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A Note From the Director...

The Prom is a show full of big characters and catchy music, but at its heart it is much more. It's a message about inclusivity, about listening, and about unlearning habits that no longer serve us.

Edgewater, Indiana is just around 700 miles away from us, but tonight it gives us a chance to talk about what we are doing in our own communities. Because intolerance like what we see in the show is unfortunately still more universal than it should be.

Communities across the country are still making folks feel othered and like they don't belong. Legislation is still being passed to make it harder to exist for a myriad of communities. And the world, despite being connected more and more each day by the internet, has never felt smaller for people. But change has never started because governments and nations have decided to do better; change has come because people want to be better, and they demand it from the world.

So tonight, as you watch these folks from New York City and Edgewater unlearn the habits that no longer serve them, my call to action is this: How can we all make our own little piece of the world safer and better for someone in our lives? Building a community, like a prom, starts with one person. Be that person.

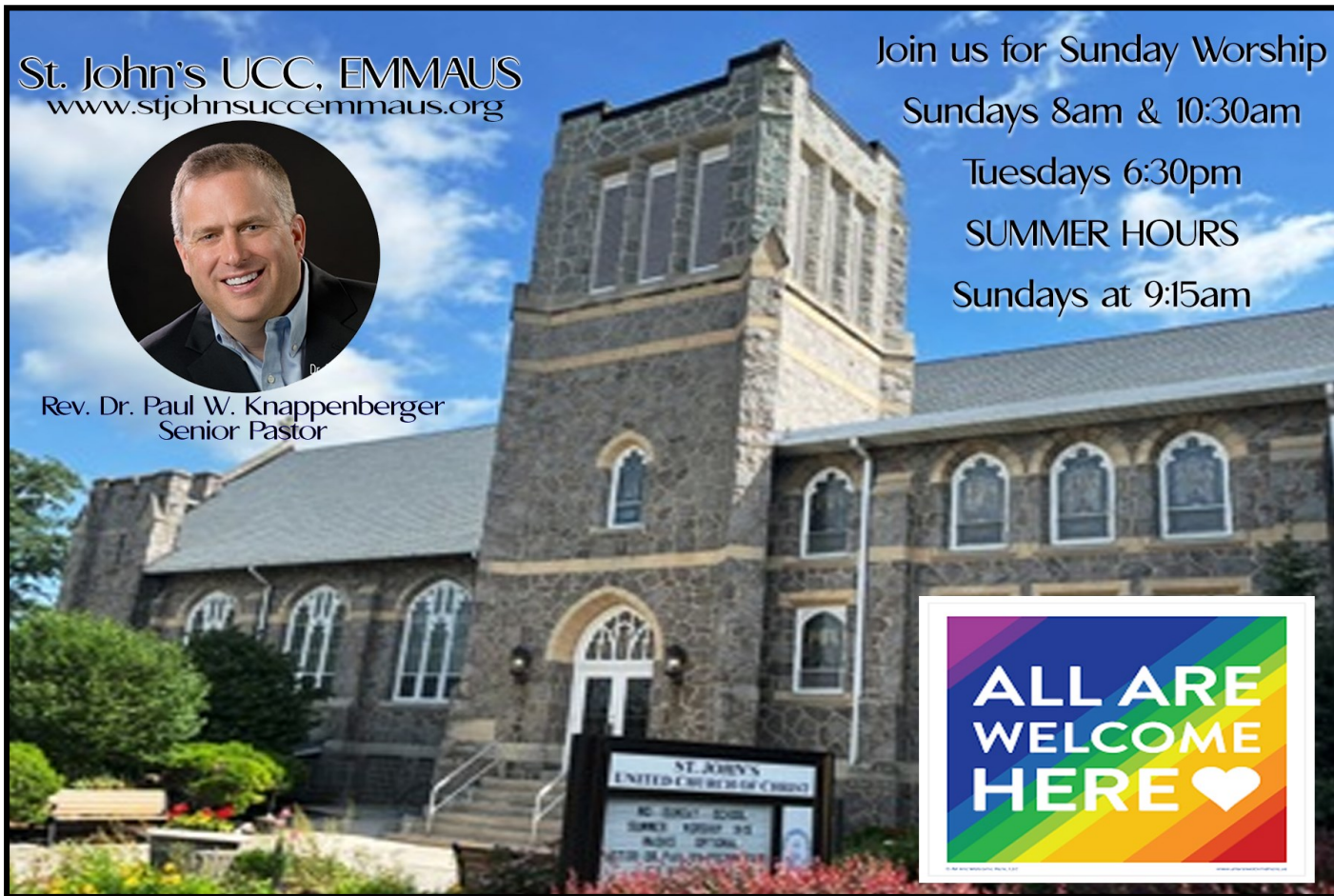
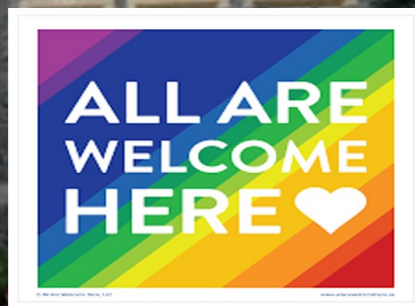
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CAST LIST

