

# ***A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE***

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Book by Burt Shevelove and Larry Gelbart  
Music & Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim  
Originally produced on Broadway by Harold S. Prince.

**April 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**April 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**April 13, 2013 at 2:30 and 7:00 p.m.**

Presented by:  
Grafton High School Thespians

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**Director**

Cindy H. Kreicar\*

**Assistant Director & Production Manager**

Wallace C. Green\*

**Musical Director**

Darren Kirsch

**Vocal Director**

Suzanne Daniel

**Assistant Vocal Director**

Josie Miller

**Pianist**

Suzanne Daniel

**Choreographer**

Elizabeth Katherman

**Stage Managers**

Stephen Clifton

Kylie Kraft

Patrick Spitz

**Assistant Stage Manager**

Alice Grace Cherry

**Costume Design by:**

Cindy Kreicar

**Lighting Design by:**

Gabrielle Cruz and Isaac Harris

**Scenic Design by:**

Cindy Kreicar and Don Curnutte

For the safety of our performers,

**FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED!**

Please silence all electronic devices!

Please turn **OFF** all cell phones as they will interfere  
with our wireless microphone signals.

**NO** food or drink allowed in the auditorium.

Refreshments will be available during intermission.

This play is recommended for ages 13 and over.

## Special Thanks to...

**Don Curnutte**, for Set Construction, Lighting and Sound Support, and putting up with me.

**Wallace Green**, for stepping in so smoothly as Assistant Director, and helping us make this a great production.

**Suzanne Daniel** and **Darren Kirsch** for handling all the music.

**Elizabeth Katherman** for her beautiful choreography.

**Amy Brown**, for all her years of hard work and dedication to Theatre here at Grafton – We love and miss her!

...all the parents who offered support and time to make the show and dinners a success.

...all the supportive administrators, faculty, and staff of Grafton High School.

I would like to thank every single person who has offered a hug, smile, or word of support when the world seemed chaotic – “You are the reason I do this job. ((Group hug)) for you all.”

- Cindy Kreicar -

## Setting

A spring day in Rome 200 years before the Christian era on a street in front of the houses of Lycus, Senex, and Erronius.

## Act One (Songs)

<b>Comedy Tonight</b>	Pseudolus and Company
<b>Love I Hear</b>	Hero
<b>Free</b>	Pseudolus & Hero
<b>House of Marcus Lycus</b>	Lycus, Pseudolus, Hero & Courtesans
<b>Lovely</b>	Hero & Philia
<b>Pretty Little Picture</b>	Pseudolus, Hero & Philia
<b>Everybody Ought to Have a Maid</b>	Senex, Pseudolus, Hysterium, Lycus
<b>I'm Calm</b>	Hysterium
<b>Impossible</b>	Senex & Hero
<b>Bring Me My Bride</b>	Miles, Pseudolus, Soldiers, Courtesans

**INTERMISSION! (15 minutes)**

## Act Two

<b>That Dirty Old Man</b>	Domina
<b>That'll Show Him</b>	Philia
<b>Lovely (Reprise)</b>	Pseudolus & Hysterium
<b>Funeral Dirge</b>	Miles, Pseudolus, Hysterium & Mourners
<b>Finale Ultimo</b>	Company

## Cast

<b>Pseudolus, slave to Hero</b>	Cory Steiger
<b>Proteans</b>	Kirsten Stiller, Monique Waldman, Eric Newsome
<b>Erronius, an old man</b>	Tony Figueroa,
<b>Pirates</b>	Julius Choi, Aubrey West, Sean Nelson
<b>Senex, an old man</b>	Elijah Myers
<b>Domina, wife of Senex</b>	Josephine Miller
<b>Hero, son of Senex &amp; Domina</b>	Ethan Farthing
<b>Hysterium, slave to Senex &amp; Domina</b>	Ryan Edwards
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Citizen</b>	Zach Burgess
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Citizen</b>	Matt Haley
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Citizen</b>	Katie Reichart
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Citizen</b>	Johannah Tubalado
<b>Lycus, a buyer &amp; seller of Courtesans</b>	Carl Miles
<b>Eunuchs</b>	Matt Haley, Sean Nelson
<b>Tintinabula, a Courtesan</b>	Jessica Coleman
<b>Panacea, a Courtesan</b>	Savannah Sanchez
<b>The Geminae, Courtesans</b>	Chloe Youtsey & Lauren Rowe
<b>Vibrata, a Courtesan</b>	Gabby Jurscaga
<b>Gymnasia, a Courtesan</b>	Ashley Williams
<b>Philia, a virgin</b>	Becky Cumbie
<b>Sailors</b>	Julius Choi, Johannah Tubalado,
<b>Miles Gloriosus, a warrior</b>	Zak Howard
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Soldier</b>	Eric Newsome
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Soldier</b>	Monique Waldman
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Soldier</b>	Aubrey West
<b>Additional Soldiers</b>	Kirsten Stiller, Julius Choi, Zach Burgess, Katie Reichart, Kaija Craft

