

Illini Student Musicals Presents

Grease



Lincoln Hall Theater Mom's Weekend

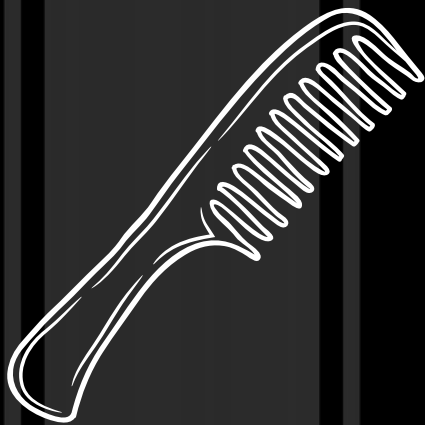
April 14th at 7:30 PM

April 15th at 4:30PM & 7:30 PM

April 16th at 2:00 PM

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Note from the Artistic Leads

Grease is the word! We're thrilled to be kicking-off our 11th year with a powerhouse musical like "Grease." From the very beginning of the process, we knew that "Grease" would be a turning point for this organization. We're working with the largest cast, the biggest set, and the most costumes to date, and we couldn't be more excited!

"Grease" is an American classic, and we wanted to do it right, which meant there were a lot of big expectations to meet. We worked tirelessly to make "Grease the Musical," which predates the movie, feel as close to the iconic "Grease" that our generation and our parents' generation grew up with. We were only able to have produced such a grand show because of the hard work of everyone listed in this program, and we're eternally thankful!

ISM has a very special place in our hearts. Having entered the cast as first semester freshmen, it's an honor to continue the legacy of professionalism that's been established over the past decade as staff members our senior year.

We've seen the organization grow and evolve drastically over our four years. We survived lockdown, mask mandates, performance restrictions, and more. But this organization rose to meet every challenge and continued to perform through every difficulty, thanks to our hardworking members and generous donors. Our college experience changed rapidly because of COVID. In a world of uncertainty, ISM was an anchor and an outlet from the chaos of the outside world. This year is no exception.

We're so thankful to work with such a wonderful cast, pit, and staff. We're constantly blown away by the talent and determination of everyone involved. You guys approached the process with such energy, grace, and drive; we couldn't have done it without any of you. As we reflect on our time at the university, our best memories are from ISM and with the friends we made along the way. We've reached the end of our time in this organization and are overwhelmed with the love and support we've seen. As a tight-knit rehearsal staff, we've spent the past three semesters working to expand the ISM family and create the best possible environment for theatre on campus. We're so grateful to have been entrusted with that mission, and we're so looking forward to seeing the next generation of leaders rise through this organization.

Thank you for supporting this amazing organization, our phenomenal members, and musical theatre at the University of Illinois. Sit back, relax, and enjoy "Grease!"

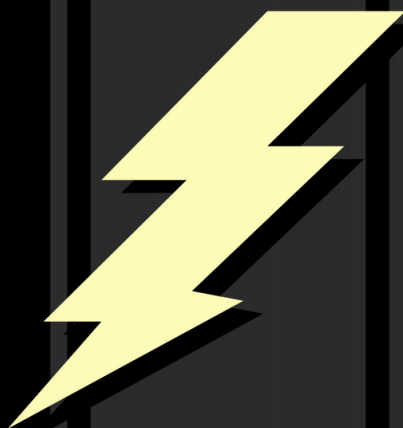
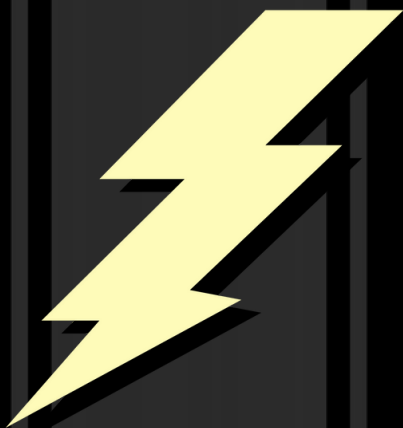
**Sincerely,
Micky Horstman and Ethan Fazio**

Cast

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| Danny Zuko..... | Nathan Pugh |
| Sandy Dumbrowski..... | Alexa Petrandó |
| Rizzo..... | Jazmin Wilkins |
| Kenickie..... | Will Curtis |
| Frenchy..... | Ellie Pierzina |
| Doody..... | Nick Pugh |
| Marty..... | Ainsley Holland |
| Roger..... | Michal Szczepaniak |
| Jan..... | Emma Perisho |
| Sonny..... | Mitch Ryba |
| Patty..... | Angela Tomaso |
| Eugene, Teen Angel..... | Brodee McCormick |
| Cha-Cha, Lightning Dancer..... | Lexi Hillman |
| Teen Angel..... | Addey Connor |
| Teen Angel..... | Ellen Tuttle |
| Jo Casino, Teen angel..... | Ariel Williams |
| Miss Lynch..... | Kaitlin Cunningham |
| Vince Fontaine..... | Jim Scully |
| Girl's Voice, Rydell Student..... | Amanda Barry |
| Hero's Voice, Rydell Student..... | Mark Vanderwater |
| Scientist's Voice, Lightning Dancer..... | Siena O'Connor |
| Sheila's Voice, Rydell Student..... | Aera Boateng |
| Lightning Dancer..... | Claire Gao |
| Lightning Dancer..... | Lara Keim |
| Lightning Dancer..... | Sydney Weiler |
| Rydell Student..... | Grace Cho |
| Rydell Student..... | Meg Ciko |
| Rydell Student..... | Sarah Heidorn |
| Rydell Student..... | Ally Howe |
| Rydell Student..... | Brayden Riesberg |
| Rydell Student..... | Imran Rizvi |

