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Footloose

The MUSICAL



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Stage Adaptation by **DEAN PITCHFORD** and **WALTER BOBBIE**. Based on the Original Screenplay by Dean Pitchford. Music by **TOM SNOW**. Lyrics by **DEAN PITCHFORD**. Additional Music by **ERIC CARMEN, SAMMY HAGAR, KENNY LOGGINS** and **JIM STEINMAN**

Welcome to Dexter Drama Club's Production of *Footloose!*

Footloose first burst onto the silver screen in 1984 and proved to be one of the year's most successful motion pictures. While its creators probably did not anticipate it becoming a cult classic, a beloved cult classic it became! From Kevin Bacon's tractor fight and unforgettable moves, to the theme song by Kenny Loggins, it remains one of the most memorable and iconic dance films of the 20th century.

Footloose would not hit the stage as a musical until 1998. Audiences flooded to see a live adaptation of a film that defined their teen years. With some of the hottest hits that dominated the radio waves and/or record players in the 1980s, this music is undeniably transporting. Few Broadway musicals put so much popular music all in one place for the audience. In fact, six of the songs you will hear in this performance made it to the Billboard Hot 100 Top 40 hits in 1984.

So, of course, as an 80s baby I loved this music and the film, but was elated to witness this musical (with its score) still captures the spirits of students born between 2004-2009. I have never felt older (I say with a smile and a laugh). It was equal parts hard work and just silly fun. One of my students' biggest take-aways: 80s hair takes time and dedication – and so do these dances! Amanda Webster has been working with the Dexter Drama program for over a decade and for this show she held nothing back. Thanks to her efforts and all the staff for creating an experience for these students straight out of a 1980s yearbook.

The Dexter Drama Club's journey to this show actually started several years ago. The staff was in the show selection process for another season when Amanda Webster and I attended one of the Dexter community trivia nights at the Knights of Columbus (Go teacher table!). It was that night we approached a dear friend of the program, Matt Hook. Matt Hook has had THREE of his children go through the Dexter Drama Club program. He also has served as a vocal coach for our barber shop quartet in *The Music Man* AND is himself a lead pastor. So, Amanda and I knew if we were going to do *Footloose*, we could not do it without him portraying Reverend Shaw Moore. After all these years I am sure he thought we had forgot or moved on from the idea, but this show chose us this year and we called and Matt answered. *Footloose* celebrates the wisdom of listening to young people while guiding them with a warm heart and open mind and there is no better person to help us embrace such a theme than Matt Hook. To be sure, the themes within *Footloose* can resonate with us all. After these past two years spent in isolation because of the pandemic reconnecting as a community has never been more important. While there is plenty of 1980s flare and a whole lot of swift dance moves that will leave you in awe of these students, at the core of the production is a deeper message about connection, understanding, and rising above one another's differences – themes that feel so timely given today's current social climate.

I know I felt the energy reverberating from the script before I even opened it and I hope you feel it now in your seat. When I pulled the script from its delivery box, I could almost feel it pulsating with possibility and potential unrealized. I thought to myself it was like holding a live grenade - either we will figure out what to do with this thing or it will blow up in my face. Luckily, I have incredible students - students who have navigated a pandemic so nothing is going to stop them from achieving their goals and celebrating the pieces of their life that make them the most happy. Surely, they are not "holding out for a hero" because they are their own.

Please enjoy this Dexter Drama Club's high-octane performance of *Footloose!*

-Erin Palmer, Director

SYNOPSIS

Footloose is the story of Ren McCormack, a teenage boy from Chicago. He and his mother move to the small town of Bomont after his father abandons them. Upon arriving, Ren finds himself at odds with most of the town, including the Reverend Bomont. The Reverend has convinced the town to outlaw dancing, which Ren finds unbelievable. With the help of the Ariel (the Reverend's daughter) and Willard (a country hick who becomes his best friend), Ren convinces the Reverend to let the teenagers dance, and in the process helps the town to heal from a tragedy that affected them all.

ACT 1

Scene 1 - From Chicago, Illinois to Bomont, Georgia

Scene 2 - Bomont Church and Churchyard

Scene 3 - Junkyard

Scene 4 - Bomont High School Hallway / Bomont Town Center

Scene 5 - The Moore Home

Scene 6 - Betty's Burger Blast

Scene 7 - Junkyard/Train Tracks

Scene 9 - The Moore Home

Scene 10 - Bomont High School Gym and Bomont Church

ACT 2

Scene 1 - The Bar-B-Que

Scene 2 - The Moore Home

Scene 3 - Junkyard/Train Tracks

Scene 4 - Bomont Town Hall

Scene 5 - The Moore Home

Scene 6 - Bomont Church and Churchyard

Scene 7 - Bomont High School Gym

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for**

Footloose

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CAST

Ren	Joey Hill
Rusty	Toni Butka [^] *+
Urleen	Emmy Rhizal [^]
Bickle	Connor Gleespen [^]
Garvin	Josh Treat
Travis	Tom DesRosiers
Rev. Shaw Moore	DHS Guest Artist Mr. Matt Hook
Ethel McCormack	Marisa Leadbetter
Aunt Lulu	Olivia Dall'Antonia Chaves

Ariel	Maria DeMerell
Wendy Jo	Shelly Beach [^]
Willard	Elliot Portice [^]
Jeter	Kennedy Lint [^]
Chuck Cranston	Peter Fifelski
Lyle	Andy Jordan
Vi Moore	DHS Teacher Mrs. Julie Bassett
Uncle Wes	Weston Myers
Coach Roger Dunbar	Owen Carlson

Ensemble

Bomont Teens

Cowboy Bob: Ryan Grant
 Cowgirl 1: Vivian Mergler
 Cowgirl 2: Madison Leach
 Cowgirl 3: Abbie Moraschinelli[^]
 Hannah Baldwin
 Giovanna Dall'Antonia Chaves
 Claire DeVoogd
 Mike Fifelski
 Anna Franklin
 Violet Hobbs
 Cassidy McElroy
 Lion Morse
 Liam Meuer
 Emily Prall
 Emma Ockerman[^]
 Averi Rose
 Kate Rossow
 Tea Salemi
 Ella Smith[^]
 Lindsey Vantine

Adult Townspeople

Eleanor Dunbar: Eden Gibson
 Delores Silver: ZoeAnne McCurren
 Betty Blast: Noelle Whipple[^]
 Carol Henderson: Madelyn Corgan
 Mabel Jones: Maddy Caldwell
 Martha Mae: Jeanine Cieply

Adult Townspeople and Council Members

Principal: Noah Wiseman
 Cop: Griffin Bentley
 Teacher: Kaysen Acord
 Teacher: Avery Meloche[^]
 Teacher: Bowei "Michael" Feng

[^]*International Thespian Society*

⁺*Dance Captain* ^{*}*Head of Tech*

CREW

Production Stage Manager

*Matthew Biggs^

Assistant Stage Managers

Jill Dorsey*
Emily Fawcett
Erin Hudson

Running Crew

Jade Batiyeva-
Lepler
Mia Hilliard
Bella McCleary
Cayman Palazzolo
Courtney Prielipp

Lights

*Noelle Whipple^
PJ Carty
Nicholas Dunn
John Fazioli
Ryan Hershner
Samuel Jones
Nicholas Sherman
Christo Short

Sound

*Ethan Martz
Danny Hull
Maya Roys
Cahne Walters

Lavs

*Ryan Bursch
Spencer Collin
Adam Gochanour
Abby Fillion
Ella Nickerson
Noelle Whipple^

Props

*Nai Amber
Cam Arbour
Kennedy Lint^
Anita Popelka
Natalie Popelka
Yining "Sophia" Sun
Izzi Zahn

