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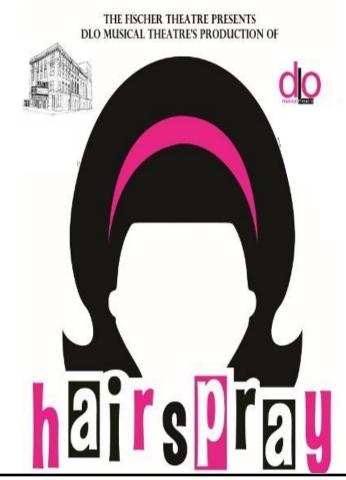


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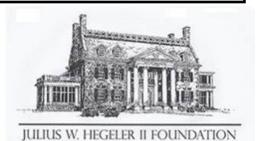
HAIRSPRAY The Broadway Musical

Book by Mark O'Donnell Thomas Meehan Music by Marc Shaiman Lyrics by Scott Wittman Marc Shaiman

Based on the New Line Cinema film written and directed by John Waters

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Director's Letter

After the last summer teen musical, my husband and I started talking about heading up this year's show. We have watched a large group of these kids grow up, and for many of them this is their last DLO Teen show since they are aging out. We knew we had to be a part of it. We discussed a plethora of shows we could do, but always returned to *Hairspray*. This show holds a special place in my heart. In the troubling times we are living through, it seemed the only logical choice.

In December 1963, producers at Baltimore's WJZ-TV cancelled the Buddy Deane Show rather than integrate the popular teen dance program. This move would have been a footnote in the annals of television if not for the director John Waters, who offered up an alternate history with his fictional Corny Collins Show in the 1988 film, which transformed into the musical. I love his musical because as with any classic musical, it has memorable, impassioned songs and potential for tremendous dance numbers, but more than that, SO much more than that, it has a message that cries out to the audience, a message that speaks out against racism and discrimination of all kinds and speaks to acceptance of people. These issues are unfortunately still extremely prevalent in our society today. Seeing Tracy and her friends triumph over these problems resonates with modern audiences. Tracy fights for inclusion and open-mindedness in an era where those things were typically frowned upon, which helps make the messages in *Hairspray* inspirational. As a teacher, the unrest in today's society makes me fearful for my students. I see my students, friends, theater kids, all have to face racism or discrimination of some sort, and it breaks my heart. Tracy and her friends give me hope that someday we will overcome racism and discrimination. I hope that we can all be like Tracy and celebrate everyone no matter their size, their ethnicity, where they are from, what type of lifestyle they live. Let's all strive to live like "tomorrow is a brand new day, and it don't know black from white."

This production is very much a team effort. I would like to thank my production staff, I would not have been able to do this without you. Each production team member has been an equal part of putting this show together and their collaboration has made a wonderful show. I would like to thank the unbelievably talented actors who have really been working their, as I say, patooties off. I thank the crew and the parents who have all been instrumental in this show. Normally, this is where I would thank my family, but since most are production crew and actors, I've already done that. However I do want to say, since this has been a family affair, it is a show that will always hold a special place in my heart. To those family members not a part of this, especially the newest member of my family, my granddaughter, Ophelia, thank you all for supporting me in theater. A special thanks to my husband, Paul— not only is he tech director, but he began this journey with me, long before it became a reality. If it wasn't for him, none of us would be here today watching *Hairspray*. As an audience, I hope you appreciate all the hard work that has been put into the show and love the show just as much as I do.



Thomas Strain and Mia-bell Shannon



Landon Fraizer, Katie Weston and Isabelle Peters



KyEshia Maze and Alexis Johnson



Ja've Archer, Lexxus Tetter, and Alexis Johnson



Laramie Ziegler and Jerry Strain



Savanah Baird and Nahemiah Ray



Colton Cox, Zach Dittmar and Chloe Miller



Polly Norton, Ava Brines, Emma Osterbur, Allie Cox, Milee Ellis, Terryan White, Ainsley McLaughlin, Evelyne Spurlock, Addison Lewis, Gabrielle Pataki, Maya Hale, Brooklyn Warfield, Maia Carey, Ja've Archer

