grateful to the Theatre Company for being a wonderful place and to her family for their unwavering support.

**Matthew Gravinese (Crew)** - Matthew has not been involved in any theater productions since 8th grade but wanted to try it one last time, this time behind the scenes as crew rather than an actor.

**Mia Lundell (Crew)** - Mia had done theater outside Methacton before, being involved in "Out of the Woods: A Holiday Tail KIDS" hosted by the Firebird Theater company a long time ago. Mia is hoping to help in stage crew wanting to support the Theatre Company for the first time without having to be directly involved.

**Mikkey Bruno (Pit)** - Mikkey is excited to make their pit debut playing the Soprano and Alto Saxophone in Chicago. Mikkey plays their Alto Saxophone in the high school band and sings Soprano 1 in the choir. Outside of school, Mikkey can be found competitively showing in Show Jumping and Dressage with their horses.

**Mya Frazier (Principal Dancer)** - Mya is very excited to be in another MHSTC show! She has been performing in musicals for three years with her favorite roles being Evie in Descendants the Musical and Erato in Xanadu Jr. She would like to thank her friends and family for their unwavering support. WHOOPÉE!

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**Natalie Zebrowski (Velma Kelly)** - Natalie is excited but sad to perform her last role at MHSTC. Over the years, theater has been her greatest adventure. She has made so many wonderful memories in both the roles she played and with the casts she performed with. As always, she thanks her friends and family for their constant support.

**Noah Ray (Ensemble)** - Noah is very excited to return to the stage this year. He has previously participated in shows such as Firebird's "The Aristocats Kids" as Berlioz and Arcola's "Xanadu Jr." as one of The Tubes. He is very excited to take on his role in the ensemble for this show.

**Nora Alaishuski (Merry Murderess - Annie)** - Nora Alaishuski has been performing in shows for over six years, including A Midsummer Night's Dream (Cobweb/Principal Dancer), The Lightning Thief (Sally Jackson understudy), and Footloose (Principal Dancer). She is a President and graphic designer for the MHSTC.

**Olivia Schnaars (Ensemble)** - Olivia is thrilled to be returning to the stage! It is the 7th show that she has been in and she is ready to be in future productions too! She has had a great time rehearsing for this and making many friends along the way, and is very excited to perform in Chicago!

**Paige Alaishuski (Roxie Hart)** - Paige is so grateful to close her 4 unforgettable years and 9 amazing shows at MHSTC with a bang as Roxie Hart. She wishes to continue musical theatre as a career and couldn't have done it without the support of her friends, family, and most of all: Fran, Fitz, and Naylor. She loves you all so much.

**Paxton Boxman (Reporter)** - Paxton is very excited to have their first ever line in Chicago this year!!! They have been in two other shows before this. One being Xanadu and the other Footloose, both of which they were the best background character in the show. They give a special thanks to their family and their senior friends.

**Rogan Mackenzie (Billy Flynn)** - Rogan is elated to be back for his final musical with Methacton. He's been part of the musicals for 3 years and feels bittersweet to finally part with it. For one, he won't have to see his brother now, but he'll dearly miss the people and productions that fostered his endearing love for the stage.

**Ryan Paone (Pit)** - Ryan Paone (he/him) is a sophomore and has been playing music since kindergarten. He played auxiliary percussion for last year's musical, "Footloose!" and loves being a part of Methacton's jazz band. He loves the music from "Chicago" and hopes you enjoy the show.

**Ryan Stender (Crew)** - Ryan is a responsible student and Crew/Tech member, that helps with as many things as he is able.

**Samantha Cranmer (Merry Murderess - June)** - Samantha is a sophomore and is so excited to be performing as June in CHICAGO! Her past performances include The Great Gatsby (dancer), Footloose The Musical (dancer), and A Midsummer Night's Dream (Moth) at MHS. She would like to thank her family and friends for all of their support.

