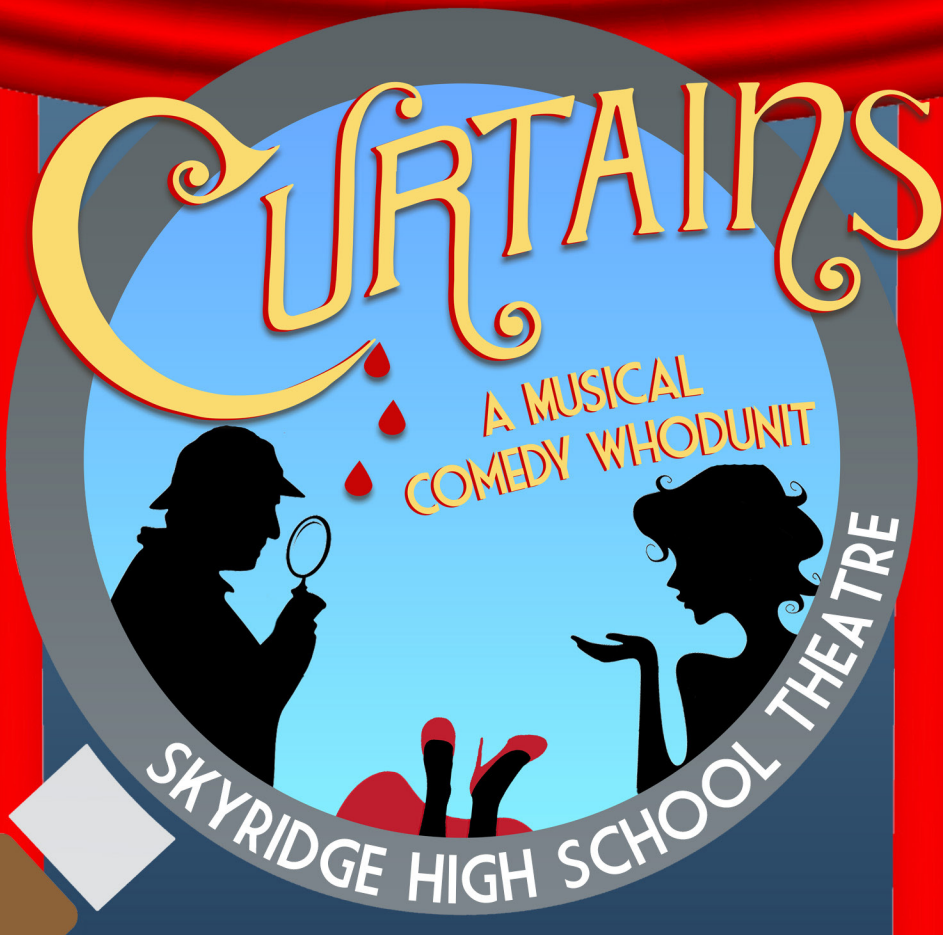


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Book by Rupert Holmes; Original book and concept by Peter Stone; Music by John Kander; Lyrics by Fred Ebb; Additional lyrics by John Kander and Rupert Holmes. Performed through special arrangement with Theatrical Rights Worldwide.

Director's Note

"Show People" are a special breed, as the cast of this show points out, and while Curtains is a light-hearted, murder-mystery comedy, it highlights the real joy, pains and adversities of being a show person, or as we call them in high school, a theatre kid. I often say that I have the best job in the world. While it is true that I get to work at this amazing school, in this great facility and with this tremendous faculty, staff and administration, that is not what makes my job the best. I also get to be a professional artist in creating personal, profound and important theatrical works, but that's not why my job is the best. What gets me out of bed every morning, and the reason I am filled with gratitude at the end of every day is the fact that I get to work with theatre students. I know, I know, it seems crazy, but I love theatre students. They are loud, melodramatic, emotional, they wear their hearts on their sleeves and have ridiculously short attention spans. But they are also kind, hard-working, creative, and empathetic. Because I believe theatre is the academic discipline of understanding what it means to be human, theatre kids are innovative problem solvers, great communicators, determined team members and caring citizens. A little while back, a colleague said that they felt bad for me because I had so many "broken" or "damaged" kids in my program. I quickly told him that I believe we are all broken, theatre kids are just more honest about it. It is that honesty that gets me up on a Monday morning after a 12 hour Saturday rehearsal. It is that sincerity that draws me back to work with these students in spite of complaints, criticisms or harsh comments. It is that authenticity that ultimately makes my job the absolute best job in the world. So as you are watching this brilliantly written musical, please keep in mind that our primary goal in presenting this show to you this evening is for you to leave a little happier than when you came - and for you to go home with a spring in your step, a song in your heart and a smile on your face. But we are also offering a little tribute to the theatre kids everywhere who long to be in show business and who are "Show People."



