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HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

Book by David Simpatico

Original songs by Matthew Gerrard & Robbie Nevil; Ray Cham,
Greg Cham & Andrew Seely; Randy Peterson & Kevin Quinn;
Andy Dodd & Adam Watts; Bryan Louiselle; David N Lawrence
& Faye Greenburg; Jamie Houston

Music adapted, arranged & produced by Bryan Louiselle

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Based on a
Disney channel Original Movie
Written by Peter Barsocchini

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What's it all about?

"High School Musical on Stage!" is a stage adaptation of the Disney Channel original movie. It follows the same basic plot but some things have been altered to make it more "stage friendly". The running order of the songs from the film has been changed, and other songs added to the show.

Act I opens at East High and the story begins with Troy Bolton telling his Jock friends, Chad Danforth and Zeke Baylor, about meeting Gabriella Montez on New Year's Eve, during the winter vacation, on a ski trip. Meanwhile Gabriella, who has just moved to Albuquerque, tells her new found Brainiac friends, Taylor McKessie and Martha Cox, of her vacation. We are also introduced to Sharpay and Ryan Evans, the two drama stars of the school. Later on, Ms. Darbus tells her class of the upcoming Winter Musical, "Juliet and Romeo", a new version of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet", written by Kelsi Neilson, a shy East High student. Sharpay and Ryan join the Thespians and audition for the play, but after the auditions have been declared closed, Gabriella and Troy sing Kelsi's song as she intended. They are called back for a second audition and Sharpay is furious as she believes that they've stolen the lead roles and broken the 'rules' of East High.

In Act II, we find that Sharpay has managed to get the audition callback date moved to the same time as Troy's big game, and Gabriella's Scholastic Decathlon. Troy and Gabriella tell the Jocks and Brainiacs that they are not going to be at the callback, but will, instead help their teams at their events. The teams decide, however, to help Troy and Gabriella.

On the big day, planned mayhem breaks out at the big game and Decathlon and the students end up making their way to the auditions. Hesitant to allow Troy and Gabriella an audition due to their lateness, Ms. Darbus has no choice but to let them audition as the auditorium starts to fill.

About WOW!

WOW was formed in 1996 for young people between the ages of 11-18 (inclusive). If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Steve and Sue Rogers on tel. 01621 890850 or email wow.kids.team@wow.org.uk. From Easter until the Schools' Summer Vacation we will be running regular workshops and, in September, rehearsals will start for our February 2009 production of Les Misérables.

Committee

President	Nicholas Clough
Chairman	Graham Green
Secretary	Jennifer Papworth
Treasurer	Helen Temperley
Production Manager	Kathryn Adkins
Pastoral Team	Steve Rogers
	Sue Rogers
Members	Janice Hawkes
	Tim Clarke
	Sarah Wilson

A message from our President

WOW is now in its 12th year and still going strong and I am proud to have been involved with the company since its inception in September 1995. Strong friendships have been forged over the years and we love to see the "old boys and girls" returning to watch the shows and catching up with past members. For those who have not progressed to professional careers in the theatre and television, we hope that they will continue their hobby in the years to come and hope that the experience they have gained with Witham Operatic Workshop will stand them in good stead.

Welcome to our production of High School Musical. We wish you an enjoyable and entertaining evening.



The Production Team



Director – Angela Briley

Angela has been involved with the theatre since she was 11 when she performed with the Ace of Spades Drama Group, where she also ran a children's drama group. She trained with The Pam Patricia School Dance, gaining teachers certificates in tap, and song and dance. Angela has assisted with choreography for many dancing competitions and joined WAOS in 2000 appearing in many shows, and was directors assistant for Me and my Girl.

This is Angela's first show with WOW and she has enjoyed the experience and looks forward to working with them again in the future.

Musical Director - Geoff Osborne

Geoff is Head of Music at the Colne Community School in Brightlingsea. He received much of his musical training at the Colchester Institute where he studied piano, brass, percussion and composition. He has been musical director with WAOS for productions of *Sweet Charity* (2004) and *South Pacific* (2006). Geoff is delighted to have been musical director for WOW since 2003 and conducted performances of *Oliver*, *Crazy for You*, *The Little Shop of Horrors*, *Fame* and *A Knight to Remember*.



