

Shoreline Theatre Company
In Partnership with the Branford Parks and Recreation Department

Presents

Hairspray

The Broadway Musical

Book by

Mark O'Donnell
Thomas Meehan

Music by

Marc Shaiman

Lyrics by

Scott Wittman
Marc Shaiman

Based on the New Line Cinema film written and directed by John Waters

Starring

Scott A. Towers
Kelsey Mulligan
Tyheed Scurry
Jon Firman

Kaila D'Elia
Kelly Patrick Stockwell
Maddie Oberempt
Kassidy Planas

Taryn Broughal
Emmett Cassidy
Lisa Foster Wilson
Laura Sue Melillo

Costume Design

Alicia Loesche

Lighting Design

Adam Jackson
Jess Strassburg

Set Design

Kristin Hottin

Sound Design

Roger Gagne

Hair/Makeup Design

Kathie Towers

Orchestrations by

Harold Wheeler

Arrangements by

Marc Shaiman

Choreographed by

Paola Rarick

Directed by

Colin Sheehan

Musically

Directed by

Mike Martone Jr.

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A Letter from the Creators

Dear Audience Members,

When we, the creators of *HAIRSPRAY*, first started licensing the show to high-schools and community theatres, we were asked by some about using make-up in order for non-African Americans to portray the black characters in the show.

Although we comprehend that not every community around the globe has the perfectly balanced make-up (pardon the pun) of ethnicity to cast *HAIRSPRAY* as written, we had to, of course, forbid any use of the coloring of anyone's face (even if done respectfully and subtly) for it is still, at the end of the day, a form of blackface, which is a chapter in the story of race in America that our show is obviously against.

Yet, we also realized, to deny an actor the chance to play a role due to the color of his or her skin would be its own form of racism, albeit a "politically correct" one.

And so, if the production of *HAIRSPRAY* you are about to see tonight features folks whose skin color doesn't match the characters (not unlike how Edna has been traditionally played by a man), we ask that you use the timeless theatrical concept of "suspension of disbelief" and allow yourself to witness the story and not the racial background (or gender) of the actors. Our show is, after all, about not judging books by their covers! If the direction and the actors are good (and they had better be!) you will still get the message loud and clear. And hopefully have a great time receiving it!

Thank You,
Marc, Scott, Mark, Tom & John





A Letter from the Directors

In the fall we had a meeting with Alex Palluzzi and Dale Izzo (The Branford Parks & Recreational Department) and Superintendent Hamlet Hernandez (Branford Public Schools). We expressed that we believe there are many high schoolers, alumni, and adults in our area that would love to be able to perform in a unique community theatre company. We picked *Hairspray*, because of the powerful message, fun music, and amazing characters that are portrayed in the musical. We announced the show at our *Shrek* cast party in April. Everyone seemed very excited and we were hopeful that we would get many people from different communities to audition.

Luckily, nearly 100 people auditioned from 10 different towns and we were ecstatic with the turnout over the two weeks of auditions and call backs. We were excited to begin the five week rehearsal process, a very lofty goal, and knew the challenge of dealing with 60 different cast members ranging in age from 13 to retired during a very busy time of year in a short period of time. Putting this show up on its feet and getting all of the aspects (costumes, sets, hair & make up, orchestra, technical, etc.) was stressful, but we realized that it can be done! It truly did take a village of volunteers to be able to be successful in our first year. We are so thankful to everyone that has been involved this year. Thanks to all of our sponsors for believing in us and to the Branford Parks & Recreational Department and Branford Public Schools for all of the support. We are excited to see what the future holds for Shoreline Theatre Company!

