

Kelvin Grove State High School

presents

WESTSIDE STORY



22nd, 23rd, 25th & 26th May, 1990

STORYLINE

Director's Notes/Synopsis

West Side Story (music by Leonard Bernstein; lyrics by Stephen Sondheim; and book by Arthur Laurents) hit the Broadway stage in 1957. It was immediately hailed as the most complete musical of all times, even though it ran for a disappointing 732 performances (**Fiddler on the Roof** ran for 3,242 performances from 1964) on Broadway. Because of the extreme complexity and magnitude of the music and dance sequences in **West Side Story**, it is well nigh impossible for amateur groups to consider staging it — but Kelvin Grove High School, blessed with the extensive talents of Betty Nicholson (pianist); Anne Hewitt (choreography) and Ralph Hultgren (Orchestra conductor) has taken up the challenge, well served by a group of enthusiastic, talented and mannerly young performers — most of whom are making their maiden voyage on the great stages of the world.

West Side Story is a modern version of Shakespeare's **Romeo and Juliet** transferred to the New York slums, tracing the escalating conflict between a group of native North American kids — the "Jets"; and a group of Puerto Rican immigrants (from Spain) — the "Sharks", to its tragic conclusion.

Tony (our Romeo) inspired and new-made by the power of love for Maria (our Juliet) tries to divert the pending explosion of anger and passion into safer and tolerable currents, but in a show of tragic irony, becomes the unwilling pawn in its final issuing. Maria (unlike Juliet) survives to stand centre-stage, as the curtain falls, as a symbol, I think, albeit tenuous, of hope for the future.

Ross Allen

SCENES

ACT 1

SCENE 1	Parking Lot	"Jet Song"
SCENE 2	Front of Doc's Drugstore	"Something's Coming"
SCENE 3	Bridal Shop	
SCENE 4	Gymnasium Dance	"Maria"
SCENE 5	Parking Lot	"Tonight" ; "America"
SCENE 6	Doc's Drugstore	"Cool"
SCENE 7	Bridal Shop	"One Hand, One Heart"
SCENE 8	Parking Lot	"Tonight" (ensemble)
SCENE 9	Parking Lot	

ACT 2

SCENE 1	Maria's Apartment	"I Feel Pretty" ; "Somewhere"
SCENE 2	Parking Lot	"Gee, Officer Krupke"
SCENE 3	Maria's Apartment	"A Boy Like That" and "I Have a Love" (Duets)
SCENE 4	Doc's Drugstore	
SCENE 5	Doc's Drugstore	
SCENE 6	Parking Lot	"Finale"

CAST

TONY	Kristin Kerr
MARIA	Clare Jacobs
RIFF	Dallas Bentley
ANITA	Liz Strickland
BERNARDO	Martin Wright

JETS

ACTION	Graham Clarke
A-RAB	Lachlan Parker
BABY JOHN	Cameron Boyd
SNOWBOY	Daniel Croft
DIESEL	Andrew Thomson
ANYBODYS	Kirsty Wilesmith

SHARKS

CHINO	Alex Black
PEPE	Alex Taimani
JUANO	Toby Preston
INDIO	Adam Brumwell
ANXIOUS	Luke Chiu
NIBBLES	Matthew Lang
ALDO	Robert Palmer

GRAZIELLA	Shona Wilesmith	ROSALIA	Melissa Sands
VELMA	Debbie Green	FRANCISCA	Kylie Paulger
MINNIE	Kim Walker	CONSUELA	Freya Pinney
BARBIE	Melinda Van Slobbe	TERESITA	Cathy Robinson
BETTY	Tiffany Sorensen	ESTELLA	Natalie
CLARICE	Elena Officer		Souter - Robertson

DOC	Chris Laffan
SCHRANK	Ciel Fuller
KRUPKE	Ben Cochrane
GLAD HAND	Sharon Taylor

CHORUS

Renai Brown	Amanda Lugton	Sally Stanger
Gary Freudigmann	Dennis Maude	Cathy Suosaari
Megan Krueger	Lianne Officer	Sharon Taylor
Brigitte Luck	Allison Pettit	Susanna Thomson
	Cathy Smith	Claire Whitmore

BALLET SEQUENCE DANCERS

Elissa Fullerton	Diana Loosmore	Debbie Quinn
Lauren Higgins	Penny Moore	Leanne Ringelstein
Gabrielle Johnston	Lisa O'Neill	Mylan Soriano
Elizabeth Lang	Terry O'Neill	Julie Verbakel
Vanessa Lonton	Andrea Officer	

MUSICAL ORCHESTRA

Strings

Kirily Waters
Ben Anderson
Karen Parker
Daniel Smith
Cameron Waters
Meagan Hultgren
Debbie Irvine

Reeds

Catherine Hull
Catherine Rollo
Bragi Walters
Christy MacDonald
Janet McKay
Scott Hall
Lori Gaterell
Sara James
Craig Kickbush
Gavin Kickbush

Brass/Percussion

Shane Purnell
Andrew Sorensen
Cameron Brown
John Taylor
Michael Cuffe
Victoria Olsson
Betty Nicholson

PRODUCTION TEAM

PRODUCER	Kaye Gardner
DIRECTOR	Ross Allen
MUSICAL DIRECTOR	Betty Nicholson
CHOREOGRAPHER	Anne Hewitt
ASSISTANT DIRECTORS	Christine Poulsen Katrina Brown
ASSISTANT MUSICAL DIRECTORS	Antonia Breen (Vocal Coach - Leads) Sharon Hows (Chorus)
ORCHESTRA CONDUCTOR	Ralph Hultgren
CHOREOGRAPHER (Ballet Sequence)	Angus Lugsdin
MANAGER	Kim Noble
PUBLICITY	Di Sweetman
STAGE MANAGERS	Chris Bracken Richard Henry Sue Schellein
COSTUMES	Robyn Sellars
PROPS	Scott Christie
SET DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION	Matthew Listkiewicz Jonathan Gamlin Steven Home Tomasz Zeludziejewicz Scott Hall
SOUND	Phillip Riordan
LIGHTING	Peggy McIntyre Michael Lockyer Robert Good Pavel Lis Rachael Belbin Jacqueline Bartlett

STAGE CREW

Sandrine Juhel	Chris Abbot	Chris O'Keefe
Rhonda Stokoe	Anthony Beier	Elizabeth Adams
Krissy Dwyer	Andrew Higgins	Melanie Bond
Kristy Brumwell	Allison Reid	Katherine O'Malley
Rosie Whittam	Matthew Rankin	Kerri Castle
Rachel Teis		Gabriel Gibson

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