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**Sonja Otero (Matron "Mama" Morton)** - Sonja is thrilled to be playing the role of Mama in her last MHSTC production! She would like to firstly thank her Mom for being her #1 supporter and to her best friends Mimi, Erin, and Q for always pushing her to be her best. Sonja will be attending college in NYC majoring in Musical Theater!

**Suhyun Park (Ensemble)** - Suhyun is ecstatic to be a part of Chicago the Musical this year! She played Gaston in The Beauty and The Beast Jr. and Oaken in Frozen Jr. in the past. Suhyun also wants to thank her family, friends, and teachers for always supporting and helping her. She wants to join next year's musical as well.

**Sumana Chaganti (Student Music Director)** - Sumana Chaganti is so excited to be one of the student music directors in MHSTC's production of Chicago. This is her second production with MHSTC and her third show she's done. Sumana is also an alto section leader in chorale, and she has been in both chorale and jazz choir for three years.

**Talia Smerecki (Principal Dancer)** - Talia is thrilled to be part of her first high school musical! Among her favorite previous roles are Kira in Xanadu, Anna in Frozen, and Peter Quince in A Midsummer Night's Dream, earlier this fall. She extends her thanks and congratulations to everyone in Chicago and hopes you enjoy the show!

**Tom MacNeel (Reporter)** - Tom is a Junior at Methacton and this is his 6th show with MHSTC! His favorite roles in the Theatre Company were Robin Goodfellow (Puck) in A Midsummer Night's Dream, and Travis in Footloose. He also is the Student Prop Master and the Vice President of MHSTC!

**Tori Lozinak (Ensemble)** - Tori is so excited to perform in her first show at Methacton. She is so grateful for the cast, crew and her family for being so supportive. Some of her most recent shows have been Bye Bye Birdie (Mr.Macafee) and Decendants (King Beast). She also wants to thank the entire audience for coming.

**Tyson Care (Ensemble)** - Tyson Care (Freshman) is excited to have the role ensemble in his first show at Methacton High School. Shows Tyson has been in previously have been Xanadu Jr, Cinderella Jr, and Frozen.

**Will Groschopp (Harrison, Ensemble)** - Will takes on the Methacton stage for the fifth time in his musical career, since his breakout role of Robertson Ay in Mary Poppins Jr.. Will has always had an inclination for music, and credits his family and friends for their support and motivation throughout his career.

**Yilai Tang (Crew)** - Yilai is very excited for their fist show doing crew!

**Zarrina Damavandi (Crew)** - Zarrina is very excited to be a part of the show this year. She loves spending time with her friends backstage and watching the amazing talent onstage. She's very upset to see all the seniors leave, but she's so glad to have her friend Maddie with her forever and ever.

**Zoe Alai (Reporter)** - Zoe is a junior at MHS and is thrilled to take part in this year's production of Chicago: Teen Edition. She has been involved in MHSTC since freshman year and admires the hard work and dedication that goes into these performances. She hopes the audience enjoys tonight's show.

# **MHSTC wishes the best of luck and all that jazz to our seniors of Chicago: Teen Edition**

Addison Zick - Crew  
Anne Barto - Crew  
Cora Heiser - Cast / Production Staff  
Emmalyn Koch - Cast  
Gabi Angelo - Cast  
Hannah Lake - Cast  
Isaac Othuon - Crew  
Isabella Mandracchia - Crew  
Jeramie Hampton - Cast / Production Staff  
Jessica Gabell - Production Staff  
Jill Reilley - Cast  
Joelle Miles - Cast  
Johnathon Bean - Pit  
Jules Carpia - Crew  
Juno Walter - Cast  
Kyson Godoy - Crew  
Matthew Gravinese - Crew  
Natalie Zebrowski - Cast  
Nora Alaishuski - Cast  
Paige Alaishuski - Cast  
Rogan Mackenzie - Cast  
Sonja Otero - Cast

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## Chicago: Teen Edition - Director's Notes

With a Broadway production, a major motion picture, several touring opportunities, as well as a TV parody, it is likely that somehow, you have crossed paths with the musical **Chicago**.