Rehearsal Staff

Director, Co-Artistic Lead.....Ethan Fazio
Choreographer, Co-Artistic Lead.....Micky Horstman
Co-Music Director.....Maya O'Neill
Co-Music Director.....Nathan Waterson
Assistant Director.....Laine Gamrath
Assistant Choreographer.....Maggie Hancock
Pit Director, Rehearsal Accompanist.....Kevin Zhou
Stage Manager.....Ava BooydeGraaff
Assistant Stage Manager.....Abby Kong
Assistant Stage Manager.....Hannah Sachs
Executive Producer.....Sophia Urban



Technical and Production Staff

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| Co-Technical Director | Ethan Fazio |
| Scenic Designer, Co-Technical Director | Jesse McKenzie |
| Assistant Technical Director | Keenan Peris |
| Assistant Technical Director | Maggie Sanchez |
| Co-Sound Designer | Aidan Gardner |
| Co-Sound Designer | Peter Giannetos |
| Assistant Sound | Quinn Patchell |
| Assistant Sound | Abby Rydberg |
| Assistant Sound | Lyla Stern |
| Lighting Designer | Zoe Mihevc |
| Assistant Lights | Rocky Daehler |
| Assistant Lights | Sarah O'Riley |
| Assistant Lights | Madison Rosenberger |
| Captioning Coordinator | Charles Lin |
| Co-Costumer Designer | Maggie Beese |
| Co-Costume Designer | Edward Molsen |
| Hair and Makeup Designer, Assistant Costumes | Claire Yuccas |
| Assistant Hair and Makeup | Runali Hatalkar |
| Co-Props Coordinator | Hanna Bowen |
| Co-Props Coordinator | Sofie Schmeltzer |
| Co-Props Coordinator | Amy Sanchez |
| Assistant Props | Jordan Montgomery |
| Assistant Props | Gianna Moroney |
| Paint Charge | Cameron Baba |
| Assistant Paint Charge | Ellis Mack |

Technical and Production Staff Continued

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| Stunt Coordinator | Stina Sfondilis |
| Run Crew | Caleigh Arentsen |
| Run Crew | Joey Czarnik |
| Run Crew | Emily Hackett |
| Run Crew | Ellis Mack |
| Run Crew | Maggie Sanchez |
| Run Crew | Melissa Sanchez |
| Run Crew | Elisabeth Sandoval |
| House Manager | Nick Boivin |
| Usher | Cesar Medina |
| Usher | Joey Czarnik |

Pit

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Pit Director | Kevin Zhou |
| Keyboard | Alina Loewenstein |
| Guitar 1 | Brody Snook |
| Guitar 2 | Ethan Miranda |
| Drums | Jon Brown |
| Bass | Adam Quiballo |
| Reed 1 | Claire Baranyk |
| Reed 2 | Nina Stepeniants |
| Flute | Angie Hwang |

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McKenzie, Nick Pugh, Michal Szczepaniak**

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Co-Tech Director - Jesse McKenzie

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Asst. Tech Director - Maggie Sanchez

Caleigh Arentsen, Cameron Baba, Ava BooydeGraaff, Hanna Bowen, Laine Gamrath, Aidan Gardner, Peter Giannetos, Elayna Hermanns, Micky Horstman, Ellis Mack, Cesar Medina, David Messerschmidt, Zoe Mihevc, Maya O'Neill, Kami Parker, Rheyra Pigors, Nick Pugh, Jim Scully, Brody Snook, Lyla Stern, Ellen Tuttle, Sophia Urban, Jazmin Wilkins

ISM Inaugural Intramural Soccer Team

Captain - Mitch Ryba

Will Curtis, Darien Durell, Ethan Fazio, Aidan Gardner, Peter Giannetos, Micky Horstman, David Messerschmidt, Jim Scully, Ramman Takhsh, Luca Zefran, Kevin Zhou

Act 1

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|--|---------------------------------------|
| Grease..... | Greasers, Pink Ladies, Company |
| Summer Nights..... | Danny, Sandy, Company |
| Those Magic Changes..... | Doody, Company |
| Freddy, My Love..... | Marty, Pink Ladies |
| Greased Lightnin'..... | Kenickie, Greasers |
| Rydell Fight Song..... | Sandy, Patty |
| Mooning..... | Roger, Jan |
| Look At Me, I'm Sandra Dee..... | Rizzo |
| We Go Together..... | Company |

Act 2

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|---|---------------------------|
| Shakin' at The High School Hop..... | Company |
| It's Raining on Prom Night..... | Jan, Sandy |
| Born To Hand Jive..... | Jo Casino, Company |
| Hopelessly Devoted to You*..... | Sandy |
| Beauty School Drop Out..... | Teen Angel Trio |
| Sandy*..... | Danny |
| Rock 'N' Roll Party Queen..... | Roger, Doody |
| There Are Worse Things I Could Do..... | Rizzo |
| Sandra Dee Reprise..... | Sandy |
| You're The One That I Want*..... | Company |

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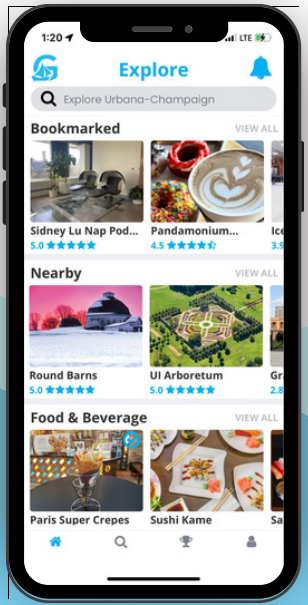


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Cast



Amanda Barry (Girl's Voice, Rydell Student) (She/Her) is a freshman studying Communication! She hopes to minor in Theatre and Media as well. This is her second show with ISM, and she is thrilled to be a part of such a talented and fun group of people! Some of Amanda's favorite roles have included Roxie ("Chicago") and Wednesday ("The Addams Family"). Outside of theatre, she loves listening to disco music, eating Ben & Jerry's ice cream, and spending time with friends and family. Enjoy the show!

