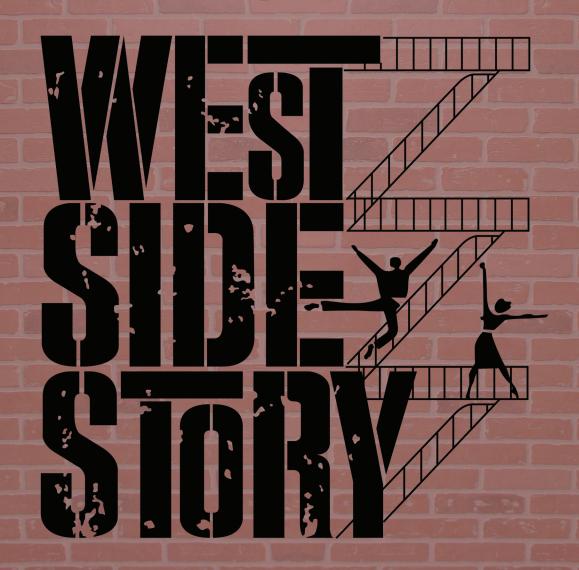
Athens Theatre Company Presents



March 15, 16, 22, 23, 2019 at 8:01pm March 17, 2019 at 3:01pm To the Cast, Crew, Pit & All the Supporting Volunteers of



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"WEST SIDE STORY"

Based on a Conception of JEROME ROBBINS

Book by Music by Lyrics by
ARTHUR LAURENTS LEONARD BERNSTEIN STEPHEN SONDHEIM

Entire Original Production Directed and Choreographed by JEROME ROBBINS

Originally Produced on Broadway by Robert E. Griffith and Harold S. Prince By Arrangement with Roger L. Stevens

WEST SIDE STORY

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Director's Note

I selected the musical for this year because of the message. We all need to look at our "sameness" and not our differences. We need to teach our children respect for each other as human beings. As parents, we all want a better world for our "children". They are our future. The multi-cultural casting in this show allows these "children" in the cast, crew and orchestra to see and live the message on a daily basis. If this performance can move one person to "think" and consider the futility of hatred and violence, our world will be a better place.

Athens Theatre Company's Past Seasons of Quality Performance

You Can't Take it With You (1973)

Night of January 16th (1974)

Night of One Acts (1975)

Red, White & Blue Dinner (1976)

Two by Two (Dinner Theatre 1977)

The Man Who Came to Dinner (1977)

Bye, Bye Birdie (1978) The Crucible (1978)

Don't Drink the Water (Fall 1978)

Dinner Theatre (1979) Guys & Dolls (1979)

Simon Scenes (Dinner Theatre 1980)

The Wizard of Oz (1980)

Couples Dinner Theatre (1981)

Anything Goes (1981)

Night of One Acts (Fall 1981)

Oliver (1982)

Illusions (1982)

Bad Seed (Fall 1983)

Peter Pan (1984)

Grease (1985)

Pippin (1986)

Dracula (Fall 1986)

My Fair Lady (1987)

Dinner Theatre (Fall 1987)

Singin' in the Rain (1988)

A Chorus Line (1989)

The Fantasticks (1990)

Little Shop of Horrors (1990)

Senior Square (Fall 1990)

Bye, Bye Birdie (1991)

Robin Hood (Fall 1991)

Fame (1992)

Don't Drink the Water (Fall 1992)

Godspell (1993)

You Can't Take it With You (Fall 1993)

Mad Forest (Fall 1994)

Peter Pan (1995)

Servant of Two Masters (Fall 1995)

The Wizard of Oz (1996)

Rumors (Fall 1996)

Brigadoon (1997)

The Crucible (1997)

The Wiz (1998)

Romeo & Juliet (Fall 1998)

Grease (1999)

God's Favorite (Fall 1999)

West Side Story (2000)

You Can't Take it With You (Fall 2000)

Into the Woods (2001)

Our Town (Fall 2001)

Oklahoma (2002)

Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 (Fall 2002)

Man of La Mancha (2003)

Blithe Spirit (Fall 2003)

Les Miserables (2004)

Arsenic and Old Lace (Fall 2004)

Godspell (2005)

The Man Who Came to Dinner (Fall 2005)

Little Shop of Horrors (2006)

Miracle on 34th Street (Winter 2006)

Once Upon a Mattress (2007)

Rumors (Fall 2007)

Disney's High School Musical (2008)

Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 (Fall 2008)

Oliver (2009)

A Christmas Carol (Winter 2009)

Disney's Beauty and the Beast (2010)

The Crucible (Fall 2010)

The Wizard of Oz (2011)

Into the Woods (Summer 2011)

Lend Me A Tenor (Fall 2011)

Little Shop of Horrors (2012)

You Can't Take it With You (2012)

Bye Bye Birdie (2013)

Willy Wonka (Summer 2013)

Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 (Fall 2013)

Seussical (2014)

Emma! A Pop Musical (2014)

Cinderella (2015)

Hairspray (Summer 2015)

Arsenic & Old Lace (2015)

Oliver (2016)

The Outsiders (2016)

Disney's High School Musical (2017)

The Three Musketeers (2017)

The Night of January 16th (2017)

Once Upon a Mattress (2018)

Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 (2018)

WEST SIDE STORY (2019)

Patrons

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The Arkenburg Family The Krolik Family

The Burns Family Drs. Rich and Kelly Machesky

The Calkins Family The Markoff Family

Dr. Laura Dixon and Family Nathan and Tracey McKee

Robert Dowd The Mills Family

The Easterlin Family Daniel and Jennifer Murphy

John and Pam Epple

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Craig Krolik Amy Specci

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Aunt Kimmie Ron Tucker
Karen Klitzke E.W. Wetzel
Albana Koka Bruce Williams

Production Staff

Producer / Director	5 1
Flowers	3

Ushers Provided by National Honor Society and Project Lead

Set Construction Mom & Dads

Doug Gergel Craig Krolik Chris Markoff Amy Specci Bruce Williams

Set Build

Olivia Baeten John Calkins Anna Dorflinger Zack Gergel Aidan Haggarty Madison Johnson Jacob Krolik Alexis Kuehnl Dominic Minchella Allister Newcomb Carlos Ortiz Jackson Ruffner Mikayla Specci Brendan Tailor Bella Williams

^{*} Members of Thespians Troupe 3729

^{** -} Member of Thespians Troupe 1001

Cast List

JETS	SHARKS		
Riff Zack Gergel* Tony Dominic Minchella* Action Matt Maurer* A-Rab Cole Vanamberg Baby John Calvin Parsell Snowboy Aidan Haggarty* Big Deal Riley Creech* Diesel Brendan Tailor Anybodys Elle Olis Graziella Sasha Palmkoech Velma Anna Dorflinger* Minnie Alexa Wagner Clarice Miranda McKee Pauline Sarah Moilanen* Thersea Bailey Fahnestock* JET GIRLS Olivia Baeten Ilse Davalos Sarah Hartzell* Madison Johnson Cheyenne Lenz Polinna Maknev Caroline Morrison Claire Ohlert Sasha Palmkoech Maddie Strachan Ashley Weinberg	Bernardo Nick Easterling* Maria Kendall Burns* Anita Orena Koka* Chino Jakob Krolik* Pepe Jordyn Ward Indio Dario Barczys Luis Jorge Isunzai* Toro Carlos Ortiz Rosalia Bella Williams Consuelo Alyssa Baxendale* Francisca Ellen Bedford* Margarita Mikayla Specci* SHARK GIRLS Rosa Aziz Kay Bender Ananya Bhemanadhani Serena Chung* Sarah Day Sarah Fisher Sarah Hartzell* Jaclyn Hermiz Rebekah Jeon Alexis Kuehnl Cheyenne Lenz Polinna Maknev Sasha Palmkoech Angela Simmons Maddie Strachan Heather Wong		
Doc			

Running Crew

Cameron Cruz	Sarah Markoff
Madison Green	Allison Murphy
Grace Jarvis	Aisen Phillips
Delaney Kellogg	Devan Schulman
Casee Krezenski	Cayden Spratt
Holli Markoff*	Kasey Veruyn

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Pit Orchestra

Reeds ~

Leah Paasche Bella Shamoon Noah Scudder Paige Ormond Henry Barton Melissa Matichuk Brian Choi Flute, Piccolo Flute, Piccolo Clarinet, Alto Sax Clarinet, Alto Sax Clarinet, Bass Clarinet Tenor, Bari Sax Tenor Sax

Brass ~

Mr. Josh Kepich
Cameron Hachigian
Danny Baxendale
Mr. Adam Cable
Tristen Reaume
Joshua Fermin
Gaven Paige
Trombone
Trombone
Trumpet
Trumpet
Trumpet
Trumpet
French Horn
French Horn

Jacob Beyer **Keyboard ~**

Mr. Frank Pitts

Piano

Synthesizer

Percussion ~

Matt Cruz

Mr. Jon Genautis Mitchell Kort Drum Kit Auxillary Percussions

Guitars ~

Dimitri Kapatais Classical, Electric

String ~

Joey Chinoski Violin Cayela Jao Violin Paula Skwarek* Violin Michelle Huang Violin Katie Stover Violin Nick Carlier Violin Lauren Formosa Violin Tony Komblueh-Chavez Violin Jett Li Cello Audrey Apahidean Cello Patrick Chinoski **Bass** Grace Stibich **Bass** Ethan Armbruster Bass





Synopsis of Scenes

The action takes place on the West Side of New York City during the last days of summer.

Act 1	Act 2
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5:00 pm	The Street	9:15 pm	A Bedroom
5:30 pm	A Back Yard	10:00 pm	Another alley
6:00 pm	A Bridal Shop	11:30 pm	The Bedroom
10:00 pm	The Gym	11:40 pm	The Drugstore
11:00 pm	A Back Alley	11:50 pm	The Cellar
Midnight	The Drugstore	Midnight	The Street

The Next Day

5:30 pm The Bridal Shop 6:00 to 9:00 pm The Neighborhood 9:00 pm Under the Highway

Musical Numbers

Act 1

Prologue - Orchestra, danced by Jets & Sharks

Jet Song - Riff & Jets

Something's Coming - Tony

The Dance at tge Gym - Jets & Sharks

Maria - Tony

Tonight - Tony & Maria

Americα - Anita, Rosalia, & Shark Girls

Cool - Riff & Jets

One Hand, One Heart - Tony & Maria

The Rumble - Orchestra, dance by Riff, Bernardo, Sharks & Jets

Act 2

I Feel Pretty -Maria, Rosalia, Estella, & Consuelo **Somewhere** - Consuelo, danced by Company **Gee, Officer Krupke** - Action, Snowboy & Jets

A Boy Like That - Anita & Maria I Have a Love - Anita & Maria

Finale - The Company

Meet the Cast, Crew and Pit

Biographies are written by the students. If a specific biography does not appear, it was not submitted.

