



Connect with Illini Student Musicals

Facebook:

www.Facebook.com/IlliniStudentMusicals

Twitter:

www.Twitter.com/IlliniMusicals
@IlliniMusicals #ISM

YouTube:

www.Youtube.com/IlliniMusicals

Instagram:

www.Instagram.com/IlliniMusicals

Tumblr:

www.IlliniMusicals.tumblr.com

Website:

www.IlliniStudentMusicals.org



Connect with us today!

Help Reduce Waste!



Recycle your program in the designated bins located in the lobby after the performance.

ILLINI STUDENT MUSICALS PRESENTS

WEST SIDE STORY

Visit us at
ILLINISTUDENTMUSICALS.ORG
Like us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram

Based on a conception of JEROME ROBBINS
Book by ARTHUR LAURENTS
Music by LEONARD BERNSTEIN
Lyrics by STEPHEN SONDHEIM
Entire Original Production Directed
and Choreographed by JEROME ROBBINS
Originally Produced on Broadway by
ROBERT E GRIFFITH and HAROLD S PRINCE
By Arrangement with ROGER L STEVENS

Lincoln Hall Theatre

Directed by SHAWN KIMBREL
Vocal Direction by BRIAN SMITH
Orchestral Direction by NOAH KARVELIS
Choreography by ALEXANDRA HUTTON
Stage Management by KIRSTEN VOLD
Produced by MATT BLECK

NOV 13-15 at 7:30 PM

Welcome~

A Note from the Producers

-On behalf of the cast, staff, and Board of Directors of Illini Student Musicals, welcome to Illini Student Musicals' presentation of *West Side Story*. Over the past several months we as a board, staff, musicians, and actors have worked tirelessly to prepare this show for you the audience. As we open our third year, we look back on how far we have come, and we are very proud at how much ISM has grown. From our first show, *The Drowsy Chaperone*, to now, it is clear that it is important to maintain a musical theatre organization on campus that allows students of all majors and backgrounds to come together and collaborate over a shared passion. We hope to continue to help grow and influence ISM in the future, as we are full of amazingly talented and intelligent people. We would also like to personally thank our many sponsors, members, and friends of ISM who have helped us during this time. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the show!

**Best,
Matt Bleck
Producer | ISM Treasurer**

**Austin Errera
Asst. Producer | Marketing Director**

A Note from the Director

-For many, the title *West Side Story* evokes familiar sounds of the snapping street gangs and the enthusiastic tunes of "America" reminiscent of the 1961 film. After its Broadway debut in 1957, the show quickly received critical acclaim. Over 60 years later, this show remains relevant to today's audiences. This show centers around two rival street gangs in New York City in the late 1950s. The Jets, natives to the streets of New York, and the Sharks, a recently emigrated group from Puerto Rico, fight over who runs the surrounding territory. It explores love and devotion and redefines family. Suggestive of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, this show displays the futile nature of violence and demonstrates the importance of diversity. That is why *West Side Story* remains timeless.

**Thank you,
Shawn Kimbrel
Director**

Thank You to Our Supporters!

Aaron Kaplan	Taylor Lucero & The Daily Illini
The Palafox Family	Magic Needle
Andrei Strizek	Dads Association at UIUC
Dennis Mae & Lake Forest High School	Jeff Wilcox, 2 Click Fundraising
Bill Kingman, Direct Impressions	Justin Chavez, Kotis Design
CUTC & Ella van Wyk	Matt Bleck
Sarah Johnson, ISM Faculty Advisor	Michael Courtney
Eric Engler	Phil Strang & Lincoln Hall Theatre Staff
Jeff Magee	PNC Bank, The Bank of ISM
Emilee McArdle	Randy Whitman
Anna's Tailoring and Alterations	Roland Realty
Victoria Bokios & WICD- ABC 15	Ryder Truck Systems
Carly Graham	UI School of Music

Donations

Platinum Sponsors: \$500- above

Aaron Kaplan
Matt Bleck
Michael Courtney

Silver Sponsor: \$100-249

Patricia Lidbury
Thomas Naber

Bronze Sponsor: \$50-99

Gold Sponsors: \$250-499

Copper Sponsor: Up to \$49

Elaine Gehrmann
Eileen Sterling
The Palafox Family

Artistic Gold Level Sponsorship (\$1500-\$3499)

The University of Illinois School of Music

Ryder

The Official Transportation Supplier of Illini Student Musicals



Join Illini Student Musicals

Illini Student Musicals will
announce its 3rd Annual
Spring Production
at the end of November

Check our website for the announcement:
www.IlliniStudentMusicals.org



Call for Production Staff:

Staff Interview dates, times, and locations will be
announced on our website.