Aera Boateng (Sheila's Voice, Rydell Student) (She/Her) is a freshman in Creative Writing & EALC. As someone who did theater in high school, she decided to continue pursuing the hobby in college. Other hobbies she has includes writing, reading, playing video games, dancing, and rambling about just about everything under the sun.



Grace Cho (Rydell Student) (She/Her) is a sophomore Computer Science major and is excited to return to ISM for her fourth production! Past show credits include Little Red Riding Hood ("Into The Woods"), Delta Nu/Judge ("Legally Blonde"), and Marcy ("The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee"). She also was an assistant sound for ISM's production of "Freaky Friday." She would like to thank the cast and crew for all of their hard work and dedication toward this production. She dedicates this performance to her friends and family for their endless support and encouragement. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Meg Ciko (Rydell Student) (She/Her) is a freshman studying Music Education. This is her first semester with ISM, and she is super excited to perform in her first collegiate theatre production. Meg has been performing in theatre since she was in first grade, and her favorite roles have been Wednesday Addams ("The Addams Family"), Mary Phagan ("Parade"), and Gabriella Montez ("High School Musical"). Meg would like to thank the staff of ISM for giving her the opportunity to participate in "Grease." She would also like to thank her friends and family for their endless support. Enjoy the show!



Kaitlin Cunningham (Miss Lynch) (She/Her) is a sophomore Mathematics major with a minor in Secondary Education. This is her second semester with ISM, and she is so excited to be back! Previously, she was Grandma Helene in ISM's production of "Freaky Friday", and Abby Brewster ("Arsenic and Old Lace"). She would like to thank the cast, staff, and all of her friends and family for their endless support.

Addey Connor (Teen Angel Trio, Rydell Student) (She/Her) is a sophomore studying Political Science with a minor in Music. This is her second semester in ISM, with her first being "Freaky Friday" in the fall. She is so excited to share the stage with some of her favorite people. She wants to thank everyone in the staff, cast, and crew for all of their hard work.





Will Curtis (Kenickie) (He/Him) is a junior studying Information Systems and Psychology. This is his third semester with ISM, and he is excited to be back on stage with such a passionate group of people. You might have seen him previously as Warner in "Legally Blonde" last spring. He would like to thank everyone involved in the show for their countless hours and unmatched energy in putting this show together, his friends for their enthusiasm and encouragement, and, as always, he would like to thank his family for their unconditional support. All of this is impossible without you.

Claire Gao (Lightning Dancer) (She/Her) is a freshman majoring in Psychology and minoring in Public Relations, and she is thrilled to be back for her second ISM show. Outside of ISM, she is involved with research, service, and her dance team, Legend Dance Company. Claire would like to thank the incredible cast, crew, and staff of ISM for creating an incredible production experience and her friends and family for their endless support!



Sarah Heidorn (Rydell Student) (She/Her) is a freshman studying Choral Music Education. This is her first semester with ISM, and she is happy to be back on stage with this welcoming and talented cast. She would like to thank her family, friends, and her past directors, Kara and Marissa, for their love and encouragement.



Lexi Hillman (Cha-Cha, Lightning Dancer)

(She/Her) Lexi is a senior at the university majoring in Political Science. She has been a part of Illini Student Musicals since freshman year and has participated in six ISM productions. Some of her favorite shows are "Freaky Friday" as Laurel, "Carrie" as Featured Dancer, and "A Chorus Line" as Featured Dancer. She is sad that she will have to leave such a great organization but is excited about what the future holds. Lexi would like to thank her family and friends for supporting her in each show and ISM for giving her the opportunity to perform with them.



Ainsley Holland (Marty) **(She/Her)** is a freshman Lyric Theatre major and is so excited to be apart of her second ISM production. In the past, Ainsley has played Ellie Blake ("Freaky Friday"), Donna ("Mamma Mia!"), and Audrey ("Little Shop of Horrors"). Ainsley would like to thank her friends and family for being so supportive, and she can't wait to share this incredible show. She would also like to thank the cast and staff of "Grease" and feels so grateful to be able to work with such an amazing group of people. Grease is the word!



Ally Howe (Rydell Student) **(She/Her)** is a freshman pursuing a Bachelor's in Choral Music Education. She is so excited to be joining the company of "Grease" for her second production with Illini Student Musicals! Notable performances from the last year include "Freaky Friday" (Fish Vendor), "Big Fish" (Jenny Hill), and "Little Mermaid" (Ariel). She would like to thank the wonderful company for creating such an amazing experience! She would also like to thank her friends and family for all of the support!





Lara Keim (Lightning Dancer) (She/Her) is a junior studying Mechanical Engineering and is super excited to be in her first-ever ISM show! Life steered her away from theatre for a few years, but she is so happy to be back on stage with such an amazing group of people. Previous shows include "All Shook Up," "Beauty and the Beast," and "Urinetown" through Lake Forest High School theatre. She would like to shoutout her friends and family for their continued support and her awesome castmates for a warm welcome into the ISM family. Enjoy the show!

