April 19, 2023

Pit Orchestra musicians

Violins: **Emily Bruno, Jocelyn Kircoff, Rachel Glanton, Redd Kircoff, Rylee Schlaud, Selina Pulliam, Yona Boudagh**

Cello: **Emelia Murphy, Emily Estes**

Bass: **Malin Adams**

Reed: **Selena Puzjak, Shelby Stewart, Cooper Gebauer, Chris Haynes, Quin Bolwitt, Shane Felon**

Trumpet: **Andrew Shorkey, Declan Siterlet, Leigha Brown, Scarlett Verburg**

Trombone: **Benjamin Hartman, Gage McCann, Matt DuPrey**

Horn: **Andrew Marshick, Rebekah Collins**

Percussion: **Alayna Cottrill, Clayton Baryo, Emersyn McCann**

Guitar: **Deagan Lambourn**

Piano: **Christine Morse**

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Building Beat

Sentimental reasons behind this year's musical pick

Just steps away, construction crews continue work on the district's new performing arts center while the cast and crew of "Bye, Bye Birdie" prepares for the 55th performance of the annual musical and its last ever production in the Maxine Ude Auditorium.

That is why DHS Choral Director Mr. **Garth Starr** knew this year's production had to be something extra special. It needed to celebrate the years of camaraderie, sweat and tears that have taken place on that stage since the school opened in the 1972-73 school year and to pay tribute to the woman who started it all: Miss **Sally Bird**, who served as the district's vocal music director for 42 years.



The legendary Miss Sally Bird circa 1970.

"The inspiration to select this show goes back to Sally Bird who saved this show as her final show of her career." Mr. Starr said. "Since this is supposed to be the final Musical in this Auditorium, we are honoring the legacy of performing excellence that was created in this hall."

Besides the sentimental reason for this show, Mr. Starr said "Bye, Bye Birdie" is simply a fun show to perform.

"We have had such a great time learning this music and developing these characters," he said. "Explaining some of the societal differences between the culture of the '50s and today has been a learning experience for the young performers."

In addition to the sentimental aspect, audience members will also enjoy several little surprises that will keep them laughing as the small-town teen characters showcase their naive understanding of the quickly changing world around them.

Starr was assisted by DHS teacher Ms. **Erica Niemi** and Auditorium Supervisor Mrs. **Torri Lawrence.**

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Kendra Kalfayan: (ROSIE ALVAREZ) is a senior and has been in Varsity Choir for two years, though she's been involved in music her entire Middle School and High School career. She has been a part of MSVMA's State Honors Choir, Solo & Ensemble and Flint Institute of Music's Choral Singers. Kendra has also been a part of the Davison Marching Band's Color Guard for three years. This is Kendra's second musical.



Taylor Laine: (HELEN and EDNA) is a senior and this is her first DHS musical. She is currently a member of Varsity Choir and has been in choir all four years of High School, having even been in all three choirs; Cardinal, Concert and Varsity. She also participated in this year's Regional Honors Choir.



Connor Norman: (CONRAD BIRDIE) is a junior. He played the role of Lucas Beineke in "The Addams Family" last year. This year he is in the Varsity Choir and Concert Choir. In his free time he enjoys playing keyboard and is currently learning bass guitar and ukulele.



Leah Riley: (DORIS MACAFEE) is a junior. Leah was in last year's production of "The Addams Family," which she really enjoyed. This was her first musical and it made her discover her love for Musical Theater. Leah is also involved in the school's Varsity and Concert choirs. Leah has loved music her whole life and intends on pursuing a career in music education after high school.

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Cole Scharrer: (ALBERT PETERSON) is a senior in Varsity Choir. While he's only been a part of varsity for one year, he has always enjoyed music in and out of school. This is his first musical and he is thrilled to be playing the role of Albert.



Faith Tiggart: (URSULA MERKLE) is a junior. She participated in "The Addams Family" musical last year where she played one of the ancestors. She enjoyed every moment of it and is glad and thankful to be in this year's musical playing Kim's best friend, Ursula. She is on the school's Swim and Dive team and enjoys hanging out with her family during the warmer seasons. She takes voice lessons and is on her way to taking piano lessons.



Lincoln Verburg: (HUGO PEABODY) is a freshman and this is his debut performance. Lincoln was on the Junior Varsity Soccer team last fall. Outside of school, he enjoys participating in travel soccer with the Genesee Nationals. Lincoln's sister, Scarlett, plays trumpet in the pit during the performance.



Logan Walsh: (RANDOLPH MACAFEE) is a sixth grader at Hahn Intermediate where he is a Student Council Member and enjoys singing in Mezzo Voce with Mr. Starr and Ms. Wilson. Previously, he has been in shows with the Actors Playhouse such as Snoopy as Charlie Brown, Into the Woods as Jack, and High School Musical as Jack Scott.

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Emmerson Wernette: (MAE PETERSON) is a senior and has had a passion for vocal music ever since she was in kindergarten. Since transferring to Davison from Swartz Creek, Emmerson has gone from being a Cardinal Singer in Middle School, to now being in her third and final year of Varsity Choir. Last year, Emmerson played Lurch in the High School's production of "The Addams Family." Emmerson has become a very enthusiastic, confident singer and overall performer over the years.



Dustin White: (HARRY PETERSON) is a junior, and previously seen as Mal Beineke in last year's musical, "The Addams Family." He is part of the DHS marching band, Chamber Orchestra and Varsity Choir.

show times

7 p.m. Thursday, April 20, 2023

7 p.m. Friday, April 21, 2023

2 p.m. Saturday, April 22, 2023

Tickets $10

stage crew

Stage Managers
Taylor Adams □ Paige O'Connell

Deck Managers
Jacob Fogelberg □ Zero VanOotenghem

Stage Hands
Eden Boros □ Daniel Crowley
□ Bella Hinkley □
Jaiden Hoberg □ Isabelle Rodgers
□ Phoenix Swartz
□ Bryan Taipalus □ Ava Wolschleger

Auditorium Supervisor
Torri Lawrence

Tech Crew
CJ Moore - Sound
Abby Crotteau - Lights
Alex Barrett □ Gabe Martinez
□ Salena Sytek - Follow Spot

Costumes
Abbegail Gratsch □ Eino Hughs
□ Lisa Hughs

Makeup
Brenda Dougherty □ Abbegail Gratsch

Hair
Isabella Hinkley □ Charlotte Saunders
□ Lydia VanOotenghem □ Ava Wolschleger

Set Construction
Chris Hinkley □ Kent Lawrence
□ Brad Rainwater

Costumes
Lisa Hughes □ Raena Kalfayan
□ Janet Howard

Ticket Sales
Dorothy Swain □ Tammy Warden