Positions Include:

- | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Director | Lighting Designer |
| Asst. Director | Sound Designer |
| Technical Director | Props Coordinator |
| Asst. Technical Director | Scenic Designer |
| Vocal Director | Scenic Charge Artist |
| Orchestra Director | Stage Manager |
| Choreographer | Rehearsal Accompanist |
| Costume Designer | Production Assistants |

For more information, visit:
www.IlliniStudentMusicals.org

Illini Student Musicals Proudly Presents

West Side Story

Book by.....Arthur Laurents
Music by.....Leonard Bernstein
Lyrics by.....Stephen Sondheim

Starring:

Thomas Welsh-Huggins, Alexandra Lidbury, Hannah Perl, Yvon Streacker, Chris Cayari, Isiah Asplund, Maggie Boland, Tommy Orr, Nick Humbles, Alyssa Parsons, Andrew Lee, Joshua Altshuler, Jon Faw, Jeremy Skiba, Tarek Nabulsi, William Purcell, Noel Konken, Mary Geraci, Kelly McCone, Haley Lorenc, Kim Turner, John Lattanzi, Kevin O'Keefe, Maureen Sanderson, Anne Deichert, Lauren Brooks, Nisha Moorkoth, Rebecca Sweeney, Alicia Hurtado, Delaney Sterling, Tucker Nevel, Bishop Gonzales

DIRECTOR Shawn Kimbrel	MUSIC SUPERVISOR Benjamin C. Helton	PRODUCER Matt Bleck
TECHNICAL DIRECTOR Katayana Palafox	ASSISTANT PRODUCER Austin Errera	LIGHTING DESIGNER Victor Mouschovias
SOUND DESIGNER Karen Lee	VOCAL DIRECTOR Brian Smith	MASTER CARPENTER Ethan Seaman
ORCHESTRA DIRECTOR Noah Karvelis	CHOREOGRAPHER Alexandra Hutton	ASST. VOCAL DIRECTOR Syrus White
HAIR AND MAKEUP Sarah Sensenbrenner	ASST. HAIR AND MAKEUP Ashley Scott	PROPS COORDINATOR Nicole Tauster
MARKETING & PR Katie O'Shea	PRODUCTION ASST. Deepa Suneel	STAGE MANAGER Kirsten Vold
ASST. STAGE MANAGER Sara Camp	COSTUMER Katherine Farley	ASST. ORCHESTRA DIRECTOR Justin Peters

WEST SIDE STORY is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI
421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019
The Videotaping or other video or audio recording of this production is strictly prohibited.

Advertise with ISM

Advertise with Illini Student Musicals in our next production Playbill or at www.IlliniStudentMusicals.org.

- Competitive Rates
- Online/Media Advertisements
- Historical Reach of 1,200
- Diversified Audience
- Great for Student Organizations
- Social Media Presence
- Tax Deductible

Contact: Marketing@IlliniStudentMusicals.org for more information.

Illini Student Musicals (ISM) Mission Statement:

ISM is an organization dedicated to the performance of musical theater on campus. Students will be able to gain experience in the administrative, technical, creative, and performance aspects of putting a musical together. By putting on a show once a semester, students will be able to get first-hand experience in the collaborative process and in all elements of musical theater. ISM will strive to put on performances of works that showcase our members' talent, enthusiasm, creativity, and passion. With each show, we aim to challenge ourselves as artists as well as our audiences with performances of the highest artistic and professional caliber.

About: *West Side Story*

West Side Story is the award-winning adaptation of the classic romantic tragedy, "Romeo and Juliet". The feuding families become two warring New York City gangs- the white Jets led by Riff and the Puerto Rican Sharks, led by Bernardo. Their hatred escalates to a point where neither can coexist with any form of understanding. But when Riff's best friend (and former Jet) Tony and Bernardo's younger sister Maria meet at a dance, no one can do anything to stop their love. Maria and Tony begin meeting in secret, planning to run away. Then the Sharks and Jets plan a rumble under the highway - whoever wins gains control of the streets. Maria sends Tony to stop it, hoping it can end the violence. It goes terribly wrong, and before the lovers know what's happened, tragedy strikes and doesn't stop until the climactic and heartbreaking ending.

Donate to Illini Student Musicals

ISM

Illini Student Musicals (ISM) is a 501(c)3 student organization at the University of Illinois. ISM is dedicated to the production of large-scale, high quality musical theatre as well as maintains a private charity committed to giving back to Champaign-Urbana.

We are in need of your support! ISM is completely self sustaining and relies on contributions from patrons like you. As a 501(c)3, all donations made to ISM are eligible for deduction on your federal income tax under section 170 of the federal tax code.

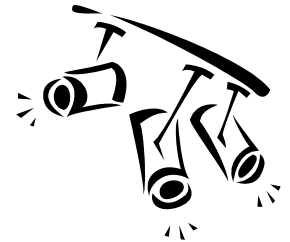
Donate online at www.IlliniStudentMusicals.org or contact Treasurer@IllinStudentMusicals.org.
Thank You!

Illini Student Musicals Corporate Partners

Thank you to our corporate partners who support Illini Student Musicals through non-monetary methods of giving or who support ISM Fundraising.

PNC Bank, The Bank of ISM	Direct Impressions
Ryder Systems, Inc.	Kotis Design
The University of Illinois Office of Student Organizations	UI School of Music
The Illini Union	Krannert Center for the Performing Arts
Champaign Urbana Theatre Company	Schnucks Fresh Foods
2Click Fundraising	Arts People, Inc.
Anna's Tailoring and Alterations	Fundly
	Magic Needle

Break a Leg Delaney!



Love, Mom, Dad, and Connor.

Who's Who in the Staff and Orchestra?

for *The Rocky Horror Show* and being an ensemble member for In Progress. He would like to thank Illini Student Musicals for the opportunity to be a part of the show, and his family for their support. Enjoy the show!

