# The History of Sheridan High School Music and Theater



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Roger B. Rowland was a founding member of the Sheridan Historical Society. He took a break from the Society for a few years. In 2000, he returned as an active member of the Society. He currently serves as the Secretary/Treasurer of the Society.

In 2001 he undertook his first research project for the Society by creating the historic listing of city officials. It was difficult task because of the lost and damaged city records from the 1965 Platte River Flood. Each name had to be researched from individual City Council minutes covering a period of almost forty years.

This history represents his seventh major project for the Society and represents several months of research and

writing. He grew up in Sheridan and attended Sheridan schools. He graduated from Sheridan High School in 1973. He has served on the City Planning Commission and as Mayor from August, 1983 through December, 1989.

#### **Dedication**

This history is dedicated to **Mary Lewis** for the twenty-eight years she dedicated to the students, music and theater programs at Sheridan High School.

Special Note: There have only been seven other teachers with more time at Sheridan. However, none of them were involved in music or theater.

There is a short bio of Mary on page 25.

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#### Josh Kaufman

Former Band Teacher, Sheridan High School For information he provided on band championships.

# The History of Sheridan High School Music and Theater Bands



Left to right; Mr. Gary; Jim Wallace; Joan Gochenour; Ted Cannon; Janice Wells; David Solomon; Ernie Freyta; Clarence Clemonson; Don Wells. Gary Sickman was absent from picture.

The year was 1952 and Sheridan Union High School had just been created. Sheridan's first band is shown on the left. The band director was Earl G. Gary.

"The band, in its first year of organization was small, although the instrumentation was fairly complete. All members were beginners except Don Wells who plays the drums. About fifteen more experienced players are expected to come into the band next fall from the three grade schools. This will make it possible for us to have a fairly good size band within the next year or two. All members are freshmen or sophomores."

# The Faculty

| Name               | From | To      |
|--------------------|------|---------|
| Gary, Earl G.      | 1952 | 1960    |
| Bridge, Mr.        | 1958 | 1961    |
| Morsch, J. Durward | 1961 | 1967    |
| Feeback, Galen     | 1967 | 1975    |
| Robbins, Wesley    | 1975 | 1976    |
| Simpson, Mike      | 1976 | 1985    |
| Kellogg, Leonard   | 1984 | 1999    |
| Yoder, Steve       | 1995 | 2001    |
| Kaufman, Josh      | 1999 | 2005    |
| Evans, David       | 2005 | 2009    |
| Walsh, Jenn        | 2010 | 2011    |
| Wooden, Carly      | 2010 | 2013    |
| Goshorn, Cory      | 2013 | 2016    |
| Norville, Jennifer | 2016 | Current |

Earl G. Gary came from the Frederick School District.

Dana Slabaugh was the Sheridan Middle School Band Director from 1999 – 2003.









Earl G. Gary

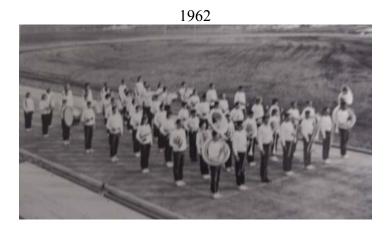
Mr. Bridge

J. D. Morsch

Galen Feeback

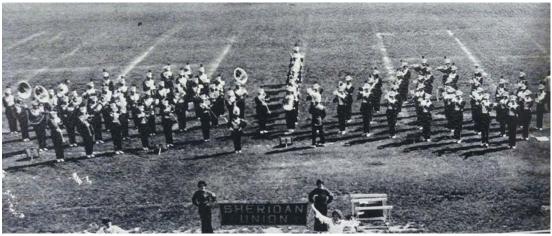
# **Taking it to the Next Level**

It was J. D. Morsch that took the marching band to the next level. The following tribute was in the 1963 school annual. "We congratulate Mr. Morsch on the wonderful result he has obtained working with our band. We thank him for doing a fine job of designing our new band uniforms. He made the S. U. Band great!" It was at this time the moniker "Spirit of Ramland, Sheridan Marching Band" was adopted.





1963







Mr. Morsch was born in Iowa and was a graduate from the University of Southern California and the University of Northern Colorado. He retired after thirty-nine years as a successful high school and college band director. He is credited with over 400 musical band, symphonic, and film scores dating from the 1930's. This includes 125 band scores. He passed away in 2015 at the age of 94 in Colorado Springs.

# **Sheridan Flag Team**

The Sheridan Flag team was created in 1972. The band already had a color guard. The flag team sponsor was Mrs. Feeback.



Color Guard (left to right) Bev Mercer, Tinny Greenlee (rifle), Cathy Evans, Dawn Holland, Cheryl Houle (rifle), Becky Overall.

Flags (left to right) Marla Grant, Patsy Swann, Melissa Keller, Maureen Murphy, Susan Colaiannia, Margaret Trujillo, Sheila Wade, Teri Duffield, Judy Bush, Loretto Trujillo, Marie Groeger, Karen Waechter, Diane Newton, and Kathy Spahn.

# South Dakota Trip

On June 7 and 8, 1975 the marching band, flag team, and color guard made their first trip ever outside of Colorado. The band participated in the South Dakota band festival "Dakota Days" held in Rapid City. Sixty bands from eleven states participated in the event. Senior Patsy Swann was elected the band queen and was honored by the Rapid City Chamber of Commerce. She was a member of the flag team. The band made a tourist stop at Mount Rushmore during the trip.

#### Galen Feeback

Mr. Feeback currently lives in Pueblo. He was a graduate from Adams State College. In 2013 he was recognized during the 75 year celebration of the Canon City Blossom Festival. Mr. Feeback has participated in the Blossom Festival off and on since 1968. The Sheridan High School band participated in the Blossom Festival for several years. After Sheridan, he was the band director for Risley Middle School in Pueblo. Mr. Feeback was a co-creator, coordinator, and one of the original directors of the "Sun City Band" in Pueblo. This is a combined summer band for middle school students. This band has marched in the Colorado State Fair parade. His grandson later played in the Sun City Band. After retiring he worked for the Marck Time music store. Later he joined the Shriner's band, where he continued to play the trumpet and has served as director of the band.

# California and Florida Trips

In March 1979 the marching band made a trip to California. It was a four day trip. The band performed at Disneyland and Knotts Berry Farm. Twenty-two thousand dollars was raised for the trip over a year and half through several fund raisers including the sale of more than 700 Christmas trees the previous December. The unsold trees were distributed to needy families.

The marching band made another out of state trip and performed at Disney World and Epcot Center near Orlando, Florida. Both trips were made when Mike Simpson was the band director.

# **Sheridan Flag and Pike Team Trophy**

The Sheridan flag and pike teams won the first place auxiliary trophy in the Colorado Band Master's state competition on November 1, 1980 held at Thornton High School. The eleven member pike team and the ten member flag team out-performed thirty-four other teams at the event. The flag team co-captains were Darlene Fiest and Maria Vigil. The co-captains for the pike team were Connie Glenn and Sheila Acheson. Sponsor for the two teams was Dee Davis.



Wesley Robbins



Mike Simpson

# **Interview of Leonard Kellogg**

## January 22, 2020

Leonard Kellogg was at Sheridan High School from 1984 to 1999. A review of school annuals shows that he was able to build the success of marching band program over a period of time. His marching bands were state runner up three times and state champions three times.

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# Was getting a marching band state championship an original goal when you came to Sheridan or was it developed over time?

When my friends heard I was going to work at Sheridan Schools they thought I was moving to Wyoming. So my original goal was to put Sheridan Colorado on the musical map. The Ramland Band was already involved in parade marching, so we put more energy into the field competitions. The 1987 band was so good we earned the right to go to the state level. We had no idea how far we had come at the time, but we soon learned.

# How were the themes, music, and marching patterns selected for your band championships?

I always tried to find a theme or concept that would be interesting and fun for the students; good enough that the fun would last all throughout the long practices and the weather changes into Winter. We saw a lot of bands at the shows that just played 3 songs and were done. We liked the themes because our shows would stand out from the rest of the competition and were fun! We would get positive comments year after year, frequently questions asking what would we be doing next year? As for the marching drill I was never any good at that. So I looked for good writers to help us with creating the "drill."

#### Which year or performance would you consider the best and why?

It's not all about marching band, which is one of the reasons I eventually chose to leave Sheridan Schools. The History of Jazz Band that was selected to perform at the Colorado State Music Convention in 1998 and attended in 1999 was a musically excellent group that proved in their audition and their state performance that they could play Jazz in all the genres we know today: from Ragtime to Modern jazz and all styles in between. The music program as a whole had progressed—all the bands, choirs, and musicals to a very high level making this kind of performance possible.

But to answer the question: the 1996 WWII show that honored the end of that great conflict was my favorite. It hung together as a total package better than any of our shows, set a state record in high score, and we were then invited to play the 4A-5A Band finals at Mile High Stadium as an exhibit band. It was a huge honor.

## How did you build participation in the marching band?

Success breeds success, as Steve Yoder liked to say. As the program improved, students wanted to be a part of the movement forward. We reached the peak about 1998 with 125 students in band out of a school population of about 575. Using those approximate numbers we had 22% of the entire school in band, or close to ½ of the school population was in band.

#### What brought you to Sheridan High School?

I needed a job. The band position at Sheridan was posted in the fall of 1984 in the music building at UNC; the notice was there for weeks, and I went to interview for the position. I graduated from college Dec 8, 1984, and went to work for Sheridan Schools the following Monday. Admin. wanted me to start earlier than that, but I hadn't finished student teaching yet.

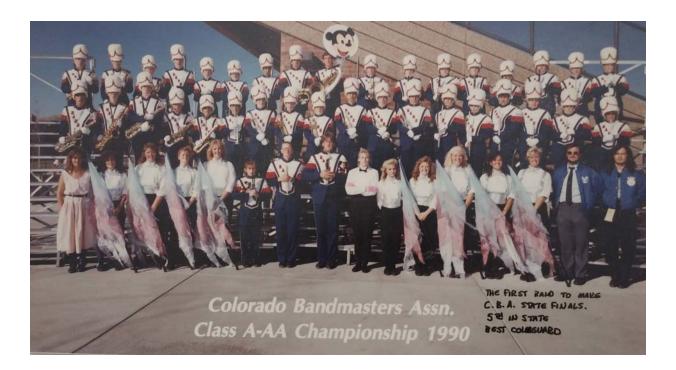
# Can you provide a short bio of the colleges you attended, your prior teaching experience, and what you did after leaving Sheridan?

I earned my Bachelor of Music Education at University of Northern Colorado, attending from 1979 to 1984. I earned my Masters of Music at American Band College from 1998-2000. After leaving Sheridan, I worked for Thompson R2J Schools in Loveland Co, from 1999 to 2011, and part-time with R2J until 2016. I continue to teach private lessons students today as well as perform with several bands.

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Authors Note: Leonard Kellogg is part of "The Poudre River Irregulars." They are a colorful New Orleans and Dixieland jazz ensemble based in Fort Collins, Colorado. This band plays for concerts, dances, and private engagements all over the Northern Colorado region. They also have recorded a number of CDs. The band was founded in 1995. "Leonard Kellogg is the band's leader (head honcho, booking agent, and all-purpose go-to guy)." Their website is: <a href="https://www.prijb.com">https://www.prijb.com</a>.

