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GENERAL INFORMATION

The lobby box office opens one hour prior to every performance.

Visual and audio recording of all performances is strictly prohibited.

Please silence all cellular phones and any other electronic devices before the start of the show.

Some Auburn Ave Theater performances may not be appropriate for the very young. Please use discretion when choosing performances. Please no "babes in arms."

Late arrivals will be escorted into the theater at appropriate intervals, as determined by the artist and/or theater management.

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Auburn Community Players Presents...

BYE BYE BIRDIE

Produced by Special Arrangement with Tams-Witmark Musical Library, Inc.
Book by Michael Stewart
Music by Charles Strouse
Lyrics by Lee Adams

June 3, 4, 10 & 11 - 7:30 PM
June 5 & 11 - 2:00 PM

Auburn Avenue Theater, 10 Auburn Ave
Tickets: \$15 Adult, \$13 Student/Senior

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Bye Bye Birdie - Cast List

<i>Albert Peterson:</i> Bret Espey	<i>Teen Boys:</i> Sam Mashek, Ashton Buell
<i>Rose Alvarez:</i> Eva McGowan	<i>Freddie/Dishwasher At Maude's:</i> Brandon Kinney
<i>Conrad Birdie:</i> Dylan Zucati	<i>Gloria Rasputin:</i> Stephanie Cox
<i>Mr. Macafee:</i> Drew Baker	<i>Bartender (Charles F. Maude):</i> EJ Delos Angeles
<i>Mrs. Macafee:</i> Dora Watson	<i>Mayor Johnson:</i> John Pinsker
<i>Kim Macafee:</i> Kendall Wilkinson	<i>Mrs. Mayor Johnson:</i> Linda Wigle
<i>Randolf Macafee:</i> Braden Buell	<i>Phyllis:</i> Donna Young
<i>Mrs. Mae Peterson:</i> Janet Tooley-Coffin	<i>Mr. Merkle/ Lee/Ed Sullivan Stage</i> <i>Manager:</i> Paul Friden
<i>Hugo Peabody:</i> Lee Harrold	<i>Mrs. Merkle:</i> Sarah Ramirez
<i>Ursula Merkle:</i> Kelsey Johnson	<i>Policeman/2nd Reporter/ Ed Sullivan Stage</i> <i>Crew:</i> Charlie Ybarra
<i>Margie:</i> Maddie Latora-Guinn	<i>Policeman/ Sweet Apple Parent/ Shriner:</i> Russel G. Metzger
<i>Alice:</i> Katie Grant	<i>Reporter #1/Sweet Apple Parent:</i> Candice Lowery
<i>Harvey Johnson:</i> Jonah Zucati	
<i>Helen:</i> Summer Ramirez	
<i>Nancy:</i> Nicole Johnson	
<i>Penelope:</i> Emma Zucati	
<i>Deborah Sue:</i> Alexis Harrold	

Production Team

Jim Kleinbeck, *Producer*
Dave Cox, *Director*
Kim Allen, *Musical Director*
Stephanie Cox, *Choreographer/Coordinator*
Paul Racey, *Sound*
Peter Dingfield, *Lights*
Linda Wigle, *Costumer*
Gordon Onorati, *Stage Manager*
Jamie Barker, *Assistant Costumer*
Troy Moore, *Spot Light*
The BBB Band
Dave Luke, *Bass & Guitar*
Lindsay Holzworth, *Piano*
Wyatt Curtis, *Percussion*

Sets

Dave & Stephanie Cox, Alexis Harrold, Lee Harrold, Donna Young, Charles Ybarra, Brandon Kinney, Bret Espey, Cody Espey, Dylan Zucati, Maddie L. Guinn, Katie Grant, EJ Delos Angeles, Eva McGowan, Jim Westhusing, Kjerstin Lange.

Special Thanks

Karla Seman, Jackie Edwards, Steve Young, Messiah Lutheran Church, Kaitlyn Lettich, Gayle and Roland Butcher, Jamie Baker, Eva McGowan, Linda Ingersol, Becky Zucati, Janet Tooley-Coffin, Jackie Edwards, 12th Night Productions, Rainier Middle School, Ezzy Amundson

Charlie Ybarra (Reporter, Shriner, Ed Sullivan Cameraman) is a 20 year veteran of Auburn Avenue Theater with shows like Singin' in the Rain, Fiddler, West Side Story, South Pacific, Annie and Footloose, just to name a few. He recently appeared at TLT in Cat on a Hot Tin Roof as the Rev Tooker and in the Indie movie Shaniko. He dedicates this performance to his son, who did this same show in middle school for the same director.

Donna Young (Phyllis) is an avid enthusiast of community arts and is ecstatic to make her debut with the Auburn Community Players. She's had a lot of fun working with the production staff and the great actors.

