

Mundelein Theatre
presents

SOMETHING
ROTTEN!

“YUCK!”

“EW!”



“GROSS!”

“Boooo!”

Music and Lyrics by Karey and Wayne Kirkpatrick
Book by John O'Farrell and Karey Kirkpatrick

April 24, 25, 26, 2025 at 7:30 pm

April 26 at 2 pm

Mundelein High School | 1350 W. Hawley St.

www.mundeleintheatre.org



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Conceived by Karey Kirkpatrick & Wayne Kirkpatrick

Something Rotten is presented through a special arrangement with Music Theatre International.

All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

www.mtishows.com

Vocal Director

Ms. Cory Thompson*

Choreographer

Ms. Annie Snow

Pit Orchestra Director

Mr. Dustin Helve

Light Designer

Ms. Sara Gunther*

Scene Designer/TD

Mr. John Stowers

Paint Specialist

Mr. David Mork*

Director

Mr. Jonathan Meier*

There will be one 15-minute intermission.

**denotes member of the International Thespian Society.*

Cast

<i>Shakespeare</i>	Hayden Gates
<i>Nick Bottom</i>	Alex Benassi*
<i>Nigel Bottom</i>	Finn Trackman *
<i>Nostradamus</i>	Vesta Albano*
<i>Bea</i>	Kelly McQuillan*
<i>Brother Jeremiah</i>	Achilles Kim*
<i>Portia</i>	Lia Kagan*
<i>Minstrel</i>	Ellory Duval*
<i>Troupe (Peter Quince)</i>	Nahomy Benitez*
<i>Troupe (Robin)</i>	Aedan Hogan*
<i>Troupe (Tom Snout)</i>	Stella Buisson*
<i>Troupe (Snug)</i>	Jamine Tigley*
<i>Lord Clapham</i>	Sylv Pacis*
<i>Shylock</i>	Brendan Niernberg*

Featured Dancers

Aubry Bierer, Julie Brenner*, Suzie Brown, Parker Dumalski*,
Araceli Faudoa, Arlo Fingerhut*, Daniel Fishel*,
Michelle Frane, Arianna Garcia*, Sofia Gomez, Xavion Haynes*,
Isabella Hofer, Mia Joshi*, Riley Kuhn, Kayla Lomillo, Sara McHugh*,
Miranda Michler, Shadow Reid*

Ensemble

Ronnie Anguiano, Conner Bui, Diana Cuevas, Adren Delos Santos,
Harley DiMarcantonio, Madelyn Fingerhut*, Andy Gallup*, Ella Gallup*
Kai McHugh*, Graham Ney*, Mason Rupczynski, Kady Schubert,
Sophia Tatevosian*, Layla Trahan

Leadership Team

Student Choreographers Parker Dumalski*
Aedan Hogan*
Student Assistant Director Stella Buisson*
Student Vocal Directors Arlo Fingerhut*
Mia Joshi*
Production Stage Managers..... Mari Hoover*
Makenna Wald*
Assistant SM-Deck/Construction ChiefArrow Jones*
Assistant SM-Communications Ashlyn Hedtke*
Sound Crew Chief Mariana Van Eycke*
Light Crew Chief Eden Dombrowski*
Wardrobe Crew ChiefAddie Carlson
Prop Crew ChiefMarsh Covarrubias*
Graphic Designer Gracie Meier*

Crew

Sound Crew

Archer St. Clair
Hunter Simmons
Leo Garrelts

Light Crew

Melanie Cordoba*
Juni Head
Olivia Jerome*
Cana Raymond*
Lucy Jorgeson

Wardrobe Crew

Zoe Schoppe
Jimena Torres-Gonzalez*
Dani Mingo

Prop Crew

Erin Repsys*
Alondra Antonio*

Tech Team/Set Build

Lily Jones* Dylan Martin Del Campo
Eden Kondela Ava Ochoa
Aspen Sweet* Adrienne McCarthy
Mr. Meier's Theatre Class

