

# PROGRAM

YUMA COMMUNITY THEATER PRESENTS

# HEATHERS

*The Musical*

TEEN  
EDITION

BOOK, MUSIC AND LYRICS BY  
LAURENCE O'KEEFE &  
KEVIN MURPHY

BASED ON THE FILM WRITTEN BY  
DANIEL WATERS

JULY  
28-29, 2023

FRI 7PM  
SAT 2PM & 7PM

THE YUMA  
HISTORIC THEATRE

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YUMA, AZ



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# A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

June 5th, 2023. That's when I met the extremely talented students that would venture into this program and production. Since then, it has been a blast (and not just into the past) to work with thoughtful, excited, and unique individuals who wanted to bring this story to life.

If you know *Heathers*, you know this is not an easy story to tell. It is dark, yet also lighthearted in its dark intentions. It deals with heavy topics that, let's face it, our teens face head-on in their daily lives. Throughout the rehearsal process, I was always aware of the triggers and heavy content we were dealing with, and it seemed like the students did too. However, the students always found a way to treat the material with care, laugh at the absurdity at times, and "shine a light" through the hardships of high school social hierarchy (something they have fresh experience with and us adults tend to forget...).

Though our students found fun and light in the show, there is nothing funny about the real-world issues this production showcases such as gun violence, bullying, homophobia, and suicide. Below you will find some resources in case you or someone you know might be struggling. You are not alone.

I am proud of our students and production team for all their hard work and dedication in this program.

Best,  
Daniela Ayala  
Director

## **988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline**

988 (call or text)

## **Teen Life Line**

Phone or Text: 602-248-TEEN (8336)

## **Arizona Statewide Crisis Hotline**

Phone: 1-844-534-4673 (HOPE)

Text: 4HOPE(44673)

## **LGBT National Youth Talkline**

800-246-7743

## **Yuma County: Arizona Complete Health**

1-866-495-6735

## **The Trevor Project (LGBTQ)**

Text: START to 678-678

Phone: 1-866-488-7386

**NOTE ABOUT SAFETY:** A solid wooden, non-functional, prop gun is used. A non-functional papier-mâché bomb is used. There will be use of haze, quick flashes of light, and loud sound effects for gunshots and bomb explosion.

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**Daniel Waters**

Heathers The Musical was originally directed Off-Broadway by Andy Fickman and choreographed by Marguerite Derricks.

**Cast**

Veronica Sawyer.....	Brooke Jackson
Ram Sweeney.....	Aiden Brooks
Martha Dunnstock.....	Olive Crumbley
Kurt Kelley.....	Adam Cabrera
Heather McNamara.....	Annette Beas
Heather Duke.....	Leala Quintero
Heather Chandler.....	Jasmine Gaona
Jason Dean (J.D.).....	Max Martinez
Principal Gowan.....	Aylin Rosales
Coach Ripper.....	Addison Welch
Ms. Fleming.....	Angelina Meija
Veronica's Mom.....	Lucy Aguayo
Veronica's Dad/Beleaguered Geek.....	Quyen Nguyen
Ram's Dad.....	Erick Xavier Resendiz Jr
Kurt's Dad/Big Bud Dean.....	Kenny McLaughlin
Officer McCord.....	Jillian Morago
Officer Milner.....	Mavia Gamez
Preppy Student.....	Frankie Navarro
Hipster Dork.....	Alex Burruel
Stoner Chick.....	Emilyn Resendiz
Young Republicanette.....	Avery Watley
New Wave Girl.....	Julie Camarillo
Cheer Snob.....	Isabelle Leona
Band Nerd.....	Raine Tucker

**Crew**

Director.....	Daniela Ayala
Assistant Director.....	Eva Cervantes
Music Director.....	Justin Davis
Choreographer.....	Lauren Trips
Scenic Design.....	Sam Cervantes
Scenic Design.....	Chris Larson
Lighting Design/Operator.....	Steffany De La Hoya
Sound Design/Operator.....	Dominic Antonelli
Costumes Design.....	Nailea Matthews
Prop Design & Coordinator.....	Lavigne Rodriguez+
Stage Manager.....	Katie Drewek
Assistant Stage Manager.....	Skylar Domingos
Student Stage Manager.....	Z Armendariz+
Visual Media.....	Cris Drewek
Set Builders.....	Cast, Crew & Grace Allen

