### West Union High School Performing Arts Department

Proudly Presents the 39th Annual Stage Production:

# SCHOOL OF ROCK THE MUSICAL



Book by Julian Fellowes
Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber
Lyrics by Glenn Slater

In Collaboration with Concord Theatricals

April 26, 27 & May 3, 4 @ 7:00p.m.

May 5 @ 3:00p.m.

# **School of Rock**

# Act 1

Scene 1 - Olympic Powerhouse	
I'm Too Hot For You	No Vacancy & Dewey
Scene 2 - Dewey's Bedroom	
When I Climb To The Top Of Mount Rock	Dewey
Scene 3 - Horace Green	
Horace Green Alma MaterRosali	e, Students & Teachers
Here At Horace Green	Rosalie
Here At Horace Green Pt. 2	Rosalie
Scene 4 - Apartment	
Children of Rock	Dewey & Ned
Mt. Rock Reprise	Patty
Scene 5 - Horace Green Hallway	
Queen of the Night	Rosalie
Scene 6 - Classroom	
You're In The Band	Dewey & Students
You're In The Band Reprise	Dewey & Students

# **School of Rock**

### Act 1 Continued

Scene 7 - Students' Homes	
If Only You Would Listen	Students
Scene 8 - The Classroom	
In The End of Time	Dewey
Scene 9 - The Lounge	
Faculty Quadrille	Teachers
Scene 10 - The Classroom	
In The End of Time (Band Practice)	Dewey & Students
Stick It To The Man	. Dewey & Students
Scene 11 - The Hall	
Scene 12 - Backstage	
In The End of Time (Audition)	Dewey & Band
Stick It To The Man Reprise	Dewey & Students

### - 15 Minute (Intermission) -

# **School of Rock**

## Act 2

Scene 1 - The Classroom
Time To PlaySummer & Students
Scene 2 - The Faculty Lounge
Scene 3 - The Classroom
Amazing GraceTomika
Math Is A Wonderful Thing
Scene 4 - The Roadhouse
Where Did The Rock Go (Intro)
Where Did The Rock Go
Scene 5 - The Apartment
Scene 6 - Horace Green
Scene 7 - The Classroom
School of Rock Pt. 1Zack
Teacher's PetZack & Band
Dewey's Confession
Scene 8 - The Apartment
Give Up Your DreamsPatty
If Only You Would Listen
Scene 9 - The Palace Theatre
I'm Too Hot For You (Competition)
School of Rock (Competition)
Stick It To The Man Dewey & Students
Stick It To The Man (Curtain Call)

