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# THE MUSIC MAN

*Scenes & Musical Numbers*



## ACT I

### Scene 1: A Railway Coach – Morning, July 4, 1912

*Rock Island*.....Charlie Cowell & Traveling Salesmen

### Scene 2: River City, Iowa - Town Square

*Iowa Stubborn*.....Townspeople

*Ya Got Trouble*.....Harold, Townspeople

### Scene 3: A Street – Immediately following

### Scene 4: The Paroo's House – That evening

*Piano Lesson*.....Marian, Mrs. Paroo, Amaryllis

*Goodnight My Someone*.....Marian, Amaryllis

### Scene 5: Madison Gymnasium – Thirty minutes later

*Columbia Gem of the Ocean*.....Eulalie, Townspeople

*76 Trombones*.....Harold, Townspeople

*Sincere*.....Olin, Oliver, Ewart, Jacey

### Scene 6: - Town Square – Immediately following

*The Sadder But Wiser Girl*.....Harold, Marcellus

*Pick-a- Little*.....Eulalie, Maud, Ethel, Mrs. Squires, Mrs. Britt, Ladies of River City

*Goodnight Ladies*.....Olin, Oliver, Ewart, Jacey

### Scene 7: Interior of Madison Library – Immediately following

*Marian The Librarian*.....Harold, Marian, Chorus

### Scenes 8 & 9: The Street – The following Saturday afternoon

### Scene 10: - The Paroo's Porch – That evening

*My White Knight*.....Marian

### Scene 11: The Center of Town – The following Saturday

*Wells Fargo Wagon*.....Winthrop, Quartet, Townspeople



# THE MUSIC MAN

*Scenes & Musical Numbers*



## ACT II

### Scene 1: Madison Gymnasium – The following Tuesday

*It's You*.....Olin, Oliver, Ewart, Jacey

*Shipoopi*.....Marcellus, Harold, Marian, Tommy, Zaneeta, Chorus

*Pick-a-Little Reprise*.....Eulalie, Maud, Ethel, Alma, Mrs. Squires, Mrs. Britt, Ladies of River City

### Scenes 2 & 3: - The Street/Paroo's Porch

*Lida Rose*.....Olin, Oliver, Ewart, Jacey

*Will I Ever Tell You*.....Marian

*Gary Indiana*.....Winthrop, Marian, Mrs. Paroo

*Lida Rose Reprise*.....Olin, Oliver, Ewart, Jacey

### Scenes 4 & 5: Footbridge – 15 Minutes later

*It's You Reprise*.....Tommy, Zaneeta, Townspeople

*Till There Was You*.....Harold, Marian

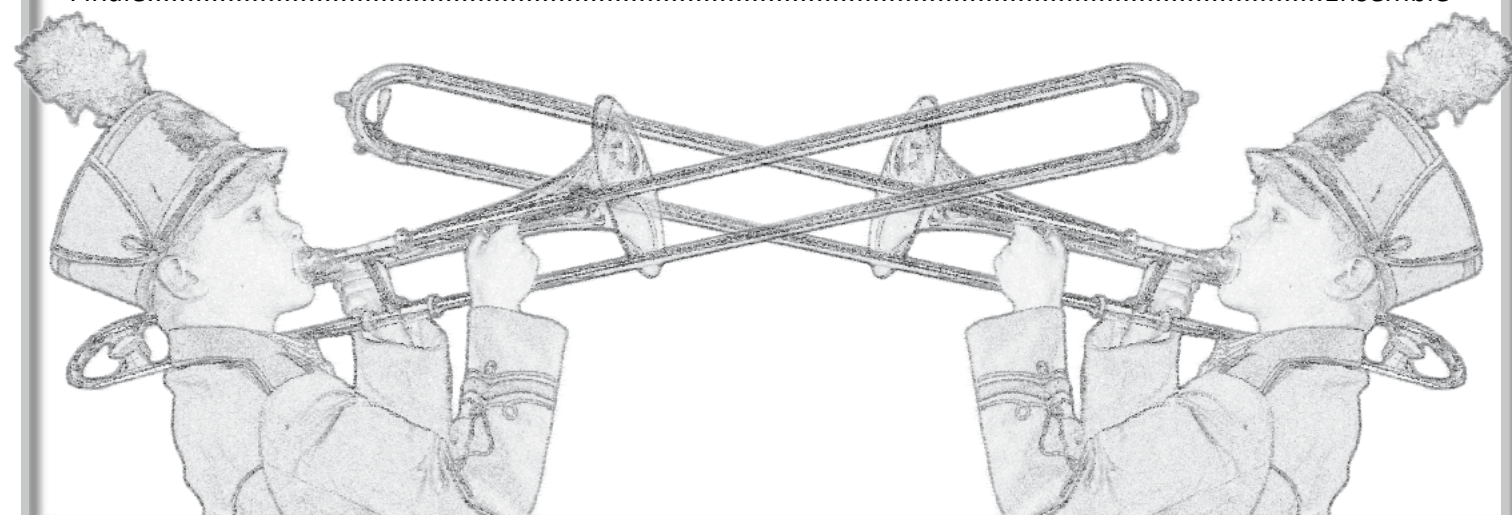
*Seventy Six Trombones & Goodnight My Someone*.....Harold, Marian

