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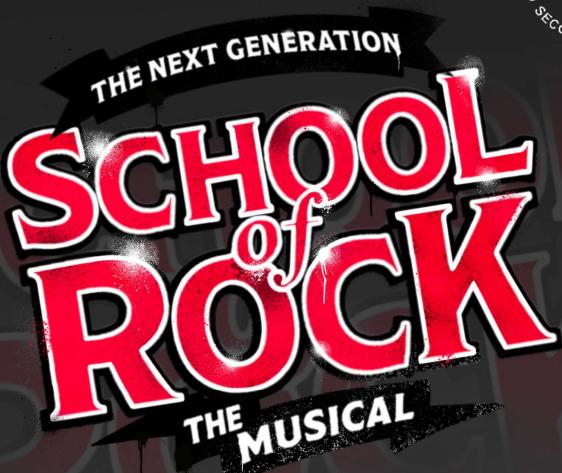
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CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

I would like to welcome you to the Mercury Theatre and thank you for supporting Colchester Operatic Society Second Edition (CO2) for this production of School of Rock.

This is my first show in the role of Chairperson for CO2 and what a pleasure it has been. I would personally like to thank Ann Taylor, the previous chairperson who retired after Fame. I learnt so much from her in the many years that I was her vice chair and I hope that I will be able to continue what the previous chairs have created as CO2 head towards their 40th year.

We had over 100 young people audition for School of Rock, which was incredible, and I am delighted to be able to present to you the cast we have on stage today. We welcome Laura Hicks and Leah Scott as co-directors, Laura was in CO2 several years ago and has been assistant director for both COS and CO2 on many shows, and Ashton Moore as musical director, who has also performed with COS. All their hard work and creative input has been invaluable.

Our cast of young people can only do what they do thanks to the numerous volunteers who have given up their time as committee members, chaperones, backstage crew, instrumental mentors, and wardrobe. I am proud of the talent that Colchester and its surrounding areas have to offer. It is an honour to watch young people develop their skills, many of whom will go on to build a successful career within the performing arts industry, as many previous members of CO2 have already done.

We are always keen to welcome new people whether young enough to join the cast or slightly older (16 years plus) to help in some way behind the scenes. Please contact co2theatre@colchesteroperaticscociety.co.uk if you would like more information.

Charlotte Butcher Chairperson of CO2





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CREATIVETEAM

LAURA HICKS-Co-Director



Laura graduated from Colchester Institute with a BA (hons) Degree in Musical Theatre. She has performed in many shows, including CO2's Guys and Dolls as Miss Adelaide, Secrets Every Smart Traveller Should Know, Sideshow and The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, which was taken to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival where it was critically acclaimed and given many 5* reviews. Laura then decided she wanted to take her career into the teaching profession so studied for a PGCE and has since gone on to teach across many age ranges. She has been a teacher of Drama and Dance at Philip Morant School for 10 years, as various points leading the department and directing many of their annual shows. Having assisted directors for COS/CO2 productions, this is Laura's first main directors role, working with Leah Scott. She was last seen assisting with COS's recent production of Shrek the Musical. She is very pleased to be working with Leah and Ashton for this production and would like to thank the cast for their hard work and commitment in the run up to this rockin' show

LEAH SCOTT-Co-Director

Leah has always been interested in performing and the many pathways and opportunities that musical theatre has to offer. She took a performance based path throughout her education and graduated from Essex university with a BA (hons) in Musical Theatre where she undertook leading roles in Seussical, The Wild Party, Sweney Todd and A...my name is Alice. In 2009 she completed a PGCE in the lifelong learning sector and since then has worked numerous jobs within the education sector including course leader of Performing

Arts at Epping Forest College and Head of Dance at Colchester Institute. She was fortunate enough to leave her day job in the education sector after having 2 children to focus on family life and the rollercoaster also known as parenthood. Shewas able to continue teaching dance and musical theatre at local performing arts school, Theatricool, which was founded by her good friend Sally Fisher and where she has worked since it was established in 2009. Leah is currently the assistant principal for Theatricool Performing Arts School and runs the school alongside Sally. She directs multiple shows with them throughout the year which consist of showcases and full scale musical productions, some of which have included **The Little Mermaid**, **We Will Rock You** and most recently, **Seussical**, all of which have been performed at The Mercury Theatre. Leah is very excited to be co-directing her first musical with CO2 this year and would like to thank everyone involved for welcoming her on board to be part of this epic show.

