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MEREDITH WILLSON'S
THE MUSIC MAN

Meredith Willson's

"The Music Man"

Book, Music and Lyrics by:

Meredith Willson

Story by:

Meredith Willson and Franklin Lacey

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Friends of Center Stage Theatre:

We are thrilled to announce that a group of anonymous donors has offered to set up an endowment for Center Stage Theatre! They have seen our quality shows and believe in our mission of including everyone who wants to participate. They are offering us the foundation on which to build a bright future for CST.

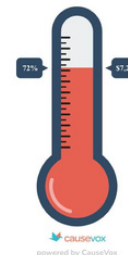
The donors are asking that we raise \$10000 as seed money, and they will contribute \$40000 toward a total \$50000 endowment. They have already arranged to have the endowment managed by the Kalamazoo Foundation. Once the endowment is established, we can continue to add to the balance to increase the benefit to CST over the years.

We are asking for your partnership in raising the \$10000. Please help us take advantage of this incredible opportunity! A donation in any amount is greatly appreciated. If you would like to donate, envelopes are available tonight just see one of the ushers. You can also go to our website www.kzooast.com or you can donate through Venmo - @CENTERSTAGETHEATREOFKZOO. Be sure to note your donation is for the endowment. Receipts will be provided upon request.

CST's goal is to raise the \$10000 during our 2022-2023 season and establish the endowment during the 50th season celebration of Comstock Community Theatre/Center Stage Theatre in 2024.

Thank you for being a part of our CST family. We truly appreciate your continuing support!

GOAL: \$10,000





Of writing *The Music Man*, a love letter to his hometown of Mason, Iowa, Meredith Willson said, "I didn't have to make up anything." As a life-long midwesterner, myself, I can see where that's true.

Anyone who's lived in a small midwestern town knows these characters: the mayor who coincidentally owns half the town; the gaggle of ladies who'll charitably serve gossip to anyone in need of it; the school board members who spend more time managing each other than they manage their own business. If you're from a place in the midwest that had one stoplight or fewer, you'd feel at home at River City's July 4th exercises or the ice cream sociable. Through a note in the script, Willson implores all future directors of his production to treat his work as "a Valentine and not a caricature." Maybe that kind of reminder is needed for a theater company in a big city out east, but here in the flyovers, the show isn't a caricature; it's practically a documentary.

Though some aspects of *The Music Man* are considerably dated (several of these have been removed, respectfully, from our production), some remain unfortunately timely, like the uneducated, subjective condemnations of books in public libraries, and the for-profit enterprise of feigned moral outrage. But it's the enduring message of the power and importance of the arts that has kept audiences enraptured since 1957. Whether it's the River City ladies putting on a "Del Sartres" display or a group of Kalamazoo-area friends coming together to spend their summer singing "Seventy-Six Trombones," it's music, dance, theatre that hold humanity together at times when everything else seems to drive us apart. Meredith Willson may have set out to write a Valentine to Mason, Iowa, but he succeeded instead in writing a love-letter to the joy of creating, and all of us at Center Stage Theater are proud and grateful to be sharing that joy with you.

Jenny Trout
Director



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Cast

Harold Hill..... Steve Brubaker
 Marian Paroo..... Kristine Schomisch
 Marcellus Washburn..... Jacob Burrell
 Mrs. Paroo..... Chrissy Westbury[♪]
 Winthrop Paroo..... Oscar McLaughlan
 Amaryllis..... Zaidee Hall[♪]
 Mayor Shinn..... David Termuhlen[♪]
 Eulalie Mackecknie Shinn..... Anastasia Hughson
 Zaneeta Shinn..... Apple Esman[♪]
 Gracie Shinn..... Rebekah Spitzner
 Tommy Dilas..... Caleb Bildner
 Charlie Cowell..... Josiah Bildner
 Ethel Toffelmier..... Kaylee Roop
 Constable Locke..... Nick Behnke
 Conductor..... Brandon Wolfgang
 Ewart Dunlop..... Jeremy Riddle[♪]
 Oliver Hix..... Daniel Warren
 Jacey Squires..... Kristopher Roop[♪]
 Olin Britt..... Joel Pennington[♪]
 Alma Hix..... Tina Jordan
 Maud Dunlop..... Ashley McPheters
 Mrs. Squires..... Melani Esman

