

Book and Lyrics by  
John Dempsey  
Music by  
Dana P. Rowe

# ZOMBIE PROM



*A death defying  
musical*

Adapted by Mac Tumminelli  
Based on a story by  
John Dempsey and Hugh M. Murphy

**Stage Direction ~ Kaycee Renee Wilson**  
**Musical Direction ~ Shawn Gelzleichter**  
**Choreography ~ Kate Kelly**  
**Technical Director ~ Larry Segel**  
**Stage Management ~ Vi Patch**

**OCTOBER 21-23 and 28-30, 2022**  
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*Our Lifetime Member:*  
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## Director's Note

10 years ago, I had the joy of playing Toffee in another theater's production of *Zombie Prom*. So when the opportunity came up for me to return to Enrico Fermi High School as a director, I absolutely had to take it.

It was such an honor to be able to go on the journey of bringing it to life with the best and most talented cast and production team I could have. I couldn't be luckier. This spooky, silly, heartwarming, laugh out loud, atomic show will forever hold a special place in my heart.

I want to thank the Theatre Company of Saugus for giving me the chance to raise from the dead my own version of this nuclear tragedy.

HERE'S TO OUR ZOMBIE PROM!!!

~ Kaycee Renee Wilson

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For the health and safety of the TCS community, all audience members will be required to show proof of vaccination as well as wear a mask at all times while in the building—unless eating or drinking.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

## Production Staff

Co-Producers.....	Jeff Bliss, Lauren Lyon, Dylan Bushe, Larry Segel
Stage Director.....	Kaycee Renee Wilson
Musical Director.....	Shawn Gelzleichter
Choreographer.....	Kate Kelly
Dance Captain.....	Dana Murray
Technical Director.....	Larry Segel
Stage Manager.....	Vi Patch
Light Design.....	Larry Segel, Kaycee Renee Wilson
Light Board Operator.....	Vi Patch
Sound Engineer.....	James Wlodyka
Sound Effects Design.....	Shawn Gelzleichter
Sound Mixing.....	Tyler Bliss
Lighting Setup Crew.....	Larry Segel, Mike Giusti, Aleks Wierzbicki
Backstage Crew.....	Victoria Isotti
Set Design.....	Kaycee Wilson, Larry Segel, Jeff Bliss
Set Transportation.....	Alicia Groves, Glen Groves, Jeff Bliss, Ben Tan, Lauren Lyon, Kaycee Wilson
Set Construction.....	Gary Jones, Liam Jones, Susan Jones, Reagan Jones, Larry Segel
Scenic Painting.....	Meg Brown, Brianna Randazza
Set Painting.....	Meg Brown, Brianna Randazza, Kaycee Wilson, and The Cast
Set Dressing.....	Lauren Lyon
Props Design and Coordination.....	Lauren Lyon
Costume Design.....	James Valentin
Hair & Make-Up Design.....	James Valentin, Kaycee Wilson
Ticket Printing.....	Susan Roberts
Advance Ticket Sales.....	Larry Segel
Day of Ticket Sales.....	Michael Giusti
Photography.....	Larry Segel, Vi Patch, Deirdre A. L. Shaw
Artwork Design.....	Jeff Bliss
Program Layout/Editing.....	Deirdre A. L. Shaw

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## Curtain Call!

### Cast



Jeff Bliss



Dylan Bushe



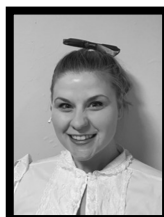
Amy DeMarco



Lyndsey  
Evangelista



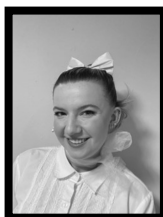
Elly Kaye



Lauren Lyon



Mia Mercurio



Dana Murray



Sean Perry



Brianna  
Randazza



Jilliana Sliby

Cast Photos by: Vi Patch

There will be one 15-minute intermission between acts.

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Please silence your cell phones  
before the performance begins.

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No recording of any kind permitted:  
audio, video, or photography.

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to the bar for recycling.

Thank you!