#### School of Rock Cast

**Dewey Finn -** *Matthew Griffis* 

Rosalie Mullins - Makinlee Stevenson

**Lawrence Turner -** Brandt Seaman

Zack Mooneyham - Samson Strong

**Freddy Travis** - Landen Kouns

**Katie Hamilton -** *Miley Smith* 

**Ned Schneebly -** *Gavin Rowe* 

Patty Di Marco - Sadie Armstrong

**Summer Hathaway - Kyra Akers** 

Tomika - Lydia Armstrong

Marcy - Kiley Brewer

Shonelle- Nina McCann

**Billie Sandford -** *TJ Armstrong* 

**James (Security) -** *Shane Taylor* 

**Mort -** Zeke Akers

Jeff Sanderson - Evan Thompson

Sophie (Roadie) - Aubree Hoop

Mason - Drew Creamer

Mazie - Makenna Taylor

Mr. Mooneyham/Gabe Brown - Timothy

Snider

Mrs. Sheinkopf/Mrs. Turner - Chesnee Ayres

Mrs. Williams - Marci Nehus

Mr. Williams - Ben Kreml

Mrs. Hathaway - Jennifer Griffis

**Policeman/Guard** - AJ Cooper

No Vacancy Band - Dakota Nehus, Aaron

VanPelt, AJ Cooper

Extra Parents/Teachers - Mandy Armstrong,

Rachel Barrick, Evan Thompson

#### **School of Rock Crew**

Sets, Paint & Props	Light and Sound	<u>Pit Ensemble</u>	Stage Hands
<b>Sets -</b> Julie Saunders, Tristine Newman, Chesnee Ayres, Landen Kouns,	<b>Sound -</b> Hunter Davis, Drew Creamer, Landen	<b>Piano -</b> Nancy Schneider, Sarah Meyer, Aaron VanPelt	<b>Stage Captain -</b> Tristine Newman
Shane Taylor, AJ Cooper, Parker Spires, Ben Kreml,	Kouns	Drumset - AJ Cooper	Stage Crew - Kelsey Mack, Jayce Campbell, Darion
Nina McCann, Kelsea McClanahan, Kelsey Mack	<b>Lights -</b> Parker Spires, AJ Cooper, Gracelyn Spires	<b>Guitar</b> - Dakota Nehus, Robert Thomas, Cody	Kalezis, Brody Grooms, Jaylee Crum
<b>Props -</b> Tristine Newman,	Spotlight - Parker	Bass Guitar - Aaron	Videographer -
Julie Saunders, Kelsey Mack, Jayce Campbell, Brody Grooms, Jaylee	Spires, Isaiah Barrick, Kaylynn Foster, Michael	Jones	<b>T-Shirt Design -</b> Aaron McCann
Crum, Darion Kalezis  Costumes - Mandy	Skinner		
Armstrong, Karen Young			

#### **Directors & Staff:**

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Pit Ensemble Director - Aaron VanPelt

**Assistant Director -** *Timothy Snider* 

**Music Director** - Dakota Nehus

Rehearsal Accompanist - Nancy Schneider

Stage Manager - Alexia Zimmerman

**Assistant Stage Manager -** *Chesnee Ayres* 

**Technical Director** - Coal McClanahan

**Artistic Director** - Julie Saunders

**Choreographer -** Rachel Barrick, Marci Nehus, Jennifer Griffis

**Concessions** - Amanda Newman, Kevin Cooper, Jay Cooper, Mandy Armstrong

**Programs** - Dakota Nehus

T-Shirts - James and Mason Designs

### **DIRECTOR'S PAGE**



Dakota Nehus is an alumnus of West Union High School; graduated in 2018. He has received a Bachelor's Degree in Vocal Music Education from Morehead State University. He currently teaches High School and Junior High Choir and is director of the Steel Band, Winter Percussion, Chamber Choir, The Sixth Groove and Spring Musicals. This is his second year teaching but has been around the West Union Performing Arts Department for many years. He was involved in the Band, Choir, Chamber Choir, All-County Band and Choir, Steel Band, Winter Percussion,

Handbells, Spring Musicals, Beta Club and Media Arts. This is his second musical as director but his twelfth musical overall with the WUHS Productions. He is very excited for this musical and is very happy to be working at his home high school where he can share the experiences, and enjoyment of music with the students. He has had background roles in 2008 Children of Eden, 2010 Seussical the Musical, 2013 The Wizard of Oz, and 2014 Shrek the Musical. He was Danny Zuko in 2015 Grease, Prince Eric in 2016 The Little Mermaid, Professor Harold Hill in 2017 The Music Man, Gaston in 2018 Beauty and the Beast, and Judas in 2019 Godspell. He played Drum-set for every musical since 2022 and has been the Director of 2023 The Spongebob Musical and 2024 School of Rock. He appreciates everyone supporting the department and hopes everyone enjoys the musical!!!



Carl Schneider is an alumnus of Newfane High School; graduated in 1978. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Instrumental Music Education from Mount Union College and has received a Master Teacher Certification and a National Board Certified Teacher. This year makes forty-two years of teaching and he has taught at West Union High School for forty years and has had a lot of success with the department. He teaches Elementary, Junior High and High School Band, is the director of the Steel Band, Winter Percussion, and Spring Musicals. He is the High

School Boys Golf Coach and Vice President of the Tri-State Marching Arts Circuit. He has been directing and putting on productions and performances since the very first show production in 1993, Arsenic and Old Lace. Throughout his career he has received many awards and certifications and plans to continue teaching and doing what he loves. He hopes everyone enjoys the show and continues to come and support the students and department.