As a college student in New York City, I saw **Chicago** at least a dozen times thanks to the student rush tickets available to me back then. The music was unforgettable, the story was captivating, and man-oh-man, did I want to get a chance to perform in it myself! Years later, while I have still not gotten to be part of the Razzle Dazzle, I am thrilled that we were able to bring the opportunity to work on this production to the students of the Methacton High School Theatre Company.

While our show is officially **Chicago: Teen Edition**, do not let the "Teen" title fool you. Our students have risen to the challenge of putting on one of the most recognizable titles in musical theater. Everyone has given their all and put in countless hours of work, on and off stage. We had more volunteers than ever before to build and paint the set, we had our own graphic designers create each of the newspapers you see throughout the show, and we had students helping each other every chance they got with lines, choreography, and music.

To say I am impressed with our students would be an understatement. Watching the talent and dedication within our Company is truly awe inspiring and I am grateful to get to be a part of this adventure. That being said, there is no way I could do any of this alone. I am lucky to have an incredible production team that is always by my side, and countless volunteers to help whenever and however they are needed.

Congratulations to our entire cast, crew, and pit on an amazing production!

"Whoopee!" We made it!

Mrs Fitz, Director/Producer





# SHOUT OUTS!



**Gabi - Always proud!  
Love you, Mom XOXO**

**Margot - You light up the stage!  
We love you! M, D, & L**

**Mandi - Way to go Mandi!  
You are a star! The Custreds**

**Juno - Break a leg! I'm so  
very proud of you!  
Love Mickey**

**Emily G - SO proud of you!  
❤️ Mom & Dad**

**Gabi, Joelle, & Jill -  
Hope you had a fun year!  
Congrats!**

**Suhyun - You're amazing,  
Suhyun! Be hygge! - Lena**

**Mya - MyaP so proud of all  
ur hard work xoxo MDER**

**Juno - You're no  
Mr. Cellophane to us!  
Mom, Dad and cats**

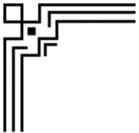
**Lena - We love you Lena!  
We are so proud! Break a leg!**

**Paige & Nora -  
Final high school curtain calls  
are approaching. Can't wait to  
see where you take us next.  
Love, Grammy**

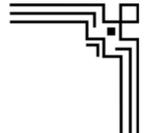
**Margot - You're awesome,  
Margot! Be hygge! - Lena**

**Cora - Cora, we have loved  
every minute of watching you  
on stage! Can't wait to see  
more! Love Mom & Dad**

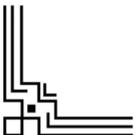
**Daphne - We are so proud of  
you - Dad, Mom and Daniel**



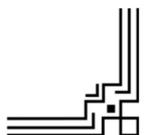
**Congrats to the MHSTC Class of 2024!**



**Best wishes as you begin your next adventure! Keep  
dreaming big and "give 'em the old razzle dazzle"!**



**- The Claihuskis**





## SHOUT OUTS!



**Abby D - Abigail, so proud of your work on Chicago!  
Great job as Judge & stage manager! Love, Mom and Katie**

**Emily E - Way to go! Love Mom, Dad, Vinnie & Samantha**

**Cassie - We are so proud of you. You really know your onions. Love Mom and Dad**

**Mandi - Shine like the Sun!  
The Custreds**

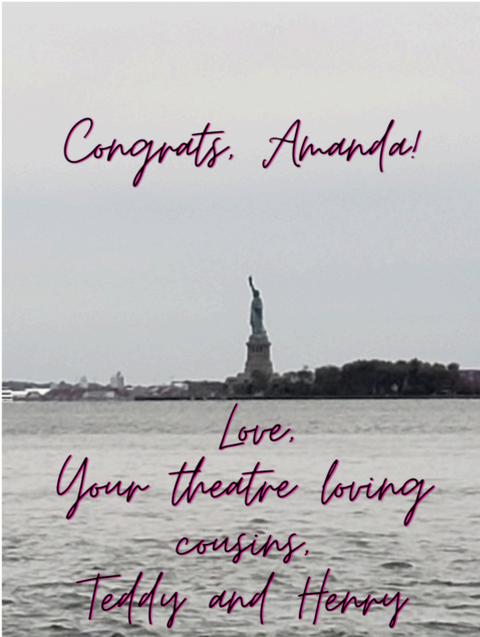
**Dylan - Stay awesome & shine on. Love you, Mom & Dad**