Brodee McCormick (Teen Angel, Eugene) (He/Him) is a junior studying Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications. This is his first semester with ISM and is excited to be back on the stage with such a talented group of people. He would like to thank the staff for their hard work and especially for the opportunity to be cast in this awesome show. Additionally, he would like to thank his friends for their support and encouragement throughout the show process and his family for always being his number one cheerleader, no matter what sign-up sheet he put his name on!



Siena O'Connor (Lightning Dancer) (She/Her) is a sophomore from Athens, GA studying Lyric Theater under Professor Dawn Harris. Recently with Lyric Theater at Illinois she was seen in "Carnaval!" (Ensemble/Dance Captain), "A Little Night Music" (Osa) at the Krannert Center and "Lyric Under The Stars." On campus, she also performed in Penny Dreadful Players' "Nightingale Won't Remember by Tomorrow" (Katherine Blake) and Illini Student Musicals' production of "Freaky Friday" (Gretchen's Mom/Savannah's Minion). Outside of performing she teaches dance at Urbana Fine Arts Center. She wants to thank her family for their endless support and hopes that you enjoy the show!!



Emma Perisho (Jan) (She/Her) is a sophomore studying Choral Music Education, and she is so excited to be apart of her 4th ISM show!! You may have seen her last semester in "Freaky Friday" as Torrey, and in her homet own she has played roles such as Cady in "Mean Girls" and Jan (again) in "Grease." She would like to thank absolutely everyone involved in the show for making this process SUCH a blast and her family and friends for their endless support and listening to her rambles about musicals every semester. Enjoy the show!!!



Alexa PeLrando (Sandy) (She/Her) is currently a sophomore studying Choral Music Education. She is thrilled to be retuning to the stage in her second ISM production! Alexa was last seen as 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!



Ellie Pierzina (Frenchy) (She/Her) is a sophomore Instrumental Music Education major. This is her fourth semester involved with ISM, having previously been the assistant choreographer for "Freaky Friday," played Pilar in "Legally Blonde," and Snow White in "Into the Woods." Some other notable roles played outside of ISM include Chava in "Fiddler on the Roof," Sandy in "Grease" (yes, "Grease"!), Grace Clements in "Working", and Gertrude in "Seussical." She wants to thank the cast, staff, and pit for all of their hard work and an amazing show process.





Nathan Pugh (Danny Zuko) (He/Him) is a freshman Business Undeclared major. He is thrilled to return to ISM after playing Parker in "Freaky Friday" last semester! Some of his favorite past roles include Beast in "Beauty and the Beast" and Billy Crocker in "Anything Goes." 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 (Doody) (He/Him) is a freshman Business Undeclared major and is excited to be back as Doody in "Grease" with ISM after playing Wells in "Freaky Friday" last semester! Other performance highlights include Lumiere in "Beauty and the Beast," Buddy in "Elf," Adam in "Freaky Friday," and singing in the 2022 Illinois All-State Honors Choir and at Carnegie Hall. Nick is on ISM's Marketing and Outreach Committees, a member of Alpha Delta Phi, and the VP of Marketing for Illini Influencers. Nick is so grateful to be a part of this incredible cast and experience. GREASE IS THE WORD!! @nickpugh_ on insta.



Brayden Riesberg (Rydell Student) (He/Him) Hey. Hi. Hello. This is my first year in ism. It's pretty chill. I'm an info science major. Im a junior. I beat Guitar Hero 3 on expert. I'm in the marching band. I play saxophone. Go Illini.

Imran Rizvi (Rydell Student.) (He/Him) is a freshman pursuing a BFA in Acting. This is his first semester with ISM, and he is excited to be doing such a fun show with even more fun people. He would like to thank everyone involved in the show for making the whole process an incredible experience, and his friends and family for their endless support.



Mitch Ryba (Sonny) (He/Him) is a senior studying Advertising and Business. He has been involved with seven ISM shows since his freshman year. Some highlights include the ensemble for "Carrie" and "Legally Blonde," and Executive Producer for ISM's recent production of "Freaky Friday." He thanks you all for coming and hopes you enjoy the show.

Jim Scully (Vince Fontaine) (He/Him) is stoked to be a part of ISM in the cast of Grease. He is a senior Advertising major with a minor in Critical Film Production. Some other favorite past roles include the Wizard in "The Wizard of Oz," Chef Louis in "The Little Mermaid," and a tree with no lines. Jim is thankful to the entire cast and crew for their hard work and dedication in this production. This is his last ISM show, until he unretires and signs a one year contract with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.





Michal Szczepaniak (Roger) (He/Him) is thrilled to be back on the Lincoln Hall stage in "Grease." He is a junior studying Journalism with a Theatre minor. You may have recently seen Michal in "Freaky Friday" as Grandpa Gordon, "Legally Blonde" as Kyle B. O'Boyle, "Little Women" as Mr. Laurence, and "Into the Woods" in the ensemble. He also serves on the ISM general board and anchors "Good Morning, Illini" on Friday mornings. Michal would like to thank his family for always supporting him. He hopes you enjoy the show!

Angela Tomaso (Patty) (She/Her) is a freshman here at UIUC studying Acting. While this is her first ISM show, Angela has been performing for as long as she can remember. Her recent credits include Logainne in "Spelling Bee," Mrs. Potts in "Beauty and the Beast," Katherine in "Newsies," and Ariel in "The Little Mermaid." Here at UIUC, Angela is a part of Odd Request Improv, and back at home she is a Disney party princess performer. She couldn't be more excited to be joining the lovely and admirable ISM family in such a family-favorite show! @angela.tomaso on Instagram.