Dylan Zucati (Conrad Birdie) is excited to be performing with Auburn Community Players! He was most recently seen as Sid in Tom Sawyer at HTA/Green River CC. He has also been involved with the Balagan Theatre in Seattle and the Village Theatre in Issaquah. He currently attends high school at Tacoma School of the Arts and studies singing, acting, and theater. "Dream as if you'll live forever. Live as if you'll die today."

Emma Zucati (Penelope) is so excited to be making her Auburn Community Players debut in Bye Bye Birdie! She started her life of drama at an early age, following her brother's footsteps. One of her early roles was Tiny Tim in Scrooge the Musical at HTA family theater. She currently attends Rainier Middle School and performs onstage there whenever possible, most recently "trousering up" to play Brannigan in Guys and Dolls. Put on a happy face!

Jonah Zucati (Harvey Johnson) was most recently seen as Sky Masterson in Rainier Middle School's production of Guys and Dolls. He has previously been involved with HTA Theatre for several seasons and is excited to be making his first appearance with Auburn Community Players in Bye Bye Birdie. He is so happy he gets to do this play with his steady!

Russel G. Metzger (Policeman/Sweet Apple Parent/Shriner) has performed on stage for over 25 years. His last performance locally was in Tom Sawyer as Injin Joe. This is his first production with the Auburn Community Players.

John Pinsker (Mayor Johnson) has acted since high school. He majored in Theater Arts at Cal Poly in Pomona and has acted in community and summer theaters in Montana, Centralia, and Issaquah. He recently retired from teaching English and drama at Mount Si High School in Snoqualmie, and hopes to become a "regular" on Auburn area stages. He is excited to make his return to the stage in Auburn.

Sarah Ramirez (Mrs. Merkle) is excited to have the opportunity to try something different and step into her daughter's (Summer's) world of acting with her! What a blessing to work with such a fun and talented group of people. She thanks her husband Frank and kids for all the time and support they have given so she could be a part of this production.

Summer Ramirez (Helen) after reciting a poem for her 3rd grade talent show, Summer fell in love with the stage. Now in 8th grade Summer is excited to be working on her 8th production with Mr. Cox! She is thankful to have such wonderful directors and for her Mom and Dad who have encouraged her in her love for the theatre.

Janet Tooley-Coffin (Mrs. Mae Peterson) Lives in Kent. She has been in plays off and on since high school. She is very happy to have the honor to play Mae Peterson with a great group of people.

Dora Watson (Mrs. Macafee) has been in three shows at the Auburn Ave Theater. She played a wife in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat '08, and the stepmother in Into the Woods, '10. Dora also played Kate in Oklahoma at Snoqualmie Falls Forest Theater in '09, as well as a few roles as extras in fine films such as The Sixth Man -Disney, in '96, Zombies of Mass Destruction '08, and Render Me Dead '09. Thanks so much to my family for putting up with me. Thank you, too, to a wonderful cast and crew.

Linda Wigle (Mrs. Mayor Johnson) is back at the Auburn Ave Theater playing the mayor's wife and costuming the show! Favorite roles include Claire in Steel Magnolias, Lottie in Crazy for You and Goldie in Deviners. Enjoy the show!

Kendall Wilkinson (Kim Macafee) has been singing and doing theater basically her whole life. Some of the productions include Guys and Dolls, "Belle" in Beauty and the Beast, and "Mayzie" in Seussical the Musical. She is attending Idaho State University for a degree in Dental Hygiene.

A Message From the Director:

Ah, the age old story...

Boy meets girl...

Boy loses girl to international pop sensation...

Boy punches pop star out cold on a live national television broadcast.

So common a story it's almost cliché. So how does Bye Bye Birdie keep this tale fresh, you ask? With a lot of screaming teenaged girls and several provocative hip thrusts.

And boy do we have a lot of both!

Thank you on behalf of the cast and crew for attending Auburn Community Players' second production. We are a community organization (I suppose that's suggested by the name of the group) and as such we look to you for support. Without the interest of our neighbors this show would never have gotten off the ground.

Thank you for giving us the chance to provide another artistic outlet in a town full of dramatic opportunities.

I give a special thank you to all involved in the production.

Dave Cox

A Message From the Producer:

Good evening and welcome to the Auburn Ave Theater. As producer of this show

I would like to welcome you on behalf of the City of Auburn and the Auburn Community Players (ACP).

Tonight you are in for a treat as our cast and crew present "Bye Bye Birdie." The cast & crew have all worked very hard for the last 8 weeks. Special thanks go out to Dave and Stephanie Cox who are the driving force and the creative team behind this theater group.

Now please sit back, relax and enjoy "Bye Bye Birdie."