Costumes

*Adam DeGregorio^
Maira Ferguson
Eve Lupa
Abbie Moraschinelli^
Maris Rhizal
Madison Velazquez

Costumes Stage 1

*Bella Hartmann
Josephine Bottai
Caleb Drummond
Charlotte Malo
Abby Nahorski
Emmy Rhizal^
Echo Suino

Hair

*Brea Patel
Clara Althoen
Toni Butka^+
Jeanine Cieply
Kayla Dunklee
Olivia Fleishans
Jay Jones
Analisa Leadbetter
Emma Ockerman^
Kate Rossow
Kera Root
Lou Young

Makeup

*Aly Robertson
Ella Hebbes
Molly Jenkins
Kaela Laurin
Ashtynn Nesbitt

Publicity

*Delaney Christy^
*Juno Bursch^
Noah Bower
Parker Cox
Selma Filiz
Kate Ganas
Maddie Leach
Liam Lemon
Flora McElroy
Anna Nickerson

* Indicates Head of Tech

^International Thespian Society +Dance Captain

Pit Orchestra

Electric/Acoustic Guitar

Mike Webster
Jonas Cook

Bass Guitar

Nate Borel
Bridget Jordan

Drumset

Ady Robke

Auxillary Percussion

Diego Reyes

Keyboard

Victor Li

Flute

Emily Charles
Zana Christmas
Sydney Collins
Mara Dorsch

Oboe

Malia Yalisove
Matthew Casavant

Clarinet

Delaney Christy
Serena VanOrnum
Audrey Benson

Bass Clarinet

Jack VanSickle

Alto Sax

Owen Carlson
Joao Antunes
Malia Yalisove

Bari Sax

Josie Bota

Footloose Creative Team

Erin Palmer Director

Amanda Webster
Lead
Choreographer

Sarah Mertz-Lisiecki
Assistant Director

Brian Rose
Pit Conductor

Julie Bassett
Vocal Director

Victoria Ward
Assistant
Choreographer

Jodi Helmholtz
Producer

Josh Lisiecki
Assistant Di-
rector

Matthew Biggs^
Production
Stage Manager

Erin Hudson
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Christy^**
House
Manager / Head
of Publicity

Juno Bursch^
House
Manager /
Head of
Publicity

Aly Robertson
Head of
Makeup

**Noelle
Whipple^**
Light Designer

Adam DeGregorio^
Head of Costumes

Bella Hartmann
Head of Costumes
Stage 1

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Kennedy Lint^
Sergeant at Arms

Shelly Beach^
Thespian Liaison

Weston Myers
Communications

Noelle Whipple^
Tech Liaison

**Elliot Portice^ &
Ryan Grant**
Improv Captains

Delaney Christy^
Pit Liaison

^ International Thespian Society



Angelgrams

Clara Althoen

Clara, thank you for caking on the hairspray to bring back the 80s hair that we know and love! We're glad you could try Hair Crew for this DDC show after being part of the ensemble for *The Little Mermaid*. Kick off your Sunday shoes and break a leg!

Antonia Butka

Congratulations Antonia on all of your hard work and dedication to this club. You sparkle and shine EVERYDAY! I love you and I am in awe of your talent on stage and off. Let's dance!!

Love, Mom



Maria DeMerell

Oh my goodness -- we can't wait to see the show! Congrats to the whole cast and crew. And, Maria, we're so proud of you. Love, Mom, Dad, Lia, Jack & Lady



Abby Fillion

We are so proud of the work you do behind the scenes. Hope you enjoy all this 80's music.

Love, Mom, Dad, Emmy, Zoe, Skittles and Spree!



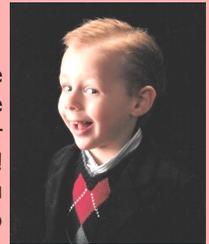
Antonia Butka

My Antonia Continue to work hard and "One day your Signature will become an Auto-graph." We Love you and enjoyed watching all of your shows. Looking forward to seeing the next chapter of Antonia "Toni" Butka. Love, Dad & Isabella



Joey Hill

Dear Joey, It's hard to believe that this is already the spring show of your senior year at DHS! "Life ain't passing you by" as you develop your God-given talents working in an exceptional drama program to delight us all! We are so proud of you and can't wait to see you "Cut loose, Footloose!" With Love from your biggest fans, Mom, Dad, Tim, and Alicia



Peter and Mike Fifelski

Your siblings and I love you! Break a leg! (But, not irl please!) Love, Mom



Angelgrams

Marisa Leadbetter



Marisa, You have reached your last high school production. Although it is bitter sweet, we have enjoyed seeing you grow into the leader you are today. We are so proud of you!

May God bless your path...Mom, Dad, Analisa and Isabel

Avery Meloche



You continue to make up proud! We are so excited to watch you on stage again. It has been a lot of fun reliving the 80's with you. Love Mom, Dad and Haylee

Kennedy Lint

Kennedy,
Your talent, character and beauty amaze us every day! You are a star! Love, Jon, Mom, Braden, Grace, Nick and Addison



Vivian Mergler

Vivian - We are so proud of you and excited for you. Always hold on to your bright spirit and hand with the saints and poets. We love you. Mom, Dad, and Jason



Cassidy McElroy

Cassidy, we're all so excited for you to cut loose on the stage! You're going to rock it out with all those dances and kick off those Sunday shoes! Love, Mom, Dad and Frankie

Flora McElroy

Flora- We're looking forward to your work behind the scenes. You're going to help "everybody cut, everybody cut" those publicity posters!!! Love Mom, Dad and Frankie

Abigail Moraschinelli

Abbie, We finally get to see you on roller skates in *Footloose!* Dance your shoes off, cowgirl #3! We're so proud of all your accomplishments!



Love, Mom, Dad, Penelope & Buddy

Angelgrams

Weston Myers



Congrats on your drama success! I am so proud of the skills and talent you have developed. Lavs crew, sound crew, actor, Head of Lavs, and Communications Officer. I love watching you on/off the

stage and am thrilled to see you in *Footloose!*
Love, Mom

Elliot Portice

Congratulations, Elliot!
Kick off those Sunday shoes!



Christo Short

Christo -
To our own 'Footloose' star - may the 'lights' continue to shine on your path and the songs inspire you to be true to yourself as you venture forward on a new life journey.
We love you!
Mom, Dad & Caitlyn



Lindsey Vantine

You being in the cast of *Footloose* has helped us to Lose Our Blues and we are so excited for you! Always remember, "There is a time to every purpose under Heaven" and this is your time to dance!!!



We love you, Mom, Dad and Emma

Special Thanks!

Marie Knoerl for artistic contributions and
Taryn Wachowiak for directorial contributions

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Creative Team

Erin Palmer (Technical Director / Drama Club Advisor) is enjoying her fifteenth year at Dexter High School as a history teacher and Drama Club advisor. She is a proud alumna of Kalamazoo College where she earned a BA in History and minors in Psychology and Theatre Arts. Palmer has also completed her Masters of Public Administration at the University of Michigan-Flint. In past summers she has taken her passion for teaching overseas, where she taught English in Poland through performance. During the Covid-19 pandemic, Palmer taught virtual classes for



Dexter's BCC program for students in China. Palmer has also spent summers in the forests outside Portland, Oregon where she facilitated teen experiential learning programming on challenge courses. As the advisor of the Dexter Drama Club and Improv Club, she is the proud sponsor annually of 4 main productions and 4-5 Improv shows. Previous directing credits with the Dexter Drama include *The Odd Couple*, *Anything Goes*, *Hello, Dolly!*, *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, *Back to the 80s*, *A Year With Frog and Toad*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Alice in Wonderland*, *The Music Man*, *Willy Wonka*, *Into the Woods*, *Disney's The Jungle Book*, *Crazy For You*, *Grease*, *Disney's Sleeping Beauty*, *Chicago*, *Hercules*, *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*, *Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella*, *Disney's The Lion King Jr.*, *On the Town*, *Peter Pan or the Boy Who Would Not Grow Up*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Wizard of Oz*, *Sherwood*, *Disney's Tarzan*, *Disney's The Little Mermaid*, and now, *Footloose*. Palmer would like to enthusiastically recognize her student designers and officers for all they do to make these productions incredible, as well as her parent booster club (shout out to Jen Moraschinielli on her first year as Booster President!) for all their efforts. Dexter Drama productions would not be possible without the talents of her "partners in crime": Choreographers Amanda Webster and Victoria Ward, assistant directors Sarah and Josh Lisiecki, and producer extraordinaire, Jodi Helmholtz.