+ Denotes participation in the Teen Theater Program



# MUSICAL NUMBERS

## ACT I

"Beautiful".....	Veronica & Students
"Candy Store".....	The Heathers & Students
"Fight for Me".....	Veronica & Students
"Candy Store Playoff".....	The Heathers
"Freeze Your Brain".....	J.D.
"Big Fun".....	Ram, Kurt, Veronica, the Heathers, & Students
"Dead Girl Walking".....	Veronica & J.D.
"Hello, Veronica".....	H. Chandler, Veronica, & Company
"The Me Inside of Me".....	H. Chandler, Veronica, Cops, Ms. Fleming, & Company
"You're Welcome".....	Ram, Kurt & Veronica
"Never Shut Up Again".....	H. Duke & Students
"Our Love Is God".....	Veronica & J.D.

## INTERMISSION

*(15 minutes)*

## ACT II

"Organ Entr'Acte".....	Instrumental
"Prom or Hell?".....	Veronica
"Seventeen".....	Veronica & J.D.
"Shine A Light".....	Ms. Fleming & Students
"Lifeboat.....	H. McNamara
"Shine A Light (Reprise).....	H. Duke & Students
"Hey, Yo Westerberg".....	H. McNamara & Students
"Dead Girl Walking".....	Veronica & J.D.
"Kindergarten Boyfriend.....	Martha
"Hey, Yo/Meant To Be Yours".....	H. Chandler, Ram, Kurt, J.D. & Students
"Dead Girl Walking (Reprise).....	Veronica, J.D & Students
"I Am Damaged".....	Veronica & J.D.
"Seventeen (Reprise).....	Veronica, Martha, H. McNamara & Company

# MEET THE CAST



## **Adam Cabrera** (Kurt Kelley)

Adam has recently discovered his passion for theatre. Alongside his new interest, Adam has found a sense of belonging in the theatre community, enjoying the opportunity to meet new individuals who share his love for the stage. Adam wants to pursue theatre with his newfound friends, creating memorable performances with them



## **Addison Welch** (Coach Ripper)

Addison is so excited to be performing in *Heathers the Musical!* They starred in *Charlotte's Web* (Announcer) in 2022 and worked Makeup and Tech for *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* in 2023. Addison has been a part of drama and choir since elementary school and loves the spotlight! They are grateful to their friends, family, cast, and crew for their love and support in this production. Enjoy the show!



## **Aiden Brooks** (Ram Sweeney)

Aiden is a Junior at Gila Ridge. This will be his second show following his first one in YCT's production of *Into The Woods*. Aiden is excited to be included in such a wonderful art form for a second time. He would like to thank all those in his life that support him and his dog.



## **Alex Burruel** (Hipster Dork)

Alex is very excited to show everyone their favorite production finally come to life and sing and dance with all their new friends. They had such an amazing experience working on the show, getting closer, and building a bond with everyone every day. Alex has also been in past shows such as *You're A Goodman*, *Charlie Brown* (Woodstock), *Charlotte's Web* (Fern), *30x60*, *Rapunzel Uncut* (Rapunzel's Mother), and *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* (Marcy Park). Enjoy the show! XOXO <3



## **Angelina Mejia** (Ms. Fleming)

Angelina is a recent graduate from Cibola High School and has been in many of their productions! This is Angelina's 2nd show with YCT and is SO excited for this role!

# MEET THE CAST



## **Annette Beas** (Heather McNamara)

Annette could not be more excited to be a part of *Heathers* where she will be playing Heather McNamara. She has been a part of several YCT shows, the last one being *Into the Woods*. She would like to give a big thank you to her friends and family that have supported her from the start.



## **Avery Watley** (Young Republicanette)

16-year-old Avery Watley is a lively person with a strong passion for performing arts. Having already built up valuable experience in both Cibola High School and Yuma Community Theatre, she is a seasoned performer, with skills spanning a broad range of theatrical genres and styles. She has worked hard to develop her craft, dedicating many hours to rehearsals and workshops. This hard work has paid off, and she wishes the best for her castmates and hopes the audience enjoys!



## **Aylin Rosales** (Principal Gowan)

Aylin is happy to be doing this musical. Meeting the cast was such a wonderful experience for her. She's happy to be in a production with different schools and people. Everyone in the cast is so talented and very nice. She's glad she got to become friends with them. She wishes them nothing but success in the future. Especially for the people who just graduated. Aylin also hopes you enjoy the musical!



