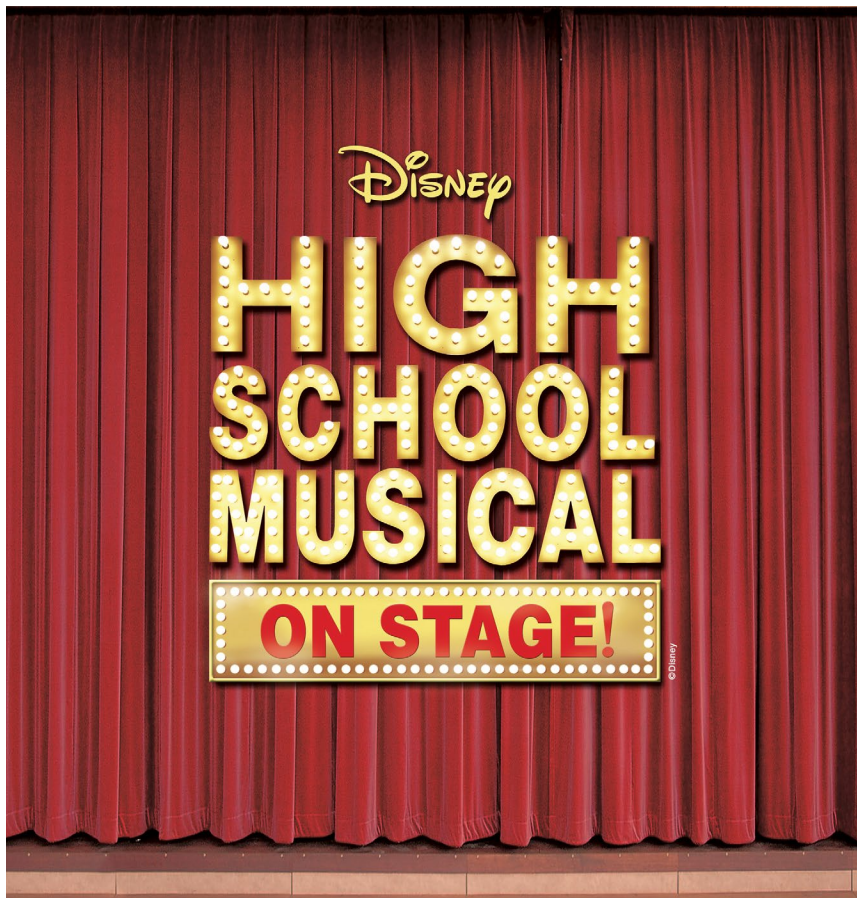


Yorktown Stage 

PRESENTS



Directed and Staged by  
August Abatecola

April 22 – 29, 2023  
Yorktown Stage • Yorktown Heights, NY

The Yorktown Stage production of  
Disney  
**HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL**

Book by  
**David Simpatico**

Songs by  
Matthew Gerrard and Robbie Nevil; Ray Cham, Greg Cham and  
Andrew Seeley; Randy Petersen and Kevin Quinn; Andy Dodd  
and Adam Watts; Bryan Louiselle; David N. Lawrence and Fay  
Greenberg; Jamie Houston

Music Adapted, Arranged and Produced by  
**Bryan Louiselle**

Based on a Disney Channel Original Movie Written by  
**Peter Barsocchini**

Starring

**JACK BAUGH**

**STEFANY DALACIO**

**KAYLA MOORE**

**MILES MESSIER**

**JEREMY LLOYD**

**TIFFANI GRACE**

TYLER BARATZ

AMELIA BISACCIA

JOSH BORDMAN

ISABELLA CAMPISI

GRACE CAPPS

JAYDEN HERNANDEZ

JOHN MAHANNA

BRIANA MANNARINO

DANII ORTIZ

PHILIP PODHURST

THERESA PODHURST

AVA RENNE

JASON STERN

SUMMER STERN

LAUREN SUGANTINO

ADDISON VALENTINO

VICTORIA VESPUCCI

MIA ZUCCHI

Executive Producer.