Carlos Garcia (Reed 3): This is Carlos's second production with ISM and couldn't be happier to be a part of this organization once more. *West Side Story* is one of his favorite musicals and was more than thrilled to be providing the music for the show. Currently a sophomore in Bassoon Performance, he hopes that he'll survive this hectic year and relax for a few weeks in the summer before doing a music festival for the remainder of his time. Thank you to the staff of ISM for letting me participate. Hope you enjoy the show!

Mitchell Lutz (Reed 2): Mitchell is a clarinetist and saxophonist in the Instrumental Music Education program from Morton, IL. He is active as a musician and teacher at the University and throughout central Illinois. Mitchell has performed as a reed player in several shows in the Peoria area, however this is his first show with ISM.

Johnny Lusardi (Violin 1): I am a violinist from Louisville, Kentucky. I have been a member of the University of Illinois Symphony Orchestra for the past four years and I performed in the University's production of *Spring Awakening* in 2013. I plan to continue onto graduate school next year. Special thanks to my teacher Nelson Lee, and all my friends and family for all the love and support.

Byron Allen (Trombone): Byron is a junior here at the University of Illinois and is a jazz studies major. I will be playing trombone in the pit orchestra for this *West Side Story* show. I currently play with the U of I Concert Jazz Band, Joel Spencer Combo, and the U of I Jazz Trombone Ensemble. I've played shows with local bands such as The Piano Man, Abnormus, and multiple local jazz bands, including last years award winning U of I Jazz trombone ensemble. I plan of being a freelance musician when I graduate. This show is going to be great, the band is perfect for the music that Bernstein created for this musical.

Joe Meland (Synthesizer): Joe is a senior in music composition who is playing synth for *West Side Story*. He has previously played synth for ISM's production of *Rocky Horror*. Upon graduation this year, he plans to move to Chicago with his band Feral States and work as a freelance musician.

Noah Gehrmann (Guitar): Noah is a junior majoring in Jazz Performance at the University of Illinois. He has played in other ISM productions including the *Wedding Singer* and the *Rocky Horror Show*. After college, Noah plans to play around the city with his various bands and give lessons.

Illini Student Musicals Board of Directors

Interim President.....	Christopher Cayari
Vice President.....	David Naber
Treasurer.....	Matt Bleck
Secretary.....	Brandon Saposnik
Marketing Director.....	Austin Errera
Community Outreach Chair.....	Delaney Sterling
Corporate Relations Officer.....	Ashley Scott
Faculty Advisor.....	Sarah Wigley Johnson

CAST

The Jets

Tony.....	Thomas Welsh-Huggins
Riff.....	Yvon Streacker
Anybodys.....	Maggie Boland
Action.....	Joshua Altshuler
A-Rab.....	Jon Faw
Baby John.....	Jeremy Skiba
Snowboy.....	Tarek Nabulsi
Diesel.....	William Purcell
Graziella.....	Noel Konken
Velma.....	Mary Geraci

The Sharks

Maria.....	Alexandra Lidbury
Anita.....	Hannah Perl
Bernardo.....	Christopher Cayari
Chino.....	Isiah Asplund
Rosalia.....	Delaney Sterling
Pepe.....	John Lattanzi
Anxious.....	Kevin O'Keefe
Conseula.....	Maureen Sanderson
Francisca.....	Alicia Hurtado*

The Adults

Krupke.....	Tommy Orr
Schrank.....	Nick Humbles
Glad Hand.....	Alyssa Parsons
Doc.....	Andrew Lee

The Ensemble

Jets Ensemble.....	Kelly McCone
Jets Ensemble.....	Haley Lorenc
Jets Ensemble.....	Kim Turner
Sharks Ensemble.....	Anne Deichert [†]
Sharks Ensemble.....	Lauren Brooks
Sharks Ensemble.....	Nisha Moorkoth
Sharks Ensemble.....	Rebecca Sweeney
Sharks Ensemble.....	Tucker Nevel
Sharks Ensemble.....	Bishop Gonzales

*Somewhere Soloist

[†]I Feel Pretty Girl

PRODUCTION STAFF

Stage Director.....	Shawn Kimbrel
Blocking Director.....	Alex Hutton
Orchestra Director.....	Noah Karvelis
Vocal Director.....	Brian Smith
Music Supervisor.....	Benjamin Helton
Choreographer.....	Alex Hutton
Technical Director.....	Katayana Palafox
Assistant Vocal Director.....	Syrus White
Assistant Orchestra Director.....	Justin Peters
Music Preparation.....	Andrei Strizek
Stage Manager.....	Kirsten Vold
Scenic Designer.....	Katayana Palafox
Lighting Designer.....	Victor Mouschovias
Sound Designer.....	Karen Lee
Properties Coordinator.....	Nicole Tauster
Costumer.....	Katherine Farley
Hair and Make-up Designer.....	Sarah Sensenbrenner
Assistant Hair and Make-up Designer.....	Ashley Scott
Master Carpenter.....	Ethan Seaman
Assistant Stage Manager.....	Sara Camp
Production Assistant.....	Deepa Suneel
Marketing and Public Relations.....	Katie O'Shea
House Manager.....	Ashley Scott
Producer.....	Matt Bleck
Assistant Producer.....	Austin Errera
Faculty Advisor.....	Sarah Johnson
Dance Captain Sharks.....	Isiah Asplund
Dance Captain Jets.....	Yvon Streacker

Run Crew:

Elizabeth Balkan, Karen Duke, Jordan Jones, Michael Czerpak

Try the West Side Shake!