## **Brooke Jackson** (Veronica Sawyer)

Brooke is an upcoming Senior at Gila Ridge High School, and this is her first time doing a summer program with YCT. But she was in all three shows of the last YCT season, *Monstersongs*, *Taste & Bite of Broadway*, and *Into the Woods*. Alongside doing shows with the community theater, she also takes part in her school's Advanced Choir. She's very excited to be able to take part in one of her favorite musicals.



## **Emilyn Resendiz** (Stoner Chick)

Seventeen year old Emilyn is not just a normal teen but a teen mom. She's extremely passionate about being the best mother she can be and breaking generational trauma. Outside of being a mother, Emilyn is goofy and very outgoing once you get to know her. Emilyn was raised around and has been a fan of theatre since she was little but has never performed until now.

# MEET THE CAST



## **Erick Xavier Resendiz Jr (Ram's Dad)**

Erick is a fifteen-year-old, passionate member of the theatre community. He has already participated in multiple productions with Cibola High School, showcasing his skills in acting and performing. Driven by a love for the arts, he is always seeking new ways to hone his skills and pursue his passion for theatre.



## **Frankie Navarro (Preppy Student)**

Francesca is 13 years old and is originally from Las Vegas. After this summer, she will be continuing to attend Centennial Middle School as an 8th grader. The other shows she has starred in consist of *Peter Pan*, *Schoolhouse Rock*, and *Moana*. When she's not acting or doing theatre, she puts her time into playing softball, rehearsing with her grunge band, and reading. Lots of reading



## **Isabelle Leon (Cheer Snob)**

Isabelle Leon is a 15 year old aspiring screen writer. She is a sophomore at Gila Ridge High School and has been in the Gila Ridge drama clubs production of *The Tempest* by William Shakespeare. She has played a nymph and now she is playing a snobby cheerleader. Isabelle thanks all her success to her Uncle Cisco and Uncle Peeny who helped her that one time.



## **Jasmine Gaona (Heather Chandler)**

Jasmine is a sophomore at Yuma Catholic High School and has had a love of the fine arts her entire life. She is so excited to be joining such a talented cast in this production of *Heathers* as Heather Chandler. She has been involved in several productions over the years including her first YCT production, *Into the Woods*. Jasmine is looking forward to being involved in YCT's future productions as her love and appreciation for theater expands. She would like to thank her family and friends for all of their support and love.



## **Jillian Morago (Officer McCord)**

This is Jilly's first YCT production and any kind of musicals/plays, but they are very active in choir and have been doing choir for a long time. Jillian is on their high school swim team and has done swim for a while as well. They will be a Junior this year at Gila Ridge.



# MEET THE CAST



## **Julieanna Camarillo** (New Wave Girl)

Julieanna is a senior at Kofa High School, where she was recently in *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* (Olive Ostrovsky). She is grateful to be a part of *Heathers* and is excited for everyone to come watch this awesome show. She is so appreciative of everyone she has met and spent time with on set.



## **Kenny McLaughlin** (Kurt's Dad/Bud Dean)

Kenny has been an actor since he starred in *Aladdin* for the City of Yuma Youth Theatre when he was nine years old and has been a singer since he sang the National Anthem for the Fourth of July in Phoenix when he was three. He has performed in many musicals and plays since and plays the guitar, ukulele, violin, and piano. He attends USC. Kenny's hobbies include playing chess and tennis.



## **Leala Quintero** (Heather Duke)

Leala is a genuine and caring person, she cares a lot about others and is a very determined woman. She gives her all in everything she puts her mind to. She has loved the *Heathers the Musical* ever since she was little, so for her this is a dream come true. She is so grateful for this opportunity, and can't wait to make new friends, new memories, and important lifelong relationships.



## **Lucy Aguayo** (Veronica's Mom)

Lucy is 16 and has always had a love for musical theatre. When she started high school, she saw an opportunity to audition for the fall musical at her school and has continued to be a part of her school's theatre department. She loves theatre because of the people and the excitement she gets performing on stage. She loves to perform and entertain others.



## **Mavia Gámez** (Office Milner)

Mavia is an upcoming junior at Cibola High School, her interest in musical theater all started with YCT when she was around 12. Mavia has always had a passion for performance and acting and had taken part in a few musicals throughout high school. She's always loved to be on stage and is so excited to take part in this production of *Heathers* and many many more.



# MEET THE CAST



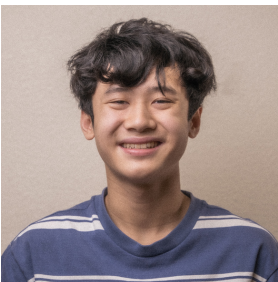
## **Max Martinez** (Jason Dean J.D.)

