



Youth Theatre Northwest presents

# Heathers the Musical: High School Edition

Book, Music and Lyrics by Kevin Murphy & Lauren O'Keefe

Based on the film written by Daniel Waters

Directed by: **Mimi Katano**

Musical Direction by **Heather MacLaughlin Garbes** and **Peter Garbes**

## Director's Note:

*Heathers the Musical*, is a dark and deranged satire. It makes fun of a society (in this case, a high school) with a structure that categorizes people and doesn't allow them to mingle. It creates a hierarchy with very high stakes for anyone who dares to violate it. Sadly, this seems to be universal and timeless based on the popularity of the film in 1988, and this more recent reincarnation of the same story as a musical. The film was written before "school shooting" was even a phrase or the #metoo movement. These topics are no longer abstract. It's a possibility in the students' lives every day. In spite of, or perhaps because of, that, they love this show, which is fascinating.

In staging this production full of unfathomable meanness and violence, I felt it was vital that we create an extra safe space for our actors and our staff. During our time in the Conservatory training, we discussed school violence, the way we should cast Martha (she is the only character people refer to by body type), and how a satire should be done, along with ensemble building training. It requires a level of sophistication to make fun of and point out the wrongs in the world while being funny. These young actors had smart and thoughtful input throughout and they full-heartedly leaned into the comedy of it when it was warranted. They have stepped up to the responsibility of the content and for that, I am very proud.

Welcome to our candy store. Enjoy (?) Corn Nuts and Drano.

Mimi Katano (San Domenico High School Class of 1986)

Director

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## CAST LIST:

### **Cast Corn Nuts**

Veronica	Molly A
J.D.	Abby G
Heather C	Nicole E
Heather M	Aashna S
Heather D	Kyra B
Martha	Lily L
Ram	Rhett H
Kurt	Hiro KS
Ms. Fleming/Mom	Alana T
Ram's Dad/Veronica's Dad/J.D's Dad/Coach	Kyle G
Kurt's Dad/Principal	Jules P
Cheer Leader	Madi C
Cheer Leader	Vamp R
Cheer Leader	Priya B
Young Republican	Freida S
Hipster Dork	Charlie Y
Stoner Chick	Rachel S
Officer McClord/Beleaguered Geek	Ethan H
Officer Milner/Preppy Stud	Jack M

### **Cast Cast Drano**

Veronica	Sophie L
J.D.	Milo M-M
Heather C	Grace A
Heather M	Madi C
Heather D	Vamp R
Martha	Priya B
Ram	Freida S
Kurt	Charlie Y
Ms. Fleming/Mom	Rachel S
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## ACTOR'S BIOS (Alphabetical by first name):

**Aashna S** (*Heather MacNamara/Cheerleader*) is a freshman at Liberty High School who is tremendously excited to be a part of Heathers! She has been affiliated with YTN for five years, most recently portraying the role of Alice in the spring performance series entitled *Alice @ Wonderland* and the role of Theodore in the workshop conservatory *Theseus and the Minotaur and the Other Six*. Aside from theater, Aashna loves songwriting, baking, volunteering around the community, and spending time with her parents, younger brother, and dog. She is so grateful for the truly amazing

people she has met and worked with throughout the process of this production, including her wonderful director, Mimi! She and the cast of Heathers hope that you enjoy the show!

**Abby G** (*JD*) is 17 years old and a senior at The Center School. She is so excited to be a part of *Heathers*, what she's pretty sure is her 28th show at YTN!! Recently, you may have seen her in *Theseus and the Minotaur* and *the Other Six* or *She Kills Monsters*. When she's not at YTN, you could find her hanging out with her dogs, stage managing for her school's theatre program, watching *Twilight*, or listening to Taylor Swift. She hopes you enjoy the show!

**Alana T** (Ms. Fleming/Mom) is a senior at MIHS and has been enjoying acting in Youth Theatre Northwest since 3rd grade. Fun memories include: *The Jungle Book*, *Cats*, *Go Dog Go*, *Shrek the Musical*, *Romeo and Juliet*, and *The Lion King*.

**Charlie Y** (*Kurt, Hipster Dork*) This is Charlie's first show here at YTN and they are ecstatic to be playing the roles of Kurt and Hipster Dork. Charlie is in 10th grade and outside of theater they enjoy drawing, writing, and reading medical studies. Have a fun time watching the show!

**Ethan H** (*Ram's Dad/Veronica's Dad/J.D's Dad/Coach/Officer McClord/Beleaguered Geek*) is very excited to be a part of *Heather's* at Youth Theatre Northwest. This is Ethan's 3rd show at YTN. He is 17 years old and is a Junior at Kings' High School. When not at theatre, Ethan loves composing music, sings, and draws. He hopes you enjoy the show!

