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DAMN YANKIES

THE MUSICAL COMEDY

WORDS & MUSIC BY
RICHARD ADLER & JERRY ROSS

BOOK BY
GEORGE ABBOTT & DOUGLAS WALLOP

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Based on Douglass Wallop's novel "The Year the Yankees Lost the Pennant"

with

Izzy Bair*
Tommy Bashforth*
Michelle Bray*
Hadley Butler
Mateo Calcagni
Brooke Combs
Hannah Darov
Madi Farrell
Orli Feldman

Zev Feldman
Aaron Freemantle*
Henry Goldman
Lucy Knittle*
Milly Lefebvre*
Max McClellan
Matthew McIntosh
Soledad Nadel
Marek Novak*
Boone Parsons

Cannon Parsons
Albie Preisler
Morgan Rose*
Kat Smith
Marley Snyder*
Pia Soler-Duffo
Annika Stookey
Natalie Todd
Rose Warner

*denotes first time on GMVS Stage

Lighting Design
Caleb Magoon

Sound Design
Tim Rollet
Atomic Sound

Scenic Design
Ken Fieldhouse

Production Carpenter
Ken Fieldhouse

Scenic Artist
Simone Fieldhouse

Stage Managers
Ryan Addario & Cannon Martin

Musical Director
Ashley O'Brien

Director/Choreographer
Nick Caycedo

Costume Design
Annie Parsons
Abby Vietze
Hilary Day

Properties
Cathy Plas

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MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT I

Six Months Out of Every Year	Meg & Joe Boyd, Sister, Gloria Thorpe, Husbands, Wives
Goodbye, Old Girl	Joe Boyd, Joe Hardy
Heart	Van Buren, Senators
Shoeless Joe From Hannibal, Mo.	Gloria Thorpe, Senators, Ensemble
A Man Doesn't Know	Joe Hardy, Meg Boyd
A Little Brains, A Little Talent	Lola
Whatever Lola Wants	Lola

ACT II

Who's Got the Pain?*	Lola, Senators
Those Were the Good Old Days	Applegate
Two Lost Souls	Joe Hardy, Lola
A Man Doesn't Know (reprise)	Joe Boyd, Meg Boyd
Finale / Heart	Company

*"Who's Got The Pain?" was choreographed by Ryan Addario

Orchestra

Conductor / Keyboard	Ashley O'Brien
Violin	Patricia Fitzgerald
Reeds	Joni McCraw Karlie Kauffeld Dan Liptak
Trumpet	AJ Banach
Trombone	Marty McCrae
Percussion	Megan Mentzer

THERE WILL BE ONE INTERMISSION BETWEEN ACTS.

*CONCESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE STUDENT CENTER BEFORE THE SHOW
AND DURING INTERMISSION.*

CAST & CREW

Cast Members (In Alphabetical Order)

Ensemble	Izzy Bair
Tommy	Tommy Bashforth
Ensemble	Michelle Bray
Coach Van Buren	Hadley Butler
Henry	Mateo Calcagni
Meg Boyd	Brooke Combs
Assistant Coach Gwen	Hannah Darov
Sister	Madi Farrell
Gloria Thorpe	Orli Feldman
Joe	Zev Feldman
Freemantle	Aaron Freemantle
Rocky	Henry Goldman
Mickey	Lucy Knittle
Ensemble	Milly Lefebvre
Linville	Max McClellan
Bryant	Matthew McIntosh
Deloris	Soledad Nadel
Sohovik	Marek Novak
Smokey	Boone Parsons
Mr. Applegate	Cannon Parsons
Welch	Albie Preisler
Ensemble	Morgan Rose
Doris	Pia Soler-Duffo
Ensemble	Kat Smith
Ensemble	Marley Snyder
Lola	Annika Stookey
Ensemble	Natalie Todd
Velma	Rose Warner