Dominic Arkenburg Role: Officer Krupke

Grade: 11th

Dominic Arkenburg is a junior who is very excited to be in another Athens Theatre Company production. This production marks his third time acting at Athens High School. Dominic plays the piano, the viola, and the guitar, and likes to sing. He is an Italian citizen and loves to sing in Italian, including Italian opera. Dominic's favorite song is "Ave Maria" by Franz Schubert. Dominic runs cross country for Athens High School, in addition to playing viola in the Athens High School Symphony Orchestra and singing in the Athens High School Concert Choir. Other hobbies that he enjoys include model railroading, railfanning at Greenfield Village in Dearborn, going on long walks with his dog, and spending time with family and friends. Dominic is an active member in the youth group at St. Anastasia in Troy.

Ethan Armbruster

Role: Chorus Grade: 10th

Role: Pit Orchestra, Bass

Ethan Armbruster is a sophomore at Athens High School and is a member of Athens Symphony Orchestra, and the DSO Philharmonic youth ensemble. This is his first year of participating in an Athens theatre production.

Rosa Aziz Role: Shark Girl Grade: 12th

The production of West Side Story is my first and last production, and I have to say that I am unbelievably happy to be a part if it! I've met many talented people and learned a lot about the Theatre. West Side Story is one of my all time favorite musicals and I hope that everyone watching it has a good time! I'm thankful to everyone that helped make this production possible and to Ms. Mendfredi for directing it.

Olivia Baeten Role: Chorus

Grade: 9th

Hi, this is my second show at Athens. I have made so many friends in theatre and, I highly suggest others to join.

Alyssa Baxendale

Role: Consuelo Grade: 11th

Alyssa is so excited to be part of her 6th show with the Athens Theatre Company! Over the past few years her love for theatre has been growing as she's taken part in shows at both Athens and Stagecrafters. This has been one of her favorite shows she's worked on and she loves playing the role of Consuela! She would like to thank her director, Ms. Manfredi, for everything she's done to make this show happen, and she hopes you enjoy the show! Yeehaw.

Ellen Bedford Role: Francisca

Grade: 11th

This is Ellen's fifth show with the Athens Theatre Company. She is so happy to be singing and dancing in the 2019 production of West Side Story. Ellen feels right at home when on stage with her closest friends. She had so much fun with this play, from building the set to the dance rehearsals. Ellen would like to thank everyone that made this show so great for her and has a word of advice: Play it cool boy, real cool... Enjoy the show!

Kay Bender

Role: Chorus, Shark

Grade: 12th

Kay is super excited to be a part of West Side Story this year! This is her second show with the Athens Theatre Company although she's done other shows within the community. Kay would like to thank Ms. Manfredi for allowing her to be a part of the company and Ashley Rozanski for helping her out with her singing. She would also like to thank everyone in the company for making her feel welcomed and accepted and hopes to continue to perform in her future. She knows everyone will enjoy the show!

M esganaBerhane

Role: Gladys Grade:10th

This is Mesgana's third show with the Athens Theatre Company and first musical with the company. She was new last year to Troy and ATC has been a great experience for her and it means a lot to her. She'd like to thank Ms. Manfredi for welcoming her into this company that she has run for so many years.

Ananya Bhemanadhuni

Role: Čhorus Grade: 11th

Stars shining bright above you night breezes seem to whisper I love you birds singing in the sickomode tree dream a little dream of me say night-ie night and kiss me just hold me tight and tell me you'll miss me while I'm alone and blue as can be dream a little dream of me stars fading but I linger on, dear still craving your kiss i'm longing to linger till dawn, dear just saying this sweet dreams till sunbeams find you sweet dreams that leave all worries behind you but in your dreams whatever they be dream a little dream of me stars fading but I linger on, dear Still craving your kiss I'm longing to linger till dawn, dear. Enjoy the show!

Kendall Burns

Role: Maria Grade: 10th

Kendall is beyond excited to play the role of Maria in her 10th show with ATC. She is currently a sophomore at Athens High School. She would like to thank Ms. Manfredi for the constant opportunities she has been given, Ashley Rozanski for helping her get to where she is now with her voice, Mr. Pitts for all the help with the music, Mrs. Laura for all her help with the dances, and the rest of ATC for being so supportive. She hopes everyone enjoys the show! "Happy Birthday Raven.."

John Calkins

Grade: 11th

This is John's seventh show with the Athens Theatre Company. He is excited to play the role of Doc. John would like to thank Ms. Manfredi along with everyone else involved in the process of putting on the show. He hopes you enjoy West Side Story!

