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St. Benedict Theatre



★ March 2, 3, & 4 in St. Benedict Auditorium at 7 PM



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ST BENEDICT HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE  
8250 Varnavas Drive, Cordova, TN

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St. Ann Bartlett's Production of  
**Singin in the Rain**

**March 2, 3, 4 | 2017**

Screenplay by  
Betty Comden and Adolph Green

Songs by  
Nacio Herb Brown and Arthur Freed

Based on the classic Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer film  
By special arrangement with Warner Bros. theater Ven-  
tures. Inc.

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## A note from the director...

We're taking it wayyyy back this year, reviving a musical from the Golden Age of Movie Musicals, 1952's *Singin' in the Rain*. What's more, a lot of the songs in the show are much older than the movie, which recycled songs from previous shows and only added "Make 'em Laugh" and "Moses Supposes".

I told the children that there was a time, long before even MTV, when songs didn't come with an accompanying music video that could be viewed on YouTube. In fact, our story starts back around 1927, when the technology to put sound on film wasn't there yet, and movies were silent. Then, the first "talking picture", *The Jazz Singer*, changed everything when it was released. Our story tonight depicts the challenges and pitfalls of converting movies to sound, as well as the new horizons that were opened when stage musicals could be viewed on film. It continues to this day, with *La La Land* connecting the dots back to this period in film history.

I'm so glad you're here to see the show, and I wish you could also see the development that takes place during rehearsals. Theater is such a unique art form because it requires so much collaboration, and the children learn that each year. There are struggles with lines, and triumphs when we get through a number for the first time, or run through the full show for the first time. Kids are running in and out of rehearsals with basketball uniforms on. Backstage Ninjas approach their task with remarkable professionalism for children their age. The children learn that they have to depend on each other for this to succeed, and it creates lasting memories. They might hear mention of *Singin' in the Rain* in the future when they are adults, and I guarantee that they will remember being the cop, the dancing girl, Cosmo, or Lina.

So I am thankful to and thankful for these children, and I have many other people to thank. The parents, who rushed home from work to get these kids to and from rehearsal. They also volunteered to help with sets, prepare catering food, and bought tickets, program ads, and shirts. St. Ann Home and School provides invaluable financial assistance to make these shows possible. Mrs. Borkowski and the administration at St Ann work hard to fit the show in with all the other things going on at the school. St. Benedict High School opens their theater to us each year, and we are so grateful for this wonderful facility and the support they provide us. And again, thank you for attending our show. Your support and applause mean so much to us.

Now, let's go back to a time where people lived with more of a "Hey Nonny Nonny!" and a "Hot Cha Cha!" On with the show!

Stacey Peeney

Director



## We Dim the Lights for our Absent Friends



**EDDIE McDONALD** memorably portrayed the evil Shan-Yu in our 2012 production of *Mulan*. He was a wonderful kid who was always using his boundless energy to spread happiness, with a touch of joyful mischief. He loved being the “bad guy” when he wasn’t playing around between scenes. He was killed during a shooting incident at a party in December. He died a hero, while trying to push other bystanders to safety.

He is on our minds and in our hearts tonight as we mourn him being gone too soon.



**DESIREE VASQUEZ** was a beloved Spanish teacher at St. Ann School for many years. We lost her this January after a long, brave battle with cancer.

Our deepest condolences go out to her family.



We never met **DEBBIE REYNOLDS**, or her daughter, **CARRIE FISHER**, but it was still heartbreaking to lose them both within days of each other in December. The children learned that the original Kathy Selden was the mother of Princess Leia, and that strong female characters were part of that family.



And finally, Mrs. Peeney’s dog, **Rocky**, passed away this year from old age. He appeared in our production of *The Music Man*, and portrayed Sandy in our production of *Annie*. He enjoyed being around the children, and could evoke a startling range of emotions when he was offered a hot dog.

He was a good boy.

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## **CAST**

### **(in order of appearance)**

Dora Bailey	Stephanie Monisit
Charlie Chaplin	Luca de Jong
Mae West	Isabella Peyton
Zelda Zanders	Gabby Pence
Don Lockwood	Luke Trouy
Lina Lamont	Penny Rosenberg
Cosmo Brown	Colin Zazzara
R.F. Simpson	Alex Crews
Kathy Selden	Camden Francavilla
Policeman	Matthew O’Kane
Star Hopeful	Natalie Cardone
Party Guest	Katy Marquette
Dexter	Meghan Bayani
1st Assistant	Raphael Jamias
2nd Assistant	Patrick Bennett
3rd Assistant	William Harris
Butler	Zach Griffith
Guy in Bear Suit	Tyler Johnson
Bill the Cowboy	John-Robert Adams
Horse Suit Occupants	Aubrey Townsend   Natalie Cardone
Miss Dinsmore	Brianna Duhart
Don’s Diction Teacher	Luke Horton
Sound Engineer	John-Robert Adams
Sam	Luca de Jong
Orchestra Leader	Tyler Johnson
“Beautiful Girls” soloist and player	Brenden O’Kane   Luke Horton
“Broadway Melody” soloists	Maria Githinji   Madeline Cummins



