

Illini Student Musicals Presents

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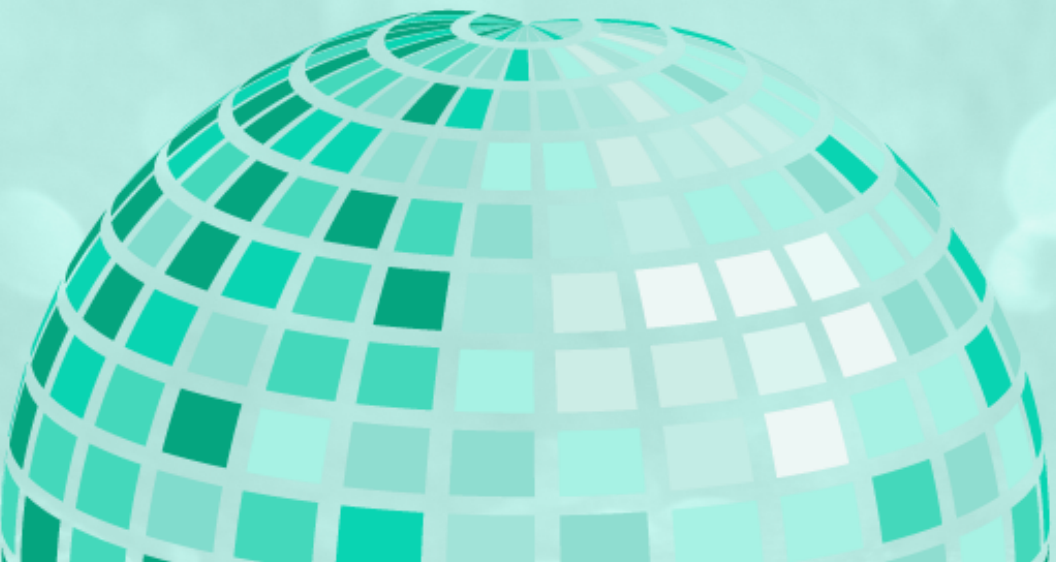
PROM



Lincoln Hall Theater
November 2- 4 at 7:30 pm

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Note from the Artistic Lead

It's time to build a Prom! This fall, ISM has worked so hard since the beginning of the school year to make this production of "The Prom" come to life. There are over 100 people involved with this production, and all of them have put in so much effort, and you can tell it paid off!

"The Prom" is a story about love, acceptance, and finding joy while facing the greatest adversities. A relatively new musical, The Prom came to Broadway in 2018 with Netflix producing a movie version of the musical in 2020.

Based on a true story, "The Prom" shares the real narrative of Constance McMillen (portrayed by Emma Nolan in the musical), a senior at Itawamba Agricultural High School in Mississippi. With plans to bring her girlfriend to prom and to wear a tuxedo, Constance received immediate backlash from the community and school district, who banned her from attending prom. After suing the school district with the ACLU, the school board allowed her to attend prom, but organized a secret prom for the rest of the students. McMillen's story was made public on social media, and many celebrities, such as Green Day and Lance Bass, showed their support for McMillen to help her and her girlfriend attend a real prom without discrimination.

It is an honor to be able to share this story with the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and the surrounding communities. So much of theater is telling stories that need to be told, sharing accounts of narratives that members of the audience may not hear anywhere else, and above all, spreading awareness on important topics through entertainment. The experiences that Constance and her character Emma have in the show happen to LGBTQ+ youth around the world every day. If we can spread a message of acceptance and awareness of others' experiences, then we have worked to be just a small part on the long road to equality for all communities.

Illini Student Musicals is an organization full of members whose commitment to each production overflows with respect for each other, for the stories we tell, and the messages we choose to convey. I am so proud of my fellow organization members and the determination they bring to each rehearsal space to give this show the effort it deserves. Heading into my senior year, I never could have imagined the heights we have reached with understanding of this production, the LGBTQ+ community, and acceptance. Whether you have been a part of ISM for one semester or seven, you each have shown time and time again that you can handle each story with grace. I am so unbelievably excited to see each member of this organization shine this weekend and beyond.

Thank you all for supporting this organization, our spectacular members, and our ability to produce musical theatre at the University of Illinois. Sit back, relax, and enjoy "The Prom!"

Sincerely,
Laine Gamrath

Cast

Emma Nolan.....	Emma Perisho
Dee Dee Allen.....	Sarah Heidorn
Barry Glickman.....	Michal Szczepaniak
Alyssa Greene.....	Ainsley Holland
Mr. Hawkins.....	Ethan Coronelli
Angie Dickinson.....	Sari Gluck
Trent Oliver.....	Ryan Kreiter
Mrs. Greene.....	Anulika Ochuba
Sheldon Saperstein.....	Matt McDonnell
Shelby.....	Claire Gao
Kaylee.....	Angela Tomaso
Nick.....	Nathan Pugh
Kevin.....	Shrenik Balaji
Maya / Student Ensemble.....	Lara Keim
Ethan / Student Ensemble.....	Nick Pugh
Lexi / Student Ensemble.....	Sophia Katsma
Sydney / Student Ensemble.....	Brooklyn Lutz
Mitch / Student Ensemble.....	Seth Carl
Lucy / Student Ensemble.....	Mimi Erickson
Olivia Keating / Adult Ensemble.....	Amanda Barry
Faith / Adult Ensemble.....	Aera Boateng
Jo / Adult Ensemble.....	Sophia Ranes
Jessie / Adult Ensemble.....	Ellen Tuttle
Kelsey / Adult Ensemble.....	Marley Lammers