## Set Construction

Juwan Bracey, Jacob Brown, Matthew Carpenter, Steven Clifton, Gabrielle Cruz, David Dobbins, Ryan Edwards, Warren Harris III, Michaela Elizabeth, Catherine Hart, Jordan Hines, Alexa Hodge, Claire McKinney, Joshua Seward, Brandon Tackling, Jennifer Tyndall, Lincoln Weniger, Ethan White, Kaitlyn Young, Isaac Harris, Phillip Asby, Josh Upright, Josie Miller, Sean Adams, Kylie Kraft, Regan Kraft, Will Fenker, Becky Cumbie, Patrick Spitz, Stephen Pincus, Rutvi Purohit, Brianna Pitchford

**Ashley N. Williams** (Gymnasia) – Ashley has previously worked in both *The Election* and in ten-minute plays. She plans to attend college in the fall. Ashley would like to express her love for everyone in the production.

**Aaron Woloshin\*** (Assistant Electrics Crew Chief) – Aaron has previously worked on *Cinderella* as Co-Electrics Crew Chief. He plans to major in Pre-Med in college and would eventually like to work with Doctors Without Borders. Aaron would like to thank all of the friends he has worked with in drama, and his crew for “working hard and always putting out 110% for the show”, as well as “my parents for letting me out all the time to do drama.”

**Darbi Wright** (Costumes) – Darbi played multiple roles in the GHS production of *The Election*. She plans to attend Thomas Nelson and then William and Mary, studying Theatre Arts and Primary Education. Darbi would like to express her love for the amazing and talented cast and crew.

**Chloe Youtsey** (Geminae) – Chloe was a member of the Far East Drama Troupe in Misawa, Japan. This is Chloe’s second major GHS theatrical production. She previously played the title role in *Cinderella*. After high school, Chloe plans to attend college, and plans to “taste as many different flavors as Europe has to offer.” Chloe said, “I have loved watching my friends dominate that stage and being a part of all the laughs. Y’all have so much talent, and I’m blessed to be involved.”

**Kirsten Stiller** (Protean) – This is Kirsten’s first production with the GHS drama department. She has previously worked on *The Drowsy Chaperone*, *Beauty and the Beast* and *Louis and Clark*. She plans to continue with music and GHS theatre. Kirsten would like people to know that she is grateful for everyone’s work and help.

**Cory Steiger\*** (Pseudolus) – Cory is a veteran of the stage and has played the roles of Seymour in *Little Shop of Horrors*, Brad in *Hairspray*, and Huckleberry Finn in *Big River*. Cory plans to attend Christopher Newport University and major in Graphic Design and Theatre. Cory characterized his last major GHS production as a “Blasty-blast.”

**Patrick Spitz\*** (Stage Manager) – Patrick is a veteran of GHS theatre. As a freshman he played Mr. Dussel in *The Diary of Anne Frank*. He was Stage Crew Chief for *The Dining Room*, *Cinderella*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, and *What’s Your Reality?* He was the stage manager for *The Election*. Patrick plans to attend Old Dominion to major in Criminal Justice and minor in Theatre. Patrick would like to thank Mrs. Kreicar for “giving me fun opportunities here and my drama family, for making this the best four years of my life.”