“I think I've kind of been in a bubble... thinking that fairness was gonna just happen. It's not. People like me are gonna have to get up off their fathers' laps and go out and fight for it.” - *Tracy Turnblad*

Best,

Mike Martone Jr. & Colin Sheehan



Baltimore, Maryland, 1962

ACT I

Good Morning Baltimore.....	Tracy, Company
The Nicest Kids in Town.....	Corny Collins, Council, Company
Mama, I'm a Big Girl Now	Edna, Tracy, Penny, Velma, Amber, Prudy, Company
I Can Hear the Bells	Tracy, Company
Miss Baltimore Crabs	Velma, Company
The Nicest Kids in Town (Reprise)	Corny Collins, Company
It Takes Two	Link, Tracy, Male Ensemble
Velma's Revenge	Velma
Welcome to the 60's	Tracy, Edna, Dynamites, Company
Run and Tell That	Seaweed, Little Inez, Company
Big, Blonde and Beautiful	Motormouth, Tracy, Edna, Company

ACT II

The Big Dollhouse	Women
Good Morning Baltimore (Reprise)	Tracy
You're Timeless to Me	Edna, Wilbur
Without Love	Tracy, Link, Penny, Seaweed, Company
I Know Where I've Been	Motormouth, Company
(It's) Hairspray	Corny Collins, Council Members
Cooties	Amber, Council Members
You Can't Stop the Beat	Entire Company



CAST

Tracy TurnbladKaila D'Elia
Corny CollinsScott A. Towers
Edna Turnblad.....Kelly Patrick Stockwell
Penny PingletonTaryn Broughal
Velma Von TussleKelsey Mulligan
Amber Von TussleMaddie Oberempt
Link LarkinEmmett Cassidy
Seaweed J. StubbsTyheed Scurry
Little InezKassidy Planas
Motormouth MaybelleLisa Foster Wilson
Prudy Pingleton Laura Sue Melillo
Wilbur TurnbladJon Firman
BradBen Clouse
TammyKatherine Spaulding
FenderDorian Hayes
BrendaAbby Boyle
SketchKyle Bissell
Shelley Cameryn Ludwin
IQ Bobby Olejarczyk
Lou Ann Amelie Parczany
Nicest Kids Emma Boyle, Ariel Cobden, Sophia Coppola,
Ava Cosgrove, Patrick DeLucia, Max Dormer,
Giovanni Esposito, Juliana Mascia, Bella Rarick,
and Lilly Stockwell



(Cast continued)

GilbertJulian Clarke-Dixon
StooieRiya Bam
Cindy WatkinsEmmy Xu
LorraineIris Youn
DuaneMehki Watkins
Thad Emma Ng
Judine Dynamite.....Jeniffer Mariño San
Shayna DynamiteAlexandra Hernandez
Kamilah DynamiteJayleen Flores
Record Store EnsembleNitya Bam, Julianna Clarke-Dixon,
Jolee Fernandez, Tanasia Perez, and Janiya Woods
Mr. PinkyGiovanni Esposito
Gym TeacherMary Olejarczyk
Harriman F. SpritzerPatrick DeLucia
Matron Tea Haskins
GuardRita Micklus
PrincipalJudy M. Bannon
Newscaster Janet Tennyson
EnsembleHanna Bloomquist, Clare Bransfield,
Alena Fitzgerald Borack, Sarah Kondziela, Mallory Legman,
Shannon Micklus, Lily Paturzo, Stella Pennacchini,
Emma Velardi, and Samantha Wilson





ORCHESTRA

Conductor- Mike Martone Jr.
 Reed 1-Andrew Studenski
 Keyboard 1- Cathyann Roding
 Keyboard 2/3- Alex Gutierrez
 Trumpet- Dan Buchner
 Trombone- Drake Smith
 Guitar- Randy Newbury
 Bass- Jordan Brint
 Drums- Greg Hoyt
 Percussion- Matt Johnson

Production Staff

Musical DirectorMike Martone Jr.
 Director.....Colin Sheehan
 Set Design.....Kristin Hottin
 Lighting Design.....Adam Jackson & Jess Strassburg
 Costume Design..... Alicia Loesche
 Hair & Makeup Design.....Kathie Towers
 Set Construction.....Mike Martone Jr.
 Stage ManagerAdam Jackson
 Ast. Stage Managers.....Kaitlyn Fisher, Jared Moore & Denis Ramic
 Technical Crew.....Luke Baylis, Kim Cobden, Evan DeCaprio,
 Kaeley DeNegre, Sarah Fournier, Julia Gangemi, Alanya Henry,
 Hannah Jackson, Tanya Jaruchaiyakul, Taron Jaruchaiyakul,
 Travis Johnson, Caden Lyons, Hope McCormack,
 Sarah Nelson, Tabby Prusski, & Elizabeth Taylor
 Program & Poster Designs.....Jess Strassburg
 Proof Reader.....Mallory Legman
 House/Concessions..... Rob Luce



