University of Wyoming Dept. of Theatre & Dance Presents

CARRIE THE MUSICAL

Music by MICHAEL GORE
Lyrics by DEAN PITCHFORD
Book by LAWRENCE D. COHEN
Based on the novel by STEPHEN KING

Directed by MATTHEW GREENBERG
Choreographed by CAT KAMRATH

"...a cultural touchstone...the great cautionary horror story of high school cruelty." – Ben Brantley, The New York Times

"...edge-of-your-seat all-out entertainment." - Larry S. Ledford, The Monitor

APR 26 - 29, 7:30PM, APR 30, 2:00PM

Buchanan Center for the Performing Arts Main Stage

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SYNOPSIS

Carrie White is a misfit, a teenage outcast who longs to fit in. Bullied by the popular crowd at school, and virtually invisible to everyone else, she's dominated by her loving but cruelly controlling mother. What none of them know is that Carrie's got a special power, and if pushed too far, she's not afraid to use it.

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

CARRIE...THE MUSICAL? Yep. You're here for this and we're glad you are. CARRIE is associated with camp, prom, cliques, and, of course, blood...however, the musical takes a deeper look into strained parent-child relations and bullying, ultimately asking the question, "What does it cost to fit in?"

When Stephen King's novel of the same name debuted in 1974, it was a horror masterpiece. The 1976 Brian DePalma film starring Sissy Spacek cemented CARRIE into the horror cannon for its theatrical use of telekinetic powers, while taking a stance on the dangers of religious extremism. The infamous prom scene showed us something scary: dozens of teens killed inside a sacred place of knowledge, Chamberlain High School. More scary is the ever-increasing school violence epidemic. Moreover, through the COVID-19 pandemic, we saw a rise of harassment through cyberbullying which has continued its upward trend.

As a director, CARRIE made me ask the question, "If we ignore a problem, does it get better or worse?" Sometimes, it does get better, and sometimes we need to solve the problem more proactively.

It is not lost on me that the first syllable of CARRIE is care: something in short supply in this fictional world. As we exit the theatre and enter our very, very real world, I implore us all to do something nice for a stranger and see how that ripple can lead us towards a kinder, more caring world.

DRAMATURG'S NOTE

Much has changed since Stephen King wrote CARRIE in 1974. While still a story about outsiders, bullying, abuse, and trauma, it takes on new meaning when considering the recent history of students tragically experiencing violence in their own schools. An audience today will have a vastly different reaction to the violence at the end of the story than readers did in 1974, audiences watching the original 1988 musical, or even audiences watching the 2012 revival. A production of CARRIE in 2023 must reckon with the weight of the growing total of mass killings in this country, a growing trend that only seems to be getting worse.

According to the Gun Violence Archive, over 200 Americans have been killed from mass shootings since the beginning of 2023, the most by this point in the year in over a decade. Although CARRIE doesn't directly discuss gun violence, it is hard to ignore the parallels that the show offers. Due to the nature of the plot and the time in which the story was written, CARRIE is unable to do much more than dance around the issue that appears most prescient to a contemporary audience.

What CARRIE can provide is a glimpse into the life of a young girl who feels broken, beaten, and ostracized by both her peers and family. She is pushed, bullied, humiliated, and unfortunately resorts to violence in response. The show repeatedly poses the question, "What does it cost to be kind?" suggesting kindness and acceptance is a remedy for violence. However, in our current social context, amidst debate about gun control, growing rates of mental illness, and no clear answer as to what drives these individuals to commit acts of violence, perhaps we should ask, what will it cost us when we don't act with kindness?

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CREATIVE TEAM

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CHOREOGRAPHER	
MUSICAL DIRECTOR	Zachary McCulley
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR & DRAMATURG	Blake Watson*
INTIMACY CHOREOGRAPHER	Landee Lockhart
COSTUME DESIGNER	Lee Hodgson
HAIR, WIGS, & MAKEUP DESIGNER	Kate Backman
LIGHTING & VIDEO DESIGNER	
SCENE DESIGNER	Scott Tedmon-Jones
SOUND DESIGNER	Don Turner
PRODUCTION MANAGER	Scott Tedmon-Jones
PRODUCTION STAGE MANAGER	Alexandria Soto

CAST

CARRIE WHITE	Anna Johnston*	
MARGARET WHITE	Kathryn Harding	
SUE SNELL		
TOMMY ROSS	Edward Bazzell*	
CHRIS HARGENSEN	Sidney Thomas*	
BILLY NOLAN	Oscar Erickson*	
MISS GARDNER, SUE'S INTERROGATOR	Emma Sorensen*	
MR. STEPHENS/REV. BLISS/SUE'S INTERROGA	ATORJoshua Luper*	
FRIEDA	Heather Craig*	
NORMA		
HELEN, U/S CARRIE WHITE	Emma Master*	
GEORGE	Chase Nylander*	
STOKES	Soren Ostergren*	
FREDDY	Ethan Williams*	
MICHAEL	Jackson Ellison*	
OTHER KIDS, DANCE ENSEMBLE	Lindsey Little*,	
Tatiana Matsygorova*, Claire Rhein*, Bailey Sorensen*, Jessie Standley*		

PRODUCTION STAFF

FIGHT CHOREOGRAPHERS Mat	tthew Greenberg and Blake Watson*
REHEARSAL ACCOMPANIST	Zachary McCulley
DANCE CAPTAIN	Rachel Golledge*
DANCE REHEARSAL ASSISTANT	Jackson Ellison*
SOUND ENGINEER	Don Turner
ASSISTANT SOUND ENGINEER	Alex Brown*
TECHNICAL DIRECTORS	. Scott Tedmon-Jones & Don Turner
SCENE SHOP FOREMAN / MASTER	R CARPENTERDon Turner
PROPERTIES SHOP SUPERVISOR	Scott Tedmon-Jones

ASST. PROP STOCK MANAGER / PROP ARTISA	AN Megan Wilson*	
CHARGE SCENIC ARTIST	Scott Tedmon-Jones	
MASTER ELECTRICIAN	Alex Brown*	
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Seth Holmquist, Eric	Smith, Alexandria Soto	
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LIGHTING OPERATOR	Adrianna Hix*
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SOUND & VIDEO OPERATOR	Jaxton Braten*
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FLY & DECK CREWSydney Harris*, Co	olten Nielsen*, Noah Roedel*
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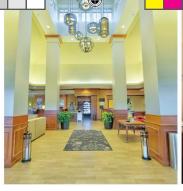
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