Act I

- Overture - The Orchestra
- Wide Open Spaces - Bobby, Jessica Cranshaw, Randy, Niki and Ensemble
- What Kind of Man? - Carmen, Oscar, Aaron, Georgia
- Thinking of Him - Georgia, Aaron, Bobby
- The Woman's Dead - Georgia, Aaron, Niki, Bobby, Belling, Johnny, Bambi, Oscar, Carmen, & Company
- Show People - Carmen, Cioffi, Georgia, Aaron, Oscar, Belling, Bobby, & Company
- Coffee Shop Nights - Cioffi
- In the Same Boat 1 - Georgia, Niki, Bambi
- I Miss the Music - Aaron
  Thataway! - Georgia, Bobby and Ensemble

Act II

- The Man is Dead (reprise) - Sasha (the conductor)
- He Did It - Bobby, Georgia, Niki, Aaron, Belling, Oscar, Ensemble
- It's a Business - Carmen, Male Ensemble
- Kansasland - Randy, Harv, Bambi, Bobby, Ensemble
- She Did It (reprise) - Company
- Thinking of Him/I Miss The Music (Reprise) - Aaron and Georgia
- A Tough Act to Follow - Cioffi, Niki and Ensemble
- In the Same Boat 3, 4, and 5 - Company
- In the Same Boat Completed - Georgia, Niki, Bambi, Bobby, Randy, Harv, Cioffi & Ensemble
- Show People (Reprise) - Cioffi and Carmen
- Wide Open Spaces (Finale) - Ensemble
- A Tough Act to Follow (Reprise) - Company



Production Staff

Director: John Brown
Music Director: Kirsten Richards
Choreography: Kirsten Richards
Technical Director: Rick Loveridge
Student Assistant Director: Sunny Fielding
Set Design & Construction: Jennifer Schoebinger
Additional Set Construction: Technical Theatre Classes, Cast, & Parents
Costumes: Nina Johnston, Rachel Swogger & Raili Nieznanski
Tickets & Publicity: Bryan McEwan and Britt Brown
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Videography: Bryan McEwan
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Concessions: Angie Picard
Stage Manager: Susan Kopping
Assistant Stage Manager: Brea Speckart
Sound Designer: Nathan Whiting
Sound Assistant: Alyson Zitzman
Lighting Designers: Ainsley Davies, Christian Franc-Lind
Light Board Operator: Ryan Anderson
Spotlight Operator: Olivia Albrecht & Tiffany Croxall
Fly System Operator: Makayla Lord
Special FX Master: Brandon "Zach" Maughan
Student Assistants: Jaxon Kindred, Bryana Grant



Based on the original book and concept by Peter Stone, the musical is a send-up of backstage murder mystery plots, set in 1959 Boston, Massachusetts and follows the fallout when Jessica Cranshaw, the supremely untalented star of Robbin' Hood of the Old West is murdered during her opening night curtain call. It is up to Lt. Frank Cioffi, a police detective who moonlights as a musical theater fan to save the show, solve the case, and maybe even find love before the show reopens, without getting killed himself. Cioffi also dreams of being in musical theater.



Cast List

Lieutenant Frank Cioffi.....Joey Pierson



Joey has been in 53 shows at Skyridge and has loved it. He wants to thank Sunny Fielding for her chapstick and maybe John Brown and Kissy too, because they do a little work sometimes. He hopes you all enjoy Curtains and remember that solving murders isn't all that easy-and neither is tap dancing.

Niki Harris.....Ashley Crockett



Ashley has been part of this school's theatre department since she was a freshman. She has gotten to know some amazing people and has learned so much from her teachers. Ever since she was little she loved to sing, dance and act. She couldn't have asked for a better cast to work with in the show and she can't wait to show you what they've got in store.

Georgia Hendricks.....Eden Swogger



Eden is delighted to be playing Miss Georgia Hendricks in her last HS musical production! Eden has loved being a part of the theater program and is so grateful to be drama club VP! You can also find her in choir and Student Council here at Skyridge. Eden would also like thank her wonderful parents, family, and friends for supporting her antics and loving her unconditionally <3 She hopes you enjoy the show! :)

Carmen Bernstein.....Carmen Nieznanski



Carmen is so excited to be in Skyridge's production of Curtains. The best part of this show for her is playing Carmen Bernstein. Not only do they share a name, but they share a fiery, passionate personality and it's been an absolute pleasure! Carmen hopes you enjoy watching the show as much as she has enjoyed performing it!