Assistant Director/ Choreographer – Natalie Wilson

Natalie started her Musical Theatre training with 'Rainsford High School' where she won a scholarship. She joined WOW at the age of 11. Natalie has appeared in many shows including 42nd Street, Bugsy Malone, The Wiz and Fame. She joined the adult group WAOS at 16. Natalie has also been involved with Chelmsford Ballet Company and danced at The Sadlers Wells Theatre. She studied a degree course for Musical Theatre at Essex University and she has just been accepted into a Contemporary Dance Company, which will be touring the South East this year. This is Natalie's first show choreographing WOW and has enjoyed every minute!



Gabriella Montez - Zoe Rogers

At 12 this is Zoe's second show with WOW, her first being the pantomime last year, 'A Knight to Remember' but you may have also seen her in some of the WAOS shows. She has enjoyed rehearsing for 'High School Musical' although she is very nervous.

Troy Bolton - Jake Davis

Jake is really looking forward to playing Troy. This is his third show for WOW, previous shows include 'Fame!' and 'A Knight To Remember' where he played Sir Drinkalot.

Ryan Evans - Thomas Holland

A member since 9, Thomas has worked his way to principal in High School Musical having starred in Bugsy Malone, Oliver!, Crazy For You, Little Shop of Horrors and Fame. Thomas is currently developing his singing skills as well as his dancing and acting.



Sharpay Evans - Rhianna Howard

This is Rhianna's second show with WOW. In a Knight to remember she played the part of Columbine, and has taken part in three school productions, playing a small role in the next show 'Back to the Eighties'



Taylor McKessie - Poppy Gerrard / Sam Carlyle

Sam is 14 and has performed in Fame and Little Shop of Horrors with WOW and has recently played Dorothy in The Wizard of Oz. Poppy is also 14 and although performing at school this is her first production with WOW.

Martha Cox - Rebecca Murphy

Having spent 3 years at Chelmsford Dance School, gaining certificates in ballroom, this is Rebecca's first taste of treading the boards.

Chad Danforth - Tom Flynn

This is Tom's first WOW show and he is excited about performing for the first time and is enjoying the atmosphere.



Kelsi Neilson - Amy Trigg

This is Amy's first show with WOW, but she has been heavily involved with theatre, recently playing the part of Glinda in The Wizard of Oz

Ms Darbus - Jess Rodda

This is Jess's second show with WOW; she played Dickie in 'A Knight to Remember'. She has also been in numerous shows with Theatre Train and at school.

Jake Scott - Thomas Clarke

Thomas has been in WOW since Bugsy Malone, playing various cameo parts ranging from Everett in 'Crazy for You' to Schlomo in Fame.

Coach Bolton - Steve Rogers

Stepping into the breach once again Steve, although slightly over the age limit, turns the clock back to play Coach Bolton.



The Cast! Taking some time out of rehearsals for the sake of the camera....

“Let Them
Eat Cake”

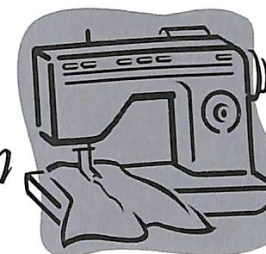


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Chad Danforth
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Ryan Evans
Kelsi Neilson
Jack Scott
Martha Cox
Ripper
Ms Darbus
Coach Bolton
James
Susan
Cathy
Alan
Cyndra
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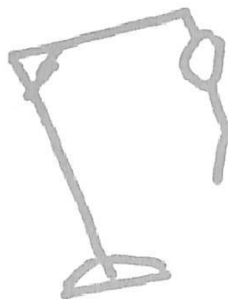
Jake Davis
Zoe Rogers
Poppy Gerrard (Mon-Wed and Sat Mat.)
Sam Carlyle (Thur, Fri & Sat Eve.)
Tom Flynn
Callum Mackensie
Rhianna Howard
Thomas Holland
Amy Trigg
Thomas Clarke
Rebecca Murphy
George Horscraft
Jess Rodda
Steve Rogers
Luke Merriman
Courtney Hicks
Chloe Nevill
Tom Fisher
Gemma McCartney
Michael Watling
Martha Lawless

The Jocks
Charlotte Betty-Hutcherson, Tom Fisher, Max Holland, George Horscraft,
Luke Merriman, Michael Watling