Denotes [♪] donated time for set Building and costuming



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- Venue Rental - \$3,000 - \$4,000
- Advertising/Promo - \$1,000 - \$2,000
- Professional Fees - \$3,000 - \$5,000
- Sets/Costumes/Etc. - \$3,000 - \$6,000

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Cast

Newspaper Reader #1 _____ Nick Behnke
Newspaper Reader #2 _____ Carie Moerdyk
Newspaper Reader #3 _____ Wendi Ruggles
Traveling Salesman #1 _____ Kristopher Roop
Traveling Salesman #2 _____ Joel Pennington
Traveling Salesman #3 _____ Daniel Warren
Traveling Salesman #4 _____ Jeremy Riddle
Traveling Salesman #5 _____ Kristin Warren

River City Adult _____ Angelica Zoch. Ash Rafferty.
Ashley Spitzner. Barb Teutch. Brandon Wolfgang.
Carie Moerdyk. Joe Clark. Charles Moerdyk
Emma Dillenbeck. Kristin Warren. Lexi McCarthy

River City Teens _____ Ariel Bennet. Astrid Westbury.
Caroline Jordan. Courtney Gardner. Ella Sabuda.
Elliott Scott. Finn Ablan. Jessie Mastin.
Katie Alleman. Kaya Esman. Kellan Petronski.
Kelly Alleman. Kelsey Jordan. Liam Leonard.
Lila McCarthy. Milly Riddle. Paige Warren.
Rosa Scott. Simon McCarthy. Tessa Hesling.
Torrie Langdon. Wednesday Erwine

River City Kids _____ Addison Moxley. Analiese Sabuda.
Carolyn Warren. Cullen Esman. Emma Yozzo.
Jack McPheters. Joshua McPheters. Johannah Bildner.
Kaitlyn Jordan. Kenley Jones. Malachi Miller.
Maria Alvarez-Bravata. Riley Sweet.
Silas Esman. Winifred McLaughlan



Staff

Staff Producer.....Amber Bartholomew
Music Director.....Douglas E Gaertner
Director.....Jenny Trout
Stage Manager.....Willow McCord
Assistant Stage Manager.....Elliot O'conner
Choreographer.....Christopher Blades
Sound Designer.....Kennedy Hayes
Sound Board Operator.....Kennedy Hayes
Lighting Designer.....David Bolema
Light Board Operator.....Thomas Bartholomew
Costumer.....Bonnie Pitsch
Seamstress.....Sarrah Riddle
Costume Helpers.....Kim Moxley. YY Aleman. Cecelia Riddle
Hair&Wigs.....Toni Hall
Design/Set Dresser.....Dawn Reitano
Set Builder.....Alessa Carpenter
Props/Concessions/Fundraising Coordinator.....Ashleigh Lipes
Marketing Director.....Delma Radford
Production Assistant.....Wendi Ruggles
Raffle Basket Coordinator.....Krista Pettit
House Manager.....Deb Taylor
Box Office Manager.....Keysha Gardner
Web Master.....Anastasia Hughson
Backstage Crew.....Jerry McCord. Ivy McCord
Jacob Talmage. Amelia Watson. Sophie Watson
Spotlights.....Jade Alton. Nicole McCord
Scene Shop Stars.....Tommy Bartholomew
Jerry McCord. Matthew Clark. Steve Clark
Galileo Riddle Athena McCarthy. Ryan McCarthy
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IN MEMORY OF JILL M. BARRY



NOV 21, 2021 AT 8:03 PM

Congratulations Jill you did it

This is all under wraps right now because his based just on a board decision that happened today

Nobody knows and you must not breathe a word but

You have prevailed and the 2023 summer show is it going to be music Man

YESSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSDSDSSSD
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Ahem. Well that's just lovely.

