





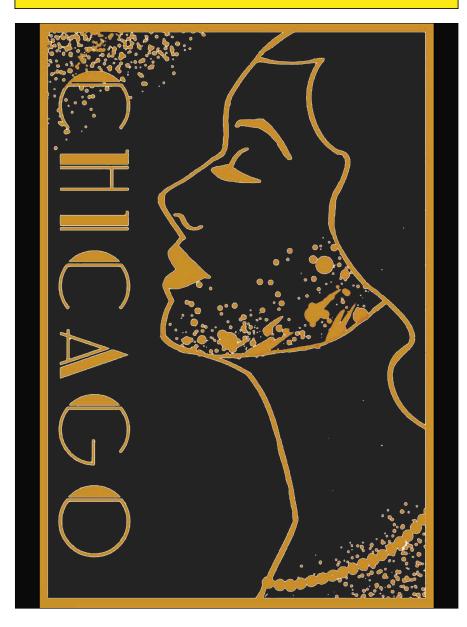






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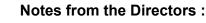
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Selecting a musical that fulfilled all our criteria was no easy task. We wanted a crowd-pleaser to draw in a large audience, fun and dynamic characters, and a relevant lesson for our students. *Chicago* emerged as the perfect choice, challenging both performers and audiences alike. Its satirical commentary on the justice system and media obsession with celebrity status opens the door to thought-provoking discussions.

Chicago offers a sharp critique of the justice system, delving into themes of manipulation, fame, and the blurred lines between truth and fiction. Despite its 1920s setting, the musical's themes of celebrity culture and media manipulation resonate strongly in today's society.

We're immensely proud of our dedicated cast and crew. Their countless hours of hard work, tenacity, and creativity have brought this iconic story to life. We hope you'll be as impressed as we have been by the professionalism of these young artists. Get ready for them to "Razzle Dazzle" you as they sing, dance, and act one showstopping number after another in the classic musical, *Chicago Teen Edition*.

-Directors, Caitie Almond, David Mayer, & Levi Walker

END NOTES

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CHICAGO TEEN EDITION

Lvrics by

FRED EBB

Music by JOHN KANDER Based on the play by Marnine Dallas Watkins Book by FRED EBB & BOB FOSSE Script adaptations by David Thompson

with

Alex Quinteros Allie Jacobs Annika Bettenhausen Bodie Lacross Carla Hahn Chase Williams D'Artagnan Applegate Drew Dodds Dylan Stepanek Ellie Filiault

Emanuel Quinteros Gabriela Chavez Gracen Gora Isabel Applegate Jasmine Farrer Jezebel Propst Leila Nelson Lily Hair Lily Lamb Liv Patterson Milana Daniel

Parker Rohwer Phoebe Ressler Phoenix Wellbaum Presley Walters Rocco Romano Silas Heaphy Sophia Kluender Trygg Myran Willem Rohwer

Directed by David Mayer, Levi Walker, & Caitlin Almond

> Choreographer Shannon Lund

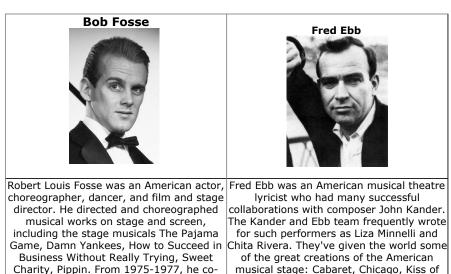
Costumers / Wardrobe Shannon Daniel, Mimi Hair, Rebecca Romano, Charis Patterson, Tara Walters, and Maria Roques

> Lighting Design Solveig Bloomquist

Program Cover artwork by Sophia Kluender

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About the Authors



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the Spider Woman and nearly a dozen

more, ranging from The Act to Zorba.