Sarah Mertz-Lisiecki (Assistant Director) has been a professional actor, model, and dancer for a very long time. She thinks you can still see her in some films on Netflix.... Some of her favorite memories have been made on a stage or a set. She is now currently switching roles from artistic to scientific as she obtains her Doctor of Nursing Practice from Georgetown University. She also loves her life with her husband, Josh, and her puppy-baby, Solomon. Sarah would like to thank Erin and Jodi and Amanda and Josh for showing her the ropes here at Dexter. She is inordinately proud of every individual involved in this show!



Joshua Lisiecki (Assistant Director) is a Chemical Engineer for Ford. He has acted professionally in theatres across Metro Detroit in such roles as the Duke of Cornwall, in *King Lear*, Billy Crocker in *Anything Goes*, and Gooper in *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*. Josh is very excited to be back helping Dexter's Drama Club after previously aiding with DDC's *Beauty and the Beast* and *Clue* (before it was shut down due to COVID). He would love to thank his wife Sarah for joining him, Jodi Helmholtz for her energetic support, the actors, pit, and crew for working so tirelessly, and Erin Palmer for inviting him back and being such a wonderful friend.



Creative Team

Brian Rose (Pit Director) is pleased to be back for his 9th show with Dexter Drama Club. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Piano Performance and a Masters of Music Degree in Choral Conducting from Western Michigan University. He has performed as a soloist, accompanist and music theater director throughout MI. He is currently Operations Manager for Reinforcement Inc., an AV production company in Livonia. Brian can be seen in many area pits serving as Music Director or pianist including, The Encore, The Dio, Crosswell Theater, UM Music Theater, Runyonland Production, and for several area High Schools including Skyline and Community H.S. He also teaches private piano and voice, and is highly sought after as piano collaborator. Brian and his wife Stacie live in Dexter, Mi. Thank you to all the students, parents, staff and fellow Directors it's been great to be back IN the theater to make this show come alive..



Amanda Webster (Lead Choreographer) graduated from the University of Michigan with a BA in Elementary Education and currently teaches 4th grade at Heritage Elementary in Saline. She received her Masters in Educational Technology from MSU. *Footloose* marks her nineteenth production with the DDC, and she couldn't be more excited to bring to life this fun show that truly celebrates the power of dance! Amanda has danced for RhythM Tap Ensemble on UM's campus, Dance Revolution in Ann Arbor, and has taught dance technique and Zumba Fitness classes in the surrounding areas for the past 15 years. She would like to thank her amazing "partners in crime" and visionary team--Erin, Victoria, Julie, and Brian, as well as Jodi for her constant support. A special shoutout to her dad, Mike, for rocking it in the pit! To all of the other artists, parents, and students I had the pleasure of working with on this production: You are all incredible, and I love creating art with you every day! I couldn't be prouder of the Dexter Drama family.



Mrs. Julie Bassett (Vi and Vocal Director), is pleased to be making her debut as an actor with the Dexter Drama Club. Mrs. Bassett is currently Director of Choirs at Dexter High School and Mill Creek Middle School. She holds a BA in music and a BS in vocal and instrumental music education from Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska and has completed Masters course work in Choral Performance from Eastern Michigan University. This is Mrs. Bassett's 16th year teaching in Dexter where she has taught sixth through twelfth grade choir and has served as the vocal director for Dexter High School Drama Club. She would like to thank her fellow directors and all of her students who have inspired her to be a part of this cast!



Victoria Ward (Choreographer) is a current sophomore at Loyola University Chicago, where she is majoring in Psychology and minoring in Dance. She has over 15 years of dance experience from various studios, and her previous choreography credits include the *Wizard of Oz*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Sherwood*, *Tarzan*, *the Little Mermaid*, and *Romeo and Juliet*. Victoria is thankful as always to work with such a talented and loving group of students (especially the seniors that she will miss so much!) as well as Ms. Amanda and Mrs. Palmer. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Special Guests

Rev Dr Matt Hook (Reverend Shaw Moore) is the Pastor of Dexter United Methodist Church. He & his lovely wife Leigh are proud DHS parents: Hunter '12, Jillianne '13, Graham '15, & Joy '16, & new grandparents of Maggie Jo! Matt's preached & led worship in many countries & has performed numerous concerts (Christian & Jazz). Check out the weekly podcast Matt records with psychologist Dr Marty Fletcher "The Shepherd and the Shrink." Credits: the Encore Theatre, Northwestern U, Barn Theater, & DePauw U. He loves Jesus, his church, the youth group, this town, & the amazing students in this show! The big secret: He loves to dance!



Michael Webster (Pit: Electric Guitar) is a very happy Ford Motor Co. retiree. His hobbies include playing in a band, participating in triathlons, and teaching taekwondo. His daughter, Miss Amanda (choreographer), somehow manages to persuade him to be part of "the Pit" but he is eager to embrace his inner Kenny Loggins!



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SENIOR BIOGRAPHIES



Hannah Baldwin (Bomont Teenager) is excited to be back for her 9th show with the Drama Club! You may have seen her on-stage recently as part of the jazz band in *Romeo &*

Juliet, or year ago in the *Lion King* or *Oliver!*. She has also been involved with tech crews, working on both lights and hair. Hannah would like to thank her family and friends for supporting her, and Emmy for making her pinky promise to audition for *Footloose* 2 months ago! She hopes you enjoy the show and the songs get stuck in your head for at least a week!



Griffin Bentley (Cop / Council Member). This is Griffin's second show and he hopes you will have as much fun watching it as he did making it.



Toni Butka ^+ (Rusty / Hair Crew) took a break from the stage last production to stage manage with her best friend in the whole world, Noelle Whipple, but don't

worry, her acting is no where close to being rusty! Let's hear it for the Dexter Drama Club!! She also loves Owen Carlson.

Delaney Christy ^ (Pit: Clarinet / House Manager / Head of Publicity) is thrilled to put on one more show with the DDC, where she's done many different



things over 7 productions. She hopes you appreciate the live music & lobby display (& the spectacular lighting designed by Noelle Whipple). She would like to thank the entire DDC for giving her a passion, purpose, & community. Enjoy the show! | P.S. Apparently, there's a foot loose somewhere in the CPA... oh no...

Olivia Dall'Antonia Chaves (Aunt Lulu) is an exchange student who wants to create great memories and experience amazing new things. She loves storytelling and the different ways it can be displayed to the



world (like theater, films, books, etc). As her program comes to an end, she is very excited to close this chapter of her life with a play as cool as *Footloose* :)

Tom DesRosiers (Travis)

This is Tom's second show, he is very excited to act and hopes you enjoy the show!



