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'GUYS AND DOLLS' ANNUAL SPRING MUSICAL SUCCESS!

Submitted by Denis Kelley

Annual spring musical, 'Guys and Dolls,' was a living-learning experience for a cast and crew of hundreds. Staging the annual spring musical at Watchung Hills Regional High Schools (WHRHS), which this year, 2018, was the iconic Broadway and Hollywood musical, "Guys and Dolls," was a living-learning experience for hundreds of students, teachers, parents, community volunteers, and supporters.

And, as if simply staging a high quality high school musical isn't enough of a challenge every year, this year had the added challenge of performance dates during March 2018, when there were multiple snow events during a roller coaster three weeks leading up to the scheduled musical performances. Lost school days due to inclement weather and icy and snowy driving conditions cut into the crucial last-minute days of mastering the acting, singing and dancing rehearsal and set production required for a massive 24-scene Broadway classic.

Plus, one of those snow events was during the very week of the scheduled and always-important dress rehearsal and the three days of evening performances and a Saturday matinee. Fortunately, only one performance had to be cancelled. Instead, that time was used for the dress rehearsal. The wait was well worth it, it turns out, as the school's Script and Cue student drama program thrilled audiences with memorable and stellar performances.

Mastering this living-learning experience was the collaboration, like the creation of a finely-tuned interdisciplinary independent study thesis project, of not just the actors, singers, and dancers on stage, but also the musicians on the Orchestra Pit. Plus, behind the scenes, there was another whole set of "crew" specialists, including set designers and artists for costume and make-up. Additional stage crew members hone the crafts of stage managing, prop coordination, lighting and sound technology, directing, and applied graphic arts support for media items such as programs, posters, and ancillary media press materials.

There are also related applied lessons for students to learn about the business of staging a musical, including budgeting, supplying and organizing refreshments, even coordinating an army of ushers to handle the orderly seating of hundreds of audience members.



*(above, l-r) Scott Romankow
as Nathan Detroit and
Kyra Anthony as Adelaide.*



*(above) Will Broder
as Arvide Abernathy.*



*(above) Jack Melillo
as Nice-Nicely.*

*List of cast, orchestra
and production staff
appears on page 8.*



(above) WHRS "Guys and Dolls" cast.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL WIND ENSEMBLE AND SENIOR BAND PERFORMED AT NJ DEVILS GAME

Submitted by James B. Bigsby

The Green Brook Middle School Wind Ensemble and Senior Band performed at the New Jersey Devils game on March 27, 2018. Their performance took place on the Main Concourse during the second intermission, and by all accounts, it was an outstanding performance. The

students' performance and conduct represents our school and music program in such a manner that makes the school and the entire community proud. Their director, Mr. Vincent Sorensen, could not possibly be any prouder of his students and their accomplishments.





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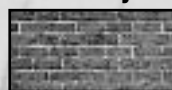
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GIRL SCOUT COOKIE DONATION TO GREEN BROOK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Submitted by A. Larsen

Girl Scout Troop 65023 recently dropped off cookie donations from the community to the Green Brook Police Department. Local troops collect donations via the Gift of Caring program each year, which is a simple gesture giving thanks for those that serve and protect.



(above) Girl Scout Troop 65023 dropped off cookie donations to Green Brook Police Department.

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ROTARY CLUB 2018 PASTA FESTIVAL

By Maryanne Christiano-Mistretta

The Dunellen & Green Brook Rotary Club held their annual Pasta Festival at Zupko's Café, Dunellen, every Monday during the month of April 2018. Proceeds were used to benefit the Dunellen and Green Brook High School Seniors Scholarship Awards.

The festival included a pasta dinner (with gluten free pasta options), baked goods, 50/50 raffle, and a Tricky Tray. Over 90 people showed

up each week.

"It's a fun night," said Jesse Lacerda, Board of Directors and Past President. "A lot of fun for two hours."

Doris "Dee" Zampella of Boniakowski Real Estate and sponsor of the event added, "We love what this Rotary Club does. For more information on the Dunellen & Green Brook Rotary Club, visit: dunellengreenbrookrotary.org.



(above) Rotary Club President Paul Spera doling out pasta for guests.



(above) Doris "Dee" Zampella of Boniakowski Real Estate, sponsors of event.



