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A Note From The Executive Artistic Director

Welcome to ***Legally Blonde the Musical*** and thank you for joining us for the grand finale of The Premiere Playhouse's **23rd Season Mainstage Series**. As I sit down to write this note, I find myself reflecting not only on this production, but on the remarkable journey that has been Season 23. Every season tells a story, and this one has been filled with artistic risk, creative growth, laughter, challenges, meaningful connections, and countless moments that remind us why live theatre matters.

Before anything else, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to the extraordinary staff, Board of Directors, artists, technicians, volunteers, educators, front-of-house teams, and community partners who have made this season possible. The Premiere Playhouse exists because of people who generously give their time, talent, expertise, and passion in service of creating meaningful artistic experiences for our community. This production is a shining example of what can happen when dedicated individuals unite around a shared vision.

A special thank you goes to the talented cast and crew of ***Legally Blonde***. This production has been an absolute joy to be part of – not only as Executive Artistic Director, but also as a fellow performer. Having the opportunity to step into the roles of Elle's Dad, Aaron Schultz and Dewey has allowed me to experience this process from the rehearsal room, back in the performer's shoes, rather than just in the office (probably wearing my Adidas or Vans), and I am grateful for every moment. Thank you to this cast for your professionalism, generosity, humor, and commitment to one another. You have created an environment filled with encouragement, creativity and genuine collaboration.

This production is also especially meaningful because of the people leading it. Our director and I first crossed paths while pursuing graduate studies, and it has been a privilege to continue growing as artists and collaborators throughout the years. Our music director happens to be my partner in life, making every musical conversation, rehearsal story and creative breakthrough especially close to home. And our choreographer was one of my very first collaborators at The Premiere Playhouse, helping shape many of the artistic dreams and ambitions that have guided this organization over the years. Sharing this production with all three of these remarkable artists has made this experience deeply personal and incredibly rewarding. (Plus, my dog is onstage too!)

I would also like to recognize the generosity of our sponsors. We are profoundly grateful to **First Premier Bank & Premier Bankcard**, our Season Sponsor, and to the **South Dakota Arts Council**, our Season Grantor, whose continued investment in the arts strengthens organizations like ours throughout the state. Special thanks to **De and Dave Knudson**, our Gold Season Sponsors/Production Sponsors for ***Legally Blonde***. Beyond their generosity, they are dear friends and steadfast advocates for community theatre who understand the important role local arts organizations play in creating vibrant, connected communities. We are equally grateful to **Davenport Evans Lawyers** for their support as a Corporate Sponsor/Bronze Production Sponsor. Their commitment to the arts helps ensure that stories like this one continue to be shared with audiences across our region.

Of course, no discussion of this production would be complete without recognizing the remarkable talent of **Kianna Healy** in the role of **Elle Woods**. Fresh off being crowned **Miss South Dakota 2026**, Kianna brings tremendous heart, intelligence, determination, and charisma to this iconic role. Her performance reminds us why audiences continue to connect so strongly with Elle's journey.

At its core, *Legally Blonde* is a story about refusing to allow others to define your worth. It celebrates resilience, authenticity, friendship, hard work, and the courage to embrace who you truly are. While wrapped in humor, high-energy dance numbers and infectious music, its message remains surprisingly profound: believing in yourself can be a revolutionary act. In a world that often asks people

to fit neatly into expectations, Legally Blonde encourages us to challenge assumptions, support one another and recognize that strength can take many forms.

As we celebrate the conclusion of **Season 23**, we also look ahead to an exciting future. We invite you to become a subscriber for **Season 24** and continue this artistic journey with us. Our **Mainstage Series** at the **Orpheum Theater** will feature **Frozen JR.**, **Goosebumps The Musical** and **Dear Evan Hansen**. Meanwhile, our **Underground Series** at **Icon Event Hall** continues with **Ghost the Musical** and **RENT**. We will announce our **Artist Development Series** summer 2027 productions (**The Premiere Premieres**, **The Passion Project**, et al) in the coming months. Whether you join us for one production or all of them, we hope you'll continue supporting local theatre and the artists who bring these stories to life.

