THE SCRANTON PREP PLAYERS PRESENT



DIRECTED BY

Ann S. Moyles

MUSICAL DIRECTOR

Daniel J. Marx

COSTUME DESIGN

Dolores A. Moyles

PRODUCTION DIRECTOR

Suzanne Fitzsimmons

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

John A. Moyles

Nicely-Nicely Johnson	Colin Holmes
Benny Southstreet	
Rusty Charlie	Jeff Godowski
Sarah Brown	Amanda Reiser
Arvide Abernathy	Matt Koberlein
Agatha	Maura Munley
Calvin	Chris Ritter
Martha	
Harry the Horse	Brad Sinkaus
Lt. Brannigan	
Nathan Detroit	
Angie the Ox	
Miss Adelaide	
Sky Masterson	Chris Boland
Joey Biltmore	A.J. Dalasio
General Cartwright	
Big Jule	
Newspaper Vender	Ryan Holmes

GAMBLER DANCERS

Colin Holmes Jay Gress Peter Kelly **Akshat Patel Brian Thompson Brad Sinkaus**

Paul Woelkers Alex Simrell Jeff Godowski **Brandon Thompson** Lou Balzani Luke Kelly

HOT BOX SHOW GIRLS

Margaret Mary DeMark Sara Broderick Kari Lavin Tori Bost Celia Rader

Caty Davis Amanda Holyk Genevieve Bormes

CUBAN DANCERS

Kate Washo Alyssa Beekman Andrea Genello Allie Aughe

Courtney Dempsey Tori Sluko Erin Grogan

NEW YORKERS

Danny Holland Amanda Burnside Dana Majeski Susanna David Molly Feeney Kelcey Grogan Stephen Gan John Guzek

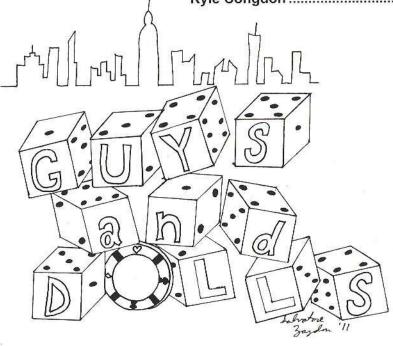
Bridget Hinton Megan Lenahan Lisa Dragic Molly Grogan Rob Salazar Nicole Adamski Allison Durkin **Emily Messett**

AISSION BAND

Chris Ritter Maria Boris Zach Lansdowne Maura Munley

MUSICIANS

Daniel J. Marx	piano
	trumpet
	percussion
	woodwinds
	saxophone/clarinet
Hillary Fanelli	saxophone/clarinet
	saxophone
	trumpet
	flute
	bass
Derrick Dunstone	trombone
	flute
	violin
	violin