Available at Potbelly's on Green Street!!

Ask for the "West Side Shake"

Oreo shake when you order, and a part of your shake purchase goes to help Illini Student Musicals! The West Side Shake special is happening all November long! Go try one today!!!



Who's Who in the Staff and Orchestra?

District's *Annie*, Lumiere in Urbana High School's *Beauty and the Beast*, or in CUTC's *Urinetown* as Caldwell B. Cladwell. He'd like to thank the wonderful people of ISM for being able to experience so much talent. He's loved every minute of West Side and wishes the curtain would never close.

Sarah Sensenbrenner (Hair and Make up Designer): Sarah Sensenbrenner is thrilled to be a part of her fourth ISM show, *West Side Story*. She is a junior studying elementary education. Usually on the stage, this is her first time being a part of the staff, but she has loved experiencing the process from this view. Sarah would like to thank her family and friends for their encouragement, and everyone that is involved in ISM for their hard work! She hopes that you enjoy the show!

Nicole Tauster (Props Coordinator): This is Nicole's first time doing Props for a show, but she figured why not try something new? Trying to make senior year about firsts and not lasts... Nicole can normally be found doing hair and make-up, as she did for ISM's *Rocky Horror Show* and IUB's *25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*. She'd like to thank her parents for their support and her roommates for keeping her sane, most of the time. Nicole requests that you please do not ask her what she's doing after graduation---she's in denial and doesn't want to be reminded that she's leaving Champaign in May!

Justin Peters (Assistant Orchestra Director): Justin Peters is currently a fourth-year student studying percussion at the University of Illinois. Musically, his background is quite diverse, with experience in classical, jazz, rock, pop, latin, and musical theater settings. Although he has played for a number of ISM shows, including *The Drowsy Chaperone*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, and *The Wedding Singer*, this is Justin's first time as an ISM staff member.

West Side Story is a favorite of mine, so it's cool to be so involved in the production." Following graduation, Justin will be relocating to Chicago in order to pursue a career freelancing while also playing with his group, Feral States.

Sara Camp (Assistant Stage Manager): Sara is very happy to have this opportunity to work with the talented cast and staff of West Side Story. This is her second show with ISM after doing run crew for Rocky Horror last spring. Sara would like to thank her roommate Justine for introducing her to ISM and everyone who has worked very hard to make this show so amazing.

Deepa Suneel (Production Assistant): Deepa is a speech and hearing science major at U of I. She is so excited to be back with Illini Student Musicals and be involved with *West Side Story*! Her previous credits with ISM include the casts of *Little Shop of Horrors*, *The Wedding Singer*, *The Rocky Horror Show*, and *In Progress: A Broadway Revue*. Deepa is also a campus tour guide, participates in research, and a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. She would like to thank her friends and family for being the most supportive and always encouraging her! Enjoy the show!

Ashley Marie Scott (Assistant Hair & Make up Designer): Ashley Scott is participating in her sixth and last show with ISM! She is a Senior in Anthropology and will be graduating this December and moving to Florida to start her career with The Walt Disney Company. She wants to thank the Board of Directors, cast, crew, staff and orchestra for all their hard work and for help making her time at U of I memorable!

Syrus White (Assistant Vocal Director): Syrus White is currently a Junior studying Choral Music Education, and is a native to the Champaign/Urbana area. His past involvement with Illini Student Musicals includes serving as Vocal Director

Who's Who in the Staff?

was honored to be Choreographer for *West Side Story*. She would like to wish everyone in the cast good luck and that she appreciates all the hard work they have put in for her. Alex would like to thank ISM for the opportunity, the cast and staff for their hard work, and her family and friends for their support through the process.

Matt Bleck (Producer): Matt Bleck (Producer, Treasurer) is a senior studying Civil Engineering at the University of Illinois with a focus on construction and transportation engineering. He is excited to be working on his sixth production with Illini Student Musicals. Outside of ISM, Matt has been involved in over 50 productions with Lake Forest High School, IUB, Lake Forest Dance Academy, U of I Department of Theatre, and CenterStage in Lake Forest. Matt has held many positions including Technical Director, Scenic Designer, and Producer. He'd like to thank Michael Courtney, Justice Janowski, and Austin Errera for being the awesome people they are. Matt has enjoyed working on the cast and staff of West Side Story and hopes you all enjoy the show.

Austin Errera (Assistant Producer): Austin is a sophomore ACE major here at the University. This is his 3rd ISM show and 1st time serving as assistant producer. He served as technical director for two years at his high school. Austin is also Director of Marketing on the ISM board. He would like to thank all who have supported him, His parents, Nick Vale, and the cast and staff for being amazing.

Kirsten Vold (Stage Manager): Kirsten is a freshmen who is currently majoring in English and is a pre-law student. She is the stage manager for *West Side Story*, her first ISM production. She hopes you enjoy the show as much as she has enjoyed being a part of this production!

Katyana Palafox (Tech Director): I am currently a sophomore studying Animal Science with the hopes of attending vet

school. However, I have always loved theatre and was involved with the productions during my high school career, which included: *Les Misérables*, *West Side Story*, *Anything Goes*, and *The Wiz* to name a few. I am grateful to participate once again in *West Side Story* in college because it is a powerful story about young love that conquers barriers. Shakespeare said it best; "...stony limits cannot hold love out, and what love can do, that dares love attempt."

