

**CENTER STAGE PRODUCTIONS  
PRESENTS**



**MEREDITH WILLSON'S**

**THE  
MUSIC  
MAN**

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Morgan Kersting  
Mary Banach

**CHOREOGRAPHED BY**  
Becca George  
Jerusha Tenney Reid

**THE MUSIC MAN**

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# NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTORS

## Welcome to The Music Man!

This classic musical is an energetic and fun reminder of the power of music, community, and how unexpected love can transform people for the better. Set in the year 1912, the lifestyle of the traveling salesman is becoming threatened by the modern advances of the time, such as the “departmentalized grocery store.” In our story, the charming con man Harold Hill chooses to make River City, Iowa, his next stop. His plan is to form a kids’ band, sell band instruments and uniforms to all of the families of River City, then skip town before anyone realizes he doesn’t know anything about leading a band. Harold’s plan takes an unexpected turn when he begins to fall for Marian Paroo, the town’s skeptical librarian and piano teacher. As the story continues, we see how a town, and a man, discover the magic of hope, and the possibility of change.

Our cast has been incredible to work with, and we are so thankful for the dedication each one of them has shown to this production. These youth have brought this classic story to life this summer! From the energetic gossip of the “Pick-a-little Ladies,” to the organized chaos of the library scene, this cast has poured their hearts into making this such a fun production!

We have also had an amazing team to work with again this summer. Honestly, it was challenging to decide on a show after doing Newsies in 2024. After much brainstorming, we felt that *The Music Man* was the right show for our group this year, and it would not be what it is without the amazing work of our choreographers, Becca George and Jerusha Reid! These two professionals are not just choreographers, but they are truly co-directors on this show as well. They have been amazing partners to work with as we have been putting this show together! We are also so thankful to have Mary Banach with us again this summer as an assistant director and stage manager. Mary has the unwavering ability of being able to know what needs to be done, and then to be able to get it done. She also has the incredible gifts of patience, clarity, motivation, and determination that have been invaluable to this production!

Thank you for joining us and supporting the arts in our community! Not only that, thank you for supporting the youth of our community who have chosen to spend their summer doing something positive for themselves and in turn, bringing joy to our audiences! We hope you leave our show today with a song in your heart, a smile on your face, and a renewed belief in the good that is found in the people around you. Now, prepare to laugh, clap, cheer, and tap your toes as you join us in River City, Iowa for *The Music Man*!

*Corey and Morgan Kersting, Directors*



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# THE TEAM



**Mary Banach (Stage Manager)** recently graduated from River Valley High School, and is thrilled to be Stage Managing this summer's Center Stage Production of *The Music Man!* Last year Mary was the Assistant Stage Manager for the CSP of *Newsies*, while also being a part of the CSP Internship Program. This year she has had the privilege of directing *The Aristocats KIDS*, alongside Cameron Kersting (Harold Hill), whom she interned with last summer. Mary has been a part of various shows at RVHS, most recently she played Little Red Riding Hood in *Into the Woods*, and next year she plans to study the Performing Arts while also working towards her teaching credential at Butte Community College. She would like to thank you all for supporting local community theater, and for fueling the arts. Enjoy the show!

**Becca George (Choreographer)** is a dedicated mother of four and a passionate dance educator with over 16 years of experience. Married to her supportive husband for 13 years, she's learned the art of balancing family, career, and her love for the performing arts. Currently, Becca teaches dance at Studio B in Yuba City, where she nurtures and inspires dancers to develop their skills and love for the art form. Her commitment to shaping future talent is also evident in her work with Center Stage Productions where she has been a part of the team for the past three years. During this time, she has played an integral role in choreographing two major productions: *Seussical* and *Newsies*. She is beyond proud to be working alongside her production team in directing *The Music Man!*



