

SKYRIDGE THEATRE



Footloose

THE MUSICAL

**Nov
10-21**

STAGE ADAPTATION BY DEAN PITCHFORD AND WALTER BOBBIE BASED ON THE ORIGINAL
SCREENPLAY BY DEAN PITCHFORD MUSIC BY TOM SNOW LYRICS BY DEAN PITCHFORD ADDITIONAL MUSIC BY ERIC CARMEN,
SAMMY HAGAR, KENNY LOGGINS AND JIM STEINMAN

Opening Night: November 10, 2022

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Lyrics by
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Including Songs by
**Eric Carmen, Sammy Hagar,
Kenny Loggins, and Jim Steinman**

Starring

Justin Rushton Rosie Goade Noah Pulu Olivia Netjes
Lulu Griffiths Mia Schoebinger Ellie Sabin
Zoe Barrus Caleb Southwick Jayden Pont



Director's Note

Footloose: The Musical is one of the most iconic movie musicals in recent history, and it is even more special because portions of the original 1984 film were taped locally at the Lehi Roller Mills. However, this connection to Lehi is not what made me want to do this musical. Watching these kids walk around, as we have gotten ready for the opening of the show, truly takes me back and makes me fondly remember my youth, but again, the style was not why we did this play. Setting the story in the 1980s, with the clothes and the big hair, has been so great! The music of *Footloose!* is fun and familiar, with tunes like "I Need a Hero," "Let's Hear it for the Boy" and, of course, "Footloose!" Listening to these kids sing these songs warms my heart, and enlivens my soul. That said, as you may expect, the soundtrack is not why I chose to do *Footloose!*

At its heart, *Footloose!* is not a story about Lehi, 80's style or music, but a story about self-expression and forgiveness. It is about people being stubbornly stuck in their own opinions and beliefs, and having an unwillingness to listen to and learn from anyone else. It is about self-expression, the celebration of youthful energy and hope, and the need for every one of us to find an outlet for our feelings, passions and emotions.

With this in mind, we are introduced to two men, both dealing differently with loss. In the symmetry of story, the playmakers show us a father dealing with the loss of a son, and a son dealing with the loss of a father. Through this musical, they each find that they have a lot more in common than either of them originally thought. Anger and blame give way to forgiveness and understanding. In the end, all of us can find hope for a better life – and a better world – by understanding the importance of seeking to find a common ground, and by seeing the importance of allowing others to come to that common ground in their own way.

This story is, indeed, a metaphor. *Footloose!* is not about the place, the clothing and the hair, the music, or even about the dancing, but about how we need to be expressive and passionate...and how we must connect with those around us in that need. The town of Bomont and the characters who reside there, including Ren and Reverend Moore, are all crying out to find healing. Their disparate approaches to dance represent their approaches. Through this story we see that they find this healing through forgiveness – and this forgiveness is represented by dance. Thus, as these characters are grieving, fighting and crying out to dance, instead of only hearing them say, "We want to dance!," we should hear what they are truly saying, which is "We want to heal!" "We need forgiveness!"

Thank you for coming. Enjoy the show.

Production Team

Director: John Brown
Music Director: Kirsten Richards
Assistant Music Director: Chip Brown
Orchestra Direction: Chip Brown
Choreography: Kirsten Richards, Erica Schoebinger
Costume Design: Ramona Brown
Set Design: Mia Schoebinger
Set Construction: Cast and Crew
Marketing: Heather Newall
Photography: Jessalyn Batt
Videography: Jeff Batt
Communications: Aubrey Sorenson
Publicity: Wendy Halls
Merchandise: Kat Fuller
Box Office: Amber Montgomery
Concessions: Becky Jones, Liz Shields
Playbill: Mary Taylor
Flowers: Tiffany Oaks

Technical Crew

Stage Manager: Ella Brown
Assistant Stage Manager: Maddie Cardon
Sound Designer: Blake Wall
Sound Assistant: Shaylin Guevara
Lighting Designer: Ryan Anderson
Lighting Assistant: Andrew Halls
Spotlights: Andrew Halls
Hair: Amy Goade
Makeup Crew: Liberty Fuller, Olivia Brown, Adelle Gardiner, Sophia Cummings, Linnea Johnson, Zoey Copfer, Maddie Phann
Assistants of Sound Assistant: Bryton Coltharp, Tyani Chisholm, Zachary Brown