SENIOR BIOGRAPHIES

Claire DeVoogd (Bomont Teenager) is a



senior, playing the part of a Bomont teenager. This is Claire's second theatre performance at Dexter High School, her first was *Fiddler on the Roof*. Claire is happy her final

performance includes her friends, and Pastor. Outside of theatre Claire enjoys lacrosse, field hockey, being outside, and spending time with her friends and family. Claire hopes you cut loose and enjoy Footloose!

John Fazioli (Lights Crew) is a senior on



the Lights Crew for *Footloose*. Despite only having done one other show, they loved the experience and wanted to do it again. They're very happy to be back in the groove of Lights, and hope you enjoy the show!

Bowei "Michael" Feng (Teacher/Council



Member) is an outgoing student who always wanted to gain an in person feeling of the Drama Club atmosphere. He loves to communicate to other people and he will try his

best to contribute anything he can to the group. Meanwhile, he is also excited to meet with new people and longing to learn new things about drama.

Selma Filiz (Publicity Crew) has never done Drama before but is very excited to work with her amazing crew and see the end product! Thank you for coming to our show, that means a lot!



Eden Gibson (Eleanor Dunbar / Council Member) is excited

to participate in her eighth production with DDC. As a senior, she is grateful for the many memories with the Drama Club both on stage and as a member of pit and crew. She would like to thank her family, friends, and DDC for supporting her throughout her time in drama. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Ryan Grant (Cowboy Bob) is in his second major production with the Drama Club, and he's ecstatic to bring Cowboy Bob to life.



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Joey Hill ^ (Ren McCormack): In his 16th and final main stage production with DDC, Joey is bitter-sweet in saying goodbye to this amazing club, and he couldn't be more thankful for all the memories he's

made these past 6 years. From roles like Michael Darling in *Peter Pan* to Professor Porter in *Tarzan*, from *Ballroom Dancer* to *Bottle Dancer*, from the little *Mouse* to the *Wicked Warlock*, he feels each role has allowed him to learn something new about performing. Now please, sit back, relax, and enjoy the show!



Andy Jordan (Lyle) is a senior who enjoys cooking and skateboarding. *Footloose* will be Andy's second show with the Dexter Drama Club.

Marisa Leadbetter (Ethel): This is



Marisa's 14th show, and sadly her last with the Dexter Drama Club. She has enjoyed the show so much as well getting to meet so many people along the way.

She wants to thank her family for their continued support and Mrs. Palmer for giving her an opportunity to become a better leader and be more confident in herself throughout the years. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Victor Li (Pit: Keyboard) is playing keyboard and he told me to tell you to move and groove to *Footloose*. Woop woop!



Ethan Martz (Head of Sound Crew) is a senior at Dexter High School and excited for his first musical show. This is his 4th show with the Drama Club and second show as Head of Sound. He is grateful to have a part in bringing the show to life. Enjoy the show!



Weston Myers (Uncle Wes): This is Weston's last show, which is crazy. He doesn't want to sound cheesy, but he's glad to of met all the people in the 4 years of doing drama. He was originally going to be an actor for his first show, but he fractured his arm and decided to do tech and it changed his whole path, but now for his final show he is Uncle Wes. That's crazy, and now a whole cycle will continue without him, and on and on... Thank you.

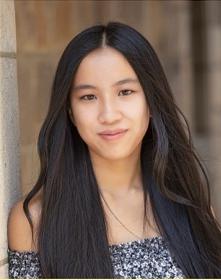


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Ella Nickerson (Lav Crew) is a senior at Dexter and is on Lavs crew. They are very excited and sad for their last show. They enjoyed their time during drama over the past 4 years. They hope that you enjoy *Footloose*!!!!



Brea Patel (Head of Hair Crew) loves being a part of DDC. She has wanted to be head of hair crew since she was a sophomore. She is so happy that she finally got the opportunity to do it. This is Brea's 9th show with DDC. She hopes you all have an amazing time!



Elliot Portice ^ (Willard) is a senior and this is his 20th show, and his 13th with Dexter Drama. He is also an improv captain. Elliot is a founding member of the croquet club and is struggling to learn how to skateboard in his free time.



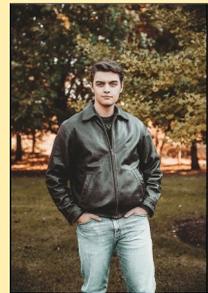
Courtney Prielipp (Running Crew) is excited to be part of *Footloose* as her final Dexter Drama Production. She hopes you enjoy the show.



Emmy Rhizal ^ (Urleen / Costumes Crew) is delighted to be a part of the cast and crew of *Footloose*! This will be her 23rd production, and 13th show with the Dexter Drama Club! She would like to thank her family and dog for their never ending support, as well as her directors and everyone who made this show possible! She hopes you're able to cut loose and enjoy this energetic show as much as she does!



Christo Short (Lights Crew): This is Christo's 8th drama production since his first show, *Wizard of Oz* back in 2018. He started on lights and decided from there that he enjoyed lighting the stage from above the audience. This is Christo's last show; he's sad but excited about it as *Footloose* is one of his favorite movies. He hopes you enjoy the show!



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Yining "Sophia" Sun (Props Crew) loves singing and dancing, it's her first experience to work in a drama team and she really hopes you enjoy it.



Lindsey Vantine (Bomont Teenager): *Footloose* is Lindsey's second show with the Dexter Drama Club! Her sophomore year she was a member of the *Fiddler on the*

Roof cast and loved to be a part of this amazing program. She was so thrilled to hear the spring musical was her mom's favorite, *Footloose* and worked to balance both the show and lacrosse during this season. She is so excited for you to see this show, and hopes you sit back, relax, and "kick off your Sunday shoes!"

Noelle Whipple ^ (Lighting Designer / Betty Blast / Lavs Crew) is in agony that this is her last bio she's writing : (.After years of heading tech crews she is thrilled to finally be making her stage debut as Betty Blast in her final show as well as lighting designing one last time! She would like to thank Martin Ruhlrig and Ethan Dixon for teaching her all of her technical knowledge and her best friends Toni Butka and Owen Carlson for their constant support! She hopes you find this show a blast!!



Izzi Zahn (Props Crew) is a senior at Dexter High School, 3rd year and 9th production with Dexter Drama Club. Izzi has enjoyed working with a great cast, pit & crew to bring this production of *Footloose* to life! Izzi says, "Thank you Dexter Drama Club for 3 amazing years!" Izzi thanks you for all your support. May your heart leap and dance as you enjoy the show!





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Kaysen Acord, 10th Grade (Teacher / Council Member) is very excited to perform in her 2nd show in Dexter Drama Club and really enjoys being a part of it. She plans on making Acting her career. She wants to thank her Oma, and dad, for inspiring her to never give up!

Clara Althoen, 7th Grade (Hair Crew): This is her second DDC production! She was in *The Little Mermaid* ensemble as an Eel, a Sea Turtle and a Palace Attendant. This is also her first tech crew production, as Hair Crew. She has worked with DCP as the lead role as Fiona in *Shrek Jr.*, as Jigg in *Snow White and the Seven Dancing Dwarves*, and Phoebe in *Miss Nelson's Missing* and has loved working with DDC and looks forward to more productions. She hopes you enjoy the show and cutting loose, *Footloose!*

Nai Amber, 10th Grade (Head of Props Crew). This is Nai's first show as a head of tech and they are very excited to put on this show for you. They have put a lot of hard work into this show and they hope you enjoy.

Joao Antunes, 9th Grade (Pit: Alto Saxophone) likes doing stuff outside of school and likes playing the saxophone and thought "omg wait they need an alto saxophone for *Footloose*", and now he is in Pit.

Cameron Arbour, 9th Grade (Props Crew) is super excited to be a part of his third show with the Drama Club! Previously he was on Publicity for *Romeo & Juliet* and Lavs for *Little Mermaid*. He hopes you enjoy the show!!