**Johannah Tubalado** (Citizen/Slave/Sailor/Soldier) – Johannah has worked on *High School Musical 2* and *Once on This Island* in Yokota, Japan. Johannah plans to attend George Mason University.

**Monique Waldman** (Protean) Mo has worked on a variety of GHS drama productions, including *The Dining Room*, *The Election*, and *Cinderella*. She plans to continue her theatre work in college. Mo said, “This has been by far my favorite show. We have such a strong and well-rounded cast. Thanks to Kreicar and Mr. Green – I know I’ve stretched it pretty thin!”

**Aubrey West** (Soldier & Pirate) – Aubrey has appeared in multiple GHS productions, including *The Election*, *Cinderella*, and *The Dining Room*. She plans to perform in both college and community theatre. Aubrey had lots of fun in the production and would like to share her love for the drama department.

## Crew Members

<b>Props</b>	Micheal McGinnis (Crew Chief) Philip Asby (Assistant) Yasmine Jannsen, Thanh Alexander, Cassandra Pressy, Leanne Jones
<b>Electrics</b>	Gabrielle Cruz (Co-Crew Chief) Isaac Harris (Co-Crew Chief) Aaron Woloshin, Natalie Asby, Stephen Pincus, Brianna Pitchford
<b>Costumes</b>	Anita Brown (Co-Crew Chief) Amanda Cartwright (Co-Crew Chief) Hunter Hayes (Assistant Crew Chief) Elizabeth Narny, Emily Lanstra, Catherine Hart, Darbi Wright
<b>Set</b>	Sean Adams (Crew Chief) Kelly Newsome Katie Gomez Will Fenker
<b>House</b>	Neesa Quillen (House Manager) Alyssa Raney Morgane Avery Cheyenne Rincon
<b>Publicity</b>	Jesse Childress *(Crew Chief) Cory Steiger, Yasmine Jannesen

## Pit Musicians

<b>Reeds</b>	<b>Trumpets</b>	<b>Percussion</b>
Jessica	Patrick Carroll	Evan Hipp
Stenglein	Tim Fary	
Risa Grandon	Abby Williams	<b>Bass</b>
Lynne	Tyler Teagle	Jon Luther
Frecker	Dylan Wilbert	
Alen		
Dekhanov	<b>Trombones</b>	
Taylor	T.J. Low	
Church	Steven Privett	
Liz Peratt	Tyler	
Amy Frecker	Thompson	
Rachel	James Bittner	
Martin		
Katie Asher		

**Sean Adams** (Set Crew Chief) – Sean worked on the set crew for the GHS production of *The Election*. He also played in the pit for the Peninsula Catholic High School production of *Camelot*. He plans to work as a crew chief in future productions. Sean has had a great time working on this show, and would like to continue working in college theatre.

**Natalie Asby** (Electrics) – Natalie has worked Costumes for the GHS production *The Election*. Natalie plans to continue working with the GHS drama department. Natalie would like to thank all the people who played a big role in her life.

**Philip Asby\*** (Props Crew Chief) – Philip has previously worked on the GHS productions *What's Your Reality?*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *The Dining Room*, *Cinderella*, and *The Election*. He plans to continue his work with GHS theatre as props crew chief next year.

**Thanh Alexander** (Props) – Thanh is excited to be a part of a major GHS production. He plans to attend Thomas Nelson and study Computer Graphics. Thanh would like to thank Philip and Steven for encouraging him to join the drama production.

**Anita Brown** (Costumes Crew Chief) – Anita was on the costumes crew for *Cinderella* and *The Dining Room*, and she was Costumes Crew Chief for *The Election*.

**Zach Burgess** (Citizen & Soldier) – Zach has previously performed in *The Dining Room*, *The Election*, and *Cinderella*. Zach aspires to work as a professional actor.

**Amanda Cartwright** (Costumes Co-Crew Chief) – Amanda has previously worked Props in *Little Shop of Horrors* and Costumes for *Cinderella*. She plans to study to become a pre-natal nurse.

**Alice Grace Cherry** (Assistant Stage Manager) - This is Alice Grace's first experience in a GHS theatre production. She would like to thank everyone involved by the play for making her first Grafton drama experience a great one.