Band

Keyboard: Megan Marsh
Keyboard: Melynn Stevens
Lead guitar: Charlie Hudson
Bass guitar: Chip Brown
Drums: Saxon Jones

Act I

"Footloose"	Ren, Company
"On Any Sunday"	Rev Shaw Moore, Company
"The Girl Gets Around"	Chuck, Ariel, Travis, Lyle, Company
"I Can't Stand Still"	Ren
"Somebody's Eyes"	Rusty, Wendy Jo, Urleen, Company
"Learning to be Silent"	Vi, Ethel
"Holding Out for a Hero"	Ariel, Rusty, Wendy Jo, Urleen
"Somebody's Eyes" (reprise).....	Rusty, Wendy Jo, Urleen
"Heaven Help Me"	Rev Shaw Moore
"I'm Free"	Ren, Company

Act II

"Still Rockin'"	Cowboy Bob
"Let's Hear It for the Boy"	Rusty, Company
"Can You Find It in Your Heart"	Vi
"Mama Says"	Willard, Company
"Almost Paradise"	Ren, Ariel
"Dancing is Not a Crime"	Ren, Company
"I Confess"	Rev Shaw Moore
"On Any Sunday" (reprise).....	Company
"Can you Find it in Your Heart?" (reprise).....	Rev Shaw Moore
"Footloose" (reprise).....	Company

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The Story

Footloose is the story of Ren McCormack, a teenage boy from Chicago. He and his mother move to the small town of Bomont after his father abandons them. Upon arriving, Ren finds himself at odds with most of the town, including Reverend Shaw Moore. The Reverend has convinced the town to outlaw dancing, which Ren finds unbelievable. With the help of Ariel (the Reverend's daughter) and Willard (a country hick who becomes his best friend), Ren convinces the Reverend to let the teenagers dance, and in the process, helps the town to heal from a tragedy that affected them all.

Cast list

Ren McCormack.....	Justin Rushton
Ariel Moore	Rosie Goade
Reverend Shaw Moore	Noah Pulu
Vi Moore	Olivia Netjes
Ethel McCormack.....	Lulu Griffiths
Rusty	Mia Schoebinger
Urleen	Ellie Sabin
Wendy Jo	Zoe Barrus
Chuck Cranston	Caleb Southwick
Willard Hewitt.....	Jayden Pont
Lulu Warnicker.....	Abby Montgomery
Wes Warnicker	Oliver Hudson
Principal Harriet Clark	Corinne Braley
Coach Roger Dunbar.....	Chase Karren
Eleanor Dunbar.....	Sydney Bair
Police Officer Jan.....	Rachel Dominguez
Cowboy Bob	Elijah Newall
Betty Blast	Ella Petersen
Lyle	Zack Wright
Travis	Brett Lorenz
Jeter	Harry Fuller
Bickle	Xavier Jones
Garvin.....	Daxter Jones

Orange Ensemble

Anna Gooch
Annie Hansen
Ashley Halls
Brett Lorenz
Brittney Goms
Brooklyn Turpin
Cambri Burgon
Carson Long
Carston Hadlock
Carter Denton
Cheyenne Strongo
Daxter Jones
Elise Livingston
Ella Brown
Ellie Shields
Ella Petersen
Emma Timmerman

Eva Frey
Ethan Etringer
Gabe Walter
Halley Higley
Harry Fuller
Izzy Brown
Jack Warren
James Cuellar
Jordyn Watson
Kamri Arkell
Ira Phillips
Layna Huggins
Liberty Fuller
Liesel Chipman
Madalyn Freeman
Maggie Christiansen
Marcelo Fitzgerald

McKenzie Batt
Moss Sharp
Naomi Frost
Paisley Fillmore
Payten Caldwell
Rachel Dominguez
Reagan Pfunder
Ruby Swogger
Sam Hales
Savannah Carrasco
Shelby Douglass
Sophia Groom
Sydney Hollingshead
Tristen Harvey
Xavier Jones
Zack Wright
Zoey Checketts



Gray Ensemble

Abigail Franz
Addison Steed
Aidan Freestone
Alex Hsaio
Allison Whitt
Amelia Greenwood
Aspen Toro
Avery Douglas
Bailey Cutler
Claire Summers
Cassie Hammond
Cassie Thomson
Darby Harris
Elayna Rupper
Elijah Newall
Ellie Johnson
Ellie Miner
Emma Ashby
Emma Fowles
Emma Tingey