Rock on!!

ASHTON MOORE-Musical Director

Highlights of Ashton's theatre credits include Get Up, Stand Up! (Associate Musical Director, West End), What Happens Next? (Musical Director, Edinburgh Fringe), West End Musical Christmas (keyboards, Lyric Theatre, West End), and musical direction for productions including The Last Five Years, Legally Blonde, Sister Act, Hot Mikado, RENT, Bonnie & Clyde, Fame, and Godspell at theatres in London, Essex, Kent, and Yorkshire. A National Finalist for the Perfect Pitch Musical Theatre Writing Award in 2016, Ashton's original musical SAMSON is currently in professional development, and was recently workshopped with West End stars including Cedric

Neal, Trevor Dion Nicholas, and Sharon Rose. Ashton composed music for the National Lottery-funded musical **A Hundred Shining Hearts**, and his original songs and scores have been performed across the UK in venues including The Other Palace, Theatre Royal Stratford East, the Winchester Discovery Centre, and Theatre Peckham.



Ashton Moore

ACT ONE

ACT TWO

I'm Too Hot for You - No Vacancy, Dewey

When I Climb to the Top of Mount Rock - Dewey

Horace Green Alma Mater - Rosalie, Students, Teachers

Here at Horace Green - Rosalie

Here at Horace Green Pt. 2 - Rosalie

Children of Rock - Dewey, Ned

Mount Rock (Reprise) - Patty

Queen of the Night - Rosalie

You're in the Band - Dewey, Students

You're in the Band (Reprise) - Dewey, Students

If Only You Would Listen - Zack, Billy, Freddy, Tomika, Students

In the End of Time - Dewey

Faculty Quadrille - Teachers

In the End of Time (Band Practice) - Dewey, Backup Girls

Stick it to the Man - Dewey, Students

Mount Rock: the Escape - Orchestra

In the End of Time (The Audition) - Dewey, Marcey, Chanelle, Freddie

Stick it to the Man (Reprise) - Dewey, Students

Time to Play - Summer, Students

Amazing Grace - Tomika

Math is a Wonderful Thing - Dewey, Summer

Where Did the Rock Go Intro - Dewey, Rosalie

Where Did the Rock Go - Rosalie

School of Rock Pt 1 - Zack

School of Rock Pt 2 - Zack, Dewey, Freddy, Backup Girls

Dewey's Confession - Dewey, Patty, Ned, Rosalie, Parents

If Only You Would Listen (Reprise) - Tomika, Dewey, Students

I'm Too Hot for You (Competition) - Theo, Doug, Bob, Snake

School of Rock (Competition) - Dewey, Students

Stick it to the Man (Competition Encore) - Dewey, Students

You're in the Band Curtain Call - Dewey, Company

Queen of the Night (Rock Version) - Company

Guitar 1 JAMES STERLING Guitar 2 ALESSIO WILLIAMS Guitar 3 PETE BRAY Bass **ELLIS HYND** Keys 2 LIAM HOLMES Drums MIKE CUTMORE

THECOMMITTEE

Life Members: Alan Larner, Ann Taylor, Barbara Pears, Barbara Ryan, Barbara Scully, Colin Thorne, Gill Plumtree, John Enfield, Liz Thorne, Maggie Walton, Michael Spurgeon, Sally Leung, Sylvia Hawkins, Trevor Walton, Val Massey

