

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

After the blinding success of *Popstars!* last year, I knew I had some big shoes to fill. *The Wedding Singer* has been one of my favourite musicals since I saw the Kirwan High production back in 2014, and I knew the beautiful ballads and quirky characters were perfectly suited to our supremely talented students.

With a challenging vocal and musical score, high-energy dance numbers, and heart-wrenching emotional themes, this musical has been a labour of love for all involved. The amazing team began production in Term 4 of 2021 and have been almost non-stop since! Thankfully, our phenomenal students make us enjoy what we do with their dedication, enthusiasm and energy.

I would like to thank all the staff, students, theatre staff, and outside helpers who have helped guide me during my first directing opportunity, who have really given 110% in every aspect. We hope you think the show is AWESOME!

Laura Howden,
Director

EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

Kirwan High is proud to entertain the Townsville community with its 36th musical, *The Wedding Singer*. This show continues our school's tradition of outstanding musical entertainment with high energy singing, dancing and acting.

This tradition began thirty-seven years ago and we have enjoyed great community support and success each year since. In fact, our musical has become a highlight in Townsville's entertainment calendar.

The Director, Laura Howden, Vocal Director Stephanie Sloman and choreographers Emma Baynes, Dana Schiefelbein, Laura Howden and Talise Peet are respected in the local musical theatre community. They have been working hard with our talented team of teachers to make *The Wedding Singer* a great musical theatre experience for the whole family.

Our enthusiastic cast of students are all very keen to contribute their own piece of magic. I am confident you will all be highly entertained and our school community will be very proud.

Enjoy the show!

Heather Murry,
Executive Principal



CAST

Makayla Armstrong
Emmett Bailey
Rachel Beerwald
Paige Bell
Tayla Brooks
Izabella Burrows
Crystal Darr
Tahlia Faulkner
Zaphira Fisher
Caitlyn Glisson
Isabella Graham
Ella Green
Laila Grove
Erin Jess
Emily Jorgensen
Charlotte Kelly
Katie Kesby
Chelsea Kettles
Tamsin Leeson-Goyen
Ben Lindgren
Kiana Messer
Lily Messer
Jenna Neate
Taylor Nona
Scarlett Packer
Kaylie Peterson
Renaë Phillips
Anita Phillips
Molly Pringle
Jade Reed
Tayla Ross
Brooke Rowen
Isobelle Sinclair
Audrey Tarca
Tyler Turner
Khali Watts
Kailah Woods
Allerah Young

MINOR LEADS

Lachlan Adidi
Addy Ballard
Joshua Bradbury
Taylor Clark
Alex Cockburn-Dahl
Bailey Faherty
Thomas Faint
Cameron Farrell
Amber Hedges
Willow Holmes
Ruby James
Angelina Kelly
Katherine Kirkpatrick
Kody Krekos
Tamara Loblely
Riley Muir
Logan Preston
Simone Preston
Jammielee Sariman
Kimberly Scott
Ella Thompson
Georgina Watt
Callum Wilson
Elijah Wilson
Harold, Mr. T Impersonator
Bad Haircut Person, Photographer
Mookie, Fourth Suit
Bridesmaid
Bridesmaid, Michael Jackson Impersonator
Shane, First Suit
Sideburns Lady, Ricky, Second Suit
Tiffany Waitress
Dolly Parton Impersonator
Crystal, Casualty Lady, Cher Impersonator
Clerk
Donatella
Donny, Third Suit, Elvis Impersonator
Bridesmaid, Cyndi Lauper Impersonator
Priest, Donatella's Father, Billy Idol Impersonator
Bridesmaid
Debbie, Secretary, Bridesmaid
Tina Turner Impersonator
Agent
Donatella's Mother
Molly Ringwald Impersonator
First Waiter
Loser Guy, Fifth Suit

PAST PRODUCTIONS

1984 O What a Lovely War
1985 Oliver
1986 West Side Story
1987 The Boyfriend
1988 King and I
1989 Oklahama
1990 Evita
1991 Puttin' on the Ritz
1992 Joseph & the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat
1994 Buggy Malone
1997 Oliver
1998 Dazzle
1999 Wizard of Oz
2000 Viva Mexico
2001 Pirates of Penzance
2002 Back to the 80s!
2003 Annie
2004 Grease
2005 Oliver
2006 Disco Inferno
2007 Joseph & the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat
2008 The Sound of Music
2009 Grease
2010 Pirates of Penzance
2011 Back to the 80s!
2012 All Shook Up
2013 Disco Inferno
2014 The Wedding Singer
2015 Hairspray!
2016 The Wizard of Oz
2017 Bring it On
2018 Seussical!
2019 High School Musical
2020 Matilda
2021 Popstars!



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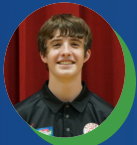
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Townsville Civic Theatre

SYNOPSIS

Let's head back to the 1980s! A time of big songs and even bigger hair. Rock star wannabe Robbie Hart is New Jersey's most in-demand wedding singer. However, when his own wedding plans are destroyed and he is left standing at the altar, Robbie's heartbreak and grief suddenly make him the worst wedding singer you can find. He ruins every wedding he plays at until he meets Julia, a pretty young waitress who dreams of her own perfect wedding. There's just one problem: she's already engaged to Glen - a rich, shallow Wall Street broker. Despite Robbie and Julia's growing feelings, a series of mishaps lead them away from each other. When Julia elopes with Glen to Las Vegas, Robbie decides to play the gig of his life to win her heart and her hand in marriage. Will his big heart and big song win Julia's heart? Will this be the wedding singer's performance of a lifetime in order to marry the girl of his dreams? We can't wait to find out.