The Brainiacs
Catherine Eacott, Katie Thompson, Rachel Watson, Sarah Williams
Wildcat Cheerleaders
Gemma Gray (Dance Captain), Olivia Bentley, Samantha Clunie, Shannon
Mallard, Shelley Moore, Jess Prior, Faith Rogers,
Chantelle Street

The Thespians
Sophie Bartlett, Charlotte Batty-Hutcherson, Bethan Bishop,
Olivia Rutland, Jodie Sainsbury, Charlotte Watling

The Skater Dudes
Lucy Carpenter, Kayleigh Charge, Kirsty Henson, Natasha Howlett



Director
Assistant Director /
Choreographer
Stage Manager
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Musical Director / Keyboard
2nd Keyboard
1st Guitar
2nd Guitar
Bass Guitar
Drums

Angela Briley
Natalie Wilson



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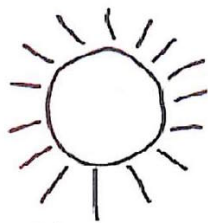


Geoff Osborne
Phil Toms
Martin Donald
Steve Liberty
Sue Lang
Paul Codling



Act 1

EAST HIGH SCHOOL

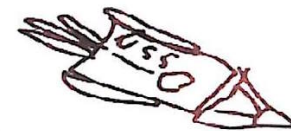


- Scene 1: High School steps (& ski lodge), Monday 7:45am
"Wildcat Cheer"
"Start of something new" Troy, Gabriella, Company
- Scene 2: Homeroom of Ms Darbus, Monday 8:00am
- Scene 3: Hallway, Monday 8:15am
- Scene 4: Gym, Monday 8:30am
"Get'cha head in the game"
"Get'cha head in the game" (Reprise) Troy, Jocks
Troy, Jocks
- Scene 5: Chemistry Lab, Monday 2:00pm
- Scene 6: Detention, Homeroom of Ms Darbus, Monday 3:00pm
- Scene 7: Auditions - Theatre, the next afternoon,
Tuesday 3:00pm
"Bop to the top"/
"What I've been looking for"
"What I've been looking for"
"What I've been looking for" (Reprise) Thespians, Ms Darbus
Ryan, Sharpay
Troy, Gabriella
- Scene 8: Various places, Wednesday morning prior to school
"Cellular Fusion" Chad, Taylor, Company
- Scene 9: Cafeteria, Wednesday, Noon
"Stick to the status quo" Company



Act 2

Entr'acte



- Scene 1: Jack Scott's sound booth, rooftop garden,
Wednesday 12:30pm
"I can't take my eyes off of you" Troy, Gabriella
- Scene 2: Sharpay's locker, Wednesday 12:30pm
- Scene 3: Cafeteria & Halls, Wednesday 1:00pm
"Wildcat Cheer" (Reprise) Cheerleaders
- Scene 4: Gym, Wednesday 3:30pm
- Scene 5: Locker Room / Lab, Wednesday 4:00pm
"Counting on you" Jocks, Brainiacs
- Scene 6: Isolated spaces, Wednesday Evening
- Scene 7: Rehearsal room, Thursday 12:30pm
- Scene 8: Theatre, Thursday 12:45pm
"Start of something new" Troy, Gabriella
- Scene 9: Cafeteria/Jack's sound booth,
Thursday 1:00pm
"We're all in this together" Chad, Taylor, Kelsi,
Jocks, Brainiacs
- Scene 10: Lab / Theatre / Locker Room & Gym,
Wednesday, Noon
"Bop to the top"
"Breaking Free" Sharpay, Ryan, Jocks, Brainiacs
Troy, Gabriella, Company
- Scene 11: Gym, Friday 5:00pm
"We're all in this together"
"High School Music Megamix" Company
Troy, Gabriella,
Company

- Please be aware this show includes the use of pyrotechnics
and strobe lighting during Act II

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Anyone else who has contributed in any way to the preparation and production of this show.

Previous WOW Productions

1996	Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor® Dreamcoat	2002	Bugsy Malone
1997	West Side Story	2003	Oliver!
1998	Annie	2004	Crazy For You
1999	The Boyfriend	2005	Little Shop of Horrors
2000	42nd Street	2006	Fame
2001	The Wiz	2007	A Knight to Remember

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