Nick Carlier

Role: Pit Orchestra, Violin

Grade:

This is Nick's first pit orchestra performance with the Athens Theatre Company. He is a playing the violin for the pit and he absolutely loves playing these great pieces composed by Leonard Bernstein. Nick is an experienced violist for the Athens Symphony Orchestra and has been playing since the fifth grade. He decided to play violin for the show as a challenge and to learn something new. He hopes you enjoy the show!

Joey Chinoski

Řole: Pit Orchestra, Violin

Grade: 12th

Joey has played violin for 8 years, and is participating in his first theatre production in the pit. He loves West Side Story, and looks forward to a memorable production.

Serena Chung Role: America Girl

Grade: 12th

Serena is very thrilled to be part of this year's production of *West Side Story*. This is her 7th show with ATC with her first being *Oliver* during her freshman year to every show up until now. Serena has always loved acting and singing since she was little and being part of ATC has given her many opportunities. When Serena is not at rehearsal, she likes to spend time with friends and family and binge watch TV. She is also part of multiple other clubs such as She's the First, A Capella Club National Honors Society and Chinese Club. This is Serena's last show with ATC and she is really sad about leaving. Theatre has been a huge part of her high school career and the members are her second family. She hopes to continue her love for acting by being involved with other theatre productions in her future and taking every memory made in this theatre along with her. Serena would like to thank Ms Manfredi for not only being her director these 4 years, but also her teacher as well. She would also like to thank all the friends she has made throughout the shows for always being supportive. ATC will always have a special place in her heart and she has loved every single show she has been part of. Break and leg everyone and enjoy the show!

Nayla Contejean

Grade: 12th

Role: Stage Manager

Nayla has stage managed 7 shows as part of the Athens Theatre Company and has loved working with every single cast and crew member. Although this is her last show Nayla hopes that everyone enjoys the performance and plays it cool like the Jets would. She will miss this chapter in her life but can't wait for what is in store. She wishes her cast and crew to stay gold and remember that grandma loves them.

Riley Creech Role: Big Deal Grade: 10th

This is Riley's fourth show with ATC and is ecstatic to to be apart of this production of West Side Story. He would like to thank Ms. Manfredi, Ms. Marilyn, Mr. Morang, Ms. Laura, Mr. Frank, Gino, and the cast for all their contributions and effort put into this show. He would also like to thank his family for their support. Enjoy the show!

Matt Cruz

Role: Pit Orchestra, Synthesizer

Grade:

This is Matt Cruz's first show with the pit orchestra. The classically-trained pianist of 12 years can be found on keys in the school jazz ensemble and on leading synthesizer in marching band. Matt would like to recognize his parents and friends for their continual support.

Anna Dorflinger

Role: Velma Grade: 11th

Anna Dorflinger is currently a junior at Athens and this is her seventh show with the Athens Theatre Company. She is super excited to be performing in such an iconic show and would like to thank Ms. Manfredi for giving her the opportunity. Anna is grateful for everyone involved in the making of this production and hopes you all enjoy the show!

Nick Easterling
Role: Bernardo
Grade: 12th

Nicholas Noah Easterling; who is he, You ask? He is a young boy- nay, a young man. Charming, kind, chaotic good, as kind as he's handsome. He's been nominated for both a YouthArts and a Broadway World Detroit award. Nick has done 7 shows with the ATC, with this one being his 8th and final with his home company. His theatre experience would not have been the same without the many friends he's meant, for instance his on stage girlfriend Oresna, and his offstage boyfriend Big Boulder Zacks. He likes to sing, dance & prance, and he thanks Ms. Manfredi for giving him opportunities to do all of that here on this stage. These last 4 years have been nothing short of amazing. W O O F

Bailey Fahnestock

Role: Ťheresa Grade: 10th

This is Bailey's sixth show with the Athens Theatre Company. She has made so many friendships through these shows with the theatre company and is so grateful to be in the iconic, West Side Story. She hopes you have a wonderful time and enjoy the show!

Sarah F isher Role: Chorus

Grade: 10th

This is the fourth show Sarah has been a part of with the Athens Theatre Company (ATC). She enjoyed her time backstage in previous shows, however she is excited to be on stage this year and grow in as many aspects of preforming as she can. She wants to thank her family and friends for all their love and support. She also wants to thank her director Ms. Manfredi for allowing her to be a part of this show and giving her the opportunity to grow as an actor. She wants to wish her fellow cast a great show and say that it was amazing to work with all of them this year! She couldn't have done this show without each one of them and all their hard work. She sincerely hopes you enjoy this years' production of West Side Story!

Lauren F ormosa

Role: Pit Orchestra - Violin

Grade: 12th

This is Lauren's second show with the Athens Theatre Company, having performed in the chorus in *Oliver* her Freshman year. She is very excited to do her first year of pit orchestra and even more excited to be a part of *West Side Story*, one of her favorite musicals. Lauren has been playing the violin since 5th grade and enjoys challenging herself with the music she plays. She'd like to thank her friends and family for their constant love and support and her parents for always believing in her.