NO, I WASN'T SUPPOSED TO TELL YOU, BUT WOW, AM I EVER GLAD I BROKE THAT RULE OR I WOULD HAVE BEEN KICKING MYSELF FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE. SORRY YOU'RE NOT HERE FOR IT. -LOVE, JENNY

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Pit Orchestra

Keyboard _____ Karla Stubblefield
 Violin _____ Jenn Lindsay
 Cello _____ Taylor Crow (1st weekend)
 Cello _____ Hannah Newhouse (2nd Weekend)
 Piccolo/Flute _____ Jessi Wallace Fegan
 Flute/Clarinet _____ Ethan Fegan
 Clarinet/Saxophone _____ Anne Gaertner
 Clarinet/Oboe/Saxophone _____ Alex Ensing
 Trumpet _____ Sloan
 Trombone 1 _____ Sarah Gonyer
 Trombone 2 _____ Gabe Nevenhoven
 Bass _____ Jaden Perrine
 Drums _____ Nicholas Simmons



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Kelly and Katie,

We are so Proud of you
and cant wait to see
you in the show!

Break a leg!

Love, Dad, Mom, Ellie

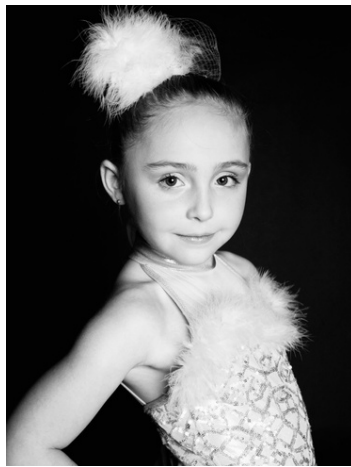
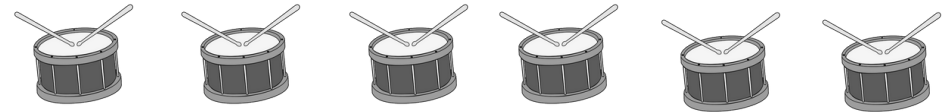
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Rebekah Spitzner- Wishing you the best of time in your play!
Love, Gramma & Grampa

Angelica Zoch- Way to go Angelica! we are so proud of you!!
Another show, another stage! Mom & Dad

ESMAN FAMILY- ESMAN FAMILY I AM SO PROUD OF YOU
GUYS FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK. YOU ARE SUPPER
FANTASTIC. LOVE NAMMIE

Kaitlyn Jordan- Hey Kaitlyn, I know you're going to do well!
Break a leg! I'm so proud of you! - Edward Wallace



Zaidee.

**We are so excited for another
show!**

Congratulations and Break a leg!

Love you bunches baby girl.

Mom & Chris

Always our Music

Man! Break a leg Joe!

Love. Mom. Dad.

Matthew & Maggie



**We want to wish our daughter Addy
the best of Luck in her second
performance
with CST Break a leg Baby! We Love
you!
Mommy Daddy and Bekki!**

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Cast Love

Thank you to the entire cast and crew for making this show GREAT! ♡ Wendi R.

Brandon Wolfgang - I'm Consistently blown away by your energy and commitment! - Jacob Burrell

Sarrah - you're the best costumer and wife ever. Thanks for being amazing! - Jeremy Riddle

To the First Family: Anastasia, Apple, Rebekah - Thanks for letting me in on your "Shindig" - David Termuhlen



To our Winthrop,
Congratulations on your very first show. We are so incredibly proud of you and all of your hard work. We can't wait to see where you go from here. We love you, Oscar!

♡ Mama, Grandma, Grandpa, Winnie,
Hazel, Benjamin & Rosie

Winnie,
Congratulations on your first show, We are so proud of you. Your smile lights up the stage and our hearts. We love you!