### Scene 6: Town Square – A few minutes later

*Till There Was You Reprise*.....Harold

### Scene 7: Madison Gym

*Finale*.....Ensemble



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**There will be a 15 minute intermission between Act One and Act Two.**

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# THE MUSIC MAN



## Cast of Characters

Harold Hill.....	Ron Boose
Marian Paroo.....	Sara Grote
Marcellus Washburn.....	Dustin Rawlins
Eulalie Mackechnie Shinn.....	Morgan Schwartz
Mayor George Shinn.....	John Garnes, II
Mrs. Paroo.....	Leah Menzie
Jacey Squires.....	Eric Julian Walker
Ewart Dunlop.....	Tanner Wink
Olin Britt.....	Kain Anderson
Oliver Hix.....	Bishop Oldfield
Tommy Djilas.....	Brady Wink
Zaneeta Shinn.....	Madisen Schenk
Gracie Shinn.....	Elliana Schenk
Winthrop Paroo.....	Brody Cahill
Amaryllis.....	Katelyn Wicker
Charlie Cowell.....	Bob Sullivan-Neer
Constable Locke.....	Kevin Emigh
Mrs. Squires.....	Valerie Dunmire
Maud Dunlop.....	Carina Geissler
Alma Hix.....	Sadie Wink
Mrs. Britt.....	Kara Adkins
Ethel Toffelmier.....	Audrey Watkins
Train Conductor.....	Doug Ford
Traveling Salesmen.....	Kenneth Ash, II, Kevin Emigh, Mitchell Hutchman Zane Menzie, Brian Schenk, Brody Thomas
Boys' Band/Chorus.....	Kenneth Ash III, Michael Baker, Liam Bush, Olyver Coy Londyn Danals, Lilyana Jenkins, Krissy Klaiber, Alli McCleary Quinn Menzie, Sophia Raimo, Madeleine Rawlins, Brynn Rudd Zoey Sayre, Gretchen Schoch, Torin Schoch, Olivia Shirring, Ruby Williams
River City Ladies.....	Lynette Burris, Linda Fargo, Sharon Gale, Sally Kilburn Judy Little, Nancy Shaffer, Susan Wenig, Kristi Wink
Townpeople.....	Kenneth Ash II, Abigail Bush, Gabby Cametti, Elijah Carroll Hannah Carroll, Macyn Danals, Doug Ford, Blake Huffaker, Mitchell Hutchman Meghan James, Kylie Klaiber, Justen LaPlante, Zane Menzie Brian Schenk, Halli Schenk, Derek Schoch, Emma Shetler, Natalie Shetler Delaney Tabbert, Brody Thomas, Ashley Watkins



