Riverdale Performing Arts Center

Riverdale Rising Stars
Proudly Presents

Crazy For You

All Singing, All Dancing, All Gershwin

Directed By Laurie Walton

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CRAZY FOR YOU®
A GERSHWIN® MUSICAL

Music, and Lyrics by
George Gershwin and Ira Gershwin

Book by Ken Ludwig
Co-Conception by Ken Ludwig and Mike Ockrent
Inspired by Material by Guy Bolton and John McGowan

Directed by: Laurie Walton

Choreography by: Bob Walton, Michael James, Emily Parson

Lighting Design: Sam Gordon

Sound Design: Denise Eberly

Set Design: Steve Loftus

Costume Designer: Penelope Margeotes

Musical Director: Jonathan Parks

Keys: Bob Walton
Guitar: John Barry
Reed 1: Daniel Dorrance
Reed 2: Michael Rubino

Bass: John Lang
Trumpet: Alex Miller
Trombone: Michael Burner
Drums: Riley Palmer

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Originally produced on Broadway by Roger Horchow and Elizabeth Williams
Original Broadway Choreography by Susan Stroman

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I had something completely different to say about our production of Crazy For You...I was going to share how much I find it to be pure musical theatre entertainment - filled with incredible Gershwin music, old fashioned dance styles, and a very funny script. These are some of the joyful aspects of musical theatre that helped me to develop my love for the genre.

However, as time goes on I am learning that shows are viewed now through a vastly different lens; particularly through the eyes of young people - who are dealing with a lot in our world today. They question and dissect and struggle to simply "accept" shows that represent a time that was once so different. Some don't understand or like what "show girls" represent. Some don't understand the notion of falling in love at first sight. Many don't agree with the boys being smitten with the girls or the way that men treat women -or vice versa- in the make believe world of musical theatre.

We had a rigorous discussion about all of this and I will admit that I was surprised.

And a little saddened somehow. Don't get me wrong. I am happy that kids think about the very important issues of the day. Happy that they can talk about it in our little corner of the world where they know they will never be judged. But woeful that they cannot fearlessly step onto a stage and into a world that represents the past without fearing that an audience might think that they approve of or sanction behaviors that we no longer readily accept or allow.

I will always encourage them to continue to think about these things. But in doing so, my hope is that they will come to the realization that, thankfully, we have evolved. And continue to do so. In life, and in the arts.

I don't want to turn my back on the history of theatre and the behaviors that were represented in shows like Oklahoma or West Side Story or How To Succeed or even Grease for that matter. Each of those represent a time in history. My wish for my current Rising Stars is that they can learn to be unafraid of "looking" at the things we have come to understand more fully. That they will find ways to embody characters that are vastly different from who they are and feel safe exploring shows that do not represent their individual beliefs -unapologetically, and all in - without a care. Without any worries of being judged for those portrayals. Or fearing any perception that they betray their values or ethics by telling someone else's story.

There is a magic in theatre that I wish could never be lost.

These are terrific kids. And the show is amazing.

Enjoy Crazy For You.
Cast List

Bobby Child
Bela Zangler
Irene Roth
Lottie/Mother
Perkins
Chauffeur
Polly Baker
Lank Hawkins
Everett Baker
Eugene Fodor
Patricia Fodor

Jacob Schorsch
Davi Frank/Josh Milstein
Leila Haller
Natalie Allon/Emma Eis
Etta Singer/ Liora Handwerger
Olivia Ward
Lexi Wenger
Andrew Binder
Cameron Quinones
Marcos Hidalgo
Cameron Herzfeld

Follies Girls:

Tess
Patsy
Mitzi
Elaine
Louise
Susie
Margie
Sheila
Vera
Lola
Didi
Janet
Margaret
Doris
Rose

Renee Metzger
Kayla Shapira-Stern
Eliza Fisher
Tiarra Towns
Emma Jonas
Alice Dupree
Romy Girzone
Catherine Mena
Sarit Schwab
Zoe Lohrasbi
Halleli Abrams Gerber
Ellie Forman-Vidaver
Natalie Allon
Emma Eis
Eden Hen
Cast List

**Cowboys:**

Moose
Mingo
Billy
Wyatt
Sam
Junior
Custus
Jimmy
Harry
Pete

Nolan Caile
Hillel Schwab
Edwin Lopez
Avery Haller
Neri Frank
AJ Diaz
Ethan Katz
Isa Ruiz
Jacob Prager
Davi Frank/Josh Milstein