wrote, choreographed, and directed

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SONGS

ACT 1

Overture

Overture	
And All That Jazz	Velma, Ensemble
Funny Honey	Roxie, Ensemble
Cell Block Tango M	Aerry Murderesses, Female Ensemble
When You're Good to Mama	Matron Mama Morton, Ensemble
Tap Dance	Dancers : Mona (Lipshitz), June (Squish), Ensemble (Leila Nelson)
All I Care About is Love	Billy, Female Ensemble
We Both Reached for the Gun	Billy, Roxie, Mary Sunshine, Company
Roxie	Roxie, Male Ensemble
I Can't Do it Alone	Velma
I Can't Do it Alone - Tag	Velma
My Own Best Friend	Roxie, Velma, Ensemble
First Act Curtain	Velma, Ensemble

Act 2

I know a Girl Velma	l know
Me and My Baby Roxie, Ensemble	Me and
Mr. Cellophane Amos	Mr. Cel
When Velma Takes the Stand Velma, Ensemble	When \
Velma Takes the Stand Exit Music Ensemble	Velma
Razzle Dazzle Billy, Ensemble	Razzle
Courtroom Scene Company	Courtro
Nowadays Roxie, Velma	Nowad
Finale Ensemble	Finale

SHOUTOUTS

"Nothing worth doing is easy." We are proud of the work you put into the things that matter to you! Presley, Break a Leg and Shake a Tail Feather or two! We are excited to see the show!

Love ya' lots, Mom, Dad and Phoebe

You'll be fabulous, Allie Jacobs!! So proud of you. Enjoy! Break a leg!! â?¤ Samantha Congratulations Will and Parker! So proud of all your hard work and talent!! Love, Mom & Dad Gracen : You are going to ROCK this MUSICAL!! Have the best time! WE love you!! MOM, MJ, MIMI, FINLEY & OAKLEY!!! Hello there Jasmine, Fosse dance moves are sensual, elemental and super weird. He popularized such moves as 'Jazz Hands' and the innovating 'Jazz Neck', 'Jazz Crotch' and 'Jazz Dinner'. Just remember to stretch beforehand and after, you gotta stretch after... Inspiring words from your gal Broadway Barbara. Thank you. Thank you for it!! (Love you, love mum) Jasmine - you continue to inspire and astound us with your ever-increasing love for theatre and the performing arts. Your heart it SO BIG and you give so much of yourself to others. YOU rock! We love you so so so much and cannot wait to see and feel your presence in Chicago, Love Dad, Mum, Julian and Oliver D'Artagnan, I am so grateful you joined theater. You are so talented and light up the stage. Keep on Shining. - Love your proud big Sister Phoenix. To the best Velma around. Watching you act is magical, and I am so proud of how far you have grown with this show. Love Isabel Chicago Cast and Crew, Thank you so much for making my last show so amazing! You are all so incredibly talented. Break a Leg! - Isabel Isabel, It has been such a joy to watch you perform over the last several years! We will miss your voice, your cancing, and your acting as you move on to college. We love you so much and are so excited to see you as part of the cell block tango! We are very proud of all the amazing roles you have played over the years! Knock 'em dead, Ms. Not Guilty! Love Mom, Dad, and Griff

D'Artagnan, We are so excited to watch you in your first leading role! Very proud of the hard work you have put into both landing and acting this role. Can't wait to see you perform Mr. Cellophane. Love you!

Love, Mom, Dad, and Griff

SHOUTOUTS

Congratulations Drew Dodds! We are so proud of all you have accomplished and cannot wait to see what your future holds! We love you!

- Mom, Dad & Dylan

Love you Lonz! Break a leg. We are so proud of you.

Love, Mom, Dad, Lu & Fleetz

Dear Allie, You razzle dazzle us every day! Break a leg in your performance of Chicago! You are such an incredibly talented performer and we love you so very much!