# The Cast

(in order of appearance)

Miss Delilah Strict.....	Amy DeMarco
Toffee.....	Mia Mercurio
Candy.....	Dana Murray
Coco.....	Jilliana Sliby
Ginger.....	Elly Kaye
Sheila.....	Lauren Lyon
Joey.....	Lyndsey Evangelista
Josh.....	Brianna Randazza
Jake.....	Jeff Bliss
Jonny Warner.....	Dylan Bushe
Eddie Flagrante.....	Sean Perry

## Ensemble

Toffee's Mom.....	Lauren Lyon
Toffee's Dad.....	Sean Perry
Secretary.....	Lauren Lyon
Stage Manager.....	Lauren Lyon
Voice of Announcer.....	Jeff Bliss
Ramona Merengue.....	Dana Murray
Motorwise Guys.....	Jeff Bliss
	Lyndsey Evangelista
	Brianna Randazza

## Understudies

*Understudies are not substituted for the listed actor above unless a specific announcement is made at the time of the performance.*

Jeff Bliss for Jonny Warner / Eddie Flagrante  
Jilliana Sliby for Toffee

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## The Band

Keyboard 1/Conductor.....	Shawn Gelzleichter
Keyboard 2.....	Matt Putnam
Guitar.....	Brian Ott
Bass.....	Jamie Welch
Drums.....	Elliot Brandow
Synthesizer Programming.....	Shawn Gelzleichter

# Musical Numbers

## ACT I

### PROLOGUE

"Enrico Fermi High".....Toffee, Jonny, Miss Strict, and Kids  
"Ain't No Going Back".....Toffee, Jonny, and Kids  
"Jonny Don't Go".....Toffee and Girls

### SCENE ONE

"Good As It Gets".....Toffee and Kids  
"The C Word".....Toffee, Jonny, and Kids  
"Rules, Regulations, and Respect".....Miss Strict and Kids  
"Ain't No Going Back" (Reprise).....Jonny, Toffee, and Kids  
"Blast from the Past".....Jonny and Kids

### SCENE TWO

"That's the Beat for Me".....Eddie, Secretaries, and Copy Boys

### SCENE THREE

"The Voice in the Ocean".....Jonny and Toffee  
"It's Alive".....Jonny, Miss Strict, and Kids  
"Where Do We Go From Here?".....Jonny, Toffee, and Kids  
"Case Closed (Trio)".....Eddie, Miss Strict, and Jonny

## INTERMISSION

## ACT II

### SCENE ONE

"Then Came Jonny".....Miss Strict, Jonny, Toffee, and Kids

### SCENE TWO

"Come Join Us".....Ramona Merengue,  
Motorwise Gasoline Guys, and Eddie  
"How Can I Say Good-Bye?".....Jonny and Motorwise Guys

### SCENE THREE

"Easy to Say".....Toffee and Girls

### SCENE FOUR

"At the Dance".....Eddie and Miss Strict  
"Expose".....Eddie and Miss Strict

### SCENE FIVE

"Isn't It?".....Kids  
"How Do You Stand on Dreams?".....Toffee and Jonny  
"Forbidden Love".....Toffee, Jonny, and Kids  
"The Lid's Been Blown".....Eddie, Miss Strict, and Kids  
"Zombie Prom".....Company

## Setting

**PLACE:** Enrico Fermi High School and  
Assorted Area Locales

**TIME:** The Nuclear 50s

# Who's Who

## Cast & Production Staff

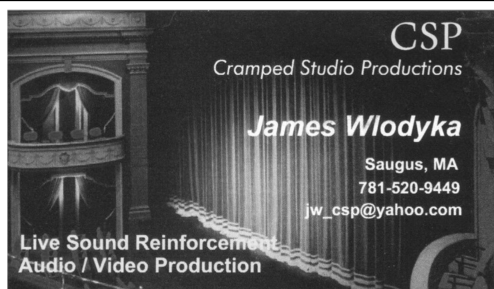
*In alphabetical order*

**Jeff Bliss ~he/him~ (Jake / Motorwise Guy, U/S Jonny/Eddie and Co-Producer)** is a lefthanded Sous Chef at a retirement community in Needham, and current Vice President of TCS. Jeff has been an active member in the Boston acappella + theater communities for more than 10 years, with favorite roles including Officer Lockstock from *Urinetown* and Orin Scrivello from *Little Shop of Horrors*. While in college, Jeff was on the leadership board for MCLA's first acapella group, The Allegrettos, as well as their premier gospel choir. Now he spends time with his wife Lauren and their dog Pilot, and produces musicals like this one! He couldn't do it without their support - much love.