# **CBA – 1990 Finals**



# Colorado State Fair 1993



# **Colorado Band Masters – State Championships**

# School Year Div Band Teacher/Director

| 1995 – 1996 | 3A | Leonard Kellogg |
|-------------|----|-----------------|
| 1996 - 1997 | 3A | Leonard Kellogg |
| 1997 - 1998 | 3A | Leonard Kellogg |
| 1999 - 2000 | 3A | Steve Yoder     |
| 2000 - 2001 | 3A | Steve Yoder     |
| 2005 - 2006 | 2A | David Evans     |
| 2006 - 2007 | 2A | David Evans     |







Steve Yoder



David Evans



Josh Kaufman



Dana Slabaugh

# Colorado Bandmasters Association – State Championships 1995





"The Sheridan High School Ramland Marching Band has had the honor of 'always being a bridesmaid, but never a bride.' That is, until now...to say that Sheridan swept the competition away was an understatement." The last three years the Rams had finished in second place.

In addition to the state championship, the Rams brought home the following awards:

People's Choice Award
Best Color Guard (second consecutive year)
Best Musical Executing Band
Best Marching and Maneuvering
Best General Effect
Second Place honors for Drum Major
Fourth Place honors for Drums

Band director Kellogg and band members attributed a lot of their success to Steve Yoder. "Steve has expertise in marching," said Kellogg. "This year was our year," said senior Chad Scott. Also contributing to the success was the involvement of the parents.

## 1995 State Championship - Band Members

Dave Aceves Abby Freeman Cheryl Padilla Jamie Ackerman Nick Glenn **Bobby Peterson** Jennifer Guilford Melissa Peterson Hilary Albeke Tony Alsop Jessica Hackbarth Tara Plagge Alisa Arnold Jesse Hall Kathy Poindexter Kim Arnold Nicole Hendrickson Tim Poindexter Janell Pollock Chris Bailey Jerad Hensley Ray Bailey Adri Herald Trisha Postell Tina Bailey Kim Powell Ayrin Herald Teddi Barela Jen Hodge Aaron Randall Ross Barnes Julie Holland Stacy Richardson Adrian Begaii Patrick Jesienouski Karen Rohrer Jeremiah Bennett Jamie Klatka Chad Scott Angie Bermea Jennifer Krowczyk Mike Shane Christina Bovill Jason Leslie Michelle Shewmake Kevin Boyd John Lewis **Aaron Smith** Greg Lindahl Erin Brady Nate Smith Kelly Branham Shelly Long Nicole Speechley Ryan Burke Elisa Lucero Denise Stoddard Helen Chan Leah Martin Jessica Sturgill Kendra Christian Alex Martinez Deve\on Swift Unrein Cortney Conway Hung Tran Cameron McCann Valerie Cordova Kendra Messing Casey Tyler Celina Valdez A.C. Culbertson Tom Nguyen Josh Odendahl Rena Valdez Shelly Czarnek

> Band Director – Lenny Kellogg Assistant Director – Steve Yoder

Eric Villegas

Dane Whatley

Peter White

Heather Ohlinger

Kayla Olson

Krissy O'Neil

James Duran

Lynette Dycus

Autumn Egan

# 1996





The band won their second straight state championship. In the preliminary competition, "the band set the record score of 86.80 and then went on to post a score of 84.60 in the finals – a score good enough to bring home the state title."

"With such a high score, the Ramland Marching Band was invited to perform an exhibition show at Mile High Stadium during the 4A and 5A state finals. With more than 6,000 people there to watch, Sheridan performed flawlessly, and was rewarded with a standing ovation – something their 4A and 5A counterparts did not receive." "That felt like a million bucks," said Band Director Lenny Kellogg.

Yoder said, "The kids know what sounds good, and it's become a matter of pride." Again Yoder and Kellogg said "that super support from parents, volunteers, school and

district administration, as well as teachers made a huge difference."

#### 1996 State Championship - Band Members

David Aceves Ernie Estrada Sumer Al-Ahdali Autefah Farzinazar Katie Alcock Scott Federowicz Alisa Arnold Sabrina Garcia Leiliani Glassburner Kim Arnold Amy Ayala Monica Graf Ray Bailey Molly Grumbles Beth Baker Jessica Hackbarth Ross Barnes Lynette Hafkey Jeremiah Bennett Jazz Hall Kristina Bovill Nicole Hendrixon Marie Bovill Jared Hensley Kevin Boyd Adri Herald Ryan Boyd Ayrin Herald Erin Brady Boa Ho Kelly Branham Jen Hodge Susie Bricker Julie Holland Farah Brumandi Jessica Howard Fred Brunn Pat Jesienouski Ryan Burke April Kelly Laura Cantrell Greg Kendall Kari Knudtson Marie Carabeta Erika Caraveo Jason Leslie Helen Chan John Lewis Bryan Cline Shelly Long Valerie Cordova Tony Lucero Chris Crumley Leah Martin Andrew Culbertson Nels Martin Lindsey Czarnek Robbie Martinez Shelly Czarnek Kristina Mason Gwen Donberger Steven Massey John Drake Lucas McIntire Estevan Dudley Jeff Medina James Duran Sara Meineke Lynette Dycus Jason Messing Autumn Egan Kendra Messing Corey Egan Victoria Mosley

Josh Odendahl Heather Ohlinger Kavla Olsen Kara Parker Melissa Peterson Tim Poindexter Trisha Postell Kim Powell Rvan Powell Jerde Quattlebaum Stacy Richardson **Amber Roberts** Joe Russell Marcus Salas Katie Schaefer Tabitha Sexton Michelle Shewmake Jason Shiver

Pam Silva **Aaron Smith** Nicole Speechley Lisa Steffen Denise Stoddard Jessica Sturgill Anna Tran Hung Tran Casey Tyler Deseree Unrein Devon Unrein Rena Valdez Chris Vance Joe Velasco Michelle Wentz Peter White Russell Withrow

Band Director – Lenny Kellogg Assistant Director – Steve Yoder

## 1997





"Eight years ago...we couldn't even make the finals," said Lenny Kellogg. "This year's program went with a more "mature" show which featured music from the motion picture, *The Mask*." "This year was a year of experimentation. We had a large color guard and we used it in a more theatrical performance than people were used to seeing. At first, a lot of people didn't understand the show, but we stuck to our guns."

"In addition to taking the state title for the third year, the band also won Best Music, Best Marching, Best General Effect, Best Percussion, Best Color Guard, and the People's Choice Award. When the dust had settled, Sheridan had not only walked away with a majority of the awards in the 3A category, but they had outscored their closed opponent by 12 points – a huge margin in band terms. And the Color Guard,

they received a 93.5 rating – the highest in any classification in the state."

"It was amazing," said Steve Yoder. "In the last two weeks of the season, it really came together..." "We need to find a way to stay hungry, yet set ourselves up for success in every way. One way may be to pursue a national title, which Kellogg and Yoder would like for next year." See "Nationals in Indianapolis" on page 19.

#### 1997 State Championship - Band Members

Autefeh Farinazar Katherine Abeyta Jason Messing Kati Alcock Scott Federowicz Kendra Messing Marie Folsom Denette Montova Alisa Arnold Kiimberly Arnold Leiliani Glassburner Stephanie Moore Jodi Atkinson Rachel Gonzales Victoria Mosley Christopher Babbitt Monika Graf Josh Odendahl Daniel Ohlinger Tina Bailey Michael Gross Marie Bovill Molly Grumbles Kayla Olsen Benjamin Gunzenhauser Kevin Boyd Kara Parker Ryan Boyd Jessica Hackbarth Crystal Perreten Erin Brady Melissa Peterson Joseph Handley Susan Bricker Riley Harper Kathy Poindexter Nicole Hendrixson Farah Broomandi Lisa Powell Fredie Brunn Jared Hensley Ryan Powell Ryan Burke Megan Hensley Jerde Quattlebaum Adriana Herald Desiree Rushmer Amanda Camacho Laura Cantrell Avrin Herald Joe Russell Marie Carabetta Bao Ho Theordore Salas Helen Chan Julie Holland Tara Salazar Brian Cline Latoya Holmes Stephanie Sandoval Jennifer Collier Krystal Honahni Katherine Schaefer Jessica Howard Denise Cope Cathi Schmidt Alicia Cordova Amanda Jarman Tabatha Sexton Valerie Cordoav Patrick Jesienouski Meagan Shane Christopher Crumbley Marjorie Johnson Nicole Speechley Andrew Culbertson April Kelly **Christopher Spinks** Lindsey Czarnek Lisa Krowczyk Abby Steele Shelly Czarnek Jason Leslie Lisa Steffen Gwen Donberger Jessica Sturgill John Lewis Nadia Dragoner Renee Lombardo Desiree Swift Unrein Esteban Dudley Antonio Lucero Julanna Tafova Andrew Taggard James Duran Leah Martin Lynette Dycus Robbie Martinez Dawnyell Torres Jason Touchstone Autumn Egan Kristina Mason Thuan Tran Corey Egan Stephen Massey Joseph Engel Jeffrey Medina Casev Tyler Rena Valez Ernesto Estrada Sara Meinecke

> Band Director – Lenny Kellogg Assistant Director – Steve Yoder Color Guard Instructor – Kristy Peterson

# 1999





# 2000



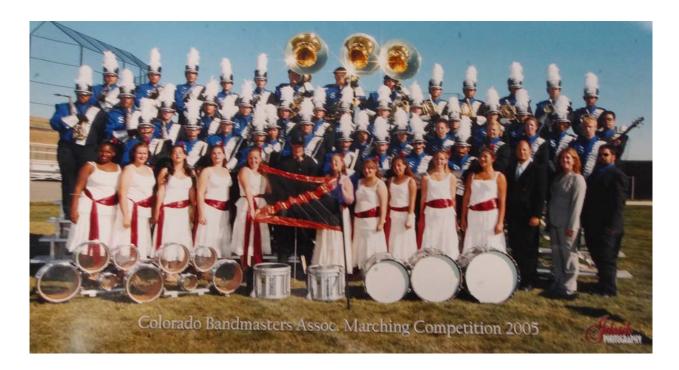


## 2000 State Championship - Band Members

Antonio Androde Becky Grisham Denette Montoya Tina Bailey Roger Grisham Peter Mutegi Mike Gross Kathleen Boyd Ashley Panter James Ceimet Benjamin Gunzenhauser Malory Peterson Jennifer Collier Lisa Powell Chad Havens Tim Collier Jesse Hendrixson Melissa Reynolds Rachel Jenkins Amy Richardson Alicia Cordova Joaquin Romero Anthony Crescente Kaley John Amanda Johnson Roxanne Sandoval Nadia Dragoner Jack Dunker Matt Jones Cathi Schmidt Tirzah Eaks Jenni Josage Alisha Smith James Keisow Corey Egan Mason Steele Shawn Elliott Martin Leyva James Tafoya Ricky Thornton Shannon Farmer Anthony Lopez Sean Flater Bao Luone **Emerald Toepher** Nicole Fox Sheri Marcella Jason Touchstone Christina Gonzales Mike Marshall Jerome Ulibarri Chris Greenwalt Tim Martin Lynelle Valdez Adam Vilders Debbie Greenwalt Mark Miller

> Band Director – Steve Yoder Assistant Director – Josh Kaufman Assistant Director – Dana Slabaugh

# 2005





"There were a million reasons why we should have failed this year. I was a new teacher in a new school. The students had no idea what to expect, or even whether I would know how to run a successful marching band. They had graduated nineteen seniors from last year, losing all that experience and leadership. They hadn't rehearsed all summer, and then they had to wait for me to learn about them and their traditions and their style.

But the band never gave up. So many of the student leaders worked so hard to make it happen, calling extra rehearsals, and putting every ounce of their energy into the show. I will always remember the strides we made at the very end – third place five points behind with one week to go,

State Champions by four points and clean sweep of the captions one week later. I am so proud of this group ...." David Evans, Band Director.