Rehearsal Staff

Director, Artistic Lead.....	Laine Gamrath
Co-Choreographer.....	Harper Clark
Co-Choreographer.....	Ellie Pierzina
Co-Vocal Director.....	Braulio Muro
Co-Vocal Director.....	Alexa Petrando
Stage Manager.....	Yuna Choi
Assistant Director.....	Mark Vanderwater
Assistant Stage Manager.....	Aahana Meka
Assistant Stage Manager.....	Hannah Sachs
Rehearsal Accompanist.....	Alina Loewenstein
Executive Producer.....	Ava BooydeGraaff

Technical and Production Staff

Co-Technical Director.....	Hanna Bowen
Co-Technical Director.....	Maggie Sanchez
Scenic Designer, Technical Consultant.....	Jesse McKenzie
Co-Paint Charge.....	Cam Baba
Co-Paint Charge.....	Cesar Medina
Technical Consultant.....	Zoe Mihevc
Costume Designer.....	Melissa Sanchez
Co-Sound Designer.....	Aidan Gardner
Co-Sound Designer.....	Peter Giannetos
Lighting Designer.....	Rocky Daehler
Props Coordinator.....	Amy Sanchez
Captioning Coordinator.....	Charles Lin
Co- Pro-Shot Coordinator.....	Abby Rydberg
Co- Pro-Shot Coordinator.....	Lyla Stern
Hair and Makeup Designer.....	Noori Khurshid
House Manager.....	Katelyn Ulrich
Assistant Technical Director.....	Allyson Lunsford
Assistant Costumes.....	Maeve Condon
Assistant Costumes.....	Vicka Liokumovich
Assistant Costumes.....	Bridget Nolan
Assistant Sound.....	Jamila Nadine Booc
Assistant Sound.....	Quinn Patchell
Assistant Sound.....	Matthew Perry
Assistant Lights.....	Abigail Kong
Assistant Lights.....	Joshua Nelson
Assistant Props.....	Wren Burzynski
Assistant Props.....	Grace Cho

Technical and Production Staff Continued

Assistant Props.....	Cecelia Escobar
Assistant Hair and Makeup Designer.....	Ally Howe
Usher.....	Elayna Hermanns
Run Crew.....	Helen Bruschuk
.....	Mara Burkhalter
.....	Emily Hackett
.....	Mia Petrie
.....	Kyla Ramsey
.....	Sarah Russell

Pit

Pit Director.....	Ryan Kazda
Keyboard 1, Rehearsal Accompanist.....	Alina Loewenstein
Keyboard 2.....	Jamie Abbott
Drumset.....	Dominic Gomes
Percussion.....	Julia Olson
Bass.....	Adam Quiballo
Guitar.....	Cole Pierzina
Reed 1.....	Caleigh Arentsen
Reed 2.....	Lily Blodgett
Trumpet 1.....	Jeffery DeLaRosa
Trumpet 2.....	Minyoung Kim
Trombone.....	George Espinoza
Violin 1.....	Ayu Seiya
Violin 2.....	Matthew Adler
Viola.....	Sofia Ruiz Cordero
Cello.....	Evie Irwin

Build Crew

Co-Technical Director - Hanna Bowen

Co-Technical Director - Maggie Sanchez

Assistant Technical Director - Allyson Lunsford

Co-Paint Charge - Cam Baba and Cesar Medina

Katerina Alikakos, Cam Baba, Mary Baker, Molly Brennan,
Helen Bruschuk, Chloe Evans, Elayna Hermanns, Maggie Hershey,
Hannah Miller, Cesar Medina, Kami Parker

ISM Marketing Committee

Marketing Director - Laine Gamrath

Artistic/Graphic Designer - Lyla Stern

Gianna Casanova, Will Curtis, Claire Gao, Jillian Herter,
Abigail Kong, Bridget Nolan, Emma Perisho, Nathan Pugh,
Angela Tomaso, Ellen Tuttle, Katelyn Ulrich



ISM Board of Directors

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DEIA Chair - Jaz Wilkins

Cam Baba, Aera Boateng, Emily Hackett,
Sophia Katsma, Noori Khurshid, Cesar Medina

ISM Outreach Committee

Outreach Director - Michal Szczepaniak

Social Chair - Emma Perisho

Amanda Barry, Maya Cornejo, Sarah Heidorn,
Elayna Hermanns, Ainsley Holland, Noori Khurshid,
Vicka Liokumovich, Brodee McCormick, Matt McDonnell,
Hannah Miller, Nick Pugh

Act 1

Changing Lives.....	Dee Dee, Barry, Ensemble
Changing Lives (Reprise).....	Dee Dee, Barry, Angie, Trent
Just Breathe.....	Emma
It's Not About Me.....	Dee Dee, Barry, Angie, Trent, Ensemble
Dance With You.....	Emma, Alyssa
The Acceptance Song.....	Trent, Dee Dee, Barry, Angie, Ensemble
You Happened.....	Emma, Alyssa, Ensemble
We Look to You.....	Mr. Hawkins
Tonight Belongs to You.....	Barry, Mrs. Greene, Ensemble

Act 2

Zazz.....	Angie, Emma
The Lady's Improving.....	Dee Dee
Love Thy Neighbor.....	Trent, Ensemble
Alyssa Greene.....	Alyssa
Barry is Going to Prom.....	Barry
Unruly Heart.....	Emma, Ensemble
Changing Lives (Reprise).....	Barry, Angie, Dee Dee, Trent, Mr. Hawkins
It's Time to Dance.....	Emma, Alyssa, Ensemble



Cast



Shrenik Balaji (Kevin) is a freshman studying Bioengineering making his ISM debut! His recent high school credits include *Beauty and the Beast* (Lumiere), *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (Assistant Stage Manager), and *Urinetown* (Dramaturg). Outside of theatre, he is a Noontime Performer in the Illini Union Food Court every Friday and on the Professional Development Committee for the Cancer Center at Illinois. He would like to thank the amazing staff, crew, pit, and of course, the incredible cast that has welcomed him into the ISM family. He hopes you enjoy the show!