Don's Fans	Abigail Adams Cici Casinghino	
Pedestrians	John-Robert Adams Alyssa de Jong	
Stagehands	Brandon Bader Michaela Crews	
Diction Students	Ethan Christian Aubrey Townsend Brett Battle	
Movie Goers	Isabella Peyton Elise Horton Cassie Richardson	Cade Sartain Erika Perkins
Coconut Grove Dancers	Stephanie Monisit Maria Githinji Madeline Cummins Erika Perkins Cici Casinghino	Michaela Crews Elise Horton Abigail Adams Brianna Duhart Cassie Richards
Additional Supposers	Maria Githinji Madeline Cummins Tyler Johnson Ethan Christian Aubrey Townsend Isabella Peyton Alyssa de Jong	Brenden O'Kane Luca de Jong Matthew O'Kane Elise Horton Brett Battle Luke Horton
Dinner Party Servers	Brett Battle Aubrey Townsend	Ethan Christian Alyssa de Jong

**The use of any recording device, either audio or video, and the taking of photographs, either with or without flash, is strictly prohibited.**

**Please silence all cellphones during the performance.**

# ACT ONE

## SCENE 1 - Grauman's Theater

"Fit as Fiddle" .....Don, Cosmo

## SCENE 2 – Park Trolley Stop

## SCENE 3 – R.F.Simpson's Mansion

"I've Got a Feelin' You're Foolin'" .....Zelda

"All I Do is Dream of You" .....Kathy and The Coconut Grove Dancers

## SCENE 4 – Monumental Pictures Soundstage

"Make 'em Laugh" .....Cosmo

"Lucky Star" .....Kathy

"You Were Meant for Me" .....Don

## SCENE 5 – Miss Dinsmore's office and Don's Diction Classroom

"Moses Supposes" .....Don, Cosmo and Supposers

Monumental Pictures Soundstage

"Moses Reprise (Part 1 ,2 & 3)" .....Supposers

## SCENE 6 – Outside Movie Theater

Don's House

"Good Morning" .....Kathy, Don, Cosmo

Outside Kathy's Apartment

"Singin' in the Rain" .....Don and Dancers



# ACT TWO

(after a fifteen-minute intermission)