Jade Batiyeva-Lepler, 9th Grade (Running Crew) is very interested in theatre and performing arts as well as visual arts. She hopes you enjoy the show.

Shelly Beach ^ 11th Grade (Wendy Jo) is a junior participating in her 12th Dexter Drama Club production and has participated as Ursula in *The Little Mermaid*, Head of makeup for *Romeo and Juliet*, and other shows such as *Tarzan*, *Say Nothing*, and *The Wizard of Oz*. Shelly is the alto section leader of the Dexter HS chamber choir and is the Drama Club Thespian Liaison. Shelly spends her spare time sleeping and crocheting. Thank you for coming and enjoy the show!

Audrey Benson, 9th Grade (Pit: Clarinet). *Footloose* is Audrey's first show and she's looking forward to playing clarinet again as well as making music with the rest of the pit. She's very excited for the experience and the snacks that will be involved. Squad 23 Supremacy!



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Matthew Biggs ^ 11th Grade (Production Stage Manager) is excited to be doing their first show as a PSM and they have done every show starting with *Lion King* and is happy to keep on doing shows. They hope you enjoy the show as much as they did helping to make it with their team of ASMs and their wonderful cast, crew and pit!

Nate Borel, 10th Grade (Pit: Bass Guitar) is excited to show his love of music by performing in his very first production! Nate discovered his musical passion with the cello, but by 8th grade was a dedicated bass player in Dexter's orchestra program. Aside from playing bass, Nate enjoys exploring a variety of instruments such as mandolin and guitar. He can't wait to play the classic songs of *Footloose* with the rest of the Pit Orchestra!

Josie Bota, 10th Grade (Pit: Bari Saxophone). This is Josie's first show with the Drama Club, and she's excited to be a member of the pit. For *Footloose*, she'll be playing the bari sax. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Josephine Bottai, 9th Grade (Costumes Crew Stage One) is so excited to be in her 5th Dexter Drama Club show. Josephine is thrilled to be trying out a new side of the club by doing tech for *Footloose*. She has loved working with all the amazing cast and crew members. Josephine has acted in 16 other productions over all and is also currently in *Matilda*. She would like to thank Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Hemholtz for giving her this opportunity and she hopes you enjoy the show!

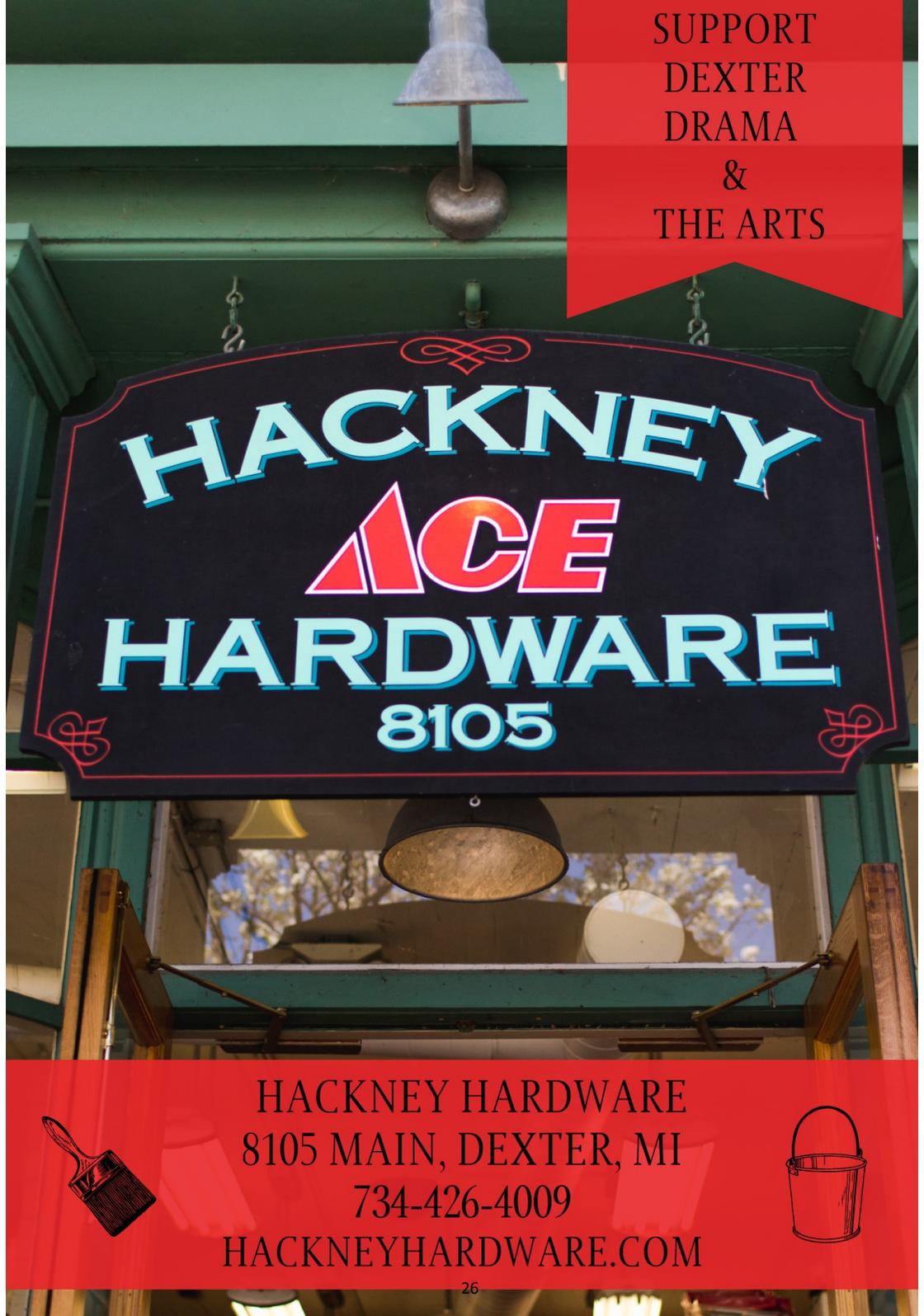
Noah Bower, 9th Grade (Publicity Crew). This is Noah's first drama production and hopes it goes well.

Juno Bursch ^ 10th Grade (House Manager / Head of Publicity) is an excitable and festive student who thoroughly enjoys welcoming you into the theatre. They and their six cats hope you enjoy the show!

Ryan Bursch, 11th Grade (Head of Lav Crew). This is Ryan's 11th production in the Dexter Drama Club and this is his sixth time being on lavs crew. He is super excited to help you hear the wonderful production of *Footloose* and all its wonderful songs. He hopes you "lav" the show.



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Maddy Caldwell, 9th Grade (Mabel Jones) is excited for you all to see *Footloose!* She believes that the crew, cast, and pit put in so much effort for this to be possible, enjoy!

Owen Carlson, 11th Grade (Coach Dunbar / Pit: Saxophone) decided to step outside of his comfort zone for this show and sing and dance onstage. His ability, or lack thereof, to sing and dance has always been one of his biggest insecurities, but he figured that he can't let that run his life anymore. He would like to thank his greatest supporters in his new adventure, Noelle Whipple, Toni Butka, and his parents, Mom and Dad, for always being there to cheer him on. Here's to *Footloose!*

PJ Carty, 9th Grade (Lights Crew). This is PJ's fifth show with the Dexter Drama Club. He hopes you enjoy the show and he's trying his hardest not to drop any lights off the catwalk.

Matthew Casavant, 9th Grade (Pit: Oboe). This is Matthew's 7th show with the Dexter Drama Club and is back to doing pit! Matthew really enjoys this 80s vibe and is super excited for this show. When he's not in the pit, he's out running, preparing for Track and Field in the spring and Dexter Cross Country next fall. He hopes you have a good time!