Ellen Tuttle (Teen Angle Trio) (She/Her) is a freshman studying Communication with a minor in Theatre. This is her first semester with ISM, and she's excited to be involved with this incredibly talented and kind group of people! Some of her performing highlights include playing Paulette in Springfield High School's "Legally Blonde" (2022), ILMEA All-State Vocal Jazz Choir (2022), and playing Prawn in the Legacy Theatre's "My One and Only" (2022). Ellen would like to thank her cast-mates, the amazing staff and crew, her Mom, her "sorority sisters," and her family for always supporting her!



Mark Vanderwater (Hero's Voice, Rydell Student) (He/Him) is thrilled that you have come to see Illini Student Musical's production of "Grease." After a break from theatre over the past semester, he is excited to make his return to stage performance. Mark would like to thank his friends and family for supporting his pursuit of theatre, and especially his mother for her role in his life.



Sydney Weiler (Lightning Dancer) (She/Her) is a senior majoring in Flute Performance and minoring in Business and Public Relations. This is her third semester with ISM, and she CANNOT WAIT to take the stage for one final weekend with such passionate musicians and creatives! Previous shows include "Into the Woods" in the pit and "Legally Blonde" as Delta Nu/Bella. Sydney would like to thank her friends and family for coming out to support, and her fellow cast, pit, and staff members for making this show such an amazing final experience with Illini Student Musicals.

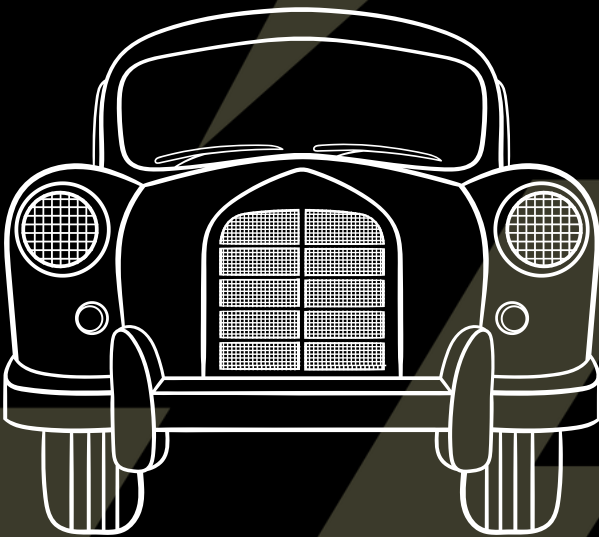


Jaz Wilkins (Rizzo) (She/Her) is a freshman Acting major in the School of Theatre. This is her second ISM show, and she is so excited to be a part of this amazing experience brought together by the cast, staff, and crew. Other highlight roles she has done include playing Lulu in the 2022 All State Production of "Cabaret," Mrs. Wormwood in "Matilda," Ronnette in "Little Shop of Horrors," and Ms. Scarlet in "Clue." She is thrilled to be a part of this production of "Grease" and couldn't ask for a better group to do it with! Follow her on Instagram @jazciara.





Ariel Williams (Jo Casino/Teen Angel Trio) (She/Her) is a sophomore Choral Music Education major. She is from Elk Grove Village, IL. This will be Ariel's second show with ISM. You may have seen Ariel in last spring's production of "Legally Blonde" as Paulette. Some of her other recent credits include Maleficent in "Descendants," Ellie Blake in "Freaky Friday," and Jovie in "Elf." She is thrilled to be in another ISM show and she hopes you enjoys "Grease!"





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Caleigh Arentsen (Run Crew) (She/Her) is a freshman studying Bioengineering. This is her second semester with ISM, and she is very excited to do another show with the group. She'd like to thank rest of the crew, cast, and all involved for the wonderful experiences and fond memories, and she hopes that everyone enjoys the show!

Cameron Baba (Charge Scenic Artist) (She/Her) is a junior studying Linguistics and Music. This is her second show with ISM, and she is so excited to be back! 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. Thank you for everything you do :)

Maggie Beese (Co-Costume Designer) (She/Her) is a senior in Advertising with a minor in Art and Design. She has been working on costumes for ISM since "A Chorus Line" in the spring of 2020. She is so excited to be the Co-Costume Director for "Grease" and is so grateful for all of the amazing people she has met through ISM. She would like to thank her family, friends, and dog for their love and support.

Nick Boivin (House Manager) (He/Him) is a graduate student studying Accounting. This is Nick's first semester with ISM, and he was interested to see a glimpse of how the musical was created. Outside of theater, Nick explores re-creating his favorite fast food meals at home, listens to podcasts of the latest drama of which companies are losing the most money, and sneaks into the music building to play piano. Nick would like to thank the support of his family for encouraging him to explore his curiosity.

Ava BooydeGraaff (Stage Manager) (She/Her) is excited to be involved with her sixth show with ISM! Previously, she was Stage Manager for "Freaky Friday," "Legally Blonde," and "Into the Woods" and Assistant Stage Manager for "Little Women" and the ISM Showcase. She would like to give a special shoutout to her Assistant Stage Managers, Hannah and Abby, for being so wonderful!

Hanna Bowen (Props) (She/Her) is a junior studying Theatre: Scenic Technology and is excited to be apart of her fourth show with ISM! Previously, she had the role of Assistant Technical Director for "Little Women," Technical Director for "Into the Woods," and Co-Technical Director for "Freaky Friday." This is also her third time doing "Grease," and she is excited to be taking on a new role with props! She would like to thank every member of ISM, past and present, that have made her time at UIUC so special.

Rocky Daehler (Asst. Lighting Designer) (He/Him) is a sophomore majoring in Computer Engineering. He has been on the lighting crew for ISM's past two shows and is excited to work on more in the future!