Amanda Barry (Olivia Keating/Adult Ensemble) is thrilled to be a part of her third show with ISM! She is a sophomore studying Communication and Advertising. Some of her favorite theatre credits include *Roxie Hart* in *Chicago* and *Wednesday* in *The Addams Family*. She would like to thank her lovely friends and family for their love and support! Enjoy *The Prom*!



Aera Boateng (Faith/Adult Ensemble) is a sophomore studying Creative Writing with interest in pursuing a minor or double major in EALC. This is her third semester as a cast member in an ISM production, with past credits including ensemble parts in *Freaky Friday* (2022) and *Grease* (2023). Outside of performance and school, she is currently working on a novel that she hopes to get published sometime in the near future.



Seth Carl (Mitch/Student Ensemble) is a freshman studying in the Lyric Theater program. This is his first show with ISM and he couldn't be more excited! He has been doing theater for 8 years now and music for even longer. He wants to thank the rest of the cast and crew for being so wonderful to work with and hopes you enjoy the show!!



Ethan Coronelli (Mr. Hawkins) is participating in his first show with Illini Student Musicals and he is beyond excited to be part of such a loving community. Currently, Ethan is a junior studying Choral Music Education. Ethan's favorite and breakout role was "Upper Manhattan Newsie number 3" in his home town's production of Newsies!



Mimi Erickson (Lucy/Student Ensemble) is a freshman studying English with a teaching concentration. Theater has been her passion ever since she was little, having performed in over 30 productions. Besides theater, Mimi is in the sorority Alpha Gamma Delta and is in Cru, a student led Christian ministry group. This is Mimi's first ISM show, but she couldn't be happier to start her career in this awesome RSO and can't wait to see what the future holds. She would like to thank her family, Dylan Rhodes, and the entire cast, crew and staff of The Prom. Enjoy the show!!





Claire Gao (Shelby) is a sophomore studying Psychology with a minor in Public Relations, and she is so excited to be back for her third ISM show. Outside of ISM, she is also involved with her dance team, Legend Dance Company. Claire would like to thank her friends and family for their endless support and the cast, crew, pit, and staff for creating an incredible show experience.

Sari Gluck (Angie) is a senior Integrative Biology major and is so excited to be performing in her 4th ISM show! Some of her favorite roles include Brooke Wyndham in Legally Blonde (ISM), Donna Sheridan in Mamma Mia (Vernon Hills High School), Dolly Levi in Hello Dolly (Vernon Hills High School), Ensemble in In the Heights (Illinois All-State Musical), and Ensemble in Aida (Illinois All-State Musical). She would like to thank all the amazing people in ISM that made this show possible! Hope you like it!



Sarah Heidorn (Dee Dee Allen) is thrilled to be a part in bringing this hilarious and heartwarming show to life. Sarah is a sophomore majoring in Choral Music Education, and this is her second semester in Illini Student Musicals. Her favorite past shows include Big Fish, Les Miserables, and Grease! She would like to thank the entire team of this production for their incredible dedication and her family and friends for all of their support, especially her past directors Kara and Marissa for playing an important role in her life on stage.



Ainsley Holland (Alyssa Greene) is a sophomore Biology major, and this is her 3rd show in ISM! She has previously played Ellie Blake in *Freaky Friday* and Marty in *Grease*. She is so incredibly excited to share this wonderful show with the audience and would like to thank the amazing staff and cast that have made this experience so special! She would also like to thank her family for their endless support!



Sophia Katsma (Lexi/Student Ensemble) is a freshman Lyric Theatre major, is overjoyed to be a part of her first ISM production! Throughout her time at William Fremd High School, she devoted herself to the Fremd Bands, Viking Marching Band, Fremd Choirs, and Fremd Theatre programs as a Drum Major, Choral Intern, Costumes Crew Head, and Assistant Stage Manager. A National School Choral Award recipient, her credits include *The Theory of Relativity* (Catherine) and *Footloose* (Ethel) in addition to a Carnegie Hall performance. Feeling incredibly fortunate to continue her studies here, she would like to thank her family members for their loving support!

Lara Keim (Maya/Student Ensemble) is a senior in Mechanical Engineering and so excited to be in her second ISM show and share the stage again with this amazing cast! Some of her favorite credits include *Urinetown*, *All Shook Up*, and, of course, ISM's production of *Grease* last spring. She would like to thank her friends and family for their endless support. She hopes you enjoy the show as much as she does!





Ryan Kreiter (Trent Oliver) is thrilled to be in his first ISM production! Past theatrical credits include *Addams Family* (Gomez), *Mean Girls* (Damian), *Shrek* (Lord Farquaad), *Cats* (Bustopher Jones), and *The Lion King* (Pumbaa). Outside of ISM, Ryan is a freshman studying Media/Cinema studies with a Theatre minor. Ryan would like to thank his family and friends for traveling from near and far to cheer him on. He would also like to thank the creative team, cast, and crew for an amazing first ISM experience. Finally, Ryan would like to thank his acting coach, Stacey Flaster for everything else.