Emily Charles, 9th Grade (Pit: Flute) loves pit and is excited for the show! She hopes you enjoy!

Zana Christmas, 9th Grade (Pit: Flute) is new to the Dexter Drama program, and is excited to participate in her first show. She has been playing the flute for 5 years, and is thrilled to be a part of the pit orchestra. Zana would like to thank her friends for encouraging her to join the Drama Club, and hopes everyone enjoys the show!

Jeanine Cieply, 10th Grade (Hair Crew / Martha Mae) loves being in theatre and hopes you enjoy the show!

Spencer Collin, 9th Grade (Lav Crew) is a freshman at Dexter High School and is a part of tech crew. He works with lavs, those little microphones you see on the actors. He likes food and oxygen.

Sydney Collins, 9th Grade (Pit: Flute) This is Sydney's first show with the Dexter Drama Club. She is so excited to be playing in the pit as a part of *Footloose!* Sydney hopes you enjoy the show- and the music!

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Jonas Cook, 11th Grade (Pit: Acoustic Guitar) has spent the past two years finding new and interesting ways to waste time and not do anything productive. He enjoys playing Tetris for hours on end and pretending to be good at playing guitar. Jonas joined Pit because he has literally nothing else to do despite the fact he doesn't know how to read sheet music or play in tempo. Jonas suggests you look Jonas Cook up on spotify (free advertising).

Madelyn Corgan, 9th Grade (Carol Henderson) is excited to be a cast member in *Footloose*. This is her third production with the Dexter Drama Club, and she would like to thank her family for encouraging and supporting her. She enjoys being involved with theater, and hopes that everyone enjoys the show!

Parker Cox, 11th Grade (Publicity Crew). This is Parker's 9th show and he can't wait for the show.

Giovanna Dall'Antonia Chaves, 10th Grade (Bomont Teenager) is an international student from Brazil. She enjoys all kinds of art, especially theater, this is her first drama show with Dexter Drama Club and she is super happy to take on this exciting new experience. She hopes you enjoy this show as much as she does.

Adam DeGregorio ^ 9th Grade (Head of Costumes Crew) is so excited to be partaking in his 8th DDC performance! This is his third time heading costumes crew. He would like to thank his wonderful crew for assisting him in all his work. He hopes you enjoy the show!

Maria DeMerell, 10th Grade (Ariel) is thrilled to be in her first Dexter Drama production! Most recently, Maria has been in YPT's *The Drowsy Chaperone* (Janet Van de Graaf), and *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* (Gargoyle). Maria would like to thank her family for letting her blast the *Footloose* soundtrack in the car without (too many) complaints. (She wouldn't hear you over Bonnie Tyler anyway!) Maria wants everyone to remember that "Dancing is Not a Crime". So if you "Can't Stand Still", feel free to "cut loose!"

Mara Dorsch, 9th Grade (Pit: Flute) This is Mara's first time being a part of a production at Dexter High School for the Dexter Drama Club. She's very excited to be a part of the pit and to be a part of the show. Mara enjoys singing, playing her flute, listening to music, watching movies, hanging out with friends, and reading. She would like to thank her parents for always supporting her in everything that she does and letting her be a part of the show.

Jill Dorsey, 10th Grade (Assistant Stage Manager). Hey everyone! Jill is so excited to be assistant stage manager for *Footloose*. She was heavily thinking about auditioning but decided to keep her beautiful dance moves backstage. So if you see her dancing backstage, don't mind her. She hopes y'all think that the show is swaggy. :)



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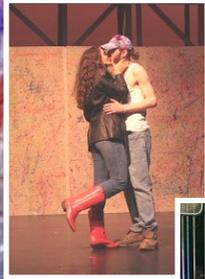
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Caleb Drummond, 8th Grade (Costumes Stage One Crew) is so excited, yet sad, to be a part of one of his last shows with his favorite seniors, Noelle Whipple and Antonia Butka. They have taught him so much not only about drama, but also life and will miss them dearly. In the meantime he can't stand still with excitement for you to see this production!

Kayla Dunklee, 10th Grade (Hair Crew) enjoys theatre and hopes that you will too!

Nicholas Dunn, 9th Grade (Lights Crew) had the bright idea to do lights for this theater production. This is his first experience behind the scenes of drama, and he hopes to shed some light on the stage.

Emily Fawcett, 9th Grade (Assistant Stage Manager) is super excited to be in her sixth job with the DDC! Although she is super sad to not be stage managing with her besties Toni Butka and Noelle Whipple, she is stoked to be back, along with Jill Dorsey, Dia Biggs, and Erin Hudson! She would like to give a special shout-out to Toni for being such an amazing role model!! Get ready to cut *Footloose!!*

Moir Ferguson, 10th Grade (Costumes Crew) enjoys theater. This is her second show, coming back as tech! She hopes you will enjoy it. She thanks her cat, Stinkers, for not missing her too much when she is away doing this wonderful show!

Mike Fifelski, 9th Grade (Bomont Teenager) is on his sixth show with the Dexter Drama Club. He is excited to see how this show turns out and knows everyone that is a part of it will do great.

Peter Fifelski, 11th Grade (Chuck Cranston) may not have a family of his own, but Bomont's small-town life raised him well and a trapordie lifestyle brought him close to all the folks of Bomont. Although he's kinda out of it, and is disappointed about that darned city kid comin to town, deep down.... he wants you to sit back and enjoy!

Abby Fillion, 9th Grade (Lavs Crew). This is Abby's 4th production with DDC. She first joined DDC as a cast member with the 3D production *Red Card* and enjoyed it so much she returned to DDC as part of lavs crew for *Little Mermaid* and props crew for *Romeo and Juliet*. As someone who loves tapping into their creative side, Abby loves helping to create the magic on stage with her behind the scenes work. She is thankful for all the love and support her family and others give to make each production a success!



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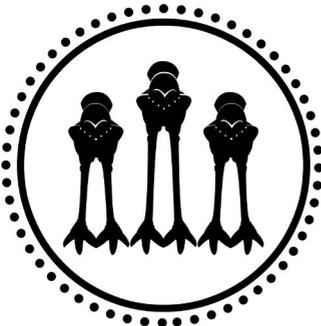
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Olivia Fleishans^, 7th Grade (Hair Crew)

is excited to return to the high school CPA and do tech for *Footloose*. She has never done tech before but acted in *The Little Mermaid* earlier this season. When she is not onstage, backstage, or performing in orchestra, she enjoys reading, gardening, and being a fibre artist (She can knit, sew, crochet, etc.). She hopes you enjoy the 80s hair and more in *Footloose*!

Anna Franklin, 9th Grade (Bomont Teenager)

This is Anna's first time acting with the Dexter Drama Club. She has been part of lights crew for the past two shows and is very excited to perform on stage! She hopes you all enjoy the show -- and the lights- Noelle worked hard on them!

Kate Ganas, 7th Grade (Publicity Crew)

This is Kate's first time on a tech crew for DDC! She participated in DDC's fall production of *The Little Mermaid* (Maid 4, Ensemble). Her previous shows include *The Addams Family* (Bat), *Newsies* (Inkling), *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* (Heaven's Light/Hellfire) with Young Peoples Theater, and *Shrek the Musical Jr.*(Donkey) with Dexter Community Players. She is excited about experiencing a different part of theater with the amazing company of *Footloose*!



Connor Gleespen ^ 10th Grade

(Bickle). This is Connor's 9th time acting with the Dexter Drama Club. This year, he played Sebastian in *The Little Mermaid* and Paris in *Romeo and Juliet*. When he first heard that the Drama Club was doing *Footloose*, he was beyond excited! Outside of theatre, he enjoys being cool and wearing turtlenecks.