SYNOPSIS OF SCENES AND MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT I

ACT	
Scene I Broadway Opening Runyonland – Company Fugue for Tinhorns – Nicely Nicely Johnson, Benny Southstreet, Rusty Charlie Follow the Fold – Mission Band The Oldest Established – Nicely Nicely Johnson, Benny Southstreet, Nathan Detriot, Gamblers	
Follow the Fold Reprise – Mission Band	
Scene II Save-A-Soul Mission, Same Day I'll Know – Sister Sarah Brown, Sky Masterson	
Scene III Phone Booth / Biltmore Garage	
Scene IV The Hot Box – Night Club, That Evening Bushel and a Peck – Adelaide and The Hot Box Girls Adelaide's Lament – Adelaide	
Scene V Save-A-Soul Mission Interior, The Next Day	
Scene VI A Street Off Broadway, The Same Day Guys and Dolls – Nathan Detroit, Nicely Nicely Johnson, Benny Southstreet and Gambler	s
Scene VII Mission Interior, The Same Day	
Scene VIII Havana, Cuba – A Dive, That Evening Somba- Havana Dancers, Sky Masterson and Sister Sarah Brown	
Scene IX Havana Garden, That Night If I Were a Bell – Sky Masterson and Sister Sarah Brown	
Scene X Mission Exterior, Early the Next Morning I've Never Been In Love Before - Sky Masterson and Sister Sarah Brown	
INTERMISSION	
ACT II	
Scene I The Hot Box Nightclub, That Evening Take Back Your Mink - Adelaide and The Hot Box Girls Adelaide's Second Lament – Adelaide	
Scene II A Street off Broadway More I Cannot Wish You – Arvide	
Scene III Crap Game in the Sewer, Later that Night The Crapshooters Dance – Gambler Dancers Luck Be Lady – Sky Masterson and Gamblers	
Scene IV A Street Off Broadway, Later the same Night Sue Me – Adelaide and Nathan Detroit	
Scene V Inside the Save-A-Soul Mission Sit Down, You're Rockin' the Boat – Nicely Nicely Johnson, Gamblers and Mission Band The Guys Follow the Fold – Gamblers	
Scene VI Street Off Broadway, Late That Night Adelaide Meets Sarah – Adelaide And Sister Sarah Brown	
Scene VII Broadway, The Next Evening	

Finale - Company

PRODUCTION STAFF

	DUCTION STAFF
Student Director	Maggie Jackson
Assistant Student Director	Mary LiBassi, Maggie Sweeney
Stage Managers	Wally Checefsky, John Mackarey
Asst. Stage Manager	Dan Zeleniak
Stage Crew	Chris Cali, Nick Philbin, Dave Pagnotti, Alex Krowiak,
	Robert Graham, Luke Kelly, Anthony Carroll
	Madeline McKenna
Asst. Artist	Mary Acker
Scenic Painting Crew	Annie Rowland, Corrine DiGiovine, Jessica Valenti,
Brooke Beppl	er, Kellia Giombrone, Emily Walsh, Ashlyn Reiser, Luke Kelly
Lighting Design	John A. Moyles
Master Electrician	
Asst. Master Electrician	Jeff Sharkey
Lighting Crew	Ed Scacchitti, Mike Trischetta, Dorian Evans
	Garrett Parlo, Anshuman Sethi
Sound Design	Tom Geiser
Sound Assistants	Michael Holmes, Colby Kalinowski
Properties Mistress	Elizabeth Boino
Asst. Property Mistresses	Sarah Cosgrove, Mary D'Arienzo
Property Crew	Bridget Hinton, Yvonne Germain, Maggie Bannon
Costume Mistresses	Michele Cognetti, Melissa Witt
Asst. Costume Mistresses	Katie O'Boyle, Anna Walsh
	e Germain, Savanna Kudelycz, Kelly Renfer, Maggie Germain,
	rett Zimmerman, Elyse Klemm, Kirsten Simons, Julie Langan
Hair Style and Make-Up Design	Dolores A. Moyles
Head Make-Up Artists	Morgan Duffy, Meghan Davitt
Asst. Head Make-Up Artist	
Make-Up Crew	Samarah LaFoca, MT Condosta, Briana LaFoca,
Stephani	e Rescigno, Vhalle Otarod, Victoria Galenas, Sarah Speicher,
Valerie Lucas, Cai	tlin Kempinsky, Rory Dugan, Marley Joyce, Brigid, Loughney
Head Hair Stylist	Taylor Rose, Angela DiBileo
Asst. Head Hair Stylist	Maria Magnotta
Hair Styling Crew	Stephanie Breslin, Gabby Greco, Lauren Krasucki,
	ack, Keara McAndrew, Elizabeth Cosgrove, Kathleen Brogan,
	Kate Sundheim, Elizabeth Sundheim, Dana Majeski, Elia Sici,
	Sarah Stuccio, Carly Murphy, Abby Speicher
Publicity Director	Jessica Lloyd
Poster/Program Design	Michelle Sangster, Sal Zaydon
Publicity Crew	Stephanie Gleason, Hillary Rossi, Amber Rybnick
House Manager	Kevin Dermody
Head Usher	Don Fenocchi
UshersJo	e Saporito, Kerry Rohrbeck, Elizabeth Schultz, Jamie Knabel,
Jeff I	Baron, Kesha Patel, Sonal Patel, Elizabeth Casey, Anup Patel,
	Stephanie Rescigno, Rob Costanzo, Jeff DeSanto
Box Office Manager	Katie Feeney
Asst. Box Office Manager	Grace Nebzydoski
	Erin Berlew, Nicole Phillips, Sara, Garcia, Marci Baileys,
Conor Lyons,	Stephanie Gleason, Alyssa Jones, Peter Alfano, Amy Russo,
Naile	a Meneses, Paul Byrne, Gwenny Gunawan, Julia Blaskiewicz