**Show Girls:**

Sandra
Eleanor
Frances

Etta Singer
Olivia Ward
Liora Handwerger

**Theater Girls:**

Donna
Carol
Shirley
Joan
Betty
Dorothy
Helen
Barbara
Ruth

Allegra Kerstein
Livi Kobrin
Maayan Lwowski
Ayelet Spevack
Talia Katz
Deanna Sherman
Rachel Moerdler-Green
Laila Goldstein Rosenfeld
Samantha Bowden
Musical Numbers

ACT I

Scene I: Backstage at the Zangler Theatre, New York, in the 1930s.

K-ra-zy For You

Bobby

Scene II: 42nd Street, Outside the Theatre

I Can't Be Bothered Now

Bobby, Follies Girls

Scene III: Main Street, Deadrock, Nevada

Bidin' My Time

Cowboys

Things Are Looking Up

Bobby

Scene IV: Lank's Saloon

Could You Use Me?

Polly, Bobby

Scene V: In the Desert

Shall We Dance?

Polly, Bobby

Scene VI: The Gaiety Theatre, Deadrock

Scene VII: Main Street, Dead Rock, three days later

Someone to Watch Over Me

Polly

Scene VIII: The Stage of the Gaiety Theatre

Slap that Bass

Bobby, Moose, Tess, Patsy

Embraceable You

Polly, Bobby

Scene IX: The Gaiety Theatre Dressing Rooms, opening night

Tonight's the Night (lyrics by Ira Gershwin and Gus Kahn)

The Company

Scene X: Main Street, Deadrock

I Got Rhythm

Polly, Bobby, The Company
Musical Numbers

ACT II

Scene I: Lank's Saloon, later that evening
The Real American Folk Song Is a Rag
Cowboys & Show Girls
What Causes That?
Bobby, Zangler

Scene II: Lank's Saloon, the next morning
Naughty Baby *(music by Desmond Carter)*
Irene, Lank

Scene III: The Gaiety Theatre, backstage

Scene IV: The Auditorium of the Gaiety Theatre
Stiff Upper Lip
Bobby, Polly, Eugene, Patricia, The Company
They Can't Take That Away From Me
Bobby
But Not for Me
Polly

Scene V: New York, six weeks later
Nice Work If You Can Get It
Bobby, Follies Girls

Scene VI: Main Street, Deadrock, six days later
Finale
The Company
Jonathan K. Parks (Musical Director) is a Manhattan-based music director and pianist and is thrilled to be back at the Riverdale Y. He has been seen at the Y in the gala performances of Ragtime, City of Angels, and Into the Woods, and he has worked with the Rising Stars on their productions of Drood, Into the Woods, and Les Miserables. Broadway: Chicago. National Tours: Chicago, Young Frankenstein. Regional: Barrington Stage Company, Ogunquit Playhouse, Gateway Playhouse, Northern Stage, New London Barn Playhouse, Lake Dillon Theatre Company, Amarillo Opera. Favorite past shows include: West Side Story (New Hampshire Theatre Award for Best Musical), Hair (Denver Post Ovation Award for Best Musical), Kiss of the Spider Woman (Colorado Theatre Guild Nomination for Best Music Direction), Mary Poppins, 42nd Street, Gypsy, and Street Scene. www.jonathankparks.com.

Halleli Abrams Gerber (Didi), an 8th grader at The Leffell School, formerly Solomon Schechter School of Westchester, is thrilled to be a part of Crazy For You in her second year of RRS! Halleli has performed, in total, in over 20 shows at the Y. She is so excited to perform in this show surrounded by such a supportive community. She can’t count all of the memories, and the commas used over the past few years. Thank you to Laurie, Shawn, Penny, Bob, Michael, Emily, Jonathan, and Dylan and all those who were crucial in the completion of this amazing production. Hope you enjoy!

Natalie Allon (Lottie/Margaret) is an Eighth grader at Kinneret Day School. She has been doing shows since she was in 5th grade. She has been Yenta in Fiddler on the Roof, Ursula in The Little Mermaid, Asaka in Once On This Island, Pepper in Annie, and many more! This would be her 8th show in RRS! Crazy for You is full of dancing and heartwarming songs that will make your day in a heartbeat! The whole cast is so excited for you to see Crazy for You! We worked so hard and we hope it will make your day! Hope you enjoy our spin on Crazy for You!