# THE MUSIC MAN



## Orchestra Personnel

CONDUCTED BY MR. RICK BAIRD

KEYBOARD/REHEARSAL  
PIANIST  
Dee Ehrman

VIOLINS  
Sarah Clemens  
Sara Konvalinka  
Alysse Morgason

CELLO  
Hannah Schlichting


BASS KEYBOARD  
Kathy Hill

WOODWINDS  
Beth Cumbie  
Steve Cumbie  
Gary Flach  
Lois Lust  
Bill Swihart

TRUMPETS  
Damon Osborne  
Mark Stoneburner  
Bob Walczak

TROMBONES  
Parker Baird  
Jacob Chestnut  
Austin Craig

PERCUSSION  
David Johnston  
Dennis Witsberger



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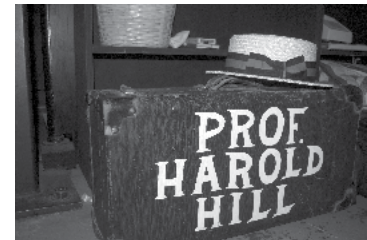
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and rows of the finest virtuosos /  
the cream of every famous  
band!**





# Meet THE MUSIC MAN Cast



**RON BOOSE**  
(Harold Hill)

Last seen on the Palace stage as Fagin in the 2013 Palace Production of *Oliver!*, Ron reprises his role as Harold Hill from the 2006 Palace Production and the Star Theatre's 2015 production. Other favorite roles include portraying Gomez Addams in *The Addams Family* last summer at the Ritz Theatre in Tiffin and last fall at the Star Theatre in Upper Sandusky. Ron has appeared in six productions of *Oklahoma!* (twice as Ali Hakim); four productions of *Fiddler on the Roof* (twice as Motel); six productions of *Oliver!* (four times as Fagin); and six productions of *The Sound of Music* (twice as Max and twice as Rolf). By day, Ron is the Assistant to the Directors at the Wyandot County Council on Aging in Upper Sandusky. Ron would like to thank the Palace staff for their hospitality and Clare for giving him this opportunity once again.



**SARA GROTE**  
(Mariane Paroo)

Sara Grote's most memorable role on the Palace stage was the title role in *Mary Poppins*. Some of her favorite performances include Elle Woods in *Legally Blonde, the Musical* and Tracy Turnblad in *Hairspray*. Sara's most beloved role is Mommy to her two year old daughter, Makena. Sara would like to thank Clare, Kristi, and the entire cast and crew for sharing their talents and for their dedication to the theatre! She would also like to thank Chad, Makena, and her family for all of their love and support. Enjoy the show!



**DUSTIN RAWLINS**  
(Marcellus Washburn)

Dustin attended The Ohio State University where he majored in Vocal Music Education and Vocal Performance and was featured as a soloist in a number of choral groups including Ohio State University Men's Glee Club and the "Statesmen." Other performances include: U.S. and international tours and performances for two Presidents and a Pope. Most recently, Dustin played Dan in *Next to Normal*, and Kyle, The UPS Man, in *Legally Blonde, the Musical* and *Christmas at the Palace*, George Banks in *Mary Poppins*, Bela Zangler in *Crazy for You*, Lion in *The Wizard of Oz*, and as Soloist and Director of *Upside Down Broadway*. Rawlins also directs, choreographs, and assists award winning show choirs in Ohio. Dustin would like to thank his wife and three beautiful kids for just being amazing.

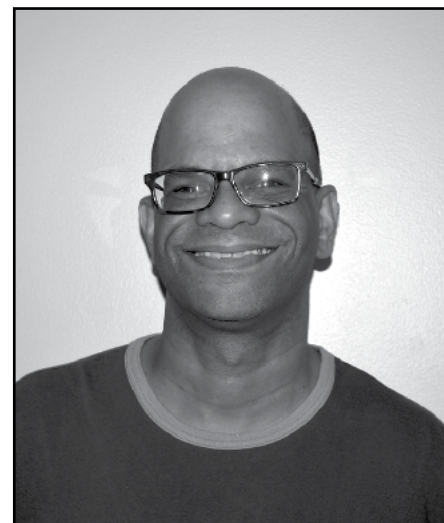


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**MORGAN SCHWARTZ**  
(Eulalie Mackecknie Shinn)

Morgan is thrilled to be bringing Eulalie Mackecknie Shinn to life in this summer's production of *The Music Man*. Morgan was most recently seen on the Palace stage in *The Wizard of Oz* and as Medda Larkin in *Newsies*. Morgan would like to thank her husband Caleb and their two children, Oliver and Nora, for supporting her and allowing her to spend her summers on stage doing what she loves.