CAST & CREW

Production / Creative

Production Stage Manager	Ryan Addario
Assistant Stage Manager	Cannon Martin
Scenic Designer / Production Carpenter	Ken Fieldhouse
Scenic Artist	Simone Fieldhouse
Set Construction & Decoration	Mateo Calcagni, Brooke Combs, Sadie Dyhrman, Paige Fieldhouse, Mia Lindow, Robby Kelley Jacob, Jodi & Ted Manning McClaine Martin, Boone Parsons, Annika Stookey Katya, Nick, and Magnolia Trautz
Run Crew	Noah Bvette, Bayley McDonald, Callum Smith, Jake Smith
Lighting Designer	Caleb Magoon
Lighting Crew	Nick Hollenbeck Henri Michaud
Sound Designer	Tim Rollet
Costume Design	Hilary Day Sherri Freemantle Annie Parsons Abby Vietze
Hair & Makeup	Meadow Brunelli, Isla Cohen, Ally Conliffe, Sheri Freemantle, Libby Greeley, Emma Guggenheimer, Federica Gut, Emily Kitanov, Hadley Reed, Daniela Ribe, Jimena Palau

Front of the House

Box Office	Jere Brophy, Laura Gailunas, Sadie Dyhrman, Sydney Edwards, Kerry Jackson, Finlay Wagner, Harper Travis, Jen White, Cecelia Zennaro
Concessions & Merchandise	Lauren Ayotte, Paige Fieldhouse, Libby Greeley, Alexis Harrington Liam & Amanda Dickerson Nicole & Sadie Dyhrman Brooke Haynes, Luke Kitanov, McClaine Martin, Annaliese Matte, Jimena Palau, Daniela Ribe, Harper Travis, Finlay Wagner, Cecelia Zennaro

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WHO'S WHO



Izzy Bair

as Ensemble

Izzy is excited to appear in her first GMVS musical. She is from Killington, Vermont, and is in 8th grade. She is an alpine skier who strives to be on the U.S. Ski Team.



Tommy Bashforth

as Tommy

Tommy is a freshman from New Jersey who is trying out play for his first year. He is an alpine skier and is excited to be part of the theater production this year at GMVS.



Michelle Bray

as Ensemble

This is Michelle's first year doing play and first year at GMVS. This Canadian is excited to show everything she's learned during this process.



Hadley Butler

as Coach Van Buren

Hadley grew up in New York City where she has had the opportunity to see many Broadway shows. This is Hadley's 3rd GMVS theater production and she's so excited to play Mr. Van Buren in *Damn Yankees!*



Mateo Calcagni

as Henry

Mateo is from Waterbury Center, Vermont. He plays soccer and lacrosse in addition to from ski racing.

WHO'S WHO



Brooke Combs

as Meg Boyd

Brooke is a sophomore alpine athlete, in her second year in the GMVS musical production. From Woodstock, CT, Brooke grew up free skiing around the East Coast. After juggling commitments to her school work, soccer, and the production of *Damn Yankees*, she's excited to finally stand under the lights.



Hannah Darov

as Assistant Coach Gwen

Hannah is excited to be in this year's production of *Damn Yankees*. It is her second consecutive year in the GMVS theater production. She is a U16 alpine skier from Winchester, Massachusetts.



Madi Farrell

as Sister

Madi is going into her second and final year at GMVS. While skiing has always been a big part of her life, she also enjoys playing rugby. She has a little sister who can't wait to come to GMVS and Madi is looking forward to watching her do theater too!



Orli Feldman

as Gloria Thorpe

Orli is ecstatic to be playing Gloria this year. Last year Orli had the opportunity to play Specs in *Newsies*. Orli has a lot of energy when it comes to theater and she has fun every day. She dedicates her performance to her family because they forced her to do theater even though she did not want to and it was the best decision she / they had ever made.



Zev Feldman

as Joe

This is Zev's 4th year attending GMVS. He is from Boston, MA, is an alpine skier, and plays soccer and lacrosse. He is enthusiastic about theater and is delighted to play the lead role. He is thankful to his parents for forcing him to join theater.

WHO'S WHO



Aaron Freemantle

as Freemantle

Aaron is an alpine skier at GMVS. This is his first year at GMVS and his first musical. He is excited to be on stage and perform.



Henry Goldman

as Rocky

This is Henry's second year doing the musical. He is almost as excited to be on stage as he is to be on the hill skiing.



Lucy Knittle

as Mickey

Lucy Knittle is from Stowe, VT. This is her first theater production at GMVS, and she is very excited.



Milly Lefebvre

as Ensemble

Milly is excited to be in her first theater production, *Damn Yankees*. From Canada, Milly is an alpine skier and is really excited to be at GMVS to pursue her passion for skiing. Combining playing soccer and being part of the production this fall, she is now thrilled to be part of this baseball story.