SPECIAL THANKS

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To the parents of the *Guys and Dolls* Company for their patience, understanding, and support.

ATTENTION!

To avoid technical difficulties, kindly turn off all pages and cell phones during the performance. Such devices interfere with the communication equipment of the production staff and may endanger the safety of both cast and crew.

Thanking you in advance, The Prep Players

Hearing Aid Devices are available at the Box Office.

WHO'S WHO IN THE COMPANY

Jeff Godowski – (Rusty Charlie) Jeff, a senior, was a member of the casts of *Showstoppers, Cinderella, The Sound of Music, A Christmas Carol,* and *Inherit the Wind*. He is also a member of Chorale and helps to lead Freshman Orientation. Jeff also likes spending time with friends and listening to music. As for college plans, Jeff is considering Georgetown, Boston College, College of the Holy Cross, and University of Scranton.

Brad Sinkaus – (Harry the Horse) Brad, a senior, was a part of the company in *Showstoppers, Showstoppers 2, Cinderella, The Sound of Music, A Christmas Carol* and *Inherit the Wind*. He is Editor of the Cavalier Chronicle, a member of the National Honor Society, and a member of the Speech and Debate team. Outside of school, he teaches Catechism on Sundays, works on the weekends, and loves reading and politics, as well as spending time with friends and family. In the future, Brad plans to major in political science and is applying to New York University and Georgetown University among others.

Amanda Holyk – (Hot Box Dancer) Amanda, a senior, has been a member of the casts of *Showstoppers, Cinderella, The Sound of Music, A Christmas Carol,* and *Inherit the Wind*. She is captain of the varsity tennis team and a member of Chorale, Spanish Club, the Dean's Team, and the National Honor Society. Amanda has also played the piano for eight years and is a cantor at her church. In the future Amanda hopes to major in pharmacy or classical languages. She is considering the University of Connecticut, the University of the Sciences, Wilkes, Boston University, and Georgetown.

Maura Munley – (Agatha, New Yorker) Maura, a senior, had been in the company of *Showstoppers, Cinderella, The Sound of Music, A Christmas Carol, Showstoppers* 2, and *Inherit the Wind*. She has been playing the piano for 11 years, and is a member of Chorale and Cheerleading. In her spare time Maura enjoys working and spending time with friends and family. She plans to double major in secondary education and theater. She is considering Fairfield University, St. Josephs, The University of Scranton, and Temple University..

Stephen Murphy - (Nathan Detroit) Stephen, a sophomore, was previously a member of the casts of *A Christmas Carol*, *Showstoppers 2* and *Inherit the Wind*. He is also a member of Chorale and Mock Trial. In his spare time, Stephen plays the piano, and acts as the accompanist for the Ballet Theater of Scranton.

Luke Kelly – (Brannigan) Luke, a junior, has been a part of *The Sound of Music, A Christmas Carol, Showstoppers 2*, and *Inherit the Wind.*. Along with being one of the Players' talented actors, Luke is also an active stage crew member. He is also the president and founder of the Business Club and a member of Literary Club, Chorale, and Student Council. Luke also acts as a volunteer at Junior Achievement.