All Our Love, Mom, Dad, Cooper & Princess

The name on everybody's lips is gonna be lips is gonna be JEZI !!! Lots of Love, G'Mo, Auntie, Uncle Tolga, Ayla, Firuze and Iris

'You can either worry or believe in yourself. Guess which one feels better?'!! We are so incredibly proud of you, Jezi! Shine always our girl, and share that beautiful light. Love you to Saturn and back - xx Mama, Papa & Saunder (Your pet thinks you're a Queen. Your pet is right.)

Phoebe, we are so proud of your hard work and dedication! Keep shining brightly, Miss Sunshine!

We love you, Dad and Mom

To: Lily Hair Oh Nahr, Cleo, Condensation... I can totally do it.

Love, Mama Bear

Phoenix: I am so happy and excited to see you perform in Chicago. You and the cast have a wonderful time - enjoy!

Love, Nana

Break a leg, Liv P! We're so proud of you! Have a great show and fly high! - Love, your family.

LILY!!!!

We are so very proud of all your hard work and dedication in Chicago. Break a Leg,

- Mom, Dad, Lucas and Logan

CAST

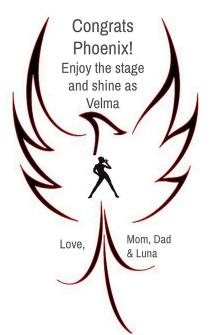
Cast Members

Masters of Ceremony	Sophia Kluender
Masters of Ceremony	Bodie Lacross
Velma Kelly	Phoenix Wellbaum
Roxie Hart	Carla Hahn
Amos Hart	D'Artagnan Applegate
Billy Flynn	Silas Heaphy
Matron "Mama" Morton	Presley Walters
Mary Sunshine	Phoebe Ressler
Liz (Pop)	Milana Daniel
Annie (Six)	Gracen Gora
June (Squish)	Dylan Stepanek
Hunyak (Uh Uh)	Isabel Applegate
Mona (Lipshitz)	Annika Bettenhausen
Fred Casely, Ensemble	Willem Rohwer
Seargeant Fogarty, Judge, Ensemble	Chase Williams
Martin Harrison, Ensemble	Rocco Romano
Go-To-Hell-Kitty, Ensemble	Drew Dodds
Harry, Ensemble	Parker Rohwer
Court Clerk, Ensemble	Trygg Myran
Reporter, Ensemble	Jezebel Propst
Reporter, Ensemble	Ellie Filiault
Reporter, Ensemble	Allie Jacobs
Officer, Ensemble	Emanuel Quinteros
Juror One, Ensemble	Gabriela Chavez
Ensemble	Jasmine Farrer, Lily Hair, Lily Lamb, Leila Nelson, Olivia Patterson, Alex Quinteros

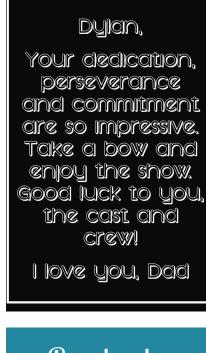
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CREW

Crew Members	
Director	Caitie Almond
Director	David Mayer
Musical Director	Levi Walker
Choreographer	Shannon Lund
Lighting Designer	Solveig Bloomquist
Scenic Designer	David Mayer
Stage Managers	Jonah Cascio, Jenna Kisker, Nina Nemcanin, Ruby Randall
Costume Heads	Shannon Daniel, Mimi Hair
Costumers	Charis Patterson, Tara Walters, and Maria Roques
Costume Crew	Addison Kisker, Nina Nemcanin, Isabel Patterson
Lighting Operators	Kevin Pantoja, Sammy Young
Sound Operators	Caitie Almond, Brady McBride
Head Carpenters	Chuck Hair, Steven Kirshner, Jason Propst, Tracy Walters
Paint Crew	Deb Dutmer, Ximena Medrano, Carol Mendez, Bryanna Solis, Anya Murphy, Duncan Sheirr
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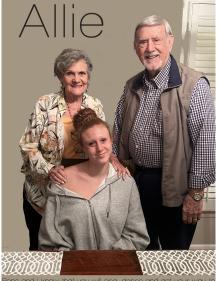




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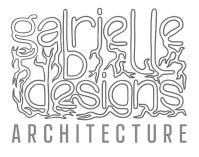
Love, Mia and Pops!