♡ Mama, Grandma, Grandpa, Winnie,
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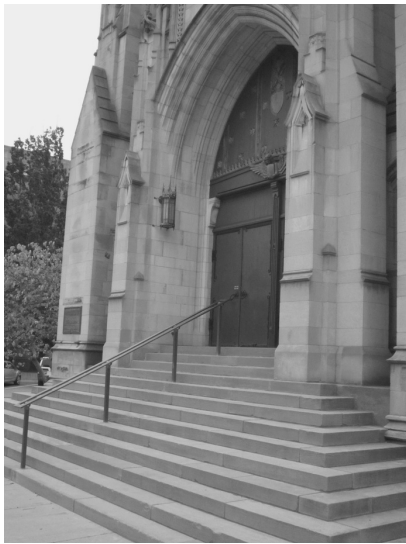
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Best Wishes from Friends and Family

Malachi - Break a Leg ! I am so proud of you!!! and what you have accomplished and your love for theater. Love Delma

Kaitlyn - We are so proud of you, and all of your hard work! We love you so much, Break a leg!

Kaitlyn - Show us what you've got babygirl, Love, Grandma & Uncle Kristian!

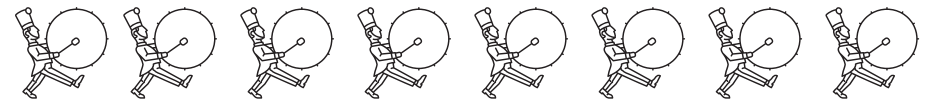
Kaitlyn - Kaitlyn we are so proud of you and excited for the rest of the world to see the superstar we have always known you to be! Love you!! - Mamaw and Papaw (Keith & Terri Jordan)

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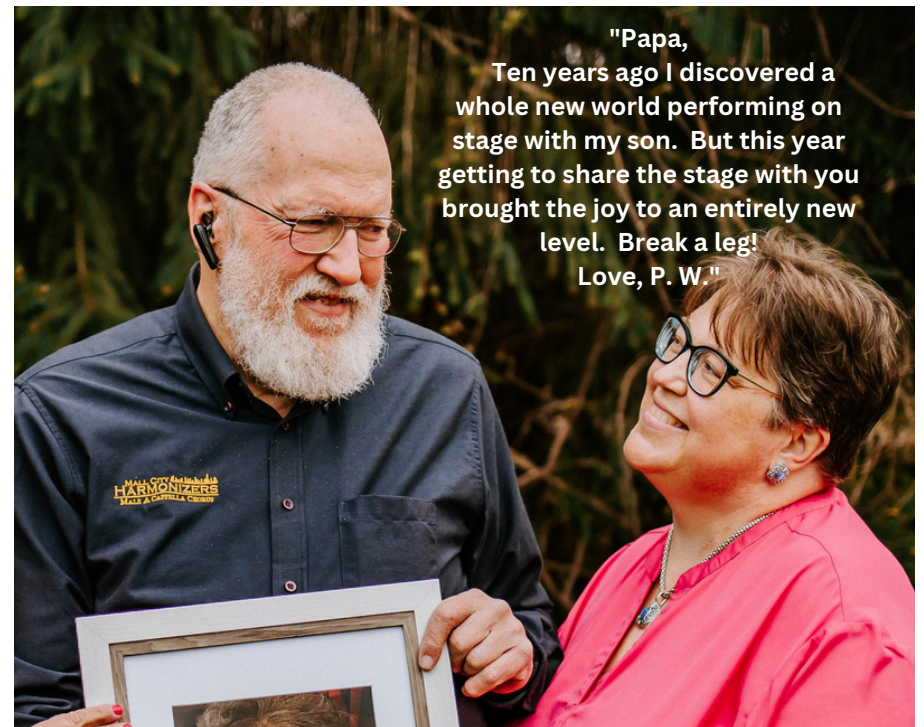
Kenley Jones - Congratulations, Kenley! We are so proud of you and excited to see you shine! Love, Dad, Mom, and Isla

Rebekah - We're so proud of our little Gracie! Love, Mom, Dad, Eden

Jeremy, Daniel, Kristopher, Joel - The first drawer... Blue rate top of the crop ... cream ribbon School Board!