Aaron VanPelt is an alumnus of Piqua High School; graduated in 2012. He has received a Bachelor's Degree in Instrumental Music Education from Wright State University. He currently teaches Elementary, Junior High and High School Band and is the director of the Steel Band, Winter Percussion, and Handbells. This is his sixth year teaching at West Union High School and is his sixth year of being Pit Ensemble Director of WUHS Productions. He has been the Pit Ensemble Director for 2019 Children of Eden, 2021 You're A Good Man Charlie Brown, 2022 The Addams Family and 2023 The Spongebob Musical and 2024 School of Rock. He hopes everyone enjoys the show and tells their friends and family to come and watch.

#### Who's Who?



Kyra Akers is a Junior and her portrayal of Summer Hathaway marks her third year of being involved in WUHS musical productions. Her school activities include Choir, The Sixth Groove, All-County Choir, and Golf Team. She would like to thank her Mom, Dad, and Grandma's for supporting her throughout her season.



Zeke Akers is an eighth grader and his role as Mort marks his second year being involved in WUHS productions. His school activities include Archery, and Choir. He would like to thank his parents and sister for giving him inspirational advice and motivation to do everything to his best ability.



Lydia Armstrong is a Freshman and her portrayal of Tomika marks her third year being involved with WUHS musical productions. Her school activities include Choir, Band, FFA, All-County Band, All-County Choir, Pep Band, Beta, Cross Country, The Sixth Groove, Volleyball, and Track. She would like to thank all gingers around the globe.



<u>Sadie Armstrong</u> is a Junior and her portrayal of Patty Di Marco marks her sixth year of being involved in WUHS musical productions. Her school activities include, Choir, All-County Choir, The Sixth Groove, Student Senate, National Beta Club, FFA, Track, Cheer, and Cross Country. She is also the Class President of the Junior Class.



<u>TJ Armstrong</u> is a **seventh grader** and her role as **Billie Sandford** marks her **third year** involved in WUHS productions. She is involved in Basketball, Band Track, Choir and Cross-Country. She would like to thank her family, friends and teachers for supporting her.



Mandy Armstrong is the mother of five kids, four of which are teenage girls and three of which are in tonight's production. Her role as Mrs. Sandford and Teacher marks her second year of WUHS Productions. She has an uncanny ability to navigate the treacherous waters of whose clothes belong to whom and whose turn it is to use the curling iron. She has a gift for turning sibling squabbles into sisterly harmonies. Those harmonies started while singing in the car. She's a believer in choosing the harmony part to any song in the car. She contributes that habit to why her kids have such a great ear for music. Her husband Matt plays the piano and has always been a

willing accompanist. Last year marked her first WUHS Production where she starred as **Pirate** in **2023 The SpongeBob Musical** and learned that any role in which she could hold a sword and scream at her kids suited her just fine!



Chesnee Ayres is a Senior and her role of Mrs. Sheinkopf, Mrs. Turner, and Bartender marks her seventh year of involvement with the WUHS play productions. Her school activities include Band, Choir, All-County Band and Choir, Steel Band, Pep Band, Handbells, Chamber Choir, The Sixth Groove Contemporary Band, Morehead Choral Fest, Prom Committee, Student Senate, the Publicity Officer of the National Honor Society, and the Vice President of the National Beta Club. Chesnee plans to attend Morehead

State University to obtain a degree in Diagnostic Medical Sonography and also be certified in Radiology and CT/MRI.