Scott Stange – (Big Jule) Scott, a senior, has been a member of the company of Showstoppers, Showstoppers 2 Cinderella, The Sound of Music, A Christmas Carol, and Inherit the Wind. He is the "reigning" student council treasurer, a member of the National Honor Society, Art Society, JSA, and a church lector. Scott also works on weekends, and enjoys making pizza, playing video games, faking international accents, wearing false mustaches, and filming comedy sketches. Scott is considering Loyola College in Maryland, Fairfield university, Le Moyne College, Saint Joseph's University, and the University of Scranton.

Lauren Thorne – (Miss Adelaide) Lauren, a senior, has lent her talents to Showstoppers, Showstoppers 2, Cinderella, The Sound of Music, A Christmas Carol, and Inherit the Wind. She is involved in chorale and bowling. Lauren also enjoys drinking coffee (lots of coffee), dancing around her living room, and singing along to Broadway tunes. As for college plans, Lauren intends to major in secondary education mathematics and minor in musical theater at Marywood University.

Colin Holmes – (Nicely-Nicely Johnson) Colin, a senior, has been a member of the casts of *Showstoppers, Showstoppers 2 Cinderella, The Sound of Music*, and *A Christmas Carol*. He is a member of Mock Trial, Chorale, Spanish Club, Student Council, and Spirit Club. Colin also acts as Freshman Orientation Director. In his free time, Colin likes to read, sing, and spend time with his family and friends. In the future, he plans to attend The University of Scranton, St. Joseph's University, or Marywood University and major in Education/Guidance Counseling.

Louis Balzani- (Benny) Louis, a junior, was a member of the cast of **Showstoppers 2**. At Prep, Louis participates in bowling and Chorale. In his spare time, he enjoys writing, parasailing, and kayaking, and is a former member of the Choral Society of NEPA.

Chris Ritter – (Calvin) Chris has been a member of the company of *Cinderella, The Sound of Music, A Christmas Carol, Showstoppers 2*, and *Inherit the Wind*. Chris is also a member of JSA, Literary Club, the Cavalier Chronicle, Speech and Debate, and Chorale. He also enjoys writing, playing the piano, and composing music.

Maria Boris – (Martha) Maria, a senior, has lent her talents to Showstoppers, Showstoppers 2, Cinderella, The Sound of Music, A Christmas Carol, and Inherit the Wind. Maria is a member of the Cavalier Chronicle, and participates in intramural bowling. In addition, she is an altar server at her church, and enjoys going to New York City and spending time with family and friends. In the future, Maria plans to attend the University of Scranton and major in Elementary Education.

Chris Boland – (Sky Masterson) Chris, a freshman, is new to the Prep Players. Chris is also a member of the KISS theater company, where he has been involved with several productions. Although *Guys and Dolls* will be Chris' first show with the Prep Players, we hope to see much more of him in the future.

Pat Bewick – (Angie the Ox) Pat has been a member of the company of *Showstoppers*, *The Sound of Music*, *A Christmas Carol*, and *Showstoppers 2*. He is a member of the Junior Statesmen of America, German Club, Student Council, and Treasurer of Business Club. He enjoys playing guitar and bass, and playing in the band Alibi Elsewhere

Meghan McDonald – (General Cartwright) Meghan, a junior, has lent her talents to *Cinderella*, *The Sound of Music*, and *Showstoppers* 2. She is also involved in basketball, track, chorale, and student council.

Anthony Dalasio – (Joey Biltmore) Anthony has lent his talents to **Cinderella**, and **Showstoppers 2**. He is a member of the Math Club, Junior Statesmen of America, and the Cavalier Chronicle Staff. In his spare time he enjoys hanging out with friends, playing video games, and golf.