**JOHN GARNES, II**  
(Mayor George Shinn)

John is honored and thrilled to return to the Palace stage this summer. To play Mayor Shinn in this iconic musical is a dream come true. John is employed by the City of Marion and at the Marion Palace Theatre as a House Manager. He is a member of the MVA Church of Christ, and sings with local band New Park Drive. Recent Palace productions include *Christmas At The Palace*, *Wizard of Oz* (Guard), *The Drowsy Chaperone* (Man In Chair), and *The Mousetrap* (Paravicini). Much love and thanks to blood family, theater family, church family, NPD, Tom, Jacob, and you, our remarkable audience, for all the love and support. This, as every performance, is dedicated to the memory of Dad, Mom and Dave... love you forever.



**LEAH MENZIE**  
(Mrs. Paroo)

Leah joins the cast of *The Music Man* portraying the role of Mrs. Paroo, Marian's Irish mother. Her previous stage experience includes *Meet Me in St. Louis*, *Nunsense*, *The Good Doctor*, *Twelve Angry Jurors*, *Christmas at the Palace*, and pinrail for the last several summer musicals. She takes the stage with her boys, Zane and Quinn, and father, Doug. Her husband, Greg, joins as backstage crew. It's all about family this summer. Break a leg to the cast, crew, pit, and all involved.



# Meet THE MUSIC MAN Cast



**BISHOP OLDFIELD**  
(Oliver Hix)

Bishop is excited to return to the Palace stage, having last appeared in *Newsies* (JoJo). He has also performed with the Palace for *The Wizard of Oz* and *Crazy For You!* (Fun Fact: His first musical was *Annie!*) "Thank you for coming, enjoy the show!"



**ERIC JULIAN WALKER**  
(Jacey Squires)

Eric played Jacey Squires in the 2006 Palace production of *The Music Man* and is truly delighted

to be working again with Clare and Kristi who always bring out his best. He is Marion Made, Dayton Developed, and Columbus Cultured. EJ studied Musical Theatre at Wright State University. After school EJ did regional theatre, most notably playing Angel in the Ohio Premiere Production of *RENT* at CCT and playing Green Day's "Favorite Son" at Shadowbox Live! Recently he has dedicated his time to cultivating his Next Generation Voice Studio in Marion, singing with Ohio Big Bands, and putting together solo shows with his accompanist Jim Besch. Eric is ecstatic to be back on his favorite stage here at the Palace Theatre.



**TANNER WINK**  
(Ewart Dunlop)

Last seen as Jack Kelly in the Palace Production of *Newsies*, Tanner is happy to be back sharing the stage with so many friends and family members. Tanner will be a sophomore at Wright State University in the fall majoring in

Musical Theatre. Some favorite past roles include Scarecrow in *The Wizard of Oz*, Tarzan in *Tarzan*, and Tony in *West Side Story*. Many thanks go to all of his theatre families.



**KAIN ANDERSON**  
(Olin Britt)

Kain is thrilled to be returning to the Palace stage this summer. Kain began his musical career in 5th grade starring as Chip the Teacup in *Beauty and the Beast*. Kain remained active on stage starring in roles such as Captain von Trapp in *The Sound of Music* and Gomez Addams in *The Addams Family*. Kain is currently a student at Otterbein University studying Vocal Music Education. While at school, Kain has been involved in Concert Choir and in Men's Chorus. He wants to thank his mother Judi, his sister Kori, and his friends for their love and support. He also wants to thank the entire cast and crew of *The Music Man* for their dedication and hard work.



