

Disney

# HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

ON STAGE!

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*Book by David Simpatico • Songs by Matthew Gerrard and Robbie Nevil; Ray Cham, Greg Cham and Andrew Seeley; Randy Petersen and Kevin Quinn; Andy Dodd and Adam Watts; Bryan Louiselle; David N. Lawrence and Faye Greenberg; and Jamie Houston  
Music adapted, arranged and produced by Bryan Louiselle • Based on a Disney Channel original movie written by Peter Barsocchini  
Directed by Joey Banks • Musical direction by Dr. Chris Hollingsworth • Choreography by Josey Pickett*

**April 25, 26 and 27 at 7:30 p.m.  
Sing-Along April 28 at 2 p.m. • Fulks Theatre**

 **ACU THEATRE**  
transforming artists

## Statement of Misson

The Abilene Christian University Department of Theatre is committed to providing quality training and opportunity for the disciplined theatre artist in a nurturing environment that models Christian values .

## Cast

Troy Bolton.....	Ryan Chu
Gabriella Montez.....	Layla Rorem
Sharpay Evans.....	Chloe Munson
Ryan Evans.....	Will Thompson
Chad Danforth.....	James Bradshaw
Taylor McKessie.....	Ella Root
Kelsi Neilson.....	Kinley Schollenbarger
Zeke Baylor.....	Ben Polk
Martha Cox.....	Haven Foster
Jack Scott.....	CJ Rosado
Ms. Darbus.....	Melissa Henderson
Coach Bolton.....	Spencer Kasselmann
Ensemble.....	Aubrey Pearce, Ella Perry, Jilly Nickens, Kendall West, Evan Owens, Macayla Brown, Taylor Herndon, Madi Sipe, Alex Dulske, Skyler Kinney

## Understudies/Swings

**For Troy Bolton:** Matthew Lietz; **For Gabriella Montez:** Megan Sloane;  
**For Sharpay Evans:** Lily Holmes; **For Ryan Evans:** Riley Wilson; **For Swings:** Kylie West,  
Alyssa Arguijo, Kaitlyn Olson, Lila Griffith, Chaya Powell, Sarah Gabel, Atticus Wiginton

## Production Staff

Producer.....	Dawne Swearingen Meeks
Director.....	Joey Banks
Assistant Director.....	Gabi Collins
Musical Director.....	Dr. Chris Hollingsworth
Choreographer.....	Josey Pickett
Assistant Choreographer.....	Jilly Nickens
Dance Captain.....	Lily Holmes
Assistant Dance Captain.....	Aubrey Pearce
Scenic Designer.....	Eric Pitney
Costume Designer.....	Catherine Baumgardner
Lighting Designer.....	Josh Hervey
Sound Consultant.....	Christian Martinez
Sound Designer.....	Zola Feasel
Sound Op.....	Tèa Merchant
Technical Director.....	Andrew Wheeler
Spot Op(s).....	Zoe Dobratz, Kloey Spahni
Assistant Technical Director.....	Zeke Merchant
Stage Manager.....	Collin Mitten
Assistant Stage Manager.....	Chaya Powell, Brooke Musia
Backstage Crew.....	Collin McKean, Jackson Wilder
Rehearsal Pianist.....	Abigail Payne
Shop Foremen.....	Zola Feasel, Josh Hervey, Kinsey Herbel, Ty Naicker, Collin Mitten, Skyler Kinney, Brooke Musia, Kayla Brookshire
Sets Practicum.....	Megan Henderson, Haven Foster, Zola Feasel, Nouwen Craft, Truth Pierce, Atticus Wiginton, Malachi Havens, Josh Hervey, Sarah Gabel, Riley Wilson, Evan Owens, Spencer Kasselmann, Kendall West, Macayla Brown, Kinley Schollenbarger, Layla Rorem, Brooke Musia, Ella Perry, Megan Sloane, Ani Villanueva, Collin McKean, Ashton Taylor, Skyler Kinney, Haven Foster, Kinsey Herbel, Kendall Ganster, Ty Naicker, Kylie West, Kaitlyn Olson, Ben Polk, CJ Rosado, Jackson Wilder

