

Sparta High School Theatre

presents



School Version

Book, Music and Lyrics by
Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey

December 5, 6 & 7 @ 7 pm

December 7 & 8 @ 2 pm

2024

Sparta High School Auditorium

Grease: School Version is presented by special arrangement with Samuel French Inc., a Concord Theatricals Company. www.concordtheatricals.com

From the Director....

Welcome to the 1950s. Elvis, Paul Anka, the Hand Jive and Sock Hops were all the rage. Leather jackets and Poodle Skirts were in style. What a time to be alive! We have had so much fun with this show. The music and energy this show brings is so different from anything we have done in the past. Add in a live band and a set that looks like a jukebox from your local diner and you are transported back to Rydell High. I cannot say enough about the cast and crew who have worked tirelessly to put this show together. Rebecca Towers, Amber Marks, Sam Beeson and Laura Rozeveld are true professionals. Our build team and tech team have worked to fine tune every detail. Sparta Theatre is thriving! Thank you on behalf of the cast and crew of *Grease*. We hope you enjoy the show as much as we have enjoyed presenting it to you.

Act 1

Scene 1: Reunion

***Alma Mater, Alma Mater Parody*.....Company**

Scene 2: Cafeteria and School Steps

***Summer Nights*.....Sandy, Danny, Company**

Scene 3: School

***Those Magic Changes*.....Doody, Company**

Scene 4: Pajama Party– Marty’s Bedroom

***Freddy My Love*.....Marty, Jan, Frenchy, Rizzo, Sandy**

Scene 5: Garage

***Greased Lightnin’*.....Kenickie, Greasers**

Scene 6: Burger Palace

***Mooning*.....Roger and Jan**

***Look at Me I’m Sandra Dee*.....Rizzo**

***We Go Together*.....Company**

There will be one 10 Minute Intermission

Act 2

Scene 1: Sandy's Bedroom and School Gym

***It's Raining on Prom Night*.....Sandy
and Girl's Radio Voice**

***Shakin at the High School Hop*.....Johnny Casino
and Company**

***Born to Hand Jive*.....Johnny Casino and Company**

***Hopelessly Devoted to You*.....Sandy**

Scene 2: Outside the Burger Palace

***Beauty School Dropout*.....Teen Angel and Chorus**

Scene 3: Drive-in Movie

***Alone At the Drive-In Movie*.....Danny
and Burger Palace Boys**

Scene 4: Jan's Basement

***Rock and Roll Party Queen*.....Doody, Roger and Sonny**

***Look at Me I'm Sandra Dee Reprise*.....Sandy**

Scene 5: Burger Palace

***You're the One That I Want*.....Company**

Finale

***We Go Together*.....Company**

Grease Cast List

Danny Zuko	Cameron Yates
Sandy Dombrowski	Aayla Enlow
Rizzo	Allie Amlotte
Marty	Kadence Norman
Frenchy	Addie Kingshott
Jan	Emily Scarffe
Patty Simcox	Peyton Beuschel
Kenickie	Justin Bradford
Doody	Cayden Oudbier
Sonny	Owen Lundberg
Roger	Brock Kukla
Eugene	Michael King
Cha-Cha DeGregorio	Jasmyn Marks
Ms. Lynch	Starlight Potter
Teen Angel	Jeff Amlotte
Vince Fontaine	Isaiah Marks
Johnny Casino	Dan Scarffe

Pink Ladies

Amber Landry, Erin Alster, Kaitlyn Potter,
Lauren Bradford, Lorelai Heyboer, Jenna Gardner
Alanna VanStrien, Cecilia Peterson, Amelia
Rozeveld, Kendaly Barscewski

Cheerleaders

Erin Alster, Kaitlyn Potter,
Kendayln Barscewski, Lauren Bradford

Burger Boys

Logan Anderson, Joseph Baltruczak,
Ethan Frey, Lucas Anderson

Grease Pit Band

Orchestra Conductor.....Samuel Beeson

Keyboard: Law Thompson

Electric Guitar: Madalyn Hume

Saxophone: York Ames and James Bremmer

Bass: Jared Tuinstra

Percussion: Azariah Murray

Grease Crew

Directors.....David Oudbier, Rebecca Towers
and Amber Marks

Vocal Director.....Rebecca Towers

Choreographer.....Amber Marks

Assisted by Breyjahna Maycroft, Bri Empie and
Cecilia Peterson

Auditorium Manager..... Kadie Koperski

Tech Crew.....Kadie Koperski, Meme Geysbeek
and Lucy Baltruczak

Stage Crew.....Katheryn Kober, Ella Munger,
Abby Baltruczak, Lydia Albaitis, Addison Uzarski,
Cinzia Scaramuzza, Zach Nickelson, Amaya McCune

Costumes.....Laura Rozeveld and Julie Anderson

Set Design.....Brad and Beth Baltruczak,
Scot Geysbeek, Connie Howe-Nelson, Chad Uzarski,
Isaiah Marks, Alex VanWeelde, Jim Thompson

Videographer..... Kyle Witter

Photographer..... Kimberly Norman

Senior Thoughts

Logan Anderson ~ I have been involved in Sparta theatre for many years, but my favorite show was *Lucky Hudson*. Even though we couldn't do the show in middle school, it was really fun being able to actually perform it this spring. If I had to give some advice to underclassmen, I would tell them to be smart with the resources you have - whether it be time, money, or relationships. Make sure to still have fun, but don't be stupid with what you've been given. If you work together as a team, theatre can actually be really fun.

Erin Alster ~ My name is Erin Alster. I began getting involved in theatre my freshman year. My favorite musical I have been a part of is *The Little Mermaid*. Theatre has been a great opportunity to grow friendships and have fun.