# 2006



For the second straight year Sheridan won the state championship in the 2A division. In addition the band also was awarded: Best 2A Band, Best Color Guard, Best Percussion, High Music, High General Effects, and Most Improved Band. "The Most Improved award was interesting since the band was also the 2A Champion in 2005."

Arriving home about 11:30 pm, the band was met with a police escort at Oxford and Santa Fe all the way to the high school. Recognition that past championship bands have also received.

Along with band director David Evans, band staff included: Darcie Gudger, color guard instructor; Tim Leenerts, assistant band director; Ryan Serpan, percussion instructor; Ryan Kimray and Jessica Drewy, percussion assistants.

# Runner Up Trophies 92, 93, 94



Runner Up Trophies 03, 04, 08



#### **Steve Yoder**

Steve began his teaching career in 1985 by accepting a position as percussion coordinator for the Goshen Community Schools, Goshen, Indiana. In 1994, he came to the University of Colorado, where he was a teaching assistant and marching percussion instructor/arranger. He then came to Sheridan High School. He was the band director during the two championships in 1999 and 2000. After Sheridan, he went to Lawrence Central High School in Indianapolis where he continues to teach.

He is a former marching member of the Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps, Rosemont, IL marching tenors 1982-1986. As for concert hall, he has served as a player in countless regional symphonies in Indiana and Colorado and been a featured soloist with the Cedar Rapids Symphony and Midwest Pops.

#### Josh Kaufman

Josh Kaufman graduated from Goshen High School in Goshen, Indiana as valedictorian in 1992. He played baritone and euphonium with the Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps from 1993 to 1995 and was Brass Sergeant of the World Champion 1995 Cavaliers.

Mr. Kaufman received his B.A. in physics and music education from Goshen College in 1997 and his Master of Music in saxophone performance from the University of Northern Colorado in 2000, graduating magna cum laude from both institutions. Mr. Kaufman taught middle school and high school band for the Sheridan School District from 1999 to 2005. During his time at Sheridan High School, as assistant director, the marching band was twice state champions. As band director, his bands were twice runner-ups in 2003 and 2004. The concert band made state finals twice during his time at Sheridan.

Mr. Kaufman returned to his alma mater Goshen High School as a teacher in 2006. His teaching responsibilities include Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Crimson Jazz Ensemble, Crimson Marching Band, and assisting the Winter Guards. The Wind Ensemble made their first trip to Concert Band State Finals in Mr. Kaufman's first year at Goshen High School, and the ensemble has returned 10 times since. Mr. Kaufman is proud to take Goshen High School's 2nd concert band and 2nd jazz band to ISSMA contest in Group I and receive gold ratings. Mr. Kaufman also assists with the concert bands at Goshen Middle School.

#### **Dana Slabaugh**

Dana is a graduate of the University of Kentucky, where he studied under James B. Campbell and received his bachelor's degree in Music Education. Dana was also a member of the World Champion Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps from 1992 to 1995 and was the snare tech in 1997. He spent three years as the band director of Sheridan Middle School. He also assisted with the high school band.

Dana spent several years as an active freelance teacher/performer/arranger in the metropolitan Denver area where he was the percussion instructor and arranger for Cherry Creek High School and Legacy High School. Dana has appeared as a guest clinician and adjudicator many times

throughout his career in percussion. Dana is currently the Director of Percussion at American Fork High School in American Fork northwest of Orem, Utah.

#### **David Evans**

David Evans holds a degree in Music Education from Metropolitan State University of Denver. He is currently the band director at Mountain Range High School in Westminster, Colorado.

Before obtaining his degree in 2004, Mr. Evans spent nine years as a percussion instructor and assistant director at many Denver-area schools, including Dakota Ridge, Golden, Englewood, Eaglecrest, and Bear Creek. He began teaching at Sheridan High School in 2005 and was there four years. He then taught at two years at Vail Mountain School.

Mr. Evans' musical passion is percussion, and he has proudly given his time to serve on the Rocky Mountain Percussion Association's Board of Directors. He also served five years as RMPA's Executive Director, and was inducted into the RMPA Hall of Fame in 2015.

# **Nationals in Indianapolis**

In November 1998 the Sheridan High School marching band appeared in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Grand National Championships, Bands of America presented by Yamaha in the RCA Dome in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Drum majors were Kevin Boyd and Lauren Cantrell. The band played the following songs Seagate, Summertime, Take me out to the Ballgame, and Chorale and Shaker dance. The band was under the direction of Leonard Kellogg and assistant Steve Yoder.

Authors Note: A video of the performance can be found on YouTube by searching "Sheridan High School Marching Band – National Championships – 1998.

# **Devastation – Band Program Canceled**

"Just prior to 2007 there had been a drop in student population in the district. The problem had gone undetected and had been uncovered by interim Superintendent Roscoe Davidson. There was a loss of approximately one hundred students. This translated into to a loss of state funding of approximately \$800,000. State funding is heavily dependent on student head counts."

In response, in 2009, the band programs within the district were eliminated. "There were also staff and faculty reductions. Some elective classes in the high school were also eliminated. The loss of the band program was not well received by the community or alumni."

It did not take long for the School Board to see the error in canceling the band programs. The high school band program was reinstated in 2010. "But the damage had already been done as the high school band uniforms had been sold off. The program had to be rebuilt from scratch. When the band was reinstated, there were no new band students coming into the high school. After eight years, the high school still has not been able to put a marching band back on the field."

# Band teachers from 2010 to the current time.







Carly Wooden



Cory Goshorn



Jennifer Norville



# **Vocal Music**

# **The Faculty**

| Name                 | From | To      | Drama |
|----------------------|------|---------|-------|
| Gehrke, Audrey C.    | 1953 | 1954    |       |
| Elliott, Mr.         | 1962 | 1965    |       |
| Miyake, Mr.          | 1965 | 1967    |       |
| Powell, Vicki        | 1967 | 1972    |       |
| Tenorio, Sandra      | 1972 | 1974    |       |
| Dickey, Jena         | 1974 | 1976    |       |
| Hamblen, Cheryl      | 1976 | 1977    |       |
| Wilson, Bobbie       | 1977 | 1979    |       |
| Lantz, Rebecca       | 1979 | 1982    |       |
| Nuttall, Kerri       | 1982 | 1983    |       |
| Paraschos, Mary *    | 1983 | 1986    |       |
| Vigil, Elizabeth     | 1985 | 1987    | Yes   |
| Miller, John         | 1987 | 1988    |       |
| Roberts, Maria "Mia" | 1988 | 1991    |       |
| Lewis, Mary          | 1991 | 2019    | Yes   |
| Farmer, John         | 2019 | Current |       |

Mary Paraschos was also the Music Coordinator from 1981 – 1989.

There have been only three vocal teachers that have stayed longer the three years.







Vicki Powell

Mary Paraschos

Mary Lewis

#### **Mary Lewis**

Mary Lewis received her Bachelor's Degree (majoring in music) and teacher education from the University of St Francis in Joliet, Illinois. She then received her Master's Degree in Music from the University of Colorado in Boulder

While in Illinois, Mary was the Choir Director at St. Francis Academy in Joliet for 4 years. After moving to Colorado, she was teaching French (it was her minor in college) at Holy Family High School in Denver, she was contacted by Ken Bostdorff (then Principal of Sheridan High School) about a Choir Director/Theatre Director position that had become available at SHS. He was wondering if Mary would be interested in coming in for an interview. Mary went for the interview, was hired, and 28 years later, she retired from Sheridan High School.

The following pictures and comments were provided by Mary Lewis.

## **Concert Choir 1995**



Cavalcade of Music in Colorado Springs, where both the choir and the band participated; after the event, the students got to enjoy spending time at the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo.

**Concert Choir 1995 – 1996** 

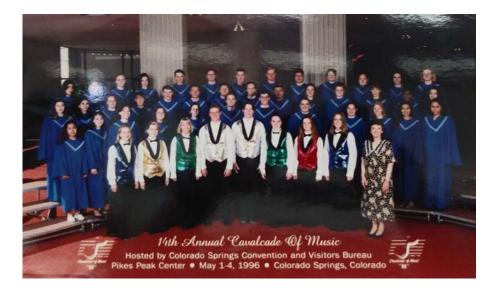


#### **Aries Choir 1995 - 1996**



These students are the Aries Choir of the 1995-1996 school year; this is a select "show choir" that includes singing and choreography with a variety of songs ranging from pop, Broadway, jazz, blues, folk, spirituals, etc.





Cavalcade of Music in Colorado Springs; Concert Choir, Aries Choir and the Band all participated; this event was always a great bonding time for all the groups.

# **Rocky Mountain Music Festival 1996**



SHS Choir at the Rocky Mountain Music Festival (hosted by Sheridan High School). They took 1st place in the competition.

## **Concert Choir 1996 – 1997**



This photo is of the Concert Choir which is the larger vocal group and sings the more traditional choral repertoire; members of Aries Choir are also part of this group.

#### **Aries Choir 1996 – 1997**



Photo of the Aries Choir of the 1996-1997 school year; again this talented group needs to combine singing and choreography in their performance of a variety of repertoire from pop, jazz, blues, Broadway, and standards.





In front of the marquis at Carnegie Hall before their Concert under the direction of Jonathan Willcocks from England---one of the greatest highlights of my 28 years at Sheridan High School was to have had the honor and opportunity for our students to sing at Carnegie Hall 13 times---I couldn't be more proud of our talented students.



1999 - During a break at rehearsal for their concert, our students had their picture taken with the director, Jonathan Willcocks.

# The Trip to Europe

Written by Mary Lewis.

"How the trip came about: In 996, Otto III, the Holy Roman Emperor, made the first documented acknowledgement of the country of Austria. In 1996, Austria was to celebrate 1,000 years as a country. The mayors of four cities, Vienna, Salzburg, Innsbruck, and Graz and others, wanted to have an international festival of music celebrating the millennial anniversary.

Music Celebrations International was the recognized organizer of this international festival. They contacted me and said that I and my program had been highly recommended to be one of the choirs for the honor to perform for this celebration. Our choir was to perform in Vienna, Salzburg, Innsbruck, and Graz where we would perform a wide variety of music of our country (folk, jazz, blues, Broadway, spiritual, etc.) as an "American Musical Salute to Austria". The dates of the trip were from June 3 - June 12, 1996. In between performances, we had time for sightseeing in each of these 4 cities.

Students who participated in the choir in trip to Europe were: Christopher Bailey, Adrien Begaii, Erin Brady, Tiela Cairns, Kendra Christian, Valerie Cordova, Clarence Crowe, Autumn Egan,

Jazzmine Hall, Jennifer Hodge, Christy Linsenmaier, Rachel Malcolm, Elizabeth Marshall, Leah Martin, Jennifer McDonaugh, Melissa Peterson, Clarice Pierzina, Chad Reagan, Stacy Richardson, Chad Scott, Aaron Smith, Tiffany Tate, Casey Toepfer, and Robin Westervelt."

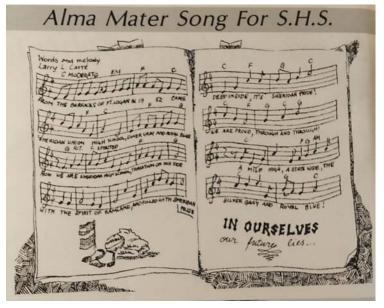
# **School Song**

The original school song was written by the students way back in 1952. The song is sung to the musical notes of "Rouser."

"Sheridan High School hats off to thee,
To our colors, true we shall ever be,
Firm and faithful, loyal to thee,
Rah, Rah, Rah, Rah!
Rah, Rah, Rah!
Hats off to Sheridan High!"