Andrew Binder (Lank Hawkins) is a 16-year-old junior at Stuyvesant High School and is absolutely stoked for his ninth show with the RRS teen program! He has done many shows with the teen program (such as The Wedding Singer, The Drowsy Chaperone, and Newsies), and has also done a bunch of shows with the junior program (such as Fiddler on the Roof, jr., The Wizard of Oz, and Annie). This show experience has been a rather fun and hectic one, but he is still excited for everyone to see what the Riverdale Rising Stars have put together this time around. Andrew would like to thank Shawn, Laurie, Bob, Jonathan, Michael,
and the rest of the cast and crew for coming together to produce such a fun show. Andrew is also excited for everyone to see the show and enjoy it just as much as the cast and crew have enjoyed putting it together.

The show experiences have also been touched with a bit of bittersweetness, as Andrew begins to realize that these are his last couple of shows and that soon, this will be over. He is not overcome with sadness by these facts, however, and chooses instead to cherish them as much as he can and makes sure to make the most out of every rehearsal and show experience he has got left.

Andrew does not want the sadness to overshadow the joy he finds with every show production, and so insists that the reader forgets about everything he said previously, and simply enjoy the show! The cast and crew have worked really hard to put this entire thing together, and he hopes (rather, he knows) that it will (definitely!) pay off! Enjoy the show!

**Samantha Bowden. (Ruth)** is 12 Years old and is a 7th grader at Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy. (RKA). This is her first show with the Rising Stars. She started with the Jr Rising Stars and has been in 6 shows. She has been in *Thoroughly Modern Milly, Little Mermaid, Once on this Island, Seussical, Annie, and James and the Giant Peach.*

**Nolan Caile (Moose)** is a Junior at Bronx Science, and this is his seventh show with RRS, having been with the program for 4 years previously. He has been a part of *Les Miserables, Into the Woods, The Drowsy Chaperone, Newsies, Grease,* and *The Mystery of Edwin Drood.* He is very excited to be a part of this performance, and is so proud of all the work everyone in the show has done. He would like to thank Laurie, Shawn, Penny, Bob, and Jonathan, and Michael for helping us put on this amazing show, in addition to his castmates for all the hard work they have put into making this show the best it can be! He hopes you enjoy the production!

**AJ Diaz - (Junior)** is glad to be a part of the Riverdale Y. Some shows he performed in include *Newsies* (Les) and *Grease* (Hully Gully). Plus, he thanks his parents, Jonathan, Michael, Bob, Penny, Shawn, and Laurie for making this happen. And lastly, he encourages the audience to have fun watching the show!
Alice Dupree (Susie) is super excited to be in Crazy for You with the Riverdale Y. This is her 11th show with at the Y. Previous shows include Once on This Island (Ti-moune), Seussical (Bird Girl) with the juniors, and Newsies and Grease with the teens. Alice is currently at Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy, in the 8th grade. When she is not in rehearsals Alice enjoys dancing and singing. She would like to thank Shawn, Laurie, Penny, Bob and all the others who helped make this show possible!

Ellie Forman-Vidaver (Janet), a freshman at Teaneck High School in Teaneck, NJ, is thrilled to be making her RRS debut in Crazy For You! Ellie has previously appeared onstage at the Kaplen JCC on the Palisades in Tenafly, NJ as Captain Hook in Peter Pan and Miss Hanigan in Annie, among other roles. Ellie would like to thank Laurie, Shawn, Bob, Penny, and her incredible castmates for making this production such a great experience. Enjoy the show!

Emma Eis (Lottie/Doris) is a 13 year old at SAR Academy in 8th grade. This is her 17th show at the Y, 3rd in the teens. Previous roles have included: Erzulie in Once on This Island, Young Louise in Gypsy and July in Annie. Emma would like to thank Laurie, Shawn, Bob, Penny and the rest of the Crazy For You cast and crew for putting together this amazing show.

Eliza Fisher (Mitzi) is a ninth grader at the Heschel High School in Manhattan. This is her sixth show with RRS, previous shows being Into the Woods, The Drowsy Chaperone, The Mystery of Edwin Drood, Newsies, and Grease. Additionally, she was in RRS Jr. since the second grade. She is so grateful to be in another show with the people she loves most. She would love to give a special thanks to Shawn, Penny, Bob, Jonathan, Dylan, Michael, Emily, and of course Laurie for all working so hard to make Crazy For You as fantastic as it is. She hopes you all enjoy the show!!!!