Joseph Baltruczak ~ My name is Joseph Baltruczak I have doing theater for the last seven years. My favorite show has to be *Seussical*, my favorite part would have to be Cogsworth, and my favorite line would have to be a person's person, no matter. It has been the greatest seven years of my life and I will miss doing it once I graduate

Justin Bradford ~ My name is Justin Bradford, I am a senior at Sparta High School and have been doing theatre for 8 years. I have really enjoyed participating in theatre and has taught me a lot about singing, dancing, and the value individuals have in accomplishing large goals. My favorite show was *Newsies*, however my favorite role was definitely Chef Louis in the *Little Mermaid*. Super grateful for all the years I have gotten to be involved in theatre and am excited to perform *Grease*!

Michael King ~ I'm Michael King, this is my 14th show and my favorite to be in was *Beauty and the Beast*.

Brock Kukla ~ Hello! My name is Brock Kukla. *Grease* is my tenth show that I have done here at Sparta and my favorite musical to be a part of was *Beauty and the Beast*. My advice would be to meet new people, putting myself out there has been an amazing experience for me because I have met some of my closest friends and made so many great memories through theatre.

Amber Landry ~ I started theater in 5th grade. 7 total years. 7 years adding up to 13 shows total (including one acts). I can't even wrap my mind around that. Now, it's coming to an end. Crazy ain't it? Time sure does fly. After many years of doing theater, I guess I have to choose a favorite show. Every show I have been a part of was special in its own way. But my personal favorite would have to be *Seussical*. *Seussical* doesn't suit everyone's desire, but, in a way, it was my "Big break." It was still a smaller role, but being Yertle, has sparked me in a way I can't explain (clearly). Having a small singing solo really boosted my confidence. Now, for the advice. Just keep going. Even for theater, you just have to keep pushing yourself over your comfort zone to be able to express a greater you. Whether that's in acting, or something else. To end this bio, I would like to give my thanks to cast and crew members, and to our directors for supporting their actors in any way possible.

Owen Lundberg ~ Over the course of high school, I have been in *Elf the Musical*, *Little Mermaid the Musical*, and *Addams Family the Musical*. This year I am participating in *Grease*, *Titanic*, and with plans to audition for *Aladdin*. Over the course of high school, my favorite show was *Elf the Musical*. Just because of the vibrant colors involved with the show. If you are looking to try acting, then do it because you want to not because you feel obligated. The best acting comes from your heart, not your head.

Ella Munger ~ My name is Ella Munger and this is my sixth show with Sparta. The theatre program is something that has brought me so many incredible friends and experiences, and I think being involved in theatre in any way is something everyone should have the opportunity to experience. My favorite show was *Addams Family* for the wonderful memories I made.

Kadence Norman ~ My favorite show that I have been in is *The Addams Family*. Advice I would give to underclassmen or someone thinking about theatre is go for that part you are thinking about auditioning for because you never know what might happen. Theatre truly does feel like a family and I would not trade this experience for anything.

Cayden Oudbier ~ My name is Cayden, and I have been doing theatre for 16 years. I have been in countless shows and met so many new people along the way. My favorite show is probably *Grease* so far. A piece of advice that I would give is always attend the Applebee's party after the Friday night show! Growing up on the stage has brought me closer to people and hanging out with them is always a great way to build better relationships!

Kaitlyn Potter ~ My name is Kaitlyn Potter and I have been in theater for 3 years. In those 3 years, I have done 5 shows. If I could give advice to someone, it would be that if you are considering doing theater, do it. You should put yourself out there because you never know what could happen. Also, it is never too late to start. Deciding to audition for *The Little Mermaid* my sophomore year was one of the best decisions I have ever made. I have met some amazing people and made memories that will last a lifetime. My favorite show/role was being a bird girl in *Seussical*. Theater has become a big part of my life over the last 2 years and I cannot thank everyone enough for giving me this opportunity. I would like to specifically thank Mom, Dad, Carter, Nathan, Nana, Papa, and Grandma as well as all my aunts, uncles, and cousins. Thank you for always coming to my shows and always standing behind me. I love you all

Cameron Yates ~ Ever since I started participating in theatrical productions in 6th grade it has become a huge part of my life. I have had a truly amazing time through the years having the opportunity to work with new people and make new friends. Theater has overall given me a deepened sense of belonging which I am grateful for. I have had so much fun on stage whether I was a greaser, a tap-dancing bird, or a bald man with a moon baby. My all-time favorite show and role I have played is Uncle Fester in *Addams Family*. I am very thankful for all of my family and friends who have supported me over the years and the amazing directors and helpers that make the shows happen.

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Brad and Beth Baltruczak, Scot Geysbeek, Connie Howe-Nelson, Chad Uzarski and the rest of your build team... we are always amazed and the work you do. Thank you for sharing your gifts and your time to create an amazing set right out of the 1950s.

Kadie Koperski and Meme Geysbeek...you have put in endless hours tweaking mics, setting up monitors and speakers, balancing sound, and creating stunning lighting effects. Thanks to you we can be seen and heard.

Samuel Beeson We decided to try something new this year and you stepped in and made it all work. Thank you for dedicating your time, energy and gifts to lead our live band. You all sound amazing.

Our Families.... Thank you for allowing us to do what we love. We know that things don’t always go as planned and sometimes schedules get messy. You have and continue to support us through each and every show.

You, our Sparta Community, friends and Family.... Thank you for coming out to watch us! We appreciate you so much!

Upcoming Events at Sparta High School

Sparta Band Christmas Concert

December 10

Sparta Community Theatre presents

Titanic

February 19-23, 2025

Sparta Middle School Theatre presents

The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe

March 13-15, 2025

Sparta High School Theatre presents

Aladdin Jr

April 2025