

Note from Director

Welcome to Boone County S.T.A.G.E.'s production of *Back to the 80s....The Totally Awesome Musical!* I would like to take this time to thank you, the audience, for coming out and supporting S.T.A.G.E. in our 19th year of theatrical magic. Since its foundation in 1998, S.T.A.G.E. has been the only county-wide fine arts program that serves students from schools all over the district, and this year, for the first time, adult actors as well. We are so excited to have formed a new partnership with the staff of the Running Right Leadership Academy, and would like to take this time to thank them for their endless hospitality in the use of this beautiful, state of the art, facility.

Over the past 19 years, S.T.A.G.E. has produced the following musicals: *Grease* (1998,2006,2014) *Wizard of Oz* (1999/2007), Cinderella (2000/2015), *Sound of Music* (2001), *Annie* (2002), *Mr. Scrooge* (2003), *Hello Dolly* (2004), *Lil' Abner* (2005), *Bye Bye Birdie* (2008), *There's a Monster in my Closet* (2009), *Into the Woods* (2010), *Aladdin* (2012), *Alice in Wonderland Jr.* (2012), *Willy Wonka* (2013), *Beauty and the Beast* (2014), and *Mary Poppins* (2016).

Through the years, S.T.A.G.E. has provided an artistic platform for numerous students promoting personal growth, exposure to future career opportunities, developing lifelong friendships, and creating memories that bind our community together. Decades go by, fashions fluctuate, but great music NEVER goes out of style. We hope that you will sit back, in your nicely cushioned seat, and enjoy the performance.

Story Synopsis

Remember when actors became American Presidents? When bubble skirts and blue eye shadow were cool? When Atari was cutting edge technology? From the era that brought the world the Rubik's Cube, *Max Headroom*, and *The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* comes this 'totally awesome' musical in the style of movies such as *Back to the Future, Ferris Bueller's Day Off, The Karate Kid, and Sixteen Candles*.

The story tells of the senior class of William Ocean High School that graduated in the 1980's, as remembered and seen through the eyes of Corey Palmer who is now an adult. The young Corey is madly in love with the girl next door, Tiffany Houston, who is one of the coolest girls in school. Tiffany is too busy mooning over Michael Feldman, the hottest guy around. Michael and his cool crew are athletic and good-looking...the kind of guys that Corey and his best friends dream of being. But while Corey may not be the coolest, he's still one up on Feargal McFerrin III, whose best friend is his computer and who believes the crazy notion that one day CDs will replace cassette tapes.

There are lots of disappointments in school: Michael steals Corey's election speech and promises the girls a kiss for their votes to win Class President, Corey despairs even more when Tiffany becomes Michael's Vice President, Eileen Reagan is mortified when Michael and his gang send fake love letters, teachers Mr. Cocker and Miss Brannigan break up when Mr. Cocker discovers a centerfold photo of her in a swimsuit magazine, and Billy Astley can't seem to get a date for prom.

But with show-stopping tunes like *Kids in America, Love Shack, Centerfold, Man in the Mirror, and Girls Just Wanna Have Fun,* you can't be sad for long. High-energy dance routines, copious amounts of blue eye shadow, twenty cans of hairspray, and 80's memorabilia will have you singing and laughing along. Take a journey with us... Back to the 80's!



Chelsea Elaine Price, Artistic Director,

is a Boone County native from Foster, WV. She graduated from West Virginia State University with a Bachelor of Science in Education with a concentration in vocal music in 2011. Chelsea is a fulltime performing arts teacher at Scott High School. This is her fifth year as acting director for STAGE (*Aladdin*, *Alice in Wonderland Jr., Willy Wonka, Grease, Disney's Beauty and the Beast, Cinderella* and now

Mary Poppins). Chelsea spent 6 years in STAGE during her public school career in Boone County (*Wizard of Oz, Cinderella, Sound of Music, Scrooge, Annie,* and the lead role of Dolly in *Hello Dolly*). Chelsea is an active member of Zion Missionary Baptist Church located in Madison, WV where she directs the choir. In her spare time, Chelsea loves spending time with her beautiful niece and nephew (Little and Tater Tot) and recently completed her masters in Educational Leadership.