Ethan Fazio (Co-Artistic Lead/Director/Co-Technical Director) (He/Him) is a graduating senior studying Advertising with minors in Theatre & Public Relations. This is Ethan's eighth semester with ISM where he has spent his time in a variety of different roles: "Carrie" (Cast Member), "A Chorus Line" (Asst. Director), "Showcase" (Asst. Director), "Little Women" (Exec. Producer), "Into the Woods" (Exec. Producer), "Legally Blonde" (Co-Artistic Lead/Co-Director), "Freaky Friday" (Co-Artistic Lead/Director/Co-Technical Director). Ethan has served on the ISM Board of Directors for three years as Treasurer (2020 - 2022) & Vice President (2022 - 2023). Outside of ISM, Ethan is involved in AAF and AKPsi. After graduation he will be joining TikTok as a Sales Coordinator in Chicago. He would like to thank his friends and family for their countless support and a special thank you to ISM for all the amazing opportunities.

Laine Gamrath (Asst. Director) (She/Her) is so excited to be the Assistant Director of ISM's "Grease!" Laine is a junior studying Psychology at the University of Illinois, and this is her fifth production with ISM. Most recently, you may have seen her as Katherine Blake in "Freaky Friday" and Serena in "Legally Blonde." Laine also serves on the ISM Board of Directors and is on the Marketing Team helping to run the Instagram. Outside of ISM, Laine is involved in Alpha Delta Pi sorority. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Aidan Gardner (Co-Sound Designer) (He/Him) is a junior studying Sound Design & Technology. This is Aidan's sixth production with ISM, and his previous credits include Sound Designer for "Freaky Friday," "Legally Blonde," and "Into the Woods." In addition, Aidan serves as the President of the Illini Student Musicals Executive Board. Aidan would like to thank all of the talented cast, crew, staff, and pit that have made this show possible as well as a special shoutout to his roommates Kevin, Jesse, & Michal.

Peter Giannetos (Co-Sound Designer) (He/Him) is enthralled to be working on his fourth ISM show. He is a sophomore studying Computer Engineering and has previously worked on "Into The Woods," "Legally Blonde," and "Freaky Friday" with ISM. He'd like to take a moment to thank the staff, cast, pit, and board for their hard work and dedication. Thank you Aidan for being an awesome Co-Sound Designer! Enjoy the show!

Sari Gluck (Asst. Hair and Makeup) (She/Her) is so excited to be a part of her third ISM show! She had previously performed on stage in "Legally Blonde," and now, for "Grease," she is behind the stage helping with hair and makeup! She cannot wait for everyone to see this amazing show!

Emily Hackett (Run Crew) (She/Her) is a junior studying Speech & Hearing Science. This is her first semester with ISM, and she is incredibly excited to be involved with this production, as she has loved theatre her whole life. Emily transferred to UIUC in the fall and is thrilled to have found such a welcoming community here at ISM. She would like to thank her family and friends for their enthusiasm as well as the cast and crew for all their efforts to put this production together. She hopes you enjoy the show! "Grease" is the word!

Maggie Hancock (Asst. Choreographer) (She/Her) is a freshman pursuing a BMA in Lyric Theatre. This is her second semester with ISM and her first semester as part of the rehearsal staff. She was previously in the cast of ISM's "Freaky Friday" playing Gretchen. She is so proud of all of the hard work that has gone into the production by each and every member. She would like to thank her fellow staff members for being such a great support system and her cast for being absolutely incredible to work with. She is so excited to share this show with you all!

Runali Hatalkar (Asst. Hair and Makeup) (She/Her) is a sophomore in Computer Science + Education. This is her 12th year performing in musical theatre and her second year in ISM. She's excited to take on a different role this year by facilitating hair and makeup backstage. She'd like to thank all the amazing cast, staff, and pit members who helped put together this amazing show and who gave her the chance to be part of something special.

Elayna Hermanns (Build Crew) (She/Her) is a freshman Psychology major. You may have seen her onstage last semester in "Freaky Friday," and this is her first time working behind the scenes on any production. She is so excited to finally work on "Grease" and would like to thank ISM for giving her the opportunity.

Micky Horstman (Co-Artistic Lead, Choreographer) (He/Him) is a senior studying Political Science and is excited to be back dancing with ISM for his last semester. Most notably, he was in the Chicago premiere of "Be More Chill" at Stage 773. His ISM credits include, "Carrie," "A Chorus Line," "Legally Blonde," and "Freaky Friday." On campus, he is a columnist for "The Daily Illini," a member of the ISM Outreach Committee and soccer team, and was the president of Kappa Alpha Pi. He is currently working a media relations internship at the Illinois Policy Institute. He'd like to thank the rest of the production team and his family for always supporting him.

Abby Kong (Asst. Stage Manager) (She/Her) is a freshman studying Political Science. This is her first show with ISM, and she is super grateful to spend it as one of the stage managers, along with Ava and Hannah! She would like to thank everyone involved with "Grease" for all of their work on this show and for making her feel welcome this semester. She would also like to thank her family for the unconditional support, her friends for dealing with her busy schedule, and her newfound friends for making rehearsals so much fun. Enjoy the show!

Charles Lin (Captioning Coordinator) (He/Him) is a junior studying Computer Science; in other words, he is having the time of his life (Totally not sarcasm). Because of his avid love for coding, he decided to take on the role of ISM's Captioning Coordinator. In fact, this is his first time being a part of a musical production, as he had watched a high school production of "Fiddler on the Roof" and was totally not persuaded heavily by the lighting designer to join. When he isn't buried beneath projects and homework, Charles enjoys playing the piano, watching movies and TV shows, and playing video games.