**Corey Kersting (Co-Director, Music Director)** is excited to be working with such a great cast and production team in bringing *The Music Man* to our community! Corey is an orchestra and musical theatre teacher at YCHS where he directed "*The Addams Family*" this past spring, and he has had the opportunity to conduct the YCHS musical pit orchestras for more than 20 school musicals. Some of his favorite shows that he has worked on include *Newsies*, *The Addams Family*, *Seussical*, and *Beauty and the Beast*. Corey has also conducted the Yuba Sutter Symphony since 2002 and has played violin professionally with numerous groups in Northern California. Musical Theatre has become a prominent part of Corey's life, and he is grateful for the support of his wife, Morgan, and the team at Yuba Sutter Arts and Culture for their support in making these Center Stage productions so successful! Thank you for coming to the show and supporting the arts in our community!

**Morgan Kersting (Co-Director, Stage Manager)** is excited to be part of bringing this timeless story back to a Yuba City stage, as it is the show that perhaps led her to the position she is in now, as co-founder of Center Stage Productions. While Morgan hasn't been on the stage since high school, she thoroughly enjoys the director/backstage life, which she has found herself in thanks to her children! When Morgan isn't organizing sponsors, or costuming students, you'll find her substitute teaching at TRCS, managing the office at Studio B Academy of Ballet or watching *NCIS & Criminal Minds!* Morgan is so proud of all of these students, and the work & dedication they have put into making *The Music Man*, "Pick-a-Little" worthy! She is thankful for the great team of directors, choreographers & crew who have put so much time and effort into this production. "Thank you for coming out to support this wonderful group of young performers! Enjoy the show!"



**Jerusha Tenney Reid (Choreographer)** is so excited to be a part of Center Stage Productions!! She teaches musical theater at two dance studios locally, Studio B in Yuba City and Barefoot Dance Company in Gridley. Jerusha spends her extra time choreographing for local theater productions and performing in local plays/musicals when she can.



## **BREAK-A-LEG CENTER STAGE PRODUCTIONS!**

Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture exists to expand awareness of and engagement in the arts and culture, to encourage local communities to reach their full potential by developing arts programs that serve their needs, and to provide access to the arts in rural and under-served areas throughout Yuba and Sutter counties. It also works to demonstrate that art and culture are an essential component of economic development in the community. We play an important role in ensuring that the highest quality and widest variety of arts and cultural activities and presentations are available. Our vision is for our region to experience art every day and to recognize the arts in the everyday.

Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture is a non-profit organization founded in 1981. We are the designated local agency of the California Arts Council. Our programs include Arts in Education, Youth Mariachi Programs, Murals of Live Oak, Veterans Initiative in the Arts, Convergence Theatre Company, Center Stage Productions youth theater program, Youth Choir, Yuba Sutter Big Band, Arts in Corrections, World Music and Culture Series, Cover It! Utility Box Mini Mural Project, Scholastic Writing Awards, Poetry Out Loud, and many more. As one of the highest ranked local arts agencies in the state, Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture is looked to for leadership, expertise, and inspiration.

Five years ago, Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture acquired the Sutter Theater Center for the Arts. Along with the Burrows Theater Center for the Arts in Marysville, these venues provide space for art gallery exhibitions, art classes, live music, and theatrical productions on both sides of the river.

Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture is proud to have powered Center Stage Productions since its inception. A special thanks to the cast and crew for all their hard work. We appreciate the time, effort, planning, and talent that has gone into this production.