Finally, thank you. Thank you for purchasing a ticket. Thank you for supporting local performers. Thank you for believing in nonprofit arts organizations like The Premiere Playhouse. Your attendance, advocacy and generosity make our work possible. If you are inspired by what you experience today, I encourage you to consider making a donation to support our productions, educational programs and community initiatives. Every contribution helps us continue creating opportunities for artists and audiences alike. (Check out our Find Bruiser fundraiser in the lobby!)

On behalf of everyone at **The Premiere Playhouse**, thank you for being part of our story. We hope you enjoy **Legally Blonde the Musical** and leave the theatre inspired to embrace your own potential, challenge expectations, and, as Elle Woods reminds us, stay true to yourself.

With gratitude,

Oliver Mayes

Executive Artistic Director

The Premiere Playhouse

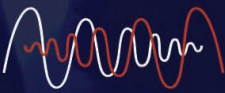
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A Note From The Director



The world looks better pink!

From the 2001 film, to now; the story of Elle Woods has been showing the world that the hottest thing to be is yourself. Elle seems to have everything; but it turns out that money, beauty, and the hottest boyfriend are still not enough to make people see past their own prejudices. Her blonde hair, bright smile and perfect manicure blind the world to how truly intelligent and driven she is. She is patronized for her positivity, and her kind nature becomes a source of ridicule for her classmates. But we are supposed to be kind and positive; right?! Her sin of being beautiful and nice is compounded with her sense of fun. Yes! Even just being fun is a source of prejudice for the world around her. But through it all Elle perseveres unwavering in her sense of self.

The story of people being judged by their looks is not new, however *Legally Blonde* flips the script by showing us prejudice punching up. Elle is extremely privileged, but the discrimination she faces is akin to the treatment of anyone who is seen as different, lesser, or objectified. Prejudice, while having many degrees, is still prejudice. What makes Elle Woods so captivating is her unwavering devotion to always being herself no matter what or who is around. Her story challenges us all to embrace the world and each other with positivity, empathy, and kindness.

Let's make the world pink! What, like it's hard?

SNAPS!!!

Casey Paradies

Stage Director

Legally Blonde



Harvard Cast

Elle Woods	Kianna Healy
Margot, Greek Chorus	Avianna Steen
Serena, Greek Chorus	Kate Stahl
Pilar, Greek Chorus	Madison Gerhart
Bruiser Woods	Sully Bear Mayes
Paulette Buonofuonte	Casey Schultz
Rufus Buonofonte	Rotating Guest Star
Vivienne Kinsington	Bella Rivero
Emmett Forest	Coleman Peterson
Warner Hungtington III	Toby Knutson
Professor Callahan	Thomas Andrew Simmons
Winthrop, Kyle B. O'Boyle, Law Student	Clinton Store
Brooke Wyndham	Mo Plastow
Aaron Schultz, Dewey	Oliver Mayes
Whitney	Jessica Ashton
Chutney Wyndham, Greek Chorus	MacKenzie Braak
Enid Hoopes	India Johnson
Judge, Law Student	Valerie Arens
Greek Chorus	Rosie Contreras-Cortes
Greek Chorus, Dance Captain	Hannah Hetland

Harvard Cast



Greek Chorus, Stenographer	Peyten Wiese
Greek Chorus	Camryn McKinley
Greek Chorus	Emma Madeja
Cashier, Greek Chorus	Tali Curry
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Padamadan, Nikos	Luke Humke
Lowell, Carlos, Law Student	Jimmy McLain
Kiki, D.A. Joyce Riley, Law Student	Erica Stahl
H&H Sales Girl, Law Student	Melissa Prostrollo
Sales Associate, Law Student	Ashley Bartholomaus
Perfume Girl, Law Studentt	Aubrey Byrnes
Pforzheimer, Law Student	Garrison Gross
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Frat Guy, Law Student	Tyler Peters
Frat Guy, Law Student	Torry Serck



UCLA Cast

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Dance Captain Hannah Hetland

Grandmaster Chad Josiah Southall

Delta Nu's Mo Plastow
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Ashley Bartholomaeus / *Sales Associate, Law Student*

Ashley is thrilled to return to the stage in *Legally Blonde* after over 20 years away. Her past experience includes community and college productions in Winona MN and at Winona State University, where she met her husband Tony during *West Side Story*. She's especially excited for her sons, Nolan and Lincoln, to see her perform for the first time. She thanks her husband for cheering her on always! Enjoy the show!