their efforts to make all our productions a success and a special Thank

Cathy Lynn Green, Technical Director,

resides at Price Hill in Madison, WV. She is a graduate of West Virginia University with a Bachelors in Fine Arts. She is the proud mother of Cadee Mae (Eileen) and Zachary Green and wife of Jacob Green (Stevie Cocker). This is her second show as Technical Director and her fifth show behind the scenes. Cathy wants to thank her family, friends and all the other parents for





You to my Dad, Greg. I couldn't do this without you. We love you.

Gregory Gray, Set Construction and Tireless Supporter of STAGE is a retired mine foreman who resides at Price Hill in Madison, WV. Greg has worked long hours to make sure that we have a fantastic stage for years to come.

John Holstein, Audio/Visual Guru

Audio Guy and local geek. On loan from Stephens Auto Center.



Robin Bunch Bailey, Musical Director

A native of Madison, Robin holds a Bachelor of Music Education from WV Wesleyan College and a Masters in Music/Theatre with an emphasis in Conducting from Marshall University. Robin is the Band Director at Chapmanville Regional High School. Proud to be a founder of STAGE, she still serves as Musical Director for our productions.



Robin has worked with various music theatrical companies as Musical Director for over 50 musicals: **Theatre WV**, **Huntington Outdoor Theater**, **Huntington's Musical Arts Guild**, **Marshall University**, **Charleston Light Opera Guild**, **Charleston Players**, **Appalachian Community Theatre**, **The Aracoma Story**, **Huntington Community Players**, **Boone Co. 4-H Summer Stage**, **Logan High School**, **Chapmanville High School**, and **S.T.A.G.E.**

No stranger to the on-stage experience, some of Robin's favorite roles include: **Princess Aracoma, Mrs. Paroo** (Music Man – her first show with TAS), **Nikki** (Sweet Charity), **Millie** (7 Brides), **Snoopy** (Charlie Brown), **Lilly St. Regis** (Annie), **Grandma Bertha** (Pippin), **Madame Dubonnet** (The Boyfriend), **Duchess** (the Gondoliers), **Katisha** (The Mikado), and **Annelle** (Steel Magnolias).

An avid 4-Her all her life, Robin served as the 4-H Agent for the WVU Boone County Extension Service for 8 years. She leads the Scott High School Golden Clover 4-H Club and volunteers at summer camp each year. Robin is currently the advisor for the Madison-Danville Jaycees. She is also active in The Farmer's Market of Boone County, Rev-Up Madison, the Boone County Master Gardeners, the Southern WV Community Band, and directs the adult choir at the Madison United Methodist Church.



Larry Copen, Illumination Expert

Larry is a 2014 graduate of Scott High School where he was a member of the Marching and Concert Bands, 4-H and YCI clubs. Larry also was part of STAGE while in high school. His previous productions include *Alice in Wonderland*, *Grease*

and Willy Wonka. After high school, Larry spent 10 months volunteering for AmeriCorps. Larry is now employed at Kroger and will be attending college in the fall.

CAST

Brett Adkins is the 12 year old son of Robbie & Amanda Adkins of Fosterville. Brett is in the 7th Grade and attends Sherman Jr. High School. This is Brett's third year in STAGE. Previous Productions include *Beauty and the Beast, Cinderella, and Mary Poppins*. Brett enjoys reading, spending time with his family and friends and taking care of animals. Brett also actively participates in LEGO Robotics and is a member of Sherman Junior High Student Council.



Brett Adkins as Alf Bueller



Brianna Adkins as Laura Wilde

Brianna Adkins of Uneeda is the 18 year old daughter of Patricia Sigmon and Brian Adkins. Brianna is the 12th grade and attends Scott High School. This is Brianna's second year in STAGE and third production. Her previous productions are *Beauty and the Beast* and *Mary Poppins*. Brianna is a member of 4-H, Scott High School's Choir, Historian for Scott High School's Tri-M Music Honor society and Color Guard Captain for Scott High School's Marching Band. She enjoys playing guitar and ukulele and spending time with her friends.