**Barry Liebman**

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Scenic Design

**Steven Loftus  
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Lighting Design

**Andrew Gmoser  
Silent G Productions**

Sound Design

**Jesse Melito  
Woodside Productions**

Production Stage Manager

**Casey Brehm**

Music Director/Conductor

**Ricky Romano**

Choreography

**Carrie Silvernail**

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*High School Musical*

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# CAST

Jack Baugh	Troy Bolton
Stefany Dalacio	Gabriella Montez
Kayla Moore	Sharpay Evans
Miles Messier	Ryan Evans
Jeremy Lloyd	Chad Danforth
Tiffani Grace	Taylor McKessie
Danii Ortiz	Jason/Thespian
Jayden Hernandez	Zeke Baylor
Theresa Podhurst	Ms. Darbus
Philip Podhurst	Jack Scott/Jock
Josh Bordman	Ripper/Jock/Thespian
John Mahanna	James/Mongo/Jock/Thespian
Tyler Baratz	Alan/Jock/Thespian
Addison Valentino	Susan/Brainiac
Grace Capps	Performance Art Kid 2/Brainiac
Ava Renne	Kelsi
Mia Zucchi	Kratnoff/Brainiac
Summer Stern	Performance Art Kid 3/Brainiac
Lauren Sugantino	Cyndra/Brainiac
Amelia Bisaccia	Cathy/Brainiac
Isabella Campisi	Martha Cox/Ensemble
Victoria Vespucci	Performance Art Kid 1/Brainiac
Jason Stern	Coach Bolton
Briana Mannarino	Ensemble/Thespian/Brainiac

# MUSICAL NUMBERS

## ACT I

<i>Wildcat Cheer</i>	Full Company
<i>Start of Something New</i>	Full Company
<i>Get'cha Head in the Game</i>	Troy, Jocks
<i>Auditions</i>	Ms Darbus, Thespians
<i>What I've Been Looking For</i>	Sharpay, Ryan
<i>What I've Been Looking For Reprise</i>	Troy, Gabriella
<i>Cellular Fusion</i>	Taylor, Chad, Martha, Zeke, Kelsi, Sharpay, Ryan
<i>Stick to the Status Quo</i>	Full Company

## ACT II

<i>I Can't Take My Eyes Off of You</i>	Troy, Gabriella
<i>Counting on You</i>	Taylor, Chad, Troy, Gabriella, Brainiacs, Jocks
<i>When There Was Me and You</i>	Gabriella, Troy
<i>Start of Something New Reprise</i>	Troy, Gabriella
<i>Bop to the Top</i>	Sharpay, Ryan, Brainiacs, Jocks
<i>Breaking Free</i>	Troy, Gabriella, Company
<i>We're All in This Together</i>	Full Company

## BAND

Keyboard 1/Conductor	Ricky Romano
Keyboard 2	Jordan Klein
Guitar 1	Gillian Kroll
Guitar 2	Pete Scholes
Electric Bass	Don Cooksey
Drums	Will Marinelli
Percussion	Frank Zambrano

*We are live!* Yorktown Stage employs professional musicians who perform the show from the orchestra pit.

# CAST BIOGRAPHIES

## **TYLER BARATZ (*Alan/Jock/Thespian*)**

is excited to be part of his first Yorktown Stage Production. Tyler is a high school sophomore and started acting in theatre just over a year ago. Since then, he has been in over eight productions! Tyler is thrilled to be playing the part of Alan in *High School Musical*. He thanks everyone who has supported him through this journey, especially Casey, Augie, the entire production crew, his family and most importantly his mom!

**JACK BAUGH (*Troy Bolton*)** is a recent graduate of AMDA, and so excited to be a part of this amazing show! Recent credits include *The Office! A Musical Parody* Off-Broadway (Dwight), *The Pretty Pants Bandit* (Jaye) and *Here I Am (Spencer)*. He thanks Yorktown Stage for being so welcoming!