## The Alma Mater

The Alma Mater song was written by faculty member Larry L. Carre'.



#### Sheridan Pride

From the barracks of Fort Logan in nineteen fifty-two, came Sheridan Union High School, silver gray and royal blue.

Now we are Sheridan High School, tradition on our side, with the spirit of Ramland and filled with Sheridan pride!

#### Refrain:

Deep inside, it's Sheridan pride! We are proud, through and through! A mile high, a state wide, The Silver Gray and Royal Blue!

### Larry L. Carre'

Mr. Carre' was born on October 14, 1939 in Beatrice, Nebraska and received his BA degree from Peru State College of Nebraska. He received his MA from the University of Colorado. He was certified to teach in areas of English, speech, theater, drama, and music.

At Sheridan he taught English and speech. He spent extra time with school drama productions and was the faculty sponsor of the speech team for Forensics. He was musically talented and performed for classes, assemblies, and school talent shows, playing guitar. Mr. Carre' was a faculty member from 1965 to 1987.



He also wrote poetry, which has been published. He also worked at extra curricular activities including scorekeeping for basketball, volleyball, and has been an announcer for football games. Mr. Carre' received a standing ovation from the student body, when the essay he wrote called "Sheridan Spirit" was read at a school assembly. Mr. Carre' also wrote the words and music to the high school Alma Mater song.

Mr. Carre' passed away on May 20, 1994. He is buried in Fairmount Cemetery in Denver. His wife Janice passed away in 2003. He is survived by a daughter, Katherine Carre'

# **Theater**

# **Drama Teachers**

| Name              | From | To   |
|-------------------|------|------|
| Maness, Katherine | 1977 | 1978 |
| Dayoub, Betty     | 1978 | 1980 |
| McNally, Sheila   | 1980 | 1984 |
| Barstnar, William | 1984 | 1985 |
| Van Dyke, Ann     | 1986 | 1990 |
| McCray, Randy     | 2012 | 2013 |

# Other Faculty involved in Theater

| Larry Carre' | Mary Paraschos |
|--------------|----------------|
| Betty Dayoub | Mia Roberts    |
| Leroy Farre  | Beth Vigil     |
| John Fellows | Frank Williams |

# Overview

During the first years of the school, plays were put on by each class. Later one or two plays would be done each year. The list on the next page is a listing of plays extracted from annuals (yearbooks) over the years. There were several years for which there were no pictures or plays listed or annuals were not available. The missing years include 1958-1959, 1961-1968, 1972-1978, 1987-1989, 1998-1999, 2007-2008, 2015-2016, 2018-2019. When viewed the other way, we were able to find 47 out of 68 years.

"The date was March 13, 1953. That was a "black Friday" but not for the juniors who presented their class play "Leave it to Us." It was a hilarious mix-up of patents in a promotion office. Robert Hemple brought in some rejuvenating cream to be promoted and so it was decided to use it on Blossom to improve her looks—who certainly needed it! The mix-up came when they gave Blossom the jar of cleaning fluid instead. But as in all stories everything ended well.

"Another class play on the 13<sup>th</sup> was 'Three Fingers in the Door.' It was given in April by the 1953 senior class. The mystery-comedy provided many strange happenings. Who shot at Aunt Tessie? Who threw Sylvia in the well? Who is the man with only three fingers on his hand? There was a surprising and unpredictable solution to the mystery."

What we have provided in the next several pages are a listing of the known plays and theater productions put on by students at Sheridan High School. With some exceptions, we have also included pictures and copies of playbills that were not included in the high school annuals (yearbooks). Authors Note: Some of the pictures and playbills may appear blurred as they were photographed using a cell phone.

# **Plays**

| Schoo | l Year | Play   | Teacher/Director              | Student Director              | Leads                                    |
|-------|--------|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| 1953  | 1954   | There's No Business Like Show Business:<br>Plays by each class: Leave it to Us; Three<br>Fingers in the Door, Here Come the Brides | Frank Williams                |                               |  |
| 1954  | 1955   | The Skeleton Walks, Hillbilly Wedding, The Inner Willie  | Frank Williams                |                               |  |
| 1955  | 1956   | Aunt Cathie's Cat  | Frank Williams                |                               |  |
| 1956  | 1957   | Take Your Medicine   | Frank Williams                | Ann Lerass                    | Mike Fender, Danny Hibden                |
| 1956  | 1957   | Man Alive  | John Fellows                  | Eddie Davis,<br>Gloria Holmes | Pat Skinner, Ralph Axsom                 |
| 1957  | 1958   | Off the Tracks   | Frank Williams                | John Peto                     | Aaron Given                              |
| 1957  | 1958   | Headin for a Weddin  | Frank Williams                |                               | Larry Speelman, Pat Skinner,<br>Ed Davis |
| 1959  | 1960   | Quit Your Kidding  |                               |                               | Jan Galey, Pat Patterson                 |
| 1960  | 1961   | The High White Star  |                               |                               | Veverly Hayes, Danny Wells               |
| 1966  | 1967   | The Remarkable Incident at Carson Corners  | Larry Carre                   |                               | Bill Speechly, Bob Dolan                 |
| 1968  | 1969   | Our Miss Brooks  | Larry Carre                   |                               | Marnie Hutcheson, Marilyn<br>Groeger     |
| 1969  | 1970   | Up the Down Stair Case   |                               |                               | Danny Lovelace, Pat Jones                |
| 1969  | 1970   | Anything Goes  |                               |                               | Pat Jones, Sharon Lynch                  |
| 1970  | 1971   | The Whole Town's Talking   |                               |                               | Doug DeLong, Chris Martin                |
| 1971  | 1972   | Welcome to the Monkey House  | Larry Carre                   |                               | Ed Wright, Michelle Doubek               |
| 1971  | 1972   | The Craziness of Youth   | Larry Carre                   |                               | Ted Rosen, Dave Upchurch                 |
| 1978  | 1979   | Bye Bye Birdie   |                               |                               |  |
| 1979  | 1980   | Li'l Abner   | Katherine Maness              |                               | Mike Rivera, Jon Harrod                  |
| 1980  | 1981   | The Music Man  | Mrs. Lantz, Sheila<br>McNally | Patrice Goodrich              | Pat Herrod, Sherry Burch                 |
| 1981  | 1982   | Plaza Suite  | Larry Carre, Leroy<br>Farre   |                               | Tammy Sauer, Paul Rivera                 |
| 1981  | 1982   | Sweeney Todd   |                               |                               | Lori Graves, Byron Williams              |
| 1981  | 1982   | Wizard of Oz   |                               |                               | Trisha Henderson, Chris<br>Watson        |
| 1982  | 1983   | Arsenic and Old Lace   |                               |                               |  |
| 1982  | 1983   | Hello Dolly  |                               |                               | Julie Cawthorn                           |
| 1983  | 1984   | The Miracle Worker   |                               |                               |  |
| 1984  | 1985   | Godspell   |                               |                               | Pat Ross, Eric Brown                     |
| 1985  | 1986   | Don't Drink the Water, The Curious Savage  |                               |                               |  |
| 1986  | 1987   | Diary of Anne Frank  |                               |                               |  |

# Frank Williams

Mr. Francis "Frank" S. Williams Sr. was born in Center, Colorado to Frank and Ruth Williams (nee Riggenbach) on May 16, 1922. He graduated from St. Joseph's High School in Denver in 1937. He graduated from Regis College with a B.A. in 1941. He attended Denver University in 1942. Mr. Williams worked for Miller's Thrifty Mart while attending college. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1942 until February 1946. On June 28, 1947, he married Elberta Harvey in

Denver. He received his Master of Arts degree from the University of California-Berkeley in 1949.



Mr. Williams taught at Florence High School from 1949 to 1952, prior to coming to Sheridan. At Florence he taught English, Speech, and Dramatics. He was an original teacher at Sheridan Union High School in 1952 and taught at Sheridan for 25 years. At Sheridan he taught English, History, Journalism, Social Studies, and Speech. He also held a staff position as the Educational Enrichment Coordinator. At times, he was the faculty advisor for Student Council and the Thespians club. Many graduates will also remember him as a sponsor for the senior class. Students wrote in one high school annual that "Mr. Williams most memorable times at Sheridan have been working with students in activities such as the high school plays and the school store." He also managed the concessions stand at football and basketball games for Sheridan.

Mr. Clark Bond recalls the first classes in the fall of 1952 that were held at Fort Logan military post. "There was no set up for a bell system. There was teacher by the name of Francis Williams, who was an English teacher, and to this day I can remember when students were out of the building for whatever ... he would hang out the window and ring a hand bell and that is when the students knew to come in."

After retiring from teaching in 1977, he enjoyed working with his son at Old World Photography. Mr. Williams and his wife moved to Greeley in 1979.

Mr. Williams enjoyed fishing, walking, reading, sports, and needlepoint. He also raised livestock on his ranch in LaSalle, Colorado. He was a big Broncos fan. He was a very active member at St. Peter's Catholic Church. Mr. Williams died at his home on May 21, 2008 at 86 years old, surrounded by his family.

Survivors include his wife, Elberta Williams; his daughter Jeanne Martin and husband Charles; his son, Frank Williams Jr. and wife Debbie; his sister-in-law, Tena Harvey of Greeley; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

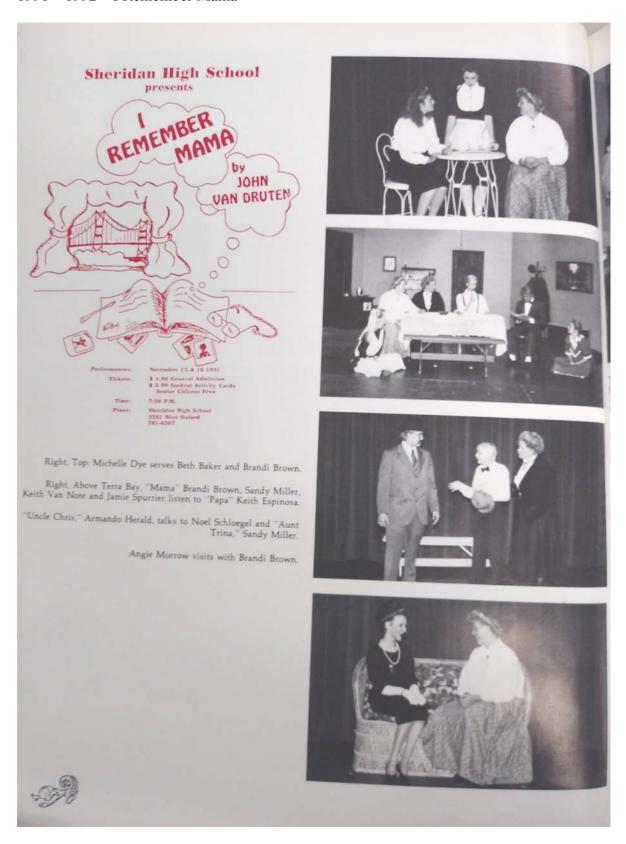
Authors Note: Some of the information in this bio for Mr. Williams came from "Tributes for May 24," published in *The Greeley Tribune*, in 2008.

# The Musicals

When Mary Lewis came to Sheridan High School in the fall of 1991 there was a change of focus to musicals. Mary was on the faculty from 1991 through the spring of 2019.

With the exceptions of *I Remember Mama*, *Hello Dolly*, and *The Sound of Music* the following pictures and all the playbills were provided by Mary Lewis.