Thank you,
Jim Kleinbeck

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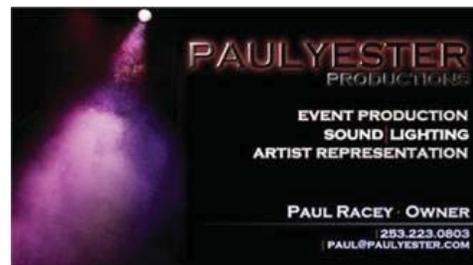
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Who's Who in Bye Bye Birdie - Cast Biographies

Drew Baker (Mr. Macafee) this is his first performance at the Auburn Avenue Theater. He has performed at Heavier Than Air Family Theater at Green River Community College and the Tacoma Musical Playhouse. He thanks his wife Jamie for giving him the time to do this role and thanks the Auburn Community Players for this opportunity.

Ashton Buell (Teen Boy) is 14 years old and in the 8th grade. Ashton has been in many plays and drama productions in and outside of school.

Braden Buell (Randolf Macafee) is in the 5th grade and 11 years old. This is Braden's first play and he's enjoying the new experience. Hopefully he will continue doing drama productions.

Stephanie Cox (Gloria Rasputin/Choreographer) has been dancing since the age of three. She trained locally at the Evergreen City Ballet and Westlake Dance Center. Stephanie graduated from the University of Oregon in 2001. Upon returning to Washington, she became a well known jazz, ballet and children's instructor and began teaching for Pacific Northwest Ballet School. In September 2007 Stephanie became the proud owner of Children's Dance Theater here in Auburn. Stephanie has choreographed for shows such as Once Upon a Mattress and Urinetown (Auburn Riverside), Annie Jr. and Guys and Dolls Jr. (Rainier Middle School). She is excited to be a part of Bye Bye Birdie and wants to thank the cast, her husband and two little boys! Love you guys.

EJ Delos Angeles (Bartender, Charles F. Maude) has been in several productions including Urinetown, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, and Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory. He is a member of The International Thespian Society and a proud member of The Auburn Riverside Players. He would like to thank his mother for always supporting him on his journey towards a successful career in the performance field.

Bret Espey (Albert Peterson) is excited to be a part of his 2nd production with Auburn Community Players. His first production with ACP was "Into the Woods" last year. Bret wants to thank his family for allowing him to do what he loves!

Paul Friden (Mr. Merkle/ Lee/Ed Sullivan stage manager) is excited to be back on stage with the Auburn Community Players, after taking a break and working backstage in numerous productions in Washington & Montana. Some of his favorite productions include: Angry Housewives, The Pirates of Penzance, Little Shop of Horrors, and Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Thank you to Dave & Stephanie for the opportunity to work with such an awesome cast of folks, & love to Lance.

Katie Grant (Alice) is 14 years old. This is her first show with the Auburn Community Players. Theater is her passion. She has been acting and singing in plays and musicals at church, school, and Community Theater since she was very young. Katie recently was Sarah Brown in Guys and Dolls. Thanks to Mr. Cox, Stephanie Cox, and Mrs. Allen for this great experience!

Alexis Harrold (Deborah Sue) enjoys theater and is happy to take part in Bye Bye Birdie. Alexis' favorite role was Princess Prim in "The Frog Prince" with the Missoula Children's Theatre. Other credits include "The Fiddle" in The Fork Ran Away with the Spoon, Into the Woods and The Best Christmas Pageant Ever.

Lee Harrold (Hugo Peabody) is thrilled to take part in the Auburn Community Players' production of "Bye Bye Birdie" as Hugo Peabody. Hugo has been his favorite character to play so far. Lee recently appeared in Guys and Dolls, the stage adaptation of The Twilight Zone and enjoyed his leading role as Oliver Warbucks in Annie.

Kelsey Johnson (Ursula Merkle) This is Kelsey's first play at Auburn Ave Theater. She has been in five productions and hopes to continue acting throughout her life. She likes to sleep and pet furry animals in her free time.

Nicole Johnson (Nancy) is 14 and attends Rainier Middle School. She has been in two productions of The Twilight Zone, Suessical Jr., Annie and Guys and Dolls. She enjoys playing the flute and acting, and hopes to continue both throughout high school.

Madison Latora-Guinn (Margie) has been in two past productions, Guys and Dolls and Old America. She is playing the part of Margie in Bye Bye Birdie as a cheerleader. She is in the 8th grade, and is in band and plays flute and piccolo.

Candice Lowery (Reporter #1/Sweet Apple Parent) has been involved in many productions as an actor, director and vocal coach. Her favorite role was Mrs. Martini in "It's A Wonderful Life." Candice is excited to join the Auburn Community Players.

Sam Mashek (Teen Boy) loves acting. In his middle school career he has been in Suessical Jr., Annie Jr., and Guys and Dolls Jr., all of which were directed by Dave Cox. This will be the 4th musical he has done and is enjoying it more than the others.

Eva McGowan (Rose Alvarez) is so thankful to be a part of this great show. She is honored to be working with such a talented and kind cast and crew. She sends her deepest thanks to friends and family who support her. I love you guys!