

Orland Park Theatre Troupe Presents “The Music Man” Area Actors to Perform Broadway Classic on Sandburg’s Stage

ORLAND PARK, IL – An American musical theater classic will march into the Performing Arts Center at Carl Sandburg High School when the Orland Park Theatre Troupe presents three performances of “The Music Man,” April 30, May 1 and 2.

“The Music Man” is based on a story by Meredith Willson and Franklin Lacey. Harold Hill, a con man, poses as a boys’ band organizer and leader, selling band instruments and uniforms to naïve townsfolk in River City, Iowa before skipping town with the cash.

Familiar songs from the production include “Seventy-six Trombones,” “Gary, Indiana,” “Wells Fargo Wagon,” “Ya Got Trouble” and the classic re-released by the Beatles, “Til There Was You.”

“The Music Man’ is a timeless favorite with familiar songs that everyone has heard,” said Orland Park Recreation Operations Manager Irene Buikema, executive producer for the village’s theater programs. “This is a show that the entire family will enjoy, reasonably priced and close to home,” she added.

Bob Stewart of Mokena appears as Harold Hill with Joliet’s Kristina Wilson portraying Marian Paroo. Joey Boyce of Orland Park is Winthrop Paroo with Kathy Janik of Lemont appearing as Mrs. Paroo. Bob Szepanski and Mary Tuminello, both of Orland Park, appear as the mayor and his wife.

Orland Park’s resident producer-director, Frann Carnivele-Sidlow, is directing the show with Jim Mazeika serving as assistant director. Michelle Brooks is the musical director with Ashley Miletich choreographing the production.

“We have an incredibly talented cast from throughout the region,” Carnivele-Sidlow said. “Everyone will enjoy this show, whether they’re seeing it for the first time or enjoying a repeat performance perhaps last having seen it in high school,” she added smiling.

Performances at Carl Sandburg High School will be at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 30 and Saturday, May 1 with a matinee performance on Sunday, May 2 at 2:00 p.m. The show is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International.

“Sandburg’s Performing Arts Center is the perfect venue for live musical theater,” Carnivele-Sidlow said. “We’re thrilled to again be able to use this beautiful facility to present this American classic,” she said.

The cast of nearly 60 community actors from throughout the region boasts a number of Orland Park residents including Amy Anderson, Alyssa Barron, Christopher Casper, DeAnna DeHoff, Kelly Dillon, Mary Kate Feldner, Gary Felicetti, Madison Hart,

Angela Heidegger, Kyle Kraus, Mitch Kraus, Sam Kraus, Samantha Lahey, Michael Massura, Jessica Milazzo, Eve Moyar, Jessie Moyar, Jill Nachel, Dan Nevinger, Jim Sharp, Rob Siebert, Dan Stokes, Nicole Stubenfol, Haley Suich, Catherine Viz, Madeline Viz, Monique Viz, Peter Viz and Stephen Viz.

Those from Tinley Park include Jon Leong, Reilly Marino and Marissa Politano. Cast members from Oak Forest include Alex Alatorre, Jessica Alatorre, Louis Sidlow, Joanna Vaickus and Janet Wittenmyer. Those from Homer Glen include Brenda Bass, Amy Erxleben, Ryan Flynn and Mitchell McLaughlin. Frankfort residents in the production include Alexis Lubienski, Lara Lubienski and Madelyn Schafer. Bolingbrook residents include Brynn Frantz and Shane Frantz.

Mokena residents appearing in the show include Olivia Stewart and Maria Welser. The cast also includes Tina Cucci (Oak Lawn), Kasandra Kot (Lockport) and Katherine Kulchawik (Homewood).

Reserved seat tickets may be purchased at Orland Park's Franklin Loebe Recreation Center, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue. Adult tickets are \$18. Those for seniors and students are \$16 and children under the age of twelve are \$14. Tickets are not refundable and a limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

For more information, call the Village of Orland Park Recreation Department at 708/403-7275.

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2010 Music Man – Couple

Kristina Wilson, of Joliet, appears as Marian Paroo and Bob Stewart of Mokena is Harold Hill in the Orland Park Theatre Troupe's production of "The Music Man." Performances are April 30, May 1 and 2 at the Carl Sandburg High School Performing Arts Center. Ticket information is available at 708/403-7275.

2010 Music Man – Quartet

The barbershop quartet singing school board in the Orland Park Theatre Troupe's presentation of "The Music Man" includes Ryan Flynn of Homer Glen, Dan Nevinger of Orland Park, Jon Leong of Tinley Park and Mike Massura of Orland Park. Performances are April 30, May 1 and 2 at the Carl Sandburg High School Performing Arts Center. Ticket information is available at 708/403-7275.