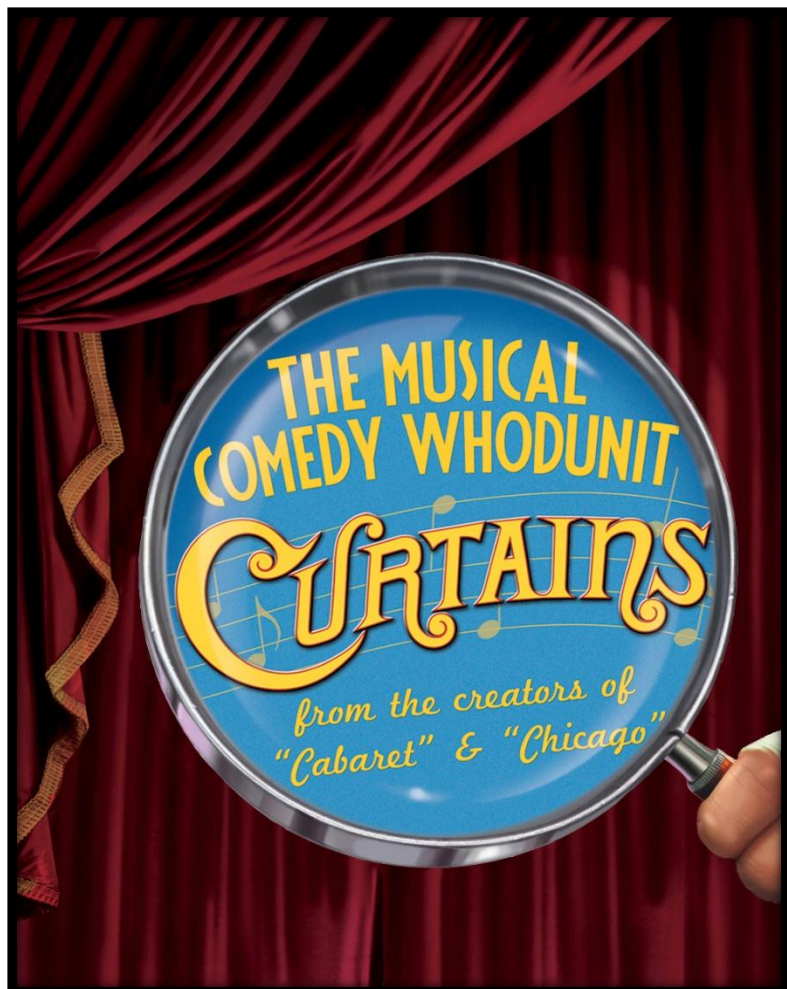


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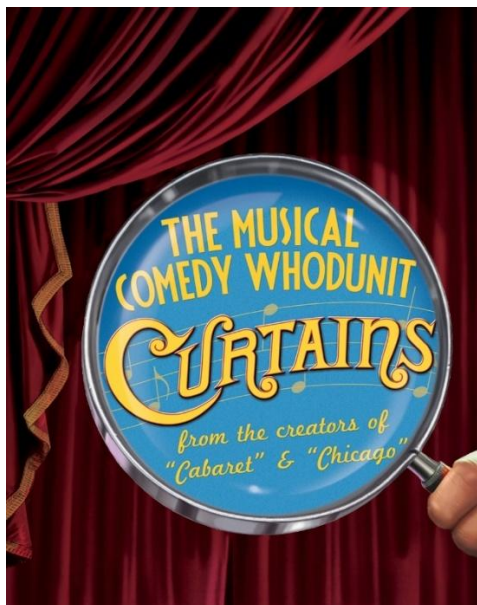
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DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Welcome to Mount St. Dominic Academy's Production of *Curtains*!

My name is Jessica Stanzek, and this is my first year directing the musical here at the Mount.

A little bit about myself: I grew up performing in musical theatre productions since the age of six. I began assistant directing when I was in high school, and after attending school for performance, enjoyed several years of performing professionally in the theatre industry. Coming out of the pandemic, I was drawn more and more towards directing - it allowed me to combine my passion for theatre and working with children, helping them discover how music and theatre can inspire, empower, and transform lives.

I currently enjoy a career where I get to direct and music direct at different schools and recreational centers with kids of all ages. Watching these incredible students' journey from their auditions all the way through their final performance is one of the greatest joys as a teacher and director. I've had the honor not only to watch them grow in confidence as performers, but as humans. What you see on stage today is the culmination of hard work, dedication, and creativity. These incredible kids are what makes this show possible, and we're so happy to share it with you.

A little bit about the show: *Curtains* is a delightful Golden-age style musical comedy whodunnit. It tells the story of a cast, and team putting on a production of "Robbin' Hood," where (spoiler alert) the show's awful leading lady is murdered on opening night. A detective, and musical theatre aficionado, is called in to investigate the cast of characters - and it appears that everyone has a motive and is a suspect. The book is by Rupert Holmes, most commonly known as the "Pina Colada Guy" for his hit song. The music is by Kander and Ebb, a legendary songwriting duo known for *Cabaret* and *Chicago*. The show's catchy songs, witty banter, and delightful dances are sure to keep you entertained and guessing until the very end!

Thank yous: The expression "it takes a village" could not be more true for any musical theatre production, and this one is no exception! There are so many people who made this show possible.

Kelly - Thank you for welcoming me here, showing me the ropes, and helping me every step of the way.

Gary- I cannot express how incredible it is to get to work with you again! It is an absolute delight.

Katelyn- I love working with you in this capacity, and hope to do so again many times over!

Ashley- Thank you for coming in and taking charge of props, additional set pieces, and all things tech!

Annie- You are an amazing student director! Thanks for being my go-to person, and always being so willing to help and jump in with whatever is needed.

Laura, Liz, Kendra- Thanks for writing and rewriting all of the blocking - I'd be lost without you!

The Cast - Thank you for being so welcoming to me, and for trusting the process! Your commitment to your characters brings the show to life. You should be so proud of all of your hard work.

Parents and Guardians- Thank you for allowing your kids to spend many hours with us, and for supporting them in their theatrical endeavors.

And finally, to YOU, our audience- Thank you for coming out and supporting our show!

Enjoy the show!