# THE CAST

Harold Hill .....	Cameron Kersting
Marian Paroo .....	Desiree Lapiers
Marcellus Washburn .....	Brian Arnold
Mayor George Shinn .....	Kelsy Ulrey
Eulalie Mackecknie Shinn .....	Paige Clements
	<b>**Understudy Chloe Valdez**</b>
Mrs. Paroo .....	Elizabeth Hansen
	<b>**Understudy Danielle Gatlin**</b>
Winthrop Paroo .....	Bennett Goettman
Amaryllis .....	Mairi Osborne
Zaneeta Shinn .....	Cora Goettman
	<b>**Understudy Harmony Almaguer**</b>
Tommy Djilas .....	Emerson Handley
Charlie Cowell .....	Elliott Sylvia
	<b>**Understudy Rowan Reid**</b>
Ethel Toffelmier .....	Chloe Valdez
	<b>**Understudy Savannah Black**</b>
Alma Hix .....	Brooke Kersting
	<b>**Understudy Brooklyn Handley**</b>
Maud Dunlop .....	Harmony Almaguer
	<b>**Understudy Lexi Trotti**</b>
Mrs. Squires .....	Danielle Gatlin
	<b>**Understudy Katie Benson**</b>
Pick-a-Little Ladies Ensemble .....	DaisyLin Horner, Lucia Miller, Reet Bihala, Savannah Black, Lexi Trotti, Brooklyn Handley, Katie Benson, Ava Sylvia
Olin Britt .....	Oliver Storz
Oliver Hix .....	Taurin Hamilton
Ewart Dunlop .....	Zoey Luna
	<b>**Swing DaisyLin Horner**</b>
Jacey Squires .....	Lexy Osburn
Constable Locke .....	Derrick Hanover
Train Conductor .....	Derrick Hanover
Traveling Salesmen .....	Katie Benson, Ava Sylvia, Lexi Trotti, Samantha Cox, Brooklyn Handley, Rowan Reid, Oliver Storz
Gracie Shinn .....	Lily Stentzel
River City Kids Ensemble .....	Molly Barrow, Lexie Barrow, Wesley Black, Camzin Black, Tristan Black, Grace Paustian, Angelina DiGiacomo, Bella DiGiacomo, Avery Kersting, Rowan Reid

*The show runs approximately 150 minutes, which includes a 15 minute intermission*

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# MUSICAL NUMBERS

## ACT I

- Scene 1: Train**  
Rock Island..... Salesmen, Charlie Cowell, Newspaper Readers
- Scene 2: River City Town Center**  
Iowa Stubborn ..... Townspeople, Farmer, Farmer's Wife  
Ya Got Trouble ..... Harold, Townspeople
- Scene 3: River City Street**
- Scene 4: Paroo Family Home**  
Piano Lessons & If You Don't Mind My Saying So ..... Mrs. Paroo, Marian  
Goodnight My Someone..... Marian, Amaryllis
- Scene 5: Madison Gymnasium**  
Columbia, Gem of the Ocean ..... Eulalie, Townspeople  
Ya Got Trouble (Reprise)..... Harold  
Seventy-Six Trombones ..... Harold, Townspeople  
Ice Cream/ Sincere..... Harold, Quartet
- Scene 6: In Front of the Madison Public Library**  
The Sadder But Wiser Girl ..... Harold, Marcellus  
Pick-a-Little, Talk-a-Little & Goodnight Ladies..... Alma, Ethel, Eulalie, The Ladies  
Harold, Quartet
- Scene 7: Inside the Madison Public Library**  
Marian the Librarian ..... Harold
- Scene 8: River City Street**
- Scene 9: River City Town Center**
- Scene 10: Paroo Family Porch**  
My White Knight ..... Marian
- Scene 11: River City Town Center**  
The Wells Fargo Wagon..... Townspeople, Quartet, Winthrop

## ACT II

- Scene 1: Madison Gymnasium**  
It's You ..... Quartet  
Shipooi ..... Marcellus, Townspeople  
Pick-a-Little, Talk-a-Little (Reprise) ..... Alma, Ethel, Eulalie, Maud, Mrs. Squires, The Ladies
- Scene 2: River City Street, Paroo Family Porch**  
Lida Rose & Will I Ever Tell You? ..... Harold, Quartet, Marian
- Scene 3: Paroo Family Porch**  
Gary Indiana..... Winthrop, Mrs. Paroo, Marian  
Lida Rose (Reprise) ..... Quartet
- Scene 4: The Footbridge**  
Till There Was You ..... Marian, Harold  
Goodnight & Seventy-Six Trombones (double reprise)..... Harold, Marian
- Scene 5: The Footbridge**
- Scene 6: Madison Park: Ice Cream Sociable**  
Till There Was You (Reprise)..... Harold
- Scene 7: River City High School Assembly Room**