Aubrey Byrnes / *Perfume Girl, Law Student*

Aubrey is making her stage debut with The Premiere Playhouse! Usually, you'll find her behind the scenes running lights and sound or interpreting the shows! This time, she decided it was a good idea to step into the spotlight for her favorite musical, *Legally Blonde*! When she's not pretending she belongs on stage, Aubrey works as a sign language interpreter within the community and spends most of her free time cheering on her sons - whether that's on the baseball field or backstage with The Penguin Project. She is incredibly thankful for her husband, who fully supported this wild dream! Thank you to all of her friends and family for coming to support her in this slightly pink, completely chaotic dream come true!



Avianna Steen / *Margot, Greek Chorus*

Avianna is legally obligated to inform you that her recent credits are *The Wizard of Oz*, *Pride and Prejudice*, and *9 to 5*. The countless accolades for her career include 21 Tony Awards and 9 Oscar nominations. President Barack Obama awarded her the Presidential Medal of Arts and the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Notable film credits include: *The Devil Wears Prada*, *Titanic*, and *This Is Totally Factual According to Avianna*. Endless love to her supportive friends and family. For more personal information, write to her mother.



Bella Rivero / *Vivienne Kensington*

Bella is absolutely elated to be on stage with the extraordinary people she has met this season in the TPP community! You may have recently seen her in *Hairspray* in the Motormouth ensemble! If she is not on stage or in rehearsals, she's either studying away or making music. Bella would like to shout out her little sister and highlight, "that being true to yourself never goes out of style!"



Camryn McKinley / *Greek Chorus, Delta Nu*

This is Camryn's 2nd season with TPP with recent performances include *A Christmas Carol (2024)* *Halloween Stories (2025)* and though never appearing on stage, understudying for 3 roles in TPP's underground production of *Death of a Salesman*. In her time away from the playhouse, Camryn is a graduate student at Augustana University pursuing her MSW and works at Boys and Girls Club. She would like to say a special thank you to her husband who always supports her in everything as well as her family and friends. She hopes you all enjoy the show!

Meet The Cast



Casey Schultz / *Paulette Buonofuonte*

Casey (she/her) is thrilled to be playing Paulette in *Legally Blonde*, a dream role ever since watching the show on MTV at eight years old. This past season, audiences may have seen her in *Chicago* as Matron "Mama" Morton, *Parents Weekend* as Ashlyn, and *American Idiot*. Outside of performing, Casey works as a behavior facilitator in the SFSD. She would like to thank her parents Wayne and Roxy for their endless love, support, and encouragement in every adventure.



Clinton Store / *Winthrop, Kyle B. O'Boyle, Law Student*

Clinton joins the cast playing the roles of Kyle, Winthrop, and an ensemble member. He has appeared in multiple productions with The Premiere Playhouse, most recently *Hairspray* and *9 to 5*, and in *Parents Weekend* with The Goodnight Theater Collective. He also performs with LiRa Dance Company throughout the year.



Coleman Peterson / *Emmett Forest*

Coleman is pumped to take the stage in TPP's *Legally Blonde*! Recent credits include GNTC's *25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* (Chip) & *Spring Awakening* (Moritz), writing and direction of his original musical *Parents' Weekend* (DM Coleman for deets!), and direction for Spotlight's *Seussical, Jr.* When not onstage, Coleman teaches 3rd grade in the Sioux Falls School District, composes choral music, and works as a theatre instructor with the Spotlight Theatre Company. Enjoy the show!



Emma Madeja / *Greek Chorus, Delta Nu*

OMG, you guys!! Emma is thrilled to be in her second production of *Legally Blonde* and her third production with The Premiere Playhouse! Fun fact: this is Emma's 30th musical! Audiences may have most recently seen her as Tracy Turnblad in *Hairspray* with TPP. By day, Emma teaches at Effervescent Voice Academy. She would like to thank her friends and family for their endless support, encouragement, and inspiration!



