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WELCOME

Dear Theatregoer,

We are so excited to welcome you to the opening of our 2023-2024 season!

As we begin our new season, we are joined by The Delta Symphony Orchestra in bringing *The Music Man* to the stage. We are so honored to be working with them on this production, and thank them for all their work they do in enhancing the arts in our community.

Do not forget about our other shows coming up this season! Our journey of great stories continue in April, as we welcome you to Klickitat Street, home of Henry Huggins, his faithful dog Ribsy, Ramona the Pest, and her long-suffering sister Beezus in *Henry & Ramona*. The characters from some of our favorite children's books come to life, in this great adventure! Ten-year-old Henry wants to do something important; he wants to deliver newspapers, just like that showoff Scooter McCarthy and the other boys. But first he has to prove to his parents he can handle the responsibility. That won't be easy with Ramona Qumby around! Along the way, with the "help" of Ramona, he learns some valuable lessons about friendship and maturity. Henry and Ramona captures the everyday trials and triumphs of being a kid.

Then next summer, step into the enchanted world of Broadway's classic, *Disney's Beauty & the Beast*! The classic story tells of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, who is really a young prince trapped under the spell of an enchantress. The stage version includes all of the wonderful songs you are familiar with and love. This "tale as old as time" promises to be a huge hit

Thank you for your continued support in making The Stage Theater Co. such a success. A special thanks to all of our 2023-2024 sponsors, without you none of this would be possible. Our Board of Directors and Advisory Board continue to help bring these stories to the stage and work everyday to help achieve the mission of our organization. Thank you so much.

A special welcome to those new to The Stage Theater Co. We are delighted you chose to join us for *The Music Man*!

Be on the look out for more information on all of these events coming up on our website www.thestagetheaterco.com

For now, sit back and relax and enjoy a trip back to River City, Iowa! Enjoy the show!

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BEHIND THE CURTAIN

The Music Man is a classic American musical from the "golden age." It has been enjoyed by countless audiences for over 60 years. At its heart, it is also a "memory" play. It is a nostalgic look back at the world in which its author, Meredith Willson, grew up. In his own preface to the play, Willson describes the work as a "valentine," that is, a loving tribute to the people (or, at least, the types of people) that he remembered from his youth in Mason City, Iowa, in 1912.

For those of us who look back from a very great distance at those times, I think the best way to understand and enjoy this musical is to think of it as a postcard. One of the kind that can still be found in antique shops and at rummage sales. Those postcards came as beautifully hand-tinted photographs that could be bought or sent as a souvenir of a memorable adventure. They also represented a very sanitized version of life in the place they portrayed. There was no litter, or tentements, or untoward scenes. They represent, as do most memories, the good things we remember and not all of life as it was.

In taking us to the River City of *The Music Man*, it is the good things that Willson remembered. The enviable Marian the librarian is the local spinster, a bookish and stern woman whose life lacks excitement and adventure. She is also a combination of teachers and relatives whom Willson admired and who helped determine his future. The confidence trickster, Harold Hill, is an expression of the "snake oil" salesmen who all too often preyed on small communities. But he also is a man who is a victim of his own dreams. It is the glory and charm of *The Music Man* that those dreams (even though he may not admit to them do come true.)

The Music Man is not a complex and emotionally deep story to make us think and reflect, as we might with a more modern musical. It is a tale that is told from the heart in order to warm our hearts. It is the postcard that invites us with the words, "Wish you were here." And, in the case of Harold and Marian and all the residents of River City, we can be--much to our delight.

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More fun tidbits about *The Music Man*:

- Meredith Wilson wrote 40 songs for *The Music Man*. 22 were cut.
- Did you ever notice that the songs "Seventy Six Trombones" and "Goodnight, My Someone" are the same melody in a different time signature? This technique presented a masculine and feminine slant on the events surrounding Harold Hill's arrival in River City and his budding relationship with Marian.
- The barbershop quartet was originally based on a barbershop quartet in Mason City called "*The Rusty Hinges*."
- The original name of "*The Music Man*" was "*The Silver Triangle*." Producers told Willson he needed a better title. Aren't you glad they changed it?
- "*The Music Man*" was the first film to sell for over \$1 million to TV.
- Meredith Willson made more income off The Beatles' version of his song "Till There Was You" than he did off the play and the movie combined!

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SONGS

ACT I

Scene I: Train to River City

Rock Island Charlie Cowell, Travelling Salesmen

Scene II: Main Street in River City

Iowa Stubborn Citizens of River City

Ya Got Trouble Harold, Citizens

Scene III: Main Street in River City

Scene IV: Paroo House

Piano Lesson Marian, Mrs. Paroo, Amaryllis

Goodnight My Someone Marian, Amaryllis

Scene V: Madison Gymnasium

Seventy Six Trombones Harold, Company

Sincere Quartet

Scene VI: Main Street in River City

The Sadder But Wiser Girl for Me Harold, Marcellus

Pick-A-Little, Talk-A-Little Mrs. Shinn, Ladies of the Town

Goodnight Ladies Quartet

Scene VII: Madison Library

Marian the Librarian Harold, Marian, Teens

Scene VIII: Main Street in River City

Scene IX: Mayor Shinn's Door

Scene X: The Paroo Porch

My White Knight Marian

Scene XI: Main Street in River City

Wells Fargo Wagon Full Company

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The Floor: Tap, Ballet & Jazz