# WHO'S WHO



Angelina  
DiGiacomo



Ava  
Sylvia



Avery  
Kersting



Bella  
DiGiacomo



Bennett  
Goettmen



Brian  
Arnold



Brooke  
Kersting



Brooklyn  
Handley



Cameron  
Kersting



Camzin  
Black



Chloe  
Valdez



Cora  
Goettman



DaisyLin  
Horner



Danielle  
Gatlin



Derrick  
Hanover



Desiree  
Lapiers

# WHO'S WHO



Elizabeth  
Hansen



Elliott  
Sylvia



Emerson  
Handley



Gracie  
Paustian



Harmony  
Almaguer



Katie  
Benson



Kelsy  
Ulrey



Lexi  
Trotti



Lexie  
Barrow



Lexy  
Osburn



Lily  
Stentzel



Lucia  
Miller



Mairi  
Osborne



Molly  
Barrow

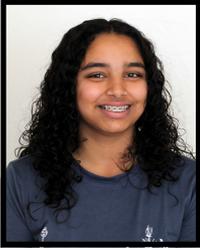


Oliver  
Storz



Paige  
Clements

# WHO'S WHO



Reet  
Bihala



Rowan  
Reid



Samantha  
Cox



Savannah  
Black



Taurin  
Hamilton



Tristan  
Black



Wesley  
Black



Zoey  
Luna

# CREW

Stage Manager .....	Morgan Kersting
Assistant Stage Manager .....	Mary Banach
Lighting Design .....	Garrett Granger
Set Design .....	Beverly Cameron-Fildes
Costume Design .....	Morgan Kersting and Jerusha Reid
Lighting Technician .....	Garrett Granger
Sound Technician .....	Corey Kersting
Projection Technician.....	Corey Kersting
Spotlight Technician.....	Allie Stockmal and Kiara Marino
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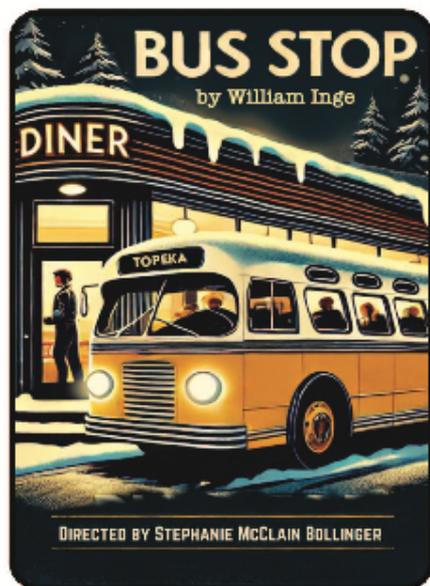
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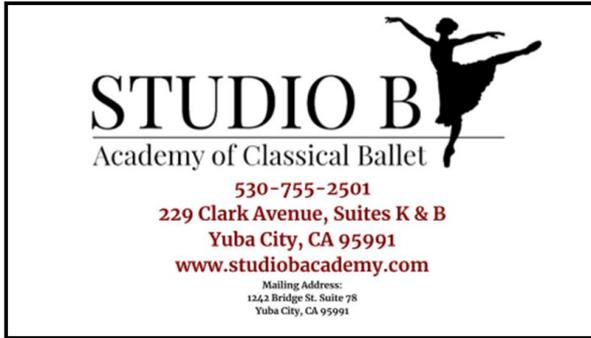
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**Jilleen Menghini and the Studio B Ballet staff**, for the generous use of their space this summer for our Aristocats KIDS rehearsals. We appreciate their patience and willingness to work their own summer programs around our schedule. Their kindness, selflessness, and constant encouragement and support of our program has made them an invaluable community partner with Center Stage Productions. We see all they do for the kids in this community and appreciate that they continue to support us in the same way!!