Brandon - Break a leg Bubba, Love Mom & Dad

Caleb - You won me over, ya wild kid ! Date my oldest girl, if you want, just be home by 8:00.





Way to go Kaitlyn!
 You are such a bright and special little girl. I'm so proud of you and your accomplishments. It's been such a joy to watch you grow up <3 I love you to pieces!
 Love Auntie Paige"

Best Wishes form Family and Friends

Kaitlyn - Do you mini boo. I am so proud of you! XOXO from Auntie Kandi! >

Kaitlyn - Uncle Trey is very proud of you Kaitlyn! You'll do amazing! Love you!

Kaitlyn - Hi Katie Girl! Auntie Kelly is wishing you a magical Music Man performance. Have fun. Love you Angel!

Kaitlyn - Shine like the star that you are! We love you to the Moon and Saturn!! - Mimi, Pop Pop and Auntie Nora



Congratulations Maria!!

We are so proud of you!! You have found something you love and are working hard to achieve your dreams. Enjoy every moment on stage. We can't wait to see how you shine! Have fun and remember we love you so much!

~Love, Momma and Daddy

Bravo! I am so proud of you and can't wait to see you on stage! Dream big and never give up. I love you to the moon and back!

~Love, Nonna



Yay Maria! Nuestra artista de la familia! Bravo!! Felicidades hija, te amamos mucho!

~ Tus abuelos

Being brave is courageous. Being courageous is bold. Being bold allows you to follow your dreams. Follow ALL of your wonderful dreams!

~Love you always, Steve



Good Luck, Maria! Winnie and I are cheering for you!
 ~ Love, Giovanni

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ACT ONE

Scene 1: Train

"Rock Island".....Salesmen, Charlie Cowell, Newspaper Readers

Scene 2: Center of Town

"Iowa Stubborn".....Townpeople, Farmer, Farmer's Wife

"Ya Got Trouble".....Harold, Townpeople

Scene 3: Street

Scene 4: Paroo House

"Piano Lesson"

"If you Don't Mind Saying so".....Mrs. Paroo, Marian

"Goodnight My Someone".....Marian, Amaryllis

Scene 5: Madison Gymnasium

"Columbia, Gem of the Ocean".....Eulalie, Townpeople

"Ya Got Trouble"(Reprise).....Harold

"Seventy-Six Trombones".....Harold, Townpeople

"Ice Cream/Sincere".....Harold, Quartet

Scene 6: Street

"The Sadder But Wiser Girl".....Harold, Marcellus

"Pick-a-Little, Talk-a-Little"

& Goodnight, Ladies".....Alma, Ethel, Eulalie, The Ladies, Harold
Quartet

Scene 7: Library

"Marian the Librarian".....Harold Hill

"Marian Dance".....Harold Hill

Scene 8: Street

Scene 9: Street

Scene 10: Paroo's Porch

"My White Knight".....Marian

Scene 11: Center of Town

"Wells Fargo Wagon".....Townpeople, Quartet, Winthrop

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ACT TWO

Scene 1: Madison Gymnasium

"It's You".....Quartet

"Shipoopi".....Marcellus, Townpeople

"Pick-a-Little, Talk-a-Little" (Reprise).....Alma, Ethel, Eulalie,
Maud, Mrs. Squires
The Ladies

Scene 2: Street

"Lida Rose & Will I Ever Tell You".....Harold, Quartet, Marian

Scene 3: Paroo's Porch

"Gary, Indiana".....Winthrop, Mrs Paroo, Marian

"Lida Rose" (Reprise).....Quartet

Scene 4: Footbridge

"Till there was you".....Marian, Harold

Scene 7: Madison Gymnasium