Amanda Reiser – (Sgt. Sarah Brown) Amanda, a junior, has lent her talents to *Cinderella* and the *Sound of Music*. She is also a member of Scranton Prep's Chorale.

Kelcey Grogan – (New Yorker) Kelcey, a senior, is the editor of the Cavalier Chronicle and the Yearbook. She is also the captain of the basketball cheerleading squad, and a member of the cross country team. She is also an intern at Senator Robert Mellow's office. In her free time, she enjoys skiing. She plans to study International Relations or International Health at either Georgetown, Cornell, Bucknell, or the Schreyer's Honors College at Penn State.

Tom Geiser – (Sound Crew) Tom, a senior, has been involved in *A Christmas Carol*, *Showstoppers* 2, and *Inherit The Wind*. He is also a member of the Computer Club, Junior Statesman of America, and Business Club. In the future Tom plans to major in marketing and economics.

Madeline McKenna – (Head Artist) Madeline, a senior, has been involved with Cinderella, The Sound of Music, A Christmas Carol, Showstoppers 2, and Inherit The Wind. She also plays soccer and is a member of the Society for the Unified Attainment of Verbal Excellence. In her free time she enjoys knitting, painting, and solving jigsaw puzzles.

Chris Cali – (Stage Crew) Chris, a senior, has been involved with Showstoppers, Cinderella, The Sound of Music, A Christmas Carol, Showstoppers 2, and Inherit The Wind. He plays soccer and is involved with track and field. He is considering St. Joseph's, Temple, and the University of Scranton.

Maggie Jackson – (Student Director) Maggie, a senior, has been a member of the Prep Players for four years. She is a member of Student Council, Spanish Club, and the National Honor Society. In her free time, Maggie enjoys dancing, and painting. She also works as dance instructor. In the future, Maggie hopes to attend the University of Pennsylvania and major in Biological Basis of Behavior.

Marc Prisco – (Master Electrician) Marc, a senior, has worked with the Prep Players in *Showstoppers, Showstoppers 2, Cinderella, The Sound of Music,* and *A Christmas Carol.* He is a member of the soccer team, the Cavalier Chronicle, Intramural Bowling, Spanish Club, and the National Honor Society. Marc also enjoys skiing, golf, and playing the piano. As for college plans, Marc plans to major in Architecture at Penn State, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, or Drexel University.

Taylor Rose – (Head of Hair Crew) Taylor, a senior, has worked with the Prep Players in *Showstoppers, Showstoppers* 2, *Cinderella, The Sound of Music, A Christmas Carol*, and *Inherit the Wind*. She is a member of the track team, basketball cheerleading, Yearbook, Chorale, the Math Team, and Spanish Club. In her free time, Taylor enjoys tutoring, karate, Irish Stepdancing, and playing the piano. In the future, Taylor plans to major in Biology at Georgetown University, Pittsburgh University, Villanova University, Boston College, or the University of Rochester.

Angela DiBileo – (Asst. Head of Hair Crew) Angela, a senior, has worked with the Prep Players in *Showstoppers*, *Showstoppers 2*, *Cinderella*, *The Sound of Music*, *A Christmas Carol*, *and* Inherit the Wind. She is a member of the track and cheerleading teams. She also participates in Prep's Eighth Grade Tutoring Program. In her free time, Angela enjoys skiing. Angela is undecided about where she will attend college but plans to major in Biology, or Pre-Med.

Morgan Duffy – (Head of Make-Up) Morgan, a senior, has worked with the Prep Players in *Showstoppers, Showstoppers* 2, *Cinderella, The Sound of Music, A Christmas Carol,* and *Inherit the Wind.* She is a member of Mock Trial, Speech and Debate, and Chorale, and is President of the National Honor Society. Morgan also enjoys being with family and friends, reading, and photography. In the future Morgan plans to study Biology at Stanford University.