Erica Stahl / *Kiki, D.A. Joyce Riley, Law Student*

Erica is excited to be part of *Legally Blonde*! You might have seen her in *Freaky Friday* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* with TPP or as Bobbie Cratchit in *Humbug* at MCAP. When she's not working at First National Bank, she enjoys traveling, golfing, and watching birds. Thanks to Todd for his support as she spends time away from him and the dogs. She's thrilled to join her daughter Kate on stage one more time.



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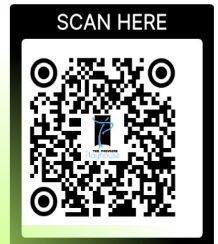
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Garrison Gross / *Pforzheimer, Law Student*

Garrison is excited to join The Premiere Playhouse in his first main stage show! He recently returned to the stage after almost a decade in *Prince of Peace* and *The Passion and the Cross*, as well as portraying Jesse in The Premiere Premieres' debut of *Two Sides*. Garrison currently contracts with KBR at USGS EROS on the Landsat satellite calibration team. For fun, he games with his buddies and annoys his neighbors by drumming.



Hannah Hetland / *Greek Chorus, Delta Nu, Dance Captain*

Hannah is excited to be making her TPP debut! A graduate of SDSU, Hannah was actively involved in State University Theatre and the Prairie Repertory Theatre (PRT). Her most recent credits from PRT include *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* (Sarah), *Out of Order* (Pamela), and *Grease* (Assistant Choreographer). Her favorite credits from SDSU included *Carrie* (Sue Snell) and *Newsies* (Splasher). Outside of performing Hannah teaches group fitness classes and choreographs middle school showchoirs in Sioux Falls.



India Johnson / *Enid Hoopes, Delta Nu*

India is back on the Orpheum stage for the first time in 1.5 years! During this absence, India has been seen numerous times on the Mighty Corson Art Players stage, recently starring in *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* and *Humbug*. India also recently made their Goodnight Theatre Collective debut in *Pride and Prejudice*! As for what goes on in between shows, India enjoys watching movies with their husband, decorating the apartment, and has recently picked up reading as a hobby. India would like to thank their husband Jackson, their dad Adrian, and all of the casting directors that have given them an opportunity to shine onstage this season! Here to another successful theatre season coming to a close!!



Jackson Heiberger / *Guard, Reporter, Frat Guy, Law Student*

Jackson is excited to be in *Legally Blonde*!



Jessica Ashton / *Saleswoman, Elle's Mom*

Jessica is excited to take the TPP stage for the second time this season! You may have seen her in April as Velma in *Hairspray* or Violet in last year's *9 to 5*. Other recent roles include Eleanor Scrooge in MCAP's *Humbug*, Audrey in OTDT's *Little Shop of Horrors* and various roles with SF Dinner Detective. When not entertaining audiences or working as an HR Consultant, Jessica enjoys going on adventures with her family, whom she is grateful for their continued support. Remember friends, kindness is the purest currency. Be the reason someone smiles today.

Meet The Cast



Jimmy McLain / *Lowell, Carlos, Law Student*

Jimmy is a local singer and actor originally from Pierre, SD. He has been involved with The Premiere Playhouse since *The Little Mermaid* in 2023. Jimmy recently played "Johnny" in TPP's *American Idiot* and was featured in *Chicago* and *White Christmas* with The Goodnight Theatre Collective. Jimmy has also performed in TPP's *9 to 5*, *HAIR*, and *The Premiere Premieres*. He would like to extend his gratitude to the whole Sioux Falls theater community for the learning opportunities, inspiration, and a true sense of belonging.



Josiah Southall / *Frat Guy, Law Student, Grandmaster Chad*

Josiah is excited to be in *Legally Blonde!*



Kate Stahl / *Serena, Greek Chorus*

Kate is ecstatic to be in *Legally Blonde!* Recent credits include *Pride & Prejudice* with the Goodnight Theatre Collective and *Freaky Friday* with TPP. Outside of performing, she teaches dance and theatre at BritZa Performing Arts Studio. After the show wraps up, Kate will be heading to NYC to attend the Institute for American Musical Theatre! She would like to thank her parents and her BritZa family for their unending love and support.