**Frieda S** (*Ram/Young Republican*) This is Frieda's 7th show at YTN. Previous shows include *Lion King*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and *13*. Frieda has especially enjoyed this cast and wishes all the best to the graduating seniors. Frieda would also like to thank her family for always supporting her in all of her endeavors, especially her mom who always finds the time to write her bios.

**Grace A** (*Heather Chandler*) is 17 years old and is thrilled to be part of this spectacular cast. This is Grace's first musical with youth theatre northwest. Past acting credits include Elle Woods in *Legally Blonde*, Mina in *Dracula*, Sunny in *Not So Grim*, and Dr. Meescham in *Flora and Ulysses*. Currently, Grace is president of their school's thespians club, and on the writing team of an original musical, *Welcome to Camp Sasquatch*, which will premiere at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival this summer. When they're not performing, Grace enjoys writing, sewing, media analysis, and referring to herself in the third person. She hopes you enjoy the show, and hopes for your sake you didn't forget the corn nuts. (it's not a party without the corn nuts).

**Hiro KS** (*Kurt - Cast Corn Nuts /Dork - Cast Drano*) has been raised by the people of YTN since age 3 and has been in 12 shows. He was recently seen playing Mike TV in *Charlie and The Chocolate Factory* as well as a British salesman, a Scottish Inn keeper, and a German professor in *The 39 Steps*. When not playing a bully, Hiro partakes in video games, drawing, Cosplays and such. Love to Rowboat.

**Jack M** (*Kurt's Dad/Principal/Officer Milner/Preppy Stud*) is a freshman and is excited to be in his first YTN show. This is his 3rd show so far, previously in his middle school's musical and an understudy in MIHS's production of *Grease*. Although he's performing in this show, he's been a theatre technician for 4 years, including being the props master and last-minute projectionist and sound operator for *And A Child Shall Lead*. In his free time, he enjoys obsessing over random classic literature, drawing, and selling his soul to musical theatre. He hopes you enjoy the show!

**Julian P** (*Kurt's Dad/Principal Gowan/Officer Milner/Preppy Stud*) is very happy to be a part of *Heathers*. Although they have been doing YTN camps since they were 6, this is his first official show. They are 15 years old, and attend Nova Highschool. He hopes enjoy the show!

**Kyle G** (*Ram's Dad/JD's Dad/Veronica's Dad/Coach Ripper/Officer McCord/Beleaguered Geek*) is proud. He is proud to have spent so much of his childhood as a member of the YTN family—over the last nine years, he has performed in 16 shows and served on the crew or creative team of seven. He is proud of his peers, who have handled the tonal tightrope and challenging subject matter of *Heathers* beautifully (and hilariously). Finally, he is proud of YOU for supporting young artists and coming to experience live theatre. Outside of YTN, Kyle can be found editing articles for his school newspaper *The Islander*, lurking backstage in his school's Performing Arts Center, or watching the acclaimed films of Michael Cera.

**Kyra B** (*she/her*) (*Heather Duke/Cheerleader*) is 17 years old and attends Bellevue High School. She's been in at least 18 YTN shows and is excited to be a part of another one! She hopes you enjoy the show.

**Lily L** (*she/her*) (*Martha Dunstock/Cheerleader*) is ecstatic to be a part of *Heathers*, her first show at YTN! Outside of theater, Lily attends Running Start at Bellevue College, swims competitively, and enjoys reading books and walking her dog. She thanks her parents for their time driving her, the cast, crew, and team for making this a fantastic experience, and you for coming! Enjoy the show! :)

**Nicole E** (*Heather Chandler*) Nicole is 17 years old and a senior in high school. She is so sad that this is her last show at YTN but feels so grateful that she got to be a part of this fantastic show as her last. You may have seen her recently at YTN in *The 39 Steps* or *13*. Outside of theater Nicole enjoys reading horror novels and playing Mario Kart. She hopes you brought corn nuts because it's not a party without corn nuts!!

**Madison C** (*Heather McNamara / New Wave Girl*) is really excited to be in her final production of YTN as a senior in high school. When she is not doing theatre, she is doing creative makeup looks, or baking something new. Some of her past YTN shows include *The Complete Works of Shakespeare Abridged* and *Rescued*. Enjoy the show!

**Milo M-M** (*JD*) is a senior at MIHS. He's been doing theater since before he can remember and, tragically, this is his last hurrah in a 19 show career here at YTN. You may have seen him as the Professor/Mrs. McGarrigle in *The 39 Steps* last year or at the high school as Teen Angel in *Grease*, Martin Lowy in *And a Child Shall Lead*, or Black Stache in *Peter and the Starcatcher*. Aside from being on stage, Milo also loves directing, writing, and just being involved in theater in whatever ways he can! This summer, he's excited to be serving as the Artistic Director of Young American's Theatre Company, an entirely youth-run theatre organization in Seattle. Milo has a deep passion for cooking and loves making food for his family and friends. Enjoy the show!!