Marley Lammers (Godspell, Unruly Heart) is a Sophomore BMA Lyric Theatre Major from Cleveland, Ohio. She has been seen in the ensemble of Lyric Theatre's productions of *Carnaval!*, *Under the Stars*, and *Die Fledermaus*. She is also pursuing minors in Wildlife and Fisheries Conservation, Sustainability, and Dance. Outside of school, Marley takes online acting classes with the Houde School of Acting, which is based in Cleveland. She also enjoys writing music and recently started combining her two biggest passions through writing songs about the climate crisis and environmental protection and action. She recently released her debut single, "August," on all streaming platforms. She is very excited to be making her ISM debut with this incredible cast and crew. She would like to thank her family for their continuous support of all her artistic endeavors!! Let's build a Prom!



Brooklyn Lutz (Sydney/Student Ensemble) is a junior pursuing her BFA in Dance here at the University of Illinois. She has been performing on stage since she was 3, and doing theater since she was 11. This is her second ISM production behind *Legally Blonde*. She is very excited to be a part of *The Prom* and to present this very important story.

Matt McDonnell (Sheldon Saperstein) is a sophomore going into Advertising. He has been doing theatre since elementary school, and one of his favorite roles includes Marius in Les Mis. He is very excited to be a part of his first show with ISM. He wants to congratulate all the cast and crew for putting this show together!



Anulika Ochuba (Mrs. Greene) is a senior studying journalism. Outside of ISM, she has been involved with WPGU as a news correspondent and social media intern. This is her first ISM production and she is very excited to be a part of something with such a great message.

Emma Perisho (Emma Nolan) is a junior majoring in Choral Music Education and she is so grateful to be a part of her 5th ISM show! You may have previously seen her as Jan in Grease, or Torrey in Freaky Friday. She also serves on the ISM Executive Board as a General Board Member! She wants to give an enormous thanks to the rehearsal staff for trusting her with such an important role, to everyone involved on and off stage for being so amazing to work with, and every loved one who came all the way here to see her!! It means the world!! She hopes you enjoy the show as much as she has enjoyed performing it :)





Nathan Pugh (Nick) is a sophomore majoring in Finance & Information Systems. He is thrilled to return to ISM this semester, after playing Danny Zuko in *Grease* and Parker in *Freaky Friday* last year! He has also performed at Carnegie Hall and in the Illinois All-State Honors Chorus. Outside of ISM, Nathan is a consultant at Illinois Business Consulting and member of Alpha Delta Phi fraternity. Nathan thanks all of the incredible cast, crew, pit, and staff that made this production possible and hopes you enjoy the show!

Nick Pugh (Ethan/Student Ensemble) is a sophomore Marketing and Management major and is excited to be back as Ethan in *The Prom* with ISM after playing Doody in *Grease* last semester! Other performance highlights include Wells in ISM's *Freaky Friday*, Lumiere in *Beauty and the Beast*, Buddy in *Elf*, Adam in *Freaky Friday*, and singing at Carnegie Hall. Nick is on ISM's Marketing and Outreach Committees, webmaster of Alpha Delta Phi fraternity, an AMA Consultant, and the VP of Marketing and Events for UIUC REACH. Nick is so grateful to be a part of this incredible cast and experience.
@nickpugh_ on insta.



Sophia Ranes (Jo/Adult Ensemble) is a freshman studying Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences within the college of ACES. This is her first show with ISM, but she has previously been a part of multiple high school and community productions in her hometown of Olney, IL. She would like to thank the cast, crew, and production team of *The Prom* for putting on an amazing show, and is beyond excited to be back on the stage in a show she loves!

Michal Szczepaniak (Barry Glickman) is so thrilled to be back on the Lincoln Hall stage in The Prom! He is a junior studying Journalism with a Theatre minor. You may have recently seen Michal in Grease (Roger), Freaky Friday (Grandpa Gordon), Legally Blonde (Kyle B. O'Boyle), and Little Women (Mr. Laurence). He also serves ISM's Community Outreach Coordinator, and anchors two news broadcasts with UI7 Newsroom at Richmond Studio. Michal would like to thank his family for always supporting him. He hopes you enjoy the show!



Angela Tomaso (Kaylee) is a sophomore in the BFA Acting program with a minor in Child Health and Well-Being. On campus, Angela is an Alpha Phi, a member of Odd Request Improv, and was previously seen as Patty Simcox in last semester's production of Grease. She is also a cast member at My Party Princess, where she works as a professional Disney Princess character performer. Some recent theatrical credits include Heathers (New Wave), Clue (Mrs. Peacock), Beauty and the Beast (Mrs. Potts), Spelling Bee (Logainne), and Newsies (Katherine). She would like to give a huge thank you to her amazing family and friends back at home, as well as her incredible cast here, for their endless support.

Ellen Tuttle (Jessie/Adult Ensemble) is a Sophomore in Creative Writing and she is so excited to return to ISM! You may have seen her as a member of the fabulous Teen Angel Trio in Grease last semester. When not having a blast with ISM, Ellen loves performing with her Springfield, IL theatre family at The Legacy Theatre, The Muni, and Springfield Theatre Center. Ellen would like to thank the cast, staff and crew, her amazing roommates, friends and family for always supporting her.