# 1991 – 1992 I Remember Mama





Top Row: Tera Gurule, Armando Herald, Noel Schloegel, Sandy Miller, Jennifer Jones, Beth Baker, Keith VanNote, Nicolle Brewer and Angie Morrow; 2nd Row: Brandi Brown, Jamie Spurrier, Danny Hashauer, Terra Bay and Keith Espinosa; Bottom: Lesa Pizinger and P.J. Bachman

# The Principal Casts of "I Remember Mama"

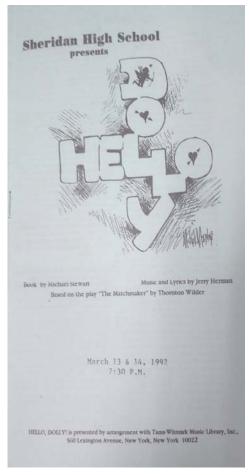
| Mama        | Brandi Brown*  |
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| Pappa       |                |
| Katrin      | Beth Baker     |
| Nels        | Josh Zalesky*  |
| Christine   | Terra Bay*     |
| Dagmar      | Jamie Spurrier |
| Uncle Chris |                |
| Aunt Trina  | Sandy Miller   |
| Aunt Sigrid | Nicolle Brewer |
| Aunt Jenny  | Jennifer Jones |



"Aunt Trina" and "Aunt Jenny" (Nicolle Brewer and Jennifer Jones) are dressed in their finest clothes.

# 1992 – 1993 Hello Dolly





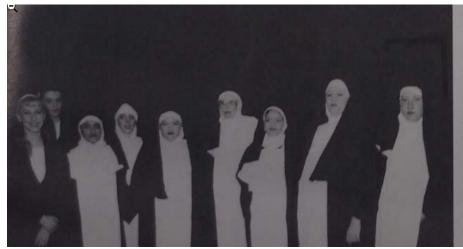
# THE CAST

Original Production Directed and Choreographed by Gower Champion

Produced for the Broadway Stage by David Merrick and Champion-Five, Inc.

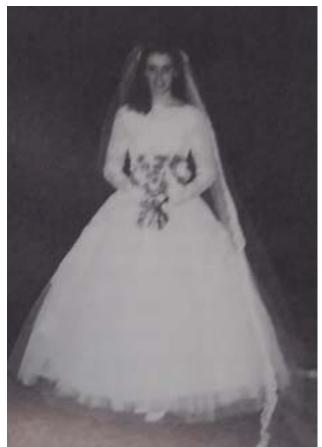
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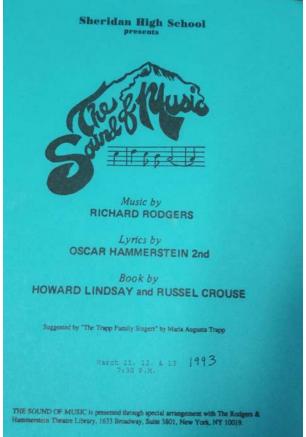
1993 – 1994 The Sound of Music



All the nuns in the play strike a pose in their habits. Left to right • Angela Morrow, Beth Baker, NancyAltamirano, Michelle Houg, Elisa Lucero, Margaret Baker, Felicia Flores, Sandra Miller, and Shelly Oleson.

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### THE SOUND OF MUSIC

Produced by Leland Hayward, Richard Halliday, Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein 2nd November 16, 1959 at the Lunt-Fontanne Theatre, New York City

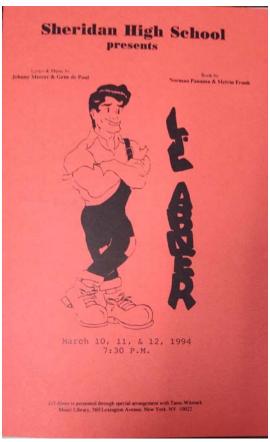
# THE CAST (In Order of Appearance)

MARIA RAINER, a postulant at Nonnberg Abbey.....Beth Baker SISTER BERTHE, mistress of novices.....Michelle Houg SISTER MARGARETTA, mistress of postulants.....Felicia Flores THE MOTHER ABBESS......Sandra Miller SISTER SOPHIA......Nancy Altamirano CAPTAIN GEORG VON TRAPP.....Armando Herald FRANZ, the butler.....Sean Lambert FRIEDRICH.....Noel Schloegel LOUISA.....Jazzmine Hall KURT......Jason Land BRIGITTA.....Erin Brady MARTA.....Daniele Martinez GRETL.....Lindsay Phillips ROLF GRUBER.....Joshua Zalesky ELSA SCHRAEDER.....Jamie Spurrier URSULA.....Michelle Houg MAX DETWEILER.....Mark Benavidez HERR ZELLER.....Ron Mauck BARON ELBERFELD......Jason Patton A POSTULANT.....Angi Morrow ADMIRAL VON SCHREIBER.....Mike Maestas NEIGHBORS OF CAPTAIN VON TRAPP, NUNS, NOVICES, POSTULATES, CONTESTANTS IN THE FESTIVAL CONCERT: ......Elisa Lucero Shelly Oleson, Angi Morrow, Margaret Baker Mary Lewis, Justin Richardson, Adrian Hicks Duane Rodarte, Jason Patton

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# LI'L ABNER

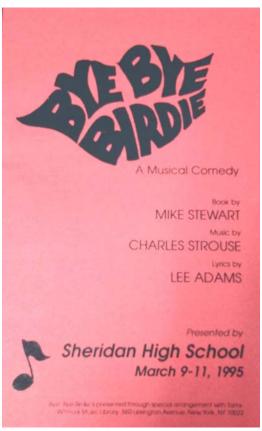
First Performance St. James Theatre New York City, November 15, 1956

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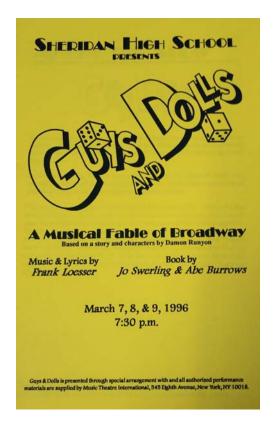




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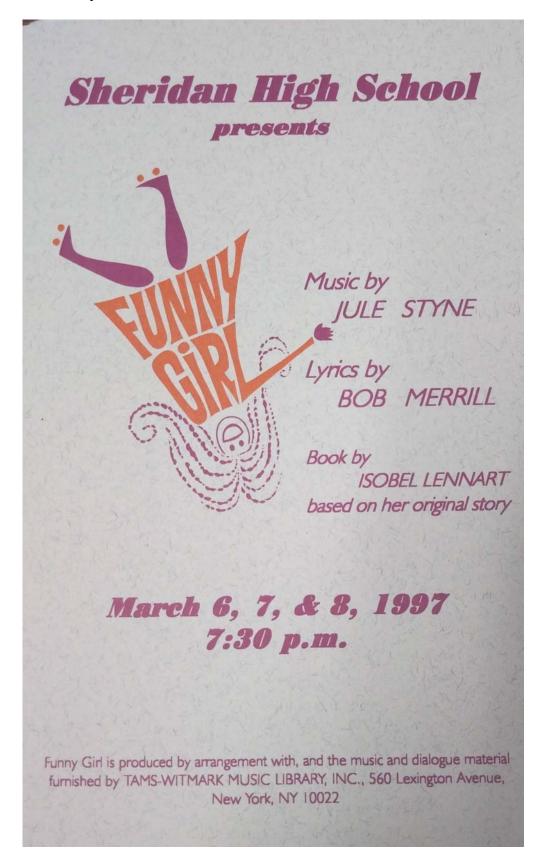
# 1995 – 1996 Guy's and Dolls





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| Rusty Charlie Sarah Brown  |   | Kay Bailey  |
| Sarah Brown  |   | Chad Scott  |
| Sarah Brown  |   | Greg Kendali  |
| Arvide Abernathy   |   | Marshall Add  |
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| Mission Band   | Kim Powell                              |   |
| Mission Band   | Valerie Cordova                         | richardson .  |
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| Harry the Horse  | ••••••                                  | Crown Powell  |
| Lt. Brannigan  |   | Travel Lindahl  |
| Nathan Detroit   |   | Chairbaugh  |
| Angie the Ox   |   | Isatin Did Reagan   |
| Miss Adelaide  | *************************************** | Justin Kichardson   |
| Miss Adelaide  |   | Jazzmine Hall   |
| Sky Masterson  | •••••••                                 | Chris Bailey  |
| Joey Biltmore  | ••••••                                  | Ron Ezzie   |
| Mimi   |   | Lynette Hafkey  |
| General Matilda B. Cartwright  |   | Alisa Arnold  |
| Big Jule   |   | Jason Patton  |
| Drunk  |   | Justin Richardson   |
| Waiters  |   | Greg Kendall  |
|  |   | Kate Strange  |
|  | Erin Brady                              | Shelley Czarnek   |
|  |   | Lynette Hafkey  |
| Hot Box Dolls  | Autumn Egan                             | Leah Martin   |
|  | Jennifer Hodge                          |   |
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|  |   | Clarence Crowe  |
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|  | Melissa Peterson                        | Kim Powell  |
|  | Stacy Richardson                        |   |
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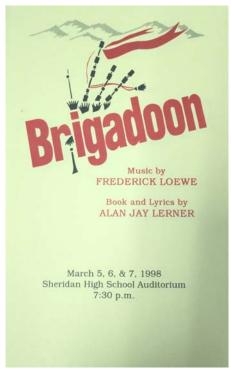


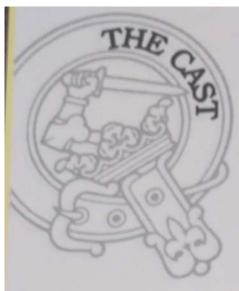
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|                      | Jazzmine Hall             |
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| Fanny Brice          | John Ceimet               |
| John, Stage Mariager | Jennifer Hodge            |
| Emma                 |                           |
| Mrs. Strakosh        | Kim Powell                |
| Mrs. Strakosii       | Nykky Halbert             |
| Mrs. Meeker          |                           |
| Mrs. O Mailey        | Clarence Crowe            |
| Tom Reeney           | Ray Bailey                |
| Lackic               | Bob Bailey                |
| Heckie               | Greg Gibson & George Hall |
| Court Toylor         | Instrumentalist           |
| Shub Taylor          | Instrumentalist           |
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| Five Finger Filling  | Instrumentalist           |
|                      | Instrumentalist           |
|                      | Erin Brady                |
|                      | Leah Martin               |
|                      | Kathy Poindexter          |
| Nick Arnstein        |                           |
| Two Showgirls        | Lora Kirchhof             |
|                      | & Desiree Rushmer         |
| Stage Director       | Benjamin Bays             |
|                      | Greg Kendall              |
|                      | Lynette Hafkey            |
|                      |                           |
| 0                    | Greg Gibson               |
|                      | Instrumentalist           |
|                      | Benjamin Bays             |
| Mrs. Nadler          | Lora Kirchhof             |
| Paul                 | Justin Richardson         |
| Cathy                | Melissa Peterson          |
| Vara                 | Alica Arnold              |
| vera                 | Alisa Arnold              |
| Jenny                | Tiffany Tate              |
| Ben                  | Instrumentalist           |
| Mr. Renaldi          | Greg Gibson               |
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# 1997 – 1998 Brigadoon







