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**MIDDLE SCHOOL
MUSICAL 2021**

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FAME JR.

CAST

Nick Piazza.....	Coda Wilson
Serena Katz.....	Julia Taylor
Joe Vegas.....	Beckett Newton
Tye Jackson.....	Andrew Evens
Carmen Diaz.....	Abigail McKinney
Iris Kelly.....	Ann Li
Mabel Washington.....	Frances Matthews
Schlomo Metzenbaum.....	William Hanna
Grace “Lambchops” Lamb.....	Lucille Brooks
Goodman “Goody” King.....	Richard Romans
Miss Esther Sherman.....	Aarushi Bahadur
Principal.....	Srina Lakkundi
Ms. Greta Bell.....	Madeleine Pierce
Ms. Myers.....	Cerena Karmaliani
Mr. Sheinkopf.....	Dominik Polley
Featured soloist (pray, pray, pray).....	Laura Kimmel
Ensemble.....	Laura Kimmel, Beatrix Rhone, Bella Moet, Eliza Bray, Graciela Medrano, Murphy Miltner, Hazel Bieganek, Audrey Peltier, Yasmin Khan, Anneli Wilson, Ana Delgado, Norah Evens, Nabeeha Qadri, Olivia Andres, Ella Barlow, Sabina Moore, Dagny Bruun, Gavin Leuthold, Nabeeha Qadri, William Drake

ARTISTIC STAFF

Director and Choreographer.....	Ed Williams Jr.
Music Director, Vocal Teacher, and Audio Production.....	Tim Kraak '05
Stage Manager.....	Chandler Hull
Co-Choreographers.....	Sam Meryhew, Megan Kelly Hubbell
Scenic Designer.....	Sara Herman
Carpenter.....	Connor Duffy
Costume Designer.....	Clara Cavins-Wolford
Costume Assistant.....	Rane Oganowski
Lighting Designer.....	Mitch Frazier
Videographer.....	Micah Wickre
Light Board Operator.....	Peter Ostrem '26
Light Crew.....	Rafael Barocas '21

Videographer/Film Editor.....Micah Wickre
 Light and Sound Supervisors.....Matt Edens, Gene Swanson, Jim Szalay, Melissa Douden
 Program Designer..... Alex Loveland, Elizabeth Longhurst
 Photographer.....John Severson
 Costume Crew.....Maeve Duncan, Hazel Bieganek, Laura Kimmel
 Parent Costume Crew.....Katie Miltner
 Set Crew.....Howard Huelster, Zoe Huelster, Lucille Brooks, Beatrix Rhone,
 Carys Hsiung, Ava Doody, Jessica Doody, Laura Kimmel,
 Maeve Duncan, Andrew Evens, Norah Evens, William Drake,
 Dagny Bruun, Ella Barlow, Sofia Johnson, Sabina Moore,
 William Hanna, Bella Moet, Hazel Bieganek, Eleanor Mody,
 Josepha Mody, Gavin Leuthold, Frances Matthews

SONGS

Hard Work 1Company
 Hard Work 2.....Company
 Hard Work 3.....Company
 I Wanna Make Magic..... Nick
 Adagio.....Ms. Bell, Iris, Mabel, Tye, Carmen, Dancers
 Sophomore Year..... Company
 There She Goes/Fame.....Carmen, Company
 Let's Play A Love Scene.....Serena
 Bring On Tomorrow.....Schlomo, Carmen
 The Teacher's Argument.....Ms. Bell, Miss Sherman
 Junior Year..... Company
 The Junior Festival..... Company
 Mabel's Prayer.....Mabel, Dancers
 Senior Year..... Company
 Bring On Tomorrow (Reprise)..... Schlomo, Company
 Bows.....Company
 I Sing the Body Electric..... Company

*Composed by Michael Gore and Dean Pitchford, Arranged by Ed Lojeski,
 Recorded and Produced by Tim Kraack '05*

Fame Jr. is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

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Credits

Conceived and Developed by David De Silva. Book by José Fernandez. Lyrics by Jacques Levy. Music by Steve Margoshes.

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

As a child of the 80's, I grew up watching the TV series Fame. I would dream of going to a school where the students danced down the hallways, sang in the lunchroom and lived for the performing arts. Well, dreams do come true: for this year's Middle School Musical, FAME JR, we danced down the hallways, sang in various classrooms and celebrated the performing arts.

On the TV series every week, Debbie Allen would say, "You want FAME? Well, FAME costs and right here is where you start paying in sweat!" And that is exactly what we did: we sang, we danced, we acted, we filmed and we gave our sweat to bring this show together. I want to thank the entire FAME JR cast and crew. These talented, spectacular people worked within pandemic restrictions to make this show happen. The production, the cast, sets, lights, sound, costumes, choreography, videography, music...everything came together just like the lyrics state: "I feel it coming together, People will see me and cry...FAME!"

I am so thrilled that we were able to create art during this pandemic. Congratulations to everyone for their hard work to make the unique experience of this show a success. We will have amazing memories of this show—thank you for being a part of those memories!

SYNOPSIS

FAME JR follows the highs and lows of the final class of New York City's illustrious High School for the Performing Arts (PA) from their first year in 1980 to their graduation in 1984. PA chooses students in the performing arts who show ambition and drive in addition to their talent. This show examines these students and the time and effort they commit to excel in their area of expertise from admission until graduation. The story depicts the students struggles, triumphs and turbulent relationships with sincerity and dramatic effect. We see them grapple with ambition, fame, and self-confidence through the eyes of students such as Carmen, the ambitious dancer obsessed with fame, serious actor Nick, Serena a keen and enthusiastic actress. She is attracted to Nick, and the talented dancer Tye, who struggles with dyslexia. The audience shares the ambitions, successes, challenges and failures of this class of highly talented and versatile students, who experience life's hurdles in their journey to becoming stars, learning that they cannot just perform their way through life. With a little bit of luck and a whole lot of "Hard Work", they finally learn what it means to achieve "Fame".

SPECIAL THANKS

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STREAMING INFORMATION

The video stream of FAME JR will be available to view on-demand beginning on Friday, April 9, 2021 through Sunday, April 11, 2021 at 11:30 p.m. To watch the show, visit showtix4U.com and enter "St. Paul Academy and Summit School" as the organization. The password is FAME JR.