The Savings Bank Theater at Wakefield High School
60 Farm St. Wakefield
July 28, 2023 at 7pm, July 29, 2023 at 2pm & 7pm

B&LP BROKEN LEG PRODUCTIONS

Youth production of

Disney

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL JR

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Book by
David Simpatico

Based on a Disney Channel Original Movie Written by
Peter Barsocchini

Songs by
Matthew Gerrard & Robbie Nevil
Ray Cham, Greg Cham & Andrew Seeley
Randy Petersen & Kevin Quinn
Andy Dodd & Adam Watts
Bryan Louiselle
David N. Lawrence & Faye Greenberg
Jamie Houston

Music Adapted, Arranged and Produced by
Bryan Louiselle

Welcome to East High!

We're thrilled to have you joining us for Broken Leg's 3rd production of our Summer 2023 season, *High School Musical JR*! This movie was a family favorite in my household when it was first released in 2006, and it's been a joy to revisit it with our youth actors this summer.

Although our characters are committed to their cliques at the start, they learn that everything really is better when "We're All In This Together." It's been a joy to watch our actors embrace this message and truly become a collaborative, creative community throughout this short process. They have spent the past 3 weeks creating, learning, and bringing this story to life, while also developing and strengthening friendships and cheering each other on. They've brought energy and enthusiasm to every day, and we're excited for you to see their work in today's performance.

Thank you for supporting Broken Leg Productions and our Summer 2023 programming. The arts can not survive without the support of audiences like you, and we are grateful that you are here. We hope you will join us again soon!

This one's dedicated to Heather, Devyn, Mackie, and Gordon; sorry there isn't a catwalk.

What Team?! Wildcats!!!

Becca Flint
Director

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Cast List

The Jocks

TROY BOLTON Freddy Ferrante
CHAD DANFORTH Ryder Sorice
ZEKE BAYLOR Sammy Hammar

JOCK ENSEMBLE
Chloe McMaster-O'Neil
Lucia Natale
Vanessa Natale
Ezry Vandervelde

HEAD IN THE GAME DANCERS
Brynne Leary Glover
Claire Rulison
Kailyn Vongsa
Olivia Natale
Reina Kazeniac
Rene Lam

The Brainiacs

GABRIELLA MONTEZ Tess Whatley
TAYLOR McKESSIE Jenevieve Tully
JACK SCOTT Thais Earley
MARTHA COX Hannah Katz
KRATNOFF Alex Leo

BRAINIACS ENSEMBLE
June Subedi
Kennedy Hammar
Thais Earley
Lilly Olech

Cast List

The Thespians

SHARPAY EVANS Helen Morash
RYAN EVANS Piper Casey
KELSI NIELSEN Amelie Christner
JANE Marlowe Price
SUSAN Aisling Murray
CATHY Lillian Blenk
CYNDRA Miriam Malfroy-Camine

AUDITION DANCERS
Brynne Leary Glover
Claire Rulison
Kailyn Vongsa
Olivia Natale
Reina Kazeniac
Rene Lam

THESPIAN ENSEMBLE
Alex Baumhardt
Julia Blazej

DRUM MAJOR Brynne Leary Glover
CHEERLEADERS Brynne Leary Glover
Claire Rulison
Kailyn Vongsa
Olivia Natale
Reina Kazeniac
Rene Lam

The Cheerleaders

Cast List

The Adults

MS. DARBUS Lilly Olech
COACH BOLTON Ezry Vandervelde
MS. TENNY Kennedy Hammar
DECATHLON MODERATOR Chloe McMaster-O'Neil

MegaMix Featured Vocalists

Alex Baumhardt
Brynne Leary Glover
Julia Blazej
Lillian Blenk
Marlowe Price
Miriam Malfroy-Camine
Reina Kazeniac
Aisling Murray

PRODUCTION CREDITS

Director	Becca Flint
Music Director	Crystal Curran
Choreographer	Fiona O'Donnell
Stage Manager	Landri Elkins
Associate Director	Michela Galego
Assistant Choreographer	Emma Curran
Production Assistants	Piper Murray Ally Murphy Ellie Ferris
Technical Supervisor	Tim Donahue
Lighting	Michela Galego and Tim Donahue
Sound	Katie Kuan-Yu Chen
Props	Sinead Keane
BLP Managing Director	Becca Flint

