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Goodnight, My Someone

Ya Got Trouble (Reprise)

Seventy Six Trombones

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Pick-A-Little, Talk-A-Little and Goodnight Ladies

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Entr'acte

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Lida Rose and Will I Ever Tell You?

Gary, Indiana

It's You Ballet

Till There Was You

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Till There Was You (Reprise)

Minuet In G

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## **BIOGRAPHIES**

**Jessica Brackmann** (Marian) This is Jessica's third show with DLO, where she was first seen in *Nunsense*, but she has been involved in theatre for many years. Favorite shows include *Dames at Sea* and *Oklahoma*. Jessica is a Registered Nurse at Christie Clinic. She thanks all of the people involved in *The Music Man* for making this an amazing experience, and her family for their unwavering love and support!

**Kelsey Daugherty** (Zaneeta Shinn) Kelsey was most recently seen in *Jekyll & Hyd*e and the Red Mask Players' *Brighton Beach Memoirs*. Kelsey is also a member of the Delegation Show Choir at Danville High School. She is proud and excited to perform for the first time with her mom, Sue. She thanks everyone for their love and support - she couldn't have done it without all of you!

**Jeanne Dunn** (Mrs. Paroo) Jeanne is happily back on stage after taking wishes to "break a leg" far too literally four nights before DLO's *Jekyll & Hyd*e opened last October. She extends gratitude to Jesse (for gentle choreography) and to directors Angie and Jenny. She sends kudos to an incredible production team and outstanding cast, and love to Chris, Geno, Pete & Al!

**Eric & Becky France** (Stage Managers) Both Eric and Becky are very happy to be back in the Danville area and excited to be a part of DLO again. Taking on the role of stage manager, a first for Becky, has been challenging and eye-opening. Eric has worked hard on the set as well as showing Becky the ropes as a stage manager. They send thanks to the production team for all their hard work and dedication. "Way to go cast! Don't forget to have fun...Shipoopi!!!"

**Henry & Sara Hunt** (Co-Producers) The Hunts have enjoyed working together as a team on this production, but this isn't the first time they have joined forces. Memorable joint efforts have included *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* for Red Mask and *It's a Wonderful Life* at St. James. Both were recently seen on stage together in DLO's *Working*. Their most rewarding joint venture has been their 34 year marriage and the raising of their two grown sons, John and Ben.

**Gary Lickfett** (Assistant Director) Gary's first DLO experience was with the 1990 production of *The Music Man*, in which he played the part of Salesman #3. Being part of the 2008 production was therefore an opportunity not to be missed. While he has appeared onstage several times since 1990, Gary generally prefers to work behind the scenes on sets and props. *Ruthless* was a notable exception however, as it was with an all-girl cast, consisted of only 3 words and required less than 30 seconds on stage!

**Angie Mansfield** (Drama Director) Angie began her theatre career at age 11 on the DLO stage. Since then, she has worked on and off stage in over 2 dozen productions. Angie is honored to work with this outstanding crew and cast, including her 3 very own beauties, Augusta, Callie Jane & Ellis. She sends many thanks to her husband, Jim, for always supporting her never-ending projects.

**Brian Morris** (Mayor Shinn) Brian is a Champaign-based playwright/journalist who premiered on the DLO stage in *Jekyll & Hyde* last fall. His plays have been produced at Red Mask Theater and at Parkland College. He sends many thanks to Angie for faith, Eric and Becky for awesomeness, Jesse for illumination, his J&H cronies for support, Cookie for ongoing tolerance, and Belinda for teaching him to sing.

**Druhan Parker** (Winthrop) A student at Northeast Elementary, Druhan has been involved in several Danville Light Opera youth musicals and Red Mask children's shows. Last year he also appeared in the Lincoln Park Theater production of *The Wizard of Oz.* In addition, Druhan sings in his church children's choir. He sends thanks out to his parents for their support.

## **BIOGRAPHIES**

**Jesse Pierce** (Choreographer) Jesse resides in Chicago and travels the state as a trainer and advocate for social change with the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault. His involvement with Danville Light Opera began 18 years ago when he appeared in *The Music Man* as Tommy Djilias and he is pleased to return as a guest artist for this production.

**Bob Scott** (Harold Hill) Bob is thrilled to be appearing with DLO in a part he has always wanted to play. His last show with DLO was *Shenandoah*. Bob has enjoyed appearing on stage with the Red Mask Players, the Station Theatre, the Champaign-Urbana Theatre Company and the Beef House Dinner Theatre. Bob would especially like to thank the talented cast and crew for their hard work and his wife, Donna, for supporting his passion to perform.

**Belinda Smith** (Eulalie Shinn) Belinda is thrilled to be playing the role of Eulalie. She has been the music director for many DLO shows including *Chicago*, *Into The Woods* and most recently *Jekyll & Hyde*. She has also directed several youth musicals and has appeared numerous times on the DLO stage. Belinda serves on the DLO Board and teaches music at Southwest Elementary in Danville.

**Jenny Taylor** (Music Director) Jenny is excited to be involved in her 18th production with DLO, especially since there are trombones everywhere! This is her 3rd opportunity to serve as music director, having worked with the *Cinderella* and *Bugsy Malone Jr.* productions previously. Jenny has also served as a sound technician and orchestra member, playing trombone for many productions with both DLO and Beef House Dinner Theater.

**Emily Turner** (Amaryllis) A 12 year old student at St. Paul School, Emily has enjoyed her DLO experiences, including *Ragtime* and youth musicals *Sleepy Hollow, Honk Jr!*, and *Bugsy Malone*. At St. Paul's, Emily is on student council, cheerleading and plays in the band. She also dances at Marilyn's Danceworks. She is thrilled to have her first named role in an adult musical!

Mark & Susie Willard (Co-Producers) The Music Man is the second show for Susie and Mark to co-produce. Susie has also been producer for DLO youth shows and serves on the DLO Board of Directors. Mark has worked behind the scenes building sets and appeared onstage in Annie Get Your Gun as Sitting Bull. Producing the show with Sara and Henry Hunt has been a great experience and Susie and Mark thank them for their teamwork.

**Ian Williams** (Marcellus Washburn) Ian is glad to be performing in his 5th DLO show, and glad to be alive after the strenuous choreography! He debuted as "Sammy" in *Blood Brothers*, and was recently seen in *Jekyll and Hyd*e. He thanks his adorable and tolerant girlfriend, Kristin, for her support, and his parents for passing down the talent and admiration needed for musical theatre.

**Rodolfo Woods** (Tommy Djilas) Prior to *The Music Man*, Rodolfo appeared in *Big River* at the Beef House Dinner Theatre and *Grease* at Danville High School. At DHS he participates in Show Choir, Madrigals and Triple D Dance. Rodolfo works at McDonalds and would like to give a special thanks to his parents, grandmother, and Don and Deanna Witzel for their love and support.

Wes Bieritz, Mike Westfall, Tom Fricke, Garry Hinkle (School Board-aka-The Buffalo Chips) These gentlemen have over 100 years of barbershop experience. They are members of the Danville Barbershop Chorus, which meets Tuesday nights at Bethel Lutheran Church. All men are invited to join and have fun singing. Wes is a vet at the Stateline Hillcrest Small Animal Hospital, singing in his 3rd DLO production of *The Music Man*, Mike is retired from Hyster and Hubner Seed, Tom works with Vermilion County Farm Bureau, and Garry is a pharmacist with Polyclinic Pharmacy.

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