Davi Frank (Bela Zangler) is a senior at SAR High School. He is so excited to play the role of Bela Zangler in his 9th show in the RRS teen program. Davi wants to thank Laurie, Shawn, Pennie, Michael, Jonathan and Bob for all of their hard work in Crazy for You. He hopes you enjoy the show!

Neri Frank (Sam) is extremely excited to be in Crazy For You and his twentieth show at RRS! He is in 9th grade at The Heschel School.
Previous roles include Crutchie in *Newsies*, Tommy Djilis in *The Music Man*, Ben /Lisa in *Disaster*. He would like to thank Laurie, Shawn, Penny, Michael, Jonathan, Bob, Dylan and the entire RRS creative team! In addition, he would like to thank his family for supporting him and his fellow cast members for being the best. Sit back relax and enjoy the show!!!

**Dylan Germain (Stage Manager)** has been stage managing since the age of 4, when he operated the sound and lights for the plays his sister and her friends performed in their living room. More recently, he operated sound, lights, and stage managed several plays and musicals for the Abraham Joshua Heschel Middle and Upper schools. Dylan is currently a freshman at the High School for Math, Science, and Engineering, which he hopes will be a springboard to a career in either medicine or stage management. Dylan would like to thank his parents for making it possible for him to participate in RRS, even though they have high hopes of him becoming a Doctor.

**Romy Girzone (Margie)** is thrilled to be a part of her 21st show at the Riverdale Y! Some of her previous roles include Laurey (in *Oklahoma*), Asaka (in *Once on this Island*), Chava (in *Fiddler on the Roof*), and Gabriella (in *Highschool Musical*). She is in eighth grade at Kinneret Day School. Romy would like to thank Laurie, Bob, Shawn, Penny, and everyone else involved in making this show such a fun experience. Enjoy the show!!

**Laila Goldstein-Rosenfeld (Barbara)** Laila is a 7th grader at Ardsley Middle School. She is very excited to be in her first show with the teens, though she has done some shows the juniors. She’s been in *Once On This Island*, *Suessical*, *James and The Giant Peach*, and *You’re A Good Man Charlie Brown*. She would like to thank anyone who made this show possible. Enjoy!

**Avery Haller (Wyatt)** is a freshman at SAR High School. This is his fourth Show with RRS, and he has also been in many RRS Jr. shows. Previous roles include, Spot Conlon in *Newsies*, Link Larkin in *Hairspray Jr.*, and Sky Masterson in *Guys and Dolls Jr.* Avery is thrilled to be in *Crazy for You*, and he would like to thank the entire RRS cast and crew for making this performance possible.
Leila Haller (Irene) a senior at SAR High School, is thrilled to be performing for the 10th time with Riverdale Rising Stars! Her previous roles include Rizzo (Grease) and Kathrine (Newsies). Many thanks to the family and friends who constantly support her and come to all the shows. Leila would also like to thank everyone who helped with the show; Laurie, Shawn, Jonathan, Bob, Michael, Emily and Penny, we wouldn't be here without you! And of course, thank you to the outstanding cast of Crazy For You for their hard work, phenomenal talent and joy they bring to the stage. This show has been a truly enriching, incredible, and exciting experience. Enjoy the show!

Liora Handwerger (Francis/Perkins) is in 8th grade at the Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy in Riverdale, New York, and she’s very excited to be performing Crazy For You at the Y! Liora’s excited to perform her fourth show here, and she looks forward to doing more. Many thanks to Laurie, Shawn, Bob, Jonathan, and Micheal for their hard work. She’d also like to thank the cast for their persistence and talent. Past shows include Newsies, Grease, and High School Musical. She hopes you enjoy Crazy For You!

Eden Hen (Rose) is a Freshman at SAR High School, and is super excited to be participating in her first show at the Riverdale Y! Her previous shows include Into the Woods (Cinderella’s Mother) at the Abraham Joshua Heschel School. She would like to thank Laurie, Shawn, Emily, Penny, and the full cast for this amazing show! She hopes you enjoy Crazy For You!

Cameron Herzfeld (Patricia Fodor) is a senior at Westchester Hebrew High School. She is thrilled to be a part of the cast of Crazy For You. This is her 13th show, but 9th at RRS. She would like to thank everyone who is part of the cast and crew for all of their hard work.