Jessica Stanzek

Director

PRODUCTION CREW

Director/ Choreographer.....Jessica Stanzek
Assoc.Director/Choreographer Katelyn Loss
Producer Kelly King '84, P'16,'23
Musical Director Gary Blackman
Technical Supervisor Ashley Houck
Sound Supervisor Gregory Rasmusson
Scenic Design & Construction.....Daniel Drew
Lighting Design Mary Kate Drew
Costume Design Scaramouche Costumes, LLC
Costume Mistress Connie Restaino
Stage Managers Kendra Brooks*, Laura Capezio*,
Elizabeth Gibson
Student Director Anais Schechter*
Light Board Operator Finola Giblin*
Lighting Crew..... Sophia Bautista, Alexa Cordovano
Follow Spot Operators.....Alexis Castañeda*, Gilanah
Nganga, Taylor Provillon*, Brissa Vasquez*
Sound Crew Luciana Cader, Sophia Guitierrez*
Costume Crew Lucia Clifford, Alexandra Loch*,
Mosole Mogodiri, Allison Zinsmeister
Running Crew.... Mariabelen Icasa, Isabella Montoya*,
Madeline Tenecela*,
Props Riley Doyle*
Hair/Makeup Crew Kiara Bitetto*, Lucia Clifford,
Oliva Hall
Dance Captains Selina Gonzalez, Emilia Salandra*

SET PAINTING AND BUILDING –

*Jazmine Daniels, Dani DeLuca, Selina
Gonzalez, Kelly King, Noah Lopez, Leiloni
Reside, Laura Morowitz, Annie Schechter,
Alex St. Ledger, Jamie, Treena and Arianna
Rivera,*

ORCHESTRA

Conductor & Music Director Gary Blackman
Keyboard Amy Duran
Trumpet/Flugelhorn Garrett Faccone
French Horn.....Lauren Olivola
Trombone Aiden Andreoli
Percussion Isabel Cruz
Flute/Clarinet/Alto Sax/Piccolo Mark Blackman
Clarinet/Soprano & Alto Sax Erin Smith
Guitar..... Bob Adelman
Bass Ben Rubens
Drums..... Mark Zettler

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MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT 1

Wide Open Spaces Ensemble
Wide Open Spaces Reprise Jessica, Bobby, Ensemble
What Kind of Man.....Carmen, Ida, Aaron, Georgia
Thinking of Him Georgia, Aaron, Bobby, Ensemble
The Woman's Dead Aaron,Niki, Bobby, Chris, Johnnie, Bambi,
Ida, Carmen, Ensemble
Show People Carmen, Cioffi, Ida, Belling, Georgia, Ensemble
Coffee Shop Nights.....Cioffi, Niki
Can't Dance..... Georgia, Ensemble
In The Same Boat Georgia, Niki, Bambi
I Miss The Music (Intro)..... Ensemble
I Miss The Music Aaron
Thataway Georgia, Ensemble
Act I Curtain.....Georgia, Ensemble

ACT 2

The Man is Dead Sasha, Ensemble
He Did It Ensemble
In The Same Boat #2 Bobby, Randy, Harv
It's A Business Carmen, Johnnie, Ida, Belling, Sasha, Cioffi
Kansasland Randy, Niki, Harv, Bambi, Bobby, Ensemble
She Did It (Reprise) Ensemble
Thinking of Missing the Music Aaron, Georgia
A Tough Act to Follow.....Cioffi, Niki
A Tough Act to Follow (Dance).....Cioffi, Niki, Ensemble
In The Same Boat #3,#4,#5 Ensemble
In The Same Boat Complete Georgia, Cioffi, Bobby, Randy, Harv, Niki,
Bambi, Ensemble
Show People (Reprise).....Carmen, Cioffi
A Tough Act (Finale)..... Cioffi, Niki, Ensemble

The action takes place in a Boston Theater in February, 1959

CAST

Lt. Cioffi	Noah Lopez
Niki Harris	Alessandra St.Ledger*
Georgia Hendricks	Kara Castano*
Carmen Bernstein	Felicitia Pomares*
Aaron Fox	Zebong Tikum
Sidney Bernstein	Sara Grace Prvulovic*
Jessica Cranshaw	Alexa Leiva-Carrasco*
Christopher Belling.....	Shayla Montgomery*
Bambi Bernet	Selina Gomez ^
Daryl Grady	Joseph Mikula*
Bobby Pepper	Aaron Cordiero*
Johnnie Harmon	Rowan Lambie*
Ida Shapiro	Bridget Mulvihill*
Sasha Iljinsky.....	Ariana Rivera *
Det. O'Farrell	Danielle DeLuca
Randy Dexter.....	Alexa Leiva-Carrasco*
Harv Fremonti	Olivia Bayuelo
Roberta Wooster	Emilia Salandra* ^
Mona Page	Mary Jane Clutterbuck
Marjorie Cook.....	Olivia Pizarro*
Arlene Barruca	Alicia Pinaud
Roy Stetson	Anaya Phillips
Brick Hawvermale	Tomas Pinaud
Jane Setler	Raquel Decker
Connie Subbotin	Daniela Kooistra
Peg Prentice.....	Leiloni Reside*
Ronnie Driscoll	Jazmine Daniels
Russ Cochran	Madeline Bonarrigo*
Mabel Lacey	Harper Sudol
Hazel Winthrop	Jazmine Daniels

*Senior

^ Dance Captain

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Academic Dean *Dr. Karen D'Avino*
Director of Student Activities.....*Mr. Michael Vigil*
Performing Arts Supervisor*Mr. James Majewski*
Program.....*Mrs. Kelly King*
Photographer/Cast Head Shots*Mr. Fred Goode*
Cast Meal Coordinator.....*Mrs. Teri Decker & Mrs. Grace Gonzalez*
Lions Paw Arts Parents' Co - Presidents *Mrs. Judy Kelly & Mrs. Moya Mathison*
Senior Gift Coordinator *Mrs. Danielle Bayuelo*
Lions Paw Arts Parents' Advisor*Mrs. Kristi Castano*

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INADVERTENTLY OMITTE*

MEET THE CAST

Olivia Bayuelo (Harv)

Olivia “Liv” Bayuelo is a Junior at the Mount, and this is her second year performing in The Mount St. Dominic Academy Musical. She also performs in other art productions such as: Speech and Debate, Band Club, Ensemble, Coffeehouses, Tech Crew for SHP productions, and Mount St. Dominic Academy Play Productions. As President of Speech and Debate and Film Club as well as a part of the Diversity, DEI, Band, Math, Thespian, and Spanish Club, Liv knows how stressful but rewarding it can be finishing a presentation and production! When she’s not stressing her Speech and Debate coach out, Mrs. King, she is co-managing Film Club, playing guitar with her friends, or taking care of her pet bunny. Liv wants to congratulate everyone who is a part of the *Curtains* production, and hope they all break a leg!