**Our volunteers!** This production would truly not have been possible without our amazing volunteers donating their time and talents to support us! Thank you to Sean Marton for building the beautiful benches and the bridge! With the guidance of Beverly Cameron-Fildes's artistic eye, sets and props have been crafted in a way to help tell the story of this show. She has also helped organize the many volunteers that have contributed to our prop and set production. Thank you to Amanda Stentzel, Margo Black, Beckie Kersting, Jenn Osborne, and Iliana Storz for their consistent and tireless effort working in "the dungeon." Their time, dedication, and attention to detail have truly helped bring this story to life! Thank you to Justin France for his help building, assembling, installing, and painting additional stage and set pieces! Special thanks Joy Lauff, Teresa Miller, and Mary Storz for sewing our young girls' skirts! Thank you to Todd Benson for his work on designing our program for this year's production! His willingness to take this on lightened our load and was a blessing!

**Our sponsors and supporters**, whose generosity of time and resources have truly helped make this production what it is today! And of course, thank you to David Read, Abbie Cesena, and Shawntay Arroyo with Yuba Sutter Arts and Culture. They took us under their organizational wing three years ago, and our continued partnership with them is the reason that we can provide musical theatre opportunities to the youth of our community.

**You!** Thank you for supporting youth performing arts in the Yuba-Sutter area! None of this would be possible without the support of our community. And believe it or not, there is more talent in our area! Please continue to attend school productions and other youth arts events throughout the community to ensure a successful future for visual and performing arts in the Yuba-Sutter area!

# AUTOGRAPHS

# ABOUT CENTER STAGE PRODUCTIONS

With the support of Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture, Center Stage Productions was started in 2022, with a vision to give youth in the Yuba-Sutter area an opportunity to participate in high quality, full stage musicals in their local community. One goal for our company is to provide a safe, fun, and educational environment for youth. Through workshops and productions, students learn theatre history, etiquette, as well as traditions. They are given opportunities to build their portfolios, have headshots done, improve their audition skills, and write resumes. When appropriate, participants are also given opportunities to choreograph and direct, to gain a better understanding of what it takes to put on a show. We want participants to leave with skills that will help them further their passion for musical theatre, as well as serve them in their day-to-day life.

In our first year, with a cast of 32 youth, from ages 7-17 years, we were so proud to present “Seize the Day: A Musical Theater Concert Revue” to the Yuba-Sutter community! We followed that amazing production with monthly workshops to prepare students for their upcoming musical theater ventures! In 2023, we were excited to have 39 youth from the Yuba-Sutter area participating in Seussical, which ran for six sold-out performances! Last year we expanded by adding a High School Intern Program, and presenting two musicals, Newsies & Frozen JR! In total last year, 61 youth participated in our shows, much to the delight of their sold-out audiences!

Going into this season, we wanted to try to reach some students who were brand-new to theater, and we were fortunate to be able to cast a third show, under the direction of two of our previous interns! Within these three shows, 88 students were cast, 46 of them are making their Center Stage Productions debut! We are excited about the growth of our program, and the interest and support from the community! While we don't plan to add a new show every year (there just isn't enough time or space!), we do plan to look for ways to make sure that the youth in our community can continue to have opportunities to explore musical theatre!

Center Stage Productions would like to thank Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture for their willingness to help us make our vision a reality! They continue to support our program and work with us as we look to the future. We'd also like to thank you for your encouragement of these students and this program. Your being here today means the world to this cast and to our directing teams. We genuinely appreciate your support!

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