Photos by Maryanne Christiano-Mistretta



Photos from this and other events can be found online at rennamedia.com

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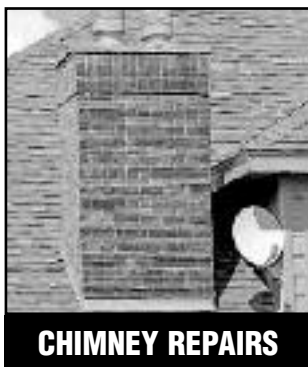
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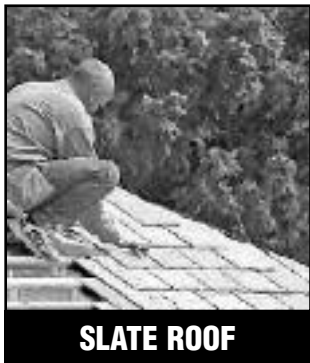
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2018 'GUYS AND DOLLS' CAST, ORCHESTRA AND PRODUCTION STAFF

CAST MEMBERS

The Cast included: Jacob Lesser at Sky Masterson and Christine Tanko as Sarah Brown; Scott Romankow as Nathan Detroit and Kyra Anthony as Adelaide; also, as the Guys, Jack Melillo as Nice-Nicely, Sam Sinnott as Benny Southwest, Ben Allgor as Rusty Charlie, Matt Oboh as Harry the Horse, Matt MacKrell as Angie the Ox, Andrew Moberly as Joey Biltmore, Will Johnson as Big Jule, Lucas Mammone as Lt. Brannigan, and Justin Horowitz as Master of Ceremonies.

The Mission soldiers included: Will Broder as Arvide Abernathy, Angie Carrano as Agatha, Summer Stuart as Calvina, Ariya Blow as Martha; and, as Mission soldiers, Brigita Przybylski, Maddie Johnson, Maddie Leong, Sophia Su, Angela Munoz, Natasha Bird and Kaelin Churchill.



(above, l-r) Backstage: Scott Romanhow, who portrayed "Nathan Detroit;" Kyra Anthony, who portrayed "Adelaide," Christine Tanko, who portrayed "Sarah Brown;" and Jacob Lesser, who portrayed "Sky Masterson."

The Crap Shooters/Dancers included: Matt Oboh, Ben Allgor, Kevin Lynch, Matt Mazzarisi, Spencer Acciarito, Chris Gagliano, Heather Sherry, Emma Giordano, and Jenny Miller.

The Hot Box Girls/Ensemble Dancers include: Emma Marszalek, Avery Noerr, Nicole Vila, Claire Vickery, Sophia Blanchard, Nicole Bell, Dana Wasserman, Francesca Infante-Meehan, Kayla Martins Anchal Dhir, Emma Leary and Giovanna DiSanto.

The Dance Captains were Sam Sinnott and Francesca Infante-Meehan.

The Havana Waiters were: Jenny Miller and Matt Mazzarisi. Playing parts in the opening "Runyonland Prologue" were: Actress, Giovanna DeSanto; Rich Woman, Emma Marszalek; Tour Guide, Matt McKrell; Sight Seer, Avery Noerr; Photographer, Kevin Lynch; Old Woman, Dana Wasserman; Street Walkers, Francesca Infante-Meehan, Kayla Martins, and Anchal Dhir; Texan, Chris Gagliano; Texan's Wife, Heather Sherry; Bobby Soxers, Emma Giordano and Emma Leary; Surly Person, Matt Mazzarisi; Policeman, Spencer Acciarito; Blind Man, Justin Horowitz, and Baby Carriage Hawker, Jenny Miller.

ORCHESTRA

The Orchestra included: Violins, Emma Golkin, Victor Hu, Harrison Lavelle, Jenny Li, Shruthi Ramasamy, Carter Rosen, Alvanna Tam, Neha Venkatesh, Jocelyn Wang, Tyler Wu, Jack White and Nandini Yellamelli; Viola, Valerie Wang; Cellos, Madeline Dietrich, Daria Monti, Spencer Shao, and William Wu; and Bass, Anjali

Blow and Roosevelt Porter;

Percussion, Ronald Dolce and Natalia Sosniak; Keyboard, Zoe Golkin;

Reeds: Elizabeth Baker, Jeremy Cui, Glen Diamond, Timothe Iroudassamy, Sanjay Subramanian, and Cherlin Zhu; Horn, Ben Walkins; Trumpets, Ryan Branco, Matthew Shaefer, and Carl Peterson; and Trombone, Jack Horan.