Madeline Bonarrigo (Russ Cochran)

Maddie is a Senior Maddie is a Senior at the Mount and is ecstatic to be part of her final Mount production. She has been a cast member in the past three Mount Theatre Spring Musical Productions: *Anything Goes*, *Anastasia*, and *Freaky Friday*. She is currently the Co-Secretary of the Arts Department, the Co-President of Lord’s Chords, and has been involved in the school’s Choir for four years. Maddie would like to thank Ms. King, Ms. Jess, Ms. Katelyn, and Mr. Blackman for making this production a special one. She would also like to thank her parents for their support and all her theatre peers for all the memories. Break a leg everyone!

Kara Castano (Georgia Hendricks)

Kara Castano is a Senior at the Mount and is very excited to be a part of her final Mount production. She serves as co-arts secretary and co-Lord’s Chords president as well as Thespian Society Vice President. She has been a member of Mount Dance since freshman year and plays bass in Mount band. Kara grew up watching Mount shows and could not be more grateful to have participated in so many during her four years at the Mount. She wants to thank Mrs. King, Ms. Jess, Ms. Katelyn, and Mr. Blackman for all of their hard work and support throughout this production! In addition, she wants to thank everyone who is a part of this wonderful cast and crew for making the show so special. Finally, she wants to extend her gratitude to her mom (who has been a wonderful Mount arts mom for years), dad, sister Bridget, and Nana who cared deeply about Mount theatre and passed that sentiment on to her. Break legs everyone!

Mary Jane Clutterbuck (Mona Page/Ensemble)

Mary Jane is a Freshman at the Mount and this is her first show here! She has been acting since kindergarten, and is very excited to be a part of *Curtains!* Over the fall she was on the Freshmen Volleyball team and is in Veterans Club, Mounties Against Cancer, and the Glamour Gals. She is trying out for the lacrosse team in the spring. She would like to thank the whole cast and crew as well as Mrs. King, Ms. Jess, Ms. Katelyn, and Mr. Blackman for welcoming her into this community, and making this show so fun to be a part of! Good luck everyone!

Aaron Cordiero (Bobby Pepper)

Aaron is a Senior at Seton Hall Prep and just recently joined theatre. He performed in his first show last year and he plans on pursuing theatre in the future. He is a 4-year band member and has been playing instruments for over ten years and is passionate for music.

Jazmine Daniels (Hazel Winthrop/Ensemble)

Jazmine is a Junior at the Mount and happy to be part of the production. She thanks her family for all of their support! Break legs everyone!

Raquel Decker (Jane Setler)

Raquel is a Freshman at Mount St. Dominic and is thrilled to be a part of this production! This is her 2nd show at the Mount and previously, she was in this year's fall production of *A Trip to the Moon* as well as many other shows outside of Mount St Dominic. At the Mount, Raquel is a part of Choir and Lord's Chords where she can share her love for singing as well as any and every form of the arts. She is so excited for everyone to see the show and would like to thank everyone who has been a part of this amazing team, especially Mrs. King, Ms. Jess, Ms. Katelyn, and Mr Blackman and everyone else who has made this show possible! She would like to thank everyone involved in Mount theatre, including teachers and upperclassmen for welcoming her into this amazing community of people and she would like to especially thank her family for their immense support on this show and everyone who has been there and supported her on this journey!!

Danielle DeLuca (Det. O'Farrell / Ensemble)

Dani is a Junior at the Mount, and this is her sixth show here. She's been acting since she was 3 years old, but her first real featured turn was this year in MSDA Arts production of *A Trip to The Moon* where she played a myriad of characters. She is also known as the unofficial dramaturg of Mount Theatre. Besides theatre, Dani is a member of Mount St. Dominic Academy's VolunPeer Club. She would like to tell everyone in the cast: "Thanks for tolerating my nonsense," and, "That you're all gonna kill it tonight!"

Selina Gonzalez (Bambi Bernet)

Selina is a Junior at Mount St. Dominic, and is thrilled to be in the *Curtains* cast! She loves being involved in The Mount's Arts program through the fall dramas, spring musicals, and dance team. Selina would like to thank everyone on the production team—including the directors, cast, and crew—as well as her family and friends for all their support. Good luck and have fun, everyone!

Daniela Kooistra (Connie Subbotin / Ensemble)

Daniela is a Freshman at the Mount, and *Curtains* is her second show. Daniela started theatre last year when her school performed *Mary Poppins Jr*, where she played the Bird Woman and sang "Feed the Birds". Daniela is part of the *Veterans Club* and *Project Outreach*. She's a Christian who is an aspiring author and has interest in history, with hopes to do more theatre. She says, "I can't wait to present this hilarious show!"

Rowan Lambie (Joanie Harmon)

Rowan is a Senior at the Mount, and she is excited and sad to be in her last show here, *Curtains*! She has enjoyed all of the shows she has done over the years here at the Mount, and running clubs such as *LSAP*, *Robotics*, and *Red Cross*. She would like to thank her family for always supporting her in these endeavors, and all the other people who have made this production possible.

Alexa Leiva-Carrasco (Jessica Crenshaw/Ensemble)

Alexa is a Senior at Mount St. Dominic Academy who has participated in theater since Freshman year. She is president of the Diversity Club, and Secretary of Inclusion. She enjoys playing musical instruments, singing in the choir and partaking in different school events. She is so excited for her last year. Thank you to everyone who helps put together these shows!