Kaila D'Elia



Scott A. Towers



Kelly Patrick Stockwell



Taryn Broughal



Kelsey Mulligan



Maddie Oberempt



Emmett Cassidy



Tyheed Scurry



Cassidy Planas



Lisa Foster Wilson



Jon Firman



Laura Sue Melillo



WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST

Kaila D'Elia, Branford (Tracy Turnblad) is excited to be performing in her first leading role in *Hairspray*. She has performed in other musicals such as *Shrek the Musical* and *The Wizard of Oz*. Kaila hopes to attend the University of San Francisco majoring in nursing and minoring in neuroscience. In her free time, she enjoys watching Grey's Anatomy and playing with her 1-month old brother. She would like to thank everybody for making this experience so memorable and wishes them the best of luck!

Kelly Patrick Stockwell, Branford, (Edna Turnblad) graduated in '82 from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln with a BFA, emphasis on Acting. Kelly moved to NYC and worked for Walt Disney traveling the US as Goofy. He also worked for ShowAmerica as the character voice for remote control promotional robots. Kelly appeared in day player roles on All My Children, One Life to Live, and As the World Turns. For twenty years Kelly has acted the role of a father, the last 12 years Kelly has acted the role of a business owner. Edna Turnblad is Kelly's first true character role in 30 years.

Kelsey Mulligan, Branford (Velma Von Tussle) is thrilled to be a part of STC's debut production! Kelsey is a 2002 graduate of BHS and holds a B.A. in Musical Theatre Performance from Rhode Island College. Her favorite past roles include Georgie (*The Full Monty*), Nickie (*Sweet Charity*), Magenta (*Rocky Horror Show*), and The Gypsy (*The Who's Tommy*). Kelsey has also performed alongside New York City's The Broadway Boys, Tony Award winner, Lillias White, and country music legend Kenny Rogers. She is a member of Branford's chamber ensemble, Joyful Sound and was the choreographer for the BHS spring musical, *Shrek*.

Emmett Cassidy, Branford (Link Larkin) A graduate of the American University of Rome, Emmett is returning to the stage after several years to pursue his passion for performing. His favorite roles include Reverend Paris in *The Crucible*, Frederic in *Pirates of Penzance*, and Bottom in *A Midsummer Nights Dream*.

Scott A. Towers, Branford (Corny Collins) is an alumni of the BHS class of 2006 where he is best known for playing the Beast in *Beauty and the Beast*. He has recently returned to Co-Produce the BHS Performing Arts production of *Shrek the Musical*. Scott earned his B.S. in Music Education with a Voice Concentration from Western Connecticut State University in 2011. As the principal tenor at WCSU, Scott's past roles include Frederic in *Pirates of Penzance*, Kaspar in *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, Rinuccio in *Gianni Schicchi*, and Tamino in *The Magic Flute*. He is currently the Director of Student Activities and Diversity Programs at Post University where he is earning his Master of Science in Higher Education Student Affairs.

Taryn Broughal, Branford (Penny Pingleton) Taryn is happy to be in her third musical. Past credits include the ensembles of the BHS productions of *Mary Poppins* and *Titanic*. Taryn has been a member of the BHS girls' volleyball team for three years and the CT Juniors club team for one. She would like to thank her family for supporting her through this process and to the cast and crew of *Hairspray* for all their help and hard work!

Maddie Oberempt, Branford (Amber Von Tussle) Maddie is very excited for her 5th production. Past credits include ensemble in *Les Miserables* and *Mary Poppins*, Kate Murphy in *Titanic*, and Fiona in *Shrek*. Maddie has also played volleyball at BHS for the past four years and would like to thank her family and cast for their support and hard work throughout this process. Break a leg, everybody!

Tyheed Scurry, New Haven (Seaweed) This is Ty's 3rd time performing as Seaweed. His previous roles include Oliver Warbucks in *Annie*, Teen Angel & Johnny Casino in *Grease*, Shrek in *Shrek the Musical*, and Joel Nyquist in *Is There Life After High School*. He is extremely excited and honored to be in the cast. He dedicates this performance to everyone who supported him throughout this journey! Especially Colin! He can't wait to do another production!