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Sophia Kluender

as Masters of Ceremony

Sophia Kluender is a senior here at Battle Mountain and is happy to be participating in her final show here. Sophia is going to be attending Laguna College of Art and Design this fall. She is super grateful for the community and experiences theater has brought her with all the support and great people within!

Bodie Lacross

as Masters of Ceremony

Bodie is so excited to take part in their last high school show! Having done 15+ shows, Bodie's enthusiastic about continuing this passion during university. When they're not stealing the show onstage, they spend their time tending to plants and making music. They wish to thank everyone who's supported them in their journey as an actor.

Phoenix Wellbaum

as Velma Kelly

Phoenix Wellbaum is a junior here at Battle Mountain High School. This is their 5th show with the BMHS theater program. They have appeared as Tanya in Mamma Mia and Abigail in The Crucible and are so excited to be playing Velma Kelly in Chicago. Outside of theater, Phoenix is a captain of the Speech and Debate team. They enjoy traveling, rehearsal, reading, rehearsal, pondering the meaning of life, and, of course, rehearsal. They are so proud of how much this program has grown and would like to thank all of the seniors for their love and support over the past few years and wish them all the luck in the future.

Carla Hahn

as Roxie Hart

Carla Hahn is a junior at Battle Mountain High School. Her hobbies and passions include skiing, biking, and most importantly, singing and performing. She would like to thank her parents and directors for always supporting her, and she can't wait to showcase what she has learned playing her role of Roxie in Chicago.





D'Artagnan Applegate

as Amos Hart

D'Artagnan Applegate is a junior in high school. He is very excited to be in Chicago this year! This is his third show at Battle Mountain High School. He was previously in ensemble in Mamma Mia and Judge Hawthorne in The Crucible and now his first lead in Chicago. He can't wait for everyone to watch the show!



Silas Heaphy

as Billy Flynn

Silas Heaphy is a high school junior and plays the role of Billy Flynn. He became active in theater in 2019 and has acted in 9 shows with HPS, BMHS, and VVTC, with past roles including Charlemagne in Pippin, Hansel in The Twelve Huntsmen, and John Hale in The Crucible. Outside of school and theater, Silas participates in choir and speech and enjoys game design, reading, and biking. He would like to thank all those working backstage to make this show happen and everyone coming out to support the theater program.



Presley Walters

as Matron "Mama" Morton

Presley has been in this theater program since her freshman year but her big debut was in her 3rd grade performance of Aristocats. She fell in love with the feeling of being on stage. She doesn't plan to stop her theater journey any time soon. After high school, she plans to pursue the art of literature and possibly kinesiology. Two very different things I know but the world is her oyster. On behalf of all of our cast and crew, enjoy the show. LLKC <3



Phoebe Ressler

as Mary Sunshine

Phoebe is a freshman this year at Battle Mountain. This is her second high school performance, previously being in the Crucible. She loves art, singing, and golf. Outside of school, she enjoys going to concerts, being outside, and spending time with her friends and family. She is so grateful to be a part of this show and can't wait for the many more to come.



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Ruby Randall

We're so proud of all your hard work and time you've dedicated to making Chicago a success! We love you!













Milana Daniel

as Liz (Pop)

Milana is very excited to be a part of Chicago at Battle Mountain High School! She has also been in The Crucible as Mercy Lewis and Mamma Mia as Sophie Sheridan. Milana loves theatre and is always excited for the next production. She is grateful for her family and everything they do for her!