# Meet THE MUSIC MAN Cast



**BRADY WINK**  
(Tommy Dijas)

Brady was last seen as Race in the Palace Production of *Newsies*. Some of his favorite roles include Michael Banks in *Mary Poppins*, Gomez in *The Addams Family*, Gavroche in *Les Miserables*, and Lumiere in *Beauty and the Beast*. Brady will be a sophomore at Harding High School in the fall where he is involved in football, basketball, tennis and choir. Love and thanks to Mom, Dad, Nana, Papa, Sadie, Tanner, Dee, Blake, and Rick.



**MADISEN SCHENK**  
(Zanetta Shinn)

Madisen is super excited to be playing the role of Zaneeta Shinn in *The Music Man*. Not a stranger to the Palace stage, you may have seen her as Katherine in *Newsies*, Dorothy in *The Wizard of Oz*, and many

more. Madisen will be a junior at Marion Harding High School and is an active member of the Harding Singers and Symphonic Chorale. She would like to thank the entire cast and crew for all of their hard work, unconditional love, and support. Enjoy the show!



**ELLIANA SCHENK**  
(Gracie Shinn)

Elliana is absolutely ecstatic to be playing Gracie Shinn in *The Music Man*. She has been in many productions before including *Junie B. Jones, Jr.*, *The Tales of Snow White*,

and singing with her family in *Christmas at the Palace*. She thinks it is awesome that she is playing Zaneeta Shinn's little sister who is played by Madisen Schenk, her big sister in real life. Elli will be in third grade at George Washington this fall. "Have fun and enjoy the show!"



**BRODY CAHILL**  
(Winthrop Paroo)

Brody is happy to be back on the Marion Palace Theatre stage for his fourth summer musical. His most recent roles at the Palace include Sheldon Potts in *Junie B. Jones, Jr.* and Les

Jacobs in *Newsies*. Brody also had roles in *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, Jr.*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *James and the Giant Peach*, *Tarzan* and Disney's *Aladdin, Jr.*, and in Grant Middle School's production of *Shrek the Musical, Jr.* Brody enjoys taking acting lessons from Kristi Wink at the Palace Academy of the Arts and vocal lessons from Mrs. Carol Becker. This summer marked the second year that Brody has trained with The Broadway Collective in New York City. Brody would like to thank his entire family, especially his grandma, for supporting his love of theatre. And to the cast and crew of *The Music Man*, "Break a leg!"



## Meet THE MUSIC MAN Cast



**KATELYN WICKER**  
(Amaryllis)

Katelyn is 10 years old and attends Pleasant Elementary School. She was most recently seen on the Palace stage as a Dwarf Villager in *The Tale of Snow White*.

Her other performance

credits include *Christmas at the Palace*, *Junie B. Jones*, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*, and *James and the Giant Peach*. Katelyn studies dance at Douce Dance Studio and acting at the Palace Academy of the Arts. Katelyn would like to thank Clare, Kristi, and Blake for giving her this amazing opportunity and her wonderful family for being so supportive. "Break a leg, everyone!"



**BOB SULLIVAN-NEER**  
(Charlie Cowell)

Bob is very excited to be performing for this Palace audience. His most recent roles at the Palace include Juror #3 in *Twelve Angry Jurors* and Snyder in *Newsies*.

Other stage credits include *You Have The Right To Remain Dead*, *Christmas At The Palace 2017*, and *The Drowsy Chaperone*. Bob also helped backstage for *The Wizard Of Oz* in 2017. In addition to performing and directing theater, Bob enjoys landscaping and tending to his African cichlids, Koi, two amazing doggies, and incredible husband, Matthew. "Thank you, Clare, for giving me an opportunity to bring Charlie Cowell to life." Bob has enjoyed working with such a supportive cast and crew. He hopes you enjoy the show and continue to support local theater.



**KEVIN EMIGH**  
(Constable Locke)

This show marks Kevin's first stage performance in nearly 30 years. He has helped with set construction for the River Valley Musicals since 2017. A resident of Waldo, Kevin serves on the Village

Council and attends St. Paul's Lutheran Church, where he sings with the choir and performs special music on occasion. He is currently a Senior Software Developer for OhioHealth working on the Android version of the mobile app.