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Kassidy Planas, Guilford (Little Inez) Kassidy recently performed as Tomika in the GHS musical *School of Rock*, in addition to performing in other musicals such as *Ragtime* and *The Little Mermaid*. She enjoys dancing, acting, singing, and everything associated with the stage! When not performing, Kassidy can be seen baking, reading, writing, or playing with her four dogs. Thank you to her family and friends for always supporting her, and thank you to the entire *Hairspray* team for this wonderful opportunity!

Lisa Foster Wilson, New Haven (Motormouth Maybelle) is no stranger to the stage and is delighted to be reprising this role. Lisa is a classically trained opera singer with a music performance degree from Boston University. Lisa has released her first full solo project entitled "Gods Groove" which won 2 awards, the 3rd largest Award ceremony in the US, 2 second round ballot entries for the 59th Grammy Awards and the 2016 Best Female Recording Artist for the Connecticut Hollaback Gospel Awards. Lisa is a voting member of NARAS (Grammy Awards), The Stellar Awards and the Gospel Music Association (The Dove Awards). You can get more information or bookings on her website at www.LisaFosterWilson.com

Laura Sue Melillo, East Haven (Prudy Pingleton) Laura is pleased to be part of the cast and crew of *Hairspray*. Favorite recent roles include Lucy in *Snoopy the Musical*, Blind Old Hag/Ghost of Christmas Future in *A Christmas Carol* (Musical) and Mother Superior in *Nunsense*. When not on stage, she is Mom to Eulalie, Treia, and Webster, her three dogs. As always, sending love to Lee Strasberg.

Jon Firman, Trumbull (Wilbur Turnblad) This is Jon's theatre debut! Jon is a high school science teacher in Bethel, CT. He works with the BHS marching band program. He has been a singer his entire life and has always wished to do musical theater, but has never had the opportunity or resolve, (or courage), to try for one until now. He is very excited to share the stage for the first time with such talented individuals young and old. It is truly a privilege!

Ben Clouse, Branford (Brad) has enjoyed working on *Hairspray* with his peers. His most recent productions include *Titanic* and *Shrek*. When Ben is not at rehearsal, he likes to play ukulele and learn about different musicals. Ben has had an amazing experience in the STC's first production. This experience has helped him make many new connections with people from other communities, as well as strengthen his skills as an actor, singer, and dancer.

Katherine Spaulding, Branford (Tammy) is a recent Graduate from BHS. Next year she is planning to attend Emmanuel College where she intends to study neuroscience and biology. She also plans to join the Emmanuel Theater Program. Recently she was in *Shrek* as the Fairy Godmother, and *Titanic* as Band Member Bricoux. Katie is so thankful to the entire production team for all their tireless hard work, especially Colin, Paola, and Martone, who hold a special place in her heart. She will forever be grateful for the memories she made under their direction.

Dorian Hayes, Branford (Fender) is delighted to be part of the inaugural season of the Shoreline Theatre Company. He has previously appeared in *The Music Man* with Artful Living, *Shrek the Musical* with BHS, and *The Wizard of Oz* with Walsh Intermediate. He enjoys singing, dancing, and playing the piano. Dorian thanks his family and the cast for such a great experience!

Abby B

Kyle Bissell, Branford (Sketch) Last seen in *Shrek the Musical* as well as other musicals at Walsh. Kyle is a part of the BHS Band and Choir, and will be in Music Makers this fall. His hobbies include listening to music, playing video games, and writing. "I'd like to thank everyone for their love and support. I would also like to thank the entire cast for showing how powerful we can be and let's show Connecticut how amazing we are."

Cameryn Ludwin, Guilford (Shelley) is a sophomore at Guilford High School. She loves performing on stage, and she is thrilled to be in Shoreline Theater Company's debut production. Cameryn was involved with tech crew for Guilford's *School Of Rock* this past spring, and she's happy to get experience with being both behind and in front of the lights! This is Cameryn's on-stage debut, and she is absolutely ecstatic to be involved alongside the wonderful people in the cast and crew.