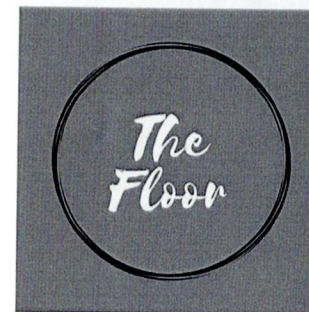
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ACT II

Scene I: Madison Gymnasium

It's You Quartet

Shipooopi Marcellus, Ethel, Harold, Marian, Quartet, Pick-a-little Ladies, Teens

Pick-A-Little, Talk-A-Little (Reprise) Mrs. Shinn, Ladies of the Town

Scene II: Main Street in River City

Lida Rose Quartet

Will I Ever Tell You Marian

Scene III: The Paroo Porch

Gary, Indiana Winthrop, Marian, Mrs. Paroo

Scene IV: The Foot Bridge

Till There Was You Marian, Harold

Scene V: Main Street in River City

Seventy Six Trombones & Goodnight Marian, Harold
My Someone

Scene VI: Main Street in River City

Till There Was You (Reprise) Harold

Scene VII: Madison Gymnasium

Finale Full Company

CAST

Cast Members

Traveling Salesmen	Ron Moad, Kalel Manalo, Randy Baker, James Gramling, Kevin Broadway
Charlie Cowell	Jerry McGee
Conductor	David Gilmore
Harold Hill	Chase Martin
Mayor Shinn	Kevin Broadway
Ewart Dunlop	Randy Baker
Oliver Hix	Ron Moad
Jacey Squires	Will Mangrum
Olin Britt	Kalel Manalo
Marcelius Washburn	Jay Henon
Tommy Djas	Aaden Householder
Marian Paroo	Jaden Martin
Mrs. Paroo	Cynthia Abel
Amaryllis	Whitley Floyd
Winthrop Paroo	Ben Moss
Eulalle MacKecknie Shinn	Dr. Lacy Baker
Zaneeta Shinn	Keelie McClellan
Gracie Shinn	Madison Lancaster
Alma Hix	Julie Barnett
Maud Dunlop	Lisa Moad
Ethel Toffelmier	Stacy Fox
Beatrice Squires	Courtney Neece
Constable Lock	David Gilmore
Quartet	Randy Baker, Ron Moad, Will Mangrum, Kalel Manalo
Boys Quartet	Ayden Conner, James Gramling, Ben Jones, Jackson Liles
Pick A Little Ladies	Julie Barnett, Lisa Moad, Stacy Fox, Courtney Neece, Abby Askins, Kim Brodell, Jacinda Cribbs, Mary Cuzzort, Mia Neira

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Cast Members (continued)

- Pick A Little Girls Collins Baker, Addyson Barber, Lillie Craft, Jayla Foreman, Allison Moss
 - Dance Captains Jenna Brodell, Mia Neira
 - Featured Dancers Jackson Liles, Collins Baker, Ayden Conner, Addelin Cuzzort, Savannah Cuzzort
 - Newspaper Readers Ayden Conner, Ben Jones, Jackson Liles
 - Farmer Wife Jenna Brodell
 - Farmer Ben Jones
 - Wells Fargo Voices Abby Askins, Jackson Liles, Allison Moss, Lillie Craft, Ben Jones, Nora Scott, Cora Boves, Courtney Neece, Collins Baker, James Gramling, Chloe Fox, Jenna Brodell, Lisa Moad, Ayden Conner
 - Wells Fargo Wagon Driver Jackson Imler
 - Townspople Abby Askins, Jenna Brodell, Kim Brodell, Jacinda Cribbs, Addelin Cuzzort, Mary Cuzzort, Maggie Gray, Allison Moss, Emma Neira, Mia Neira
 - River City Youth Collins Baker, Addyson Barber, Cora Boves, Ayden Conner, Lillie Craft, Savannah Cuzzort, McKenlie Faulkner, Jayla Foreman, Chloe Fox, James Gramling, Ben Jones, Jackson Liles, Juliana Liles, Shana Manalo, Maddie Maners, Nora Scott, Anna Beth Smith, Lawson Weisenbach, Culley White
 - Band Abby Askins, Collins Baker, Addyson Barber, Jenna Brodell, Ayden Conner, Lillie Craft, Addelin Cuzzort, Savannah Cuzzort, Jayla Foreman, Chloe Fox, James Gramling, Maggie Gray, Ben Jones, Jackson Liles, Allison Moss, Emma Neira, Mia Neira, Nora Scott, Anna Beth Smith, Lawson Weisenbach, Culley White
- Understudies**
- Harold Hill Kael Manalo
 - Tommy Djalas James Gramling
 - Marian Paroo Julie Barnett
 - Amaryllis Nora Scott
- Orchestra**
- Conductor Dr. Neale Bartee

CAST

Orchestra (continued)

Piano	Laura Watkins
Bass	John Hays
Drums	Craig Collison
Reed 1	Caitlyn Lyerly
Reed 2	Josh Taylor
Reed 3	Cody Ballard
Reed 4	David Hall
Reed 5	Dale Clark
Trumpet 1	Sam Oliveri
Trumpet 2	Grady Fields
Trumpet 3	Audrey Alpha
Trombone 1	Nathan Anderson
Trombone 2	Steve Alsup
Trombone 3	Mike Medrick
Violin	Eric Skaug
Violin	Marcia Burns
Cello	Shelby Steward

Keelie, We are so proud of all the hard work you have put into this show. We can't wait to watch you bring your character to life. We love you! Love, your fan club

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