

MURRAY CITY CULTURAL ARTS PRESENTS

hairspray

• THE BROADWAY MUSICAL •

AUGUST 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9

Lyrics: Scott Wittman, Marc Shaiman

Music: Marc Shaiman

Book: Mark O'Donnell, Thomas Meehan

Cast List

TRACY TURNBLAD Hannah Fellows
EDNA TURNBLAD Jerrod Dew
WILBUR TURNBLAD Mark Fellows
PENNY LOU PINGLETON Gretel Carey
PENNY LOU PINGLETON Karlee Moser
AMBER VON TUSSLE Makayla Conner Marriott
LINK LARKIN Porter Beesley
SEAWEEED J. STUBBS Noah Burket
SEAWEEED J. STUBBS Colton Kraus
MOTORMOUTH MAYBELLE Fantasia Burgess
LITTLE INEZ Rylen Israel
VELMA VON TUSSLE Julie Blatter
CORNLY COLLINS John (Bobby Jay) Haraden
MR. PINKY Tony Faauli
SPRITZER/PRINCIPAL/GUARD Jim Schroeder
PRUDY/GYM TEACHER/JAIL MATRON Liz Hilst

NICEST KIDS

SHELLEY Kenadi Garner
TAMMY Jam Boyden
BRAD Alexander Heath
SKETCH Ammon Rollins
LOU ANN Kayla Richins
FENDER Zachary Sharp
IQ Lucas Stewart
BRENDA Lilah Fellows

DYNAMITES

Jezuz Gomez-Villalobos
Jessica Pierce
Anna Kaitlyn Burningham*

ENSEMBLE

Karlee Moser
Lizzie Silver
Madison Beckstead
Tony Faauli
Noah Burket
Armando Serrano
Jezuz Gomez-Villalobos
Lilliana Biah
Zayla Mouser
Jessica Pierce
Anna Kaitlyn Burningham*

*Understudy for MOTORMOUTH MAYBELLE

Orchestra List

BJ Bedont – Conductor
Barry Franson* – Violin
Heidi Dickson – Violin
Savanna Seaman – Violin
Debby Wetzel – Violin
June Christensen – Cello
Josh Bowe – Cello
Larry Montoya – Bass
Sara Chatelain – Woodwinds
Drew Holland – Woodwinds
Kim Rimmasch – Trumpet
Charles Dye – Trombone
Scott Miller – Guitar
Jack Dunyon – Guitar
Jerrick Mitchell – Drum Set
Dave Thalmann – Percussion
Carrie Giles – Keyboard
Linda Bowe – Keyboard
Melissa Crockett – Keyboard
Nanci Shino – Orchestra Manager



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Directors Note

Our world needs more Tracy Turnblads. Someone to remind us the importance of celebrating individuality, embracing our differences, and the need to recognize both racial and social injustices. Topics that are still relevant in today's society. We invite you to travel back in time with us on a journey to 1960's Baltimore where we discover rhythm and blues, big hair and one determined young girl who wants to change the world.

This cast and crew have put in countless hours creating a space for you to not only be entertained by their amazing talents but also for you to take a moment to reflect on the things that are truly important. Sitting under the stars on this warm summer night, we hope you can relax and absorb all this show has to give. Thank you for sharing your night with us and if we leave you with only one thing this evening...be kind, always!

Tammy Ross

Show Synopsis

Act One

Prologue:

“Good Morning Baltimore” — Tracy & Company

Scene 1: TV Station WZZT & Turnblad Home

“The Nicest Kids in Town” — Corny Collins & Council Members

Scene 2: At the Vanities

“Mama, I’m a Big Girl Now” — Edna & Tracy, Velma & Amber, Penny & Prudy

Scene 3: TV Station WZZT

“I Can Hear the Bells” — Tracy
“(The Legend of) Miss Baltimore Crabs” — Velma & Council Members

Scene 4: Detention

Scene 5: Patterson Park High School Gymnasium

“The Madison” — Corny & Company

Scene 6: WZZT & Turnblad Home

“The Nicest Kids in Town” (Reprise)
— Corny & Council Members
“It Takes Two” — Link & Tracy