## **AMELIA BISACCIA (*Cathy/Ensemble*)**

is thrilled to take part in her third Yorktown Stage production! She participated in the YTS performances of *Cinderella* and *Seussical*, and during her time in Hendrick Hudson's drama program, she performed in many shows including *Beauty and the Beast*, *Mary Poppins* and others. She is currently a nursing student, and couldn't be happier to be back on stage with this extraordinary cast and crew.

## **JOSH BORDMAN (*Ripper/Jock/Thespian*)**

is in his first show with Yorktown Stage and he couldn't be more thrilled to join the team! Previously Josh had the pleasure of working with Al Blackstone, Josh Assor, Tony Gonzalez and other amazing choreographers. He thanks his parents for always supporting him, and most importantly letting him use their car to get to rehearsals.

## **ISABELLA GRACE CAMPISI (*Martha Cox/Ensemble*)**

is thrilled to be part of another awesome Yorktown Stage production. She has performed in many shows including *Cinderella* (Ensemble), *Carrie* (Frieda), *Seussical* (Jojo), *Heathers* (Ensemble), *The Lion King* (Simba), *Frozen* (middle-aged Anna), *Annie* (Tessie), *Peter Pan* (Wendy) and *The Little Mermaid* (Ariel). Many thanks to Yorktown Stage cast and crew!

## **GRACE CAPPS (*Performance Art Kid 2/Ensemble*)**

is excited to be in the ensemble for Yorktown Stage's production of *High School Musical*. Grace is a sophomore and this is her ninth year at Yorktown Stage. She thanks everyone at Yorktown Stage for making this like her second home!

**STEFANY DALACIO (*Gabriella Montez*)** is thrilled to be making her regional debut! She received her certificate in musical theatre at AMDA (The American Musical and Dramatic Academy) in February, and is excited to start her professional career. She sends lots of love to her family and friends who continue to support her! @stef.dala on Instagram.

**TIFFANI GRACE (*Taylor McKessie*)** is a Hudson Valley native and business analyst-turned-actor. Sixth-grade Tiffani is jumping up and down to be playing Taylor in *High School Musical*! She's an alum of the Neighborhood Playhouse School of the Theatre and the Fashion Institute of Technology. Recent stage credits include *13 Suits*, *Carousel*, *Sizwe Bansi is Dead*, *Blackgirltopia* and *Dido and Aeneas*.

**JAYDEN HERNANDEZ (*Zeke Baylor*)** is thrilled to return to Yorktown Stage! Jayden is currently majoring in history/secondary education with a photography business on the side. His favorite roles include Sebastian (*The Little Mermaid*), Kurt (*Heathers*), Billy Flynn (*Chicago*), Officer Lockstock (*Urinetown*) and Audrey II (*Little Shop of Horrors*). He'd thanks his family, friends, cast and crew for everything!!

**JEREMY LLOYD (*Chad Danforth*)** is beyond grateful to be making his Yorktown Stage debut. Jeremy is a native of Louisiana and graduate of SELU with a BM in vocal performance. Jeremy expresses his gratitude to God, his family, friends, and this beyond talented cast and crew for their continued support! Go Wildcats! Romans 8:28

**JOHN MAHANNA (*James/Mongo/Jock/Thespian*)** made his professional stage debut at the age of 10 in *Miracle on 34th Street* (Thomas Mara Jr.) at Yorktown Stage. Recent credits include *Into the Woods* (Jack) at YHS, the original cast of *Uncle Ted* (Connor) at The Peccadillo Theater Co. NYC and the original cast of *A Christmas Carol: A Story of Hope* (George) at PP/YTS. In 2019, John toured with the National Broadway production of *A Christmas Story|The Musical*. When not on stage, John can be seen on screen in various television and film roles. Many thanks to the entire YTS company of East High!