Staff

Katerina Alikakos (Build Crew) is a freshman studying Civil and Environmental Engineering. This is her first show in ISM, and she has had an amazing experience so far. In high school, she was involved in crew for all the shows her drama club had to offer and wanted to find something similar to that experience here at UIUC. ISM has been the best way for her to continue this activity. Enjoy the show!

Cameron Baba (Co-Paint Charge) is a senior studying Linguistics and Music. Previously she has served as technical director for Legally Blonde and Paint Charge for Grease, and she is so excited to be a part of the production again! Cam would like to thank everyone in the cast, crew, and pit for all of the work they put in to make this show as amazing as it is. It's been a joy to paint all these bricks.

Mary Baker (Build Crew) is a freshman who is currently undeclared. She has enjoyed building this year's set for The Prom, as well as many others during high school, including, but not limited to, various skit programs and Urinetown. She loves the people and vibrant energy that theater attracts and is very excited to be a part of this show.

Ava BooydeGraaff (Executive Producer) is excited to be involved in her seventh show with ISM! Previously, Ava was the Stage Manager for Grease, Freaky Friday, Legally Blonde, and Into the Woods, and she was an Assistant Stage Manager for Little Women and the ISM Showcase. While she is in a new role this semester, Ava would like to give a shoutout to the current Stage Management team and all the Stage Managers and ASMs she's worked with in the past.

Hanna Bowen (Co-Technical Director) is a senior studying Theatre with a concentration in Scenic Technology. This is Hanna's fifth show with ISM! Her previous roles include Assistant Technical Director for Little Women, Technical Director for Into the Woods, Co-Technical Director for Freaky Friday, and Props for Grease. She wants to thank every member of ISM, past and present, that have made these past 4 years so special!

Molly Brennan (Build Crew) is a freshman studying economics and this is her first year being part of ISM as a build crew member. She hopes everyone enjoys the show!

Helen Brusuk (Build Crew) is a junior studying Psychology. She is super excited to be a part of ISM for the 1st time. Before ISM she did set construction for her high school for all 4 years in a total of 14 shows so she is happy to be back in the tool shop!

Mara Burkhalter (Run Crew) is a sophomore excited to get back into theatre. It's her first semester in ISM, but she's been looking forward to getting involved in the production. She is thankful that the board could make the show happen, and looks forward to more productions in the future. Her favorite musical is *The Count of Monte Cristo*.

Wren Burzynski (Assistant Props) is an aspiring History major freshman who is delighted to be working in theater again.

Grace Cho (Assistant Props) is a junior Computer Science major and is excited to return for her fifth ISM production! You may have seen her in previous ISM productions of *Into The Woods* (Little Red Riding Hood), *Legally Blonde* (Delta Nu/Judge), and *Grease* (Ensemble). Other past show credits include The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee (Marcy) and *Little Shop of Horrors* (Crystal). She also was an assistant sound designer for ISM's production of *Freaky Friday*. She would like to thank the cast, crew, and pit for their hard work and dedication toward this production and hopes you enjoy the show!

Yuna Choi (Stage Manager) is a junior in Early Childhood Education, and so excited to be back for an ISM show! Previous ISM credits include Assistant Stage Manager for *Into the Woods*, *Legally Blonde*, and *Freaky Friday*. She is honored to be Stage Manager for *The Prom* and is so grateful for the opportunity to be in college theater. She gives her thanks to the staff, cast, and pit for all their hard work. Special shoutout to her incredible team, Hannah and Aahana, as well as Ava for her invaluable mentorship!

Harper Clark (Co-Choreographer) could not be more excited to be involved in her first ISM production! She is a sophomore from Bettendorf, Iowa majoring in Dance and Psychology. Harper started dance lessons at the age of 3 and over the years studied ballet, pointe, tap, jazz, modern, and hip hop. Throughout high school she taught jazz, tap, and modern at her home studio. This past summer she choreographed *Chicago* for Double Threat Studios in Bettendorf. On campus Harper is involved in Student Alumni Ambassadors and Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

Maeve Condon (Assistant Costume Designer) is excited the work on her first ISM show! Previously she has worked with the UW Milwaukee drama club, the 2022 All-State production and Glenbard East Theater. Outside the world of theater, she is a History major and undefeated bare knuckle boxer. She would like to thank everyone who made this show possible!

Rocky Daehler (Lighting Designer) is a junior majoring in Computer Engineering with a dual minor in Physics and Film Production. Outside of ISM, Rocky is happy to be involved with Sketch and Improv comedy and Game Builders. Past ISM shows include Legally Blonde, Freaky Friday, and Grease. He would like to thank the cast and crew for making the Prom a wonderful production.

Cecelia Escobar (Assistant Props) is a freshman studying Political Science. This is her first show with ISM, and she hopes you enjoy it!

Chloe Evans (Build Crew) is so excited to spend her first semester of freshman year in ISM building the set for The Prom! Chloe Evans is hoping to be accepted into the FAA program here at UIUC to become an art teacher some day. Outside of ISM Chloe likes to go on bike rides to explore campus and hang out with her friends. She would like to thank everyone in this production for creating a welcoming environment as she navigates life at school.

Laine Gamrath (Director, Artistic Lead) is so excited to be the Director and Artistic Lead of ISM's The Prom! Laine is a senior studying Psychology, and this is her sixth production with ISM. Most recently, you may have seen her as the Asst. Director of Grease, Katherine Blake in Freaky Friday and Serena in Legally Blonde. Laine also serves as the Marketing Director. Outside of ISM, Laine is involved in Alpha Delta Pi. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Aidan Gardner (Co-Sound Designer) is a senior studying Theatre with a concentration in Sound Design & Technology. Aidan also serves as the Vice President for ISM's Executive Board.