Zack Gergel

Role: Riff Grade: 11th

This is Zack (Miss United States) Gergel's 7th show with the Athens Theatre Company, and he is more hype than most would believe, to be playing Riph in West Side Story. He likes to ride roller coasters, speak gernman, and eat reese's in front of people with peanut allergies #light flex. He hopes there aren't any people with allergies reading this. He thinks it's very LIT to be performing alongside his onstage rival and offstage boyfriend Nick (big snow moe) Easterling. Things he likes: mud. He would like to thank Ms. Manfredi for all she has done to help him pursue his love of acting. Written with the care of Zack's offstage girlfriend oresna (woof gang) koka - W O O F

Cameron Hachigian

Role: Pit Orchestra, Trombone

Grade:

This is Cameron Hachigian's first show. He became passionate about music at a young age and started to play trombone this past fall. He is interested in pursuing a career in music and he is excited to play renowned composer, Leonard Bernstein's music.

Aidan Haggarty Role: Snowboy

Grade: 11th

This is Aidan's fifth production with the Athens Theatre Company. He is extremely excited to be performing in one of his favorite musicals. He would like to thank his family and friends for supporting him and Ms. Manfredi for being a fantastic teacher and director.

Sarah Hartzell

Role: America Girl

Grade: 11th

Sarah is very excited to be performing in her 5th ATC show. Aside from all of her favorite shows at Athens, she's also done shows with Stagecrafters and Warren Civic. Aside from this show, her favorite she has done was *Once Upon A Mattress* her Sophomore year. She is thrilled to be a Shark girl in this production, and she hopes you enjoy the show!

Jaclyn Hermiz Role: America Girl

Grade: 11th

This is Jaclyn's first ever show with the Athens Theatre Company. She has always had a fondness for musical theatre and is so honored to be performing with such a talented group of people. She sincerely hopes you enjoy the show, which everyone has put all of their heart and soul into!

Jorge I sunza

Řole: Luis Grade: 12th

This is Jorge's fifth show with the Athens Theatre Company and is ecstatic to play the role of Luis, a shark, in the production of West Side Story. Jorge enjoys watching Netflix and making music as well as chillin with friends. He wishes his fellow cast mates a good show and break a leg!! Insta: @jorge.isunza twitt: @jorad1 snap: @jorad1

Cayela Jao

Role: Pit Orchestra, Violin

Grade:

This is Cayela's first show with the Athens Theatre company. She has been playing the violin for eight years; so playing in the pit orchestra was a wonderful opportunity to partake in. She was eager to be able to play music that is a different style from the music in Symphony Orchestra. She is very thankful for her family and friends for giving her constant love and support."

Rebekah Jeon

Role: Chorus Grade: 11th

This is Rebekah's second show with the Athens Theatre Company. She could not be be more excited to be a part of West Side Story. She is a big fan of musicals and theatre, so ATC has been a great experience with her. She would like to thank Ms. Manfredi for allowing her to be part of the ATC family.

Madison Johnson

Role: Jet Girl Grade: 10th

This is Madison's fourth show with the athens theater company. She was in *Three Musketeers*, Once Upon a Mattress, and Musical Comedy Murders of 1940's. She's very excited to play a jet girl along with her friends. Madison hopes you enjoy the show. Yeehaw.

Orena Koka Role: Anita Grade: 12th

Orena is a chaotic-neutral woman of many talents. She likes to sing, play piano, pretend she can play guitar, cut her own bangs, and play soccer friday nights with the gang! She is also very single and invites anyone who can harmonize to hit her up immediately! Orena thanks the many pals she has made in ATC (including her onstage bf nicholas jean-val-jean easterling, and his offstage bf zack miss-united-states gergel) for making her theatre experience unbelievably amazing. She would also like to thank Ms Manfredi for the opportunity she has given her to play the role of Anita (and Bernice, Winnifred, Innkeeper/stage manager, Brainiac #43/Thespian #6, Girl on bench, and Bartender/Old Sally), and for being the greatest director/teacher/friend a gal could ask for. Though she is not planning to pursue theatre professionally, Orena will most definitely keep performing until her vocal chords shrivel up and die. Orena hopes to one day overthrow the government by challenging the president to an epic game of chess, and also maybe bring back the dinosaurs. W O O F

Jakob Krolik Role: Chino Grade: 12th

Jakob Krolik is my, Krista Manfredi's, favorite actor by far. This is just his 4th show, and he's already way better than any other actor I've ever met. If I could have done every show with just him, I would have. He is charming and perfect in every possible way. Never have I thought I would meet such an amazing person. He inspires me to become a better director, so as not to waste his superb talents. I wish all of my students could be like Jakob. I wouldn't be surprised if he won a Tony by age 20. Look out Broadway.

"Original, exciting, man of action" - Gino Minchella

Alexis Kuchni Role: America Girl

Grade: 10th

This is Alexis's second show, and she enjoys long walks to the fridge and petting the dog, Frank! She's excited to be in her first musical and can't wait for the first showing!

Polinna Maknew Role: America Girl

Grade: 1th

This is Polinna's first production with the Athens Theatre Company. She is excited to be a part of West Side Story. She is thankful towards her family for supporting her, and to Ms. Manfredi for giving her the chance to dance in such an incredible production. Polinna would also like to thank all of the cast and crew for being so kind, welcoming, and fun to work with.