## SCENE 7 – Sound Studio

“Lina’s Film Would You” .....Lina

“Kathy’s Film Would You” .....Kathy

Lina’s Dressing Room

“What’s Wrong With Me” .....Lina

## SCENE 8 - R.F’s Office

“Beautiful Girls” .....Brenden, Luke

In Cosmo’s Imagination

“Broadway Melody” .....Cosmo, Ensemble

## SCENE 9 – Movie Premier

“Lina’s Would You” .....Kathy

“Lucky Star (Reprise)” .....Don, Kathy

“Singin’ the Rain (Finale)” .....Ensemble

“Bows” .....Ensemble



# WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST



Abigail Adams, 6th



John-Robert Adams, 7th



Brandon Bader, 7th



Meghan Bayani, 8th



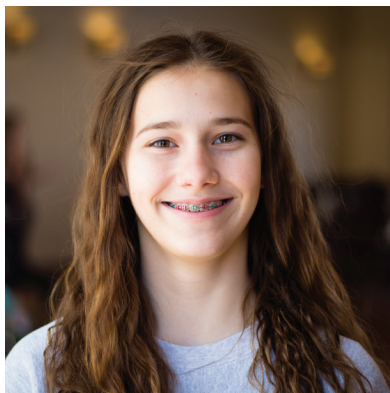
Brett Battle, 5th



Patrick Bennett, 6th



Natalie Cardone, 6th



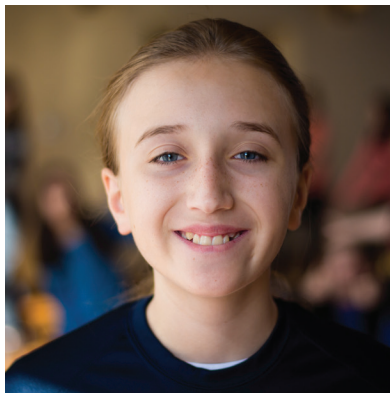
Cici Casinghino, 7th



Ethan Christian, 6th



Alex Crews, 8th



Michaela Crews, 6th



Madeline Cummins, 7th



# WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST



Alyssa de Jong, 8th



Luca de Jong, 5th



Brianna Duhart, 8th



Camden Francavilla, 7th



Maria Githinji, 7th



Zach Griffith, 5th



William Harris, 7th



Elise Horton, 7th



Luke Horton, 5th



Raphael Jamias, 8th



Tyler Johnson, 8th



Katy Marquette, 8th



# WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST



Stephanie Monisit, 5th



Brenden O'Kane, 8th



Matthew O'Kane, 7th



Gabby Pence, 7th



Erika Perkins, 6th



Isabella Peyton, 7th



Cassie Richardson, 5th



Penny Rosenburg, 8th



Cade Sartain, 5th



Aubrey Townsend, 7th



Luke Trouy, 7th



Colin Zazzara, 8th



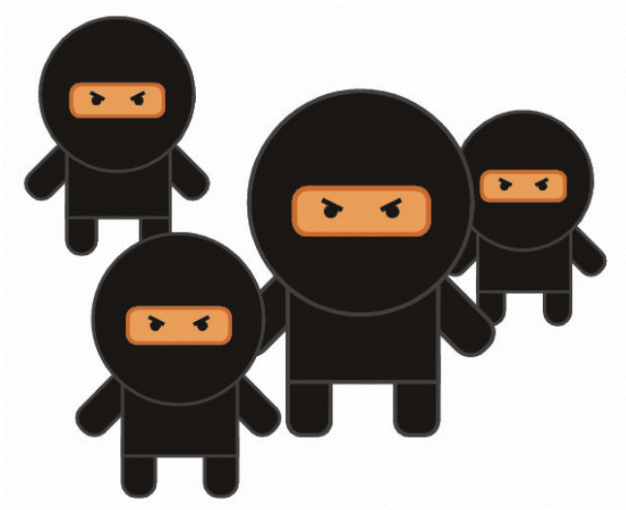
# BACKSTAGE NINJAS



**Top Row: Jason Lewis, Linkin Galdonez, Ashlen Cook, Ethan Locke**

**Bottom Row: Justin Ignalig, Caleb Winkelmann, Parker Stallings**

# GLAM SQUAD



**Izzy Maher and Cassidy Gregory**

# PRODUCTION

DIRECTOR.....	Stacey Peeney
ASSISTANT DIRECTORS.....	Mike Peeney, Michael Robinson
TAP CHOREOGRAPHER.....	Melody Green
SET CONSTRUCTION.....	Ashley Segarra, Sam Trouy
AUDIO.....	Matt Peeney, Jacob Massie
VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR.....	Teresa Massie
TICKET SALES.....	Kristi Francavilla, Selina Trouy, Wanda Sexton
COSTUMING SEAMSTRESS.....	Linda Liddell
SHOW WEEK CATERING COORDINATOR.....	Teresa Massie
MUSIC FOR “I GOT A FEELIN’ YOU’RE FOOLIN’” .....	John Angotti
PROGRAM ART.....	Penny Rosenberg
CAST SHIRT ART.....	Meghan Bayani
FRONT OF HOUSE.....	Kris Crews, Angela de Jong
HEAD BACKSTAGE NINJA.....	Ashlen Cook
BACKSTAGE NINJAS.....	Caleb Winkelmann, Justin Ignalig, Jason Lewis, Parker Stallings, Ethan Locke, Linkin Galdonez
GLAM SQUAD.....	Cassidy Gregory, Izzy Maher
BACKSTAGE ASSISTANT.....	John Winkelmann

There are also many parents and teachers, too numerous to mention, who volunteered their time to sell tickets, move sets, maintain order at rehearsals, and perform many other tasks to bring this show to the stage. We thank them all.

We wish to thank Ryan Kathman and the teachers and students of St. Benedict High School for their ongoing support and assistance with our productions.



# SINGIN' IN THE RAIN

A black silhouette of a person in a suit, jumping with arms outstretched and holding an umbrella, positioned to the right of the title text.

To the Cast & Crew...  
Congratulations on another great show!  
Your hard work has paid off!!

**TIM  
FRANCAVILLA**

**BARTLETT MUNICIPAL  
JUDGE DIVISION I**





**Alyssa**, we are so proud of you.

Go be fabulous, *Spunky Red!*

We love you tons!