**VALERIE DUNMIRE**  
(Mrs. Squires)

Valerie is ecstatic to be a part of a Palace Production of *The Music Man*. Previously, she has been a part of *Mary Poppins*, *Peter Pan, Jr.*, and many more in the Delaware

City School District. This is her first production at the Marion Palace Theatre, and she would like to thank the directors, cast, crew, and pit for making this incredible production come to life. Enjoy the show!



**KARA ADKINS**  
(Mrs. Britt)

Kara recently graduated from Ohio University with a Bachelor Degree in Education. She will be teaching first grade at George Washington in the fall. Kara has attended

dozens of Palace shows, but this will be her first time on stage. She is very excited to perform alongside her second family, the Winks.



## Meet THE MUSIC MAN Cast



**CARINA GEISSLER**  
(Maud Dunlop)

Carina graduated last year from Rutherford B. Hayes High School in Delaware and is currently taking classes at Marion Technical College. She participated in multiple

school productions throughout high school and middle school, and she helped premier some original musicals at Friends Music Camp in Richmond, IN. Carina would like to thank her grandparents, Larry and Mollie Geissler, for hosting her this season and her parents for all of the rides. She is ecstatic to be a part of *The Music Man* this summer and hopes you enjoy the show as much as she has.



**SADIE WINK**  
(Alma Hix)

Sadie was last seen as Finch in *Newsies* at the Palace. She attends Columbus State University majoring in Communications. Sadie is employed at Columbus

Children's Theatre. Some favorite performances include Fiona in *Shrek*, Eponine in *Les Miserables*, and Patsy in *Crazy for You*. Lots of love goes out to her theatre family. Break a Leg!



**AUDREY WATKINS**  
(Ethel Toffelmier)

Audrey Watkins is currently a student at OSU in Columbus where she is studying Radiation Therapy as well as participating as a third year member of The Ohio State University

Marching Band. She has been involved in over 20 productions at the Palace, including *Newsies*, *The Wizard of Oz*, and *Crazy for You*. In addition to being cast as Ethel Toffelmier in this show, Audrey is on the artistic team doing the set artwork. She wishes the best of luck to her cast mates and hopes "they are marching still right today!"



**DOUG FORD**  
(Train Conductor)

As a hobby, Doug enjoys participating in Palace produced shows. A Palace stage veteran, his credits include his most talked about performance as Edna in the Palace production

of *Hairspray*, tap dancing in several productions of *Christmas at the Palace*, and memorable roles in numerous Palace dinner theatre productions. He currently serves as Lead Chaplain at Dublin Methodist Hospital for the OhioHealth System. Doug is married to Bev and together they have three daughters and eight grandchildren. He is thrilled to share the stage with his oldest daughter, Leah (Mrs. Paroo) and two of his grandsons, Zane and Quinn.

# Shipooopi!

L-R: Hannah Carroll, Elijah Carroll, Carina Geissler, Bishop Oldfield, Kylie Klaiber, Natalie Shetler, Liam Bush, Delaney Tabbert, Ashley Watkins, Zane Menzie, Madi Schenk, Brady Wink, Abigail Bush, Valerie Dunmire, Eric Julian Walker, Kain Anderson, Audrey Watkins, Gabby Cametti, Macyn Danals, Emma Shetler, Brody Thomas, Tanner Wink, Sadie Wink

Not pictured Kara Adkins, Blake Huffaker, Dustin Rawlins, Kristi Wink.