**BRIANA MANNARINO (*Ensemble*)** is excited to appear in her second production at Yorktown Stage! She was previously seen here as an ensemble member in *Cinderella*. Other recent credits include Rona Lisa Peretti (*Spelling Bee*) and Veta Louise Simmons (*Harvey*). She has always wanted to do *High School Musical*, so she is extremely happy to finally have that opportunity!

**MILES MESSIER** (*Ryan Evans*) is an actor, music director and composer. Credits include *The Wedding Singer* (Robbie Hart), *Assassins* (Balladeer/Lee Harvey Oswald), *West Side Story* (Action) and *Forever Plaid* (Francis). Miles graduated from The Hartt School, where he received a BFA in music theatre with a minor in composition. You can listen to his original music from the nine musicals he has written at [milesmessier.com](http://milesmessier.com)!

**KAYLA MOORE** (*Sharpay*) is beyond excited to be returning to Yorktown Stage after playing a Stepsister in Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella* this past fall! She just finished a production of *Picnic*, playing the role of Madge, with Harrison Players. Huge thank you to her family and friends for all their love and support! And thank you to the Yorktown Stage team for all you do for the cast and crew. We're all in this together!

**DANIEL ORTIZ** (*Jason/Thespian*) is so proud to be playing Jason who's a jock, who's also a Thespian, who's also a cheerleader?...yea! Hey Wildcats!!! Such an amazing cast and I am so grateful to be apart of this show! Now get'cha head in the game and enjoy the show!s

**PHILIP PODHURST** (*Jack Scott/Ensemble*) is thrilled to be joining this incredible cast and team in *High School Musical*. Roles he has previously played include Basilius (*Head Over Heels*), Freddy (*Carrie*) and Percy Jackson (*The Lightning Thief*). He is honored to join YTS again in another production. Enjoy the show!

**THERESA PODHURST** (*Ms. Darbus*) is making her Yorktown Stage debut as Ms. Darbus. Some of her favorite roles were Belinda in *Noises Off*, Audrey in *Little Shop of Horrors*, Frau Schmidt in *The Sound of Music* and Mrs. Pugh/Sophie in *Annie*. Theresa is one of the owners of Star 2B Performing Arts, a children's theater production company in Hopewell Junction. Theresa thanks her children for all their love and support and sends a special thank you to everyone at Yorktown Stage for making this a wonderful experience.

**AVA RENNE** (*Kelsi*) is excited to be back at Yorktown Stage to take part in this production of *High School Musical*! Some other acting credits include Carrie in *Carrie*, Henrietta in *All Shook Up* and more recently a part in the upcoming film *Christmas Eve in Millers Point*. Thank you and congrats to everyone in this beautiful cast and crew!

**JASON STERN** (*Coach Bolton*) is thrilled to be making his Yorktown Stage debut. Previous stage credits include *Visions* (Tony) and *The Bear* (Grigory). When not acting, Jason runs Mr. Admissions and the non-profit Harlem Project, which provides college admissions coaching for underserved communities. Jason thanks Barry, Augie and his supportive cast, family and friends.

**SUMMER STERN (*Performance Art Kid 3/Brainiac*)** is excited to return to Yorktown Stage after performing in *Carrie* last fall. Previous theater credits include *Fun Home* (Small Alison), *Secret Garden* (Mary), *The Wizard of Oz* (Dorothy), *Seussical* (Mayzie) and *Into The Woods* (Little Red). Summer thanks Augie, Barry, Casey, Ricky, Carrie and the cast for their friendship and support.

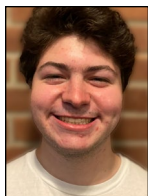
**LAUREN SUGANTINO (CYNDRA/ENSEMBLE)** is excited to be back on stage in the Yorktown Stage production of *High School Musical*. She recently performed in Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella* this past fall. Lauren is grateful for the love and support of her family and friends and thanks all those involved for this rewarding experience.