Mom, Dad and Luca

Rock the house, **Luca** the Joker!

We are so excited to see your *St. Ann debut!*

We love you tons!

Mom, Dad and Alyssa

To our little Funky Monkey **Alyssa**,

And **Luca** our Little Tramp!

*Break a leg!*

We love you,

Aunt Shey Shey, Uncle Sean,

Lexie, Abbie & Ty

**Alyssa & Luca,**  
We're proud of you.  
*Be Awesome!*  
Love, Nonna & Opa

Break a leg, **Raphael!** We love you  
and we are *so proud of you.*  
Love,  
Dad, Mom and kuya Lance

Hey Ethan! (Hollywood)-  
I'm not afraid (I'm not afraid)  
To take a stand (to take a stand)  
Everybody (everybody)  
Come take my hand (come take my hand)  
We'll walk this road together, through the storm  
Whatever weather, cold or warm  
Just letting you know that you're not alone.  
Break a leg and also we are so proud of you for not holding the wall!  
Love,  
Mom and Jacob

**Patrick...**

We are proud of the young man you  
are becoming. *We love you very much!!!!*

Love Always,  
Mom & Dad

**Shoot for the stars, Patrick!**

**Love, Nanmom and Pop**

**Erika**, wow! You're not just good at academics,  
now you're a star! Congratulations on your  
first "middle" school play. Mommy and Daddy  
are always proud of you.

*We're your number one fan!*



Congrats **Zach** on *your first school play!* We are  
very proud of you and can't wait to see it!

Love,  
Mom, Dad and Nona

**GOOD LUCK, Cianna!**

Love you Mom, Dad, and Bella

**Camden Francavilla,**  
You are *our* Lucky Star!  
We are so proud of you!  
Love, Mom, Dad & Alex

*Congratulations on a GREAT PERFORMANCE*

**Cassie!!!** We love you and are so proud of you!!!!

Love, Mom, Dad, Gammie and Paw Paw!

**William-**

We are proud of you everyday!

*Be Salt and Light!*

Love,

Mom, Dad, and Robert

We are so proud of you **Abigail!**

*Have fun.*

Love,

Dad, Mom and Family

So proud of you, **Colin!**

May you always enjoy to “Make ‘em Laugh”

*Break a Leg!*

With Love, Dad, Mom, Andrew, Kyle, Keke,  
Joey and Nana

To my Super **Brett,**

Good luck

*You are my best buddy!*

Love, Drew

**Alex:**

from Annie to Dudez a Plenti to Jesus to R.F. Simpson—we’ve  
laughed, we’ve cried, we’ve loved every minute of your St Ann  
stage experience! *Continue to let your light shine.*

Love, The whole crew: Mom, Dad, Sophia & Michaela



GO, **MICHAELA CREWS** - we are so proud of our  
Coconut Grove Dancer! *You're fabulous!*

Love, Mom, Dad, Sophia & Alex

*Congratulations* to the St Ann Singing  
in the Rain cast and ninjas!

Break a leg, **ALEX** and **MICHAELA**!

The Crews Family

Way to rock that rain gear **J-Rob**,  
we're so proud of you & *all you do!*

Love,

Mama, Dad, & Emma-Rae

**Natalie Ann,**  
*Happy Birthday!*  
May all of your wishes come true.  
Much love,  
Mom, Dad and Joey

**Natalie Ann,**  
You will sound as great in the “RAIN” as you  
did in the shower.  
*We are so proud of you!*  
Love,  
Mom, Dad and Joey

**Brandon,**we are so proud of you  
and *the best of luck!*  
Love,  
Dad,Mom,and Abigail

*“Look around at how lucky we are  
to be alive right now!”*

**Go Gabby, we love you!**

**Dad and Mom**

**Stephanie**

*We are very proud of you as you take your first  
step on the stage. You will always be a star in our  
eyes! We are proud of you for using your God  
given talent!*

**Dad, Mom and Kuya Lawrence**

**Miss Penny Lane,**

*Congratulations on another great performance! We can't wait  
to see you shine on stage! Keep reaching for the stars and  
following your dreams. We are so proud of you!*

**Love,**

**Mom, Dad, Rosie, Cheese, Berli, Floof & Abraham Twinkl**

Way to go **Aubrey!** *Break a leg!*

Love,

Mom & Chris, Dad & Erin,  
and ALL of Your Family

We love you!

**Luke** we are all so proud of you! Way to go.

Tap away! *Saulsbury...*

Love, Mom, Dad, Samuel, Thomas and  
The Godfather

CONGRATULATIONS **ASHLEN!** (“Our Favorite”)

We are so proud of our Head Ninja!