Noah Lopez (Lt. Frank Cioffi)

Noah is a Junior at Seton Hall Prep and is thrilled to play Lt. Frank Cioffi in MSDA's production of *Curtains*! Some of his previous credits include Vlad Popov in *Anastasia*, Ernie Mac in *Puffs*, Mr. Feldzieg in *The Drowsy Chaperone*, and Daniel Kaffee in *A Few Good Men*. At SHP, Noah is a singer for C-tonians, a guitarist for Music Ministry, an executive board member of the Pirates Arts Council, and a student ambassador. He would like to thank the entire cast, crew, and board of directors for their support, hard work, and dedication to put on such an amazing production!

Joseph Mikula (Daryl Grady)

Joseph Mikula is a Senior at Seton Hall Prep and delighted to be back at The Mount for another show. He is a senior at Seton Hall Prep where he is a member of the band, C-Tonians, the Performing Arts Council Executive Board, and Vice President of the Fine Arts club, among other roles. This is his second production at The Mount; he was also in last year's production of *Freaky Friday*. He has been in 5 other productions at Seton Hall Prep, serving as both actor and Prop Manager. He will be in Seton Hall's production of *Into the Woods* this spring. He would like to thank his family and friends for all their support over the years.

Shayla Montgomery (Christopher Belling)

Shayla is a senior at Mount St Dominic Academy, this is her fourth year doing the spring musical. Shayla has always had a passion for performing ever since the age of six while doing dance classes with Marie Wildey School of Dance and that fueled her to pursue theatre throughout high school. Shayla is involved in clubs such as DnD, Film, Model UN, and HOSA. Shayla would love to thank her parents for always supporting her. She is ecstatic about this production and for this to come together and be brought to you!.

Bridget Mulvihill (Ida Shapiro)

Bridget Mulvihill is a Senior at Mount St. Dominic Academy. She is President of the Mount Against Cancer Club, Senior Class Secretary, Secretary of Red Cross Club, and Secretary of Key Club. Bridget was also on the Volleyball team for four years. *Anything Goes* was her first production at the Mount. She was also in *Anastasia* in her sophomore year, and *Freaky Friday* her Junior year. Bridget wants to thank everyone for coming together to make this amazing show possible.

Anaya Phillips (Roy Stetson)

Anaya Phillips is a Freshman at Mount St. Dominic Academy, and is excited to be in her first musical! She's only performed in plays such as *Romeo and Juliet*, starring as Lady Capulet, and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, starring as Hippolita. Anaya's really just gotten into the theatre industry, after having three to four years of experience in Choir, Anaya wishes to combine her love for acting and singing together by participating in *Curtains*. In her spare time, Anaya likes to draw and craft paper figurines, and even create some of her own. She's also working on a book, and wishes to be a great movie director one day. She appreciates the hard-work, and effort put into this show, and is excited to see how it turns out!

Alicia Pinaud (Arlene Barucca/Ensemble)

Alicia Pinaud is a Junior, and she is super excited to be in this show. This will be her sixth production with The Mount. With MSDA, she serves as Vice President of the Diversity Club, a member of the Swim Team, Choir, and Theatre. Performing on the Mount stage has been one of her favorite things to do. She has had a great time with her castmates preparing to make this show so great for you to watch. Alicia would like to thank her friends, Augusto, Veronica, and Tomas (Foot), for their endless love and support. She also extends special thanks to the cast, crew, and production team for making this show possible. Break a leg, everyone, and enjoy the show.

Tomas Pinaud (Brick Hawvermale)

Tomas is a seventh grader at Our Lady of the Lake. He found his love of singing and performing with the church choir. He began to act in his school's musicals. He has played Oaken in *Frozen Jr.* and Bruce in *Matilda Jr.* with OLL on the Mount stage. This is his first performance as part of the MSDA theater, and he is very happy to be a part of this great cast. He would like to thank his sister Alicia (foot) and his parents, Veronica and Augusto, for all the support. Thank everyone for making this show possible! Enjoy the show and let me know who did it!

Oliva Pizarro (Marjorie Cook)

Olivia is a Senior at Mount St. Dominic! For the past two years, she's been working the lights for the musical, but this year she will be performing under the lights! She is a part of the Diversity Club and Women in Business, and she occasionally plays Leo the Lion! She would like to thank everyone who made this happen, including the cast and crew! She is so excited to take the stage in *Curtains* and fulfill her dream of performing!

Felicita Pomares (Carmen Bernstein)

Cita is a Senior at the Mount and is so excited to be in *Curtains*! Cita has been doing musical theater for 11+ years and has performed in shows like *Anastasia*, *Freaky Friday*, *A Trip to the Moon* and more. *Curtains* is her eighth and final Mount production, and she wants to thank the directing team, crew, and cast for all their hard work and her family for always supporting her interest in the arts. Break a leg, everyone!

Sara Grace Prvulovic (Sydney Bernstein & Ronnie Driscoll)

Sara Grace Prvulovic is a Senior at the Mount and is ready to dance into another amazing production! Some of the previous shows she has done are *Urinetown*, *Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson*, *Merrily We Roll Along* and last year's MSDA production of *Freaky Friday*. She is included in Lords Chords, Project Outreach, Diversity Club, and Mount Against Cancer. She also throws Shotput and Discus with the Varsity Spring Track team. She would like to thank everyone who made this show possible: Mrs. King, Mr. Blackman, Ms. Jess, Ms. Katelyn, and all the cast and crew for all their hard work. And finally, she would also like to thank her mom and dad for everything they do for her to make this experience possible.

Leiloni Benedetta Reside (Peg Prentice/ Ensemble)

Leiloni is a Senior at Mount St. Dominic Academy. You can find her planning alongside the Student Council as the Executive Student Council President, innovatively designing robots as the Robotics Club President, and singing with the Lord's Chords during Masses. She also runs long distances with the Varsity Cross Country and Track teams. She is so excited to be part of *Curtains* because it is her first musical production at The Mount. She would like to give a huge thank you to Mrs. King, Ms. Jess, Ms. Katelyn, Mr. Blackman, the cast, and crew for their hard work and for welcoming her! She would also like to thank her family and friends for always supporting and encouraging her throughout her MSDA experience.