**ADDISON VALENTINO (*Susan/Brainiac*)** is excited to be back at Yorktown Stage performing in *High School Musical*. Previous YTS credits include Munchkin Coroner in *The Wizard of Oz*, Hendricka in *Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street*, Annie in *Annie Jr.* and ensemble in *Beauty and the Beast*, *Seussical* and *Jack and the Beanstalk*. First National Tour of *Anastasia* (little Anastasia/Alexi). Special thanks to the entire cast and crew who made this show amazing! @addisonmvalentino

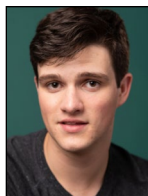
**VICTORIA VESPUCCI (*Performance Art Kid 1/Brainiac*)** is thrilled to be back on stage and performing in her very first Yorktown Stage production! She usually can be heard playing the flute in the pit orchestra here at Yorktown Stage. Previous shows include *Heathers* (Ensemble) and *The Little Mermaid Jr.* (Alanna). Victoria is also a fifth-grade band teacher in the Yorktown Central School District. Special thanks to my family, friends, and boyfriend for supporting me and to this wonderful cast for an amazing time!

**MIA ZUCCHI (*Kratnoff/Brainiac*)** is so excited to share the stage with this amazing cast. Mia has been a cast member in many shows at Yorktown Stage including Audrey in *Little Shop of Horrors*, Sarah in *Guys 'n Dolls*, Little Becky Two Shoes in *Urinetown*, Helen in *Carrie* and Anna in *Spring Awakening*. She also participated in Broadway Workshop Live at Sony Hall. Mia thanks all who helped put this show together, and her friends and family for their support.

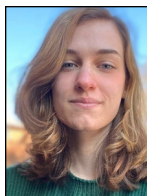




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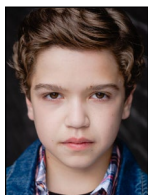
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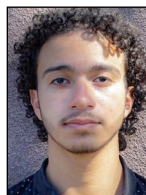
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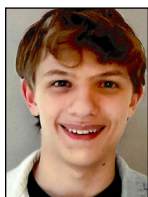
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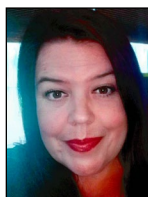
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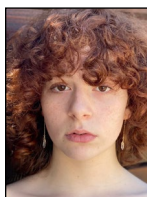
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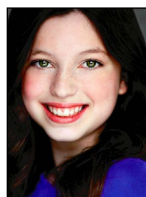
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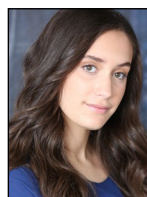
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Addison  
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Victoria  
Vespucci



Mia  
Zucchi

# ARTISTIC STAFF

**BARRY LIEBMAN (Producer/Artistic Director)** Barry has been a theatre professional for more than 50 years, producing director at Yorktown Stage for the past 20 and director of all Yorktown Stage productions from 1998 - 2012. Previously: producer of the musical revival of *Golden Boy* for Broadway; producer/director of entertainment, Holland American Cruise Line; director/choreographer of musical productions at The Theatre Place, Mahopac Farm Playhouse, North Stage Dinner Theatre and Pleasantville Music Theatre. As an actor: J. Pierpont Finch *How To Succeed in Business...*, Chuck Baxter *Promises Promises!*, Vernon Gersh *They're Playing Our Song*, Allan Felix *Play It Again Sam*, Eddie Goldberg *Conversations With My Father* and Pseudolus/Hysterium in seven different productions of *A Funny Thing...Forum*. He is a proud graduate of Penn State University musical theatre and Suffolk University Law School. Thank you all for your patronage and support!

**AUGUST ABATECOLA (Director)** welcomes you to Yorktown Stage and this wonderful production! As the Artistic Director of the theatre August has been an integral part in the founding and development of several new programs here at the theatre. He has directed over fifty productions,

more than twenty here, throughout the tri-state area in the last decade. Favorites include *Spamalot*, *Gypsy*, *Shrek* and *All Shook Up*. August has worked alongside and directed some of the best local, youth and award-winning Broadway talent to bring the magic of theatre to Westchester County. Onstage, August has starred in productions at the Westchester Broadway Theatre, the Mac-Haydn Theatre and the Cohoes Music Hall. He toured internationally on the AMA: America in Concert production and made his Off-Broadway debut in *The Gayest Christmas Pageant Ever*. August wishes to thank the Town of Yorktown for their continued support in the arts and of course, you, our loyal patrons who believe in the magic of the theatre.