Max McClellan

as Linville

Max is a sophomore and this is his 2nd year at GMVS. He is a second year U16 and plays soccer and lacrosse when he's not mountain biking. This is his second year doing theater and loves it.

WHO'S WHO



Matthew McIntosh

as Bryant

Matthew hails from Ripton, VT. He is a Nordic skier who also enjoys mountain biking, surfing, and cross country running. This is his third year at GMVS. He was in last year's production of *Newsies* and is excited to do it again!



Soledad Nadel

as Deloris

Soledad is a sophomore at GMVS. She was born and raised in Brooklyn, NYC. She was an Alpine skier until she moved to Vermont in 6th grade. In 7th grade she became a Nordic athlete. This is her 4th year and 2nd second theater production at GMVS. Her favorite movie/musical is *West Side Story*. When she finishes school she aspires to become a neurologist.



Marek Novak

as Sohovik

Marek is from Vancouver, BC and is excited to partake in his first GMVS production. He is enjoying playing Sohovik for the Washington Senators.



Boone Parsons

as Smokey

Boone is from Waterbury Center and this will be his third year at GMVS. In addition to skiing and performing in the theater production, Boone loves spending time outdoors.



Cannon Parsons

as Mr. Applegate

Cannon is back after playing Joseph Pulitzer in *Newsies* last year. He is working his way into skiing in college and after on the World Cup. He wants to go to college for electrical engineering and computer science in order to get a job at Intel, AMD, or Nvidia. He loves listening to the WAN show and The Deprogram.

WHO'S WHO



Albie Preisler

as Welch

Albie is delighted to be in the play for a second straight year. Albie loves skiing, dogs and playing lacrosse in the spring and soccer in the fall.



Morgan Rose

as Ensemble

Morgan is a senior and it's her 5th year at GMVS. Normally she participates backstage and she is so excited for her first year onstage. She is an alpine skier from CT. She is grateful for her family who has been supporting her throughout her time here.



Pia Soler-Duffo

as Doris

Pia comes all the way from Spain and loves skiing. She is so excited to be a part of the play! This is her second time participating in the theater production and her second year at GMVS.



Kat Smith

as Ensemble

Katherine is excited to be a part of this year's theater performance. This is her second time on stage at GMVS, performing in last fall's production *Newsies*. She is an alpine skier from Whistler, British Columbia.



Marley Snyder

as Ensemble

Marley is from Vermont. This is her first play at GMVS and she is very excited to be on stage.

WHO'S WHO



Natalie Todd

as Ensemble

Natalie is from Concord, Massachusetts. This is her second play at GMVS. She plays soccer and lacrosse in addition to skiing at GMVS.



Annika Stookey

as Lola

Annika is a senior, alpine athlete at GMVS from Boston, Massachusetts. Returning to the GMVS stage for her third consecutive year, she can't wait to take on a role very different from her prior characters (Rosie in *Mamma Mia!* and Katherine in *Newsies*) and step outside of her comfort zone. She would like to thank Nick for guiding her journey with theater, her mom and dad for their unconditional love and support, and her brother for tolerating coming to Vermont to watch the musical!



Rose Warner

as Velma

Rose is excited to be back on stage and performing for GMVS, she wants to continue being on stage for her next couple years of high school. She is from Essex, Massachusetts and grew up racing in New England. Rose is a U16 alpine ski racer and hopes to continue her ski racing journey post-GMVS.



Nick Caycedo

Director / Choreographer

Nick was born and raised in Vermont where he cultivated a passion for the arts before attending Walnut Hill School of the Arts in Natick, MA. There he deepened his understanding of his craft and discovered his desire for a life in theatre arts. He went on to study acting at Ithaca College, where he earned a BFA.

Nick has performed on stages around the country, including a new musical by John Leguizamo called *Kiss My Aztec* at Hartford Stage. This year, he appeared in the original company of *The Great Gatsby* Immersive Off-Broadway at New York City's historic Park Central Hotel. Nick has directed and choreographed at Very Merry Theatre in Burlington, as well as several Vermont schools. He sits on the Board of Directors at Middlebury Acting Company as secretary and is a proud member of Actors' Equity.

Nick currently splits his time and talents between Vermont and New York City. He lives in downtown Burlington with his partner, Ryan, and pup, Lincoln.