Emma Nolan	Mary Bolan
Alyssa Greene	Kyleigh Vicoso
Dee Dee Allen	Mandi Kalbach
Barry Glickman	Matt Redline
Trent Oliver	Dylan Firestone
Angie Dickinson	Shannon Seip
Mr. Hawkins	Richie Warmkessel
Sheldon	Dan vanArsdale
Mrs. Greene	Christine Ebert
Nick	T. J. Seislove
Kevin	Jack Warnke
Kaylee/Dance Captain	Kaela Frankenfield
Shelby	Courtney Bodnar
Olivia Keating	Abby Roth

Ensemble: Sarah Danner, Elisa Osorto, Abriela Sanchez, Abby Schechter, Wyatt Steiner,
Oliver Thompson, Julisa Trinidad

Understudies:

Emma Nolan Julisa Trinidad (May 10th)

Alyssa Greene Elisa Osorto (May 10th)

STAFF:

Director: Parker Ryan
Musical Director: Chris Hamm
Choreographer: Kirsten Almeida
Stage Manager: Alexis Leon
Directing Intern: Jillian Petrie
Scenic Design/Artist: Mickey Brown
Stage Crew: Sebastian Steltz, Salem Perez Torres
Costumes: Kirsten Almeida, Kate Woolbert

Props: Star of the Day
Sound: Chris Hamm
Lighting Design: Parker Ryan
Light Board Op: Alexis Leon
Intimacy Coach: Alessandra Fanelli
ASL Advisor: Bethany Anderson
Volunteer Coordinator: Kelly Warnke
Photographer: Marissa Brewer

Special Thanks: St. John's UCC, Chris Connelly, The Brown Family, The Sawyer Family, Jim Long, Northampton Community College Theatre Department, Pennsylvania Playhouse, Benjamin Ruth, and all our volunteers.

MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT ONE

Overture/Changing Lives	Dee Dee, Barry, and Company
Changing Lives Reprise	Dee Dee, Barry, Angie, Trent, Sheldon
Just Breathe	Emma
It's Not About Me	Dee Dee, Barry, Angie, Trent, Sheldon, and Company
Dance With You	Emma, Alyssa
The Acceptance Song	Trent, Dee Dee, Barry, Angie, Ensemble
You Happened	Emma, Alyssa, Nick, Kevin, Ensemble
We Look to You	Mr. Hawkins
Tonight Belongs to You	Barry, Emma, Mrs. Greene, Ensemble

~ 15 Minute Intermission ~

ACT TWO

Entr'acte	
Zazz	Angie, Emma
The Lady's Improving	Dee Dee
Love Thy Neighbor	Trent, Ensemble
Alyssa Greene	Alyssa
Barry is Going To Prom	Barry
Unruly Heart	Emma, Ensemble
Changing Lives Reprise 2	Barry, Angie, Dee Dee, Trent, Sheldon, Mr. Hawkins
It's Time to Dance	Emma, Alyssa, Company

Who's Who in the

COURTNEY BODNAR (Shelby) - is thrilled to be performing in her 13th SOTD production! She is a junior attending Kutztown University and is majoring in psychology. She would like to thank her family and friends for their endless support.

MARY BOLAN (They/Them) (Emma Nolan) - is no stranger to theater, but was a stranger to SOTD when they had auditioned. They are more well-known for their work in the Pocono and Delaware Water Gap theater communities. Some of their recent productions include: Emma Carew (*Jekyll & Hyde*), Joanne (*Rent*), and Fräuline Schneider (*Cabaret*).

SARAH DANNER (Ensemble) - is thrilled to join Star of the Day with her first production with the company. When not on the stage, she works as the Stage Manager at Pines Dinner Theatre. Sarah would like to thank her family and friends for all of the love and support shown to her.