Aaron Fox.....Luke Urry



Being in this show has taught Luke so much! He has grown as an actor and singer, and even learned how to play piano! It has not been easy, but he is so glad to be a part of this cast.

Bambi Bernét.....Courtney Wright



Courtney has been in theatre since 8th grade and loved every minute of it! Curtains is her 15th show and she adores portraying the role of Bambi. Courtney is a member of the Skyridge Drama Council and the school's Sterling Scholar for Theatre Arts. She also loves being in the Skyridge chamber choir, rock climbing with friends, and playing with her dog. After graduation, Courtney is excited to attend BYU and to serve as a missionary for her church. She wants to thank her friends, family, and John Brown for always supporting her.

Christopher Belling.....Dustin Poyfair



Dustin is a senior here at Skyridge and has been involved with Skyridge theatre from the very beginning! He has been in 7 productions here at Skyridge and has competed at region and state competitions as well as the Shakespeare festival.

Cast List



Bobby Pepper.....Daimian Davis
Daimion has been in every musical Skyridge has ever put on. He is a senior and is on Skyridge's Drama Council this year. On top of all the theatre he does he also is a competitive figure skater and has done that for around 12 years.



Jennie Harmon.....Kaitney Griffith
Kaitney has always loved theatre and and being a part of shows. She has been a part of the Theatre program since Skyridge opened and is the Fine Arts Representative on Student Council. She would like to thank you you all for coming and supporting our show. Go Falcons!



Daryl Grady.....Carter Groom
Carter has enjoyed his time at Skyridge. He has been singing, acting and dancing for over 10 years. He'd like to thank John Brown and Mrs. Kissy for putting in one too many hours getting this show ready. In real life he's a pretty nice guy. Although, he usually gets cast in an arrogant role. He hopes you enjoy the show.



Oscar Shapiro.....Erik Halls
Eric has been doing theatre for almost six years now, and he has absolutely loved being a part of it. He has made so many friendships in this program, and he is so thankful for all the opportunities he has been given. He hopes you enjoy the show!!



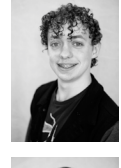
Sidney Bernstein.....Carter Beck
Carter is a Junior in High School. This is his 12th play and he has loved all of it. Curtains has been a blast to be in! Special thanks to his parents for always supporting him, and to his twin who's been his "lesser half."



Jessica Cranshaw.....Abby Marsh
Theater is Abby's life!. She has danced, sang, slept, ate, sweated, blead, made some of her closest friends and now died on this stage. She is so very grateful for all of the life lessons she has learned from being a part of such a rigorous theater program, it really has made highschool great for her. Shout out to her family who doesn't see her enough because of this production and she hopes you appreciate all the work that has gone into making this show the best it could possibly be. Thanks for coming to curtains.



Sasha Iljinsky.....Maddy Dever
It's been a long run, and she want to thank her parents for always running beside her. She can't wait to see what the next chapter brings! And from the words of Shakespeare "though she be but little, she be fierce.



Randy Dexter.....Ethan Freestone
Ethan is pretty pumped to be Randy. This is his first big lead, and this show has been the time of his life. He's super thankful to all his friends and family for being the coolest people in all of existence!



Harv Fremont.....Steven Ray
Steven is a Skyridge senior who participates in the high school chamber choir and the drama program. He enjoys rock climbing, singing, reading, and loves making people smile! He hopes you have a wonderful time watching the show and that you'll get home safely! :)

Ensemble

Isaac Anderson
Adilynn Bartholomew
Parker Beck
Brock Bennett
Jackson Brown
Riian Brown
Sam Brown
Micah Cajilig Jr.
Daisy Callaway
Olivia Charles
Savannah Chavarria
Trista Childs
Connor Cooper
Laurel Cuellar
Sophia Cuellar
Kyleen Doman
Rodrigo Fernandez
Kaleb Flinders
Alyssa Green
Brandon Gull
Mackenzie Harris
Maurice Harris
Tristen Harvey
Mariah Hayes
Ella Hyte
Olivia Johnston
Alixie Jones
Brynley Jones
Tyla Kimball
Lily Lambert
Rachel Lange
Raine Martinez
Sterling Macdonald
Carter McEwan
Brenna Millward
Kate Morris
Maxwell Norton
Grayson Paskett
Libby Patterson
Olivia Penderson
Elizabeth Piccard
Blythe Snowden
Aliza Sparti
Jessica Spradlin
Snow Stanley
Josh Taylor
James Thacker
Caleb Wallengren
Caroline Whitehead
Elizabeth Williams



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