Ariana Rivera (Sasha Iljinsky)

Ariana is a Senior at Mount St. Dominic Academy and is incredibly excited to partake in *Curtains* as her first high school production. She has been Captain of the Varsity Volleyball team and is involved in several organizations including Student Council, Key Club, Filipino Club, Dominican Preachers, and Peer Leadership. She would like to thank Mrs. King, Ms. Jess, Ms. Katelyn, Mr. Blackman, and all of the cast and crew for welcoming her into this hardworking community. She also wants to thank her family and friends for encouraging her to embark on this new and fun journey.

Emilia Salandra (Roberta Wooster & Dance Captain)

Emi is a Senior at Mount St. Dominic and is extremely excited for this production of *Curtains*! This is her second musical at the Mount. She was ensemble for *Freaky Friday*, and she did stage crew for many of the fall dramas and past musicals! She is also the captain of the Dance Team here at the Mount and is the secretary of the Thespian Society! She would like to thank everyone who made this show possible: Mrs. King, Mr. Blackman, Ms. Jess, Ms. Katelyn, and all the cast and crew for all their hard work! She would also like to thank her family for everything they do for her! Break a leg!

Alessandra St. Ledger (Niki Harris)

Alex St. Ledger is a Senior at the Mount and is so thrilled to be in her seventh and final production at Mount St. Dominic. Last year, she was Savannah in *Freaky Friday* and Wendy in *Peter/Wendy*, and in the fall she was the Student Director for *A Trip to the Moon*. Aside from theater, Alex is President of the Thespian Society, Secretary of Academics, Senior Editor of the Golden Fleece, and the Co-President of Lions for Literacy. She would like to thank her parents and brother Jack for all of their support these past four years, and Mrs. King, Mr. Blackman, Ms. Jess, and Ms. Katelyn for putting so much effort into this production. She would also like to thank the incredible cast and crew for all of their hard work to make this show possible. Break legs, everyone!

Harper Sudol (Mabel Lacey)

Harper is a Freshman at the Mount and happy to be part of her first musical here. She wants to thank her parents for their support.

Zebong Tikum (Aaron Fox)

Zebong is a Junior at Seton Hall Prep. This is the seventh show on the Mount stage, and his sixth performance for the Mount. He has previously been in *It's A Madhouse*, *Anastasia*, *Peter/Wendy*, *Freaky Friday*, and in this past fall, *A Trip To the Moon*. He thanks Mrs. King, Mr. Blackman, Ms. Jess, Ms. Kate, Mrs. Posner, his parents, our cast, crew, and our stage managers for allowing this all to happen. He wishes everyone the best of luck on this wonderful show!

MEET THE PRODUCTION STAFF

Jessica Stanzek (Director) is a director, performer, and teaching artist in the NJ/NY area who is thrilled to be making her Mount St. Dominic Academy directorial debut! She received her Bachelor of Music from Westminster Choir College, and works frequently with Pompton Lakes HS, St. Francis Cathedral, Kushner Academy, and Highland Park Youth Theatre Company. Thanks to the cast, crew, and production team for being so welcoming and working hard on this amazing show!

Katelyn Loss (Assoc. Director & Choreographer)

Katelyn is a NJ based performer, choreographer, and teaching artist. She has loved Choreographing/Assoc. Directing her first Mt. St. Dominic Academy production! She holds a BFA in Musical Theatre and Minor in dance from Slippery Rock University. She has appeared regionally in several productions and has been teaching a variety of theatre classes to all ages since moving to NJ. A special thanks to the amazing cast, crew, and production team for their hard work and dedication in bringing this hilarious show to life!

Gary Blackman (Music Director)

Gary is thrilled to be music directing his second show at the Mount! He is currently studying orchestral conducting with Kyle Ritenauer at Montclair State University's Cali School of Music and studies privately with Greg Dlugos, a former Broadway conductor and pianist. Gary holds degrees from Columbia University and Florida State University's College of Music. A huge thank you to: Kelly King, Michelle Posner, Jess Stanzek, Katelyn Loss, our talented cast and crew, and our wonderful orchestra of professional musicians! Fun fact: Gary's identical twin brother, Mark, is a woodwind doubler who has performed in the orchestras of two musicals on Broadway.

Kelly Sullivan King MSDA '84, P'16, P'23 (Producer)

Kelly King wears many hats here at the Mount. Although she graduated many years ago, she still feels as though she never left. Her dedication to the Mount includes being the Chair of the Board of Trustees and producing and directing with the Mount Theatre family. Her love of theatre began at an early age and was fostered throughout her education. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in English and Theater from Providence College, a Master's in Theater from Montclair State University, and a Master's in Education from Seton Hall University. Outside the Mount, Kelly was the head of the Trinity Academy Drama Club, an organization she began in 1994. One of Kelly's most rewarding accomplishments is being a mother to her three children, John Nelson, Emily '16, and Katie '23.

Ashley Houck (Technical Supervisor)

Ashley is a New Jersey based lighting designer who has taken on a new role at the Mount for this season. Having been involved with MSD for 9 shows, she was very excited when given the opportunity to try something new. Ashley studied lighting design at Rutgers University - Mason Gross School of the Arts. She recently worked on a production of *James and the Giant Peach* and received a Count Basie award for outstanding lighting design. She also worked on the Mount's production of *A Trip to the Moon* in 2025. She is thrilled to be a part of this production and hopes that you enjoy the show!

Daniel Drew (Scenic Design) Dan is a Newark native and graduate of Rutgers University. Since 2016 he has been a teaching artist and technical advisor for NJPAC's center for Arts Education where he helped develop the Backstage Pathways program for high school students interested in stage craft. Recent credits include *Don Giovanni* (Off-Brand Opera), *Pirates of Penzance* (LONJ), and numerous productions for NJPAC's center for arts education

Mary Kate Drew (Lighting Designer) graduated from Rutgers University with a BA in Theater Arts and History. She has designed and served as L2 for Off-Brand Opera, The Gaslamp Players, and NJPAC's Center for Arts Education. Since 2024, she has served as a teaching assistant for NJPAC's Backstage Pathways program. Past credits include: *RENT* (Gaslamp Players), *Nietzsche* (Off-Brand Opera), and *Mean Girls* (NJPAC).