## Production Staff Continued

Key Costume Shop Assistant.....	Rachel McNiece
Costume Shop Assistants.....	Brooke Bott, Lila Griffith, Ainsley Houghton, Matthew Lietz, Gabi Lopez, Patti Maisano, Bee Peyton, Truth Pierce, Chaya Powell, Courtney String, Will Thompson
Costume Prac.....	Denim Atkins, Gabi Collins, Lily Holmes, Caitlin Martin, Collin Mitten, Chaya Powell, Brinkley Zielinski, Brooke Bott, Zoe Dobratz, Hannah Galambos, Taylor Herndon, Maya Padilla, Bee Peyton, Patti Maisano, Jilly Nickens, Alyssa Arguijo, Lila Griffith, Mathew Lietz, Kenna White
Props Master(s).....	Maya Padilla, Macayla Brown, Ani Villeneuve
Hair & Makeup Designer.....	Catherine Baumgardner
Dramaturg.....	Gabi Collins
Box Office / Patron Services Director.....	Devin Braswell
Website Support / PR / Program.....	Adam Hester
Program Designer.....	Kayla Brookshire
Program Cover Design .....	Holly Harrell
Production Photographer.....	Paul White
Program / Publicity / Web Design.....	Adam Hester, Kayla Brookshire
PR / Fundraising / Box Office.....	James Bradshaw, Alex Dulske, Chloe Munson, Ella Root, Caleb Shields, Madi Sipe, Kloey Spahni
Headshot Display Designer.....	Aubrey Pearce
House Management.....	Caleb Shields, Ryleigh Moore, Kenna White, Brooke Bott

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## **Director's Note**

Welcome to the world of "High School Musical!"

As we embark on this journey, we're diving headfirst into the delightful campiness that defines the spirit of this iconic show. Embracing the exaggerated drama and infectious energy, we're amplifying the nostalgia factor, making every scene a celebration of the early 2000s cult classic.

One of the keys to capturing the essence of "High School Musical" is the sense of spontaneity and playfulness. We encourage our cast to embrace improv, allowing their creativity to shine through in each performance. Whether it's a witty one-liner or an unexpected dance move, we hope the show surprises you in new ways.

Setting the show back in its original time period adds an extra layer of authenticity and charm. From the fashion choices to the music, we're transporting our audience back to the early aughts, inviting them to relive the joy and innocence of an era not yet completely consumed by social media and digital disconnection

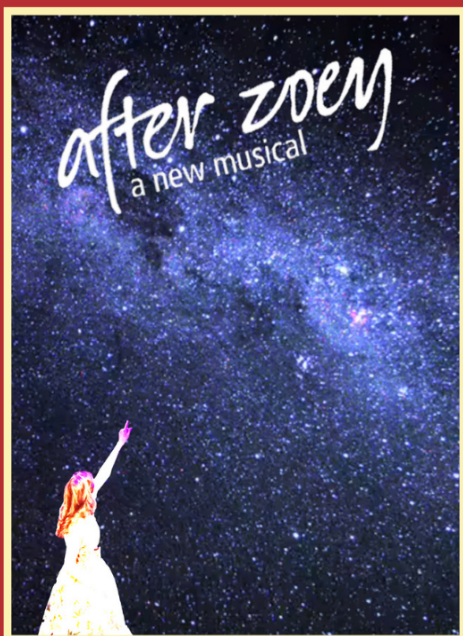
We hope you can sit back, have fun, embrace the nostalgia, and enjoy a little escapism this Spring. Break a leg, Wildcats!

## **Acknowledgments**

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MUSICAL**

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& JUNE 23 @ 2PM**

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FRIDAY  
OCTOBER 17 - 19 @ 8PM  
& OCTOBER 20 @ 2PM**