Abby Brown is the 17 year old daughter of Mike & Amy Brown of Madison. Abby is in the 12th grade and attends Scott High School. This is Abby's tenth year in STAGE. Previous productions include *Wizard of Oz*, *Bye-Bye* Birdie, Monster in my Closet, Into the Woods, Aladdin, Alice in Wonderland, Grease, Willy Wonka, Beauty and the Beast. Cinderella. Mary Poppins (as Mary Poppins). The Aracoma Story's production of *Willy Wonka* and Annie and 4-H's production of You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown. Abby is the Field Commander for the Scott Skyhawk Marching Band. She plays flute and the piccolo in the Concert Band. Abby also participates in Chorus, a member of Tri-M Music Honor Society, the National Honor Society and 4-H. Abby will be attending West Virginia Weslevan College this fall as a Presidential Scholar to study Music Education.



Abby Brown as Ms. Sheena Brannigan



Keely Darnell Ensemble

Keely Darnell is the 16 year old daughter of Richard and Beckie Darnell of Danville. Keely is in the 11th grade and attends Scott High School. This is Keely's first year in STAGE, but has been in many church plays, and has been a supporter of STAGE through her sister. She participates in track and gymnastics. She is the treasurer of the junior class, a member of the National Honor Society, and will be a representative of Scott High at Girl's State this summer.



Jossalyn Dolin Ensemble

Jossalyn Dolin is the 13 year old daughter of Jeremy & Jessica Dolin of Alum Creek. Jossalyn is in the 8th grade and attends Madison Middle School. This is her second production in STAGE. Her previous STAGE production was *Mary Poppins* and Children's Theater of Charleston's *Hansel and Gretel* and *Babes in Toyland*. Jessica is a member of the Chorus and Show Choir at Madison Middle School. She also plays softball at ASL and performs with various associations as a majorette.

Kaylea Egnor is the 16 year old daughter of Bill and Mary Egnor of Morrisvale. Kaylea is in the 10th grade and attends Scott High School. This is Kaylea's sixth year in STAGE. Her previous productions include *Monsters in My Closet, Into the Woods, Alice in Wonderland, Willy Wonka, Grease, Beauty and the Beast, Cinderella,* and The Aracoma Story's productions of *Beauty and the Beast, Little Shop of Horrors* (Audrey) and will be in *Grease* this summer. Kaylea is a member of Scott High School's Choir. She enjoys dancing and 4-H. Kaylea hopes that everyone enjoys the show!



Kaylea Egnor as Mel Easton



Billy Elkins as Billy Arnold

Billy Elkins is the 17 year old son of Bill and Lynda Elkins of Hewett. Billy is in the 12th grade and attends Scott High School. This is Billy's third year in STAGE. His previous productions include *Beauty and the Beast, Cinderella and Mary Poppins (George Banks)*. Billy is a member of the Scott Skyhawk's Marching, Concert and Jazz Bands.

Victor Farmer is a Paralegal at Shaffer & Shaffer, PLLC in Madison and is the son of the late GySgt Jessie D. Farmer, USMC, Retired, and Sally Farmer. Victor is a member of the Boone Lodge No 170 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Madison United Methodist Church. Born in NC, Victor has WV roots through his Dad and moved into the state in 1996. Victor is the 62nd President of the West Virginia Junior Chamber, the 102nd Master of Harman Lodge No. 222 AF&AM in Bluefield, VA, and currently resides in West Madison with Janet Means, three dogs and four cats.



