



**The Skokie Park District's
Devonshire Playhouse Teen Performers
present**

Heathers, The Musical ***High School Edition***

Book, Music & Lyrics by Kevin Murphy & Laurence O'Keefe
Based on the film written by Daniel Waters
Artistic Direction/Choreography by Jessica Sawyer
Musical Direction by Christie Chiles Twillie

Presented through special arrangement with Samuel French Inc.

Saturdays, March 17 & 24 at 7 p.m.
Sundays, March 18, & 25 at 3 p.m.

**Videotaping or other video or audio recording
of this production is strictly prohibited.**

HEATHERS, THE MUSICAL CAST

Veronica Sawyer.....	Abri Berg
Jason Dean (J.D.).....	Jake Pranian
Heather Chandler.....	Hannah Gassman
Heather Duke.....	Kylie Smith
Heather McNamara.....	Jessie Bowers
Martha Dunnstock.....	Andie Sklare
Ram Sweeney.....	Nina Gowell
Kurt Kelly.....	Jesus Martinez

ENSEMBLE

Lily Aaron	Emily Bailey	Maddie Harris	Moksha Paudel
Annie Abramov	Dina Barrish	Bridget Nolan	Dora Starr- Poulos
Greta Ardern	Nina Cajuste	Isabel Olesinski	Isabella Victorson

ADULTS

Ram's Dad, Coach Ripper, Big Bud Dean & Officer Milstein.....	Joshua Heinlein
Kurt's Dad, Principal McGowan & Veronica's Dad.....	Jake Miser
Ms. Fleming, Veronica's Mom & Officer McCord.....	Lucy Shea

ORCHESTRA

Conductor/Pianist.....	Christie Chiles Twillie
Bass.....	Kurt Henning
Guitar.....	Eric Klotz
Drums.....	Norb Kosinski (3/17), Rob Fletcher (3/18, 24 & 25)

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Heathers is an interesting piece of theatre. On one hand you have an upbeat pop musical full of caricatures of jocks, outcasts, nerds and the high school glory days, think a John Hughes movie on steroids. On the other hand you have a horror story of cruelty, bullying and body counts. This satirical tension creates a peppy musical with some very dark tones. This is a Faustian tale of a girl who makes a deal with the devil and needs to travel through hell on her way to authenticity. The 1988 movie depicts the idea of school shootings and bombings as something so ridiculous and absurd it could never happen. This post Columbine musical re-imagining does not have that luxury. School shootings are no longer an extreme dark fantasy of horror, but a terrible reality facing our students. Students are now growing up rehearsing for school shootings alongside fire drills. It makes a dark, musical satire a tricky subject. *Heathers* uses humor to help us digest this truthful and bitter pill but it does not make light of it. While certain things are depicted in a campy, sometimes crude way, we in no way intend to undermine the seriousness at hand. It also is important to note that though these characters navigate their way through darkness, they do not stay there. In that spirit I hope that this show can both allow you to be confronted with the harsh truth that faces our students but also to remain hopeful for our future. If we choose to take a honest look at who and what is influencing us and are willing to take action against evil that would tear us down, that journey is hard and dark but we can still make it beautiful.

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HEATHERS, THE MUSICAL SCENES

ACT I

<i>Beautiful</i>	Veronica, Heather Chandler, Heather McNamara, Heather Duke, Kurt, Ram, Martha, Mrs. Fleming & Students
<i>Candy Store</i>	H. Chandler, H. McNamara, H. Duke & Featured Students
<i>Fight for Me</i>	Veronica & Students
<i>Candy Store Playoff</i>	H. Chandler, H. McNamara & H. Duke
<i>Freeze Your Brain</i>	J.D.
<i>Big Fun</i>	Ram, Kurt, Veronica, H. Chandler, H. McNamara, H. Duke & Students
<i>Dead Girl Walking</i>	Veronica & J.D.
<i>Veronica's Chandler Nightmare</i>	H. Chandler & Ensemble
<i>The Me Inside of Me</i>	H. Chandler, Veronica, J.D., Cops, Ms. Fleming, Principal Gowan & Company
<i>You're Welcome</i>	Kurt, Ram & Veronica
<i>You're Welcome (Reprise)</i>	H. Duke & Students
<i>Our Love Is God</i>	J.D. & Veronica

Intermission

Please join us in the lobby where concessions will be sold

ACT II

<i>Prom or Hell?</i>	Veronica
<i>Dead Gay Son</i>	Ram's Dad, Kurt's Dad & Students
<i>Seventeen</i>	Veronica & J.D.
<i>Shine a Light</i>	Ms. Fleming & Company
<i>Lifeboat</i>	H. McNamara
<i>Shine a Light (Reprise)</i>	H. Duke & Students
<i>Hey Yo, Westenburg</i>	H. McNamara & Students
<i>Kindergarten Boyfriend</i>	Martha
<i>Yo Girl</i>	H. Chandler, Ram, Kurt & Students
<i>Meant to Be Yours</i>	J.D. & Students
<i>Dead Girl Walking (Reprise)</i>	Veronica, J.D. & Students
<i>I Am Damaged</i>	J.D. & Veronica
<i>Seventeen (Reprise)</i>	Veronica, Martha, H. McNamara, & Company

COMING SOON TO DEVONSHIRE

Spring Classes & Summer Camps: Theatre, Dance, Music, Fine Art and Cooking!

Spring &/or Camp Activity Guides are at the front desk.

Devonshire Playhouse Presents *Hello Dolly*

Auditions: April 2 & 3 / 7-10P by appointment. Performances: Fridays & Saturdays, June 1, 2, 8 & 9 / 7P and Sundays, June 3 & 10 / 3P.

Devonshire Dance Ensemble Presents *King of Pop: A Tribute To Michael Jackson*.

Saturday, April 7 / 7P and Sunday, April 8 / 3P.

Devonshire Young Performers' Present *Music Man Jr.*

April 21 & 28 / 7P and April 22 & 29 / 3P.

PRODUCTION TEAM

Production & House Supervisor.....	Robin Horwitz
Artistic Director/Choreographer.....	Jessica Sawyer
Music Director	Christie Chiles Twillie
Stage Manager/Light Operator	Robert Bouwman
Set & Sound Designer	Evans Poulos
Props Designer	Lynda Piatt
Costume Designer	Lisa Hargan
Scenic Designer.....	Heather Kristan
Lighting Designer.....	Marissa Geocaris
Carpentry & Scenic Artists	Heather Kristan & Lynda Piatt
Assistant to Stage Manager & Costumer	Aria Caldwell
Marketing Manager.....	Jim Bottorff
Graphic Designers.....	Rachel Pozner & Scott Walker
Program Coordinator.....	Robin Horwitz
Program Design.....	Sarah Sallmann, Marcus Promotions
House Management.....	Robin Horwitz, Andrea Collins, Rebecca Goldberg, Eileen Hand & Gayle Starr
Box Office Supervisor.....	Kathy Day
Maintenance Supervisor.....	Alvin Sampath
Ushers.....	Friends & Family of the Cast
Tickets Sales Staff	Barb Doherty, Elizabeth Garcia, Sandra Garcia, Amos Gillespie, Mary A. Hake, Martin Munoz, Aaron Stearns, Jody Temkin & Sue Zaccagnini
Maintenance Staff.....	Robert Bramati, Andrew Dyer, Cody Fotheringham, Rich Silver, Brian Strohl, Lorenzo Verdugo & Mario Villegas



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