BY CRAIG SODARO

MIDDLE SCHOOL FALL PLAY 2023
OCTOBER 27-28, 2023
HUSS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
SYNOPSIS

It's 1927 and the 42nd Street Orphanage for Girls and Boys in New York City is a bleak place. The McGrew siblings, who head the orphanage, are mean and stingy to the children in their charge. Enter a new orphan, young Ginny Hobbs, with a trunk full of “magic” — costumes and props from the vaudevillian circuit her late parents used to work. As the children perform a few skits, a few con artists (Freddie Finke, Nolan Labolan and Jerome) form a plan. They'll get the orphans to do an original show called “Broadway Lullaby,” get it fully insured, and when it flops, collect all the insurance money. However, the children have other plans!
MUSIC SELECTIONS

The Entertainer.................................................................................................................................................Scott Joplin
Rock-a-Bye Baby..................................................................................................................................................arr. Tim Kraack
Brahms Lullaby.....................................................................................................................................................Johannes Brahms, arr. Tim Kraack
Bye Bye Blackbird................................................................................................................................................Mort Dixon, Lyrics, Ray Henderson, music
Underscoring and Incidental Music.....................................................................................................................Tim Kraack
Trees Can Be Tall..................................................................................................................................................Staging by Sofia Rivera

SCENES

ACT I

SCENE 1:
Streets Of New York | Monday, October 3, 1927 early morning

SCENE 2:
42nd Street Orphanage For Children; Community Room | Monday, October 3, 1927 8:03 am

SCENE 3:
The Hollywood Theater, Hollywood | Monday, October 3, 1927 9:27 am PST
(3 hours different than New York)

SCENE 4:
42nd Street Orphanage For Children; Community Room | Monday, October 3, 1927 early evening

***** There will be a 10-minute intermission between Acts I and II *****

ACT II

SCENE 1:
Streets of New York | Friday, November 11, 1927 early morning
(Six weeks and four days later)

SCENE 2:
The Dead Pan Alley Theatre On Broadway | Friday, November 11, 1927 morning

SCENE 3:
42nd Street Orphanage For Children; Community Room | Friday, November 11, 1927 afternoon
(Immediately after rehearsal)

SCENE 4:
The Dead Pan Alley Theatre On Broadway | Friday, November 11, 1927 evening, opening night!

SCENE 5:
42nd Street Orphanage For Children; Community Room | Friday, November 11, 1927
(Immediately after the show)

SCENE 6:
Streets Of New York | The next day

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ARTISTIC STAFF

Director............................................................................................................................................................................Ed Williams, Jr.
Scenic Design/Technical Director...........................................................................................................................................Tyler Krohn
Music Supervisor...................................................................................................................................................................Tim Kraack
Lighting Designer.................................................................................................................................................................Zoe Hermer-Cisek
Costume Designers...................................................................................................................................................Maeve Duncan, Eliza Dayon, Thomas Ferguson
Costume Design Mentor..................................................................................................................................................Eleanor Schanilec
Costume Crew..............................................................................................................................................................Maeve Duncan, Eliza Dayton, Thomas Ferguson, Scout Wainwright, Gigi Kandiel, Anh-Na Le, Sam Miller, Soriana Sentz, Diya Verman
Parent Volunteers for Alterations..............................................................................................................................Usha Taneja, Melissa Kim, Harriet Goodpaster
Light Board Operator......................................................................................................................................................Tarq Johnson
Sound Board Operator....................................................................................................................................................Aaryan Bahadur
Sound Effects Operator..................................................................................................................................................Everett Grammens
Light and Sound Board Supervisors.........................................................................................................................Matt Edens, Gene Swanson, Jim Szalay, Melissa Douden
American Sign Language Interpreters......................................................................................................................Breanna Boyce, Becca Gibson
Program Design....................................................................................................................................................Elizabeth Longhurst, Anne Odegard
Photographer.............................................................................................................................................................John Severson
Running Crew..........................................................................................................................................................William Hanna, Jace Fellon
Set Crew...............................................................................................................................................................Annika Kim, Bea Martin, Becky Grammens, Bianca Paz, Bridget Hatch, Cece Pierce, Clare Barlow, Everest Anderson, Everett Grammens, Jace Fellon, Lili Itzkowitz, Melissa Kim, Olin Grammens, Ray Fratzke, Sam Miller, Sarah Anderson, Soriana Sentz, Soren Sentz, Tarq Johnson, Tenley Johnson

DIRECTOR’S NOTES

We are thrilled to present this year’s middle school play, “Broadway Lullaby”. In “Broadway Lullaby,” we transport ourselves back to the vibrant year of 1927, where the 42nd Street Orphanage for Children stands as a stark backdrop for our story. It has been an incredible journey for our young actors, and we couldn’t be prouder of their hard work and dedication. The journey of creating “Broadway Lullaby” extends beyond the final bow on stage. It’s about building teamwork, instilling confidence, and nurturing the budding talents of our middle school performers. I encourage the cast to understand the importance of discipline, practice, and community. This play serves as a valuable learning experience for them, and it’s a testament to their dedication and hard work.

Our set design, lights, sound and costumes play a crucial role in transporting the audience to the heart of New York City, 1927. A huge thank you to the artistic staff for their patience, professionalism, and artistic talents: what a gift you have given to the students and myself.

Thank you to the SPA production team and maintenance crew, whose assistance in making this show come alive on the Huss stage is truly appreciated.

Enjoy the show!

Ed Williams, Jr.
SPECIAL THANKS

Gene Swanson, Matt Edens, Eric Severson, Melissa Douden, Dr. Luis Ottley, Jill Romans, Virginia Andres, Paul Magee, Stephanie Holman Strafelda, John Cole, Seamus Glewwe, Safety and Security, Pete Kilibarda and the maintenance staff, the cleaning staff, Chris Huebner, Amy Orzolek, Ami Berger, Anne Odegard, Melissa Kim (tech week meal coordinator), Nick Palombo, James Williams, Usha Taneja, Harriet Goodpaster, Michelle Gilats, Deanna Scher, Alya Jawaid, Zach Barlow, Becky Klevan, Genna Middlebrook, Marja Lutsep, Parul Kharbanda, Katie Barlow, Beth Fruehling, The Costume Collective of MN, Next Stage Rental and Market.

And finally, our production wouldn't be possible without the support and encouragement of parents, teachers, and volunteers. Thank you for your contributions to making this play a reality.

HUSS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS STAFF

Director of Technology.......................................................................................................................... Garry Clum
Media/Technology Coordinator........................................................................................................... Gene Swanson
Web Manager and Media Coordinator................................................................................................. Matt Edens
Director of Operations and Security...................................................................................................... John Cole
Facilities Superintendent.......................................................................................................................... Pete Kilibarda
Scheduling Supervisor.............................................................................................................................. Melissa Douden
Safety and Security Supervisor.............................................................................................................. Seamus Glewwe
Huss Center Production Coordinator...................................................................................................... Eric Severson

SPA PERFORMING ARTS CALENDAR 2023-2024

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