**Amelia - We are so proud of you, Amelia!  
Love, Syx Pack**

**Evie - Way to go Evie, you rock! Proud of you. Love M&D**

**Juno - Congratulations Juno! Tom, Alethia and the girls**

**Samantha & Daphne - Congrats to the best littles ever!  
- Nora**



JESSICA,

CONGRATULATIONS ON A FABULOUS PRODUCTION! WHAT A GREAT WAY TO TOP OFF YOUR SENIOR YEAR. KEEP REACHING FOR THE STARS AND NEVER STOP SMILING. GOOD LUCK AT CHARLESTON!

LOVE MOM, DAD, KATIE AND BRIDGET





# SHOUT OUTS!



**Emily E - Congrats! Love GG,  
Poppy, Mom-Mom & Pop-Pop**

**Paige - What a joy it's been to  
see you shine on stage! Can't  
wait to see where you will go!  
LYTTMAB Nana and Pop**

**Natalie - Natalie Z, You Did It!  
OUR star! So proud and very  
happy for you.  
Love Mom Mom & Pop Pop**

**Sonja - Keep shining, smiling  
and finding a stage. Chase your  
dream - we will always be  
cheering for you. We love you!  
Love Mom & Brian,  
Mike, Nick, & Lucas**

**Talia - Keep shining!  
Love, Grammy**

**Nora - Love watching you use  
all your talents so beautifully!  
You make us so proud!  
LYTTMAB Nana and Pop**

**Paxton - We are pumped to see  
you on that stage. Shine bright!  
Love, Mom, Dad, and Ally**

**Sonja - Sonja-Blade you are a  
star! Congrats on your  
amazing work and good luck in  
the future. Lots of love,  
Cy, Aunt Belle and Uncle Brad**

**Emmalyn - Congratulations!  
You're amazing!  
Love, Mom and Dad**

**Amelia & Leah - Leah + Amelia,  
the best littles ever, Ily.  
- Paige**



To our Aubrey, who has always known how to  
stand out! Go paint the town and all that jazz!  
We love you!

Mom, Dad, Sawyer and Mom-Mom



## SHOUT OUTS!



**Alex - We're so proud of you!  
Love Mom, Dad, Jack**

**Andrew - You're a great big  
brother! Rosalee**

**Hunter - Pop and Gram are so  
very proud of you...  
Break a leg, kiddo! Love you!**

**Samantha - Congratulations  
on a great performance!  
We're so proud of your hard  
work and dedication.  
All our love, Mom and Dad**

**Natalie - Natalie Z, Go Paint  
the Town with All That Jazz!!  
So Proud of you!  
Love Mom & Dad**

**Ava - We the Jury,  
find U Amazing!  
Love - Mom, Dad & Bros**

**Juno - Juno! 5 stars!  
Game group!**

**Brianna - We love you so much  
and are so proud of you! Love  
you! Mom mom & Pop**

**Sonja - We are so proud of  
amazing you!  
Love, Grandma and Grandpa**

**Talia - You are amazing!  
We love you! Mom, Dad & Jonah**

**Leighton - So very proud of  
you!! Love Mom and Gia**

**Rogan - You're so amazing!  
Even though it's all for the \$\$**

**PAIGE AND NORA,**

**WE ARE SO INCREDIBLY PROUD OF ALL THAT YOU HAVE  
ACCOMPLISHED ON AND OFF STAGE OVER THE PAST FOUR  
YEARS! WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT'S NEXT IN YOUR  
JOURNEYS! BREAK A LEG AND KEEP REACHING FOR THE STARS!**