Peter Giannetos (Co-Sound Designer) is thrilled to be working his 5th show with ISM. He'd like to thank the cast, staff, pit and board for all the long hours they've put into this amazing production. Enjoy the show!

Emily Hackett (Run Crew) is a senior studying Speech & Hearing Science, with minors in Creative Writing and Disability Studies. This is her second semester with ISM; Emily was on the Run Crew team for last semester's production of Grease, and she is thrilled to be back and to have found such a welcoming community here at ISM. She would like to thank the cast, crew, and staff for all their efforts to put this production together. She hopes you enjoy the show! It's time to dance!

Elayna Hermanns (Usher, Build Crew) is a sophomore Developmental Psychology major. This is her third semester with ISM and her second semester working on build crew. She was also in the cast of Freaky Friday last fall as a member of the ensemble. She is very grateful to be back working with ISM this semester and to be a small part of this production of The Prom. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Maggie Hershey (Build/Paint Crew) is a freshman studying Lighting Design and Technology and planning on pursuing minors in Business and Secondary Education. They are very excited to be working on their first ISM production and are looking forward to learning many new skills throughout the process. They would like to thank the ISM staff for welcoming them to the process.

Ally Howe (Assistant Hair and Makeup) is a sophomore studying Choral Music Education. Previously she could be seen on the stage in both ISM's Grease and ISM's Freaky Friday. She has enjoyed the opportunity to learn more and work on another part of the production this semester! She would like to thank the board, and all of the cast, staff, and crew who have made this amazing show possible! She hopes that you enjoy the show!

Noori Khurshid (Hair and Makeup Designer) is very excited to begin her ISM journey with the Prom! She's a freshman majoring in Astrophysics and Math but is equally as much of a theatre nerd as she is a physics nerd. She's been an active participant in her schools' theatre programs since middle school and has been part of cast and crew in several productions including Rock of Ages (Justice Charlier) and Ducks and Lovers (Assistant Technical Director). Noori is so proud of the entire cast, crew, and pit for putting on this amazing production and would like to thank everyone who supported it!

Abby Kong (Lighting Assistant) is thrilled to be a part of The Prom! This will be her second main stage production with ISM, and she continues to be grateful for the friends and fond memories developed through this organization. Last semester, she was an Assistant Stage Manager for Grease, and in the past she's been heavily involved with lighting on too many shows to keep count. She is proud of all of the hard work and valuable time spent to make The Prom happen, and she hopes you enjoy the show!

Charles Lin (Captions Guy) is an almost-retired senior BS-MCS student who has a passion for finding ways to insert code into everything non-engineering related. He has done captions for ISM's Spring 2023 show Grease and has returned to present the highest quality captions that you have ever seen in your life. Outside of ISM, he enjoys making music, spending copious amounts of time in front of a piano as an escape from the CS grind. He would like to thank the board for giving him the opportunity to be a part of ISM. He would also like to thank the audience for observing the words that appear during the show. Thank you. Really.

Vicka Liokumovich (Assistant Costume Designer) is a freshman majoring in History. As well, she is planning to minor in Secondary Education, Psychology, and Philosophy. Previously, she had worked on the costume designs for almost every show at her high school. She is excited for this to be her first production with Illini Student Musicals. She would also like to thank the fantastic staff and cast of the show for putting together such a wonderful production! She hopes that you enjoy the show!

Allyson Lunsford (Assistant Technical Director) is a sophomore studying Neuroscience. This is her first show with ISM and has enjoyed participating in theater production again. She'd like to thank everyone who worked to put this show together and everyone who welcomed her.

Jesse McKenzie (Scenic Designer/Technical Consultant) is a senior majoring in Scenic Technology with a minor in Business. He has worked on various productions at the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts such as the upcoming musical *Wild Party*, and previous productions like *October Dance*, *Neverland*, and *The Heist*. Jesse has also been involved with ISM since his freshman year working in the capacity of technical director and scenic designer for six productions. He really enjoys ISM and has enjoyed seeing the organization grow and evolve over the last four years.

Cesar Medina (Co-Paint Charge, Build Crew) is excited to continue his involvement in Illini Student Musicals for a third year in a row. This is Cesar's first time serving as Co-Paint Charge alongside senior Cameron Baba. The Prom marks an important milestone for Cesar as it's the 25th show he has been apart of in his 8 years of doing musical theatre. Enjoy the show :)

Aahana Meka (Assistant Stage Manager) is a freshman studying Psychology on the pre-medical track. This is Aahana's first show with ISM, but she has previously served as Stage Manager at her high school for the past three years. She has learned a lot in her first semester, and wants to thank the cast and crew for being so welcoming! Here's to a great show!

Zoe Mihevc (Technical Consultant) is a senior studying Materials Science and Engineering. This is her 7th ISM show, and she is excited be part of the organization again this year. Zoe would like to thank everyone involved in the show for all their hard work, especially the board for making everything come together behind the scenes.

Hannah Miller (Build Crew) is a junior studying Psychology with minors in Criminology and Legal Studies. This is her first year as a part of ISM, and she is excited to be involved. She is also apart of the Outreach Committee. She would like to thank the board and wonderful staff for making the show possible, and to the build crew for the opportunity to participate.