**Dylan Bushe ~he/him~ (Jonny and Co-Producer)** is excited to perform in his first musical with TCS. He is a work-from-home west coast swing dancing, beatboxing fiend with a knack for eating brains. His previous works have included Frankie in *Forever Plaid* with Stadium Theater down in Providence, RI, and a host of productions with Enter Stage Left Theater/HCA out in Hopkinton, MA including Bobby Strong in *Urinetown*, Billy Flynn in *Chicago*, and Snoopy in *You're A Good Man Charlie Brown*. He hopes you all enjoy this chaotic journey with us. Time to go nuclear.

**Amy DeMarco ~she/her~ (Miss Strict)** is excited to be a part of *Zombie Prom* as the world's meanest principal. Other favorite roles have included Alice Beane in *Titanic the Musical*, Edith Potter in *The Women*, and Costanza in *Enchanted April*. In real life, Amy is a special education teacher at Chelsea High School. Thanks to Kaycee, Shawn, Kate and Vi, and such a great cast!

**Lyndsey Evangelista ~she/her~ (Joey / Motorwise Guy)** is excited to be back into musical theater following several years off. Some of her past roles include Jojo in *Seussical* and Hope Cladwell in *Urinetown*. She is a full time social worker, a cat mom, and a recent graduate from Simmons University with a Masters degree in social work.



**Shawn Gelzleichter ~he/him~ (Musical Director)** is thrilled to be returning to the TCS community with *Zombie Prom*! Shawn's work has been heard and seen on stages throughout greater Boston, including TCS's regional premiere of *Nevermore* in 2019. Recent highlights include *The Phantom of the Opera* (Melrose HS), *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* (with Broken Leg Productions as both music director and Schroeder), *Mamma Mia!* (Stage 284), and *Assassins* (Arts After Hours). When not in the orchestra pit, Shawn can occasionally be found on stage, taking on such roles as Amos Hart (*Chicago*, Vokes), Angel City Baritone (*City of Angels*, FUDGE), and Archibald Craven (*The Secret Garden*, MITGSP). He also works as a keyboard programmer/sound designer for Stage-Sounds.com and as Director of Music Ministry at Incarnation Parish in Melrose. Much love to his wife Jen and fur-family - Oscar, Audra, and Ella.

**Victoria Isotti ~she/her~ (Producer)** is thrilled to be one of the producers working on this production of *Zombie Prom*! Previous producing credit TCS was for this past spring's production of *Spring Awakening*. Other shows with TCS include *Lovely Thoughts* and *Other Stories* (choreographer) and *On This Winter's Eve* (director). She is a proud board member for TCS.

**Elly Kaye ~she/her~ (Ginger)** is so thrilled to be performing in her first show at TCS! She is a junior at Bishop Fenwick High School and was just cast as Veruca Salt in their production of *Willy Wonka*. This past summer she appeared as Josephine in *HMS Pinafore* with Methuen Young People's Theater and she was in the ensemble of *Seussical* with Firehouse Center for the Arts in Newburyport. She wants to thank this wonderful cast and hopes you enjoy the show!

**Kate Kelly ~she/her~ (Choreographer)** graduated from Northeastern with a degree in Theatre Performance and has most recently been seen in Moonbox Production's *Rocky Relationships* (Gem) and Teatro Chelsea's *Lithosphere Heart* (Charlie Lemon). She began dancing while growing up in California. This is her first production with TCS. Thank you to an amazing cast, crew, and creative team!

**Lauren Lyon ~she/her~ (Sheila / Toffee's Mom / Secretary / Stage Manager and Co-Producer)** is excited to be back performing in *Zombie Prom* after a pandemic-long hiatus from musical theater. She hopes everyone enjoys the show!

**Mia Mercurio ~she/her~ (Toffee)** is so excited to be performing in such a fun and spooky show and making her TCS debut! When she is not on stage, Mia works as a sixth grade humanities teacher. Mia would like to thank all of her friends and family for their support. Special thanks to the cast and crew of *Zombie Prom* for putting on such an incredible show! Past credits include: Ali in *Mamma Mia!* (Pawtucket Community Players), Cecily in *The Importance of Being Earnest* (Needham Theatre Company), and Bella in *Angel Street* and Yonah in *Children of Eden* (A Common Thread Theatre Company).