Scene 7: Turnblad Home and Streets of Baltimore

“Welcome to the ’60s” — Tracy, Edna, The Dynamites & Company

Scene 8: Patterson Park Playground

“Run and Tell That” — Seaweed

Act Two

Scene 9: Baltimore Women’s House of Detention

“The Big Dollhouse” — Women
“Good Morning Baltimore” (Reprise) — Tracy

Scene 10: The Har-De-Har Hut

“Timeless to Me” — Wilbur & Edna

Scene 11: Tracy’s Jail Cell & Penny’s Bedroom

“Without Love” — Link, Tracy, Seaweed, Penny

Scene 12: Motormouth Maybelle’s Record Shop

“I Know Where I’ve Been” — Motormouth & Company

Scene 13: The Baltimore Eventorium

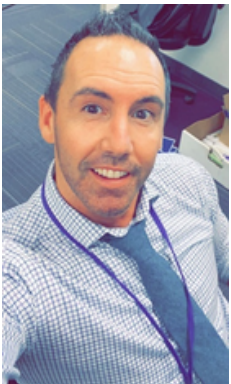
“Hairspray” — Corny & Council Members
“Cooties” — Amber & Council Members
“You Can’t Stop the Beat” — Tracy, Link, Penny, Seaweed, Edna, Wilbur, Motormouth & Company

There will be a brief intermission between the acts.

BIOS

TAMMY ROSS - DIRECTOR

Tammy is especially excited to be back in the Director chair to share the important message this show provides. She believes that love, acceptance and inclusivity should be a part of our daily lives. Having produced and directed many shows a few of her favorites include Avenue Q, Spring Awakening, Rock of Ages, Mamma Mia and We Will Rock You. Dedicating this show to my amazing family, countless theatre family member and those we've lost along the way. "You Can't Stop the Beat!"



JASON CAMPBELL - MUSIC DIRECTOR

Jason has music directed, directed and acted in shows in Utah for over 20 years. His music director credits include: Mama Mia (Midvale Main Street Theatre) Spring Awakening (Midvale Main Street Theatre) Sweeney Todd (OPPA) acting credits include: Rocky in Rocky Horror Show (Grand Theatre) Giuseppe in The Gondoliers (Weber State) and Man in Chair in Drowsy Chaperone (Grand Theatre). I'm so excited for you to see the hard work this cast has put into this amazing show!



**ANNA KAITLYN BURNINGHAM -
CHOREOGRAPHER/DYNAMITE/MOTORMOUTH
MAYBELLE U.S.**

Choreographer. Actor. That's it.



CAITLIN FREEMAN - STAGE MANAGER

Caitlin is glad to be back, backstage, with this production of "Hairspray". Her past experience with theatre ranges from on-stage in the ensemble of many shows, to running the show back stage as a Stage Manager.



JEZÚZ GÓMEZ-VILLALOBOS - DYNAMITE/ENSEMBLE

Jezúz is very excited to make his debut at the Murray Park Amphitheatre. Previously, he's had the privilege of playing Angel in RENT, Martin in Company, an Angel in Kinky Boots, and has danced professionally for Lagoon Amusement Park and The Viva La Diva Show. He would like to take a moment to thank his Juan and only, family, and friends who continually support his dreams. As for his guardian angel, mom, this is all for you.

ZAYLA MOUSER - LORRAINE

Zayla is so excited to be playing Detention Kid and Ensemble in her first ever musical. Hairspray! She is very thrilled and happy she is in this production of Hairspray. She would like to thank her family and friends for support!



LILLIANA BIAH - CINDY WATKINS

Lilliana Biah has been doing theater for 5 years starting in elementary school and continuing through her senior year. She has starred in big roles such as Miss Hannigan in *Annie: The Musical* and Aunt Sponge in *James and the Giant Peach*. This role in *Hairspray* is her first major production outside of a school setting and she is so excited! Playing in *Hairspray* has been such a bright and rewarding experience which has taught her a lot about connections, resilience, and discipline. Her goal for her future is to teach drama at a high school level and to make it big!