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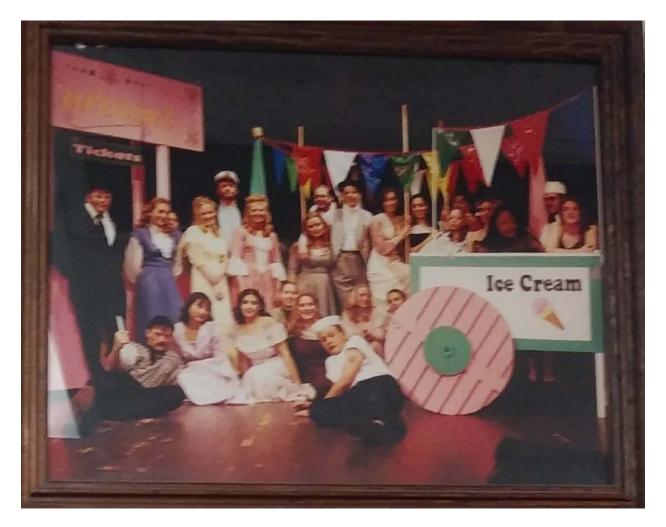
|                                  | James Duran         |
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| Tommy Albright  Jeff Douglas     | Casey Toepfer       |
| Jeli Douglas                     | Corev Egan          |
| Archie Beaton                    | John Lewis          |
| Harry Beaton                     | Tiffany Tate        |
| Fishmonger                       | Justin Richardson   |
| Angus MacGuine                   | Gilbert Hook        |
| Andrew McLaren                   | Christy Linsenmaier |
|                                  |                     |
| Meg Brockie                      | Monika Graf         |
| Meg Brockie<br>Charlie Dalrymple | Eric Villegas       |
| Charlie Dalrympie                | Leah Martin         |
| Maggie Anderson                  | John Ceimet         |
| Mr. Lundie                       | Pon Holmes          |
| Bagpiper                         | Dell notines        |
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| Jane Ashton                      | Lynette Halkey      |
| Kate                             | Erin Brady          |
|                                  |                     |

# Townsfolk of Brigadoon:

Alisa Arnold
Kim Arnold
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Erin Brady
John Ceimet

Helen Chan
Kendra Christian
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Denise Cope

# 1998 – 1999 Carousel



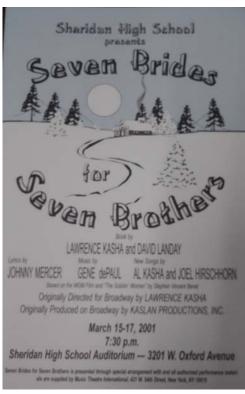


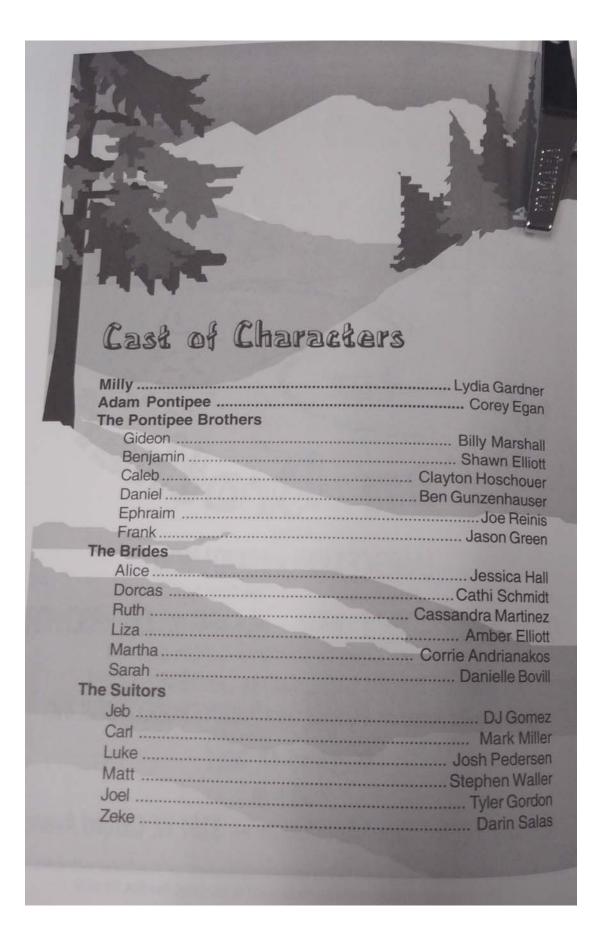


| Captain Orion        | Audie Crocker  |
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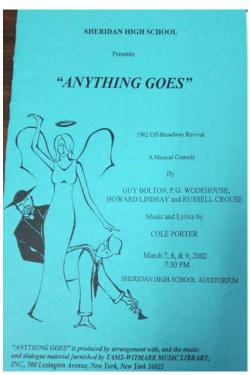
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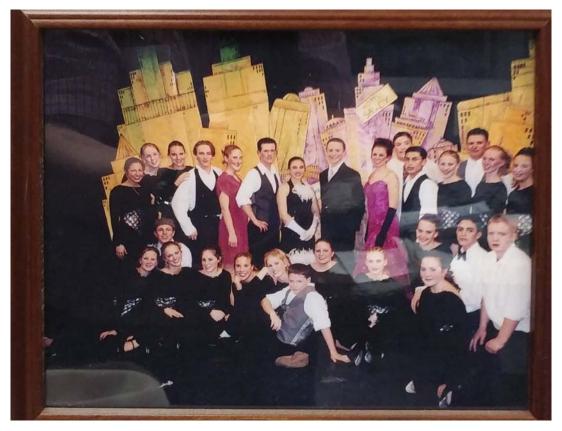


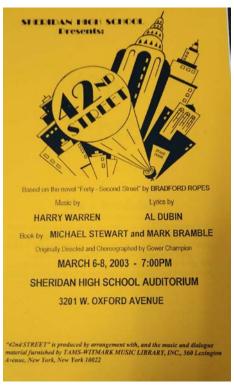


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# The Cast

|   | Elisha J. Whitney                | Jason Green           |
|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
|   | Steward                          | Justin Roome          |
|   | Reporter                         | Tyler Gordon          |
|   | Photographer                     | Rachel Johnson        |
|   | Sir Evelyn Oakleigh              | Benjamin Gunzenhauser |
|   | Mrs. Wadsworth T. Harcourt       | Amy Miller            |
|   | Hope Harcourt                    | Corrie Andrianakos    |
| ı | Bishop Henry T. Dobson           | Justin Roome          |
| ı | Reno Sweeney                     | Jessica Hall          |
|   | Billy Crocker                    | Billy Marshall        |
|   | Moonface Martin                  | Clayton Hoschouer     |
|   | First Chinese (Ching)            | Travis Woodlee        |
|   | Second Chinese (Ling)            | Darin Salas           |
| 1 | Purser                           | Danelle Tolen         |
| I | Bonnie                           | Amber Elliott         |
| ( | Captain                          | Andre John            |
| ( | Chastity (Angel)                 | Michelle Martinez     |
| F | Purity (Angel)                   | Danielle Bovill       |
| ١ | /irtue (Angel)                   | Samantha Bondar       |
| С | harity (Angel)                   | Samantha Dunlap       |
| G | irl 1                            | Sheri Martella        |
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# THE CAST

Dorothy Brock

Jessica Schaefer

Peggy Sawyer

Amber Elliott

Maggie Jones

Rhianna Pfannenstiel

Ann Reilly

Samantha Bondar

Phillis Dale

Amanda Giesey

Lorraine Fleming

Sheri Martella

Diane Lorimer

Erika Elliott

Ethel

Crystal Dunlap

Julian Marsh

Justin Roome

Bert Barry

Michael Tolen

Billy Lawlor

Billy Marshall

Andy Lee

**Dusty Donaho** 

Oscar

Roman Tafoya

Mac

Shawn Elliott

Pat Denning

Joshua Taylor

Abner Dillon

Tyler Gordon

Two Thugs

Shane Scott - Roman Tafoya

Doctor

Sergio Avila-Acevedo

Ensemble

Autumn Beachman, Erin Burke, Angie Carabetta, Jennifer Fisher, Megan Guy, Robin Holt, Krissy Ranum, Amanda Reynolds, Oliva Terrazas, Megan Waring

# The Orchestra

Flute/Piccolo Shandearan Bell

Flute Jennie Josich

Shannon Farmer

Clarinet Sierra Flater

Kodie Kaus Lori Matthews

Clarinet/ Alto Sax James Ceiment

Alto Sax Tyler Beck

Tenor Sax Shawn Edwards

Jason Touchstone

Baritone Sax Jared Gonzales

Bass Clarinet Brandon Alberca

Trumpet Gabriel Martinez

Horn Casey Baca

Trombone Jerrome Ulibarri

Thomas Belknap

Electric Bass Tarek Hammound

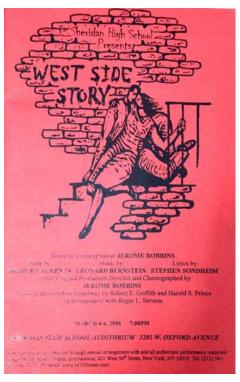
Percussion Meagan Farmer

Drum Set Anthony Crescente-Gomez

Piano Jane Haskell

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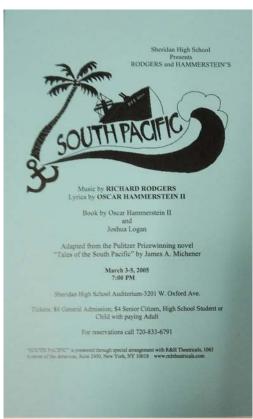




## THE CAST: THE JETS: Riff, the leader Justin Roome Tony, his friend Billy Marshall Action Roman Tafoya A-Rab Kris Coe Baby John Dusty Donaho Sacreboy Josh Beacham Big Deal Eric Ulibarri Diesel Durin Donaho Gee-Tim Shane Scott Mouthpiece Steven Cimeros Tiger Levi Slewitske THEIR GIRLS: Graziella Sabrina Pedersen Velma Autumn Beachar Minnie Amanda Giesey Clarice Megan Guy **Pauline** Krisey Ramum Azybodys Robin Holt JET GIRLS: Lauralee Flageoffe Amanda Raymolds Megan Waring THE SHARKS Bernardo, the leader Tyler Beck Maria, his nister Rhianna Pfan Amber Elliott Anits, his girl Sergio Avila-Acevedo Chino, his friend Antonio Martinez Pepe Kyle Vigil Indio Alejandro Rivers Luns Jose Hernandez Anxious Nibbles Chris Martinez-Ortiz David Ruiz Juano Kevin Martinez Toro Andre Broker Moose

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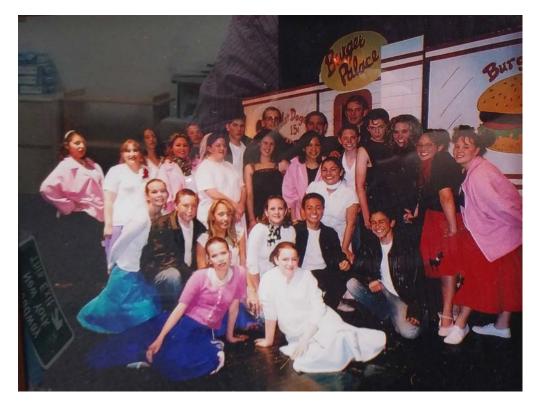


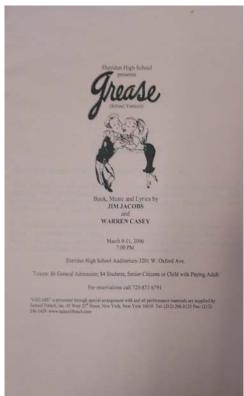
# THE CAST "SOUTH PACIFIC"