Max graduated from Cibola High School in the Spring of this year and only just began doing theatre in the Fall of last year. *Heathers: The Musical* is Max's third musical and first-ever lead role. Outside of acting, Max enjoys spending time with their loved ones, singing, and playing video games with their partner. They are very excited to give it their all for you!



## **Olive Crumbley** (Martha Dunnstock)

Olive is SUPER excited for this production! They are really passionate about theater and this is their first out of school production! They cannot wait for y'all to see the hard work everyone is putting into this show, and they hope you enjoy it as much as they have! Get ready to see everyone serve!



## **Quyen Nguyen** (Beleaguered Geek/Veronica's Dad)

Quyen is a violin "prodigy", which is normally said by friends, after playing for more than half his life and excelling. Not only playing violin, he also has trained in piano, dance, and musical theatre. He's been in two Cibola High School musicals which include *Seussical* and *Addams Family*. Outside of music, he enjoys hanging out with friends and gaming with his partner.



## **Raine Tucker** (Band Nerd)

Raine is a 13-year-old who has two younger brothers who are both nine. They like shows such as *The Owl House* and *Steven Universe*. They find themselves drawing a lot of the time as well as calling their friends.

# MEET THE CREW



## **Daniela Ayala (Director)**

Daniela Ayala is a Yuma, AZ native and has been a part of many productions as a director, stage manager, and costume designer. She has her Associate's in Theatre from Arizona Western College and has directed many plays such as *The Diary of Anne Frank*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *The Great Gatsby*, *Real Women Have Curves*, *Into the Woods*, the Arizona premiere of *Freaky Friday*, and *The Addams Family*. Daniela was awarded the 2023 Theater Fellowship with Yuma Arts Center where she directed *Native Gardens*. She is honored to serve on the YCT Board of Directors and continue the arts in her hometown.



## **Eva Cervantes (Assistant Director)**

Eva Cervantes is a Southern California native, who transplanted to Yuma 25 years ago and has been involved in theater since infancy. She is the secretary for the YCT Board of Directors. Eva has been active in many roles of productions: director, stage manager, producer, choreographer, and actor. She also acts in commercials and in film. She has her Bachelor of Arts degree in Pedagogy with a minor in theater from Northern Arizona University and Master's Degree in Multicultural/Bilingual Education. She has been teaching for 23 years and also runs an after school drama program. Eva hopes to continue to bring awareness for continuing the arts in Yuma.



## **Justin Davis (Music Director)**

Justin Davis, a Yuma local, is excited to be music directing again. He graduated with a BA in Music & Musical Theater and has previously music directed *Into the Woods* and *Taste & Bite of Broadway*. He has worked with the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp International Choir, where he acted as a section leader and was able to perform across France and Germany for three summers. Justin is a current member of the AWC Yuma Chorale and the YCT Board of Directors.



## **Lauren Trips (Choreographer)**

Lauren Trips was born and raised in a small town in Upstate New York. Lauren graduated from Utica University with a BS in Chemistry and a minor in Theater. Growing up a dancer Lauren has previously choreographed for multiple children's programs, marching bands, and winter guards as well as a production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Her acting credits include, *Mamma Mia* (ensemble), *Shrek the Musical* (ensemble), *Cabaret* (Texas/dance captain), *Catch Me If You Can* (ensemble), *Jekyll and Hyde* (Emma), and *Sisters Rosensweig* (Tess). Lauren's credits at YCT include *Bite & Taste of Broadway* (2023) and stage managing *Into The Woods* (2023). She is very excited to be working with such a talented group of teenagers. Lauren would like to thank her husband for being so supportive and her new group of theater friends for welcoming her with open arms.

# MEET THE CREW



## **Katie Drewek (Stage Manager)**

Katie Drewek has grown up in Yuma, Arizona and this is her second time on the production team with Yuma Community Theater! Earlier this year, she worked as Assistant Stage Manager for *Into the Woods*. She has been involved in various arts since she was a kid, and loves working behind the scenes to bring productions to life! Keep an eye out for her name as she continues getting involved in future YCT productions!