CHRISTINE EBERT (She/Her) (Mrs. Green) - is proud to join this talented cast and SOTD production team! She is a Licensed Social Worker involved in community theater since childhood. Recent credits include Auntie/Bearded Lady in *Side Show* (SOTD), Electra in *Gypsy* (Munopco), and Housekeeper in *Man of La Mancha* (SOTD). Let's Build a Prom for Everyone!

DYLAN FIRESTONE (Trent) - is excited to be back on the stage after a seven year hiatus. Dylan is excited for his first show with SOTD. Previously, Dylan has done many shows at Pleasant Valley HS, as well as acted in and directed many films through Firestone Films.

KAELA FRANKENFIELD (Kaylee/Ensemble) - is ecstatic to be in her first show at SOTD. Previously, she performed as a Street Urchin in *A Christmas Carol* and Laker Girl/Ensemble in *Spamalot* at Civic Theatre. She would like to thank her family and friends who encouraged her to pursue her passion for the stage.

MANDI KALBACH (Dee Dee) - is thrilled to be returning to the stage after last being seen in Civic Theatre's production of *9 to 5* about 7 years ago. Mandi is not a stranger to the Lehigh Valley Theatre Scene with some of her favorite past productions being Sugar! (Sugar), Cabaret (Rosie), Beauty and the Beast (Silly Girl), Meet Me in St. Louis (Esther Smith), and Urinetown (Little Becky Two Shoes). Mandi

would like to thank her Husband, Brett, and their two sons for all their love and support.

ELISA OSORTO (Ensemble/Alyssa u/s - May 10th) - is so excited to be making her Star of the Day debut in *The Prom*! Previous roles include Catherine in *Pippin*, and ensemble in *Chicago*, *Crazy for You*, and *Anything Goes* at Catasauqua High School. Enjoy the show!

MATT REDLINE (Barry Glickman) - *The Prom* marks Matt's debut performance with STOD. Past roles: *Spectre of Death* (Roger Hanrahan), *The Drowsy Chaperone* (Underling), *Mamma Mia* (Harry Bright) and *The Addams Family* (Mal Beinecke). Matt would like to thank his family and friends for always being there for him on and off the stage. Thanks to Parker, Kirsten, Chris, Alexis, and Jillian!

ABBY ROTH (Olivia Keating/Ensemble) - is excited to be returning to Star of the Day for her 14th show. Abby is excited to be a part of this show! She is very proud and honored to be a part of the Star of the Day family. She would like to thank her family and friends.

ABRIELA SANCHEZ (They/Them) (Ensemble) - is excited to be back performing in their second musical at Star Of The Day! They want to thank the cast and crew for making them feel so welcomed.

ABBY SCHECHTER (Godspeed Ensemble/PTA) - is thrilled to be making her Star of the Day debut! She is a senior at Muhlenberg College studying Theater and Media Communications. She would like to thank her friends and family for their support. She can't wait to build a prom with you all! Enjoy the show!

SHANNON SEIP (Angie Dickinson) - is thrilled to be working with SOTD for the first time! Favorite roles include: Mrs. Wilkinson in *Billy Elliot*, Tanya in *Mamma Mia*, and Mrs. Wormwood in *Matilda*. She recently sang backup for Broadway star Kate Baldwin and produced and starred in several video shorts for *Nickelodeon's* NickMom network.

T.J. SEISLOVE (Nick) - *The Prom* marks T.J.'s 9th musical with Star of the Day. He first appeared as Lumiere in 2018's Summer Spotlight Academy production of *Beauty & the Beast Jr.* He's happy to be a part of his favorite musical and work with such an amazing group of performers and staff.

WYATT STEINER (Ensemble) - is super excited to be in **The Prom**, as he is a dancer and actor who loves any opportunity to be on stage. He is elated to be back here with his family at Star of the Day! He wants to thank his family and all his instructors for believing in him and giving him the gift of love of the theater.

OLIVER THOMPSON (Ensemble) - The Prom is Oliver's first show with Star of The Day. He played Janis in Mean Girls Jr, along with being in the ensemble of Beauty and the Beast Jr and Singing in the rain Jr.

JULISA TRINIDAD (She/They) (Ensemble/Emma u/s - May 10th) is thrilled to be a part of her 10th production with Star of the Day. Her most notable roles include The Snake (**Children of Eden**), Hermia (**A Midsummer Night's Dream**), Belle/Little Mermaid/Rapunzel (**Disenchanted**), Medda Larkins (**Newsies**), and Mr. Wormwood (**Matilda the Musical**). She is also a member of Star of the Day's **The Divas!** She would like to thank friends and family for their support.