Melissa Matichuk

Role: Pit Orchestra, Tenor, Baritone Sax

Grade.

This is Melissa's first performance with the Athens Theatre Company. She originally started on alto sax then switched to tenor sax, baritone sax, bass clarinet, and finally tuba. She does prefer to play the bass clarinet (but the tenor sax is another story). Melissa would like to thank her family and Mr. C for putting up with her constantly switching instruments, and the school district for having instruments available for students in the music programs.

Matthew Maurer

Role: Action Grade: 12th

Matt Maurer, graduating this year, is ready to perform West Side Story as his last ATC show in his high school career. Theatre to Matt is astonishing and sensational and he wishes to take his passion for theater talent outside the walls of Athens. Playing the part as hot-headed Action, Matt has enjoyed working hard with ATC along with all his cast members on this show and hopes you enjoy West Side Story on the Athens Stage.

Miranda McKee

Role: Clarice Grade: 10th

Miranda is proud to be participating in her third show at Athens. She is an avid dancer and loves acting and singing. When she's not at a theatre rehearsal she's most likely at golf practice as she is a member of the Athens varsity golf team! She wishes the cast and crew a great show, break a led!

Dominic Minchella

Role: Tony Grade: 11th

This is Dominic's 7th show with the Athens Theatre Company and he couldn't be prouder. Dominic has been attached to the ATC since his freshman year of high school and is so grateful for every opportunity and challenge thrown his way. Dominic is elated to be able to perform as Tony in the global award-winning show West Side Story! To the music, to the dancing, to the storytelling, to the music; He and his fellow ATC members are ready for it all! He would like to thank his mom dad and sisters for being so supportive and Ms. Manfredi for gracing him with this opportunity. Remember never play leap frog with a unicorn! Enjoy the show!

Sarah Moilanen
Role: Pauline

Role: Pauline Grade: 11th

This is Sarah's second show with the ATC, following the fall production of Musical Comedy Murders of 1940. She is so excited to play a Jet girl along with her friends. She would like to thank everyone in the show for their hard work and hopes you enjoy the show!

Caroline Morrison

Role: Chorus Grade: 10th

This is her first production with the Athens Theatre Company, and she has really enjoyed being a part of the cast! Caroline has been in over 20 productions through Deborah's Stage Door including The Heather's as Martha, Jovie in Elf and Mushnik in Little Shop of Horrors. She'd like to thank everyone who has helped make this production of West Side Story happen and she hopes everyone enjoys the show!

Claire Ohlert

Role: Jet Girl Grade: 8th

West side story is Claire's 3rd show at Athens theatre company. She is excited to be in this show. Thank you Ms. Manfredi for including her in this show!

Paige Ormond

Role: Pit Orchestra, Pit-Clarinet, Sax Alto

Grade:

This is Paige Ormond's first show with the pit orchestra. She has played alto saxophone for the past seven years and is one of the rank captains for the marching band. Paige is very excited and thankful this opportunity to work with the Athens Theatre Company, and would like to recognize her family and friends for understanding and supporting her hectic schedule."

Carlos Ortiz

Role: Toro Grade: 12th

This is Carlos's third show with the Athens Theatre Company. He was in the production of the musical Once Upon A Mattress, He was part of the choir for the play, Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 and now he is very grateful and honored to be part of the production of the well-known musical West Side Story. Carlos is sad that this is his last show with the ATC. He has made some unforgettable memories and is thankful for every person that he met. He hopes you enjoy the show!

Ellen Olis

Role: Anybodys Grade: 12th

This is Ellen's sixth show with the Athens Theatre Company. She is proud and excited to being playing Anybodys in this cast of *West Side Story*. She hopes to continue to see future ATC productions and will miss performing at Athens.

Leah Passche

Role: Pit Orchestra, Flute, Piccolo

Grade: 12th

Leah is a senior at Athens and likes cats and tea. This is Leah's second show with the Athens Theatre Company. She plays flute and piccolo in the pit orchestra. Leah would like to thank her family for their continued support of music and for putting up with tech week!

Addison Parsell

Role: Stage Manager

Grade: 9th

In her freshman year at Athens, entering a world of new beginnings, Addison decided to add another adventure by joining in theatre. Having never done it before, she started as a crew member in the *Musical Comedy Murders of 1940* but quickly decided she loved backstage. Now in her second production of her freshman year, she has happily taken on the role of Stage Manager in Training and looks forward to continue participating in the wonderful world of theatre.

Calvin Parsell
Role: Baby John
Grade: 9th

Calvin has been in a milieu of theatre for several years participating in several Community Theatre Group shows and acting activities. He loves acting especially the parts that require comedy and a unique aptitude for the ridiculous. He has always looked forward to High School theatre and is excited to make his debut at Athens as Baby John in West Side Story.

Jackson Ruffner
Role: Stage Manager

Grade: 10th

This is Jackson's fourth show with the Athens Theatre Company. Jackson initially started as a crew member for his first show, *The Three Musketeers*, before becoming a Stage Manager for his next three shows. He is thankful for all the opportunities the Athens Theatre Company has provided and wants to thank his parents, friends, and the Athens Theatre Company for their support. Enjoy the show!