Gregory Rasmusson (Sound Supervisor) Greg Rasmusson (Mr. Raz) teaches US History and Computer Science at Mount St. Dominic Academy. He discovered his love of performing during his time in high school. He got his start as an extra in *Barnum* at Lacordaire Academy and played Rooster in *Annie* the following year. He continued his theater career at the Mount, playing Uncle Max in the *Sound of Music* and Horace Vandergelder in *Hello, Dolly!* His favorite roles in college theater were as Grandpa Vanderhof in *You Can't Take it With You* and as Officer Lockstock in *Urinetown*. He is looking forward to supporting the immensely talented sound tech crew. He would like to congratulate the cast, the crew, and the adult staff for all their hard work in putting this amazing show together!

MEET THE PRODUCTION CREW

Sophia Bautista (Follow Spot) Sophia is a Junior at the Mount and is very excited to help with her second Mount production! Last year she discovered her passion for tech crew in *Freaky Friday*, and is very excited to be a part of *Curtains*. Outside of Tech Crew, Sophia is the Junior Class Treasurer and the president of the Mount's Math Club. She is also part of the Paddle Club and is a Student Ambassador. Sophia would like to shout out the cast, crew, and directors for their hard work, and hopes that you enjoy the show!

Kiara Bitetto (Hair/Makeup) Kiara Bitetto is a Senior at the Mount. This is her third Mount production; with a musical and play under her belt, she is super excited for *Curtains* as well. Kiara is used to being around the arts programs at the Mount as a photographer for multiple clubs including but not limited to Diversity and Band Clubs. She has photographed a few of the concerts, coffeehouses, and various assemblies. She would like to thank the cast and crew for all their hard work.

Kendra Brooks (Stage Manager) Kendra is a Senior at the Mount, and she is so excited to be participating in her seventh Mount production. In previous years, she has found her passion for stage managing through *Anastasia*, *Peter/Wendy*, *Freaky Friday*, *A Trip to the Moon*, and now, *Curtains*. She wants to thank Jessica Stanzek, Katelyn Loss, Gary Blackman, and Kelly King for all their hard work, and she wishes the cast and crew an amazing show.

Luciana Cader (Sound Board Operator) Luciana is a Junior at the Mount who is so excited to be a part of this year's production. *Curtains* is her third show at the Mount and she is so excited to continue helping out with sound. Outside of Tech Crew, Luciana is Junior Class President and Co-President of the Mount's Polish Culture Club. Luciana would like to shout out the cast, crew, and directors for their hard work! Break a leg everyone!

Laura Capezio (Stage Manager) Laura Capezio is a senior at the Mount who is excited for all of you to see our Spring Musical, *Curtains*. Laura has participated in 7 Mount productions so far and this will be her fourth time returning as a Stage Manager! In the past, she has taken the roles of Prop Manager and Hair and Makeup, as well as lending a helping hand whenever needed! Outside of stage managing, Laura is the President of the Art Club, a Girl Scout Ambassador working towards her Gold Award, and is an active member in countless other clubs. Laura wants to acknowledge the hard work and dedication that the production team has put into this musical! If you see them, don't shy away from showing your gratitude! Break a leg!

Lucia Clifford (Costume Crew) Lucia is a Sophomore at Mount St. Dominic and is so excited for her second show at the Mount! Her Freshman year she was also a part of the show *Freaky Friday* which was a great start to her Mount St. Dominic experience. Aside from theatre, she is also in *Arabic Club*, and a part of an after-school program that goes to Academy 360! She is also a part of the Thespian Society. She would like to thank Ms. Stanzek, Mr. Blackman, Ms. Katelyn, Mrs. King, and the cast and crew for making this such a wonderful experience and production! Break a leg everyone!

Alexis Castañeda (Follow Spot Operator) Alexis Castañeda is a Senior at the Mount, excited to shed the spotlight on her peers once more for her fourth and final Mount production! In the past, she has worked in musicals such as *Anything Goes* and *Anastasia*, as well as last year's play, *Peter / Wendy*. Outside the theater, Alexis serves as Filipino Club President and Band Club Co-President, and is an active member of the Diversity Club and Lord's Chords. She loves to perform in concerts and coffee-houses by singing or playing the piano! She would like to thank the cast, crew, and all who contribute to the arts community at the Mount. Break a leg, everyone!

Alexa Cordovano (Lighting Crew) Alexa is a sophomore at the Mount who is so excited to be a part of this year's production! *Curtains* is her third show at the Mount, and is so excited to be helping out as a member of tech. Outside of Tech Crew, Alexa plays softball and is on the Executive Board for Dominican Preachers. Alexa would like to shout out the cast, crew, and directors for their hard work! Break a leg everyone!

Riley Doyle (Props) Riley is a Senior at the Mount and is excited to be part of this year's production as a member of the props and stage crew. She has previously worked on *Peter / Wendy*, *Freaky Friday*, and *A Trip to the Moon*, where she discovered her love for working behind the scenes. Outside of theater, Riley is a Co-President of Project Outreach, a member of the Dominican Preachers, and an active member in other clubs. Riley would like to thank the directors and crew for all their hard work and dedication, and she wishes the cast and crew an amazing show.

Finola Giblin (Light Board Operator) Finola is a Senior at the Mount and is so excited to be the lightboard operator for her 8th (and final) Mount production. Most recently, she was the lightboard operator for MSDA's *A Trip to the Moon* and Seton Hall Prep's *A Few Good Men*. Outside of theatre, she is a member of the Field Hockey and Swim Teams. She would like to give a huge thank you to the production team for putting this show together, and to the cast and crew for all their hard work. Break legs everyone!

Elizabeth Gibson (Stage Manager) Elizabeth is a Junior at the Mount and she is so excited to be a stage manager for *Curtains*. She is also in Band and Dominican Preachers. She wants to give a huge thank you to Mrs. King, Ms. Stanzek, and Ms. Houck for this opportunity! Break a leg everyone!

Sophia Gutierrez (Costume Crew) Sophia is a Senior at the Mount and she is very excited to be a part of the crew for *Curtains!* This will be her third and final show being a part of the crew. Outside of theatre, she participates in Winter and Spring Track and Field and is the one of the Co-Presidents of Project Outreach. She is also involved in many other clubs. She would like to thank her family for always supporting her. Lastly, she would like to thank the whole *Curtains* cast, crew members, Mrs. King, Ms. Stanzek, Mr. Blackman, Ms. Houck and Ms. Katelyn. Good luck and break a leg everyone!