**Stephen Pincus** (Electrics) – He previously worked electrics on *The Election*. Stephen plans to double major in Astrophysics and Aeronautical Engineering.

**Brianna Pitchford** (Electrics) – Brianna worked sound and lighting for *Honk*, and in the fall of 2012 worked microphones for the GHS production of *The Election*. Brianna plans to continue working with GHS theatre, and then hopes to attend college in either Ohio or Oklahoma. She would like to thank Steven for giving her rides home from the rehearsals.

**Cassandra Pressey** (Props) – Cassandra worked on the GHS productions of *Cinderella* and *The Dining Room*. She plans to continue working with the GHS drama department.

**Katie Reichart** (Citizen & Soldier) – Katie has previously worked on *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* in Sumter, South Carolina. She also worked on one acts for drama class.

**Lauren Rowe** (Geminae) – Lauren worked on the tech crew for the SOA productions of *Carnival* and *Young Frankenstein*. Lauren plans to attend college at Thomas Nelson and then transfer to either Christopher Newport or Old Dominion University. Lauren would like to say that she has enjoyed working with and becoming friends with cast and crew.

**Savannah Sanchez** (Panacea) – Savannah is excited to be in her second major GHS production. She had previously worked in *Cinderella*. She hopes to continue her work with GHS drama and plans to major in English Literature and minor in Theatre.

**Micheal McGinnis\*** (Props Crew Chief) – Micheal has previously worked on the GHS productions *What's Your Reality?*, *The Dining Room*, *Cinderella*, and *The Election*. Micheal plans to be Props Crew Chief next year.

**Carl Miles** (Marcus Lycus) – He was the “legendary” Cheese Merchant in *Cinderella*. Carl Plans to attend college and continue a career in comedy. Carl would like everyone to know how much he loves them. “Especially you. With the face.”

**Josephine Lisette Miller\*** (Domina) - Josie has worked in both GHS and community theatre. Her credits include *Cinderella*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Hairspray*, and *Bye Bye Birdie*. She plans to double major with International Affairs and Relations and musical performance. Josie has thoroughly enjoyed working on the show and is proud of the cast and how well and efficiently they have worked, considering it is a Sondheim show.

**Elijah Myers\*** (Senex) – Elijah has worked on multiple GHS productions, including *The Election* and *The Diary of Anne Frank*. He plans to attend community college, and then seek a degree in Music Education. Elijah said, “I hate everyone. Thank you for such a wonderful experience.”

**Elizabeth Narney** (Costumes) – Elizabeth has worked Costumes for *Cinderella* and the 10-minute plays. She hopes to be Crew Chief for the musical next year, and she said, “costumes is a lot of fun and I really love it.”

**Sean Nelson** (Pirate & Eunuch) – Sean has played a diverse group of characters in GHS productions such as *Cinderella* and *The Election*.  
**Eric Ray Newsome** (Protean) – Eric has taken drama classes and also participated in productions at Deep Creek High School. Eric plans to attend college and major in English.

**Kelly Newsome** (Set) – Kelly has theatrical experience in San Antonio, Texas. She has participated in choir concerts and dance. She later hopes to pursue a career in Animal Care and Science. Kelly would like to thank Mrs. Kreicar for giving her the opportunity to work behind the scenes.

**Julius Choi** (Slave/Sailor/Soldier) – Julius has previously appeared in the GHS production of *The Election*. He plans to attend Virginia Commonwealth University in the fall.

**Steven Clifton\*** (Stage Manager) – Steven has previously worked as a stage manager and on the set crew. He looks forward to “dominating” as stage manager next year. Steven would like to say that this production has been “pretty awesome.”

**Jessica Coleman** (Tintinabula) – Jessica has worked on multiple GHS productions: *The Dining Room*, *Cinderella*, and *The Election*. She plans to be involved with drama through the rest of high school and major in Public Relations in college. Jessica has thoroughly enjoyed participating in the play, and would like to thank “The great director, wonderful crew, and my amazing moms.”

**Kaija Craft** (Soldier/Sailor/Slave) – Kaija has previously performed in the GHS production of *The Election*. She also performed in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at SOA. Kaija earned a superior rating at the 2013 Thespian Festival, and she would like to thank Mrs. Kreicar and Mr. Green for a great show.