**CARRIE SILVERNAIL (Choreographer)** Carrie Silvernail is the resident choreographer here at Yorktown Stage. She trained with the Marya Kennett Ballet Company in Goshen, New York. Some of Carrie's favorite credits here at Yorktown Stage include *Spamalot* (2013), *The King and I* (2014), *All Shook Up* (2015) and *Xanadu* (2016) with the Yorktown Stage Kids. She is a dance teacher with Just Dance at Yorktown Stage. Carrie is also the choreographer at LYT in Armonk and for Nyack High School.

**CASEY BREHM (*Stage Manager*)** Casey is excited to help tell one of her favorite stories. When's she's not scurrying around Yorktown Stage, she's working with The Theatre Project where she is a founding member of their classic theatre ensemble TP&Co. Recent credits include *Xanadu* (Yorktown Stage Kids), *Movin' On Up* (NYC Fringe Festival) and *The Secret Garden* (Friends in Theater Company). Many thanks to Barry, Augie, Carrie, Ricky and the cast and crew for all the magic.

**RICKY ROMANO (*Music Director*)** is a Music Supervisor, Music Director, and pianist based in the New York Metropolitan Area. Recently, he shifted over to the recording side of the industry and was an Associate Producer for the cast recording of Broadway's *The Music Man*, starring Hugh Jackman and Sutton Foster, which has reached the #1 position on Billboard's Cast Albums chart. He was also an Associate Producer for the cast recordings of Off-Broadway's *Fiddler on the Roof* (A Fidler Afn Dakh), Off-Broadway's *Desperate Measures*, and Courtney Love's *Kansas City Choir Boy*. Outside of the recording studio, Ricky has served as a Music Director for several productions, cabarets, workshops, and industry readings, including Off-Broadway's revival of *Ruthless the Musical*, Salgado Production's *AIDA* (starring Ace Young) at the Axelrod Theatre, and Jaime Lozano and Nancy Chester's *Present, Perfect*. Ricky has earned a Masters Degree with distinction in Music Business from Berklee College of Music and is currently a Senior Rights Management Coordinator at The Orchard (Sony Music).

**ANDREW G MOSER (*Lighting Designer*)** has lit the majority of our mainstage productions since the company's inception, and is delighted to be working on this production of *Cinderella* alongside Augie, Carrie, Ricky and everyone else at Yorktown Stage. Andrew loves his job designing for all levels of theatre, from high school programs through professional Broadway-caliber productions, and received the Cab Calloway Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Performing Arts in Westchester. Through his production company, Silent G Productions, Andrew provides theatrical lighting design, equipment, and consultation for live theatre, dance and concerts throughout Westchester and beyond. He recently completed his 28th season designing at the MacHaydn Theatre in upstate New York, and was lighting designer for over 30 years at the Westchester Broadway Theatre, until its unfortunate closing due to the pandemic. Andrew's best and most important production is with his lovely wife, Catherine: their twins, Thomas and Elizabeth!

## PRODUCTION STAFF

Producer .....	Barry Liebman
Artistic Director .....	August Abatecola
Dance Captain/Production Assistant .....	Nico van den Bergh
Assistant Stage Manager .....	Shannon O'Sullivan
Stage Crew .....	Cameron Wright, Kody Nestor, Daniel Anton
Wardrobe .....	Lyrica McIntyre
Lighting Technician .....	Melanie Leff
Spot Operators .....	Mia Campisi, CJ Prichinello
Theatre Manager .....	Stephen Wolf
Program Design .....	Peggy Derevlany, Taconic Marketing

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