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KELVIN GROVE HIGH SCHOOL

Presents

BYE BYE BIRDIE

Book by
MICHAEL STEWART

Music by
CHARLES STROUSE

Lyrics by
LEE ADAMS

AT:

Kelvin Grove High School Hall
May 20, 22, 23 1998

BY ARRANGEMENT WITH WARNER/CHAPPELL MUSIC

DIRECTORS NOTES

ROSS ALLEN

A school musical is an awesomely complex project, and it is becoming, perhaps, an impossibility in a High School environment, given the trends towards flexi-timetabling, complex subject selections; enormous academic, social, family, sporting and work demands on students; and the tendency towards a single-minded focus on personal success in a competitive world. We have taken up the challenge, because we believe that there is so much to be gained by the students, in the areas of self-fulfilment and self-development, in such a group/team based activity. The commitment of each and every student determines, equally, the success of the project on numerous levels – and an understanding of this concept provides a transporting and memorable experience for all involved.

JANTINE SEAMARK

Musicals are usually those once-in-a-lifetime opportunities where the magic of the theatre transforms an army of ordinary school students into a collaborative force of dancing, singing and acting artists. No differently, Bye Bye Birdie has managed just such a metamorphosis. However, what usually goes unseen is the enormity of the learning, which takes place when a group of over 150 students, teachers and parents come, together to make the magic. Not only have students been given an opportunity to explore their undiscovered talents, they have also been exposed to the skills of negotiation, collaboration and interpersonal interaction which need to be employed when striving towards an ensemble presentation. For all those involved in the enormous project of Bye Bye Birdie, the learning experience has been a mammoth one and as such a total success.

PLOT SYNOPSIS

Albert Peterson is a biochemist who is trapped in his family's music business by his domineering mother. Albert's fiancée Rose de Leon (engaged for six years to Albert) seizes an opportunity to make some big money. She wants Albert to write a song "One Last Kiss", to be sung by Conrad Birdie (a rock star that has been drafted into the army) during an appearance on television, on the Ed Sullivan show, where Conrad will kiss one lucky American teenage girl – Kim MacAfee, of Sweet Apple, Ohio. The Moscow Ballet also on the Ed Sullivan Show threatens this project. How can a sped-up turtle save the day? Will Rose finally win Albert? Does she want to?



MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT ONE

Overture: BYE BYE BIRDIE
The Telephone Hour
How Lovely to be a Woman
We Love You Conrad
Honestly Sincere
Hymn for Sunday Evening
One Boy
Put on a Happy Face

ACT TWO

Kids
One Last Kiss
A Lot of Livin' To Do
Everything is Rosie
Bye Bye Birdie



CAST

Conrad Birdie.....Jerrold Soutar
 Albert Peterson.....Tom Bagley
 Rose de Leon.....Rebecca Todd
 Kim MacAfee.....Anika Glennie
 Mr MacAfee.....Yanni Petropoulos
 Mrs MacAfee.....Kellie Owen
 Mrs MacAfee (understudy).....Bernadine Tinker
 Mrs Peterson.....Peita Crombie
 Ursula/Clown.....Gillian Seamark
 Ursula (understudy)/ Helen.....Katie McNaughton
 Hugo.....John Connolly
 Ed Sullivan/Mayor.....Anthony Wallace
 Randolph.....Luke Going
 Rudolph.....Louis Hamlyn-Harris
 Mr Paisley.....Doug Kinley
 Mary.....James Wirtanen
 Mayor's Wife/Sandy.....Rebecca Chandler
 Reporter.....Kath Quigley
 Shoo-Wah Sisters.....Prue Dargusch
Rosemary Howell
Bridie Wylie
Gillian Seamark
 Maud.....Daniel Gordon
 Mary.....Luke Vicary
 A Friend/(Harvey/Mr Paisley understudy).....John Evans
 Nancy/Clown.....Shanna Seamark
 Alice/Clown.....Emily Pengelly
 Susy.....Angela Petersen
 Penelope.....Christina Sorbello
 Mary-Lou.....Sarah-Vivienne Russell
 Candy.....Nina Best
 Freddie.....Tom Hinchcliffe
 Karl.....Michael Medlycott
 Joe.....Levi Palm
 Pete.....Phillip Ambrose
 Charlie.....Tim Marsters