BLP Board of Directors

President	**Aimee Galego**
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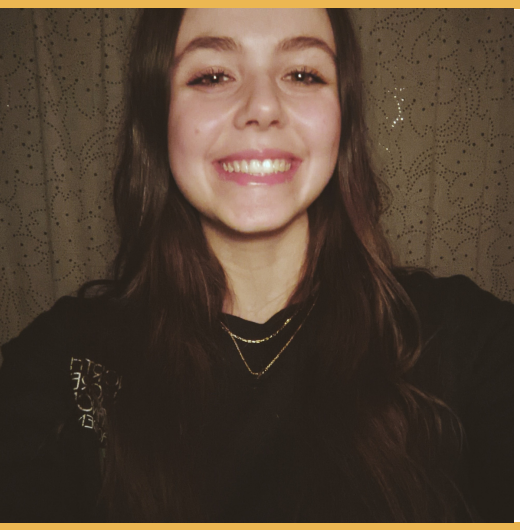
Meet the BLP Team

Becca Flint (she/her), **Director** - Becca is the Managing Director of BLP and returns as director of our full-session youth program, having directed last summer's production of *Shrek Jr*. She is an award-winning choreographer and stage manager, and brings close to 20 years of experience in theater education to her work with BLP, including 8 years as choreographer and production assistant with Wakefield High's drama program and 10 years as choreographer with Melrose Drama, most recently on *Mean Girls*. Becca earned her Bachelor's degree in middle school education and English from Lesley University, and her MA and MAT degrees in English from Salem State. She has been employed as an English teacher at Northeast Metro Tech since 2006.

Crystal Curran (she/her), **Music Director** - Crystal Curran is thrilled to be joining the BLP as music director. Graduating from UMass Amherst with degrees in music education and psychology this past year, she now works as a teacher at Bedford High School. In her time at UMass, she was a member of the chamber choir, vocal jazz ensemble, marching band, and symphonic band. She even created a musical theatre chamber ensemble for course credit. Some of her past favorite theatre roles include Paulette (*Legally Blonde*), Babe (*Pajama Game*), Fraulein Schneider (*Cabaret*), and Madeleine True (*Wild Party*).

Fiona O'Donnell (she/her), **Choreographer** - Fiona is very excited to be back for another summer with BLP! She is a sophomore at Pace University studying communications with minors in digital marketing and journalism. Fiona has been dancing for 16 years, and has been in many musical productions since the age of 8. She has been choreographing for BLP since the summer of 2021 when she was the assistant choreographer for Newsies, and in the summer of 2022 she choreographed *Shrek Jr*. and *The Music Man Kids* with BLP. Most recently she served as the assistant choreographer and social media intern for The Prom at NexGen Youth Theatre in New York City. Fiona is also a member of Kappa Delta Sorority where she is co-director of social media and marketing, and t-shirt chair for her chapter.

Michela Galego (she/her), **Associate Director -** Michela has been a part of BLP since 2018, and is excited for her first year on staff! She is a Communications Design major at Syracuse, and used the skills she has learned there to create BLP's logo and help run the company's Instagram last year! Her favorite past roles with BLP include "Kathrine" in *Newsies* and "Cris" in *Carrie*. Go Wildcats!



Emma Curran (she/her), **Assistant Choreographer** - Emma is a rising junior at Melrose High School where she has participated in several productions, most recently as Karen in *Mean Girls*. She has been a part of BLP for 5 years and has loved every minute of her time here! Last summer Emma worked as a production intern for *Shrek Jr*, gaining valuable experience and a deeper love for theater education. As a life-long dancer her main interest is choreography and the movement in a show, and she's thrilled to be able to serve on the choreography team for *High School Musical*!

Landri Elkins (she/her), **Stage Manager** - Landri attends Melrose High School and will graduate in Spring 2024. She began participating in Melrose Drama after moving from Alaska in 2021, serving as a run crew member in the high school's production of *The Phantom of the Opera*. She recently stage managed Melrose Drama's 2023 Festival play, *Babe the Sheep-Pig,* where she was recognized by the Massachusetts Educational Theater Guild and received the Stage Manager award at both the Preliminary and Semifinal rounds of the competitions. She is excited to join BLP this summer!

SHOUTS!

Congrats **Ezry** and the rest of the East High Wildcats!! We know you are going to be great!! Love, Mom, Dad, Zoe, Jack, Jazzy, and Sophia

Break a leg **Claire**! We love watching you shine on stage. Love, Mom, Dad, Julia & Sunny

We couldn't be more proud of you and all of your hard work **Freddy**! Enjoy every minute lighting up the stage! Lots of love, Mom, Dad, Lucy, June, & Aya

We love you, **Piper**! You work so hard and shine so bright. So glad we can see that you were always next to beside us! xoxo, the Fam

Aisling, Break a leg! We love to see you on stage. You work so hard, and we couldn't be prouder of you! Love Mum, Dad, Philip and Kyle

Tess, we are so excited to see you perform! Keep chasing your dreams and having fun! Love, Mom, Dad, Clara & Isla

Reina,
Go Wildcats! We are so proud of you and glad you can be in HSM! Congrats on a great summer performance! We love you!
From Mom, Dad & Noa

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