Rachel Barrick Transferred to Shawnee State University in the fall of 2019, and recently graduated fall 2022 with her BFA in Musical Theatre with a Minor in dance and music. She has worked as a dance instructor for SSU's Performing Arts Academy, and is a founding member of Soup Productions. She has worked with the WUHS Productions since 2016 as a theatre instructor, and choreographer. Rachel last performed as Fritzie in Cabaret. She has also been seen as Jerilyn in the world premiere of Split Hickory, and spent a month in Minneapolis this last summer continuing

workshops for the show alongside the creator. She has also been seen as Shirley in Disaster! and Judy in 9 to 5 The Musical. As well as Scraps in Talking With at the Boneyfiddle Fringe Festival, and as Mary-Lou in Cowgirls. Rachel also plays the saxophone, has an undying passion for jazz, loves to crab walk, and recently published her first poetry book with fellow Soup founder Savanna Nell.



<u>Kiley Brewer</u> is a **Sophomore** and her portrayal of **Marcy** marks her **fourth** year being involved in the WUHS musical productions. Her school activities include Choir, Band, Pep Band, Chamber Choir, All-County Band and All-County Choir. She would like to thank her mom and aunt for supporting her throughout her season.



<u>AJ Cooper</u> is a **Sophomore** and his role as **Light Designer/Pit Drumset** marks his **third year** being involved in the WUHS musical productions. His school activities include Choir, Band, Chamber Choir, Steel Band, Pep Band, Winter Percussion, The Sixth Groove and Golf.



Hunter Davis is a Junior and his role as Sound Designer marks his third year of being sound designer and third year of involvement with the WUHS musical productions. His past and current school activities include Band, Choir, Steel Band, Winter Percussion, National Beta Club, All-County band, All-County Choir, and Pep Band.



Jennifer Griffis is a past alumna of WUHS; graduated in 1996. This marks her twenty-ninth year being involved in the WUHS productions. She is currently in her twenty-first year of teaching Second Grade. During her time, she was heavily involved in the Performing Arts Department, having been involved in Band, Choir, Marching Band, Color Guard, and the Musicals. She has had background roles in 1994 Bye, Bye, Birdie, and 1995 Sound of Music and she was Dorothy in the 1996 The Wizard of Oz and Pirate in

2023 The SpongeBob Musical. She is a Choreographer and Color Guard Instructor.



Matthew Griffis is a Senior and his portrayal of Dewey Finn marks his ninth year of involvement with the WUHS musical productions, but his fourth year in a lead role. Matthew is involved in Winter Percussion, Chamber Choir, Steel Band, Choir, Band, Media-Arts, Pep Band, All-County Band, Commercial Music Ensemble, and the Golf Team. He will be attending Ohio University to major in Sound Engineering/Music Production. Matthew would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Schneider, Mr. Nehus, all the staff, and his family for supporting him.



<u>Aubree Hoop</u> is a **seventh grader** and her role as **Sophie** marks her **first year** being involved in WUHS productions. Her school activities include Cheerleading, Cross-Country, and Choir. She would like to thank her mom and dad for allowing her to be a part of WUHS productions.



Landen Kouns is a Senior and his portrayal of Freddy Travis marks his fourth year as a lead role and his fourth year of involvement with the WUHS play productions. His school activities include Band, Choir, Media Arts, All-County Band and Choir, Steel Band, Winter Percussion, Pep Band, Contemporary Band Ensemble, Chamber Choir, Handbells, and Color Guard. After graduation, Landen will attend Central Ohio Technical College to major in Electrical Engineering. He will also begin an internship with Intel the following year.



Ben Kreml is a past alumnus of WUHS; graduated in 2022. His role as Teacher marks his third year being involved with WUHS productions. He was heavily involved with the Performing Arts Department having been a part of Band, Steel Band, Handbells, Winter Percussion, Choir, Chamber Choir, All-County Band and Choir, Pep Band, and the Musicals. His past roles have been Lucas Beineke in 2022 The Addams Family and Pirate in 2023 The SpongeBob Musical. He has also been a member of the Liberty Cornet Band,

Jazz Band, and a member of the WUHS Academic Team. He would like to give a special thank you to his parents and grandparents for supporting him throughout high school.