Oliva Hall (Hair/Makeup) Oliva is a Junior and is happy to be part of the production.

Mariabelen Icasa (Running Crew) Mariabelen “Belen” is a Junior at Mount St. Dominic Academy and is excited to be part of the tech crew again! She runs Winter and Spring Track and plays Soccer in the fall. Belen is President of Film Club and participates in Diversity, Spanish, Robotics, Red Cross, PALS, Volunpeer, Lions for Literacy, and Golden Fleece. She enjoys volunteering in her community and playing piano. Enjoy the show and break a leg, actors!

Alexandra Loch (Costume Crew)

Allie is a Senior at the Mount and is very happy to experience her first and last show working as a crew member. In addition, Allie is captain of the Track Team and runs two service organizations called Academy 360 (Pals) and Volunpeer for the school. Allie loves doing many service events. Lastly, she would like to thank the whole *Curtains* cast, crew members, Mrs. King, Ms. Stanzek, Mr. Blackman, Ms. Katelyn and her family! Good luck everyone it’s going to be great!!!

Mosole Mogodiri (Costume Crew) Mosole is a Junior and is happy to be part of the production.

Isabella Montoya (Running Crew)

Isabella Montoya is a Senior at the Mount and is excited to be a part of the stage/props crew for this year's play. She is part of some extracurricular activities that include Key Club, Environmental Club, Red Cross Club, HSC, and LEO. She has worked backstage for shows such as *Freaky Friday* and *Anastasia*, and has been a part of crew since her freshman year. She wishes luck and lots of fun to the rest of the people taking part in the musical this year!

Gilanah Nganga (Follow Spot) Gilanah is a Sophomore at the Mount and is incredibly excited and grateful to be part of *Curtains*. This is her third production at Mount St. Dominic Academy, having performed in last fall's play *Peter/Wendy* and participated in tech crew for last spring's musical *Freaky Friday*. Outside of Theatre, she is a proud member of Dominican Preachers, Diversity & Math Club, Choir, Band, Lions for Literacy, Arabic Club, Fashion Club, & Women in Business. She is a Jesus-loving girl with a heart for creativity, pink, bows, and anything that lets her express her imagination and storytelling. She would like to thank her mom and dad, her brother Jaiden, and her dog Lanah for their constant love and support. She also wants to congratulate the entire *Curtains* cast and crew for their hard work, dedication, and heart. Enjoy the show!

Taylor Provillon (Follow Spot Operator) Taylor is a Senior and is happy to be part of the production.

Anais Schechter (Student Director) Anais is a Senior and is beyond excited to be student-directing her last Mount production! Outside of theater, Anais serves as a Peer Leader, Co-President of Lions for Literacy, Thespian Society Historian, and is involved in various clubs. She thanks Ms. Stanzek, Mr. Blackman, Ms. Katelyn, Mrs. King, and the cast and crew for their amazing work in putting this show together. She also thanks her family for their support toward each of her Mount theatre performances. Break a leg, everyone!

Madeline Tenecela (Running Crew)

Madeline is a Senior at The Mount and is excited to be part of this year's production as a member of the running crew, where she enjoys the energy and teamwork behind every show. She has worked backstage on *Freaky Friday* and *Anastasia*, where she discovered her interest in working behind the scenes since her Freshman year. Outside of theatre, she is Vice President of Key Club and a member of LSAP and Project Outreach. Madeline would like to thank the cast and crew for their hard work and wishes everyone an amazing show!

Brissa Vasquez (Follow Spot Operator) Brissa is Senior and happy to be part of the show. This will be her first time joining a tech crew. She is very excited

Allison Zinsmeister (Costume Crew)

Allison Zinsmeister is a current sophomore at MSDA. Allison is a part of the dance team since her Freshman year, and her family has shown support for her no matter what she takes part in. Allison is a person you could go to for support, but she also keeps things professional when she's working. Allison was a part of *Peter and Wendy* in doing customs her freshman year but unfortunately couldn't take place in stage crew this past fall due to a knee injury, but she also took part in Seton Hall Prep's Spring musical last spring as the only Freshman in the cast and now is part of stage crew for their spring musical as well.

Seniors,
Congratulations on your final Mount production!

Thank you for all the memories.
You are going to go on to do great things... I'm
always rooting for you! I love and will miss you
all.

Love always,
Selina♥

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OLIVIA, we are so proud of you and

we L♥VE you! Break a leg!

*- Mom, Dad, Devin, Mita, Grandma Chelle and
Cinnamon*

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*Liv,
You can finally take your singing to the stage!
We are so proud of you and can't wait to watch you
shine!!
We always knew you were made for the spotlight. Try
not to outshine the stage lights ★*

Love, Stella & Cassie



Congratulations to you Noah on your casting as Lieutenant Frank Cioffi! You took us all by surprise with an absolutely amazing performance in 2024 with your MSDA Theatre debut as Vlad Popov in *Anastasia* and then had us laughing and dancing in our seats last year playing Parker in *Freaky Friday*. We're so excited to see you take to the stage again in your new role with this latest Production! We're so proud of you!

**Love: Mommy, Daddy, and Liam
Good Luck to the entire *Curtains* Cast & Crew!**



Congratulations, Finola,
on four years of performances at
MOUNT SAINT DOMINIC ACADEMY.

Keep shining bright — always.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Natalie

Dear Alex, We can still remember you when you were as young as eight with your friends, your brother and his friends, and your grandparents: you wrote scripts, made costumes, had a green screen in the attic, used iMovie and made your own films, edited with music and scores.....and now here we are. We cannot believe the time has come for your final performance at the Mount. "Curtains" marks the end of an era, and it has been such a joy to watch you perform in both the fall and spring shows over the years. Your work in Comedy of Errors, It's a Madhouse, Peter/Wendy, Anything Goes, Anastasia, Freaky Friday, and your student-directed production of "A Trip to the Moon" has been wonderful to witness. We are so proud of everything you have accomplished and all of your hard work. We cannot wait to see the next chapter of your life unfold. Continue to persevere, stay resilient, and reach for the stars. We love you to the moon and back.