L-R: Zane Menzie, Brian Schenk, Brody Thomas, Kevin Emigh, Mitchell Hutchman, Kenneth Ash, II, Doug Ford

# All Aboard!

# WATANYE

Back L-R:  
Katelyn Wicker  
Halli Schenk  
Lilyana Jenkins  
Sophia Raimo

Front L-R:  
Zoey Sayre  
Brynn Rudd  
Madeleine Rawlins  
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# THE MUSIC MAN *Artistic Team*



## CLARE COOKE Director

Clare has been involved in Palace Theatre productions as choreographer and director the past 42 years. Last summer, she directed one of her all-time favorite musicals, *Newsies*. Most recently, she directed *Christmas at the Palace* 2018. In 2016, she was honored in *To Clare With Love*, a tribute show written and directed her daughter, Kristi Wink, and featured many Palace performers from the past. It was the most rewarding experience of her theatre career. Clare is thrilled to bring the Tony Award winner, *The Music Man*, to the Palace stage once again. Thank you, cast, staff, crew and orchestra for your hard work and dedication to the Palace. Thanks also to Bev, her staff and all the Palace volunteers who work tirelessly to make it all happen. "Much love and gratitude to my choreographer, Kristi, and to Ewart Dunlop, Tommy Djilas, and Alma Hix. I am so proud to call you my family." Clare serves on the Palace Board of Directors and is honored in Harding High School's Hall of Distinguished Alumni for her contribution to the Performing Arts. She is married to husband, John, and they are the parents of David



(Kim) Cooke and Kristi (Joe) Wink and grandparents to Sadie, Tanner and Brady Wink and Matthew and Casey Cooke. "Next stop, River City!"

## KRISTI WINK Assistant Director/Choreographer

Kristi is thrilled to be on stage again this summer. This marks her third production of *The Music Man*. She previously played the roles of both Zaneeta and Eulalie Shinn. Kristi is the Director of the Academy of Arts here at the Palace, serving as instructor for a variety of theatre courses. She is a graduate of The Ohio State University with a BFA in Acting. Kristi enjoys choreographing productions for the Palace, Harding High School, Grant Middle School, and River Valley High School. This fall she will be directing *Frozen, Jr.* for the Palace. Kristi is the proud mother of Sadie, Tanner, and Brady and also, the proud daughter of Clare Cooke. Many thanks to husband Joe for putting so many meals on the table. We love you!



## RICK BAIRD Orchestra Director

Rick Baird has actively served the Marion City Schools for the past 40 years. He currently works with young students at Grant Middle School and Harding High School. Rick has continued to work as an Assistant Director for Mr. Jacob Hartman and Mr. Yuji Jones and the award-winning Harding Presidents Marching Band since his retirement from full-time teaching in 2013. A native of Tallmadge, Ohio, he holds a degree in Music Education from Kent State University. Rick has performed with many community and church music groups, including Presidential Brass, Marion Concert Band, The John Kennedy Orchestra, The Palace Theatre Big Band and the Epworth Methodist Church Choir and Hand Bell Choir. Rick has conducted the pit orchestra for the past 22 Harding Fall Musicals and has contributed to numerous Palace Theatre and Marion County School productions. Rick and Peg, a Literacy teacher at Grant Middle School, are the proud parents of eight children and four grandchildren. It is an honor and a privilege to conduct *The Music Man* and to be associated with this wonderful Palace Theatre cast, orchestra, and production team.



## BLAKE HUFFAKER (Vocal Director)

Blake is thrilled to be involved in this year's production of *The Music Man*! His directing experience spans from high school to community and collegiate productions. Blake's previous Palace directing credits include: *Newsies*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Crazy for You*, *Mary Poppins*, *Legally Blonde*, and *Oliver!* In addition to theater, Blake teaches vocal music at Colerain High School on the northwest side of Cincinnati. Blake holds a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from Morehead State University and a Master's in Music Education from Kent State University. Blake would like to thank the cast, crew, orchestra, and directors for sharing their knowledge, energy, passion, and dedication.



## SUSAN WENIG (Costume Director)

Susan is very happy to be part of *The Music Man* this summer – both on stage and behind the scenes. Most recently she costumed Disney's *Newsies*, *Junie B. Jones*, and *Christmas at the Palace*. In addition, Susan's has been in Palace Productions of *The Music Man*, *Oliver!*, and *Christmas at the Palace*. She is employed at Dostal & Kirk, Inc. Insurance and Financial Services. She is a member of the Chancel Choir at the LaRue United Methodist Church and is a church accompanist. Susan and her husband Doug are the proud parents of two children - Sara Grote (Marian Paroo) and her husband, Chad, and Kevin Wenig and his wife, Jessica. She is also a very blessed grandma to Makena.