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Bobby Olejarczyk, Branford (IQ) Bobby will be a senior at BHS in the fall. He is a member of the football team, Concert Choir, Music Makers, and many student organizations. His previous shows have included *Mary Poppins*, *Titanic*, and *Shrek: The Musical*. In addition, Bobby is a High Honors Student and a member of the National Honors Society. He would like to thank Mr. Martone, Colin, Paola, Ms. Roding, and Stage Management for their countless hours of hard work that has made this show possible!

Emma boyle

Sophia Coppola, Branford (Nicest Kid) is a sophomore at Branford High School. Her hobbies include writing and dancing. She is excited to be a part of the Shoreline Theatre Company. She would like to thank the cast and crew of *Hairspray* for working so hard and making this first year memorable.

Patrick DeLucia, Branford (Harriman F. Spritzer/ Nicest Kid) Pat is thrilled to be back on the stage with STC. He has a lifelong love for music, singing and theater. He stepped away from pursuing the arts to serve in the United States Air Force and is excited to be resuming his passion.

Giovanni Esposito, Branford (Nicest Kid/Mr. Pinky) Gio graduated BHS in 2010, where he performed on the BHS stage. He is a formulations chemist and performs with the New Haven Chorale. Gio is excited to make his return to the BHS stage in the STC's inaugural show!

Amelie Parczany, Branford (Lou Ann) is very excited for *Hairspray* She was recently in *Shrek the Musical* at BHS and is thrilled to be able to work with Colin and Mr. Martone again as well as the rest of the creative team. Amelie's past work includes productions at Walsh and Artful Living. She fills her times with academics, dance, and spending time with friends and family. "I am so grateful to be a part of this wonderful experience!"

Ariel Cobden, Branford (Nicest Kid) is ecstatic to be a part of the STC's production of *Hairspray*. Ariel has been a part of 4 Walsh productions and has most recently portrayed Flounder in *The Little Mermaid*. Ariel is thrilled to be working with Mr. Martone and Colin for the first time and the rest of The STC. Ariel would like to thank her family and friends for always supporting her and dealing with her crazy schedule. "Best of luck to the cast and crew, thank you for an amazing experience."

Ava Cosgrove, Branford (Nicest Kid) will be a Freshman at BHS this fall. She studies voice with Paul Scanlon. Ava has performed The National Anthem at several venues; such as The Mohegan Sun and Quinnipiac University. In 2014, she won 3rd place in "Branford's Got Talent." Ava has studied classical ballet since age three. She has been performing in *The Nutcracker* with New Haven Ballet for 9 years. She also dances with Shoreline Dance Academy. Ava is a member of The National Junior Honors Society, Unified Sports, and Peer Leaders. She has really enjoyed participating this production.

Max Dormer, Branford (Nicest Kid) is a BHS Junior appearing in his third musical. Max enjoys playing video games and singing. "I really enjoy my time joking around and bonding with people from neighboring towns. Music is one of my biggest passions and getting to do it every day for a month or 2 after our Spring production is really great! Best of luck to the cast during our production of *Hairspray*!"

Juliana Mascia, North Haven (Nicest Kid) This is Juliana's 25th show. Previous shows include performances with Square Foot Theatre, Stand Up and Speak Out, and her school performances. Juliana would like to thank the production team and cast of *Hairspray* for making this experience incredible.



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Bella Rarick, Branford (Nicest Kid) She has recently starred in Walsh's production of *The Little Mermaid* as Ariel. She also has performed with Artful Living Productions in numerous shows and is currently working on *Beauty and the Beast*. Bella loves to dance, sing, and act in her free time. She'd like to thank her family and friends, Colin, Mr. Martone, and the rest of the creative team including her wonderful and supportive mother, Paola for an amazing experience!

Riya Bam, Branford (Stooie) will be a junior this fall at Branford High School. She is proud to make her theatre debut in *Hairspray*. She would like to thank Mr. Martone for convincing her to try out!

Julian Clarke-Dixon, New Haven (Gilbert) is making his on-stage debut after working backstage on the BHS production of *Shrek*. Julian is very active at Branford High, a viola player in the orchestra, sings with Music Makers and Concert Choir, and is a class officer for the Class of '20, and many other clubs. When not at school Julian enjoys modern art and fashion.