Ashley O'Brien

Musical Director

Ashley is excited to return for her 8th year as Music Director. She loves the community atmosphere at GMVS and the talent, dedication, and enthusiasm of the cast and crew. Ashley has a Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance from the Crane School of Music and works locally as a professional pianist, singer, and composer. She is the Music Director at Very Merry Theatre and the Catholic Center at UVM. She lives in Winooski with her husband John, daughter Giovanna, and dog Mary Jane.

THANKS FOR HAVING HEART



Burlington Free Press



From the slopes to the stage: Ski-school students sing and dance through 'Damn Yankees'



Brent Hallenbeck
Burlington Free Press

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Zev Feldman is a competitive skier, so running down a mountain is second nature. But running his lines for a school musical production? Terrifying.

Now a junior at Green Mountain Valley School, a prep school for skiers in Waitsfield, Feldman was shaking with nerves the first time he rehearsed a solo for last year's production of "Newsies." He worried that a school full of jocks might mock his involvement in an artistic production.

He thought his solo was not good, but the immediate support he got from his cast mates was so positive it took all the pressure off. His stage fright was gone.

"My heart wasn't even, like, beating fast," Feldman said. "I was just really happy to be doing what I was doing."

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work. Your ski moms and
ski dads are incredibly proud of you!

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Congrats Hadley!
We love all the

you bring!

Love, Mom, Dad & Ava

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We are so proud of you.

You continue to impress
us each day with your talents.

Congratulations!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Grammy,
Papa, and Uncle Todd

 **Jean Cherouny**
Fine Art & Design



Morgan,

We are so proud and impressed
with your hard work on the musical!

We love you so much.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Braeden, Meagan
and Grandma Jeanne and Grandma Pam

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Good Luck Tom!

Love,
Grandad, Gran,
Padre, Madre,
Tiki & Nelly



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Congratulations!



We're so proud of you, Annika.

Love you,
Dad & Missy



Thank you!

Thank you Nick, Ashley, and the entire GMVS community for your passion and commitment to the theater program.

Theater adds a a unique and impactful dimension to the GMVS student-athlete experience. Individual-sport jocks become theatre geeks for a few short weeks and experience the joy of collaboration and true teamwork.

We are deeply grateful our children had this amazing opportunity during their times here.

Missy Siner & Hunt Stookey

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SPECIAL NOTES

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

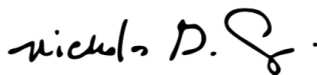
When I first set foot on this campus, I was immediately struck by its pristine beauty. An academic sanctuary nestled in the Green Mountains of my home state—shortly thereafter, I was struck by a soccer ball in the head. Both left a resounding impression, and both keep me coming back. The beauty and the unexpected.

When I first took this position in 2021, I assumed it would be a one-off. A perfect segue back into theatre after the pandemic brought my acting career to a screeching halt. What I didn't realize is that this school and its students would help me grow my craft as a theatre artist. Like the Hammerstein lyric I've known my whole life but only now understand its meaning: "It's a very ancient saying, but a true and honest thought, that when you become a teacher by your pupils you'll be taught." Seeing these young skiers learn who they are by jumping head first into something that scares them is inspirational. It gives me hope for the future and the will to keep sharing my passion with the world around me.

After our recent modern day musical productions: *Mamma Mia!* and *Newsies*, Ashley O'Brien and I wanted to tackle a classic piece from the American musical theatre cannon. *Damn Yankees* is a celebration of baseball, team spirit, and the heart required to pursue your passion. Win or lose, at the end of the day we're all better for having played. In the 1950s, we were a nation still reeling from WWII and in need of a reminder about who we wanted to be. Created by Broadway legends, and based on a novel by Douglass Wallop, this 1955 musical is chalk-full of fiction, unlikely characters, and goofy dance numbers—intentionally giving its audience an opportunity to escape our sometimes troubling reality and enjoy the joy we create to survive.

We invite you all to do just that, sit back, relax, open your hearts, and enjoy the game.

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Nicholas Caycedo
Director / Choreographer

Special Thanks

On a personal note, I need to thank power couple Ken & Simone Fieldhouse for sharing their artistry, ingenuity, and magic to bringing our theater sets to life, and thus, elevating our storytelling to new heights.

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