## DEE EHRMAN (Rehearsal and Orchestra Accompanist)

Dee has enjoyed working with the cast, musicians, and staff of *The Music Man*. She has been accompanist for many Palace productions. Dee works with her husband as a dental hygienist and a pole vault coach at Pleasant Local Schools. Dee and Brian have two sons, Jonathan and Christopher and a daughter-in-law, Andrea. She is now enjoying her new job as Grammy Dee to Grayson Carter Ehrman who is 15 months old. Dee received her Bachelor of Music from Heidelberg University and her Bachelor of Science from The Ohio State University. She is proud piano teacher to Brady, Zane and Brody who are in the musical cast. Break a leg to the cast, crew, and musicians of *The Music Man*!



## BARB YAKSIC (Stage Manager)

Barb is once again thrilled to be part of the wonderful summer production at the Palace Theatre. Barb has been actively involved with Palace productions since 2000. She would like to thank her entire family for all the patience and support they give during her theatre time. "I love you guys." To the cast and crew, "Have a wonderful show. You deserve it. Break a leg!"



## RHONDA ARNOLD (Assistant Stage Manager)

This is Rhonda's 18th year working backstage in one form or another. She loves to watch how everyone comes together to make a show come to life on the stage. She would like to thank Barb for getting her started and Clare for keeping her around. When she is not backstage, Rhonda can be found working at Epworth Preschool & Daycare or spending time with her family. BREAK-A-LEG to the cast and crew.



## ADAM RADLOFF (Deck Captain)

Adam has been helping with Palace Productions since 2012. He has worked backstage for *Annie*, *Oliver!*, *Little Mermaid, Jr.*, *Peter Pan, Jr.*, *Tarzan*, *Mary Poppins*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Newsies*, and the past seven *Christmas at the Palace* productions. Always one to "tinker," Adam compares himself to "Dr. Nefario." His special effects were key to the musical productions of *The Little Mermaid, Jr.*, *Peter Pan, Jr.*, *The Wizard of Oz*, and *Newsies*. When he isn't transporting his daughters, Jia and Schwen, to various activities, he enjoys flying remote control planes and helicopters. Tonight he will help crew several set pieces he helped create for the show. In real life, he is married to wife, Jackie, who also assists with the shows. Enjoy the show.



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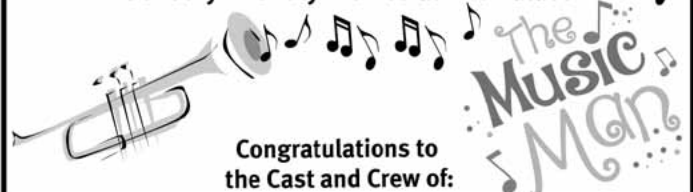
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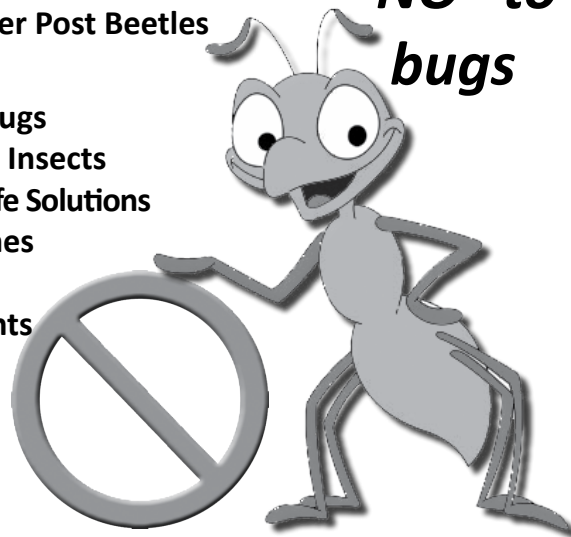
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