Ethan Seaman (Master Carpenter): I did theatre all throughout high school. We did five shows a year and I took part in as many as I could that didn't conflict with the other groups I was in. By the end of my junior year, I became a thespian and the following year, I was nominated President of Thespian Troupe #369. This is my first show with ISM.

Katie O'Shea (Marketing and PR Supervisor): Katie is a senior in the College of LAS, studying English and pursuing a certification in Public Relations. An active member of ISM for the last two years, Katie performed in *The Drowsy Chaperone*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, and *The Wedding Singer*, and she is very excited to have taken on a staff position this year. Outside of ISM, Katie is also active in her sorority, Chi Omega, the University of Illinois PRSSA, and sings in the University of Illinois Women's Glee Club. She hopes to keep her passion for theatre and the arts alive as she pursues a career in Public Relations/Arts Administration in the coming years. She would like to thank her family and wonderful friends, especially the ISM seniors, for their constant support and love. Enjoy the show!

Victor Mouschovias (Lighting Designer): Victor Mouschovias is a Freshman studying Computer Science and is home-grown here in exotic Champaign-Urbana. He has been involved with various theatres for six years now, and you may have seen him recently as Rooster in Urbana Park

ORCHESTRA

Reed 1.....	Daniel Hinze
Reed 2.....	Mitch Lutz
Reed 2.....	Wisa Terhune
Reed 3.....	Carlos Garcia
Reed 4.....	Niko Yamamoto
Reed 5.....	Marcus Westbrook
Trumpet 1.....	Kevin Bouroussa
Trumpet 2.....	Colin Gavin
Trombone.....	Byron Allen
Horn.....	TJ Broy
Violin 1.....	Johnny Lusardi
Violin 2.....	Alleya Weibel
Violin 3.....	Nathaniel Dickinson
Cello.....	Kaily Shenker
Guitar.....	Noah Gehrman
Cello.....	Kaily Schenker
Piano.....	Sean McQuinn
Synthesizer.....	Joe Meland
Bass.....	Brandon Cantwell
Drums.....	Justin Peters
Percussion.....	William Mullen
Rehearsal Accompanist.....	Shawn Lu, Rose Craig

MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT 1

"Prologue".....	The Sharks and Jets
"Jet Song".....	Riff and the Jets
"Something's Coming".....	Tony
"Dance at the Gym".....	Company
"Maria".....	Tony
"Tonight".....	Tony and Maria
"America".....	Anita, Rosalia, and Shark Girls
"Cool".....	Riff, Jets Boys and Jet Girls
"One Hand, One Heart".....	Tony and Maria
"Tonight" (Quintet).....	Company

~ Intermission (15 minutes) ~

ACT 2

"I Feel Pretty".....	Maria, Rosalia, Consuela, Francisca, and Sharks Girl
"Somewhere".....	Tony, Maria, and Company
"Officer Krupke".....	Action and the Jets
"A Boy Like That".....	Anita and Maria

Illini Student Musicals Outreach Programs

ISM


Illini Student Musicals is excited to have the opportunity to work with and give back to the community that has given so much to us. Over the past year, ISM and its members have worked in Champaign-Urbana nursing homes, community elementary, middle and high schools, as well as the University of Illinois Laboratory high school. We are excited to commit volunteer hours to these worthy causes.

In the past year, ISM has:

- Performed for the elderly at area nursing homes
- Audition Preparation for students and directors workshops
- Participated in the Out of the Darkness Walk for suicide prevention
- Technical Workshops for Staff and Students

Illini Student Musicals is currently seeking new community outreach partners for the 2014-2015 season. If you are involved with or know an organization that could benefit from an Illini Student Musicals partnership, reach out to us!

For more information or questions on how to get involved, email us at:
Outreach@IlliniStudentMusicals.org



BROADWAY CARES
encourages colleges to host
fundraising events as a means to
inspire HIV awareness, prevention
and testing, and also to reduce
AIDS stigma nationwide.

ISM would like to thank Randy Whitman for his hard work and dedication. Randy has helped ISM at Lincoln Hall since *The Drowsy Chaperone* and has become a second father to many of its members. Thank you Randy!

THANK YOU! -Matt, Michael, and the Members of ISM

Who's Who in the Staff?

Bee (Ensemble), *13* (Cassie / Choreographer), and *Spamalot* (Laker Girl/Dancing Nun/Choreographer). She would like to thank her family and friends for all their love and support.

Haley Lorenc (Jet): This is Haley's first time performing with Illini Student Musicals. She is a sophomore double majoring in Marketing and International Business. Previously Haley has performed in *My Fair Lady*, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, *The Music Man*, *Oklahoma*, *Singing in the Rain*, *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*, and many others. Haley wants to thank her amazing family and friends for supporting her in this production and being an inspiration for her to never give up.

Anne Deichert (Shark): Anne Deichert (Sharks Ensemble) is a freshman in the college of Electrical and Computer Engineering. Although this is her first show with ISM, she enjoyed being part of her High School's drama program as well as various community theatre productions. Some of her favorite past roles include Tracy Turnblad in *Hairspray*, Lady Thiang in *The King and I*, Kathryn Schaub/Society woman in *Radium Girls*, and Rhonda in *Almost Maine*. She is so excited to be a part of such an amazing production, and she would like to thank everyone involved in ISM for making her college experience amazing so far!