Kianna Healy / *Elle Woods*

Kianna is beyond excited to make her TPP debut as the fabulous Elle Woods in *Legally Blonde!* A proud South Dakota native, Kianna spent the past 3 years in New York City pursuing a career in the performing arts, including performing at the legendary 54 Below. After returning home, she was honored to be crowned Miss South Dakota 2026 and will represent the state at Miss America this September. Kianna is thrilled to combine her love of theatre, service, and a little bit of pink while bringing this iconic role to the stage.



Luke Humke / *Padamadan, Nikos*

Luke is whipped for *Legally Blonde!* You may have seen him recently in TPP's *Head Over Heels* or as Will in *American Idiot*, as well as The Jury in GNTC's *Chicago*. When he's not performing or working in surgery at Sanford Hospital, he is reading books and cuddling with his cats. Luke would like to thank his family for their unending support and inspiration!





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Meet The Cast



MacKenzie Braak / *Greek Chorus, Chutney Wyndham, Kate, Delta Nu*

MacKenzie is excited to be back on stage with TPP! You maybe have previously seen her in productions with TPP such as *Head Over Heels*, *9 to 5*, and *A Christmas Carol*. When she's not onstage, she works as a behavior technician supporting kids with autism. She also loves to spend time with her family and her pup, Bentley. Mackenzie would like to thank her family and friends for their continued support and love. Enjoy the show!



Madison Gerhart / *Pilar, Greek Chorus*

Madi can usually be found either under stage lights or behind a salon chair; there's rarely an in-between. Recent credits include Olive in *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, Liz in *Chicago*, Sandy in *Grease*, Ariel in *The Little Mermaid*, and Gertie in *Oklahoma!* When she's not performing, she's a hairstylist and co-owner of Chapter 3 Salon Studio. She would like to thank her friends and family for their endless love, support, and encouragement as she continues to pursue all of her passions!



Melissa Prostrollo / *H&H Sales Girl, Law Student*

Melissa is excited to return to the TPP stage - this time in a musical! Recent stage projects include *Heartstrings* with Siouxper Troupers, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Comfortably Single* at TPP, *A Sherlock Carol* at Mighty Corson Art Players, and *Little Shop of Horrors* at Olde Towne Dinner Theatre. When not performing, she volunteers with a number of non-profits and works at Click Rain. Thanks, everyone, for coming! Enjoy the show!



Mo Plastow / *Brooke Wyndham, Delta Nu*

Mo wants to thank you for coming to see TPP's production of *Legally Blonde*. Mo leads a life full of music as the Teaching Team Lead at The Effervescent Voice Academy and Adjunct Musical Theatre Voice Professor at the University of South Dakota. Recent stage credits include: *LEMONS* (Bernadette) and Irving Berlin's *White Christmas* (Rhoda). And most recently with TPP: *Hairspray* (Brenda). Thanks to my adoring husband and my family! @moplastow



Natalie Allcock / *Bookish Client, Law Student, Delta Nu*

Natalie is doing her second show with TPP, and this is also her second time doing *Legally Blonde*. She puts her music degree to use teaching piano and voice lessons, singing in the South Dakota Symphony Chorus, and playing the occasional gig around town. Some of her favorite roles have been Mopsa in *Head Over Heels* and Heather Chandler in *Heathers*. Thanks to her husband for his endless support.

Meet The Cast



Oliver Mayes / *Aaron Schultz, Dewey, Elle's Dad*

Oliver recently appeared as Corny Collins in TPP's hit production of *Hairspray*, marking his return to the musical theatre stage after nearly a decade away. Locally recognized for his directing and producing work, he has previously performed in productions across the East Coast Tri-State Area, including *American Idiot*, *bare*, *Dogfight*, *Grease*, *HAIR*, and *RENT*. Oliver holds a B.F.A. in Music Theatre and an M.F.A. in Theatre Directing and thanks the cast, crew, and production team.