ENSEMBLE

Rebecca Stevens
 Meg Urquhart
 Zakirah Armstrong
 Melissa Pennisi
 Philippa Davis
 Kylie Strauss
 Kamilla Sihvola
 Emma Rosanski
 Alira Jeffrey
 Emma Dean
 Rebecca Garbett
 Teagan Rickards
 Fiona Moylan
 Philippa Haly-Summerfield
 Adriana Siddle
 Natalie Marshall
 Daniela Monteverde
 Katheann Denman
 Amma Ahenkorah

Lisa Willis
 Rose Chadwick
 Michelle Everding
 Julie Carran
 Alison Graham
 Maggie Goodman
 Erin Sutherland
 Courtney Pitt
 Jasmine Lock
 Nicole Austin
 Kim Grant
 Aida Young
 Lauren Carr
 Helena Batiste
 Marion Cronin
 Courtney Holm
 Katie Elise
 Lea Sheldermine
 Rosmina Colonbani

QDSE DANCERS

Danielle Bailey
 Connor Dowling
 Rebecca Newhsam
 Jodi Reeves
 Naomi McDougall
 Katherine Stephens
 Natasha Mann
 Jillian Burke
 Sally Hoskins
 Michelle Willmott

Jennifer Battle
 Sarah Doblo
 Rachel Marley
 Sarah Wharton
 Catherine Simpson
 Olivia Meyer
 Daniel Gaudiello
 Danielle Gale
 Lauren Keating
 Tyrel Browne

ORCHESTRA

Laura Driver
 Bethany Cleary
 Lisa Duncan
 Linden May
 Natalie Olins
 Roland Lawrence
 Sam Denning
 Matthew Caulton
 Fiona Bryant
 Gary Dionysis
 John Bryant
 Justin Bliss
 Mia Macfie
 Robert Champney

Anna Finnane
 Rebecca Woolley
 Rebecca Craner
 Lauren Norman
 Danny Peel
 Conan Griffiths
 Sarah Lashmar
 Lisa Millar
 Tanya Savage
 Mary Champney
 Amanda Laver
 Martha Ruddick-Collins
 Elizabeth Austin-Glen
 Alison Graham

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 MAKE-UP.....Alicia Tinker
 PROPS.....Pieter Smith
Sue Jones
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Paul Davies
 ORCHESTRA.....Alan Wilkie
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Sue Jones

SOUND AND LIGHTING CREW

Joe Driver
 Ben Purvey
 Paul Utz

BACKSTAGE CREW

Chris Burkhardt
 Pippa McDonald
 Louisa Callanan
 Jim Nielson

PROPS CREW

Sara James
 Katie Elliott
 Jay Bostock

MAKE-UP CREW

Hayley Williams
 Leigh McCairney
 Shaevawn Adams
 Sarah Cattini
 Jostie Callanan

BACKDROP CREW

Jonathon Human
 Natasha Martin
 Angela Petersen
 Chanthra Purnain
 Grant Dorstein
 Rebecca Joseph
 James Kent
 Christopher Muharem
 Cherie Teitzel
 Tracey West

FRONT OF HOUSE

Student Volunteers

Jareth Bone
 Georgina Druckmann
 Tenille Griffin
 Luke Viceroy

Sara Christian
 Lizzie Hodgson
 Virginia Hamilton
 Carla Waskiw

Ebony Bird
 Josephine Callanan
 Emma Collerton
 Guinevere Davidson
 Ben Hicks
 Aron Jennings
 Evan Muir
 Jed Prescott
 Christopher Poole