Marcos Hidalgo (Eugene Fodor) is celebrating his 10th show with the Riverdale Rising Stars. Previous roles he has played at RRS include Man In Chair in The Drowsy Chaperone, a street urchin in Little Shop of Horrors, Race in Newsies, and Vince Fontaine in Grease. When he isn't spending all of his time at the Y, he is an amateur songwriter and producer. He would like to thank all of the RRS/RPAC team as he enters is last year at the Y with Crazy For You. He is thankful for the incredibly talented cast he has shared the stage with, as he soon bids farewell to the program. He hopes that RRS can enjoy many more years of success!
Emma Jonas (Louise) is thrilled to be a part of this wonderful production of *Crazy For You!* Emma is a 9th grader at the Heschel High School. This is Emma’s 5th show in the teen program and her 10th show at the Y. In the teen program Emma has been in *The Drowsy Chaperone* (ensemble), *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* (Flo), *Newsies* (Elmer), *Grease* (Marty) and now *Crazy For You!* She would like to thank her parents for allowing her to come up to Riverdale from Manhattan, to Bob, Emily, Michael and Jonathan for helping us sound and look amazing, and to Shawn for stepping in when needed and doing a wonderful job. Additionally, she would like to thank Penny for the beautiful costumes! She also shows great gratitude to Laurie for directing this wonderful production and to all of her amazing castmates who all work together to make this show as great as it is!

Ethan Katz (Custus) is a 16-year-old Sophomore at the Heschel School. When they aren’t rehearsing, a rare occasion, they’re probably either arguing with someone, writing, or writing an argument to eventually argue with someone. *Crazy for You* is Ethan’s ninth show with the RRS teen program, and they have loved every second of every rehearsal process. Most notably, they have been seen as Crutchie in *Newsies*. Ethan would like to give a major thanks to everyone who helped put everything together, and to the entire cast for making this experience so amazing and fun. Enjoy the show!

Talia Katz (Betty) is a seventh grader at SAR Academy. This is her first teen show at RRS. In her free time, she enjoys debate, learning French, reading, writing, and theatre. Talia would like to thank everyone that helped make the show what it is and she hopes everyone enjoys it. Break a leg!

Allegra Kerstein (Donna) is in the seventh grade at SAR Academy. She is twelve years old, and has been doing plays at the Riverdale Y since she was eight. Some of the musicals she has been in include *Hairspray*, *Once on this Island*, and *Seussical*. She has just graduated from the Jr. Rising Stars, and she is so excited to perform *Crazy for You*.

Livi Kobrin (Carol) is a 12-year-old at SAR Academy in 7th grade. This is her 5th show at the Y, 1st in the teens. Previous shows have included: *The Little Mermaid*, *Once on this Island*, *Seussical*, and *James and the Giant Peach*. Livi would like to thank Laurie, Shawn, Bob, Penny and the rest of the *Crazy For You* cast and crew for putting together this amazing show.
**Zoe Lohrasbi (Lola)** is thrilled to be doing *Crazy For You!* She is 13 years old and an 8th grader at Farragut Middle School and though she has done various performances at the Riverdale Y, this is only her third with RRS. Her most recent performances include *Newsies* (Nun/Newsie) and *Grease* (Pink Lady Pledge). She would like to thank her friends and family for supporting her and the entire cast and crew (especially the wonderful director, Laurie Walton) for making this show possible and making it come to life! Enjoy the show!

**Edwin Lopez (Billy)** is very excited to be performing in the production of *Crazy for You* at the Y for the Riverdale Rising Stars. Edwin is a Senior at Fordham Prep High School and enjoys math and science. Edwin first performed in a theater production of William Shakespeare Abridged Revised in his high school. Ever since then, he has appeared in *Newsies, Grease,* and as Rulon Stacey in *The Laramie Project.* He has also participated in the web series “Woke,” which premiered in the New York Latino Film Festival sponsored by HBO and the Los Angeles Skin Film Festival. He intends to pursue acting in college, in conjunction with mechanical engineering, and desires to take acting, singing, and dancing classes as well. Edwin loves building complex Lego sets and practicing magic tricks with cards and coins. Edwin thanks his mother for believing in him and pushing him to take healthy risks. He also wants to thank his theater director at Fordham Prep for always pushing him outside his comfort zone and teaching him how to embody the character he plays.