Stage Crew

Hailey Courtney
Merrick Hoover
Mylo Madrigal

Penley Dumalski*
Noah Letts*
Grace Wolinski

Pit Orchestra

Keyboards

Shawn Mastandrea

Liam O'Neill

Ethan Delamente Pipinis

Drums

Parker Van Arsdale

Percussion

Sam Beginski

Guitar

Lily Jones*

Bass

Luke Baude

Clarinet

Sara Choi

Jesus Tellez

Flute

Molly Stedman

Eimy Noca Martich

Saxophone

Anna Garippo

Trumpet

Paul Adamczyk

Trombone

Andrew Schinler

Musical Numbers

Act I

Overture – Orchestra Pit

Welcome to the Renaissance – Minstrel, Company

God, I Hate Shakespeare – Nick, Nigel, Troupe, Company

Right Hand Man – Bea, Nick, Nigel

God, I Hate Shakespeare (reprise) - Nick

A Musical – Nick, Nostradamus, Company

The Black Death –Nick, Nigel, Troupe

I Love the Way – Portia, Nigel

Will Power – Shakespeare, Nigel, Portia, Company

Bottom's Gonna Be on Top – Nick, Nigel, Bea, Shylock, Shakespeare, Company

Act II

Entr'acte – Pit Orchestra

Welcome to the Renaissance (reprise) – Minstrel

Hard to be the Bard – Shakespeare, Company

It's Eggs – Nick, Nigel, Troupe,

We See the Light – Portia, Nigel, Brother Jeramiah, Company

Nigel's Theme - Nigel

To Thine Own Self Be True – Nigel, Troupe

To Thine Own Self Be True (Part 2) – Nick, Troupe

Right Hand Man (reprise) – Bea, Nigel

Something Rotten/Make an Omelette – Nick, Shakespeare, Nostradamus Troupe, Company

To Thine Own Self Be True (reprise) – Nick, Nigel, Bea

Welcome to America – Nick, Nigel, Bea, Portia, Troupe, Company

Thank You

MHS Department of Fine Arts & CTE
Rich Stiles - Department Chair

Cory Thompson, Jerry Shelato, Andy Sturgeon, Jonathan Meier

Costumes provided by Broadway Costumes

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Maine East High School, Vernon Hills High School

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The Kirk Players



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We would like to offer our thanks to our friends at the ***Kirk Players***, for their generous annual donation to Mundelein Theatre, as well as providing the John W. Lynn Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded each year to a deserving MHS student who is pursuing a career in the performing arts.

Community Outreach

Each year, Mundelein Theatre selects a charity or organization to support during our season. For our community outreach partner this year, we selected *Bernie's Books Bank*. This wonderful organization sources, processes, and distributes new and gently used children's books to significantly increase book ownership among under-served infants, toddlers, and school-aged children throughout Chicagoland. Earlier this year, Mundelein Theatre held a book drive to support Bernie's Book Bank. We collected, sorted, and delivered hundreds of books to their location in Lake Bluff.

Some of our *Something Rotten* ensemble members will be coming around at intermission to collect donations for this amazing organization. All donations, big or small, are gratefully accepted.



Please consider donating to the wonderful students of Mundelein Theatre. Follow this QR code to our donation page.



A Letter from the Mundelein Theatre Officers

For Mr. Meier's final season at Mundelein Theatre, every production was crafted with our happiest and greatest effort to honor his incredible legacy. We started the 2024-2025 season with auditions and rehearsals for *Chicago Shakespeare Slam*, which culminated in an unforgettable performance at the Chicago Shakespeare Theater on Navy Pier. Our phenomenal team was crowned Shakespeare Slam Champions—a testament to the dedication and talent of our students.

To kick off our on-stage performances, we traveled back to the American 1930's for the Fall Play, *The Philadelphia Story*. This Broadway classic showcased the enthusiasm and expertise of our upperclassmen, while our underclassmen worked diligently on the New Faces performance, *Noses Off*. This production gave everyone a unique opportunity to experience backstage energy during a performance and displayed the incredible potential of Mundelein Theater's future stars.

From there, we journeyed to Medieval Scotland to explore the depths of Shakespeare's tragedy, *Macbeth*. The cast embraced the challenges of performing on the thrust stage and delivered a percussive, eerie version that captivated audiences. Meanwhile, our Group Interpretation team was crafting *Orion and The Dark*, which earned them a performance at the Illinois State Tournament after months of imaginative and tireless work.

Finally, we reach the grand finale of the 2024-2025 season—and Mr. Meier's remarkable 21-year tenure as teacher and theater director—with the musical *Something Rotten!* This production whisked us away to sixteenth-century London, offering a humorous peek into how Shakespeare earned his fame and the musical was invented. It is the perfect way to end the season on a high note, showcasing the immense talent and dedication of our student cast, crew, and leaders, alongside the phenomenal adults who have supported the program throughout the years.