LEADS



Ashley Davis as Robbie

In Year 10, Ashley Davis hopes everybody enjoys this year's musical production of *The Wedding Singer*. Ashley has been in every Kirwan High musical since Year 7, and believes it is a great privilege to be a part of the amazing musical experience.



Madison Lindgren as Julia

Maddy Lindgren is in Year 11 and has been involved in every school musical since Year 7. Although she has been cast as a lead before, this is her first time performing due to COVID-19 cancelling previous shows. Maddy is extremely excited for everyone to see the show and the hard work put in by the cast, crew, band, and staff. She hopes to continue to perform in musicals in the future. Enjoy the show!



Alexander Schimke as Sammy

Alex Schimke has been in every musical since his first year at Kirwan High. Whilst he doesn't consider himself a triple threat, he is always keen to be a part of the magical musical atmosphere and to hang out with the great friends he has found there. Alex is in Year 10 and hopes you all enjoy the show.



Blake Ballard as George

This is Blake Ballard's fifth KSHS musical, and his second time to take to the stage in a lead role. In Year 11, Blake is especially excited about the tight community that the cast has built and hope the camaraderie shows on the stage. Enjoy the show!

LEADS



Mikayla Faget as Holly

Mikayla Faget has been performing in Kirwan High's musicals since year 8, appearing on stage in lead roles since Year 9. Now in Year 11, Mikayla is extremely grateful and excited to be performing as Holly and hopes you all enjoy the show.



Lachlan Whent as Glen

Our 2022 Sports Captain, Year 12 student Lachlan Whent stepped out of his comfort zone to take a lead role in the musical. Known for his athletic brilliance, we are sure to be wowed by his first time on the stage. He can't wait to show you his singing and dancing talent.



Hannah Garrick as Rosie

This is Hannah Garrick's first musical even though she has been acting since Year 7. Now in Year 11, Hannah is heavily involved in our school's music program being talented at numerous instruments including the clarinet, trumpet and percussion. Hannah's dream is to be an actress.



Kaitlyn Schimke as Angie, Understudy

With a passion for music, Year 12 student Kaitlyn Schimke has been in every school musical since Year 7. She's involved in a number of cocurricular activities such as choir and the drama troupe, as well as school bands. She aspires to be accepted into Griffith University's Bachelor of Music when she graduates.



Verity Cahill as Linda

In Year 11, Verity Cahill has always loved singing and dancing. She has been involved in our school musicals as well as our music and vocal program for a number of years. Verity really enjoyed being a part of creating the magic of *The Wedding Singer* for our school community.



Brock Cahill as David, Bum, Understudy

With older sisters having always participated in our musicals, Brock Cahill feels like he has grown up watching Kirwan High shows. Now in Year 8, he is excited to be in his second musical and hopes you enjoy all of the great 1980s hits.



PRODUCTION TEAM

Director: Laura Howden
Producers: Emma Baynes, Dana Schiefelbein
Choreographers: Emma Baynes, Dana Schiefelbein, Laura Howden, Talise Peet
Vocal Director: Stephanie Sloman
Musical Director: Trevor Schimke
Stage Manager: Raelene Frantz
Assistant Directors: Bill Shannon, Quynh Nugyen
Accompanist: Melanie Laird
Assistant Vocal Directors: Jason Hanwright, Trevor Schimke
Assistant Stage Managers: Lisa Murray, Bill Shannon
Stage Crew: Isabelle-Rose Andric, Alisha Bailey, Charlé Buse, Samantha Collis, Yasmin Lesson-Goyen, Jenny Ramseier, Ella Shepherd, Paige Stevens, Will Turner, Reanna Winter, Bella Van Krieken
Set Design: Laura Howden, Olivia Connors
Set Construction: Shane Myers, Gary Gage, Tanielu Ulugia
Set Painting: Olivia Connors, Zoe Gilpin, Gemma Mura, Bronte Clarke, Katherine Kirkpatrick, Tamara Lobley, Jammielee Sariman, Sarah Potts, Tia Sandilands, Jason Hanwright
Costumes: Lisa Murray, Bronwen Salton, Tia Sandilands
Props: Jessica Logan
Publicity: Dylan Morris, Joanne Thomson
Follow Spot Operators: Quynh Nugyen, Sarah Potts

THE WEDDING SINGER BAND

Keyboard 1:Maxine Valdeter-Newman, Jo Batterham
Keyboard 2: Riley Bauer
Guitar: Deklan Howden
Bass Guitar: Jason McMillan
Drumkit: Ally Quin
Reed: Tina Greenfield
Reed: Sasha Packham
Reed: Sally Earnshaw
Reed: Sasha White
Trumpet: Kelly Clarke-Flesser
Trumpet: Matthew Blair
Percussion: Xavier Lakimo
Percussion: Grace Quin

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