**Maayan Lwowski (Shirley)** is a 7th grader at SAR academy. This is her 4th play at the Riverdale Y, and her first show in the teen program. She is thrilled to be making her stage debut in the teen program, performing in *Crazy For You.* Thank you to Laurie, Bob, Michael, Jonathan, Shawn and penny for helping make this production amazing for all the cast members. I hope everyone is ready to watch the best play ever, performed on the Riverdale y stage. Go team!

**Catherine Mena (Sheila)** is a 9th grader at Repertory Company High School for the Performing Arts and is beyond excited to be in this production of *Crazy For You.* This is her 15th show with RRS and RRS Jr. Many thanks to Laurie, Bob, Shawn, Emily, and Michael for their wonderful work and dedication. Enjoy the show!

**Josh Milstein (Bela Zangler)** is a Senior at SAR High School who is thrilled to be in his 5th show with Riverdale Rising Stars!! He has
previously played George in *The Drowsy Chaperone*, James Throttle in *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*, Romeo in *Newsies*, and Roger in *Newsies*. He would like to thank Penny, Shawn, Emily, Michael, Jonathan, and, of course, the incredible duo of Laurie and Bob Walton for everything that they have done to make this show great. He is so excited to perform in such a fun, classic show with all of his incredible cast mates and really hopes you enjoy!!

**Renee Metzger (Tess)** is so excited to be in Crazy For You!! Renee is a senior at SAR High School. She was last seen as Frenchy in *Grease*. Renee has been doing shows at the Y since she was eight. She would like to thank the entire cast and crew for making this show what it is! Enjoy the craziness of *Crazy For You*!

**Rachel Moerdler-Green (Helen)** is a 12 year old girl at Carmel-Academy and this is her first Rising Stars show, she began in the Jr Rising Stars in 5th grade. She’s been in *Seussical, the Musical* (Ensemble), *You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown* (Little Red Haired Girl/Frieda), and *James and the Giant Peach* (Carl the Kreator). She’s also been in after school plays and camp plays. Rachel has made many happy memories here and can’t wait to make more!

**Jacob (Jake) Prager (Harry)** is a seventh grader at SAR Academy in the Bronx. Aside from *Crazy For You*, he has been in multiple productions at the Riverdale Y, including *Shrek the Musical Jr.*, *Hairspray Jr.*, *Guys and Dolls Jr.*, *The Little Mermaid Jr.*, *Once on This Island Jr.*, *Seussical the Musical Jr.*, *You’re a Good Man Charlie Brown* and *James and the Giant Peach Jr.* Jacob is thankful to Laurie, Shawn, Bob, Penny and all of the Teens for welcoming him so warmly into this awesome program. He hopes you enjoy this show!

**Cameron Quiñones (Everett)** is a Senior at St. Raymond High School for Boys. Cameron has been a member of RRS since the 7th Grade. His past performances have been *Urinetown, Wedding Singer* as Mr. T impersonator, *Zombie Prom* as JC, *Les Miserables* as Thenardier, *Into the Woods* as The Wolf, *The Drowsy Chaperone* as Mr. Feldzieg, *The Mystery of Edwin Drood, Newsies* as Mr. Pulitzer, and *Grease* as Eugene. Cameron would like to thank Laurie, Shawn, Emily, Penny, Bob, Johnathan, Michael and everyone else involved to making this show happen. Hope you all enjoy Crazy for You!
Isa Ruiz (Jimmy) is currently a 7th Grader at RKA Middle School. He is excited to be in his first Rising Stars production at the Riverdale Y. His first acting experience was in the Jr. Rising Stars in 2017 when he played Daniel in *Once On This Island*. He has also performed as a Wickerham Brother in *Seussical The Musical*, Shermey in *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*, the Grasshopper in *James and the Giant Peach*, and as an extra in the intergenerational show *The Music Man*. Last year, he also played Tonton Julian in the RKA production of *Once On This Island*. Dancing, singing, and acting are among his greatest joys, but when he’s not performing, Isa also enjoys skateboarding, basketball, and art!