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to all the incredible people who have stood by us day after day: Mr. Meier, Mrs. Meier, Sara Gunther, Mr. Stowers, Mrs. Thompson, Mr. Harding, Annie Snow, Mr. Landuyt, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Mork, Mr. Helvie, the MHS Theater Parents, Mr. Stiles, and our wonderful audience members. Your love, patience, care, and unwavering support have been the foundation of our success. Congratulations to all our graduating seniors—we couldn't have done this without you.

And one final, heartfelt thank you to Mr. Meier. Over the last 21 years, you have poured immense effort, care, and love into this program and into every person who has been part of it. Your guidance and passion have left an indelible mark on all of us. While it's bittersweet to know you won't be here to lead Mundelein Theatre, we are immensely proud to see you step into the next chapter of your life. Thank you for everything and may your next act of *The Mr. Meier Show* be filled with boundless happiness and love.

Sincerely

Mari Hoover, Alex Benassi, Arlo Fingerhut, & Graham Ney
2024-2025 Mundelein Theatre Officers

Shout-Outs

Aubrey Bierer

Aubry- You are EGGCELLENT!!!

Kelly McQuillan

We are so proud of who you have BEAcome!! Your voice and stage presence are a gift, please continue to share it! We love you so much. Mom, Dad and Sarah.

Arlo & Madelyn Fingerhut

Congrats to our favorite thespians, Arlo and Madelyn on your last MHS show of the year (or ever!)- Break a leg! (But not really since that would ruin graduation pictures! LOL!) Love always, Mom, Dad & Jordan

Miranda Michler

Your whole family is so proud of you. I love hearing you sing. I also love our walks at night and when you give me popcorn. Forever your faithful companion. - Riker

Julie Brenner

Julie - we love to watch you perform! We're so proud of you! Aren't you glad we encouraged you to take tap for all those years? Love, Mom, Dad, Andrew, Gus, and Honey

Michelle Frane

Michelle, we are so proud of you and can't wait to see your talent shine on stage! We love you - Mom & Dad

Finn Trackman

Finn - 'really just a poet at heart'

Alex Benassi

Alex, we are all so incredibly proud of you. We can't believe how fast these 4 years have gone by. Can't wait to see what comes next for you. Love, Mom, Dad, and Emma

Layla Trahan

Layla, we are so proud of you! You are a joy and we can't wait to see you do what you love! Break a leg! Love, Mom, Danny & Alyssa

Vesta Albano

Vesta - we are so excited to see you in Something Rotten!! We're so proud of the passion you have for performing and love watching you grow each year! Love Mom, Dad and Lilah

Shout-Outs

Graham Ney

Outstanding seasons in the theater, Graham! Proud of you and your accomplishments in high school. Love Mom and Dad

Riley Kuhn

Congrats Riley Kuhn- so proud to see you on the big stage- Break-a-Leg, Love, Dad

Riley Kuhn

To our incredible Riley! Shine bright as you chase your dreams with that amazing drive and resilience. We're bursting with pride for your talent and passion. Love you to the moon and back, sweetheart! Sending you all our love and support. You've got this! Love always, Mom and Bonus Dad Mike.

Lia Kagan

Congratulations to the cast and crew! To Lia - we are so proud of you, "Dreams do come true. If only we wish hard enough," Love, Mom, Dad, Sharron, and Merlin

Makenna Wald

Makenna, We're so very proud of all you have accomplished in and excited for your future! Break a leg! Love, Mom & Ryan

Parker Dumalski

Parker, it's been amazing to see you grow in your craft and a pleasure to watch you do what you love on stage. So proud of all that you've done, and excited for what's yet to come... Love, the crew.

Isabela Hoefler

Bella, I'm so incredibly proud of all your hard work and dedication. Keep being the amazing person you are! Love Mom ❤️

Mari Hoover

Congratulations on your final show! We're so proud of you. You've never stopped never stopping. When you do tech crew you're always cool. The audience is always the same. Now watch us dance as we sing your name M-M-M-M-Mari

Makenna Wald

4 years of costuming, staging, lighting, sounding, directing... all of it, everything. We're so proud of you Makenna and all the hard work you've put in over the years. Congratulations on your final show!

What's Next for the Class of 2025?