William Purcell (Diesel): William is currently on international exchange at the University of Illinois from the University of Leeds, England, undertaking the third year of his BA Music (International) degree. Previous acting credits include *Little Shop of Horrors* (Seymour) and *My Fair Lady* (Colonel Pickering). He worked with a team to devise a theatrical adaptation of the ballet *Coppélia*. He has also been involved in playing viola and piano for many musical performances, most recently Stephen Sondheim's Company. William

hopes to become a music and arts critic as well as a composer for dance and television in the future.

Shawn Kimbrel (Director): Shawn Kimbrel is a sophomore studying Music Education and hopes to one day teach music at the high school level. He is excited to be making his directing debut with Illini Student Musicals' production of *West Side Story*. This show has given him an opportunity to grow and develop his leadership and performance skills. He has also been seen on stage with ISM in last spring's production of *Rocky Horror Show*. He would like to thank this incredible staff, cast, and crew for being patient and hard-working and applaud them for their amazing talents.

Brian Smith (Vocal Director): Brian is a senior studying music education. This is his third show with Illini Student Musicals, previously appearing in *The Little Shop of Horrors* and working as the assistant music director for The Wedding Singer. Brian is also one of the saxophone section leaders in the Marching Illini, and president of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity. Many thanks to Mom, Dad, Ian, and Morgan for their love and support!

Noah Karvelis (Orchestra Director): This is my second time conducting the orchestra for an ISM production, the first being ISM's production of *West Side Story*. *West Side Story* has been extremely challenging to conduct, but also extremely rewarding. I'd like to thank ISM for allowing me this fantastic opportunity. I'd also like to thank my family, girlfriend, and outstanding orchestra members for their continued support throughout this project, it has made all the difference.

Alex Hutton (Choreographer/Blocking Director): Alex Hutton is a sophomore dance major and has been a member of ISM since Spring 2014 when she was one of the choreographers for *In Progress*. Alex has enjoyed working with ISM and

Who's Who in the Cast?

Enjoy the show!

Kim Turner (Jet): Kim is thrilled to make her ISM debut. She is a Junior studying Psychology. At the University of Illinois, she is a member of Women's Glee Club. She has also been involved in New Revels Players, appearing in *Death of a Salesman* (Linda), and *A Christmas Carol* (Christmas Past). Other shows include *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, *Kiss Me Kate*, *How to Succeed...*, *The Cocoanuts*, *Sweeney Todd*, and *The Producers*. Kim would like to thank the cast, directors, and everyone involved for being so amazing.

Bishop Gonzalez (Shark): Bishop Gonzalez is a transfer sophomore majoring in psychology. He is enjoying his time as a Shark in his first ISM production. Past shows have been *The Music Man* (Tommy Djilas), *Sweeney Todd* (Judge Turpin U/S), and *The Crucible* (Francis Nurse) along with a dance showcase at College of DuPage. He has had lots of fun interacting with this talented cast and crew. He hopes to be a clinical psychologist who acts in his spare time. He would like to thank his parents and friends for supporting him in this process and the cast for making him feel extremely welcomed.

Rebecca Sweeney (Shark): Rebecca is thrilled to be a part of *West Side Story* as her first college musical! Rebecca has previously been seen in *The Wizard of Oz*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Anything Goes*, *Hairspray* as Penny, and *Legally Blonde, the Musical* as Vivienne. She is so glad to have been a part of this production and become part of the "ISM family!" Big thanks to the entire cast, crew, and staff. You are all awesome! Also, she sends her love and thanks to her caring and supportive parents and brother and her amazing friends for always rooting for her. Enjoy the show!

Nisha Moorkoth (Shark): Nisha Moorkoth is a senior in Interdisciplinary Health Sciences. This is her fourth show with

ISM. Other shows she has been featured in with ISM include *The Wedding Singer*, *Rocky Horror Show*, and *In Progress: A Broadway Revue*. Nisha is so thankful for ISM because it has introduced her to some of her best friends on campus. Nisha would like to thank her friends and family for supporting her passion for theatre. Enjoy the show and thanks for coming!

Tucker Nevel (Shark): Tucker is a sophomore in the school of LAS (three majors yippeel) and is excited to be a Shark in *West Side Story*. WSS is his third musical that he is performing in for ISM and his sixteenth production overall. Tucker believes that although the cast has been divided into two gangs, we have bonded together to create this amazing production. Tucker also thanks his parents, sisters, Charlie, all of his friends who have supported him, and all of you in the audience. He hopes you all enjoy the show!

Kelly McCone (Jet): Kelly McCone is a sophomore pursuing a dual degree in Agricultural and Consumer Economics and Political Science with plans to obtain a career in law. In the past, Kelly has been involved in productions of *Chicago* (Dance Ensemble) and *Legally Blonde: The Musical* (Serena). She is very excited to take part in her very first ISM show this semester. Kelly would like to thank her family, for being her biggest supporters. She would also like to thank her parents for allowing her to partake in every opportunity possible, and for being the best parents a girl could ask for.