Jacob Schorsch (Bobby) is 16 years old and a junior at the Horace Mann School. This is his 18th show at the Riverdale Y and he could not have asked for a more incredible group to do it with! Some of his favorite roles include: Doody in *Grease*, Bazzard in *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*, Kurt in *Sound of Music*, and Mayor Shinn in *The Music Man*. He is thrilled to be performing in yet another incredible production on the RRS stage, which could not have been made possible without the help of the amazing cast and crew. Thank you to Laurie, Penny, Bob, Michael, Emily, and Shawn for helping create another wonderful show, we couldn’t have done it without each and every one of you! Enjoy the show and go crazy! (For you)

Hillel Schwab (Mingo) is a Junior at SAR High School. He has been performing with RRS and RRS Jr. since he was 7 years old. He previously appeared in *The Wedding Singer*, *Zombie Prom*, *Les Miserables*, *Into the Woods*, *The Drowsy Chaperone*, *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*, *Newsies*, and *Grease* with the teens. He would like to thank Laurie, Shawn, Penny, Bob, Jonathan, Emily, Michael and his fellow castmates who all worked very hard to make this show come to life. Enjoy the Show!

Sarit Schwab (Vera) is an 8th grader at the Shefa School. Sarit has been in many shows at the Y and she is very excited to be in *Crazy for You*. In her free time Sarit enjoys dancing, hanging out with friends and family, and watching the TV show "Friends." Most of all she loves to perform in RRS shows. She would like to thank Laurie, Shawn, Penny, Bob, Jonathan, Emily, Micheal and her fellow cast-mates for working so hard to make the show happen. Enjoy *Crazy for You*!
Kayla Shapira-Stern (Patsy) is so excited to be in Crazy For You! Kayla is a ninth grader at Heschel High School. Most recently, Kayla was in the ensemble in Grease. She has been doing shows with RRS since fourth grade. Crazy For You is her thirteenth show. Kayla is so so grateful to Laurie, Bob, Shawn, Penny, Emily, Michael, and Jonathan for making this show as amazing as it is!

Deanna Sherman (Dorothy) is a 7th grader at Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy and joined Riverdale Rising Stars this year after five years in Junior Rising Stars. Her favorite JRRS roles have been Edwina in Dear Edwina, Jr., Sponge in James and the Giant Peach, Jr. and Flounder in The Little Mermaid, Jr. When she's not singing and dancing onstage, Deanna loves playing her saxophone, reading and sleeping! She became a licensed scuba diver at age 10 and loves going on dives. Crazy for You is her 13th play with the Riverdale Performing Arts Center, and she thanks everyone who made this show possible.

Etta Singer (Perkins/Sandra) is an 8th grader at Horace Mann. She started shows at RRS in the Juniors when she was only 9 and this is her third show with the teens. RRS is like her second family and she is super excited to be in Crazy for You with everyone. Past shows include Scab 1 in Newsies, Ms. Darbus in High School Musical Jr. and Ensemble in Grease, as well as many others. She loves singing, dancing and being dramatic. She would like to thank, Laurie, Penny, Bob, Jonathan, Emily, Micheal, Shawn, and Dylan. She hopes you love the show!

Ayelet Spevack (Joan) is a 7th grader at SAR Academy. Although this is Ayelet’s first RRS show, she has performed in many RRS Junior productions such as James and The Giant Peach (James), Seussical (Gertrude McFuzz), Once on This Island (Ti Moune), and You’re a Good Man Charlie Brown (Sally Brown). Ayelet is so excited to be in Crazy For You, and would like to thank everyone who made this show possible.

Tiarra Towns (Elaine) is a 15-year-old 10th grader at Sacred Heart High School. She has been performing with the Riverdale Rising Stars since she was 6 years old and is so excited to perform in her 21st RRS production!! She would like to give a special thanks to Laurie, Penny, Shawn, Bob, Emily, Johnathan, and all other who made this show possible. Break a leg everyone, and enjoy the show!
Lexi Wenger (Polly Baker) is a Junior at the Heschel High School. This is Lexi’s eighth show at the Y, and she is so incredibly excited to be doing *Crazy For You* with this amazing cast! Previous roles include Sandy in *Grease*, Medda in *Newsies*, Rosa Bud in *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*, and Trix in *The Drowsy Chaperone*. She would like to thank Laurie, Bob, Shawn, Penny, Jonathan, Michael, Emily, and Dylan for making each show we do fantastic! Break a leg everyone!
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Your music makes ev’rything sunshiny
Your dancing makes our troubles all seem tiny
Our sweet embraceable you
Our irreplaceable you.
We’ll always, always keep the mem’ry of your theatrical sweep.
Who could ask for anything more?
We love you, that’s for sure!

Abba, Ima, Emanuel, Michal, Gedalia and Nava
Break a leg!