**Dana Murray ~she/her~ (Candy / Ramona Merengue and Dance Captain)** is thrilled to be taking the stage as Candy in her first musical since 2015! She graduated from THE Ohio State University in 2019 where she majored in Biomedical Engineering with a minor in Dance. Though she participated in choir and competed in collegiate acappella throughout her time at school, she hasn't been in a musical since high school. She is happy to return to the stage through *Zombie Prom*, and she hopes you all enjoy the show as much as she has!!

**Vi Patch ~they/them~ (Stage Manager)** is thrilled to stage manage this incredible production of *Zombie Prom*! This is their first production with TCS. Most recently, they were one of the stage managers for *Shrek, Jr.* with Broken Leg Productions and they were Assistant Stage Manager for *Godspell* and *Deal Me Out* at Bridgewater State University before they graduated with their Bachelor's degree in Theatre Education. When not working backstage, Vi also acts onstage, their most recent credits being *Sensitive Guys* (Danny/Diana) and *Richard III* (Lord Hastings/Oxford/Fight Captain) at BSU. Vi would like to thank TCS for this opportunity and their friends and family for their love and support over the years. Enjoy the show!

**Sean Perry ~he/him~ (Eddie Flagrante / Toffee's Dad)** is a TCS board member and has participated in multiple productions. Most recently he performed in the dash nominated show *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* as the part of Chip Tolentino. He is a seventh grade middle school history teacher and drama club enthusiast. He also has directed the Stoneham High School Drama Club for the past six years and looks forward to another season! Enjoy the show :)

**Brianna Randazza ~she/they~ (Josh / Motorwise Guy)** is from Wakefield, MA and excited to be in her first show with TCS! She recently graduated from Endicott College where she had some of her favorite roles like Magenta (*The Rocky Horror Show*), Frederick/Philip (*Noises Off*), and Hades (*Polaroid Stories*). This year they are assistant directing *She Kills Monsters* at Endicott. In their spare time, you may see them belting random songs, reading fantasy novels, or playing DnD. She is dying to have you enjoy this show!

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**Larry Segel ~he/him~ (Co-Producer / Lighting Designer)** has been with TCS since the mid-1990s as an actor, director, lighting designer, treasurer, and is currently president. He has appeared in many musicals, revues, and plays on the TCS stage. Larry has directed several shows for TCS and the Winthrop Playmakers, most recently *The Underpants*. Recently he has been working with a professional group The Psych Drama Company, for which he directed Edward Albee's *At Home at the Zoo* and streaming radio-play versions of *The Lion in Winter* and *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*. In June, Psych Drama brought its immersive, in-person version of *The Lion in Winter* to this stage. Larry is delighted to work with many new and old friends who are part of TCS.

**Jilliana Sliby ~she/her~ (Coco, U/S Toffee)** is thrilled to be back on stage in Saugus. She was last seen in *RENT* (Lasell University). Her recent credits include; *Jesus Christ Superstar* (Marblehead Little Theater); *LIZZIE* (TCS); *The Addams Family* (North Shore Players); and *Heathers* (TCS). Off the stage, Jilliana is a Video Producer at an event & content marketing agency.

**Kaycee Renee Wilson ~she/her~ (Stage Director / Lighting Designer)** is so excited to be making her TCS debut as the director of *Zombie Prom*! Having previously performed as Toffee in high school, she feels absolutely nuclear about returning to Enrico Fermi High. Her most recent directing credit was *Newsies* through A Common Thread Theatre Company, and before had worked with the Performing Arts Center of Metrowest directing four summer musicals. Kaycee loves to perform on stage in addition to directing and has just returned from Scotland where she pursued her MFA in Acting for Stage and Screen at Edinburgh Napier University. She would like to thank her unbelievably talented cast and production team for allowing her to go on this journey with all of them. She could not be luckier to work with better people.

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**~ Michael Giusti**

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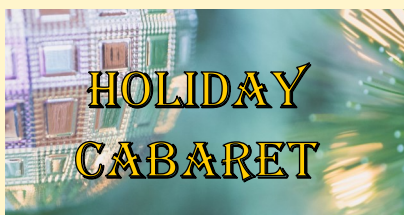
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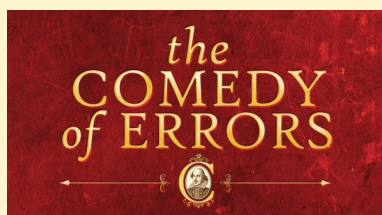
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Jason Hair-Wynn  
Musical Direction by  
Shawn Gelzleichter