Peyten Wiese / *Greek Chorus, Stenographer, Gaelen, Delta Nu*

Peyten is excited to make her TPP debut in *Legally Blonde!* While at South Dakota State University, she appeared in productions such as *She Kills Monsters* (Farrah/ Evil Tina), *Macbeth* (Witch 2), and *Bright Star* (Florence), and also performed with Prairie Repertory Theatre in *Out of Order* (Jane) and *See How They Run* (Ida). In her free time, she loves reading, watching movies, and playing guitar with her grandpa.



Rosie Contreras-Cortes / *Greek Chorus, Leilani, Delta Nu*

Rosita (Rosie) is overjoyed to return to the TPP mainstage for a second time this season! Recent credits include TPP's *Hairspray* and The Good Night Theatre Collective's *Rocky Horror Show*. Offstage, Rosie works in cancer genomics research at the Avera Cancer Institute. She would like to thank her friends and family for their endless support.



Sully Bear Mayes / *Bruiser Woods*

Sully is thrilled to return to the Orpheum stage in TPP's Season 23 finale, *Legally Blonde*, as Bruiser Woods. Audiences may recognize him from Penguin Project productions of *High School Musical* as Ms. Darbus's Dog and *The Wizard of Oz* as Kansas Toto, or from his cameo as Frenchie's dog in TPP's Season 20 finale, *Grease*. Sully is honored to join this talented cast and crew and thanks his dad and papa for their unwavering support.



Tali Curry / *Cashier, Greek Chorus*

After starring in TPP's *Freaky Friday* and *Hairspray*, Tali is thrilled for the opportunity to be back on stage to help bring *Legally Blonde* to life! When she's not with TPP, you can find her performing with LiRa Dance Company, teaching dance, or spending time with family. She wants to give a huge thank you to her family for supporting her in the journey of being a performer. She hopes you all enjoy the show!





Meet The Cast



Thomas Andrew Simmons / *Professor Callahan*

Thomas's latest Premiere Playhouse roles include Scrooge in *A Christmas Carol*, Fagin in *Oliver!*, Alan in *God of Carnage*, Starbuck in *The Rainmaker*, and Milos in *A Funny Thing...* Film and television credits consist of *Crisscross* with Goldie Hawn, PBS's *Jesus Christ Superstar* filmed at First Avenue in MPLS, documentaries about the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, and local commercials. He is Cub Master for Pack 371. Thomas thanks his family for their love and support.



Toby Knutson / *Warner Huntington III*

Toby is seriously excited to make his mainstage TPP debut with *Legally Blonde!* Some of his recent credits include *I & You* (Anthony) with TPP's underground series, and *Catch Me If You Can* (Carl Hanratty), and *The Importance of Being Earnest* (Algernon) at the University of Sioux Falls where he recently graduated with a Bachelor of Arts. When not doing theater, you can find Toby hanging with his friends, driving around belting show tunes, and performing for parties and events with Simply Ever After Entertainment. He would like to thank the cast, crew, and creative team for welcoming him in as well as his friends and family for their constant support. Enjoy the show!



Torry Serck / *Frat Guy, Law Student*

Torrance is thrilled to be a part of *Legally Blonde*. This will be his first performance after graduating high-school. He has previously performed in *A Christmas Carol*, and *The Little Mermaid* through TPP and verified other shows through school and community events. He is excited to show audiences what he has learned from high-school and hopes to learn even more in the future.



Tyler Peters / *Frat Guy, Law Student*

Tyler is really excited to return to the TPP stage as a member of the ensemble in this production. Tyler's previous credits with TPP include "Link Larkin" in *Hairspray*, "Berger" in *HAIR*, and an ensemble character in *9 to 5*. Tyler is a graduate from the University of South Dakota with a major in Musical Theatre, where he was also in several productions. Tyler has performed in many professional theatre productions at The Paul Bunyan Playhouse in Bemidji, Minnesota.