Victor Farmer as Mr. Miyagi

Scenes and Musical Numbers

ACT 1

Scene 1: Wake Me Up Before You Go GoMichael Feldman, Ensemble
Kids In AmericaCyndi Gibson, Ensemble
Scene 2: William Ocean High School Girls Just Want to Have FunTiffany, Cyndi, Mel, Kim
We Built This CityMichael, Billy, Huey, Lionel
Scene 3: Outdoors, after school
Scene 4: School Assembly-Election Day MickeyTiffany, Cyndi, Mel, Kim
Michael's Election RapMichael
Video Killed the Radio StarFeargal, Laura, Debbie
Scene 5: Corey Bedroom Believe It Or Not
Scene 6: A School Classrom Let's Hear It For The BoyLaura, Debbie, Eileen
<u>Scene 7: The School Yard-Lunchtime</u> <i>I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles)</i> 1980s Corey
You Give Love A Bad NameCorey
Scene 8: The School Lockers You Give Love A Bad Name (Reprise)Mr. Cocker
Scene 9: School Assembly Man In The MirrorMr. Cocker, Miss Brannigan Full Student Ensemble

Scenes and Musical Numbers

ACT II

Scene 1: The School Concert Nothing's Gonna Stop Us NowScotty, Keeley Full Student Ensemble
Scene 2: The Party Love ShackFull Student Ensemble
Scene 3:The Party Aftermath Total Eclipse Of The Heart1980s Corey, Miss Brannigan
Scene 4: The School
Scene 5: The School Lockers Walking On SunshineEileen, Laura, Debbie
Scene 6: The Weekend Get Outta My Dreams (Get Into My Car)Michael, Tiffany Ensemble
Scene 7: A Classroom CenterfoldMr. Cocker, Full Student Ensemble
Scene 8: The School Lockers Lost In Your EyesEileen, Tiffany
Scene 9: Never Gonna Give You UpBilly
Material GirlCyndi
Scene 10: The School Lockers
Scene 11: The School Yard Don't Worry, Be Happy/Come On Eileen1980s Corey, Kirk, Alf
Scene 12: The Teacher's Staffroom
Scene 13: The Prom-School Gymnasium Wake Me Up Before You Go-Go (Reprise)Nate
(I've Had) The Time Of My Life1980s Corey, Tiffany, Miss Brannigan, Mr Cocker, Feargal, Eileen, Full Ensemble

Back To The 80's Megamix.....Full Ensemble

Scotty Gilliam is a 16 year old junior at Scott High School. This is Scotty's second STAGE production. Scotty was part of the crew, working the spotlight for Mary Poppins. Scotty is a member of the Scott High School Color Guard. He enjoys reading and being outdoors.



Scotty Gilliam Ensemble



Chloe Graley as Kim Easton

Chloe Graley is the 14 year old daughter of Charles & April Graley of Julian. Chloe is in the 9th grade and attends Scott High School. This is Chloe's third year in STAGE. Her previous productions include *Beauty and the Beast, Cinderella* and *Mary Poppins*. Chloe is a member of Scott Skyhawks's Color Guard. She enjoys playing ASA softball, hunting and spending time with her family.

Janis Graley is the 17 year old daughter of Charles & April Graley. Janis is in the 12th grade and attends Scott High School. This is Janis' fifth year in STAGE. Her previous productions include *Alice in Wonderland, Willie Wonka, Grease, Beauty and the Beast* and *Mary Poppins*. Janis is a member of the Scott Skyhawk's Concert and Marching Bands, Chorus and 4-H. She also enjoys reading, writing, playing the ukulele and video games.



Janis Graley as Debbie Foxx



Cadee Mae Green as Eileen Reagan

Cadee Mae Green is the 14 year old daughter of Jacob & Cathy Green of Price Hill. Cadee is in the 9th grade and attends Scott High School. This is Cadee's fifth year in STAGE. Her previous productions include *Wizard of Oz, Willy Wonka, Beauty and the Beast, Cinderella* and *Mary Poppins (as Jane Banks)*. Cadee is a member of Scott Skyhawk's Marching, Jazz and Concert Bands and the Chorus. She is also the treasurer for the freshman Student Council. She loves to write and use her writing to produce her own scripts, games and books.