Adam Gochanour, 9th Grade (Lavs Crew)

This is Adam's 4th show and hopes everyone enjoys the production.

Izabella Hartmann, 9th Grade (Head of Costumes Stage One)

is a freshman participating in her 3rd show with the Dexter Drama Club. She wants to thank everyone in the DDC for being so kind and supportive throughout the year. She is so excited for the show and hopes you enjoy it as much as her!

Ella Hebbes, 9th Grade (Makeup Crew)

This is Ella's first DHS show and they're excited to be a part of the Dexter Drama Club. "Mom, did I get the 80's makeup look right?"

Ryan Hershner 11th Grade (Lights Crew)

is so sad to be doing his last show with his favorite Head of Tech, Noelle Whipple. She has taught him so much, from lights to sound to writing bios. But putting saying goodbye aside, he is so excited to be able to learn design one last time.

Mia Hilliard, 10th Grade (Running Crew)

is excited to participate in theater.

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Violet Hobbs, 9th Grade (Bomont Teenager) is a Freshman participating in her 2nd performance with the Dexter Drama Club, she was previously in *Tarzan*. She has performed with YPT in *Newsies*, *Cinderella*, *Beauty and the Beast*, and *Mary Poppins*. She does Choir and Orchestra. Violet is a dancer at Ballet Chelsea. Violet has appeared in the *Nutcracker*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Sleeping Beauty*. She is also a tap dancer at Randazzo Dance. Violet would like to thank her parents, siblings and grandparents for their support!

Erin Hudson, 10th Grade (Assistant Stage Manager) is so excited to be an assistant stage manager for this production! Although she doesn't enjoy watching Kevin Bacon dance, she has a special place in her heart for *Footloose*. Major shoutout to the people who forced her to listen to the soundtrack for the first time. She apologizes in advance for the awful joke you're about to read, but she hopes you ~lav~ the show!

Danny Hull, 10th Grade (Sound Crew) enjoys art, making things and starting antics of all kinds. You can find her wandering the halls of Dexter High School wearing cardboard boxes above her head, cracking jokes and giving out free therapy advice. This is Danielle's first year in the Drama Club and she's excited to be here! "I'm not perfect, but my stories are always better with a touch of imperfection" -Danielle

Molly Jenkins, 7th Grade (Makeup Crew) enjoyed makeup and the team! It was an overall amazing experience with Dexter Drama!

Jay Jones, 7th Grade (Hair Crew). This is Jay's first production with Dexter Drama Club and first tech production on any show after being involved in theater for many years. Jay joined this production because their friends have had very positive experiences during *The Little Mermaid*. Jay likes performing and art.

Samuel Jones, 9th Grade (Lights Crew) is excited for his second show in drama. Samuel is gonna be doing lights again and hopes to have fun. Samuel wants to do a lot more drama shows in the future.

Bridget Jordan, 9th Grade (Pit: Bass Guitar). This is Bridget Jordan's third show with the Dexter Drama Club. They LOVE all kinds of music and are so excited to play the awesome *Footloose* music! She would like to thank Delaney Christy and her other amazing musician friends in the pit for this show. Enjoy the show!!

Kaela Laurin, 9th Grade (Makeup Crew). This is Kaela's third production with Dexter Drama Club. She is so excited to be on the makeup crew again and she hopes you enjoy the show!

Madison Leach, 9th Grade (Publicity Crew / Bomont Teenager) is super excited to be doing another musical. She can't wait for you to see the show, and hopes you enjoy it. Madison enjoys choir and drama. She has been in *The Little Mermaid*, *Romeo and Juliet* and *Tarzan* with DDC and hopes to be in many more.





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Analisa Leadbetter, 10th Grade (Hair Crew). This is Analisa's 3rd show. She is very excited to do another show with her sister (Marisa Leadbetter) and with her friends. She hopes that you enjoy the show!

Liam Lemon, 9th Grade (Publicity Crew). This is Liam's fourth production with the DDC. He enjoys doing theater because he gets to create and build with a unique group of people. He is in the publicity crew for *Footloose* and hopes you enjoy the show.

Kennedy Lint ^ 10th Grade (Jeter / Props Crew) is over the moon to finish off this season with such an energetic and vivid show- her eleventh show with the DDC!! Her past roles include Deorwynn in *Sherwood: The Adventures of Robin Hood*, Scuttle in *The Little Mermaid*, and Narrator in *Romeo and Juliet*. She'd like to thank her castmates for bringing so much enthusiasm to the stage and for making the club such a welcoming place to call home.

Eve Lupa, 9th Grade (Costumes Crew). This is Eve's 4th show, and they are very excited to be a part of this show!

Charlotte Malo, 8th Grade (Costumes Crew Stage One). This is Charlotte's second show at Dexter. She has enjoyed working with everyone and would like to thank her family for being supportive. Enjoy the show!

Bella McCleary, 9th Grade (Running Crew) This Bella's 7th production with the Dexter Drama Club. She is excited for this production and hopes you enjoy the show!

ZoeAnne McCurren, 10th Grade (Delores Silver) is so excited to be performing as Delores Silver and an Adult Parishioner in this year's *Footloose*. She was previously on hair crew for *Romeo and Juliet* and is thrilled to finally be back on stage!

Flora McElroy, 7th Grade (Publicity Crew) is excited to be in her second production with DDC. She would like to thank the amazing cast, crew and pit for making this show an exciting experience. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Cassidy McElroy, 9th Grade (Bomont Teenager) This is Cassidy's first show this year acting! This is a very special show, for three other pivotal lights crew members have made their way down from the booth and off the catwalk to act alongside her: Anna Franklin, Noelle Whipple, and Lion Morse. She can't wait to work with them and the other amazing cast, crew, and pit members! She hopes you enjoy the show (and lights- Noelle worked very hard on them)!



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Avery Meloche, ^, 9th Grade (Teacher / Council Member) is in her freshman year at DHS. This is her 5th production with DDC and 11th show overall. Avery's favorite character in *Footloose* is Willard, she thinks he's funny. She's enjoyed being able to cut loose (Footloose) and kick off her Sunday shoes in this production. Avery and her dog, Oscar, hope you enjoy the show!! :D

Viv Mergler, 11th Grade (Bomont Teenager). This is Viv's second show with the Dexter Drama Club and she is super excited to be involved! After dancing for around 13 years, *Footloose* sounded like it was right up her alley. She is so proud of everyone in the show and has loved being a part of the production. Enjoy the show!

Liam Meurer, 10th Grade (Bomont Teenager) is excited to be in his debut performance with Dexter Drama Club. He was formerly in the pit for *Tarzan*. He would like to thank the entire company and hopes you enjoy the show.

Abbie Moraschinelli, ^, 9th Grade (Bomont Teenager / Costumes Crew) is a freshman at DHS and this is her 7th show with DDC. She is incredibly excited to be a part of *Footloose!* She is also incredibly grateful for everyone behind the curtain who put so much love/time into making the show come to life. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Lion Morse, 9th Grade (Bomont Teenager) This is Lion's third show but first time in the cast. He is so excited to be here and have the opportunity to perform. He hopes you enjoy the show.

Abby Nahorski, 8th Grade (Costumes Crew Stage One) is excited for the show and hopes you enjoy it too. This is Abby's third production with Dexter Drama Club.

Ashtyn Nesbitt, 9th Grade (Makeup Crew) is very excited to be a part of *Footloose*. This is Ashtyn's second show with the Dexter Drama Club. Ashtyn enjoys reading and watching movies or shows and Ashtyn enjoys listening to music a lot. Ashtyn would like to thank her amazing head of makeup, Aly Robertson. Ashtyn hopes you enjoy the show!