Valerie Arens / *Judge, Law Student, Store Manager*

Valerie is excited to be in *Legally Blonde!*

Meet The Production Team



Ben Van Moer / *Music Director*

Ben is thrilled to be back with TPP after music directing last season's *Freaky Friday!* Audiences may have recently seen him onstage as Frank in TPP's *9 to 5* or as Amos in GNTC's *Chicago*. Ben currently serves as the 6-12 Vocal Music Director and Head Theater Director for the Tri-Valley School District.

Casey Paradies / *Stage Director*

Casey teaches acting at SDSU and is so excited to finally get a chance to work with The Premiere Playhouse! Snaps!!! He is also a freelance director, choreographer, and performer. He is directing this production concurrently with *Fiddler on the Roof* for Prairie Repertory Theatre. Some favorite credits are *Sweeney Todd*, *Macbeth*, *Grease*, *Newsies*, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, and *The Diary of Anne Frank*. Thank you to this wonderful cast, crew and team!

Corey Shelsta / *Lighting Designer*

Corey is a Professor of Theatre at South Dakota State University. Recent credits: Scenic Design: *Sweeney Todd*, *Bright Star*, *Macbeth* – State University Theatre; *Two Across*, *And Then There Were None* – Prairie Repertory Theatre; *Oklahoma!* – Premiere Playhouse. Lighting Design: *American Idiot*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Oklahoma*, *HAIR* – Premiere Playhouse. Corey is excited about the opportunity to return to the Premiere Playhouse and wants to thank his wife, Stacy, for all her love and support.

Michelle Smith / *Stage Manager*

Michelle works as an intelligence analyst by day. She loves Excel spreadsheets and chaos.

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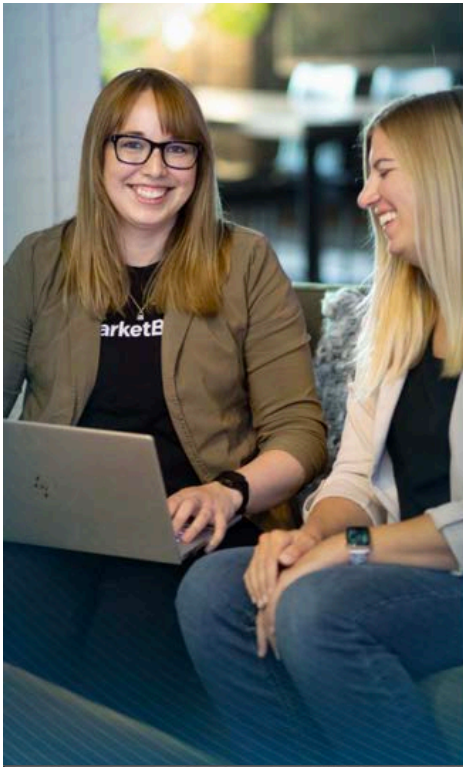
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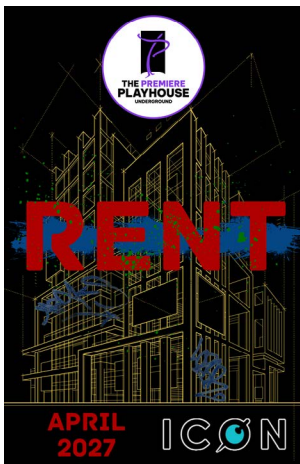
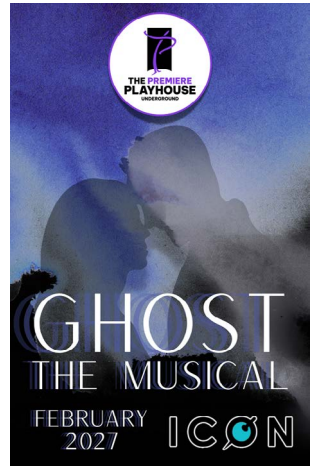
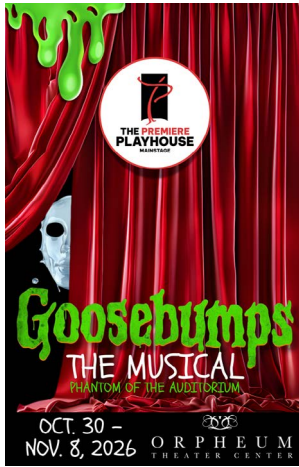
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