GRETEL CAREY - PENNY PINGLETON/NICEST KID ENSEMBLE

Gretel is so excited to be playing both Penny and a nicest kid in this production of *Hairspray*! Some of her other favorite roles include Barbara Maitland Beetlejuice jr. (Sandy Arts), Jasmine in *Aladdin jr.* (Early Light Academy), Karen Smith in *Mean Girls jr.* (Sandy Arts), Grace/stepsister in *Cinderella* (Early Light Academy), and Kittie in *Freaky Friday* (Hale Center Theatre). She would like to thank her family and new friends for being so supportive and encouraging.



MADISON BECKSTEAD - NICEST KID ENSEMBLE

Maddie is thrilled to make her Murray City debut in *Hairspray*! Some of her favorite past roles include Miss Hannigan in *Annie* and Jo in *Little Women*. She is especially excited to be part of this show to show her daughter Selena that she can dream big and chase those dreams just like her mom.



ALEXANDER HEATH - BRAD

Xander is excited to be back in a show after 5 years. Some of his favorite shows he has done are Pirates of Penzance, Hairspray, and Elf: the musical. With the little time he has not at work or at rehearsals for the show, he loves hanging out with his friends and roller skating. Xander would like to thank his friends and family for their constant love and support.



PORTER BEESLEY - LINK LARKIN

Porter is thrilled to be performing in his first show south of Salt Lake with this incredible cast! Favorite roles include Jack Kelly (Newsies), Dmitry (Anastasia), and Jimmy Dobbs (Bright Star). He's passionate about people and storytelling, which makes the stage his favorite place to be.



NOAH BURKET - SEAWEED J. STUBBS/GILBERT

Noah is thrilled to be part of Hairspray and is especially excited to be playing both Seaweed and a detention ensemble kid. Some of his previous favorite roles include Aladdin in Aladdin Jr. (Early Light Academy), The Tin Man in Wizard of Oz, Youth Edition (Hale Centre Theater), Harlem Man 2 in Ragtime (The Ruth and Nathan Hale Theater), and Mufasa in The Lion King Jr. (Early Light Academy.) Noah has enjoyed every step of this journey and so thankful he could be part of it.



LIZ ROWLEY HILST - PRUDY/MATRON/GYM TEACHER

Liz Rowley Hilst is delighted to be part of this fantastically talented cast! Favorite past roles include Miss Mona (The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas), Miss Scarlet (Clue: The Musical), Shelby (Steel Magnolias), Alice (Titanic: The Musical), Grace (Annie), Kate Monster (Avenue Q), Columbia (The Rocky Horror Show), Joanne (Rent), and Mac in Secret Son (Salt Lake Fringe), along with a variety of other memorable supporting roles. Huge thanks to the incredible production crew for making the magic happen—and extra love to J and M. Be you. Stay bold. Make good trouble.



MAKAYLA CONNER MARRIOTT - AMBER

Makayla is excited to be making her Murray Arts debut as Amber in Hairspray! Favorite past roles include Elle Woods in Legally Blonde, Polly Baker in Crazy for You, Snoopy in You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown, and her current role as Drama Teacher for Brighton High. She would like to thank her crazy “kids” (students) for always inspiring her, and Kurtis, Rocky, and Tito for their love and support!



LUCAS TYLER STEWART - IQ

Lucas is thrilled to be performing at the Amphitheater again this summer. You may recognize him as the Bard Boy in Something Rotten a month earlier. Lucas graduated with his B.A. from UVU in theatre performance and his M.Ed from USU in Psychology. Some of Lucas' favorite roles have been Joe Pitt (Angels in America), Juliet (Romeo and Juliet), Dan (Joseph), and Ernie Mac (Puffs). Lucas would like to thank his family, Jazzagals, Bae, and friends for their love and support.



JOHN (BOBBY JAY)- CORNY COLLINS

John (Bobby Jay) is thrilled to bring everyone's favorite TV host to life in this toe-tapping, hair-raising production of *Hairspray*! Past roles include the melodramatic King Silvio in *The Love of Three Oranges*, the squeaky-clean (at first) Brad Majors in *The Rocky Horror Show*, and both Issachar (one of Joseph's many brothers) and the fabulously wealthy Potiphar in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. This role holds special meaning for John, who believes passionately in equality and inclusion for all people, regardless of race, body type, sexuality, gender identity, or expression. No one should be denied an opportunity simply because of who they are. When he's not stealing the show, John is working toward a degree in Mathematics—because even Corny Collins knows brains and beats go hand in hand (and math can totally be musical), spoiling two cats rotten, and reigning supreme as the favorite uncle to 14 nieces and nephews, plus three grand-nephews! Huge thanks to the cast, crew, and creative team. Sit back, sing along (in your head), and enjoy — you can't stop the beat!