Jacob Green As Mr. Stevie Cocker

Jacob Green of Price Hill is the son-in-law of our construction foreman, Greg Gray. Jacob works for the WV State Department of Education. This is Jacob's first STAGE production but is retired from the Oak Glen Little Theater. Jacob's previous productions with the Oak Glen Little Theater include *Little Shop of Horrors, The Boys Next Door, Don't Drink the Water, Is There Life After High School, How To Eat Like A Child,* and *Ebinita Scrooge.* Jacob enjoys spending time with his family, playing guitar and singing.

Amelia Grace Halley is the 16 year old daughter of Allen & Tammi Halley of Foster. Amelia is in the 11th grade and attends Scott High School. This is Amelia's sixth year in STAGE. Her previous productions include *Alice in Wonderland, Willie Wonka, Grease, Beauty and the Beast, Cinderella* and *Mary Poppins*. Amelia enjoys watching *Supergirl, the Flash, the Arrow, Once Upon a Time, Scream Queens* and *Glee* on Netflix. She loves singing, acting, dancing, and listening to music. Amelia enjoys spending time with children and plans to be a speech therapist.



Amelia Halley Ensemble



Timothy Hubbard as Michael Feldman

Timothy Hubbard is the 17 year old son of Lisa Hubbard of Racine. Timothy is in the 12th grade and attends Sherman High School. This is Timothy's fifth year in STAGE. His previous productions include *Willy Wonka*, *Grease, Beauty and the Beast, Cinderella* and *Mary Poppins*. Timothy is the Drum Major and also plays percussion in Sherman High's Marching and Concert Bands. He is also a member of 4-H and enjoys playing the Ukulele.

Willie Huff is the 14 year old son of Jeannie Huff of Costa. Willie is in the 8th grade at Sherman Junior High School. This is Willie's first production in STAGE. Willie enjoys 4-H camp, computers and fiction.



Willie Huff as Feargal McFerrin

Noah Jarrell is the 14 year old son of Kimberly Bias of Foster. Noah is in 9th grade at Scott High School. This is Noah's first year in STAGE. Noah enjoys playing the cello and guitar. He also enjoys playing football and playing video games. Noah is a member of the Scott High Chorus and is also a member of the school's YCWV club.



Noah Jarrell as Kirk Keaton



Kerry Matthews as Corey Palmer (1980s)

Kerry Matthews is the 18 year old son of KK & Marsha Matthews of Yawkey. Kerry is in the 12th grade and attends Scott High School. This is Kerry's fourth year in STAGE. His previous productions include *Willy Wonka*, *Grease* (Danny Zuko), *Beauty and the Beast, Cinderella* (Prince Charming) and *Mary Poppins* (Bert). Kerry is a member of the Scott Skyhawk's Marching, Concert, and Chorus. He is also a member of 4-H, and the Tri-M Music Honor Society. "I would like to thank my brothers for always being so understanding, my parents for being there for me, my grandparents for being so inspiring and my kitten Luna for always making me happy."

KK Matthews of Yawkey is the father of Kerry, Klayton, Gage and Kyle and husband to Marsha. KK teaches at Scott High and enjoys reading, fishing, and gardening. This is KK's first production in STAGE.



KK Matthews as Corey Palmer (2000s)



Kyle Matthews as Huey Jackson

Kyle Matthews is the 13 year old son of KK & Marsha Matthews of Yawkey. Kyle is in the 7th grade at Madison Middle School. This is Kyle's first year in STAGE. His previous productions include Mary Poppins. Kyle is a member of the Scott Skyhawk Marching Band and 4-H. He loves spending time with his brothers and competing in Jui-Jitsu.



Haleigh Petry Ensemble

Haleigh Petry is the 15 year old daughter of Angela Petry of Madison. Haleigh is a sophomore at Scott High School. This is Haleigh's first year of STAGE, working the crew for Mary Poppins. Haleigh was also the personal assistant to Burt. She enjoys writing, playing the ukulele and penny boarding. Haleigh is also a member of the Scott High School marching and concert bands.