Jolee Fernandez, Branford (Record Store Ensemble) Jolee is excited to return to her musical roots after studying acting at ECA for 4 years! She will be attending the University of Connecticut next year. She'd like to thank everyone who has worked so hard on this production and her supportive friends & family!

Alex Hernandez, Branford (Shayna Dynamite) is thrilled to perform in her 8th production. She will be attending UMASS-Amherst in the fall and would like to thank Mr. Martone, Colin Sheehan, Paola, and the entire cast of *Hairspray* for an amazing show and experience.

Janiya Woods, New Haven (Record Store Ensemble) Janiya woods goes to the Cooperative Arts and Humanity High School in New Haven and will be a sophomore this fall. Her favorite hobbies include singing and dancing.

Lily Stockwell, Branford (Nicest Kid) will be a freshman at Lauralton Hall in the fall. She found her voice when she was 7, singing with her piano teacher. She's sung from places as small as her living room, to as big as The Apollo Theater in NYC! Lily has enjoyed performing in the Walsh productions, and most recently played Ursula in *The Little Mermaid*. She wrote her first original song, 'Colder', and looks forward to more writing over the summer. In her spare time, Lily loves to play volleyball and also enjoys spending time with her friends & family.

Nitya Bam, Branford (Record Store Ensemble) will be in 9th grade at BHS in the fall. At Walsh she performed in *The Wizard of Oz*, *James and the Giant Peach*, and *The Little Mermaid*. She would like to thank the cast and crew for all the amazing work they have been doing to make this show. "You gotta think big to be big!"

Julianna Clarke-Dixon, New Haven (Record Store Ensemble) is making her theatre debut in *Hairspray*. She is a violin player in the BHS Orchestra and plays the steel pans for Music New Haven and St. Luke's Church. When not performing, Julianna is a member of Peace Jam and the GSA, and in her free time enjoys drawing and singing.

Jayleen

Emma Ng, Branford (Thad/Camera Op.) Emma will be a senior this fall at BHS and was last seen on stage in *Shrek the Musical*. She performs with Concert Choir and Music Makers, and when not on stage, enjoys rock climbing. Emma is excited to be working with such an amazing cast and crew as a part of the Motormouth Crew.

Jeniffer Mariño San, Branford (Judine Dynamite) Known as Jeni San, she holds a Bachelor's degree in English literature & cinema from Northeastern University and a Master's of Science degree in acupuncture and herbal medicine from the American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine, of San Francisco. Jeni specializes in maternal-neonatal integrative healthcare, and is currently finishing her doctoral degree. This medical scientist also has professional production & executive assistant experience within the film/tv/commercial and music industry, and is searchable on IMDb Pro.



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Tanasia Perez, New Haven (Record Store Ensemble) Mekhi will be a sophomore this fall and enjoys cheerleading. "Thank you to the cast and crew for working so hard and making this show great. Special thanks to Mr. Martone and Colin for making my first musical a fun experience."

Emmy Xu, Guilford (Cindy Watkins) is a freshman at GHS. She is very involved in theater and arts and recently performed as Lauren in Guilford's production of *School of Rock*. She is very excited to be participating in this production of *Hairspray*. She has also been surviving on Dunkin for the past month thanks to the proximity of Dunkin Donuts to BHS!

Judy M. Bannon, Northford (Principal) is very excited to be a member of *Hairspray*. This is Judy's theatrical debut and she is grateful to the production staff for the opportunity to fulfill her lifelong dream of performing. Judy teaches at Jerome Harrison Elementary School where she has directed the 2nd grade chorus for 18 years. In addition, she established and coordinates the Shoreline Elementary Choir Festival. Judy enjoys spending time with her large family who have always been her greatest inspiration. She is forever grateful for their unwavering love and support.

Clare Bransfield, Guilford (Ensemble) is a student at GHS and is very excited for her theatre debut! She wants to thank her outstanding mother who has always pushed her to branch out into theater and music. Clare loves people and enjoys making others laugh. She is thrilled to be in *Hairspray* and would like to thank the production team very much for making this an awesome show!

Tea Haskins, Branford (Matron) is so glad to be a part of the Shoreline Theatre Company's first production of *Hairspray*. They would like to thank Martone and Colin for the wonderful opportunity and congrats to the cast on an amazing musical!