Erin Davis
Evelyn Larson
Gabby Greenwood
Gavin Webecke
Grace Harper
Grace McChesney
Haley White
Hartney Marx
Hailey Sorenson
Jack Bramwell
Jayne Rassmussen
Jaxon Arbon
Joseph d'Argy
Kaden Burgon
Kaia Warner
Kate Kendrick
Kayli Roper
Kaylie Pont
Keaton Oaks
Kenzie Stirling

Larissa Ribeiro
Lydia Johnson
Lee Johnson
Lyla Jo Stanley
Lucy Johnson
Mckayla Barney
McKayla Bean
Megan Allen
Michael Watts
Molly Henrikson
Nellie Bagley
Olivia Brown
Sadie Pack
Sam Brown
Seth Dobson
Sofia Adams
Sophia Cummings
Sydney Bair
Tyler Anderson



Who's Who

Ren McCormack.....Justin Rushton

Justin's mom saw his inner actor and even bribed him \$100 to be in the Jr. High play, which he did not take. Fast forward to his Junior year, where he graced the stage as an Electric Skate in SpongeBob the Musical and was also in Urinetown. He would like to thank his parents for pushing him to be the best he could be & the cute girl that got him to act.



Ariel Moore.....Rosie Goade

Rosie Goade is a Junior this year and has been singing and dancing since she was a little kid. She went from banging on the piano and screaming, "just around the river bend," to playing Ms. Pennywise in the school's production of Urinetown! She's so excited to dance her heart out as well as portray the depth behind the fun character of Ariel Moore!



Rev. Shaw Moore.....Noah Pulu

Noah is a sophomore and is so grateful to be a part of this production of Footloose. He's been in several shows, playing a wide variety of roles from Miss Agatha Trunchbull in "Matilda" to Sky Masterson in "Guys and Dolls." He's excited to see the opportunities Skyridge has to offer in the next couple of years.



Vi Moore.....Olivia Netjes

Olivia Netjes is ecstatic to be playing Vi Moore, her first leading role in a musical. Not too long ago, she played Old Ma Strong in Skyridge's production of Urinetown, and Rona in her class's production of the 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee. Olivia is grateful to all those who cheered her on from first grade to senior year.



Ethel McCormack.....Lulu Griffiths

Lulu Griffiths is a senior at Skyridge Highschool and has been doing Skyridge theater for three years. She has been singing, dancing, and telling stories for as long as she can remember. Ethel McCormack will be her very first lead at Skyridge and she couldn't be anymore grateful for this opportunity of telling her story.



Rusty.....Mia Schoebinger

Mia is a junior in high school and has done theatre for 6 years! She is so grateful to be a part of this show and this company!! Mia is fire as beans, thanks for attending the show!!!



Who's Who

Urleen.....Ellie Sabin

Ellie is a junior at Skyridge this year and is thrilled to be a part of this production! She has been singing and playing guitar for several years and has participated in many of the school's classes and shows, including Seussical and Spongebob. She thanks you all for attending and hopes you enjoy the show!



Wendy Jo.....Zoe Nivelles Barrus

Zoe Barrus is a Junior and is delighted to be playing Wendy Jo in Skyridge's Footloose. She loves all forms of self-expression, especially theatre. She has been in productions of Les Miserables, Sense and Sensibility, Fiddler on the Roof, Peter/Wendy, Seussical, and many more. Zoe is very grateful for her parents' support every step of the way.



Chuck Cranston.....Caleb Southwick

Caleb is a junior at Skyridge High School. He enjoys participating in the theater department here and has loved the musicals he's been in, such as The Man Of La Mancha and Spongebob. Caleb is extremely excited to play Chuck Cranston, even though he might be a bit of a jerk.



Willard Hewitt.....Jayden Pont

Jayden has loved working on this show, and he is very excited for his first major role at Skyridge! He has been doing theatre since his Freshman year, and has been in every show, except Comedy of Errors, since Seussical! Jayden loves this cast and thanks everyone for coming!



Lulu Warnicker.....Abigail Montgomery

Six years ago, Abby traded in her soccer cleats for character shoes. Now a senior at Skyridge, she's never looked back! Whether she's singing in SpongeBob, dancing in Urinetown or competing in Shakespeare, Abby loves all things Theatre!