Braulio Muro (Co-Vocal Director) is currently a Senior studying Choral Music Education. He has been having a blast co-vocal directing alongside his great friend Alexa Petrandò. He was last seen as Adam in *Freaky Friday*. Throughout his 4 years at UIUC, Braulio has been involved in the Music Education Student Association, the American Choral Directors Association, and various choirs at the university. He sends out a huge thanks to his family and friends who have been incredibly supportive throughout this show process. Braulio would like to thank and congratulate the entire cast, crew, pit, and staff for their hard work. Enjoy the Prom!

Jamila Nadine Booc (Assistant Sound Designer) is a freshman studying CS + Linguistics, and she could not be more excited to join the staff for her first ISM production. In high school, she was involved with Fiddler on the Roof (Ensemble), RENT (Props Master), and Carrie: The Musical (ASM). Outside of theatre, she is involved with PSA and GRMD. She would like to thank all of the cast and crew for all their hard work in putting this show together, and she hopes you enjoy!

Joshua Nelson (Assistant Lights) is a freshman studying Computer Science. He is thrilled to be a part of his first production with ISM and is overjoyed to express his creative passion for theatrical lighting through this show. Joshua would like to thank everyone involved in the production of The Prom for working so tirelessly to bring this amazing show to life!

Quinn Patchell (Assistant Sound) is a sophomore majoring in Biochemistry and has been involved with technical theater for 5 years. She would like to thank her family and friends for their continued support, as well as Nick Sargis and the Fox Valley Park District for allowing her to develop her passion for the arts.

Ellie Pierzina (Co-Choreographer) is a junior Instrumental Music major and has had such an amazing time as Co-Choreographer for The Prom! This is Ellie's fifth ISM production and her second being on staff. Her prior ISM experience includes playing Frenchy in Grease, being assistant choreographer for Freaky Friday, playing Pilar in Legally Blonde, and being in the ensemble for Into the Woods. Ellie would like to give a big thank you to her fellow rehearsal staff for all their hard work and help along the way. She would also like to give a big shout-out to the cast and staff for all of their hard work throughout this process.

Matthew Perry (Assistant Sound) is a freshman studying Atmospheric Science and Statistics. He's been involved in theater since middle school, and he loves learning more about the intricacies of sound design in every show he's a part of. He wants to thank all cast and crew for helping put an amazing production together as well as the Board for giving him this incredible opportunity! Enjoy the show!

Alexa Petrando (Co-Vocal Director) is currently a junior studying Choral Music Education. She has been having so much fun co-vocal directing with bestie Braulio Muro. She was last seen as Sandy in Grease and Savannah in Freaky Friday. Outside of ISM, Alexa is involved in Women's Glee Club and her sorority, Alpha Phi. She is very grateful for her family and friends who have been so supportive throughout this process. Alexa would like to thank the entire cast, crew, pit, and staff for a wonderful experience and hopes you all enjoy the performance!

Mia Petrie (Run Crew) is very excited to be able to help out with the show and start being involved with ISM. She has been involved in almost every part of theater production throughout high school, both on stage and off. She is super excited to start being involved in theater in college! She is a freshman majoring in Secondary Education: Math. She looks forward to everyone seeing the show and hopes they enjoy it!

Kyla Ramsey (Run Crew) is a junior studying Psychology and is happy to be joining the ISM staff for the first time as part of the run crew. She also had fun helping out the build staff at the warehouse and is proud of how much staff has accomplished. She hopes that everyone enjoys the show and is looking forward to more ISM performances in the future.

Sarah Russell (Run Crew) is a freshman studying Studio Art with a concentration in Photography. Having done backstage work in high school, she was eager to continue theater in college. She is incredibly excited to work on her first ISM production and many more in the future!

Abby Rydberg (Co- Pro-Shot Coordinator) is a senior studying Systems Engineering with a minor in Film Production. She hopes to work in the entertainment industry and hopefully make money and not live in a cardboard box. Past ISM shows are Legally Blonde, Freaky Friday, and Grease. She hopes you silence your cellphones and enjoy the show :)

Hannah Sachs (Assistant Stage Manager) is a sophomore Management and Information Systems major. She has previously worked as an Asst. Stage Manager for ISM's productions of Freaky Friday and Grease. She is so excited to present The Prom this semester and is proud of all the work staff, cast, and crew put in to make it an amazing show. She would like to specifically thank the stage management team, Yuna and Aahana, for being supportive friends and dedicated workers. Enjoy the show!!

Maggie Sanchez (Co-Technical Director) is very excited to be working on The Prom! She is a sophomore Psychology major with a minor in Criminology. This is her third ISM show and she has worked on build crew and run crew in the past. She has enjoyed her time working to make the set alongside the other Co-TD, Hanna, and the build crew. She would like to thank her family for encouraging her to pursue her passion for theatre and her roommates who motivate her everyday. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Melissa Sanchez (Costume Designer) is a junior Communication major who has done two ISM shows: Into the Woods and Grease. Before that she did costumes for her high school theater department all four years. This is her first show as head of costumes, and it has been an exciting experience. She would like to thank all cast, crew, and pit members as well as the audience for taking part in the magic of the show!

Amy Sanchez (Props Coordinator) is a junior in Advertising with a minor in Art and Design. This is her fourth ISM show working on props. She hopes everyone enjoys the show and loves the decorations chosen for The Prom.

Lyla Stern (Co- Pro-Shot Coordinator) is a junior Graphic Design student at the University of Illinois. The Prom has been her first full brand identity project, and she's been avidly working on everything content related for @illinimusicals on Instagram. Previously, she worked on sound for Freaky Friday and Grease, so this is her first show with ISM doing the pro-shot. She is so unbelievably proud of all the work this organization has accomplished this semester and looks forward to the productions to come.