DANIEL VANARSDALE (Sheldon) - is making his return to the Star of the Day stage. He was previously The Escapologist in Star of the Day's production of **Matilda**. Daniel has also Daniel would like to thank the audience for coming out to see this amazing show.

KYLEIGH VICOSO (Alyssa)- is a second year theater major at NCC! This past summer you may have seen her in **The Wedding Singer** at Pines Dinner Theater. Some of Kyleigh's favorite roles include Katherine (**Newsies**) and The Geek (**Sideshow**). She would like to thank her family for their love and support!

RICHIE WARMKESSEL (He/They) is a comedian, actor and improviser. Most recently seen as Ursula in **The Little Mermaid** at Civic Theatre and the Golden Girls Drag Show at SteelStacks Other credits include Edna Turnblad in **Hairspray**, opening for Caroline Rhea. Special thanks to his spouse, Kelcie, for her support.

JACK WARNKE (Kevin) - is excited to return to Star of the Day. Jack was last seen in MunOpCo's **Into the Woods** (Cinderella's Father), Civic Theater's **The Little Mermaid** (Ensemble) and Star of the Day's **The Wizard of Oz** (The Cowardly Lion). He'd like to thank his parents and the cast and crew.

Who's Who on the Creative Team?

KIRSTEN ALMEIDA (CHOREOGRAPHER) - is the Founder and Managing Artistic Director of Star of the Day. She started the company in 2011. Kirsten is a singer, actress, dancer, director, choreographer, producer, playwright, composer, vocal coach, and arts educator. She is a proud member of the Actors Equity Association and has appeared both on and off Broadway as well as film and TV. She has performed in both regional and national tours. Favorite roles include Alice Dax (**Scandalous**), Evangeline (**They Rally For Death**), The Witch (**Big Fish**), Narrator (**Joseph...Dreamcoat**), and Helen (**Fun Home**). She runs "Free Your Voice" Singing Acting Studio in Emmaus and teaches theatre, dance, and music at several venues throughout the valley. A HUGE thank you to her husband, Michael, for having the patience of a saint. **For Beth Always!**

PARKER RYAN (DIRECTOR) - excited to be directing his first show here at Star of the Day! Parker has been involved in various theatrical projects around the Lehigh Valley, including acting in **Wedding Singer** and **Clue** at the Pines Dinner Theatre, assistant directing **Three Musketeers** at PA Playhouse, and as a board member here at the PA Playhouse. Enjoy the show!

CHRIS HAMM (MUSICAL DIRECTOR) - has been working with Star of the day since 2012 and he is so proud of the hard work that this cast has done. Chris is also a public school music teacher and plays Bagpipes with the Kutztown Pipe Band. Whether it's behind the sound board, music directing, or playing in the pit, Chris is always ready for the next project with Star of the Day.

ALEXIS LEON (STAGE MANAGER) - most recently stage managed Matilda in April 2024 with SOTD. She is thrilled to be experiencing so much "Zazz" with so many new actors! Many thanks to Chris, Jillian, Kirsten, Mickey, and Parker for reminding her that every show has the potential for "Changing Lives."

JILLIAN PETRIE (DIRECTING INTERN) - is finishing her sophomore year at Kutztown University where she double majors in Elementary/Special Education! Most recently, Jillian was in "**Rock of Ages**" at Kutztown University. Jillian wants to thank the cast of "**The Prom**" for all their hard work and Parker for being such a great mentor!



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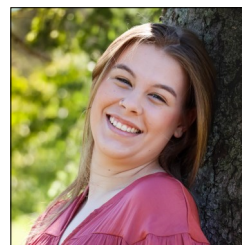
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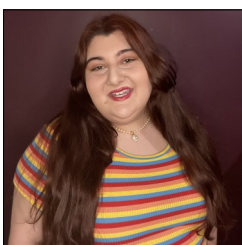
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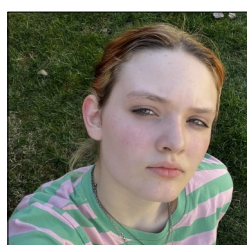
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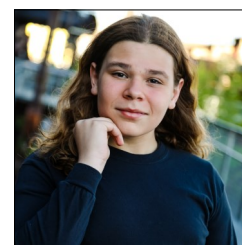
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