## **Skylar Domingos (Assistant Stage Manager)**

Skylar Domingos (she/they) is a student at Arizona Western College. Her technical theatre credits include writing, directing, and stage managing her own one-act play, *What You Know* and acting as a lighting designer in various productions with Dancemakers, Dancer's Workshop, Dawn's Dance Studio, as well as Gila Ridge High School's Dance and Drama departments. She has had so much fun yelling at your children to put their phones away, and is ever-so-excited for audiences to experience this hilarious show being performed by this talented cast.



## **Z Armendariz (Student Stage Manager)**

Z is very happy and excited to do another theatre production! She's only stage-managed one before at Kofa High School for *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, so she is extremely excited and happy to do more stage managing and meet new people to work with along the way.



## **Lavigne Rodriguez (Student Prop Design & Coordinator)**

Lavigne is a student that attends Kofa High School this is her first time doing a musical play as a prop maker. The only drama-related thing she has done is drama classes with Ms. Chang, so this is a different experience for her, but she has grown to love it.



## **Stefanny De La Hoya (Light Design)**

Stefanny De La Hoya is a freshman at AWC majoring in Theater. She grew up in Yuma and has recently been involved in the theater community these last 2 years. She is thrilled to be doing the lighting design and operator for *Heathers the Musical*. She has also designed lighting for *The Tempest* and *Our Town* for the Gila Ridge Drama Club and *Into The Woods* for the Yuma Community Theater. She plans on building her career in lighting design and is excited for whatever production comes her way next.



# MEET THE CREW



## **Nailea Matthews (Costume Design)**

Nailea Matthews is a Yuma local and currently attends Arizona Western College. This is Nailea's fourth show with YCT. She last appeared in *Taste & Bite of Broadway* and *Into the Woods*. While she has been performing since the age of five in various arts forms such as dance, band, and choir, theatre has captured her heart the most. Getting to experience the costuming side of theatre has been a new, yet fun experience with this show. Nailea is excited to see what comes next!



## **Dominic Antonelli (Sound Engineer)**

In 2006, a graduate of the Conservatory of Recording Arts and Sciences, Dominic Antonelli started his career in audio engineering. In 2008, he began as the front of house and engineer for the Palms RV Resort running live shows for bands like The Diamonds, the Oak Ridge Boys, and many more. Continuing with audio engineering, he became the Technical Director for First Christian Church in 2014. He now owns an audio engineering business called HD Audio Yuma, where he provides PA and audiovisual equipment for many different venues and bands.



## **Cris Drewek (Visual Media)**

Cris Drewek is the owner of the local media company Drewek film. As a Broadway nerd he is excited to capture the performances of the Yuma Community Theater on film and through photography. Check out more at [drewekfilm.com](http://drewekfilm.com)

# **2023 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Join us at the annual meeting to reflect on accomplishments in the past year, the announcement of the 2023-2024 season, and elect new board members. Lunch will be potluck style.

**Saturday, August 19, 2023**

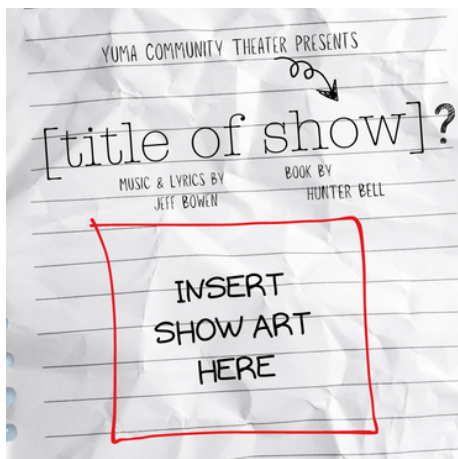
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**Yuma Dome Home**

**10360 S Ave 5 E Yuma, AZ 85365**

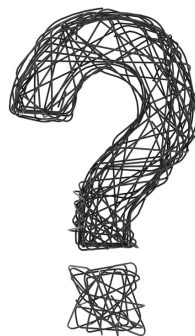
If interested in becoming a board member, please reach out to us at [contact@yctaz.org](mailto:contact@yctaz.org).

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**[title of show]**

270 Black Box Theatre  
September 21-October 1, 2023



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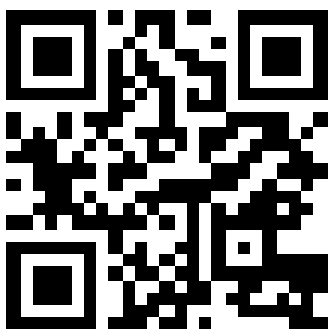
Historic Yuma Theatre  
January 18-28, 2024



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Historic Yuma Theatre  
March 14-24 2024

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