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AMELIA GOSLING Shonelle



ANNA TADMAN Ensemble



CHLOE LONG Tyra



CONNOR BEATTIE Freddy



DARCEY BOORMAN Sophie



DEXTER
INMAN
Mr Williams



EDDIE THORPE Mr Mooneyham



ELLA BALL Marcy



EMILY HITCHCOCK Ensemble



EMILY KLARNER Ensemble



GERORGIA BRINDLEY Ensemble



GRACE BRYSON Miss Mullins



HARVEY YU Lawrence



HONOR COULSON Mrs Hathaway



HONOR VERRIER Ensemble



INDIA HILL Ensemble



JOSHUA BURGESS James



JOSHUA MILES Mason



LANA CUTMORE Katie



LEO WIGGINS Ensemble



LILY BROTHERTON Ensemble



MATHILDE MARSH Ms Sheinkopf



MATILDA DAVIS Ensemble



MAX ARNOLD Billy



MEGAN FOX Ensemble



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MILLIE-LOLA MASON Summer



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NIAMH CULLEN Tomika



NICHOLAS MCKEOWN Ned



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SKY JONES Patty



THEO WILLIAMS Gabe



TILLY FRANCIS Ensemble



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VARVARA LOPATINA Ensemble



VIOLET ASH-SMITH Ensemble



WILL HACKETT Dewey



WILLIAM PORTER Zack





WILL HACKETT DEWEY FINN

Theatre includes: The Monster in Young Frankenstein (2023) Dennis in All Shook Up (2023) Nicely Nicely Johnson in Guys and Dolls (2022) Edmund Potto in The Flames of Injustice (2022) Professor Callahan in Legally Blonde (2020) TJ in

Sister Act (2019) Bustopher Jones in Cats (2018)
Will has loved having the chance to play Dewey Finn; a guitar
playing, rock'n'roll loving, chubby man. It has been an absolute
dream! He desceibes him as an obnoxious and energetic
character so there is never a dull moment when on stage. He's
also loved having the chance to play along side the incredibly
talented kids has been such a joy and he cannot wait for
everyone to see the magic that is School of Rock!

NICHOLAS MCKEOWN NIED SCHNEEBLY

Theatre includes: Billy Flynn in Chicago (2023) Hanschen in Spring Awakening (2023) 5 in Start Swimming (2022) Jack Zakowski in Fame! (2022) Musical Hits Through time: Concert (2021) Britney in We

Will Rock You (2020)
Cinderella (2019) U/S Oliver in Oliver Twist (2019)
Wizard of Oz (2018)

Going into his 5th show with CO2, Nicholas excited to be a part of another flawless production especially surrounded by so much talent once again. Nicholas studies Acting and Musical theatre in London in his second year of drama school. He has been excited as it's a whole new style of singing and new character to play, it's been blast and he hopes you feel the same watching the band come together!



GRACE BRYSON ROSALIE MULLINS

Theatre includes: Mrs Wormwood in Matilda (2023) Enid in Legally Blonde (2023) Queen Griselda in Snow White (2023) The Cat in the Hat in Seussical (2022) Sixx in We Will Rock You (2022) Buddy in Elf (2021) Big fish (2019) The Wizard of Oz (2019)

Hairspray (2019) This is Grace's first show with CO2, but she has enjoyed performing since she was twelve, In recent years she has been the recipient of two best young actress awards from the organisations NODA and NETG. She is currently studying musical theatre at Colchester Institute, and hopes to attend drama school next year. She has loved playing Rosalie, this show has been a great opportunity to meet new people and play a different sort of character to what she's used to. It's been a challenging role that she's enjoyed exploring and developing over the months of rehearsal, and she hopes you enjoy seeing her and the rest of the amazing cast today!

SKY JONES PATTY DI MARCO

Theatre includes: Serena in Legally Blonde (2023) Ray in Everybody's talking about Jamie (2023) Eliza Dolittle in My Fair Lady (2022) Fame! (2022) Scaramouche in We Will Rock You (2022) Amber Von Tussle in Hairspray (2019)



Sharpay in **High School Musical** (2019) Sky loves playing Patty as she believes she is a huge contrast to the person she really is. She's played many similar characters before and it's always a fun role to play. The kids in the show are incredible and she thinks the audience are going to love it! This is her second CO2 show after being in **Fame** last year. In 2021 she spent a year at Spirit YPC in London where she honed her skills even further. She is now studying Musical Theatre at Colchester Institute where she has had the opportunity of playing Serena in **Legally Blonde** and the Sugar Plum fairy in **Shrek**.