Gracen Gora

as Annie (Six)

This is Gracen's fifth performance with Battle Mountain, and she is very excited to be a part of the Chicago cast. She has been performing theater since she was eight, loving the community and friends she's made along the way. She wants to share her love for theater with others. So, that being said, enjoy the show!

Dylan Stepanek

as June (Squish)

Theater and dancing have always been a significant part of Dylan's life, from her first ballet recital as a three-year-old to her last high school performance as a senior in Chicago, where she plays one of the murderesses. She has always shown a strong passion for singing, dancing and acting. She would like to thank her dad, mom, and sister for always supporting her.

Isabel Applegate

as Hunyak (Uh Uh)

Isabel Applegate is a senior this year. She is so excited to be performing her last show with this incredible group of people. She has done every single show at Battle Mountain for the past four years. She has both acted and stage-managed, and is amazed at seeing how much her peers have grown as both actors and people. This program has been her home for the past four years and she will miss it so much. She would like to thank her family, friends, and directors for all of their support and for pushing her to find her potential within this program. Thank you so much for coming and enjoy the show.



Annika Bettenhausen as Mona (Lipshitz)

Annika has enjoyed being part of the Battle Mountain Theater Program for the past two shows and is excited to end with Chicago. Aside from theater, she loves dancing, reading, and traveling. In the fall, she's planning to go to college with a major in biology.



Willem Rohwer

as Fred Casely, Ensemble

Willem is enjoying his final show with the Battle Mountain Theater Program. He joined the program last year and has had the privilege of playing leads as Jacob Grimm (The Twelve Huntsmen), Harry Bright (Mamma Mia) and John Proctor (The Crucible). Willem plans to go to music school and in the meantime continue enjoying skiing, mountain biking, playing music, and hiking.



Drew Dodds

S as Go-To-Hell-Kitty, Ensemble

Drew has an amazing love for all those around her. Her happy spirit brings light to the stage as she shines not only with her friends, but on her own, and in her own way. She has been on the Battle Mountain Dance Team for all 4 years and has been a part of the Battle Mountain musicals since her sophomore year. She is excited to be playing Kitty and to be performing her senior year with all her friends alongside her. "The best thing to hold on to in life is each other." -Audrey Hepburn



Leila Nelson

Leila Nelson is thrilled to be part of Chicago as an ensemble member. With a passion for performance and visual arts, she brings her unique talents to the stage. Previous credits include her role as Banzai in The Lion King Junior, the Ugly Duckling in Shrek Junior, and ensemble roles in Alice in Wonderland, Chicago, The Twelve Huntsmen, and Mamma Mia. Outside of the theater, Leila likes to fill her time in the art room, in hopes of graduating from art school and becoming a full-time artist. She would like to express her gratitude to her friends and family for their everlasting support for Leila in pursuit of her passions. Leila hopes you enjoy the performance and wishes to thank the audience for their support.

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YOU RAZZLE DAZZLE US!



Congratulations Sophia!

"Imagination is everything. It is the preview of life's coming attractions."- Albert Einstein

We are very proud of all your hard work and dedication. We can't wait to see where your imagination, creativity, and talents take you!

> Love, Dad, Mom, Lucas, and Quill

CREW WHO'S WHO



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Caitie Almond

Caitie's journey into the world of theatre ignited during her freshman year of high school and has since evolved into a lifelong passion. She attended Pittsburg State University in Kansas, where she attained both a Bachelor's degree in Theatre Education and a Master's degree in Theatre, specializing in directing. Caitie has directed over a dozen full-length theatre productions, in addition to numerous children's theatre and improv comedy shows, leaving her creative imprint in both Pittsburg, Kansas and Salt Lake City, Utah. For the past seven years, Caitie has dedicated herself to nurturing young talents as a language arts and theatre educator. She finds immense joy in breathing life into stories on the stage and imparting her love for the arts to budding artists. This is Caitie's first season (and second production) directing here at Battle Mountain. She feels privileged to guide these amazing students, aiding in their artistic and personal growth.