Ngana Jerome Henrietta Ensign Nellie Forbush Emile de Becque Bloody Mary Bloody Mary's Assistant Stewpot Luther Billis Professor Lt Joseph Cable, U.S.M.C. Capt. George Brackett, U.S.N Cmdr. William Harbison, U.S.N Yeoman Herbert Quale Seabee Richard West Seabee Morton Wise Seaman Tom O'Brien Radio Operator Bob McCaffrey Seaman James Hayes Shore Patrolman Lt Buzz Adams Lt Genevieve Marshall (Lead Nurse) Ensign Dinah Murphy Ensign Janet MacGregor Ensign Cora MacRae Ensign Sue Yaeger Ensign Lisa Minelli Ensign Connie Walewska Ensign Pamela Whitmore Ensign Bessie Noonan Liat Nurses

Daisy Garcia Arthur Martinez Vanessa Forkel Rhianna Pfannensteil Justin Roome Fina Romero Valerie Baca Nate Josich Dusty Donaho Josh Beacham Tyler Beck Stan Jesienowski Eric Ulibarri Roman Tafoya Colton Beck Dominic Rubio Tony Martinez Caleb Kissell Jacob Novotny Jacob Novotny Roman Tafoya Robin Holt Amanda Giesey Erika Elliott Krissy Ranum Cristina Martinez Monica Alvidrez Vanessa Forkel Megan Waring Miranda Wood Tien Nguyen Michelle Kieffer, Marcella Trujillo Kendra Raaf

# 2005 – 2006 Grease





# THE "GREASE" CAST Sandy

The Pink Ladies: Marty Jan Frenchy Rizzo

Miss Lynch Patty Cha-Cha Girls:

Danny

Burger Palace Boys:

Doody Roger Kenickie Sonny

Eugene

Vince Fontaine Johnny Casino Teen Angel Greasers:

Girl Radio Voice

Amanda Giesey

Margaret Lopez Robin Holt

? Cristina Martinez Vanessa Forkel

Fina Romero Mercedes Hernandez-Queen

7 Miranda Wood Monica Alvidrez Valerie Baca Kailey Donaho Amber Elliott Brittany Hooser Michelle Keiffer Alejandra Nevarez

Jackie Salas

Brittany Warrington

Dustin Donaho

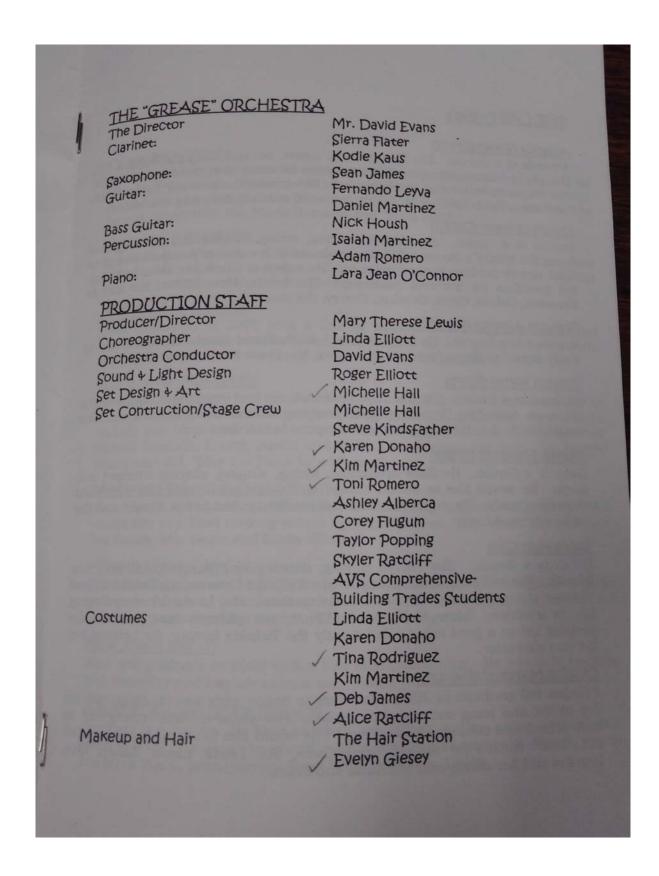
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Anthony Gonzales
Shawn Elliott

Shawn Elliott Caleb Kissell

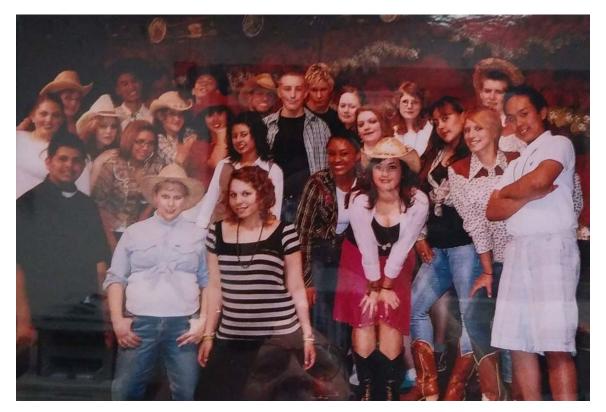
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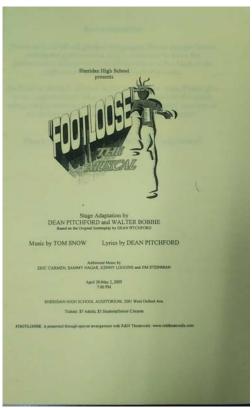
Fina Romero



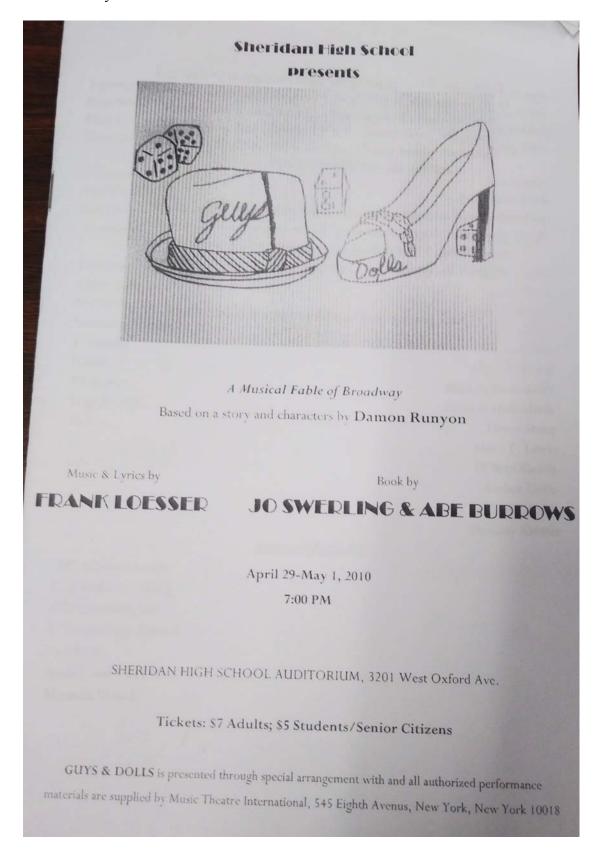
2006 – 2007 You're a Good Man Charlie Brown

### 2008 – 2009 Footloose





#### OOTLOOSE .. Ren McCormack Scott McCarthy Ethel McCormack Cierra Morse Reverend Shaw Moore Erik Zumara Vi Moore Mercedes Hernandez Queen Ariel Moore Miranda Wood Lulu Warnicker Julie Stevenson Wes Warnicker Jesus Wyalle-Cruz Coach Roger Dunbar Andrew Cao Eleanor Dunbar Brianna Garcia Rusty Roberta Martinez Urleen Mikaela Hadenfeldt Wendy Jo Leanell Woods Willard Hewitt Nguyen Nguyen Chuck Cranston Justin Roome Principal Harry Clark Paul Martinez Betty Blast Felicia Betcher Lyle Caleb Kissell Garvin Josh Stier Jeter Skyler Ratcliff Cowboy Bob/Travis Connor Mangiaracina Cowgirl (at the Bar-B-Que) Hannah Sebestyen A Cop Caleb Kissell Townspeople and High School Students Amber Beer Nicole Camarena Jessica Cisneros Corrina Feltes Angela Hohn Amanda Jones Monica Mendoza Ruthie Nunez Brittany Rayo Alex Reyes Hannah Sebestyen



### CAST

NICELY NICELY JOHNSON
BENNY SOUTH STREET
RUSTY CHARLIE
SARAH BROWN
ARVIDE ABERNATHY
AGATHA
MISSION BAND

Josh Stier
Anh Cao
Mandrick Holifield
Julie Stevenson
Vaughn Hester
Alicia Schreiner
Corine Etter
Olga Salas
Reece Salazar
Carlos Garcia

Rochelle Gutierrez

Dominic Lovato

Mariah Luna

Michelle Lopez

Darienne Duran

Nguyen Nguyen

Orry Daigle

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Orphan

Miss Hannigan
Bundles McCloskey

Dog Catcher

Assistant Dog Catcher

Lt. Ward Grace Farrell

Drake Mrs. Pugh Mrs. Greer Cecille

Annette

Warbuck's Household Servants

Oliver Warbucks
Star-To-Be
Rooster Hannigan
Lily
Bert Healy
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Camille Kollar

### CHARACTERS (continued)

Bonnie Boylan Connie Boylan Ronnie Boylan NBC Studios Producer

NBC Studios Sound Person
President Franklin D. Roosevelt

Howe (Marine Guard)

Ickes

Morgenthau

Hull Perkins

Judge Brandeis

Sandy

Dominique Allmon Shaye Allmon Brittany Rayo Ashanee Walker Alicia Schreiner Levi Maes

Paul Martinez
Raul Gonzalez
Brittany Rayo
Ashanee Walker
Dominique Allmon

Mike Rivera Shadow

### PRODUCTION STAFF

Director Choreographer

Set Design and Art

Sound and Lighting

Costumes

Pianist

Programs

**Tickets** 

Mary T. Lewis

Linda Elliott

Michelle Hall Roger Elliott

Linda Elliott

Linda Elliott

Mary T. Lewis

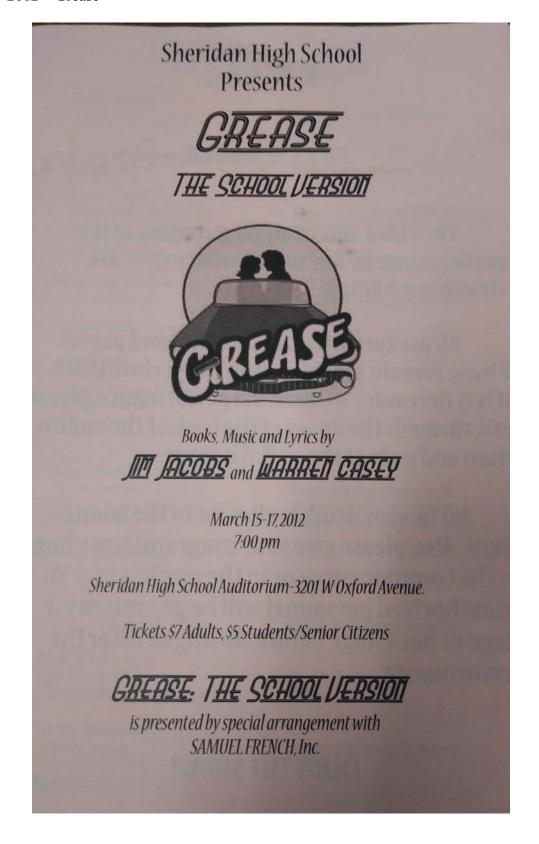
Dottie Boyle

Natalie Deden-Perez

Alicia McCarthy

Mary T. Lewis

Dawn Stone



# "GREASE"

Cast (in order of appearance)