Love, Mama, Daddio and Jack



Alessandra

We have been blessed to see you evolve from a child to a young woman driven by your passion for all aspects of the theatre. As a child, you would create storylines, direct and video tape those plays, and edit the tapes to include sound and music in those early masterpieces. Your passion for the theater has since grown and found a home at MSDA. As grandparents, we could not be any prouder of you. Best of luck to you and the cast in your final performance at the Mount and in your continued theatrical evolution at the NYU Tisch School of the Arts. Keep soaring girl!

Love You, Baba & Tony





Congratulations, Ari!



We are so incredibly proud of you. Being part of the high school musical for the first time as a Senior feels like such a full-circle moment.



You first discovered your love for performing during middle school summer productions, then chose a new path and thrived in club & high school volleyball. But the love for theater was always there, and when the opportunity was right, you found your way back to the stage.

Watching you return with courage, joy, and confidence has been amazing. **Shine bright — you belong here. We love you!!**

- Mama, Papi, Kuya Bryan & Cody

*There's a special kind of people known as . . .
Show People*



**Congratulations to
the cast & crew!**

(A big shout-out to the
MSDA Seniors!)

- Rivera Family

Annie

It has been a joy watching you participate and contribute to so many shows at the Mount. Just as you have grown and blossomed in so many areas, you are finishing your last play by student directing! You take on more and more, you excel, and just as importantly, you treat everyone you interact with with KINDNESS. We are amazed by you and love you so much.



Never sashay away.
—Mom, Dad, Izzy and Ollie.

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Congratulations, Selina!

*We are so proud of your
dedication to The Mount
Arts.*

*Dance like everyone's
watching!*

We love you.

Mom, Dad, and Sofia

Congratulations to the Cast and Crew of CURTAINS!



We are so proud of you Kara Grace!
Keep doing what you love, and you'll set the world
on fire.

Love, Mom, Dad & Bridget



Congratulations to
the Cast & Crew of
Curtains!

Special congrats to
Kara – you made a
great Georgia.

Love,
Pop Pop

Congratulations Kara Grace!



*Have loved watching on the Mount Stage
and every stage! So proud of you. You
are pure sunshine.*

Lots of love, Grandma xoxo

Congratulations to the cast and crew of *Curtains*!



Alex, we are beyond proud of the wonderful young woman you have become. Your accomplishments on the stage and elsewhere are a testament to your faith, diligence, authenticity, and grace. We love you and are excited to watch your star continue to rise!
Aunt Ann, Uncle Ernie, Artyom & Snez

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L eader
E ntertainer
S tudent
S toryteller
A rtist
N iece extraordinaire
D ramatic writer
R ole model
A spiring New Yorker

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**Back in the spotlight again!
Congratulations Noah!!! Good Luck to you
and the full Cast & Crew. ~ LOLA**



We are so proud of you, Bridget!

We can believe this is your final musical at the Mount!! We have loved every minute of watching you perform since you were young. You're going to crush your role as Ida. We love you and can't wait for what the future holds!

Love, Mom, Dad, Maura, Clare, Owen and Larry!

Dear Emi,



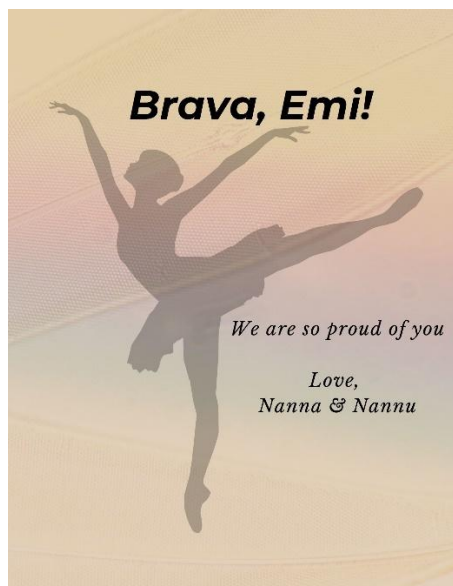
We've loved watching you dance your heart out on stage since you've been 2 years old.

Keep shining in all that you do! We are your biggest fans

Love, Mom, Dad, Gina & Frannie



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Congratulations to Felicita on an
excellent theater career at MSDA.
You are always the star of our
show!

Love,
The Pomares Party of 5 & the Rest of the Family



MY NINA, I HAVE TO TELL
YOU THAT YOU ARE MY
GREATEST PRIDE AND MY
REASON TO KEEP
FIGHTING EVERY DAY. I
THANK GOD FOR YOU
EVERYDAY. I LOVE YOU
ALWAYS
TU PADRES

Sara Grace-
'Congrats and break a leg'
We have enjoyed watching your performances
through the years. From a pirate to a princess
and everything in between.
We love you!
Love,
Mom, Dad and the whole family

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**CONGRATS TO OLIVIA ROSE AND THE ENTIRE
CAST AND CREW OF CURTAINS**



**FROM BEHIND THE SCENES TO ON STAGE, WE ARE
SO PROUD OF YOU! GO PIGGY!**

LOVE MOMMY, ISA, AVA AND MATEO

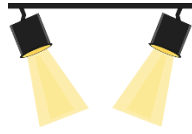
*Rowan Lambie, we are very proud of you
and all your theatrical accomplishments.
You're a Broadway girl at heart, never stop
performing!*

*So excited to see you play 'Johnny' in
Curtains.*

Break a Leg & all our love from

Mum, Dad, Dylan & Andrea





Congratulations

Alex St. Ledger

We are so proud of you!

Love,

Grammy, Aunt Mary & Aunt Shoesy

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Congratulations to the Cast and Crew of

CURTAINS

Mrs. Picciano, Dr. D'Avino, Mr. Vigil

And

XO The Mount Faculty and Staff XO



**Mount Saint Dominic Academy
Lions Paw Arts Parents' Committee**

**Congratulations to the Cast and Crew of
"Curtains"**

***A special thank you to Mrs. Stanzek, Ms. Loss
Mr. Blackman, Miss Ashley & Mrs. King for your
tireless dedication to this production***

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Join us for...

The MSDA Arts Picnic & Awards Ceremony - May 19



The MSDA Spring Concert - May 20