Mallory Legman, Branford (Ensemble) is excited to make her musical debut in *Hairspray*. As instrumental music teacher at Branford High, Ms. Legman directs the concert band, jazz band, and orchestra. She has degrees in music ed. from UConn (Bachelor's) and Univ. of Hartford (Master's). Ms. Legman would like to thank her family and Mark for their support.

Iris Youn, Branford (Lorraine) is debuting in her first musical. She will be attending Providence College in the fall. She likes to dance and eat; sometimes at the same time. "I would like to thank my family and my friends who encouraged me to join this amazing cast!"

Hanna Bloomquist, Branford (Ensemble) is thrilled to be a part of STC's inaugural production of *Hairspray* having appeared this past spring in *Shrek: The Musical*. She's especially excited to be a part of a show that carries such an important message to her. Next year, she will be a sophomore at BHS. In her free time, she likes to play piano and listen to music. She would like to thank everyone who made her first year the incredible experience that it was!

Alena Fitzgerald Borack, East Haven (Ensemble) is a proud graduate of the BHS Performing Arts Program (2001). She received her BA and is a certified occupational therapy assistant which she currently applies in her position as a rehab manager and therapist. Her favorite theater credits include *Gypsy* and *Dolls* and *Songs for a New World*. Alena is looking forward to seeing what the future holds for the STC. She would like to congratulate all involved and send a huge thank you to Colin and Mike for bringing community theater performing opportunities to people of all ages. You Can't Stop the Beat!

Sarah Kondziela, Branford (Ensemble) has been a theater girl since High School. She attended Sacred Heart Academy where she performed in three productions. At Iona College, she studied elementary/early childhood education. Sarah works as a reading intervention teacher for first grade students at a New Haven magnet school. In her spare time, Sarah likes to hang out with friends, sing, and watch the New York Mets. Sarah is enjoying her first Shoreline Theatre Company musical, and wishes all the cast the best of luck!

Rita Micklus, Branford (Guard) has always loved performing. This is her 12th show and she is very excited to be a part of the cast of *Hairspray*. She is particularly happy to be working with Colin and Mr. Martone again and looks forward to future productions with the STC.



WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST

Shannon Micklus, Branford (Ensemble) is happy to be a part of the cast of *Hairspray*. She has always enjoyed theatre, whether as an audience member, behind the scenes, or on stage. This is her 5th community theatre performance.

Lily Paturzo, Guilford (Ensemble) is a freshman at GHS and is thrilled to be a part of *Hairspray*! Lily has been dancing for 13 years and studies voice at Wagner Iovanna Studio Productions. She loves to play with her dog and hang out with her friends in her free time. Lily would like to thank her parents and everyone in the cast, crew, and production team of *Hairspray*!

Emma Velardi, Branford (Ensemble) is going to be a 9th grader at Jamesville-Dewitt High School. Emma has been in many other shows including all of the WIS productions for the past 4 years, most recently seen as Sebastian in *The Little Mermaid*. Emma has many credits with the Shubert Theater Summer Camp and has been in seen in roles such as Tinker Bell in *Peter Pan* and the Stepmother in *Cinderella*. She is thrilled to be working with Colin again and would like to wish her fellow cast mates and crew good luck.

Mary Olejarczyk, Branford (Gym Teacher) She is a recent graduate of BHS and will attend Loyola University Maryland in the fall to study biology. In her senior year, she was Alto Section Leader for the Concert Choir and Music Makers. Past credits include Mama Bear in *Shrek the Musical*, and ensemble in *Les Miserables*, *Mary Poppins*, and *Titanic*. She would like to thank Colin, Martone, Ms. Roding, and Paola for all of their hard work for the show!

Janet Tennyson, Wallingford (Newscaster) Janet played Principal Miller in The World Premier of *Her Song*, she is a lead vocalist with CT Based Top 40 Bands, "Gilberto & Gillette," and "Friends." She sings with The Church of the Resurrection Choir, Wallingford, CT and belongs to "Be Somebody Fitness Center" in North Haven, CT. Janet thanks her family, friends and *Hairspray* cast members for all their support and the opportunity to grow and learn through musical theater.