**Molly A** (*Veronica*) is a senior at MIHS and is incredibly sad that this is her last show at YTN. When she's not in rehearsal, you might find Molly hanging out with her dogs, thinking about *White Lotus*, talking about *White Lotus*, driving people around and telling them to watch *White Lotus*, talking to the homie in Cleveland, complaining about her history teacher, singing around her house, annoying her parents (those last two are one and the same), or daydreaming about Christian Slater. Nevertheless, she is in rehearsal A LOT. Speaking of which, come see her as *Viola Shakespeare in Love* at MIHS in April! But first, stay seated for *Heathers*! She hopes you enjoy the show!!

**Priya B** (*Martha/Cheerleader*) is 17 years old and is a senior at MIHS. This is Priya's 15th show at YTN including the last show she was in, *The 39 Steps*. Outside of theatre, Priya spends most of her time being a stressed out senior, loving ECAAR (her club), and studying for calc check-ins. In the little free time she does have, she enjoys cuddling with her adorable dog, napping, reading, singing, eating sweets, annoying her sister from across the country, and pretty much anything that doesn't require

her to change out of her sweatpants. She's sad to say that this is her last show at YTN and is so thankful to her family and her family at YTN. Thank you for coming and she hopes you enjoy the show!

**Rachel S** (*Ms. Fleming - Cast Drains, Stoner Chick - Cast Corn Nuts*) is super happy to be a part of *Heathers* (her 16th show here at YTN), and super sad to say that it is her last show (here at YTN)! Outside of theatre, Rachel spends her time baking, running some cool school clubs, hanging with friends, and procrastinating her homework as any self-respecting second-semester senior should! Rachel hopes you have a wonderful time watching the show!

**Rhett H** (*Ram/Young Republican*) is a 10th grader at Mercer Island High School, and has performed in various YTN plays before, such as *39 Steps*, and *Fiddler on the Roof*. While not acting he enjoys skiing, figure skating, and diving. He hopes you enjoy the show!

**Sophie L** (*Veronica Sawyer*) Sophie is thrilled to be a part of *Heathers* here at Youth Theatre Northwest. This is her first YTN show! She is 18 years old and a senior. Some of her past performances include *Cinderella and the Substitute Fairy Godmother*, *Little Red Riding and the power Mutants*, and *Daze of Olde*. When not onstage Sophie absolutely loves to read, her room is filled with books! She hopes you enjoy the show!

**Vamp R** (*Heather Duke/Cheerleader*) Vamp is so excited to perform in *Heathers*. This is Vamp's 6th and final YTN production. They hope you enjoy the show!

#### **PRODUCTION TEAM:**

Director	Mimi Katano
Music Direction	Heather MacLaughlin Garbes and Peter Garbes
Scenic Design	Matthew T. Lazure
Lighting Design	Trina Wright
Costume Design	Heather Culver
Props Design	Robin Macartney
Sound Engineer	Kaiytlin Lawrenz
Choreographer	Mimi Katano
Fight Choreographer	Philip G. Smith
Technical Director	Brian Jackson
Rehearsal Stage Manager	Valerie Reid
Performance Stage Manager	Kallen Pishue
Assistant Stage Manager	Christy Fox
Scenic Painter	Tori Dewar

#### **Student Crew:**

Student Crew	Victor H
Lights Op	Rory L

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### PRODUCTION TEAM'S BIOS:

**Mimi Katano** (*Director*) joined YTN in the fall of 1999, became the Artistic Director in 2003, and the Executive Artistic Director in 2018. *Heathers The Musical: High School Edition* marks her 35th show as a director at YTN. Other shows include *The 39 Steps*, *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)*, *Ragtime School Edition*, *Spring Awakening*, and *Urinetown*. Mimi has also directed grown-ups at Centerstage Theatre, Pork Filled Productions, Live Girls! Theatre, 14/48, and Boston's Wheelock Family Theatre. Many thanks to her incredible team of production artists, without whom the show would literally not happen, her husband Philip for lending his stage combat expertise to the show yet again, and to her one and only kid, Hiro, for forgiving his mother for having him shot to death on stage for two years in a row. For more on Mimi's directing, go to [mimikatano.com](http://mimikatano.com).