From the Wengers😊
Kayla Shapira-Stern

We are so proud of you!

Congratulations to the entire cast of Crazy for You, and thank you Laurie, Shawn, Penny, Bob, Emily, Michael, and Jonathan for putting on another terrific show!

The Shapira-Stern Family
Congratulations to the amazing cast and crew of Crazy for You!

Joshua,
we are beside ourselves with love for you!

With tremendous appreciation to Laurie, Bob, Shawn, Penny, Emily, Michael and Jonathan for creating this amazing place for our children to grow and shine.

Sarah, Stuart, Eitan, Matthew and Ella Milstein
TO OUR SHINING STAR

CAMERON (H.)

WE LOVE YOU!

GRANDMA AND GRANDPA
Break a leg

Hallelu!

We are C4You!

Congrats to the cast and production team!

Love Ema and Abba
Ellie Forman-Vidaver

We are so Crazy For You!

Congratulations to the entire cast, and thank you Laurie, Shawn, Penny, Bob, Emily, Michael, and Jonathan for another terrific show!

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Isa,

you make us very proud!

Love Mom, Dad, and Esmé

Hillel & Sarit:

We are Crazy for You!
We love watching you shine up on stage and more importantly in your every day interactions with others.

We love you,
Mommy and Abba,
Ezra, Saba and Savta and Grandma and Poppy

Davi and Neri,

We continue to be Crazy for You and for RRS!

Ima, Abba, Ateret and Yanniv

Congratulations Etta

and all of the Riverdale Rising Stars on another great show!

Your hard work shines through.

— The StrausSinger Family
To our Custus,

We ain’t seen so much excitement around here since our horse foaled!

When you got music, we couldn’t ask for anything more

Love, Ema and Abba

JOSHUA,

we’re

"Crazy for You!"

Love you so much, Bubbie and Bob
Dear Lank, our man of vision!

You definitely got rhythm and music!
You got your friends -
Who could ask for anything more?
You got sweet dreams -
We wish you always be ready for more!
Be happy and enjoy life wherever you are
(even in the armpit of the American West)!

With love, truly crazy for you,
your mom, dad, Max, grandmas, and grandpas!

Raise the curtain
It’s showtime

Wishing Joshua
and all members
of the cast another
great theater season.

Cago and Pops
Rachel!

You have worked so hard these past few months, rehearsals, school work and bat mitzvah preparations. We know it sometimes felt overwhelming, and it often seemed crazy to be in a show that opened the night of your bat mitzvah, but we knew you could do it! Mazel tov on your bat mitzvah this afternoon (12/7) and opening night tonight.

We are so very, very proud of you!

We are
CRAZY FOR RACHEL MOERDLER-GREEN
Love Always,
Grandma, Bapa, Mommy, Daddy, Michael, & Elinoa.

Congratulations to the entire cast of Crazy For You.
You guys are awesome!

And special thanks to Laurie and all of the RRS staff for your incredible patience and support.

To the greatest Addition to Theatre (Girls) since they started adding girls to theatres!

Maayan, Livi
and Allegra,

We love you and we’re totally Crazy For You!

Love your Moms and Dads
We’re so crazy for the outstanding

ELIZA FISHER

as she sings, and dances showing she is truly

“Crazy for You!”

We love you the mostest!

Nana & Papa

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Congratulations,

Jacob!

And bravo and thank you to Laurie and all the RRS teens for so warmly welcoming Jacob into your family!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Jonah, and Claire
We’re all K-ra-zy for you,

Eliza.

And when we get to see you up on stage,
Well...who could ask for anything more?

Congrats to you and this amazing cast!

Xoxoxo

Mommy, Daddy, Abby & Sammy
To our Betty,

As we see you slap away your trouble,
we are chipper all the day

We wish you starlight and sweet dreams

Love, Ema and Abba

Emma

why not do a corny ad this time?

You know we are

CRAZY FOR YOU

Love,
Mom, Dad, Zachary & Alex

To our

Betty,

As we see you slap away your trouble,
we are chipper all the day

We wish you starlight and sweet dreams

Love, Ema and Abba
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Love Mom, Dad and the Ice Harvester

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We love you!

Mom, Dad, Bailey, Yonatan, Joel, Connor, Nathaniel, Shira, Meital, and Oren

Congratulations Laila

you know we’re Crazy For You!

Wishing you much success performing with the teens.

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