Samantha Wilson, Guilford (Ensemble) will be a sophomore this fall at Guilford High School. Samantha has loved music her whole life and is very excited to be a part of the production.





WHO'S WHO IN THE CREW

Mike Martone Jr, Branford (Musical Director) graduated from Branford High School in 2001 where he was fortunate to play in *Crazy for You*, *Lil' Abner*, and especially the role as Nicely Nicely Johnson in *Guys and Dolls*. He attended Western Connecticut State University where he obtained his B.S. in Music Education. Mike performed in several operas as a member of the WCSU Opera Ensemble. Credits include; Tamino in *The Magic Flute*, Don Basilio in *The Marriage of Figaro*, King Kasper in *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, as well as several others. Mr. Martone graduated with high honors and was awarded the Ruth P. DeVillafranca Certificate which is given to the most promising music educator as deemed by the music faculty. He also has his M.S. in Music Education from WCSU again graduating Magna Cum Laude. Mike also created and directed a summer music camp for young performers for the last several years as well as performed in a couple plays with a theater company himself. "I would like to give special thanks to my family, especially Jenn, who always supports whatever crazy ventures I get myself into, and even makes me feel like they're 'good ideas.' For my mom, I know she is here watching over me every day!"

Alicia Loesche, East Haven, (Costume Design) This is Alicia's second musical as costume designer, following *Shrek!* She is extremely excited to be joining the behind the scenes production staff after her on stage appearances in high school at Sacred Heart Academy where she was in *Anything Goes*, *Guys and Dolls*, and *Annie*. Thank you to my awesome crew Tanya and Kim! She would also like to thank Mike and Colin for taking a risk and bringing her on staff and guiding her through this amazing adventure!

Jess Strassburg, Branford, (Lighting Design) Jess is a BHS alumni of the class of 2001. She holds a B. A. in Theatre Design/Technology/Management from Wagner College. Past credits include The Santa Fe Opera, Goodspeed Opera House, Forestburgh Playhouse, and College Light Opera Company. Jess is proud to currently be the Technical Advisor to the BHS Performing Arts Dept., starting her 9th year. Congratulations to the STC on an amazing debut season.

Colin Sheehan, Branford (Director) is thrilled to be directing on a stage that he is VERY familiar with as a BHS graduate ('03) and the current Director of The Branford High School Performing Arts' Spring Musical. He continued his studies at Wagner College ('07) with a B.A. in Theatre and Speech Performance. Colin founded the charity MusiKids CT, Inc. giving away over \$25,000 in scholarships. In 2003, he made his Broadway debut in the closing night production of *Les Miserables*. In '99, Colin appeared numerous times on "The Rosie O'Donnell Show" and worked for 3 seasons on "The Wendy Williams Show." Colin has produced, directed, hosted, and performed in the tri-state area and abroad with Broadway Cruises, Nickelodeon Cruises, and R Family Vacations Cruises. Colin is also a philanthropist and has raised funds and awareness for many Branford organizations, Rosie's Theatre Kids, Children's Hospital Colorado, Pulse of Orlando, Make-A-Wish, and many more. For years, Colin worked for the Tony and Olivier and Award-winning Seaview Productions. Other directorial credits include *Her Song* at the Ivoryton Playhouse and Artistic Director of Tabor Arts Branford. Colin's latest endeavor, Colin Sheehan Events, provides production, directorial needs, or hosting for a variety of events and special-izes in non-profit fundraisers. Please visit ColinSheehanEvents.com for more information.

Adam Jackson, Branford (Lighting Design & Stage Manager) is a student at Branford High School and has been in numerous productions. Most recently he played Henry David Thoreau in *The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail* and Lord Farquaad in *Shrek the Musical*. Adam is a member of the BHS Tech Crew, Concert Choir (Section Leader), Music Makers, and Band (Drum Major). "Huge shout out to my family and friends for supporting me through this production. Good luck to the entire cast and crew; it's been awesome getting to know you all. Break a leg!"

Roger Gagne



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Kathie Towers

Paola Rarick

Jared Moore, Branford (Ast. Stage Manager) is a sophomore at Eastern Connecticut State University. He is majoring in Criminology with a minor in Psychology. Jared is thrilled to be a part of the Shoreline Theatre Company's debut production of *Hairspray*!

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