PRODUCTION STAFF

This production of Guys and Dolls was directed by WHRHS Drama Teacher Douglas Eaton. He was also the set designer. Music Direction was provided by WHRHS Choral Music Teacher Angela DiIorio Bird. The Orchestral Director was WHRHS Instrumental Music Teacher Paul McCullen.

The Chief Assistant Director was Emily Snead, Assistant Director, Kathleen O'Mullan; Production Stage Manager, Mark Caamano. Scenic Artist was Kate Griffin; Costume Design, Gail DeCicco; Lighting Design, Chris Valenti; Sound Design, Rick Clark; Lead Assistant Sound Mixer, Alexander Martin; Assistant Sound Mixer, Brianna Caetano.

Chief Carpenter was Nick DiNizio; Costumes, Alison Wolf; Costumes Crew, Arden Dettling, Erica Munoz, Sara Barrientos, Genevieve Rust, Maddy Goffredo; Prop Master, Jessica Pearlstein; and Prop Crew, Becca Dickerson, Rachel Krouk, Hannah Marszalek, and Michelle Chavanne.

Sound Mics, Michael Maloney and Krystyna Leski; Lighting Board Operator, Portia Rowley; Spot Lighting, Adam Noble and Michael Wong; Scenic Painters, Fiona Mulvey, Amelia Randolph, Marianna Renda, Ariana Gilligan, Kaitlin Chin and Stephanie Ormaeche; Hair and Makeup, Hollace Chase, Brianna Casas, Juliet Leary, Shelby Waddy, Hannah Stevens, Erin Pinto, Ivey Ledward, Arianne Rahimi, Julia Celeste, Madelena Goffredo, Ariana Gilligan, Josephine Pascale, Malvika George, Sophie Frank, and Kat Peterson.

Rigging, Pat Dempsey, Colin Beisler and Gabriel Snead; Running Crew, Max Dubliner, Gabby Ramez, Nina DiNorscio, Emily Dec, Gillian Loesberg, Michael Sullivan, Skylar Paltjon, Massai Shuler, Sophia Patti, Amelia Randolph, Katie Strong, Melissa Miketen, Kip Degeorges and Roshni Dave.

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Program headshots and group shots, William Johnson; Play Program, Laura Zijdel.

Music and Lyrics for Guys and Dolls by Frank Loesser; Book by Abe Burrows and Jo Swerling. Based on the short story, The Idyll of Sarah Brown, and other characters developed by journalist and author Damon Runyon. The production is made through special arrangement through Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. For more information, visit MTIShows.com.



(above) Pit performance. The Orchestra for "Guys and Dolls" perform under the direction of WHRHS Instrumental Music Teacher and Orchestral Director Paul McCullen, standing right.

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Submitted by James B. Bigsby

Green Brook Middle School (of Green Brook Township) has been honored with the SupportMusic Merit Award from The NAMM Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education for its second year in a row.

The SupportMusic Merit Award recognizes individual schools that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students.

To qualify for the SupportMusic Merit Award, Green Brook Middle School answered detailed questions about funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, support for the music program, and community music-making programs. Responses were verified with school officials and reviewed by The Music Research

Institute at the University of Kansas.

"Music plays a vital role in every child's education. It's immediately cross-curricular as you learn Math with rhythm and subdivisions, Language Arts with the text of a song, Science as we study frequencies and sound waves and how the body works to use air to produce sound, and Social Studies as we look at the historical context from which each piece is created. It teaches kids persistence and work ethic and that hard work pays off in a real and tangible way. Aside from its many aesthetic benefits, music is a great tool for teaching students practice habits that they can transfer to any and every field of study," says Chorus and Orchestra teacher William Alzaher.

This award recognizes that GBMS is leading the way with learning opportunities as outlined in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

Green Brook's music program has received many awards and accolades in recent years including superior ratings across all performance ensembles at the Music in the Parks competitions, the most students selected for the Morris Area Honor Choir, top placements for band, orchestra and chorus students in the Central Jersey Regional ensembles, students selected for the NJ All-State Orchestra, featured performances in front of music professionals like Deke Sharon and Ben Bram, and 13 different performing ensembles. These groups include one of the only middle school contemporary acapella groups in the state, a wind ensemble, and chamber orchestra amongst many others. The music program is run by Orchestra and Choir Director William Alzaher and Band Director Vincent Sorensen.