Lauren Brooks (Shark): Lauren Brooks is thrilled to be joining the ISM family. She is a freshmen majoring in Global Studies with a thematic concentration in Cultural Contact, hoping to eventually pursue a career either working for the government or in museums. She has danced recreationally since age 2, also participating in her school's Orchestris team for 4 years. Past shows include high school productions of *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling*

Who's Who in the Cast?

Thomas Welsh-Huggins (Tony): Thomas Welsh-Huggins is a sophomore undergraduate student. He plays Tony. This is the biggest role he has ever done and he is pretty excited about it. In his free time Thomas enjoys long walks in the trees, petting animals he probably shouldn't, and fighting crime. He would like to thank everyone in the show for their incredible work, his amazing choreographer Alex Hutton who put up with his shenanigans, and especially his costar Ali Lidbury for her amazing professionalism and talent. This is his first show with ISM.

Alexandra Lidbury (Maria): Ali is very excited to be a part of Illini Student Musicals' production of *West Side Story*. She has recently played the roles of Stella in *A Streetcar Named Desire*, Emily Book in *The Sparrow*, and the White Cat in *Cats*, of which she was also the dance captain. Her other works include Valerie Clark in *A Chorus Line*, Veruca Salt in *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, and Ginette in *Almost, Maine*. She is so grateful to her family and friends for all their love and support and she hopes you enjoy the show!

Hannah Perl (Anita): Hannah Perl is a sophomore studying Civil and Environmental Engineering and is so thrilled to be making her ISM debut as Anita this year! Hannah has been last seen as Mrs. Lovett in *Sweeney Todd* at Stevenson High School. She would like to thank her mom, dad, brother, and boyfriend Zach for all the love and support during this experience! Another special thank you to the cast and crew for being so inviting! Break a leg everyone!!

Yvon Streacker (Riff): This is Yvon's first performance with Illini Student Musicals. He has been in three other performances in his high school. He's never been more excited for a show because being in *West Side Story* has been a dream of his since he first saw the movie. He plans on becoming a chiropractor, and continuing to

act until he becomes too old and wrinkly to do it!

Christopher Cayari (Bernardo): Christopher is delighted to return to Lincoln Hall as Bernardo. Recent ISM credits include director (*Rocky*), orchestra director (*In Progress*), Regan (*Wedding Singer*), and Audrey II (*Little Shop*). His favorite roles are Collins (*Rent*), Barfee (*Spelling Bee*) and Oscar (*Wild Party*). He is honored to share the stage with his fellow cast members. Christopher is the Interim-President of ISM and would like to thank all the current and previous board members for all the work they put into our company. #CBP, we miss you.

Isiah Asplund (Chino): Isiah is a returning member of ISM. He absolutely loved being Rocky in *Rocky Horror Show* and choreographing for *In Progress*. He loves performing on stage and hopes to use his dance degree to one day work for Disney! He would like to thank his mother and father for all the love and support, as well as thank Simon for being a constant inspiration.

Maggie Boland (Anybods): Maggie's a sophomore in Speech and Hearing Science here at U of I and she's incredibly honored to be playing the role of Anybods in Illini Student Musicals production of *West Side Story*. Previous shows Maggie has been involved in include ISM's production of *The Rocky Horror Show*, in which she was an ensemble member. Maggie considers Anybods to be a dream role because she is the epitome of an underdog who is unafraid to be exactly who she is. Maggie would like to thank the incredibly talented cast and staff as well as her wonderfully supportive family and friends.

Andrew Ambrose Lee (Doc): Andrew is absolutely thrilled to have a role in this very special musical. You may have seen him recently in UPD's production of *The Music Man* as Harold Hill, in Parkland's production of *How I Became a Pirate* as

Who's Who in the Cast?

Max the Pirate, and CUTC's production of *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* as Linus Van Pelt. He is currently working on an animated web-series entitled "Tabloids" coming 2015. Please enjoy the show!

Joshua Altschuler (Action): Joshua is a freshman studying history. He is extremely excited to be a part of ISM's production of *West Side Story* in the role of Action! He is challenged by playing an aggressive and dynamic character. He hopes to continue performing in musical ensembles throughout college. His favorite role was portraying the Modern Major General in the *Pirates of Penzance*. He would like to thank his family for their endless support and the student directors for their magnificent work.

Jon Faw (A-Rab): Jon Faw is a sophomore majoring in Communication and minoring in History. Jon is playing the part of A-Rab in the show. Jon has only been in one show before, and that was the *Rocky Horror Show* where he was in the ensemble. Jon is excited to be with ISM for a second semester and he is ecstatic for the new members in *West Side Story*! Jon plans to continue trying out for musicals through ISM, and, after college, he plans to go into health insurance or hospital administration. Jon hopes you enjoy the show!

Alyssa Parsons (Glad-Hand): Alyssa Parsons (Glad Hand/Ensemble) is thrilled to be taking on the first of what will hopefully be many roles with ISM! Favorite shows include *RENT* ("Seasons of Love" soloist), *HAIR* ("Aquarius" soloist), *Peter Pan* (Wendy), and *Fiddler on the Roof* (Chava). Music performance honors include the CMEA Distinguished Soloist Award. Alyssa is a recent California transplant and first-year doctoral student studying Human and Community Development. Special thanks to Mom, Leanna, Eric, and Charlie. Love to all the cast and crew, especially my Shark girls!