Wes Warnicker.....Oliver Hudson

Oliver is very excited to be performing in Footloose! Footloose has always been one of his favorite movies, and he is so excited to perform it on the stage. Oliver has been on stage for as long as he can remember. Some of his favorite roles include Tiny Tom in Urinetown, John Dashwood in Sense and Sensibility, and Peter Pan in Peter/Wendy.



Who's Who

Principal Harriet Clark.....Corinne Braley

Corinne is a junior and fire as beans! She is so excited to be a part of such a great show and awesome experience. The cast is so fire and it's been such a beans experience. Thanks for attending the show!!



Coach Dunbar.....Chase Karren

Chase is a Senior and has been a participant in Skyridge Theater since "Pippin," returning each year with a new haircut and determination to perform the show better than the last. He is thankful for these experiences both on and off the stage as well as the relationships he formed throughout these productions.



Eleanor Dunbar.....Sydney Bair

Sydney is a junior this year and has loved the Skyridge theatre program. She was in the ensemble for SpongeBob the Musical and The Tempest here at Skyridge and is excited to have her first named character role here. She is happy to be performing for people with the people she loves, and can't wait to see what's next.



Police Officer Jan.....Rachel Dominguez

Rachel is a senior at Skyridge and has loved being a part of the department for 4 whole years! Some of her favorite past roles are Wendy in Peter/Wendy and Ariel in The Tempest. She's so thankful for her friends and family for always supporting her, especially her mom who told her not to write a basic bio. How'd she do?



Cowboy Bob.....Elijah Newall

Elijah is excited to be "Still Rocking" in Footloose! He's been in Skyridge Theatre since he can remember, where he has had the good fortune of stretching himself beyond his typical dashing, leading-man roles with portrayals as Patrick (SpongeBob), Smee (Peter/Wendy), and Stephano (The Tempest.) He is also honored to be Skyridge Theatre's Sterling Scholar.



Betty Blast.....Ella Petersen

Ella is this year's Theatre Council President and has achieved much in her time here. Of all her accomplishments, however, she is the proudest of her department and all they have accomplished together. She wishes to thank them all dearly, along with her family, friends, directors, and theatre mammas, for they are the reason she is here today.



Who's Who

Lyle.....Zack Wright

Zack is a senior at skyridge this year and the outreach officer in theatre council. This is his third year in the theatre program and has had multiple roles including Mr Darling (Peter Wendy), Senator Fipp (Urinetown), and Antonio (The Tempest). Zack is excited to let his FEET LOOSE on the stage and hopes you enjoy the show!



Travis.....Brett Lorenz

Brett is a senior at Skyridge High School and has been doing Skyridge theatre for three years! He fell in love with it when he played the Cowardly Lion for Aristotle Academy production of The Wizard of Oz in second grade. Travis is his first named role at Skyridge and he couldn't be more excited to portray him on stage to help create a story!



Jeter.....Harry Fuller

Harry is extremely excited to be a part of Footloose. From his fifth grade production of Romeo and Juliet to performing as Edward Ferrars in Skyridge's Sense and Sensibility in 2021, theater has always been a part of his life. When Harry is not cutting foot loose, he's performing with Skyridge Singers, playing volleyball, or just napping in bed.



Bickle.....Xavier Jones

You may have seen Xavier's portrayal of Anselmo in Man of La Mancha. Other favorite past roles include the Wall Clock in Failure: A Love Story, a townspeople in SpongeBob, and a wealthy man in Urinetown. He's so excited for his role of the Escapologist in Matilda soon. Xavier loves puzzles and programming, he hopes to one day change the world.



Garvin.....Daxter Jones

Daxter loves theatre, he recently played Aegeon in Comedy of Errors. Other musicals he's done are Little Mermaid and Annie. He loves to sing, dance, practice flips and tricks. Daxter has been anticipating working with John Brown at Skyridge. He is excited to be Garvin in Footloose. He hopes to make lots of memories and friends over the coming years.



Special thanks:

Thank you to the Skyridge High School custodial crew, we do not deserve you! Thank you to the staff of Skyridge High School for working with your students in allowing them to be involved in a production like this. A big thank you to the Skyridge High School administrative team, particularly Jed Francis and John Wallwork, I am grateful for your patience and understanding. Thank you to the Alpine School District for creating and nourishing an environment where students can learn about, and perform significant works of art. A huge THANK YOU to the parents, family and friends who were so involved and helpful and without whom this show never would have been possible.

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John C. Brown

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