MILLIE-LOLA MASON SUMMER

Millie-Lola Mason is 12 years old and she is playing the part of Summer, she's loving how mcuh fun it is! She has been attending drama classes since she was 4 years old at Theatre Arts Academy and she is working towards her grade 7

musical theatre exam. Although she has taken part in many auditions, 2 of them for West End shows, it has been an incredible opportunity for her to take part in **School of Rock**.



William is 10 years old has been playing guitar since the age of 6, starting with acoustic and quickly moving to electric. He loves all types of music but particularly 80's rock! He has dreams of becoming a guitarist in a famous rock band one day.



He is a big fan of the **School of Rock** movie and has loved every minute of being involved in the **School of Rock** musical. He is the real-life Zack Mooneyham!



CONNOR BEATTIE

Connor is a Music Scholar at the Royal Hospital School (Year 8) where he enjoys being a member of the Marching Band and Junior Corps of Drums, and taking part in their termly Gig Nights. Whilst at primary school, he took his drums exams to grade 5 and

speech and drama exams to grade 4, along side taking part in numerous school productions, including playing Captain Smolsky in **Bugsy Malone** and Jeremy Potts in **Chitty Chitty Bang Bang**. Connor is looking forward to taking his Grade 6 drums exams and being a part of the RHS school production of **Jesus Christ Superstar** in November 2023.

LANA CUTMORE

From a young age, Lana was interested in dancing and singing, always performing to her family, who knew she was destined to share her talents on stage. In March 2020 she performed in "Olivia!" and in 2022 she played one of the lead roles in "Pirates of



the Curry Bean", both shows at the Headgate Theatre with KATS, a local youth drama group. In 2023, she embodied young Shrek and Grumpy the Dwarf in the COS production of **SHREK: The Musical** at the Mercury Theatre. This is Lana's first show with CO2 and to add to her many talents, for this role, Lana has learnt to play the bass guitar - though she always knew how to rock!



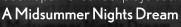
NIAMH CULLEN TOMIKA

Niamh has attended Theatre Arts
Academy in Colchester for 8
years and right now she's
preparing to sit Grade 7 Lamda
exams in Acting and Musical
Theatre. She also plays flute with
the West Bergholt Concert Band.
She has enjoyed every moment

of **School of Rock** and have loved seeing Tomika's character develop throughout the show, finally gaining the self confidence she needs to be a lead vocalist. She's aiming to study Musical Theatre or Drama at university and her dream is to perform both on the West End and Broadway stages.

HARVEY YU LAWRENCE

Harvey is 11 years old and has just started secondary school. He attends stagecoach and has performed in productions of Beauty and the Beast, Aladdin and Mary poppins. He has also been apart of school plays such as



and **Peter Pan**. Doing **School of Rock** has been great fun for Harvey, He has developed his skills and made new friends along the way. He's enjoyed working with the creative team and hopes to be involved in more productions in the future.



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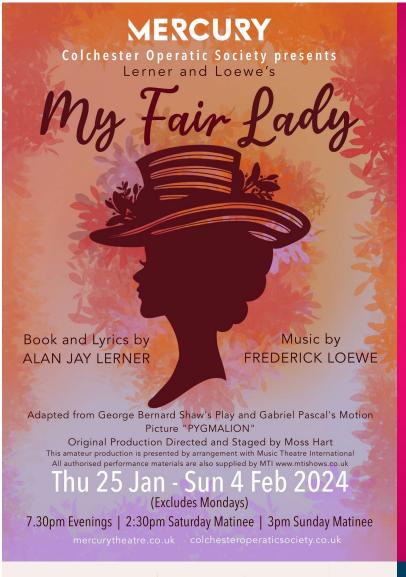
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