KENADI GARNER - SHELLEY

Kenadi is a 5th grade teacher with a lifelong love of dance and theatre. Some of her performance credits include *Mamma Mia*, *Hello, Dolly!*, *South Pacific*, *Shrek*, and several Southern Utah University Dance Concerts. She is beyond excited to be part of this incredible cast of *Hairspray*! Kenadi sends heartfelt thanks to her family for their constant encouragement and love—and a special shoutout to her amazing husband, Christian, whose support means everything!



LIZZIE SILVER - NICEST KIDS ENSEMBLE

Lizzie Silver recently graduated from the University of Utah with her bachelor's degree in Political Science with a minor in Theatre. She is now studying to be an American Sign Language Interpreter at SLCC. She loves to watch Love Island and perform with her friends! Shoutout to AK and Mando for making both of those dreams come true!



KARLEE MOSER - PENNY LOU PINGLETON/ ENSEMBLE

Karlee is so excited to be in one of her favorite musicals with Murray City! Born and raised in South Jordan she has loved performing since the age of three. She has been seen on stage as an "Ape" in 'Tarzan', "Lucinda" in 'Into the Woods' and "Featured Dancer" in 'Footloose', but spends most of her time teaching kids how to twirl. She would like to thank her friends, family, and students for being her biggest cheerleaders!



JERROD DEW - EDNA

Jerrod is excited to do his first show here in Murray Amphitheater. Jerrod has had previous roles such as the judge in Sweeney Todd, Mr. Wormwood in Matilda, and his favorite role before performing as Edna, was Bill in Mama Mia. Thank you all for coming to this wonderful production. Enjoy the show.



MARK FELLOWS - WILBUR TURNBLAD

Mark is excited to be performing at the Murray Amphitheater for the third time, having previously been seen in “The Hunchback of Notre Dame” and “Cinderella”. He has been in more than 20 musicals and especially enjoys sharing the stage with his wife, Heather and three kids. Mark earned an MBA in International Business and an MA in Asia Pacific Studies from the University of San Francisco after graduating from Utah State University. When not performing, Mark can be found helping people meet their financial goals as a Senior Premier Banker. Remember “You have to think big to be big!”



JAM BOYDEN - TAMMY

Jam Boyden used to be a full time ballerina but has enjoyed trading tutus for teased hair for this production of Hairspray! When Jam isn't on stage, you can find her in the mountains and pursuing her degree in environmental science. She loves running in the sprinklers and is the proud owner of the best (worst?) lifeguard tan lines.



ZACHARY SHARP - FENDER

Zachary has loved theater from a very young age, and Hairspray has been his favorite movie since he first saw it. He is so excited to be in this show to apologize for his ancestors!



AMMON ROLLINS - SKETCH

Ammon has loved performing with the fun Hairspray cast this summer. He has previously performed in community and school theatre productions such as Newsies, Camelot, Tuck Everlasting, Anastasia, and many more!



JULIE BLATTER - VELMA

Julie loves performing on the Murray amphitheater stage where she enjoyed playing Annabelle in "Luck Stiff", Millie in "Seven Brides.." and Mrs Meers in "Thoroughly Modern Millie". She has performed at several venues including Centerpoint Legacy, Hale Centre, Deseret Star, The Grand, Egyptian in Park City and others. She loves family time, games, pickleball and puzzles!



JESSICA PIERCE - DYNAMITE / ENSEMBLE

Jessica is so excited to be stepping back into the world of musical theatre after almost ten years away. Her previous stage credits include Aida, Mary Poppins, and The Wiz. Hairspray has always been a dream show of hers, and she couldn't be happier that it's her first production back on stage.