Miss Lynch Patty Simcox Eugene Florczyk

Jan
Marty
Rizzo
Doody
Roger
Kenickie
Sonny
Frenchy
Sandy

Danny Vince Fontaine Johnny Casino Cha-Cha DiGregorio

Teen Angel Girl's Radio Voice

Company

Ashanee Walker Marissa Murphy Adwin Reed Dominique Allmon Julie Stevenson Mariah Montano

Anthony Contreraz Ivan Payan

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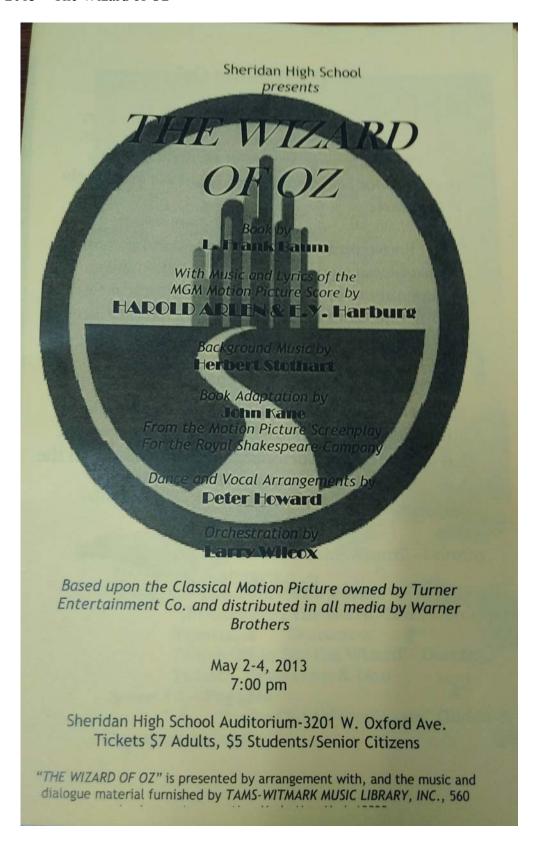
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Justice Hendrix Domonic Lovato

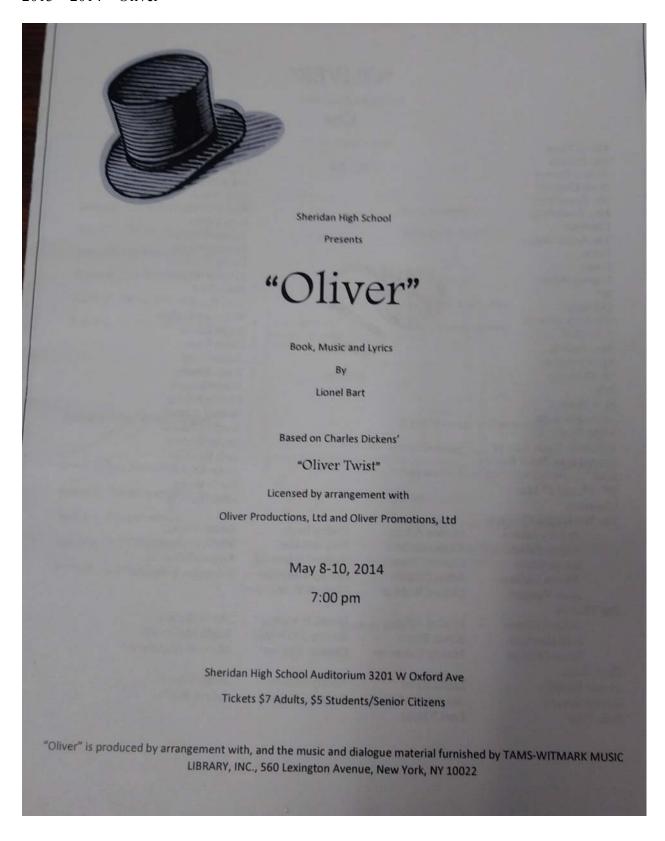
Victor Severino

Lexi Valdez Dany Wvalle

Jennie Zamarron







## "OLIVER"

### Cast

Oliver Twist Mr. Bumble Widow Corney Noah Claypole Mr. Sowerberry Mrs. Sowerberry Charlotte The Artful Dodger Fagin Nancy Charley Bates Old Sally Old Lady (Annie) Bill Sykes Mrs. Bedwin Mr. Brownlow Dr. Grimwig Boy First Woman Second Woman Night Watchman First Bow Street Runner Second Bow Street Runner Man 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Man Chairman The Workhouse Children Aubrey Adams Mason Brown Estela Ibarra Athena Oldham Alan Vasquez The Thieves Aubrey Adams Marlon Alfaro Seth Hawkins Estela Ibarra

Ethan Oldham

The Chorus

Katie Ruiz

Sammi Blakely

Maddy Harvey



Marlon Alfaro Maddy Beck Kayla Hawkins Seth Hawkins Macario Ibarra Bayley McDonald Ethan Oldham Maddy Valentine Chance Webber Michael Winterrowd

Sasha Baros

Lexi Valdez

Savannah Medina

Devan Brewer Bayley McDonald Maddy Valentine Chance Webber

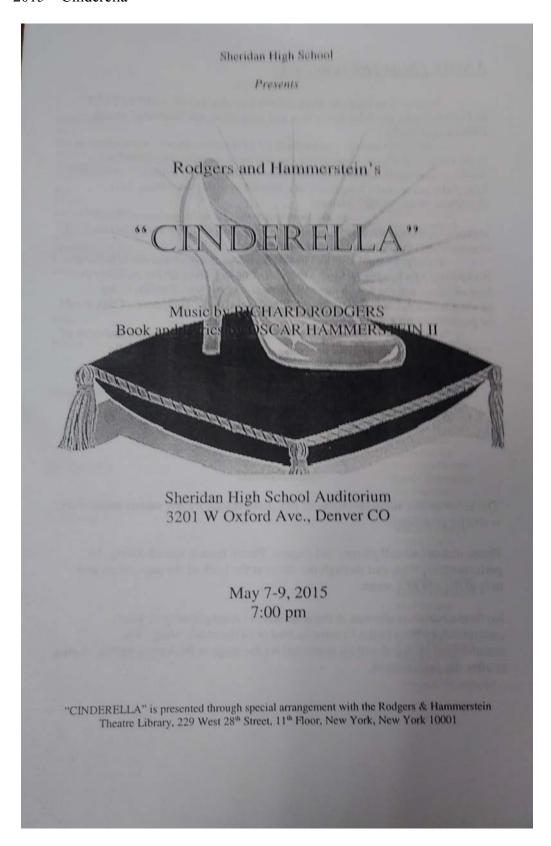
> Karely Chacon Bryanna Nelson

Laura Kollar Kevin Alfaro Bryanna Nelson Justin Grimes John Pearce Karely Chacon Lexi Valdez Reanna Romero Anthony Olson Lesley Cordova Michael Winterrowd Katie Ruiz Lexi Valdez Savannah Medina Elijah Flores Sasha Baros Adwin Reed Justin Grimes Mason Brown Maddy Harvey Aubrey Adams Karely Chacon Devan Brewer Seth Hawkins Justin Grimes Estela Ibarra Justin Grimes

Devan Brewer Violet Hernandez Kayla McDonald Samantha Valentine

Mason Brown Kayla McDonald Michael Winterrowd

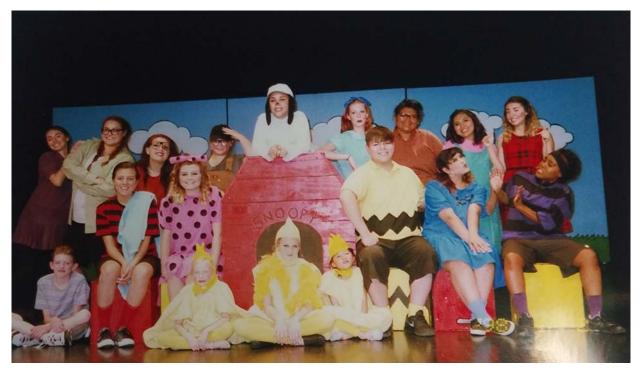
Justin Grimes Adwin Reed



2015 – 2016 The King and I



#### 2016 – 2017 You're a Good Man Charlie Brown





# "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" Cast

Charlie Brown Elijah Flores-Sandoval

> Lucy Irie Marquez

Sally Madison Harvey

Schroeder Shehila Carter

Linus Damar Garcia

Snoopy Arianna Drake

Peppermint Patty Grecia Payan

Marcie Oceana Martinez

Pig-Pen Reanna Romero Frieda America Molina

Violet Jenny Benavides

Patty Emily Benavides

Little Red-Haired girl Erika Osborne

Rerun Michael Winterrowd

> Shermy Madai Cerna

Woodstock Kayla McDonald

Birds Grace Fan Brianna Hyde

Dance Captain Oceana Martinez

### Production

Director - Mary Lewis
Choreographer - Linda Elliott
Dance Captain - Oceana Martinez
Set Design and Art- Shelly Hall
Stage crew - Alyssa Ross, Mariela Martinez, Destiny Cerna,
Sierra Reil, Shellee Schwartz
Sound and Lighting - Roger & Linda Elliott
Costumes - Linda Elliott
T-shirts - Linda Elliott
Pianist - Mary Lewis
Programs - Shelly Hall & Mary Lewis
Tickets - Mary Lewis

2017 – 2018 I Am So Excited to be on Broadway

### What Does the Future Hold?

There is no doubt of the impact when the band program was eliminated in 2009. Although the program was brought back just over a year later, it has never fully recovered. Sheridan still has not been able to put a marching band back on the field.

In March of 2020 the Covid19 Coronavirus pandemic has put almost everything on hold for schools across the nation. At the time this history was published, schools still had not returned to the classroom.

"The Colorado Bandmasters Association has been concerned for student health and safety within the instrumental music activity since the Covid-19 pandemic began this past spring. CBA has been communicating with CHSAA, BOA/Music for All, organizations from other states as well as following communications from the Governor's office, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, the CDC, and directives from various school districts around the State of Colorado

CBA has been working to determine what options are available to CBA for the fall marching band season. Those options included having normal marching band events, having marching band events without spectators, having virtual marching band events, sending judges to schools to evaluate marching bands, having non-competitive or exhibition marching band events or, finally, canceling the entire marching season. It was determined that the only option that ensures the health and safety of students, directors, band staff, event workers and judges is cancellation.

On July 7, 2020 the Colorado Bandmasters Association Marching Committee voted to cancel the fall 2020 Marching Band Season. This includes all marching band clinics, independent contests, CBA Regionals and CBA State Championships."

One has to wonder with one full season of marching band lost across the state. How many schools will suffer the same fate as Sheridan?

One very bright note in all of this gloom and doom is Jennifer Norville. Jennifer has already committed to return for the 2020 - 2021 school year. This breaks the pattern of short time band directors of the decade just completed.

And what does the retirement of Mary Lewis hold for drama and theater at Sheridan High School. This is a great unknown. When Mary was hired it was for a position of vocal music combined with drama and theater. Drama and theater was not addressed this past year.

So the future of music and theater at Sheridan comes down to two questions. Are these programs important to the Board of Education? Does the high school and district administration have the desire, leadership, and will to restore these programs to their past glory?

Covid19 is a set back for Sheridan and all schools. Once the district gets past the impact of this pandemic, I believe there will be an effort to restore the music and theater programs. There is certainly a history to draw upon, on how to create that success.

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