Nina McCann is a Sophomore and her portrayal of Shonelle marks her fourth year being involved in the WUHS musical productions. Her school activities include Band, Choir, Chamber Choir, Winter Percussion, Steel Band, Pep Band, All-County Choir and Band, Handbells, Sixth Groove, Basketball, Volleyball, Golf, National Beta Club, and Student Senate. Outside of school, she is involved in 4-H, and Private Piano Lessons. She would like to thank her mom for helping her out in every way possible.



Marci Nehus is an alumna of WUHS; graduated in 2014. Her role as Mrs. Spencer-Williams marks her twentieth year of being involved with the WUHS productions. She is currently in her sixth year of teaching at WUES. She teaches Fifth Grade Math and Writing. During her time she was heavily involved in the Performing Arts Department having been a part of Band, Choir, All-County Band and Choir, Steel Band, Winter Percussion, Color Guard, and the Musicals. Her past roles include background roles in 2002 Annie, 2005 Beauty and the Beast, 2007, Sound of Music, 2008

Children of Eden, 2009 Cinderella, 2010 Seussical the Musical, and 2011 Bye, Bye, Birdie. She was Stage Manager in 2008 Steel Magnolias, 2012 Oklahoma, 2012 Odd Couple, and 2013 The Wizard of Oz. She was Pinnochio in 2014 Shrek the Musical, Marci in 2019 Godspell and Pirate in 2023 The SpongeBob Musical. She is also the Musical Choreographer for all current and past shows, the Head Color Guard Instructor, and High School Girls Golf Coach.



<u>Tristine Newman</u> is a Junior and her role of Stage Captain marks her third year of involvement in the WUHS play productions. Her school activities include Band, Choir, All-County Band and Choir, Steel Band, Handbells, Winter Percussion, Chamber Choir, Pep Band, Sixth Groove Contemporary Band, Morehead Choral Fest, Prom Committee, Beautification Committee, the Class Secretary of the Student Council, Academic Team, Captain of the Archery Team and UBMS.



Gavin Rowe is an eighth grader and his portrayal of Ned Schneebly marks his second year being involved with WUHS productions. His after school activities include Basketball, Cross-Country, Track, Band, Choir, Golf, and Jr. Beta. He would like to thank his mom, dad and sisters for always supporting him in everything he does.



Brandt Seaman is a Senior and his portrayal of Lawrence Turner marks his fourth year as a lead role and his eighth year of involvement with the WUHS productions. His school activities include Band, Choir, Media Arts, All-County Band and Choir, Steel Band, Winter Percussion, Pep Band, Color Guard Band, Chamber Choir, The Sixth Groove, Golf, Student Senate, Prom Committee, and President of National Honor Society. His other activities include Academic Team, President of his 4H club, Adams County Junior Fair Board, and church youth group. His hobbies include playing piano, guitar, banjo, and keytar. Brandt is the Valedictorian of the Class of 2024. After graduating, Brandt

plans to attend **Ohio University** to obtain a degree in **Chemical Engineering**. He would like to thank everyone who has made his high school career successful.



Miley Smith is a Junior and her portrayal of Katie Hamilton marks her fourth year of being involved in WUHS musical productions and second year of having a lead role. Her school activities include Band, Choir, Chamber Choir, Steel Band, All-County Band and Choir, Pep Band, Sixth Groove, Winter Percussion, Cheerleading, and FFA.



Timothy Snider is an alumnus of WUHS; graduated in 2015 and is working at GE Aerospace as a Mechanical Engineer. His role as Mr.

Mooneyham/Gabe Brown marks his eighth year being involved in WUHS productions. He was involved in the Performing Arts Department having been a part of Band, Choir, Pep Band, Chamber Choir, All-County Band, All-County Choir, Basketball, Cross-Country, National Honor Society, Beta Club and the Musicals. He has had background roles in 2005 Beauty and the Beast, and 2008 Children of Eden. He was Judd in 2012 Oklahoma,

Lion in 2013 The Wizard of Oz, Donkey in 2014 Shrek, Kenickie in 2015 Grease and Patchy the Pirate in 2023 The SpongeBob Musical.