David Mayer

Director

Director

David graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a Bachelor of Science in Design. After college he lived and worked in New York City for 12 years before moving to the Vail valley. This is his fifth year as director/production manager at Battle Mountain High School after previously being a parent volunteer on BMHS Players productions since 2012. Locally he has also worked on productions for Homestake Peak School and the Vail Valley Theatre Company. While living in New York City he served as a stage manager/assistant technical director on two Off Off-Broadway productions. He would like to thank his wife Leah, son August and their dog Bear for their support, encouragement and love. A special thanks to his cohorts Levi, Caitlin and Shannon also our awesome stage managers and amazing cast and crew. Thank you all for sharing my passon and bringing my all time favorite musical, Chicago to life.

Levi Walker

Musical Director

Levi Walker graduated from the University of South Carolina in 2019 with a degree in Choral Music Education. After teaching choir and theatre at Beechwood Middle School in SC for two years, Walker moved to Eagle County to take the same position at Battle Mountain High School. Walker is passionate educating students in the performing arts, but helping students grow as people is what fulfills him. Walker is perpetually inspired by his parents among various other mentors, and he loves to dote on his baby niece.





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Shannon Lund

Choreographer

Shannon's dance journey began at the age of 2 in Minnesota. Her foray into teaching commenced at a young age of 13 where she spent 6 years performing and choreographing with the Children's Dance Theatre (CDT). She has directed successful competitive dance programs, coached hip-hop and pom teams, and has worked as a floor and beam choreographer in the world of gymnastics. While attending the University of Minnesota, she was the Co-Founder and Director for a dance theater production, Holiday Magic, and pioneered the first-ever semi-pro baseball dance team. With over two decades of experience in studying and teaching jazz, hip-hop, ballet, tap, clogging, modern, lyrical, pom, and theater, Shannon's dance repertoire spans a broad spectrum. Shannon now resides with her husband and their lively 1-year-old Goldendoodle, Loola. As she continues to immerse herself in the Vail Valley dance community, Shannon is the Head Coach of Battle Mountain's dance team.



Ruby Randall

Ruby is a senior at Battle Mountain High School. Outside of the theater program, Ruby likes to participate in sports like soccer and ski team. After high school, Ruby plans to study architecture at OU and is excited to rush in the fall!



Nina Nemcanin

Nina is an outgoing and friendly person. Please talk to her she LOVES talking. Nina also likes sleeping and thinking about how to visit New Zealand, Slovakia, and Croatia, where she has friends and family. A proud American Immigrant, Nina loves living here and wouldn't trade it for anything.

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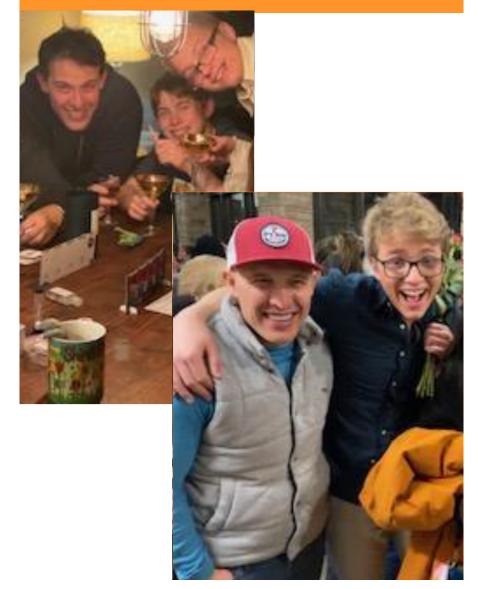
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D'Artagnan I am so proud of you and am so grateful to call you my nephew. - Tab



Bodie,

From Jester to Master of Ceremony we have enjoyed your journey. Your Eagle Valley Electric Family Nate, Justine and Macie LaCross





Allie



To My Amazing Niece, You are so talented! All My Love, Tab