**LOVE YOU!  
MOM & DAD**





# SHOUT OUTS!



**Hunter - We are looking forward to seeing you on stage again, and we're so proud of you! Love - Mom, Dad, and Leo**

**Sonja - Such a thrill to watch you perform! Congrats! We're so proud of you. Love, Alyssa, Bob, Brody, Abby**

**Hannah - Thank you for sharing your talent - we will miss you. XO Lake Fam**

**Juno - Bravo! Grandma Bonnie, Rob and Sam**

**Andrew - As always, we are proud of everything you do. M&D**

**Brianna - We love watching you on stage! Great job! XO Love, Mom, Dad, & Taylor**

**Natalie - Natalie Z, Another wonderful performance! So proud of you! Love, Nonna**

**Abby P - So proud of you today and every day. Love you most! Mom, Dad, Michael and Matthew**

**Cavan - So impressed with you! You had it coming.**



*Amanda.*

*You are an amazing young woman. We are so proud of you.*

*Love, Papa, Nana,  
Aunt Melissa, Uncle  
Marc, Sophia, Rose,  
and, of course,  
Skylar*





# SHOUT OUTS!



**Sonja - We are so proud of all you have achieved at MHS. Looking forward to this show and many more in your future path in the Arts. TQM, Dad, Abuela and Lucas**

**Will - Congratulations on all your hard work!  
Love, Mom, Dad, Fiona, Will & Nolan**

**Sonja - Sending our love and best wishes!  
Love, Grammy & Pop**

**Brianna - Best of luck! You always make us so proud!  
Love, The Messinas**

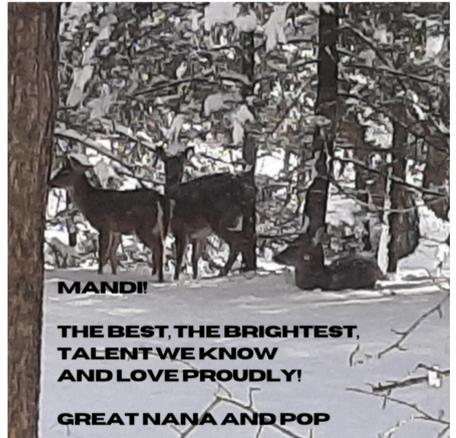
**Talia - Talia you are so talented!  
Love you, Pop-pop**

**Brianna - Good luck Brianna!  
We love you!  
Aunt Shy & Grandmom**

**Joelle - Over and over again, you've always shown us how persistent and determined you are, Joelle! Not even a broken foot for 2 years could stop you from doing what you love. We are incredibly proud of you today and every day! We would say, "Break a leg" but...  
PLEASE DON'T!  
We love you! Mom & Dad**

**GREAT JOB** 

**WE KNOW HOW HARD YOU WORKED AND WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU. YOU ARE AN INSPIRATION, MANDI! LOVE, DAD, MOM, LEXI, AND ALY**



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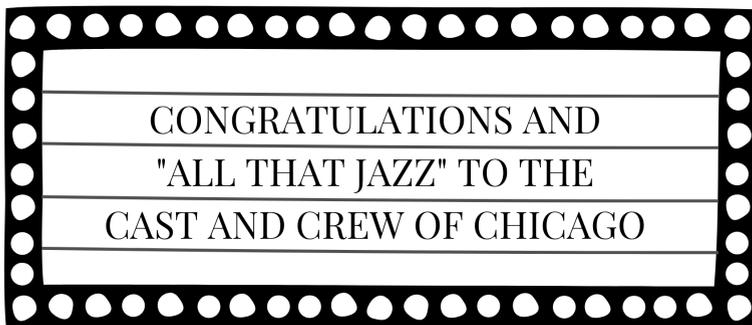
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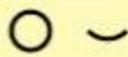
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