Noah Scudder

Role: Pit Orchestra, Alto Sax

Grade: 11th

This is Noah's second show with the ATC, and first in the Pit Orchestra. Along with playing Alto Saxophone in Pit Orchestra, Noah is Drum Major of the Athens Marching Band, Secretary of Student Congress, and he loves to spend time with his friends and family. He hopes you enjoy the show!

Angela Simmons

Role: Chorus Grade: 11th

This is Angela's 5th show with the Athens Theatre Company. She enjoys the compassionate, caring nature of all of her theater peers and the amazing work they compile together throughout the years. She aims to continue acting in her senior year, as well as in college. These shows mean the world to her, and she hopes everyone sits back, relaxes, and enjoy West Side Story!

Paula Skwarek

Role: Pit Orchestra, Violin

Grade: 12th

Paula is a senior and a member of both the Athens Theatre Company and Symphony Orchestra. She started her acting career with ATC in 7th grade as a Who in Seussical the Musical. Since then, she has performed in Cinderella as a villager, Oliver as Ms. Bedwin, and High School Musical as the teacher. Her favorite role she has played is Elsa in last fall's Musical Comedy Murders of 1940. She is very thankful to have done so many shows with the Athens Theatre Company and is proud to be a thespian. Paula is the president of Athens Symphony Orchestra and has been playing the violin for eight years. This is her first time playing in the pit orchestra and she hopes you enjoy the show!

Caden Shaffer Role: Schrank Grade: 12th

Caden after taking two shows to work in the tech booth is very glad to be back on stage and show the world what he's got. As a senior and his last show he wants to make it another show to remember with his friends and family he has made through the ATC. FYI still loves penguins!

Mickayla Specci Role: Margarita Grade: 12th

Hello, I am Mikayla. I've been part of this theatre company for 4 years now. I've been part of 8 shows. My favorite show was definitely *Outsiders*, we did that show my sophomore year. I am on stage and off stage. I am a Theatre tech and I am on stage for Theatre and Choir. You learn something nearly every time you set foot in the auditorium. I will be very sad to leave high school and leave this family. I will never forget the memories I've made here in the auditorium. I am so grateful for the people I've met and for what I've learned.

Grade: 11th

Maddie Strachan has been doing theatre since the age of 8, and is very excited to be involved in her third production with the Athens Theatre Company. When not on stage she can be found sleeping, eating pizza and pestering her little brothers.

Katie Stover

Role: Pit Orchestra, Violin

Grade: 12th

Katie Stover is in her senior year and this will be her first time playing in the pit orchestra. She is in the Athens Symphony Orchestra, and has been playing the violin for 11 years. She has a huge love for the orchestra and her school and wants to thank her family and friends for their endless support.

Brendan Tailor

Role: Diesel Grade: 11th

This is Brendan's 4th show with the Athens Theatre Company. In this show he is playing the role of Diesel, who is one of three Acemen in the Jets gang. He is very thankful to his family and Ms. Manfredi for his opportunity to be in the show and to experience the process of being in it. He loves coming to set builds and having fun with everyone around him. He hopes to be in other Athens Theate Company shows in the future.

Ashley Weinberg Role: Chorus

Grade: 11th

West Side Story is Ashley's second show with the Athens Theatre Company. She was an ensemble member in last year's production Once Upon A Mattress, and she is very excited to be a part of another amazing show! She would like to thank everyone who made this whole thing possible, as well as her family and friends who supported her throughout rehearsals and during the show! She would also like to thank her castmates and the crew for their amazing dedication and making theatre a fun experience that she will rememeber for years to come. Lastly, she would like to thank Mrs. Manfredi and all of the incredible directors, Break a leg everyone, and enjoy the show!!!

Bella Willams

Role: Rosalia Grade: 11th

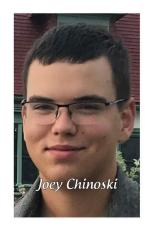
Bella Williams is currently a junior and is happy to be in her 5th show at ATC! She is beyond excited to be playing the role of Rosalia in West Side Story. She would like to thank Frank Pitts for helping her prepare and Ms. Manfredi for giving her this opportunity. She hopes you enjoy the show! "...I can't swim!"

Heather Wong Role: Chorus

Grade: 11th

Heather, a freshman, is excited to be in her first ATC show. She enjoys baking, doing cartwheels, and dancing to Beyonce.











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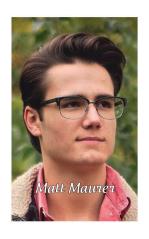
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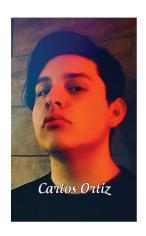