Ellis Mack (Asst. Paint Charge) (They/Them) is a freshman studying Psychology, and this is their first production with ISM! They are thrilled to have gotten back involved with theater and work with the amazingly talented cast, crew, and pit of "Grease." They previously did theater in high school and some past productions include "Love/Sick," "Spamalot," and the 2022 IHSTF production of "Cabaret." They would like to thank their friends and family for always supporting them and thank everyone involved for the hard work, passion, and energy they have put into the production! Grease is the word!

Jesse McKenzie (Scenic Designer, Co-Technical Designer) (He/ Him) is a junior in Theatre: Scenic Technology with a minor in Business who enjoys fabricating and designing sets for ISM. Previous show credits with ISM include "Freaky Friday," "Legally Blonde," "Into the Woods," and "Little Women." "Grease" has been such a fun process for the creative team, and he hopes you enjoy the show!

Cesar Medina (Build Crew / Usher) (He/Him) is a sophomore studying Advertising and Urban Planning. This is his fourth semester and show with Illini Student Musicals, and you can usually find him putting stuff together or tearing stuff apart at the ISM warehouse. Fun fact: "Grease" has always been a dream show for him, and it also marks his 23rd show he's contributed towards. Cesar is grateful for the great people he's met through ISM and the opportunity the organization presents in allowing him to continue doing theatre in college. Enjoy the show :)

Zoe Mihevc (Lighting Designer) (She/Her) is a junior studying Materials Science and Engineering. She is excited to be working on her sixth ISM production and her first production of "Grease!" Zoe would like to thank everyone in the production for their hard work this semester.

Edward Molsen (Co-Costume Designer) (They/Them) is a junior double majoring in East Asian Languages & Cultures and Statistics. This is their second semester with ISM, and they are so excited to be working on a period piece as big as "Grease" and to be able to dress people up in 50s fashion. They would like to thank all of the incredibly talented people they have been working with on their small costume team, and a very special friend who always takes them out for coffee and listens to their woes. Without them, they would never get anything done.

Jordan Montgomery (Asst. Props) (He/Him) hopes you enjoy the performance. Great show! Thanks for coming, Mom!

Gianna Moroney (Asst. Props) (She/Her) is a freshman here at UIUC. This is her second show with ISM and she is excited to be back! Gianna hopes that you enjoy the show.

Maya O'Neill (Co-Vocal Director) (She/Her) is so excited to be co-vocal directing with ISM again for her last semester at UIUC! She is a senior studying Choral Music Education and has previously been involved in ISM as a cast member in "A Chorus Line," "Fall Showcase," "Little Women," "Into the Woods" and was co-vocal director for "Legally Blonde" and "Freaky Friday." She is so thankful to have had this opportunity and could not be more proud of the phenomenal cast for all of their hard work. She would like to thank all of the cast, staff, and board for their support throughout this process. Enjoy the show!

Sarah O'Reily (Asst. Lighting) (She/Her) is a freshman in Animal Sciences. This is her first show with ISM working on lights, and she is excited for the show!

Quinn Patchell (Asst. Sound) (She/Her) is a freshman studying Biochemistry. This is her second semester with ISM, and she is excited to be part of another show with a great group of people. She would like to thank Nick Sargis and the Fox Valley Park District for giving her her start in theatre and helping to develop her passion, as well as her family for their unconditional support.

Rheya Pigors (Build Crew) (She/Her) is a freshman studying Studio Arts. This is her first time working with ISM, and she is excited for this production. She wishes everyone in the cast to break a leg, and congratulate the crew and staff for their hard work.

Madison Rosenberger (Asst. Lighting) (She/Her) is a sophomore studying Aerospace Engineering. This is her first show with ISM and is so excited to be joining such an exciting show! This is her first time doing lighting for a show, and she is thankful for the friends that supported her in such a fun and new role. She would also like to thank everyone in the show for all the work they've put in and her family for all their support!

Abby Rydberg (Asst. Sound) (She/Her) is a junior in Systems Engineering. She is getting a minor in Film and hopes to work in post-production someday. In previous shows, she worked as the Captions Coordinator, and she is thankful for ISM giving her new opportunities with every show.

Hannah Sachs (Asst. Stage Manager) (She/Her) is a freshman Business Undeclared major. She previously was an assistant stage manager for "Freaky Friday" and is excited to be back for "Grease!" She is so proud of all the work cast, staff and pit have put into this show and would like to give a special thanks to our stage manager, Ava, and my fellow assistant stage manager, Abby. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Amy Sanchez (Props) (She/Her) is a sophomore studying Advertising with a minor in Art and Design. This is her third semester working with ISM as props. She is well known for making fake prop food, such as the bread and deserts from "Into the Woods!" She's excited to see the musical all put together and thanks everyone who worked to make it possible.

Maggie Sanchez (Asst. Technical Director) (She/Her) is a freshman studying Psychology. This is her second semester with ISM, and she is very excited to be working alongside such an amazing group of people. Some of her theatre highlights include the 2022 Allstate IHSTF production of "Cabaret," "Shrek The Musical," and "Ranked, A Musical." Maggie would like to thank her family for encouraging her to continue to pursue her passions while in school, the incredible cast and crew, and all her friends for always supporting her.

Melissa Sanchez (Asst. Costumes/ Run Crew) (She/Her) Hola mami y papi! Gracias por venir, te quiero mucho!!

Elisabeth Sandoval (Run Crew) (She/Her) is a sophomore studying Political Science and English. On campus, she also participates in the Alpha Delta Pi sorority, the Campus Honors Program, and a research internship. Outside of school, she works as a summer cheer camp instructor. She has performed and worked in school/community theater for many years, but this is her first production with ISM, and she's excited to be working with this group on such an iconic show.