Anna Grace Nickerson, 10th Grade (Publicity Crew): This is Anna's second show and she is very excited to experience another show and publicity crew!

Emma Ockerman ^, 11th Grade (Hair Crew / Bomont teen): While the song "The Girl Gets Around" is not about someone who's constantly busy, it seems to apply to Emma's life. For the sixth time, Emma will be in both cast and crew creating the poofy hairstyles of the 80s, so [she] can't stand still. Despite the whirlwind the show will be, [she] can't back down from the challenge. Let's hear it for the [show] because she knows you will have a radical time.

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Cayman Palazzolo, 10th Grade

(Running Crew): This is Cayman's second Drama Club production as well as their first time in tech crew. In their spare time they enjoy drawing, crocheting, listening to music, and watching anime. Cayman would like to give a shoutout to his cat Kaminari for keeping him sane during the chaos of this show.

Natalie Popelka, 7th Grade (Props

Crew): This is Natalie's first Dexter Drama Club production. She is excited to work with such a funny and caring group of people who really help in making it a very comfortable and inclusive place to work. She would also like to thank her older sister, Anita, for encouraging her to try something new. She is excited to make new friends and have an amazing experience that she will cherish forever. Enjoy the show!

Anita Popelka, 10th Grade (Props

Crew) is doing her second Dexter Drama Club production. She is part of the Props family and is excited to learn new skills. When she is not backstage helping with all of the amazing sets and pieces, she is pursuing her love for drawing or practicing her jumps and spins on the ice ring. She is happy to put her passion for art into something that the whole community will enjoy. She also wants to thank her friends and family for inspiring her to be part of the amazing *Footloose* production.

Emily Prall, 10th Grade (Bomont

Teenager) is in her second year in the Dexter Drama Club and has been dancing for eleven years. She loves performing on stage and is super excited to be in *Footloose!*

Diego Reyes, 11th Grade (Pit: Auxiliary

Percussion) What in the world is Auxiliary Percussion? No one knows. Not even Diego. But until his trusty trumpet is needed again, it's the perfect way to be a part of our lovely Drama Club's performance of *Footloose*. Now on his 4th show, Diego thanks Pit Director Brian Rose for his time and effort and he is especially thankful for Pit Liaison Delaney Christy for doing so much this year and being a great friend.

Maris Rhizal, 9th Grade (Costumes

Crew) is excited to participate behind the scenes in her first high school show. She thanks her parents for driving her to Dexter from her school in Ypsilanti so that she may be a part of this program. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Aly Robertson, 9th Grade (Head of

Makeup Crew) is extremely thankful to be given the opportunity to head a crew. They are a freshman and this is their 5th production with DDC. They are excited to work with these amazing cast, pit and crew members. They hope you enjoy *Footloose*, so sit back and lose your blues.



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Addison Robke, 9th Grade (Pit: Drum Set): This is Addy's second performance with the DDC. She's excited to be a part of the pit for *Footloose*.

Kera Root, 8th Grade (Hair Crew) is excited to take part in her first show for DHS Drama. Although no stranger to the theater, landing a front stage role in Dexter's Community Theater's *Alice in Wonderland*, she is thrilled to be part of the backstage crew and have the opportunity to show off her hair styling skills. Kera wishes to thank Ms. Palmer for this opportunity and her family for their support. Enjoy the show!

Averi Rose, 11th Grade (Bomont Teenager) is so excited to be back on stage in *Footloose*! This year she was part of the ensemble for *The Little Mermaid* and was Head of Publicity for *Romeo and Juliet*. So she's happy to be dancing and performing for her community again. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Kate Rossow, 9th Grade (Hair Crew / Bomont Teenager) would like to welcome you to Dexter Drama Club's production of *Footloose*! She is excited to be appearing in her third DDC show as one of the Bomont teenagers, Ellie Hewitt, Willard's younger sister. She is delighted to be taking the stage again to tell this thrilling story of music, joy, and community. She is very grateful to be on her first crew with the wonderful people in hair and excited to transport the cast back to the 80's! Thanks to all her family and friends for always loving her.

Maya Roys, 10th Grade (Sound Crew) loves being a part of the Dexter Drama Club. She was on running crew for *Romeo and Juliet* but is excited to be back in the booth for *Footloose*! This is her 5th production and will be her fourth time on sound crew. She is extremely excited to see this show come to life! She hopes you enjoy the show!!!

Tea Salemi, 11th Grade (Bomont Teen). As Tea's Third production, *Footloose* is becoming a brand new adventure for her. This is Tea's first appearance in the cast. She is super excited to try out this new opportunity. Enjoy the show.

Nick Sherman, 9th Grade (Lights Crew). This is Nick's first show in the Dexter Drama Club, and they are working on the lights crew. They are looking forward to experiencing and learning about everything that goes into performing and producing a show in the theater, and they hope you enjoy the show!

Ella Smith ^, 9th Grade (Bomont Teenager) is so excited to be back on stage for *Footloose*!! This is her 6th DDC show and by far the most fun! Ella would like to thank her family for all that they do, especially for putting up with her dancing "footloose" all around the house. She hopes that you can kick off your Sunday shoes and enjoy the show!

Echo Suino, 8th Grade (Costumes Crew Stage One). This is Echo's first production and they hope you enjoy watching!





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Joshua Treat, 9th Grade (Garvin / Bomont Teenager) loves the theatre environment. He loves being around the people and spending so much time staying busy. This is his third show. This is his first time acting in a musical though. He is very excited for this new experience and for the very fun concept of *Footloose*.

Serena VanOrnum, 9th Grade (Pit: Clarinet) is proud to be playing clarinet in her second show this year! She enjoys art & music. She is thankful for her friends and family for supporting her, and she knows this will be a great show!

Jack VanSickle, 11th Grade (Pit: Bass Clarinet). This is Jack VanSickle's 4th show, he stands at 6 feet tall and 170 lbs. He plays Bb clarinet and bass clarinet, but for this show he will be playing the bass clarinet. He hopes you enjoy *Footloose*.

Madison Velazquez, 8th Grade (Costumes Crew). This is Madison's third show on costumes. She is very excited to help and be a part of this *Footloose* performance. Although she will not be there due to the DC trip, she is very excited for you to see the show and hopes you enjoy!

Cahne Walters, 11th Grade (Sound Crew). This is Cahne's 3rd show, the other two being MTI and *Romeo and Juliet*. Cahne would like you to know the scientific name of the western lowland gorilla is gorilla gorilla gorilla and hopes you enjoy the show.

Noah Wiseman, 10th Grade (Principal) is about to perform his 8th show with the Dexter Drama Club and is super excited to get the privilege of getting to perform *Footloose* for all of the lovely patrons. He is most excited for the epic dance moves and the incredible songs from the show. Noah would lastly want to thank his fellow castmates along with those in the pit, tech and all the directors for simply being the most amazing people ever and helping to make the show as amazing as it is.

Malia Yalisove, 11th Grade (Pit: Oboe and Saxophone) is a junior and this is her fourth Drama production as a member of pit. She plays oboe, saxophone, and English horn on occasion but will only be "playing the saxophone" and playing the oboe for this production. For fun, Malia is a captain of the DHS ocean bowl team, breaks appendages skateboarding, and is late to school. Malia's shoe size is a size 9th Grade, but if the brand runs large, size 8th Grade shoes work well too. Jack VanSickle wears mens size 10th Grade shoes. She hopes that you enjoy the show!

Lou Young, 11th Grade (Hair Crew) is thrilled to be backstage with their hair brush, bobby pins and hair spray to give the *Footloose* cast their best "good hair day." Thank you to the cast and crew for all the amazing love and support. Let's Dance!

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