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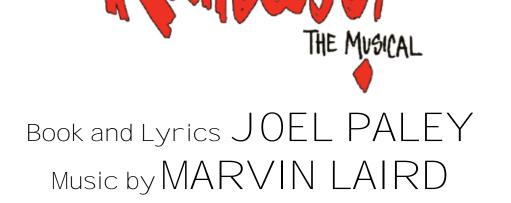


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BIOGRAPHIES

Robin Romack (Miss Block) Robin returns to the bio page adding to her repertoire of unique roles. Past personas include those as a bearded man in *Fiddler On The Roof*, a machine in *Big*, a stripper in *Gypsy* and now a reporter with identity problems! Her kids want to know if she could just play someone normal, but friends say it's not in the cards. Robin says "Character parts are the best and working with some pros isn't a bad deal either".

David Schroeder (Music Director) David has been active in many musical organizations in the Danville area since he was a teenager. He's proud to have been music director for several previous DLO shows. After a short recess, David is happy to be back. He directs the Danville Municipal Band, Vermilion Festival Chorus and serves as music director at Trinity Lutheran Church. David also teaches music and band at Northeast school and is a member of the Danville Symphony Orchestra.

Julia Megan Sullivan (Louise Lerman/Eve) Julia is excited to return to this side of the footlights after directing *Jekyll & Hyde* for Danville Light Opera this fall. Although she is frequently recognized as a past columnist for the Commercial-News, Julia is now the marketing coordinator for Carle Clinic Danville.

Sharon Tipsword (Sylvia St. Croix) Sharon has a B.A. and M.A. in theatre and has worked professionally as an actress, playwright and acting coach before becoming Georgetown's part time librarian. She has performed in several Red Mask productions as well as directing last season's wonderfully goofy *Flaming Idiots*. She is delighted to be a part of John Dower's cast of wacky characters.

Bailey Williams (Tina Denmark) Bailey is a fifth grader at Edison School. She has enjoyed performing in plays for many years, most recently the DLO youth musicals *Bugsy Malone Jr.* and *Honk, Jr.* She has also appeared onstage at the Beef House Dinner Theatre. Bailey has loved working with the amazing cast of *Ruthless* and has learned so much. She is the daughter of Greg and Marsha Williams and the proud owner of Charlie, an orange tabby cat.

Linda Williams Dew (Lita Encore) Linda recently moved from the northwest suburbs of Chicago and is excited to be performing in her first show for DLO. Her stage credits include Winifred in Once Upon A Mattress, Katisha in The Mikado, and Sister Amnesia in Nunsense among many others. Linda has also served as music director for such shows as Into The Woods, Chicago, LaCage Aux Folles, Chess and A Little Night Music.

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Sylvia St. Croix	Sharon Tipsword
Tina Denmark	Bailey Williams
Myrna Thorn	Annie Roach
Rachael Hobbs	Jordan McCarty
Heaven Lee Hartman	Dakota Nale
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BIOGRAPHIES

John Dowers (Director) John most recently appeared as Carl in Red Mask's Flaming Idiots. Other credits include roles in Jekyll & Hyde and Chicago for Danville Light Opera, The Laramie Project for Parkland College Theatre and many productions for Sunshine II Productions, Ltd. and Red Mask Players. He has also appeared in the films Show and Merry Christmas.

Stefanie LaReau (Judy Demark/Ginger DelMarco) Stefanie is delighted to be performing for you. She would like to take this opportunity to honor her parents Dave and Jacqueline Grubbs, her husband Darren, her daughters Kelsey and Hannah, and her steadfast friends for all the love and support they have generously given. Her performance is dedicated to Maestro Martin Marks and Reagan Williams.

Jordan McCarty (Rachael Lee Hobbs) Jordan is eight years old and in the third grade at Bismark Henning. She has been on stage since the age of two, competing in pageants. Jordan pitches for the Central Illinois Diamonds traveling softball team and plays basketball and soccer at Bismark. She loves horses and reading and in her down time she loves to pester her younger brother Deacon.

Dakota Nale (Heaven Lee Hartman) Dakota is a freshman at Westville High School. Band, Chorus, Scholastic Bowl and Drama Club keep her on her toes. When not in school or studying, she loves being with friends. *Ruthless* is her first DLO production but she hopes not the last! Dakota thanks her parents, brother Zack and best friends Bryan Jenkins and Megan Fraizer for being so supportive.

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. He is pleased to return to Danville Light Opera as a guest artist for this production of *Ruthless* and dedicates it to the memory of his grandparents Ann and Jack Royster.

Annie Roach (Miss Myrna Thorn) Annie is excited to be a part of this hilarious show. She was recently seen in Danville Light Opera's *Jekyll & Hyde* as Emma. Other favorite roles include Chava in *Fiddler On The Roof* and Adriana Sinclair in *Lights Over Europe*. She wants to thank her husband Anthony and her family for their love and support.

Kathy Robinson (Director's Assistant & Stage Manager) When friend John Dowers asked Kathy to be his stage manager she thought he was joking! She's glad she took him up on his offer because it has been a great experience. It was a huge leap of faith on John's part. Kathy thanks her husband, Tim, for his support. She works for the News-Gazette as District Circulation Manager for Vermilion County and has three children and one grandson.

Ramona Rollins (Producer) *Ruthless* is Ramona's first attempt at producing and being a part of the theatre of any kind. She is thrilled to be working with her old friends from the Commercial-News, John Dowers and Kathy Robinson. Ramona is the Business Manager at Lincoln Trails Library System. She would like to thank her husband, Tim and daughter Stephanie for all their support.



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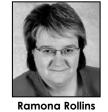






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MUSICAL NUMBERS

Act 1

Tina's Mother	Judy
Born To Entertain	Tina
Talent	Sylvia
To Play This Part	Tina
Auditioners	Heaven & Rachael
Teaching Third Grade	Miss Thorn
Where Tina Gets It From	Judy & Sylvia
The Pippi Song	Louise & Tina
Kisses And Hugs	Tina & Judy
I Hate Musicals	Lita
Angel Mom	Tina, Judy, Sylvia

*** 15 Minute Intermission ***

<u>Act 11</u>

Penthouse Apartment	Eve
It Can never Be That Way Again	Ginger
I Want The Girl	Sylvia
There's More To Life	Tina
Parents And Children	Ginger & Tina
Ruthless	Ginger, Sylvia, Tina

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The Music Man April 19 & 20, 2008

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Choreographer	Jesse Pierce
Producer	Ramona Rollins
Director's Assistant	Kathy Robinson
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Set Decoration	Joanna Smart
Costumes	Shelley Lewis & Cast
Lights	Leslie Boedicker
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