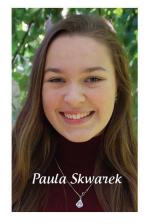


















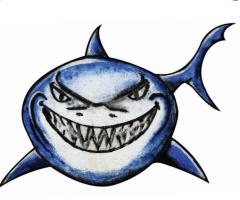












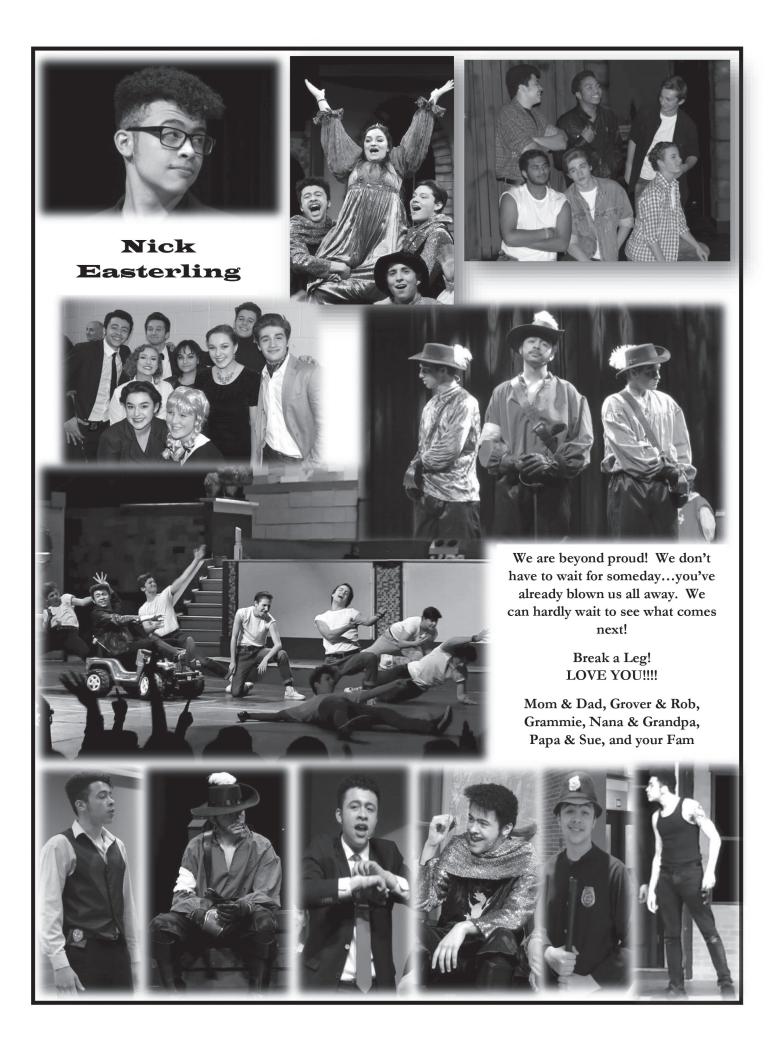


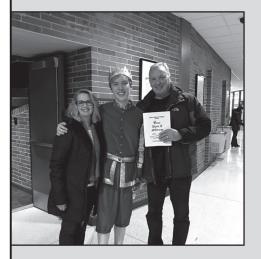












Aidan, You're our shining star! Have a Great Show Snowboy!!

> Love you lots! Dad, Mom, James, Emma, Grandma





Kendall~
Your 10th Show, and you are Maria!
We couldn't be more Proud! We
always knew you would shine, take
time to soak it all in. You can achieve
anything you put your mind to.
BELIEVE in yourself and you will be
unstoppable
Love you,
Mom, Dad, Colin, Jackson
Milo & Uno











Kendall, We are so Proud of you! So excited to see you on stage as Maria!

Love, Grandma Linda, Sara, Jorge, Tati & Marcus





Claire, we are so proud of the person you are growing up into. You are caring, sweet, funny and very talented. We can't wait to see you in West Side Story! We love you so much!!

Love, Mom, Dad, Sam and Mack Serena,
This is it! Senior year!
We are so proud of you for working hard these past 4 years, being part of ATC and taking on the stage. Your wonderful talent will always stay with you throughout college and your life! We love you!
Love,

Mom, Dad, Cecilia, and Eric



To the entire cast, crew & Orchestra of

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FORWARD TO ANOTHER GREAT SHOW

~The Calkins Family

We Love you, Jake Break a Leg!

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Good Luck Miranda! Your Arizona & Texas Family



Kendall!

This is it! You own this! You are AMAZING!_
We are so proud of you and your
accomplishments. We are so happy that
you never gave up and followed your
dream. We are Blessed to be your Grand

Parents.



GOD BLESS you! We Love You
Poppa and Grandma
Break A Leg
P.S.
I will never stop
throwing flowers! Gma





A standing ovation for you! You met this challenge with determination, discipline, and total confidence. Congrats Poli!! Love,
Mom, Dad, and Kate





Congratulations on your 8th show Orena. The sky is your limit. You are a star in the making.

~ Shine On ~

Love you very much

Mom, Dad & Anersi

Wishing our Orchestra students in the pit and on stage the best of luck in West Side Story. Your dedication, hard work, and talent is inspiring. Congratulations!



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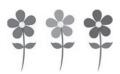




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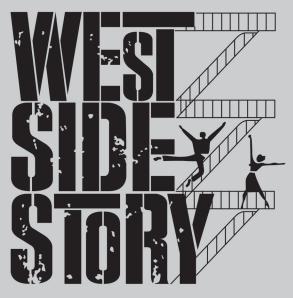
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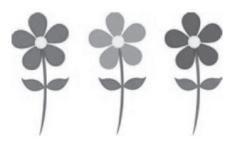
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