

News Release

Dobbs Ferry High School Presents Baseball's Endearing Musical Comedy... *Damn Yankees*

Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., April 8, 2016 – Dobbs Ferry High School's spring theatrical production is the Tony Award-winning musical comedy *Damn Yankees*. The show will take place on Friday, April 15th at 7:00 PM and Saturday, April 16th at 7:00 PM. Both performances will be in the Dobbs Ferry High School Auditorium, and tickets are \$10 for Adults, \$5 for students, and free of charge for senior citizens and Dobbs Ferry District staff.

Co-Directed by Amanda Newhouse and Mark Oleszko, the cast of *Damn Yankees* comprises 24 students, ranging from freshmen to seniors. Including production staff (lights, sound, sets, orchestra), over 45 Dobbs Ferry High School students are part of this production. Previous musical theatre productions at Dobbs Ferry High School have included *The Pajama Game* and last year's *Little Shop of Horrors*.

Based on the Douglas Wallop book "The Year the Yankees Lost the Pennant," the original Broadway musical starred Gwen Verdon as Lola and Ray Walston as Applegate. *Damn Yankees* is set in the 1950s in Washington D.C. during the time that the New York Yankees dominated Major League Baseball. The plot adds a Faustian twist to the American pastime. In a nutshell:

Middle-age baseball fan Joe Boyd sells his soul to the devil, Mr. Applegate, to become the greatest baseball player ever for his beloved team, the Washington Senators. Mr. Applegate grants his wish, turning Joe into a 22-year-old homerun hitter. However, he must return to his wife before 9 pm on the final game day if he doesn't want Mr. Applegate to take possession of his soul. How far would you go to help your favorite baseball team win the pennant? Come to *Damn Yankees* and find out!

The *Damn Yankees* cast features (in order of appearance):

Meg: Jamie Honigman
Joe Boyd: Gabe Martinez
Applegate: Matthew McCormick
Sister: Ashley Klein
Doris: Lisandra Frroku
Darlene: Lindsay Honigman
Joe Hardy: Nikolas Greenwald
Van Buren: Ryan Katz
Gloria: Jaime Rockafellow
Lola: Beth Feldberg
Ms. Welch: Sara FitzPatrick
Smokey: John Sullivan
Rocky: Ryan Kersten
Vernon: Jelani Williams

Henry: Yukali Okkotsu
Sohovik: Abigail Loose
Bouley: Besarta Mulosmani
Linville: Gabe Martinez
Mickey: Sophia Bloom
Lowe: Jason Balsan
Commissioner: Charlene Reith
Miss Weston: Alexis Corona
Postmaster: Alyssa Rivera
Natalie Detroit: Charlene Reith
Radio Announcer: Jason Balsan
Guard Grimsley: Mia Wilbekin
Newsie/Fan: Ursula Hudak

The *Damn Yankees* Production Crew:

Artistic Directors: Amanda Newhouse and Mark Oleszko

Assistant Director: Jeff Seabaugh
Music Director: Mark Oleszko
Choreographer: Amanda Newhouse
Lighting and Sound Director: Tsha Gregory
Pit Orchestra Director: Paul Huneke
Set Design: Wendy Guagenti
Student Directors: Alexa Nyemchek and Nicholas McCormick

*The Damn Yankees Orchestra:
Conducted by Paul Huneke*

Trumpet:	Frank Huber	Violin:	Seiji Munemura*
Trombone:	Eric Iannucci		Ethan Sipe*
Piano:	Adam Benefield	Viola:	Lucas Legan*
Bass:	David Hertzberg	Cello:	Lucas Saur*
Drums:	Nathan Brewster		

*Student Musician

Stage Crew: Michelle Arcos, Glory Akoh, Kaila Basile, Angelica Delcioppo, Nickolas Feiler, Sasha Greenwald, Mijyo Sasaki, Sydney Tan

Set Design/Construction Team: Glory Akoh, Michelle Arcos, Kaila Basile, Sasha Greenwald, Yukali Okkotsu, Chloe Reandelar, Mijyo Sasaki, Marina Stern, Sydney Tan

Rat Pack (Lights and Sound): Alex Cohen, Ray Flaks, Ursula Hudak, Sam Larson, Alexia Ramos

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