Meghan Davitt – (Head Make-Up Artist) A senior, Meghan has been an active member of the Prep Players for the last three years. Along with her involvement with the Prep Players, Meghan's other school activities include the Cavalier Chronicle and the yearbook. She is also dedicated to Irish step dancing. Meghan hopes to attend Boston College, Fordham, or the University of Pittsburgh and major in Biology.

Katie Feeney – (Head of Box Office) Katie, a senior, has been a part of the Box Office staff since her freshman year. She is a member of the varsity soccer team, track team, Spanish Club, National Honor Society, and S.U.A.V.E. Katie is considering the University of Notre Dame, Georgetown University, Duke University, the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Scranton, and St. Joseph's University. She plans to major in Biological Sciences.

Kevin Dermody – (House Manager) Kevin, a senior, has been involved with the Prep Players since freshman year. He is a member of the football and track teams and well as the Cavalier Chronicle. Kevin is also part of the Spirit Club, Spanish Club, and The National Honor Society. Kevin plans on attending college. He is considering the University of Scranton, the University of Notre Dame, and Georgetown University.

WHO'S WHO IN THE COMPANY Continued

Elizabeth Boino (Property Mistress) Elizabeth has been involved with such Players' productions as Cinderella, The Sound of Music, A Christmas Carol, Showstoppers 2 and, Inherit The Wind. As well as being an efficient Props Mistress, Liz is also a member of the cross country, basketball, and track and field teams. She also participates in Spanish Club, S.U.A.V.E, and the Dean's Team. Her college plans include attending the University Of Scranton in the fall.

Wally Checefsky (Co-Stage Manager) Since coming to Prep in his sophomore year, Wally has been an active and important member of the Prep Players' stage crew. He has helped to make the sets for *Cinderella*, *The Sound of Music*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Showstoppers 2*, *and Inherit The Wind* some the Players' most memorable. Along with his evolvement with the Players, Wally is also an active member of the Spanish Club, Ski Club, and Breakfast Club. Wally plans to attend Fordham University, Rose Hill campus in the fall, but has yet to decide on his major.

Jessica Lloyd (Publicity Director) Jessica began her career with the Players as a member of the stage crew. She then moved to the publicity crew where she has done an outstanding job. Her Players' show credits include Showstoppers, Cinderella, The Sound of Music, A Christmas Carol, Showstoppers 2, and Inherit the Wind. Jess also belongs to the newspaper, chorale, Spanish Club, and EOTC Mentoring and volunteered at Freshman Orientation. This fall Jessica will attend the University of Scranton and major in Business Administration.

John Mackarey (Co-Stage Manager) John has been a member of the Prep Players since freshman year. He has lent his considerable talent and energy to such shows as *Showstoppers, Cinderella, The Sound of Music, A Christmas Carol, Showstoppers 2, and Inherit the Wind.* Along with being a member of the Prep Players, John has been a four-year member of Prep's soccer team, two-year member of the track team, the Spanish club, the feature bass drummer for the Spirit Club, and S.U.A.V.E.. His out of school activities include skiing, rock climbing and many other unusual outdoor activities such as a novice nature field guide. In the fall John will attend St Joseph's University but has yet to decide on his major.

Celia Rader (Mimi) A four-year member of the Players, Celia has delighted audiences in *Showstoppers, Cinderella, The Sound of Music, and Showstoppers* 2. Celia has been a valuable member of the Prep Girls' basketball team for four years as well as track for three years. Her other Prep activities include Spirit Club, S.U.A.V.E., Spanish Club and the Dean's Team. Outside of school, Celia loves to read and spend time with her close friends. Celia's future plans include either attending Penn State University or the University of Scranton.