Nick Humbles (Officer Schrank): Nick

Humbles is a Junior studying Computer Science at the University of Illinois. He is thrilled to join the cast of *West Side Story* as Detective Schrank. Nick has performed in past ISM shows such as *The Rocky Horror Show* (Brad Majors), *The Wedding Singer*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, and *The Drowsy Chaperone*. Nick Humbles would like to thank his fellow cast members, directors, and staff for their passion and dedication for this show. He would also like to thank his parents, among other family and friends for supporting him and coming to see the show. Nick Humbles hopes that you enjoy *West Side Story*!

Tommy Orr (Officer Krupke): Tommy Is a Sophomore here at U of I majoring in general studies. Tommy has previously performed in shows outside ISM such as: *Guys and Dolls*, *It's a Wonderful Life*, and *Beauty and the Beast*. With ISM, he has performed in the *Rocky Horror Show*, and *In Progress: a Broadway Revue*. He is very excited to be performing with ISM for the third time in the role of Officer Krupke and is hopeful that this will not be the last show he is involved in with ISM! He wishes all his fellow cast mates luck and for them to all break a leg!

Delaney Sterling (Rosalia): Delaney, a sophomore studying Choral Music Education, is thrilled to play Rosalia in *West Side Story*. She studies voice with Professor Yvonne Redman. Previously, Delaney has acted as vocal director of *In Progress: A Broadway Revue*, a member of the ensemble in ISM's *Rocky Horror* and *The Wedding Singer*, and Edwin Drood in St. Ignatius College Prep's *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*. She serves on the 2014-2015 ISM Board of Directors as Community Outreach Coordinator. Delaney would like to thank her family, especially her parents and brother, Janet Rourke, Jeanann Power, Kevin Bellie, and John Chambers for their endless support.

John Lattanzi (Pepe): John Lattanzi

Who's Who in the Cast?

(Pepe) is a Sophomore in Theatre here at the University of Illinois. He appeared last year in all three ISM shows: *In Progress: A Concert Revue* (Warner/Ensemble), *Rocky Horror* (Phantom), and *The Wedding Singer* (Ensemble). He is thrilled to be a part of four ISM shows in a row and looks fondly toward the future of theatre at University of Illinois. He hopes you enjoy the show!

Mary Geraci (Velma): Mary is a senior here at the University of Illinois studying Psychology and is playing the role of Velma. This is Mary's second show with ISM, last year she was cast as Holly in *The Wedding Singer*. She has been in many musicals before coming to U of I, most roles being Princesses. But, this is the most she has ever danced in any show she's been in and she loves it. After graduation Mary has a lot of plans, one being going to Graduate school and becoming a Psychologist. She'd like to thank her whole family for being so supportive!

Alicia Hurtado (Francisca): Alicia Hurtado (Shark Ensemble/"Somewhere" Soloist) is excited for her first ISM show! She is a sophomore majoring in vocal performance. In the Chicago area, you may have seen her in small professional shows, some favorite roles including Lady Agatha Carlisle in Dead Writer's *Lady Windermere's Fan*, Young Anita Loos in Dead Writer's *Loos Ends*, Christine in Fox Valley Theatre Company's *Phantom of the Opera*, Vicky/Charity in Jedlicka's *Whistle Down the Wind*, Jane in Circle Theatre's *The Women*, and Fredrika in Circle Theatre's *A Little Night Music*. Next, catch her in the Lyric Theatre of U of I's *The Merry Widow*! She would like to thank her friends, family, and teachers for their endless support and love.

Maureen Sanderson (Consuela): Maureen is so excited to be in her first ISM show! She had done theater and taken voice lessons all throughout high school, so she is so happy to be able to continue

that now in college. She's hoping to get a double major in Speech Pathology and Acting, so she's prepared for a very busy schedule. She'd like to thank her cast for welcoming her into such an amazing family, and for her actual family who willingly decided to come. YAS LET'S HAVE A GREAT SHOW!

Noel Konken (Graziella): Noël is humbled to join the cast of *West Side Story* in her third ISM production. She is a senior studying Food Science & Human Nutrition, but continues to create time for her passion of theatre. Her favorite campus credits include: *The 25th ...Spelling Bee* (Logainne), *Chicago* (Roxie Hart), *Hairspray* (Penny Pingleton), and *RENT* (swing). Noël grew up performing professionally at the American Girl Theatre in Chicago where she was privileged to perform at venues including Wrigley Field, The Galleria (Dallas, TX), The Thanksgiving Day Parade, and The Grove (Los Angeles, CA). She aspires to attend graduate school next fall with a concentration in nutrition education and media studies. Gratitude goes out to ISM staff, family, & friends.

Kevin O'Keefe (Shark): Kevin is beyond thrilled to be a part of the amazing cast of *West Side Story*! A sophomore in French with a double minor in Global Studies and Political Science, he is beyond excited to be involved in a production with such amazingly talented individuals. Kevin has previously been a part of numerous shows and could most recently be seen in Illini Union Board's spring production of *RENT*. Other favorites include Professor Callahan in *Legally Blonde*, and *Chicago*. He would like to thank everyone who has gotten him to this point and the production staff for all their hard work in making *West Side* the best show. He'd also like to extend special thanks and much love to his family and friends who have always supported him and encouraged him to live his passion.