**Gabrielle Cruz** (Co-Electrics Crew Chief) - Gabby has three years of experience and has worked in a variety of roles. She has worked set design on *The Crucible* and *Seussical*. She would like to thank Chris.

**Becky Cumbie\*** (Philia) – Becky has performed in a variety of shows: She was Anne in *The Diary of Anne Frank* and the Fairy Godmother in *Cinderella*. She also performed the role of Mary Jane in *Big River*.

**Sierra Doucette** (Slave/Sailor/Soldier) – This is Sierra's first experience with a GHS drama production. Sierra looks forward to a great summer and senior year. Sierra would like to share her gratitude to Josie Miller for convincing her to get involved in the production.

**Ryan Edwards** (Hysterium) – Ryan played Skip Chumley and multiple other roles in *The Election* and plans to continue his career with GHS theatre during his senior year. Ryan would like to thank his father, James Bond, and the Ewoks who raised him for this opportunity.

**Ethan Farthing** (Hero) – This is Ethan’s first major GHS drama production. He hopes to go to college and determine his major there. He would like to thank the people who gave up the many hours required to create this bio and program.

**Will Fenker** (Set) – Will has worked on two GHS theatrical productions, one as Props Crew Chief and the other in Publicity.

**Tony Figueroa** (Erronius) – Tony’s love for the stage goes back an elementary school Christmas production. Tony is a junior and looks forward to another year of GHS theatrical production.

**Katie Gomez** (Set) – Katie was previously in the costume crew for *The Election*. She plans to work in crews for future plays. Kelly said, “It was really fun to meet a lot of new people and get to know them.”

**Matt Haley** (Citizen & Eunuch) – Matt has previously worked on *The Dining Room*, *The Election*, and 10-minute plays.

**Isaac Harris\*** (Co-Electrics Crew Chief) – Isaac has previously worked microphones for *What’s Your Reality?*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, and *The Dining Room*. He also worked lights for *Cinderella* and *The Election*. Isaac plans to continue his work with GHS theatre next year, and he would like to thank Mrs. Kreicar.

**Catherine Hart** (Costumes) – Catherine has previously worked Costumes for *The Election* and was on the Props crew for *The Dining Room*, and *Cinderella*. She plans to continue her work with GHS theatre and looks forward to driving herself to rehearsal.

**Hunter Hayes** (Assistant Costumes Crew Chief) – Hunter has previously worked costumes for *Little Shop of Horrors* and *Cinderella*. She has also been involved with Centerstage. Hunter plans to continue her work with costumes next year, and she would like to thank Mrs. Kreicar and Mr. Green.

**Zack Howard** (Miles Gloriosus) – Zack has previously worked on *The Dining Room*, “In Between” and the spring ten-minute plays. Zack plans to attend Florida College and then transfer to

Embry-Riddle. Zack would like to thank Mrs. Kreicar for her support and the wonderful cast for helping him out.

**Yasmine Janssen** (Props) – Yasmine played Aunt M. in *The Oz*, and she worked makeup and costumes for *The Sound of Music*. She plans to continue her involvement in GHS theatre, and she would like to thank everyone in the cast and crew for a great experience.

**Leanne Jones** (Props) – Leanne played multiple roles in *The Election*. She would eventually like to attend CNU and study psychology.

**Gabby Jurscaga** (Vibrata) – Gabby performed in the GHS production of *Cinderella*. She plans on pursuing every drama opportunity available next year. Gabby said, “this show was an amazing experience to have my junior year.”

**Kylie Kraft\*** (Stage Manager) – This is Kylie’s third major production as Stage Manager. She had previously managed both *Cinderella* and *The Election*. Kylie would like to express her satisfaction at seeing the finished product of a show after three months of hard work. Kylie said, “you get to meet some awesome people along the way.”

**Emily Lanstra** (Costumes) – Emily previously worked as Stage Manager for a middle school production of *Table-Top Conversations*. Emily plans to continue with Costumes next year, and later attend college to become a police officer. Emily said “I loved my first year on costume crew. I made new friends and I would love to thank everyone for making my first year in drama amazing.”