David Pagnotti (Stage Crew) Dave joined the Prep Players in his junior year and quickly became one of its most dedicated members of stage crew. He has helped to build sets for *A Christmas Carol, Showstoppers 2, and Inherit the Wind.* Dave is also a member of Spanish Club, Breakfast Club, and a member of the school's Bowling Team. When not busy with his various school activities, Dave enjoys skiing, eating his favorite Italian food, lasagna and hanging out with his friends. Dave will be travelling to St. Joseph's University to major in psychology in the fall.

Amber Rybnick (publicity crew) A senior member of the publicity crew, Amber has previously performed as a dancer and cast member in the Prep Players' productions of *Showstoppers, Cinderella, and Inherit the Wind.* Busy with many activities, Amber is the president of the Fight and Stop tobacco Club, cocaptain of the Mock Trial Team, and a member of the National Honor Society. Outside of school, she dedicates her time to dance classes where she also works as an instructor. In the fall, Amber plans to attend either Georgetown University or University of Rochester to major in the social sciences.

Michael Trischetta (Lighting Crew) A four year member of the Prep Players, Mike previously served on the sound crew before he moved to lights where he is the Players' expert on the follow spot. Mike has been involved in *Showstoppers*, *Cinderella*, *The Sound of Music*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Showstoppers 2*, and *Inherit the Wind*. Besides the Players, Mike belongs to Art Society, is a member of the track team and a member of the National Honor Society. Mike holds the title of Eagle Scout and in his spare time he plays guitar. Mike is considering attending Loyola College, Maryland or the University of Scranton in the fall.

Brigitte Germain (costume crew) Brigitte has been a dedicated member of the costume crew for four years. An avid swimmer, Brigitte has swum for Prep's swim team all four years and served this year as team captain. Her interests outside of school are varied. She enjoys dancing, singing songs from her favorite Broadway shows and just spending quality time with her family and friends. Next year Brigitte will continue to swim for Fairfield University and pursue a career in nursing.

Colby Kalinowski (sound crew) Colby joined the Prep Players in his junior year and has been one of its most involved crew members. He began working on the stage crew, then moved to sound crew. Along with his work on sound crew, Colby has become the official photographer for the Prep Players. This year he has been responsible for all of the group's publicity photos as well as the marquee for both *Inherit the Wind* and *Guys and Dolls*. Colby's future plans include attending Marywood University in the fall.

Program Additions and Corrections

Terry Holmes.....Sound Designer

The role of the Roxy Ticket Seller is played by Maggie Jackson.

The role of the Shoe Shine boy is played by Danny Zeleniak.

Guys and Dolls is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International, New York, N.Y. not Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

About the Author and Play

One of Broadway's most hilarious shows, Guys and Dolls has been described as the perfect musical comedy. Based primarily on the Damon Runyon short story The Idyll of Miss Sarah Brown, it is peopled with the rich and often comic, criminal characters whom Damon Runyon loved to create. Although born in Manhattan, Kansas, his family later moved to Colorado. Runyon began his writing career there as a newspaper reporter for a small paper, Pueblo's Evening Press, in Pueblo, Colorado. As a young man he served in the army and fought in the Spanish-American War. After leaving the army in 1899, Runyon rode the rails. He later said that his experiences with the hobos who secretly rode the empty freight cars marked the beginning of his association with criminal lore and slang. After working for various newspapers around the country, Runyon eventually landed a job in the sports department of William Randolph Hearst's New York American. His sports writing quickly gained him recognition as a writer with an unusual personal style. This success allowed him the opportunity to write whatever he wanted in his column, which featured human interest stories of the sports, theatrical, and underworld characters of Broadway.

Runyon began writing short stories again in the 1920's, many of them featuring his Broadway characters with their distinctive dialects. Many of his stories were published in collections, the best known of which is Guys and Dolls. A remarkable number of these stories have been transferred to the stage and screen, the most famous being the musical Guys and Dolls and the Shirley temple movie Little Miss Marker based on the story of the same name. The appeal of his characters has made the works and characters of Damon Runyon timeless and some of the most beloved ever created in American literature, and immortalized in American theatre and film.