Sofie Schmeltzer (Props) (She/Her) is a junior pursuing a BFA in Stage Management. Some previous theatre credits include Illinois Theatre's "Varularen: The Whistleblower" (ASM), Lyric Theatre @ Illinois' "The Marvelous Wonderettes" (ASM) and Dance at Illinois' Studio Dance 2023 (SM). "Grease" is Sofie's first production with ISM and their first time working with props. They are so excited to be a part of this incredible team.

Stina Sfondilis (Stunt Coordinator) (She/Her) is a junior studying Finance and Information Systems. She is also a captain of the Fighting Illini Cheerleading Team, finishing up her third year on the squad. This is her first time working with ISM but hopes to continue helping with stunts and choreography in the future!

Lyla Stern (Asst. Sound) (She/Her) is so excited to be back working on another production with ISM! She is currently a sophomore Graphic Design major with a minor in Theatre! She is also on the ISM Marketing Team and on 8 to Create's design committee. She has also worked on sound for ISM's production of "Freaky Friday" last semester. Lyla loves working with everyone in ISM and can't wait for the years to come.

Sophia Urban (Executive Producer) is a junior Theatre Studies major with a concentration in Directing. They have worked on "Little Women" (Assistant Director), "Into the Woods" (Director), "Legally Blonde" (Assistant Stage Manager), and "Freaky Friday" (Props Coordinator) with ISM and cannot wait for everyone to see all of the hard work that has gone on to make this show happen! They recently made their Krannert Center Directing debut with "Close," a devised variety show for the bi-annual Theatre Studies New Works Project. They also have a couple projects in the works before their senior thesis. Grease is the word!

Claire Yuccas (Asst. Costumes / Hair and Makeup Design) (She/Her) is a sophomore studying Costume Design and Technology. This is her first show with ISM! Previously, she has been involved with costumes for Illinois Theatre's productions of "Urinetown" and "The Neverland" and has worked in the Krannert Center costume shop. Outside of theatre, she is a member of the Marching Illini and Fighting Illini Athletic Bands. She is so thrilled to be a part of this production, and hopes you enjoy the show!

Tiantian Zhou (Build Crew/Paint Crew) is a junior studying Psychology, Statistics, and Leadership. She is responsible for building and painting in the show of "Grease." This is her first semester at ISM, and she is very excited to join this amazing group. She loves the energy all around the people here and enjoys working and getting along with everyone. She wants to express her gratitude here to all the people supporting and including in the show during this busy semester. Looking forward to making future great works already!

Pit

Claire Baranyk (Saxophone) (She/Her) is a senior studying Music Education. This is her third semester with ISM, and she has previously played saxophone and clarinet in "A Chorus Line" and "Freaky Friday." She is happy to be back in the pit for one last show before graduation!

Jonathan Brown (Drums) (He/Him) is a senior studying Sociology with a minor in Music. He has spent four semesters playing drums in the pit for ISM shows and is excited to be back for his last show playing drums for the pit! He would like to thank his family and friends for supporting him through these many years! Hope you enjoy the show!

Angie Hwang (Flute) (She/Her) is a senior studying Interdisciplinary Health Sciences and Psychology. This is her first and last semester with ISM and is excited to share the stage with such talented performers and artists. She would like to thank all of the members in the show for their hard work and involvement, but especially Kevin Zhou and Maya O'Neill for introducing this role to her. Without them, she would not have the opportunity to express her passion for music performance to share with her family and friends one last time. No words can express her gratitude for your constant support and enthusiasm.

Alina Loewenstein (Assistant MD/Keyboard) (They/Any) is excited to be involved in their fourth ISM production! Their past ISM credits include cast in "Into the Woods" and keyboard in pit in "Legally Blonde" and "Freaky Friday." They want to thank the staff, cast, and pit for being awesome throughout this process, and special shout out to Kevin because Kevin slays.

Ethan Miranda (Guitar II) (He/Him) is a senior studying Molecular and Cellular Biology and Informatics. This is his first semester with ISM. He would like to thank the ISM staff for giving him the opportunity to play his favorite instrument for a fun show and a fun group of people. He would also like to thank his loved ones for always believing in him and pushing him forward.

Adam Quiballo (Electric Bass) (He/Him) is a junior in Electrical Engineering. Last fall he played in "Freaky Friday." He is grateful to everyone in the production for this opportunity and hopes you enjoy the show.

Brody Snook (Guitar) (He/Him) is a senior studying Engineering Physics. This is his second semester with ISM. He would like to thank Kim Codo and hopes the audience enjoys the show!

Nina Stepaniants (Saxophone) (She/Her) is a sophomore majoring in Global Studies, with minors in French and Political Science. This is her first production with Illini Student Musicals, and she is very excited to be playing the saxophone in the pit for "Grease" among such a fantastic group of people in the pit, cast, and crew!

Kevin Zhou (Pit Director) (He/Him) is the accompanist and pit director for this semester's production of "Grease." This is his eighth semester of ISM, with involvement in previous productions of "Carrie: The Musical," "A Chorus Line," the Fall 2020 Showcase, "Little Women," "Into the Woods," "Legally Blonde," and "Freaky Friday." He also was MD for Lyric Theatre's "Marvelous Wonderettes" and is playing for a premiere of "Candinho" for LTI's Opera Scenes. He is pursuing a major in Computer Science and Music with a minor in Philosophy and is captaining the Illinois Ultimate Frisbee team. He aims to be a music director on Broadway.



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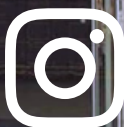
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