

Spangenberg 1999

Gunn High School Performing Arts Department Proudly Presents:

# Grease



## That 50's Rock'N'Roll Musical!

March 13, 18, 19, and 20 at 8:00 PM

Tickets \$8

Wednesday matinee March 17 at 3:30 PM

Opening Night & Sock Hop Party

March 12, tickets \$15

Tickets at SAO after March 1, or at the  
door

Spangenberg Theatre, Gunn High School  
780 Arastradero Rd., Palo Alto, 354-8258

*Grease* opened on Broadway on Valentines Day, 1972, riding (and in part responsible for) the wave of fifties nostalgia then sweeping the early seventies. Sha Na Na was the great retro doo-wop group of the time, TV's *Happy Days* was a big hit, and the film *American Graffiti* was soon to be released. Of course *Grease* merged with the American consciousness big time in 1978 when the movie with John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John was released. We are pleased to present a sort of secondary nostalgia with this seventies look at the fifties.

Let's take a look at two wacky kids from different worlds trying to find love against the odds. No not Romeo and Juliet, not Bill and Monica, this time it's Danny and Sandy, and in a year where both the most compelling drama and uproarious comedy comes from Washington D.C., it seems like a good time for some very serious escapism. As opposed to *Rebel Without a Cause* or even *West Side Story*, where the dark side of the fifties, including social alienation and racial hatred is explored, the world of *Grease* is one where the boys rumble an enemy gang which never shows up, and a girl "gets in trouble" but it turns out to be a false alarm. Marshmallows in your jello salad, anyone?

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Shelby". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large loop at the end of the last name.

# Grease



## Production Staff

Director	James Shelby
Student Director	Penelope Van Tuyl
Musical Director	William Liberatore
Stage Manager	Kara Blitz
Choreography	Shannon Self
Technical Director	Adam Berns
Set Design Guru	Jean-Francois Revon
Head Set Design	Emily Rasmussen
Light Design	Michael A. Nagy
Costume Design	Susan Alstatt
	Penelope Van Tuyl
Sound Design	Alejandro Foug
Musical Conductor	Timothy Robblee
Publicity Head	Aurora Richard

## Cast

(In Order of Appearance)

Miss Lynch	Sonia Marie Castanier
Patty Simcox	Hayden Rockson
Eugene Florczyk	Avi Katz
Jan	Lauren Haney
Marty	Becca Ballon
Betty Rizzo	Dawn Burroughs
Doody	Joe Kerckhoff
Roger	Kenneth Ruda
Kenickie	PJ Johnson
Sonny La Tierri	Mark Hendrickson
Frenchie	Julie Lake
Sandy Dumbrowski	Carly Helsaple
Danny Zuko	Daniel Krass
Vince Fontaine	Mike Cohen
Radio Singer	Hayden Rockson
Cha-Cha DiGregorio	Fabiana Coleman
Teen Angel	Dave Deggeller

## Ensemble

Emily Allen, Stella Aung, Niamh Arthur, Kevin Ball,  
Shira Ballon, Arielle Bivas, Becca Blatt, Laura Chao,  
Mike Cohen, Fabiana Coleman, Shawna Dobbins,  
Siobhan Doherty, Jamie Duitz, Eric Gray, Sasha Levine,  
Emilie Moser, Mitra Parineh, Juliette Robinson,  
Max Ross, Amit Shaham, Katie Stein, Abigail Stone,  
Ayisha White

## Orchestra

Conducted by Timothy Robblee

Bass Guitar Brian O'Donnell	Keyboard John Carlsson
Guitar Jesse Kriss Jerome Mayer-Cantu	Tenor Saxophone Daniel Enemark Ryan Jacobs

Percussion  
Steven Kaku

Assistant Stage Managers	Lizzie Lisha Brian Stempien
Master Carpenter	Emily Rasmussen
Assistant Master Carpenter	Daniel Moberly
Head Painter	Lisa Petrova
Construction and Painting	Laura Anderson, Carolyn S. Arnold, Stella Aung, Becca Blatt, Kara Blitz, Becca Blitz, Sonia Marie Castanier, Nick Dulin, Laura Ellis, Brett Greving, Lisa Hanawalt, Silja James, Sarah Marquess, Daniel Moberly, Anica Moss, Natasha Moustache, Michael Nagy, Emily Rasmussen, Ken Ruda, Carrie Wilson
Collective Set Design	Kara Blitz, Becca Blitz, Nick Dulin, Silja James, Sarah Marquess, Dan Moberly, Anica Moss, Michael Nagy, Lisa Petrova, Max Taylor
Assistant Light Design	Rebecca Blitz
Master Electrician	Laura Ellis
Light Brigade	Rebecca Blitz, Mike Cohen, Nick Dulin, Brett Greving, Silja James, Sarah Marquess, Joe Moore, Michael Nagy, Max Taylor
Properties	Carrie Wilson
Hair and Makeup	Jana Almen Kathy Bernstam Masha Heifetz
Costume Crew	Becca Ballon, Kathy Bernstam Sonia Marie Castanier, Katharina Glaser Peter Haptas, Hayden Rockson Shannon Self, Astrid Steffens
Light Board Operator	Laura Ellis
Sound Board Operator	Alejandro Foug
Sound Crew	Laura Anderson, Brett Greving
Microphones	Alejandro Foug, Penelope Van Tuyl
Follow Spot Operators	Brett Greving Sarah Marquess
Running Crew Head	Mara Francesca Macario
Running Crew	Laura Anderson, Carolyn S. Arnold, Becca Blitz, Keith Dulin, Nick Dulin, Michael Nagy, Emily Rasmussen, Max Taylor, Carrie Wilson
Publicity	Becca Ballon, Kara Blitz, Annette Georgia, Penelope Van Tuyl, Elena Veresh
Key Grips	Keith Dulin, Lizzie Lisha
House Managers	Annette Georgia, Elena Veresh
Poster Design	Lisa Hanawalt
Program	L. Catherine Ellis
Car	Brett Greving
Ticket Design	Annette Georgia

## Special Thanks

**Suzie Brown and her potluck angels;  
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Beth Sherman, Karen Stein, Monica Stone**

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Phil at Kinkos

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Student Directed One Acts: May 13-15 & 20-22, 1999

Jazz Band Spring Concert: May 27, 1999

Spring Choir and Orchestra Concert: June 10, 1999

Spring Band Concert: June 3, 1999