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Woodinville High School Theatre Presents: *Footloose - The Musical*

This Winter, 20 years after our founding director, Hjalmer Anderson first brought *Footloose* to the WHS stage, the Woodinville High School Theatre Company (WHSTC) is thrilled to bring this fabulous 80s musical back to the WHS Theater. As one of the most explosive movie musicals of all time bursts onto the live stage, audiences can revel in this throwback to teen romance, angst and, of course, the desire to dance to the Oscar and Tony-nominated top-40 score, fueled by the title song as well as “Let’s Hear It For The Boy” and “Holding Out For A Hero.” The show runs January 30-February 1 and February 6-8, at 7:00 pm, in the Woodinville High School Theater.

Footloose - The Musical is based on the beloved hit 1984 film, bringing the tale of teenage rebellion to the modern stage in all its 1980s glory. The show follows protagonist Ren (originally played by Kevin Bacon) and his mother as they move from Chicago to the small farming town of Bomont. Ren is prepared for the inevitable adjustment period at his new high school, but he’s not prepared for the local ban on dancing - an edict based on a fatal car crash that took the life of the town pastor’s son years earlier. The heartfelt story that emerges pins a father longing for the son he lost against a young man aching for the father who walked out on him. Set to the rockin’ rhythm of its Oscar and Tony-nominated top-40 score, augmented with dynamic new songs, *Footloose* celebrates the wisdom of listening to young people, while guiding them with a warm heart and open mind.

The cast of this production is comprised of 65 Woodinville High School Theatre Company students, including seniors Michael Ahlstrom, Adrian Avadanei, Sophia Bagley, Megan Barker, Ellie Bunn, Mateo Cabral, Melia Erickson, Fell Gutierrez, Lucas Harrison, Jessica Karczeski, Beckett Lingg, Ray Liu, Ria Mandsaurwale, Daniela McKamey, Ginger Milbrodt, Elijah Moreno, Brennan Morgan, Lauren Parker, Sophia Pajaro, Amogh Patil, and Sarah Vannoy. Many of the technical aspects of the show, everything from set building, lights and sound to publicity, are handled by crews of students from the WHS Technical Theatre program. Senior technical theatre students include Willa Ruemping (Co-Stage Manager), Kara van den Heuvel (Technical Director and Deck Manager), Anden Walker (Lighting Director), Jessica Karczeski (Production Coordinator), Fell Gutierrez and Mateo Cabral (Costumers), Luke Harrison and Ellie Robb (Master Carpenters), Sasha Olson (Props Head), Lauren Parker, Beckett Lingg and Angie Divine (Hair and Makeup), Liv Kjelstrup and Ria Mandsaurwale (House Managers), and Megan Barker and Amogh Patil (Publicity). The Pit Orchestra is comprised entirely of students from the WHS instrumental program.

The show is directed and designed by Josh Butchart; Music Director is Ariona Thompson; Pit Conductor is Keoni Dilay; Pit Directors Eric Vivalo and Loren Tanksley; Choreographer is Eva Stone; Assistant Choreographer is Audrey Woodard; Accompanist and pit keyboards by Beth Bishop. All

productions of the Woodinville High School Theater Company are designed, developed and produced by Katharina Bomers-Muller (Producer), Marsha Stueckle & Karen Severson (Costumes), Stephanie Penoyer (Production Coordinator), Steve Cooper (Lights), Nathaniel Gibbs (Sound), and the Woodinville Drama Boosters, led by Kate Gutierrez. Additional support is provided by the Northshore Performing Arts Center staff, led by Marc King.

We hope you will come out and see this wonderful Woodinville High School Theatre Company production and support our students as they will deliver a fun evening of mistaken identity, laughter and dance.

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Woodinville High School Theater

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Tickets: VIP seats are \$25, General Admission is \$15. Student tickets with ASB and seniors (65+) are \$10. Tickets will be available online starting January 10, 2025 at <https://gofan.co/app/school/WA23370>

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