Jayden Hess, Laynie Ferriman, Zach Dittmar, Cabot McLaughlin, Donald Shumard, Amanda Brown, Abby Strain and Aiden Cox

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The Crew: Laynie Ferriman, Jennifer Lewis, Ellen Howie, Lisa Strain, Abby Strain and Lauren Powell

Orchestra

Keyboard Jennifer Lewis & Chris Huffman

Guitar **Cameron Sheets**

Bass Katie Lichtenberger

Drums **Corey Pinter**

Woodwinds **Madeline Julian**

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Jennifer Woodrow

Laura Vavrin

Brian Cox

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Musical Numbers

Act 1

Prologue: Good Morning

Baltimore

The Nicest Kids in Town

Mama I'm a Big Girl Now

Tracy

Miss Baltimore Crabs

I Can Hear the Bells

The Madison

The Nicest Kids Reprise

It Takes Two

Velma's Revenge

Welcome to the 60's

Run and Tell That!

Big, Blond and Beautiful

Edna & Tracy, Velma & Amber, Penny & Prudy

Velma & Council Members

Corny Collins & Council Members

Corny & Company

Tracy & Company

Corny & Company

Link & Tracy

Velma Von Tussle

Tracy, Edna, The Dynamites &

Company

Seaweed, Little Inez & Company

Motormouth, Little Inez, Tracy,

Edna & Wilbur

Act 2

The Big Dollhouse

Baltimore Reprise

(You're) Timeless To Me

Without Love

I Know Where I've Been

(It's) Hairspray

Cooties

You Can't Stop the Beat

Women

Tracy

Wilbur & Edna

Link & Tracy, Seaweed & Penny

Motormouth & Company

Corny & Council Members

Amber & Council Members

Tracy, Link, Penny, Seaweed, Edna, Wilbur, Motormouth and Company

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Hairspray Cast

Mia-belle Shannon Tracy **Link Larkin Thomas Strain Corny Collins Landon Frazier** Edna **Jerry Strain** Wilbur Laramie Ziegler Savanah Baird Penny **Velma Von Tussle Katie Weston Amber Von Tussle Isabelle Peters** Motormouth KyEshia Maze Seaweed Stubbs **Nahemiah Ray** Little Inez **Alexis Johnson Purdy Chloe Miller** Lorraine **Brooklyn Warfield** Gilbert Terryan A. White **Zach Dittmar** Mr. Pinky **Gym Teacher** Gabrielle Pataki Harriman F. Spritzer **Colton Cox Principal Colton Cox**



Amanda Brown Tammy **Brenda Abby Strain** Shelley **Jadyn Hess** Lou Ann **Laynie Ferriman Cabot McLaughlin** Brad Fender **Aiden Cox Zach Dittmar** Sketch **Donald Shumard** IQ

DYNAMITES

Judine Ja've Archer Kamilah **Lexxus Tetter**





Ava Brines Maia Carey

Allie Cox

Milee Ellis

Maya Hale

Addison Lewis

Ainsley McLaughlin

Polly Norton

Emma Osterbur

Gabrielle Pataki

Evelyne Spurlock





Lisa Strain Ellen Howie

> Sammi Wesner **Lauren Powell**

Abby Strain & Laynie Ferriman

Assistant Stage Manager

Technical Director

Costume Designer

Producer

Director

Music Director

Choreographer

Stage Manager

Dance Captains

Rehearsal Accompanist

Special Vocal Coach

Set

Lights

Sound

Props

Costumes **Set Crew**

Suzzen Rose **Paul Strain**

Jerry Strain

Susie Willard

Jennifer Lewis

Christian Cunningham

Paul Strain, Jacob Ellis, parents and cast

Luke Ahring

Andy Krumeich

Jenna Brown, Lauren Powell, Lisa Strain and

parents

Jerry Strain, Eleanor Peters, Marie Ellis

Ian Borcz, Kara Howie, Sarah Schroeder, Lorenzo Skinner, Sophi Spurlock