Brooke Phillips is the 18 year old daughter of Robert & Connie Phillips of Spars Creek. Brooke is in the 12th grade and attends Scott High School. This is Brooke's 9th year in STAGE. Previous production includes Bye-Bye Birdie, Monsters in my Closet, Into the Woods, Aladdin, Willy Wonka, Grease, Beauty and the Beast (Belle), Cinderella, Mary Poppins and 4-H's production of You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown. Brooke is a member of Scott Skyhawk's Marching, and Concert Bands, 4-H, HSTA and Teen Leaders. She plays softball and Senior League basketball. She enjoys reading and playing the ukulele. Brooke is also a member of Tri-M Music Honor Society, National Honor Society, the Honor's Academy and is graduating with **Highest Honors.** Brooke will be attending WVU in the fall as a Honors Scholar, majoring in Psychology.



Brooke Phillips as Cyndi Gibson



Ashton Rhodes as Tiffany Houston

Ashton Rhodes is the 17 year old daughter of Mechele & James Lee of Seth. Ashton is in the 11th grade and attends Sherman High School. This is Ashton's third year in STAGE. Her previous productions include *Beauty* and the Beast, Cinderella (Cinderella) and Mary Poppins. Ashton is a member of Sherman High's Marching and Concert Bands, orchestra and National Honor Society. She is a guest representative at the Clay Center, Junior Class President and an Inspire WV Leader. Ashton also enjoys playing the piano.

Caleb Thompson is he 18 year old son of Raymond and Teresa Thompson of Wharton. Caleb is in the 11th grade and attends Scott High School. This is Caleb's first production of STAGE. He is a member of 4-H, Ski Club, Prom Committee, the National Honor Society and is on the Soccer team. Caleb enjoys running, soccer, and making homemade pizza.



Caleb Thompson as Lionel Astley

The Band



Evan Ballard—*Trombone*– Evan Ballard is the 16 year old son of John & Tammy Ballard of Foster. Evan is in the 10th grade and attends Scott High School. This is Evan's eighth year in STAGE. Previous productions include *There's a Monster in my Closet, Into the Woods, Aladdin Jr., Grease, Alice in Wonderland, Beauty and the Beast, Cinderella and Mary Poppins*. Evan enjoys playing the trombone in the West Virginia Youth Symphony Orchestra and the All-Sate Band. He is also a member of the Concert, Jazz, and Marching ensembles at Scott High School.

Caleb Sydnor—*Drum Kit*—Caleb is the 19 year old son of Sean and Amanda Sydnor. This is Caleb's fifth year playing music for STAGE. His previous productions include *Grease, Willy Wonka, Beauty and the Beast, Cinderella* and *Mary Poppins*. Caleb is a 2016 graduate of Scott High School where he was a member of Scott High's Concert, Marching, and Jazz Bands.

Robin Bunch Bailey-Keyboard - Musical Director

Nate Dean—*Lead Guitar*— Nate is the 18 year old son of Chester and Amy Dean of Foster. Nate is a senior at Scott High School. This is Nate's fourth year playing music for STAGE. His previous productions include *Willy Won-ka, Beauty and the Beast, Cinderella* and *Mary Poppins*. Nate is a member of the Marching, Jazz, and Concert bands. Nate will be attending Marshall University in the fall to study music and guitar.

James Bishop—Bass — James is the 19 year old son of Susan Taylor and James Bishop and a 2016 graduate of Sherman High School. This is James' fifth year playing music for STAGE. His previous productions include *Grease*, *Willy Wonka*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Cinderella* and *Mary Poppins*. James enjoys playing guitar, bass, and music in general and gaming with Ol'Carburetor.

Technical Crew

JT Lester—11th grade at Scott High School Nathan Bias — 9th grade at Scott High School Danish Waseem — 11th grade at Scott High School Geoffrey Kuhn — 9th grade at Scott High School Matthew Ford — 11th grade at Scott High School Madi Mitchell — 10th grade at Scott High School Grace Thompson — 10th grade at Scott High School Brody Smith — 11th grade at Scott High School

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