Makinlee Stevenson is a Senior, and her portrayal of Rosalie Mullins marks her tenth year of involvement in the WUHS musical productions and fourth year as a lead role. Her school activities include Band, Choir, Chamber Choir, Steel Band, All-County Band and Choir, Media Arts, Color Guard Pep Band, Winter Percussion, Golf and The Sixth Grove. After graduation she plans to major in Commercial Music. She would like to thank everyone who has helped throughout her years with the musicals.



<u>Samson Strong</u> is an eighth grader and his portrayal as On-Stage Guitar marks his second year involved with WUHS productions. His school activities include Archery, Dungeons and Dragons Club, Band, and Choir. He would like to thank his little brother for annoying him and making him want to join after school activities to avoid time with him.



Makenna Taylor is a seventh grader and her role as Mazie marks her second year involved in WUHS productions. Her school activities include Softball, Cheerleading, Volleyball, 4-H Club, Band, and Choir. She would like to thank her friends and parents and Mrs. Baldwin for singing with her and her mom after school.



Shane Taylor is an eighth grader and his role as James marks his second year being involved in WUHS productions. His school activities include Band, Choir, Handbells, Winter Percussion, Archery, Steel Band. He would like to thank his mom and dad for their continuous support.



Evan Thompson is a seventh grader and his role as Jeff Sanderson and Teacher marks his second year involved in WUHS productions. He is involved in Winter Percussion, Steel Band, Dungeons and Dragons, Band, Choir, and Pep Band. He would like to thank his mom for buying him instruments and getting him involved. He would also like to thank his dad and brothers.

### **Upcoming Events in 2024**

**May 7th** - Elementary & Junior High Spring Concert @ 7:00p.m.

May 9th - SOESC Steel Band Performance

May 14th - Performing Arts Banquet @ 6:00 pm

May 18th - West Union High School Graduation @ 7:00 pm

May 20th - Steel Band Performance on Courthouse Square

July 28th - August 2nd - Performing Arts Camp @ SSU

### **Special Thanks To:**

Mandy Armstrong	C103	Jamie Puckett
Karen Young	The Messenger	Dee Dryden
Kevin Cooper	The Peoples Defender	AC Beverage Barn
Jay Cooper	The Informer	Dominos Pizza
Angel Stevenson	Mosier Furniture	Griffin Printing
Jennifer Kouns	Bonnie Harover	Megan McCarty
Deborah Akers	Gary McClellan	JT's Stovetop BBQ
Sara Lewis	Brandon Rigdon	G&J Pepsi-Cola
Judy Bennington	Timothy Snider	-

West Union High School Administration and Staff

# WUHS PRODUCTION TIMELINE

1993 - Arsenic and Old Lac	1993 -	Arsenic	and	Old	Lace
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- Bye, Bye, Birdie

1995 - The Sound of Music

- The Wizard of Oz

- *Guys and Dolls* 

- Oklahoma!

1998 - You're A Good Man

Charlie Brown

1999 - Throwing Smoke

- *The Music Man* 

- *Nunsense* 

- Children of Eden

2000 - The Odd Couple

(Female)

- The Odd Couple (Male)

- *A Night of One Acts* 

- *Bye*, *Bye*, *Birdie* 

- *Snoopy* 

- *Annie* 

- *Li'l Abner* 

- The Wizard of Oz

- Beauty and the Beast

- *Grease* 

- The Sound of Music

- Children of Eden

- Steel Magnolias

2009 - Cinderella

- Seussical the Musical

- Bye, Bye, Birdie

- Oklahoma!

2013 - The Wizard of Oz

2014 - Shrek the Musical

- *Grease* 

- The Little Mermaid

- The Music Man

- Beauty and the Beast

- Children of Eden

- *COVID-19* 

2021 - You're A Good Man

Charlie Brown

- The Addams Family

**2023 -** The SpongeBob Musical

**2024 -** *School of Rock*