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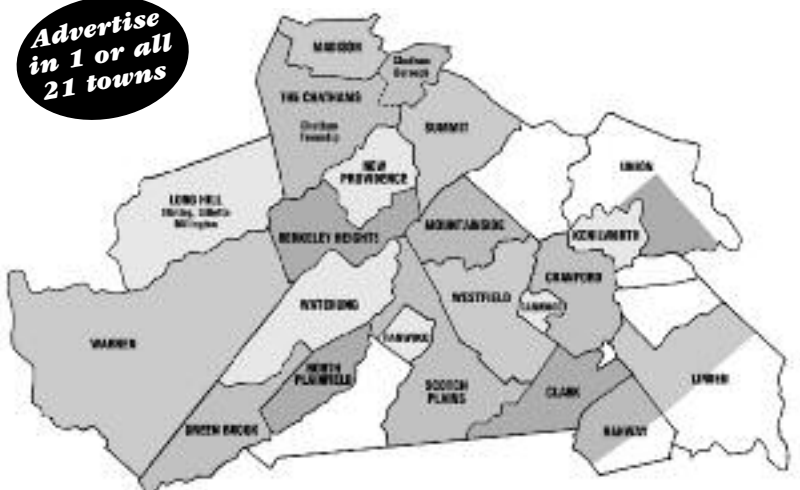
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'BIRD IN HAND' ABSTRACT SCULPTURES IN STRIP MALL PLAZA

By Nick Clemente

If you're driving down Route 22 in Green Brook, New Jersey, you might notice a hand approximately 10 feet high waving at you. Don't worry, you're not seeing things. I drive by Arthur's Plaza Strip Mall in Green Brook a few times a week and started to notice this mysterious hand sometime late last year, so I decided to investigate. Past the Dollar Tree and Duck Donuts in the far end of the parking lot by Bone Fish Grill stands a large metal hand sculpture that has been weathered to an almost wood type appearance. A small trail of bird footprints are found on the metal base and a large red metal cardinal is perched on its pointer finger, like a cherry on an ice-cream sundae. After examining the piece, I found the artist's signature and date of creation written on its side in the metal: Dale Rogers 2017.

Dale Rogers is a metal sculptor from Massachusetts. According to his website: Dale is proud to have his sculptures displayed in private collections in 49 states, Puerto Rico, and Canada.

In addition to these private acquisitions, he is actively expanding his reach into the public realm. He has always believed that art should be accessible to the public and should be an integral part of our everyday surroundings. "It is important to add art to the landscape of public venues. Art triggers the imagination of its observers, encourages them to view the world differently, and stimulates conversation. It adds an extra layer for the public to connect with at any park, office building, common area or trail," stated Dale on his site.

I found a sculpture similar to the one in Green Brook in his catalog of work under the name "Bird in Hand." The one in the catalog is just like the one in Green Brook except it has two cardinals, one on the pointer finger and another in the palm of the hand. Out of curiosity, I went back to see the "Bird in Hand" in Green Brook and checked for a hole where a second cardinal would be located, and there was in fact a hole. I also found a second version of "Bird in Hand" in his catalog that has two crows instead of

cardinals. If the Green Brook piece follows the name and there should be a bird in hand, then the bird in hand is missing. So, I wrote to Dale Rogers and asked if the Green Brook version was a one-cardinal version or perhaps the piece had been vandalized. As of the time I submitted this article, in I have not heard back from Dale. Nonetheless, this sculpture adds a nice touch of culture to a mundane drive home. If you're driving by the strip mall on Route 22 in Green Brook and see a huge hand waving hello, don't just drive by, stop, and take a look.

For more information on Dale Rogers, visit: dalerogersstudio.com

Photo by Nick Clemente



WHRHS STUDENT AANIKA SADANA'S DRAWING DISPLAYED AT MORRIS MUSEUM

Submitted by Rita Sadana

Aanika Sadana, a junior (Grade 10) at Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS), currently has a drawing on display at the Fresh Perspectives: A Juried High School Art Exhibition at Morris Museum, Morristown, New Jersey.

Aanika has been drawing and painting since she was 5-years-old. Her artworks have been published in Celebrating Art Yearbook in 2016 and 2017. Celebrating Art is a nationwide art contest, and each year they publish two yearbooks; one in the fall and one in the spring. She was awarded High Merit in the Celebrating Art Contest in spring 2017 for her Two Birds drawing.

Fresh Perspectives will be on display until June 3, 2018. For more information, visit morrismuseum.org or call 973-971-3700.



(above) "Two Birds"
drawing by Aanika Sadana.

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