Alex Benassi - Carthage College - Musical Theatre and Education

Marsh Covarrubias – University of Illinois Springfield- Medical Laboratory Science

Eden Dombrowski – Carthage College – Allied Health Sciences and Radiation Therapy

Parker Dumalski – University of Denver or Loyola University - Criminology

Arlo Fingerhut – Loyola University Chicago – Neuroscience (Cognitive/Behavioral)

Arianna Garcia – United States Marine Corps

Aedan Hogan – University of Illinois Urbana Champaign – Political Science

Mari Hoover – Magill University – International Relations and French Language

Lily Jones – Vandercook College of Music – Music Education-Instrumental

Mia Joshi - University of Illinois Chicago- BFA-Acting

Lia Kagan – Indiana University (Jacobs School of Music) – Classical Voice

Achilles Kim – Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design - Illustration

Kai McHugh - Carthage College - Acting

Sara McHugh – Illinois State University – Theatre Education

Graham Ney – Iowa State University – Computer Science

Sydney Olorvida - University of Illinois Chicago - BFA-Acting

Cana Raymond – CLC or University in Wisconsin - Mathematics

Mariana Van Eycke - University of Illinois Urbana Champaign – Computer Science and Bio Engineering

Makenna Wald – Lawrence University – Psychology and Oboe Performance



MUNDELEIN THEATRE

Staff

Jonathan Meier – *Director of Theatre*
Sara Gunther – *Light Designer*
David Mork – *Paint Specialist*
Jeff Harding – *Director/Technical Director*
Mark Landuyt – *Director*
John Stowers – *Scene Designer/Technical Director*
Hayley Johnson – *Associate Director*
Jill Reznick Meier – *Associate Director*
Brandon Curtis – *Auditorium Manager*

Officers

Mari Hoover – *President*
Alex Benassi – *Vice President*
Arlo Fingerhut – *Secretary*
Graham Ney – *Historian*

Advisory Board

Seniors

Aedan Hogan, Lia Kagan, Sydney Olorvida, Sam Zwiefelhofer

Juniors

Xavion Haynes, Kelly McQuillan, Jasmine Tigley

Sophomores

Stella Buisson, Ellory Duval

Freshman

Harley DiMarcantonio, Miranda Michler



Mundelein Theatre Troupe 2531

Act well your part, there all the honor lies.

A Note from a Retiring Theatre Director

Over the course of my 21 years at Mundelein High School, you can count the number of times I have included *Director Notes* in the programs for my shows on one hand. I always preferred to let the work speak for itself. But on the occasion of my last show at MHS, it seemed like the proper thing to do.

How does one take stock of a career? Numbers? That is easy. During my time as Director of Theatre at MHS, we provided 128 performing opportunities for students. I personally directed 60 shows - 40 plays and 20 musicals. I coached/directed 9 Shakespeare Slam teams and supervised 19 student directed productions. We did 9 summer shows which featured Mundelein Theatre alumni.

Since I announced my retirement earlier this year, I have been asked countless times about my favorite shows or memories in my time here. There are certainly some that come to mind. Having the good fortune to direct the world high school premiere of *Trust*, by David Schwimmer and Andy Bellin always comes to mind. The shows that we took to Theatre Fest (*Dancing at Lughnasa*, *Trust*, *The Elephant Man*). Sellout productions of *Les Misérables* and *In the Heights*. Having ABC and NBC news doing live coverage of our summer remount of *The Secret Garden*, which we brought back because one of the lead performers had a health issue and was unable to perform during the regular run. And mounting a 6-show season during COVID (which included a full Shakespeare production out on the football field) when most schools were shutting down all productions.

But the true highlight of my years at MHS will be the relationships. Each of those 128 productions holds a place in my heart filled with wonderful memories, lots of laughs, and the occasional tear. I have been blessed to work with some of the finest educators and humans ever on the theatre staff and in the performing arts department. I have always had great support from the theatre families. Mundelein Theatre was a place where my own family could call home. I have great memories of my three kids coming to rehearsals with Dad over the years. It allowed my wife and I to reunite onstage, having met 40 years earlier while doing a play together. But at the core, this job was always about the students. They are the reason I kept coming back everyday and putting in the time to do what was necessary to give them the best possible experience. Their energy, passion, curiosity, and love meant the world to me. I will miss them.

Jonathan Meier

Musical References

Something Rotten! is a musical *packed* with clever nods and full-blown references to dozens of famous Broadway shows, both through lyrics, choreography, and musical motifs. Here's a list of musicals referenced directly or indirectly in *Something Rotten!*:

The Music Man

West Side Story

Les Misérables

South Pacific

The Phantom of the Opera

Pippin

Chicago

Sweet Charity

Cats

Seussical

A Chorus Line

Anything Goes

Annie

Into the Woods

Sweeney Todd

Mamma Mia!

Evita

The Lion King

Jesus Christ Superstar

Guys and Dolls

Rent

Mary Poppins

Fiddler on the Roof

Dreamgirls

How many did you recognize?



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