You worked really hard and took your responsibilities seriously, which  
is what all great Head Ninjas do!

You are an AMAZING daughter and sister! We love watching you grow  
up into a *beautiful and talented young lady* and can't wait to see what's  
in store for you next year in high school at SBA!

Love,

Mom, Dad, Corey, Elissa, Josh and Katie



**Madeline** you are *OUR* star!  
**We Love You, Madeline!**  
**Dad, Mom and Dylan**

**Brianna**, congratulations on another  
outstanding performance.  
*We are so proud of you!!!!*  
Love,  
Dad, Mom, Benise and Isaiah!!

Congratulations,  
**Brenden and Matthew!!**  
I'm excited for you and very proud!  
Love you!  
Mom

*Can't wait to see you on stage.*

Break both legs, **Maria!**

Love,

Mum, Baba, Becky and Ciru

**Meghan,**

“We are proud of you,  
With love...”

Dad, Mom, Kaya & Coal

Congratulations to **Cade Sartain**  
*on your first play.*

Love

MoMo, D'Wah, Mom, Dad and Ashlyn

*Best Wishes to the  
Cast and Crew of*

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# THANK YOU

to everyone who  
supported this incredibly  
talented cast over the  
last several months,  
*especially the directors.*

They will never forget  
these performances!

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# *SINGIN' IN THE RAIN*

## TRIVIA

For the “Make Em Laugh” number, Gene Kelly asked Donald O’Connor to revive a trick he had done as a young dancer, running up a wall and completing a somersault. The number was so physically taxing that O’Connor, who smoked four packs of cigarettes a day at the time, went to bed (or may have been hospitalized, depending on the source) for a week after its completion, suffering from exhaustion and painful carpet burns. Unfortunately, an accident ruined all of the initial footage, so after a brief rest, O’Connor--ever the professional--agreed to do the difficult number all over again.

Only 19 when cast to play the film, Debbie Reynolds lived with her parents and commuted to the set. She had to wake up at 4:00 a.m. and ride three different buses to the studio; sometimes, to avoid the commute, she would just sleep on the set.

The “Singing in the Rain” number took all day to set up--and Gene Kelly was very ill (some say with a fever over 101). When it was all set up, Kelly insisted on doing a take--even though the blocking was only rudimentary (starting and ending positions only), and the director was ready to send him home. He ad-libbed most of it and it only took one take, which is what you see on film.

Only two songs were written especially for the film: “Moses Supposes” was written by Roger Edens, Betty Comden and Adolph Green; “Make Em Laugh” was written by Arthur Freed and Nacio Herb Brown especially for Donald O’Connor. It’s generally agreed that they borrowed the melody almost exactly from Cole Porter’s “Be a Clown”. Irving Berlin was visiting the set one day when he heard a playback of “Make ‘Em Laugh”. When Berlin asked whose song that was, Freed quickly changed the subject.

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# *SINGIN' IN THE RAIN*

# TRIVIA

Gene Kelly insulted Debbie Reynolds for not being able to dance. Fred Astaire, who was hanging around the studio, found her crying under a piano and helped her with her dancing.

In the “Would You” number, Kathy Selden (Debbie Reynolds) is dubbing the voice of Lina Lamont (Jean Hagen) because Lina’s voice is shrill and screechy. However, it’s not Reynolds who is really speaking, it’s Jean Hagen herself, who actually had a beautiful deep, rich voice. So you have Jean Hagen dubbing Debbie Reynolds dubbing Jean Hagen. And when Debbie is supposedly dubbing Jean’s singing of “Would You”, the voice you hear singing actually belongs to Betty Noyes, who had a much richer singing voice than Debbie.

The Broadway ballet sequence was to feature Gene Kelly and Donald O’Connor, but the latter had to leave because of a TV commitment, so Cyd Charisse was tabbed to replace him. She was made up to look like Louise Brooks and had to diet off the extra pounds she had just gained during her recent pregnancy. Charisse had to adjust her dancing style to mesh with Kelly’s, which was very different.

A microphone was hidden in Debbie Reynolds’ blouse so her lines could be heard more clearly. During one of the dance numbers, her heartbeat can be heard, mirroring what happens to Lina Lamont in the movie itself.

The musical director for St. Ann School’s production of *Singin’ in the Rain*, Michael Robinson, was nominated for an award for his portrayal of Cosmo Brown in 2010. He was robbed. During the demanding months-long rehearsal process, Michael lost over 15 pounds. (He thinks it’s time to put those tap shoes back on.)



