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## Big plans for big cast in Badin Production of "Guys & Dolls"

Calling it "a great vocabulary and cultural lesson for the students," producer/director Lisa Schaffer is excited about the upcoming production of "Guys and Dolls" on the stage at Badin High School.

The popular musical is scheduled for March 6-9 in the Little Theatre, with three evening performances Thursday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and a Sunday matinee at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 apiece or a block of six or more for the same show may be purchased for \$8 each.

"We're all having a great time with this," said Schaffer, who is being assisted once again this year by Tina Jacoby Welsh. "There are a lot of good one-liners in the show. The vocabulary and the culture are so much different than the one the students live in today."

"Guys and Dolls" is based on a short story by Damon Runyon. It opened on Broadway in November of 1950 and won the Tony Award for best musical in 1951. Set in New York City, it features small time gamblers who run a "permanent floating crap game." Their relationships with each other and with women such as Miss Adelaide and Sarah Brown of the Save-a-Soul Mission make for an amusing, creative and ultimately redeeming show.

"This is a production that builds the drama program," Schaffer said. "It's truly a teaching program, where the students are learning all the things that go into the theatre itself. Plus it integrates things that they are learning in the classroom."

Among the lead male characters are senior Anthony Miles as Sky Masterson, junior Jonathan Kuhl as Nathan Detroit, senior Ian Heflin as Nicely Nicely Johnson, junior Jonathan Beer as Rusty Charlie and senior Nic Fain as Benny Southwest.

"This show has really called upon the male population at Badin to step up and be counted," Schaffer said. "We already know that we have a lot of talented females, but this really highlights the talent of the boys in the school. And there is a lot of male talent in this production."

The lead females include junior Shelby Becker as Miss Adelaide and sophomore Catie Van Wert as Sarah Brown.

Among the recognizable songs are “Luck Be a Lady,” “Sit Down You’re Rockin’ the Boat,” “A Bushel and a Peck,” and “I’ll Know.”

“I think the show is coming along marvelously well,” said Schaffer. “We’re hoping to sell out all four performances this year.”

Other cast members include Nicole Baden, Sarah Begley, Christyn Bigler, Brittany Bishop, Jordan Cavalaris, Amanda Crowell, Mallory Gantenberg, Morgan Gattermeyer, Jessica Gretz, Greg Hardewig, Nick Heath, Kamerion Losonsky, Ashley Mitchell, Jordan Niebuhr, Katelyn Pater, Marcus Pfirman, Macy Rice, Nick Roosa, Maria Salerno, Lauren Savage, Gray Schierholt, Chris Wiedenmann and Tim Wiedenmann.

Junior Mollie Smith is the stage manager.

Joining Schaffer and Jacoby Welsh on the adult team are Doug Schaffer, technical and sound direction; Rene Cifuentes, advertising and programs; Denise Kuhl, tickets; and Larry Beer and Rita Becker, set construction.

Badin music coordinator Mike Moore has put together an orchestra that includes students, Badin music alums and community volunteers who want to help perform.

“It’s a collaborative effort and I’m very humbled by all the people who are willing to be involved,” Schaffer said. “When you put it all together, it equals an excellent show. We’re really excited about it.”

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