**Heather MacLaughlin Garbes** (*Music Director*) is very excited to finally be back doing theatre in person! Although she learned a lot about sound recording during the pandemic, her comfort level is working with people face-to-face. Heathers has been a very confusing rehearsal process for her as she feels like everyone is calling her name all the time. Heather has been at Youth Theatre Northwest for over 20 years and has music directed over 20 productions, including *Ragtime*, *Spring Awakening*, *Avenue Q*, *Spelling Bee*, *Legally Blonde* and *Pippin*. She is thrilled to be wearing the yellow scrunchie and letting her hair get big again for this show.

**Peter Garbes** (*Music Director*) has been playing piano since he was 4. While a student at MIT, he caught the musical theatre bug playing rehearsal piano for a production of *Jesus Christ Superstar* and hasn't stopped playing since. At YTN, he has co-music directed *Rent*, *Ragtime*, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, *Legally Blonde*, *Avenue Q*, and *Spring Awakening*. An accomplished choral tenor, Peter sings with the St. Mark's Cathedral Choir and Evensong Choir in Seattle and is the resident piano accompanist for the Mägi Ensemble and Skagit Valley Chorale. When not engaging in musical pursuits, he makes a living as an IT Director in Seattle.

**Matthew T. Lazure** (*Scenic Design*) is a Seattle based scenic designer and fine artist. Recent YTN credits include *Theseus and the Minotaur and the Other Six*, *Year of the Tigers*, and *The 39 Steps*. Other credits include Book-It Repertory's Educational touring productions of *Trying* and *Tiara's Hat Parade* and Bainbridge Performing Arts' *It's a Wonderful Life A Live Radio Play* and *Hedwig and the*

*Angry Inch*. His fine art can be seen at Lynn Hanson Gallery in downtown Seattle where his solo exhibit, *Compound Fractures*, is on display for the month of March.

**Trina Wright** (*Lighting Design*) earned her BFA in Theater from the Division of Design, Technology, and Management at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. She followed her heart to Seattle, where she found an artistic home at Youth Theatre Northwest while working for a handful of other groups. Favorite lighting designs at YTN include *Flora and Ulysses*, *Into the Woods*, *Night of the Living Dead*, *Our Town*, *Pippin*, *The Sky Below*, *Spring Awakening*, *Through the Looking Glass* and *What Alice Found There*, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, *Urinetown*, and *Working*. When not at the theater, Trina can be found scorekeeping little league games, walking with her old lady Irish terrier, and singing with Mägi Ensemble.

**Heather Culver** (*Costume Design*) is delighted to be designing *Heathers*, *The Musical* here at Youth Theatre Northwest, even though she was always more of a Veronica than a Heather. This is Heather's 18th season with YTN, and has designed costumes for YTN's productions of *Rescued*, *Men on Boats*, *The Monkey King*, *The Lion King Jr.*, *Disney's Beauty and the Beast Jr.*, *Willy Wonka Jr.*, *Treasure Island*, *Seussical Jr.*, *Robin Hood*, *The Neverending Story*, *Animal Farm*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *Urinetown*, *Disney's Sleeping Beauty*, *Pippi Longstocking* and *The Wizard of Oz* among others. She is a Dickens Caroler, and has worked on productions for The Seattle Shakespeare Company, Spectrum Dance Theatre, Taproot Theatre, and The Seagull Project among others. She sends her love to Chili and Sophie.

**Philip G. Smith** (*Fight Choreographer*) is always looking for a fight.

**Kallen Pishue** (*Performance Stage Manager*) is so excited to be working with Youth Theatre Northwest for the first time! Kallen loves creating the magic of live theatre. Previous shows include: *Miss Step* (Assistant Stage Manager, Village Theatre), *Little Shop of Horrors* (Spot Op, Village Theatre), and *Head Over Heels* (Assistant Stage Manager, Village Theatre KIDSTAGE).

**Valerie Reid** (*Rehearsal Stage Manager*) is incredibly excited to be making her debut here at Youth Theatre Northwest. Valerie has been stage managing for over 10 years in both the Seattle and Los Angeles areas. Recent productions include *Avenue Q* (RCT), *Hair!* (RCT) and *25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* (TNP). You can currently find Valerie with Village Theatre's KIDSTAGE working on their Originals program. When Valerie is not wrangling actors she enjoys traveling and finding down time to do puzzles. Special thanks to Stephanie Bull for her continued persistence with trying to bring me in until my schedule finally allowed it.

## **STUDENT CREW BIOS:**

Rory L (*she/her*) (*Light Op*) is thrilled to tech her first show at Youth Theatre Northwest! Outside of the theater, Rory loves reading, working on a nearby farm, and spending time with her family and pets. She thanks her siblings for enduring her singing, the cast and crew for their kindness, and her parents for driving her. Enjoy the show!

## **SPECIAL THANKS:**

Rob Ward

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