TONY FAAULI - MR. PINKY/ENSEMBLE

Are yall ready for a HOOT of a time with the one and only Link Larkin..... Tony is ready to put the race in racist and serve you live performance on channel 11! This Big Brown Beautiful guy will bring this story to life so make sure you don't get detention or you'll miss out on where he's been! Which shouldn't be hard since he's on all the channels. DaeQuan out!



COLTON KRAUS - SEAWEED J. STUBBS/GILBERT

Colton is happy to have added Hairspray to his resume! Though Seaweed has been a harder role for him to grasp he is happy for the opportunity to play him! He is so grateful for the friendships he's made during this process. He will next be seen on the Ziegfeld Theatre Stage singing Benjamin Calypso as a brother in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat!



ARMANDO SERRANO JR. - ENSEMBLE

Armando is fresh off the run of 12 Angry Men at the Hale Center Theatre. His favorite credits include: Elf The Musical, Titanic The Musical, A Christmas Carol '22, Treasure Island, The Play That Goes Wrong (Trevor) with HCT; In The Heights (Usnavi) at The Grand Theatre; Sister Act with The Ruth; In The Heights with West Valley Arts; A Chorus Line (Paul) and Young Frankenstein (Dr. Frankenstein) with The Stage Door Theatre (St. George); and Disney's Beauty and The Beast (LeFou) with St. George Musical Theatre. Armando holds a BS in Bioinformatics and Chemical engineering from Utah Tech. "Thanks to Lizzie and Anna Kaitlyn for being my best friends and also saving my life and also roasting me every second you can".



RYLEN ISRAEL - LITTLE INEZ

Rylen Israel is a vibrant 10-year-old performer making her debut as Little Inez in Hairspray. She loves singing, dancing, and bringing big energy to the stage. Rylen is thrilled to be part of this incredible cast and hopes you enjoy the show!



LILAH FELLOWS - BRENDA

Lilah Fellows is a sophomore at Hillcrest High School with six years of competitive dance experience, contemporary and hip hop being her favorites. She has performed in Shrek the Musical, Annie Jr., Big the Musical, Descendants and Hometown. This year, she's thrilled to be in Hairspray with her sister Hannah (Tracy) and dad Mark (Wilbur), making it a special family memory. She's all about bringing joy to the stage and can't wait to see where her love for performing takes her next!



HANNAH FELLOWS - TRACY TURNBLAD

Hannah is so excited to be playing a dream role of hers this summer! Hannah has been doing theatre her whole life, starting in community theatre in childhood, but more recently doing shows at Hillcrest High School with some highlights being Into the Woods (Baker's Wife) and Sister Act (Sister Mary Robert). Hannah has just completed her first year at Berklee College of Music in Boston, where she plans to get a degree in Professional Music, with specializations in Music Business, Music Production, and Vocal Performance. She would like to thank her family for all of their love and support both on stage and off.



KAYLA RICHINS - LOU ANN



ZAYLA MOUSER - LORRAINE

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**FANTASIA BURGESS - MOTORMOUTH
MAYBELLE**

Fantasia has been singing since she was 3 years old in the gospel choir. Originally from California, but she has lived here for 30 years. She has done plays most recently at Sandy Amphitheater, The Empress in Magna, and the SCERA.



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Monday, August 18, 2025 | 6pm–8pm
Murray Museum Lawn

Toast – The Ultimate Bread Experience

Friday, August 29, 2025 | 7pm
\$34 General Admission + Taxes and Ticket Fees

OneVoice Children's Choir

Saturday, September 6, 2025 | 7pm
Adult \$15, Child/Senior/Military ID \$12 + Taxes and Ticket Fees

The Jersey Tenors

Friday, September 5, 2025 | 7pm
\$34 General Admission + Taxes and Ticket Fees

Bohemian Queen

Friday, September 12, 2025 | 7pm
\$34 General Admission + Taxes and Ticket Fees

Lovin' Spoonful

Saturday, September 20, 2025 | 7pm
\$34 General Admission + Taxes and Ticket Fees

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Date September 19th | 6pm–8pm
Murray City Hall

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Friday, September 26, 2025
The Murray Theater

The Sun Kings: A Beatles Tribute

Friday & Saturday, October 3 & 4, 2025
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