Katelyn Ulrich (House Manager) is currently a freshman studying Business, and this is her first semester with ISM. She has always had a love for theatre and has enjoyed her experience with being house manager in the past, and she was honored to have been able to continue this role through ISM. Outside of theatre, she enjoys singing, Spanish, spending time with her friends and family, and also trying new coffee places on campus. She hopes you all enjoy the show!

Mark Vanderwater (Assistant Director) is thrilled that you have come to see ISM's production of the Prom! After greatly enjoying his time as a cast member in ISM's Grease, he has thrown himself in to be more involved with this semester's production. Mark would like to thank those high school peers who first convinced him to get involved with musical theatre, a decision he has never regretted!

Pit

Jamie Abbott (Keyboard 2) is a senior studying Agricultural and Biological Engineering who spends as much time as possible between studying enjoying music, knitting/crochet, and plants. She is particularly excited for The Prom because it is her first ISM show! She would like to give a shoutout to Noah for inspiring her to pursue theater in college, and she would like to thank the pit and the rest of the team for a wonderful first experience. Thank you for your support, and enjoy the show!

Matthew Adler (Violin 2) is a freshman studying Physics with a minor in Electrical and Computer Engineering. He loves playing music as a creative outlet, and being a part of the Illini Student Musicals for the first time has been one of his favorite experiences at UIUC. He would like to thank all of his fellow pit members for creating a very welcoming environment and the rest of the cast and crew for putting together such a thrilling experience. He's super excited to perform with ISM for the first time, and can't wait to stay involved in the future!

Caleigh Arentsen (Reed 1) is very excited to be participating in her third ISM production. She has been playing in pit orchestras since high school and is grateful to be given the opportunity to continue to in college. Caleigh would like to thank her parents for always encouraging her to pursue music and hopes everyone enjoys the show!

Lily Blodgett (Reed 2) is a freshman studying Clarinet Performance. This is her first year involved in ISM, but she has played in a number of other pit orchestras as a multi-instrumentalist. Outside of pit orchestra, she is the Eb clarinet player for the Illinois Wind Orchestra and an admin for Illini Esports. She wants to thank the cast, crew, and staff involved in making this show happen, and she hopes you enjoy!

Jeffrey DeLaRosa (Trumpet 1) is a senior earning his degree in Music Education. He specializes in jazz and classical music but enjoys being in a variety of different groups. In his free time he enjoys cooking, reading, and working in digital audio workstations.

George Espinoza (Trombone) is a senior here at UIUC. This will be his first ISM production. Enjoy the show!

Dominic Gomes (Drumset) has been playing drums since 2010 and is delightful to return to ISM! Overall he loves performing in Broadway shows, it's literally his favorite thing to do! Outside from the pits he gets stuck in, he enjoys playing with various jazz ensembles in Jazz at Illinois, performing on timpani with the Schaumburg Youth Symphony Orchestra, and coaching the Notre Dame/Resurrection College Prep Drumline, as Coach Gomes. Previous pit shows include SpongeBob, Hello Dolly!, Spelling Bee, and Finding Nemo Jr. Coach will be your driver and hopes you enjoy The Prom!

Evie Irwin (Cello) is a second-year Music Education student who is excited to be in her second show with ISM. Having spent most of her life in the casts of musicals, it's fun and exciting for her to get a new perspective in the pit. Enjoy the show!

Ryan Kazda (Pit Director) is a senior studying Music Education. Prior to the role of pit director, he has played trumpet in a number of pit orchestras, including ISM's production of Legally Blonde. Kazda has been active in the school of music over the past four years, performing in concert bands, jazz bands, and orchestras. After graduation, he aspires to be a high school band director. He would like to thank the entire staff, crew, pit orchestra, and incredible cast he has had the pleasure of working alongside throughout the past couple of months. Enjoy the show!

Minyoung Kim (Trumpet 2) is a freshman studying Jazz Performance and is very excited to play in pit for The Prom! He was introduced to theatre in high school, where he played an ensemble role in The Little Mermaid and is now on the pit side of a musical. He is very thankful to the ISM staff and the pit director for introducing him to ISM and giving him a chance to perform!

Julia Olson (Percussion) is a freshman studying Music Performance with a minor in Business. Outside of ISM, she enjoys assisting both research in the School of Music and participating in the Illini Strings, Wind Orchestra, National Band Association, and Pickleball Club. She would like to thank all of the staff, cast, and crew for all of the hard work that has gone into putting this show together. Julia is so excited to play for the Prom!

Cole Pierzina (Guitar) is a freshman studying Chemical Engineering. He has experience playing guitar in his high school's pit, but this is his first time working with ISM. Outside of music, Cole serves as the president and founder of the Illini Film Club. He is beyond grateful to be gifted this wonderful opportunity to perform with ISM.

Adam Quiballo (Bass) is a senior in Electrical Engineering. This is his fourth show with ISM and he appreciates the opportunity to keep playing in pit. He hopes you enjoy the show.

Sofia Ruiz Cordero (Violin/Viola) is a freshman, and this is her first show with ISM. She is so excited to be playing in this production, and she hopes everyone enjoys the show!

Ayu Seiya (Violin 1) is a senior majoring in Violin Performance and CS + Chemistry from St. Charles, IL. He is thrilled to be playing in ISM pit a second time and hopes everyone enjoys the show!

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