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MARK T. FERRELL, an outstanding pianist, is Senior Class president at DHS, accompanist for two choral groups, member of Drama Club, Stage Band and Newspaper staff. Mark has appeared in the high school's productions of "Brigadoon," "Lil Abner," "Ahamal and the Night Visitors," and in DLO's "Unsinkable Molly Brown." He has won two first place awards in state music contests and in 1971 was chosen, thru competition, to solo with DJC Community Orchestra. Mark is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Ferrell and will be majoring in piano at Wheaton College.

BRUCE E. WITTRIG, a junior at DHS has been accepted in the School of Music at the University of Illinois. He is an excellent viola player and a member of the U of I Symphony this semester, and played with their Summer Symphony in 1972. In Tennessee, Bruce played in the All-State Orchestra and the Nashville Youth Symphony. He is a two year member of both the Illinois All-State Orchestra and the DJC Community Orchestra. This year he was winner of the Youth Audition and soloist with the DJC Orchestra. Bruce is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wittrig.



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Her first show for him was "The Ziegfeld Follies" of 1910, followed by "Follies" shows of 1911, 1916, 1917, 1921, 1934. Some of her other notable performances were in "The Honeymoon Express," 1913; "Nobody's Home," 1915 in London; "Why Worry?" 1918; "The Midnight Frolic," 1921; "The Music Box Revue," 1924; "Fanny," 1926; "Fioretta," 1929; "Sweet and Low," 1930.

As the musical relates, she married the celebrated gambler, Nicky Arnstein, and later divorced him. Another marriage was to the dynamic, diminutive producer, Billy Rose, and this, too, did not last.

She went to Hollywood in the 1930's and made innumerable films, many of them revue-type movies in which she performed her familiar sketches and songs. One of her most memorable screen appearances was portraying her self in "The Great Ziegfeld," a movie biography of the great showman which had sequences relating his discovery of Fanny Brice, and gave her an opportunity to re-create her greatest "Follies" song hit, "My Man."

It was through radio that Fanny Brice reached her largest audiences. She first had a very popular show in the mid-30's on which she performed a variety of comedy characters. The most beloved of these was "Baby Snooks," which became a household favorite across the country. Soon Miss Brice was only performing as "Baby Snooks" on a weekly program of that name that continued as a television series in the 1940's.

Fanny Brice died in 1951, leaving extremely happy memories with everyone who ever saw or heard her, of her uproarious comedy routines, of her poignant songs — and funny songs — of "My Man," "Second Hand Rose," "Rose of Washington Square." Her singing was superb, her capacity at clowning even greater.



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"Funny Girl" was first presented on March 26, 1964, at the Winter Garden Theatre in New York City.

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### CAST OF CHARACTERS

(in order of appearance)

FANNY BRICE	Cydnie Pacot
JOHN, STAGE MANAGER	Gary Soerensen
EMMA	
MRS. BRICE	Laurie Scott
MRS. STRAKOSH	Jane Fairchild
MRS. MEEKER	Marilu McCollum
MRS. O'MALLEY	Terry Kendall
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SNUB TAYLOR	
TRUMPET SOLOIST	John Orme
BUBBLES	Jamie Briggs
POLLY	Melody Maley
MAUDE	
NICK ARNSTEIN	
STAGE DIRECTOR	Mike Starkey
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VERA	ner ner
Understudy for role of Fanny Brice: Tobi Baer	
Keeney Dancers:Jamie Briggs, Melody Maley, Cindy Philli Suzanne Stre	
Ziegfeld Showgirls:Diane Carlton, Lynda Gard, Joan Kaelln Dina Kronas, Janice Mann, Jackie Miller, Cleo Spad	
Ziegfeld Dancers:Steve Blazaitis, William Dukes, Judi Fro- Rick Lenover, Jackie Miller, Sharon Nasados, Debbie Risc Suzanne Streitz, Greg Willia	on,
Henry Street Tappers:Jamie Briggs, Lynda Gard, Dina Kron Melody Maley, Jackie Miller, Sharon Nasados, Cindy Philli Debbie Rison, Cleo Spading, Suzanne Stre	ps,
Other Singers and Dancers:Tobi Baer, Beth Bowers, Carl Bower Deannetta Curtis, Hazel Fry, Sue Gleichman, Julie Hankins, Daina Ke Jeanne Kessler, Terry Koebrich, Bill Lancaster, Julie Man Mike McCollum, Nancy Sue Merkel, Amy Morgan, Donna Nabo Nancy Peterson, Sheryl Rennick, Kathy Royalty, Pat Skinn Melanie Spain, Mike Starkey, Rod Stunka	rn, nn, ors, er,

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### SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

Setting and Time: "Funny Girl" is based on incidents in the life of Fanny Brice shortly before and after World War I. The action takes place in various theatres, onstage and backstage, on New York's lower East Side, in Baltimore, and on Long Island.

#### ACT I

Scene 1: Fanny's Dressing Room-The New Amsterdam Theatre

Scene 2: Backstage - Keeney's Music Hall Scene 3: In Front of Keeney's Music Hall

Scene 4: Backyard - Fanny's Neighborhood

Scene 5: Onstage - Keeney's Music Hall

Scene 6: Backstage and Chorus Dressing Room Immediately following

Scene 7: Mrs. Brice's Kitchen

Scene 8: Backstage - The New York Theatre

Scene 9: Onstage - The New York Theatre

Scene 10: In Front of Follies Curtain Immediately following

Scene11: Henry Street

Scene12: Interior of Mrs. Brice's Saloon

Scene13: A Private Dining Room - Baltimore

Scene14: Baltimore Railroad Terminal

#### ACT II

Scene 1: The Arnstein Long Island Mansion

Scene 2: Mrs. Brice's Saloon

Scene 3: Backstage - The New Amsterdam Theatre Circa 1920

Scene 4: Onstage - The New Amsterdam Theatre

Scene 5: Fanny's Dressing Room Immediately following

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Scene 6: Study - The Arnstein House

Scene 7: Backstage - The New Amsterdam Theatre Scene 8: Onstage - The New Amsterdam Theatre

Scene 9: Fanny's Dressing Room - The New Amsterdam Theatre

### MUSICAL NUMBERS

### ACT I

	"I'm the Greatest Star"" "Coronet Man"" "Who Taught Her Everything?"" "His Love Makes Me Beautiful"" "I Want to Be Seen with You Tonight"." "Henry Street"" "People"" "You Are Woman, I Am Man"" "Don't Rain on My Parade"	'Malley, Eddie, Heckie, and Chorus Fanny Fanny and Chorus Eddie and Mrs. Brice John, Showgirls, and Fanny Nick and Fanny Fanny Nick and Fanny Fanny
,	"Sadie, Sadie"	Fanny and Chorus  ddie, Mrs. Brice, and Mrs. Strakosh Fanny, Jenny, and Chorus Fanny Nick Fanny

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JOAN FOYER, Musical Director, Joan has been active in Danville Light Opera since 1963 when she appeared in "Carousel," she has played the female leads in "The Sound of Music," "Show Boat," and "Fiddler on the Roof." Mrs. Foyer teaches at St. Mary's Catholic School in Westville.

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