

Mt. Vernon High School Presents



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Synopsis

BYE BYE BIRDIE is one of the most captivating musical shows of our time. It tells the story of a rock and roll singer who is about to be inducted into the army. The singer, Conrad Birdie, an Elvis Presley type, has a pompadour and thick sideburns; he wears gaudy gold costumes and speaks in a rugged voice. Albert Peterson, his agent, is a very pleasant mild mannered young man. Albert's faithful secretary Rose Alvarez keeps him and Birdie moving forward in the world. Rosie concocts one final national publicity plan before Conrad's induction.

Conrad will bid a typical American teen-age girl goodbye with an all-American kiss. Kim MacAfee in Sweet Apple, Ohio wins the honor. All of the phones in her town are already busy during The Telephone Hour as Kim has just been pinned to Hugo, a local boy. She is a pretty girl of fifteen and sings with spring-like ardor How Lovely to Be a Woman, as she pulls on the plaid woolen socks and the baggy mustard colored sweater considered stylish and popular among young ladies.

The arrival of Birdie in Sweet Apple causes people of all ages to swoon. Birdie says that his success is due to the fact that he is Honestly Sincere when he sings, and the quiet little town goes into a spin. The MacAfee household is completely upset by the visiting celebrity. It is decided that Birdie will give his One Last Kiss on the Ed Sullivan show. Kim's father who laments the whole uproar, tries to break into the act and behaves like a ham on the TV show. Hymn for a Sunday Evening is a salute to the greater glory of Ed Sullivan.

Birdie becomes disgusted with his life and goes out on the town with the teenagers. He feels tense with Albert and is tired of being supervised. The parents of Sweet Apple cannot understand the new generation and express this in Kids. Rosie, still waiting for that band of gold from Albert after eight years, invades a Shriners' meeting. An extremely hilarious ballet ensues. She then decides to become the Latin American spitfire that she is painted as, by Albert's lead-footed catastrophe-ridden mother. She is determined to become Spanish Rose. Kim is reunited with Hugo, and Rose with Albert in the lovely number Rosie. Other hit numbers include A Lot of Livin' to Do and Put on a Happy Face.

BYE BYE BIRDIE is a satire done with the fondest affection. It gives an insight into the everyday life that is very much part of us all. It is the tops in imagination and frivolity; a show that will be enjoyed by the cast as much as the audience.



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Act I

Scene 1: Office of Almaelou Music, New York

Scene 2: Sweet Apple, Ohio

Scene 3: MacAfee Home, Sweet Apple

Scene 4: Pennsylvania Station, New York

Scene 5: Railroad Station, Sweet Apple

Scene 6: Courthouse Steps, Sweet Apple

Scene 7: MacAfee Home, Sweet Apple

Scene 8: Stage and Backstage Office, Central Movie Theatre,
Sweet Apple

Scene 9: Stage, Central Movie Theatre, Sweet Apple

Act II

Scene 1: MacAfee Home, Sweet Apple

Scene 2: Street Outside MacAfee Home

Scene 3: MacAfee's Back Door

Scene 4: Maude's Roadside Retreat

Scene 5: Private Dining Room, Maude's Roadside Retreat

Scene 6: Back Door, Maude's Roadside Retreat

Scene 7: The Ice House

Scene 8: Railroad Station, Sweet Apple

Quick Review

BYE BYE BIRDIE is one of the most captivating musical shows of our time. It is a satire done with the fondest affection, and tells the story of a rock and roll singer who is about to be inducted into the army. An English Teacher, What Did I Ever See in Him?, Put on a Happy Face, One Boy, A Lot of Livin' to Do, Kids, Rosie and Spanish Rose are musical theatre classics. This is the tops in imagination and good old fashioned fun.

Book by Michael Stewart
Music by Charles Strouse
Lyrics by Lee Adams
Originally Produced by Edward Padula

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Debbie Winkles
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Mr. Hale
Tech Crew
Joe Alexander
Ms. Ingram's Drama class
Mrs. Johnson and her class
Aaron Edwards
Danielle Toney
Sara Schopenhorst
Ryan Wallace
Chasity Jefferson
Katie Girt
Natalie Eberhard

Rachael Sexton
Maddie Gawrys-Strand
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Director's Notes



Life is a journey and this semester certainly will go in the experience book! My friend and fellow director Emily Smith is on maternity leave to mother her beautiful daughter, Gabby. Fortunately for Mr. Morris and me, Mr. Hale has joined our trio. He has done more than his part in this musical and we all have enjoyed working with him. There are numerous seniors this year and we all wish them luck as they perform their last fall musical this weekend. Thanks to the parents for raising such outstanding students and allowing us to focus their "drama" in a professional manner on stage. Thanks to Chasity for always helping out the directors and making us laugh while doing it; Katie for always seeing what needed to be done; Maddie for always doing more than what I needed done; Bryan for his positive attitude and the Gentrys for their constant concern for my sanity. Your friendship is cherished. Lastly, but certainly not least, thanks to my boys who had to do without Mama for a while, and to my unselfish parents who are always there to stand in for me. Enjoy the show!

Characters:

Albert Peterson- Jake Strickland
Rosie Alvarez- Sydney Sorrell
Kim MacAfee- Brittany Havlin
Conrad Birdie- Daniel Meyer
Mr. MacAfee- Tyler Heckman
Mrs. MacAfee- Allison Thomas
Randolph- Bryan Lord
Mae Peterson Amy Lynn
Hugo Peabody Tim LeMere
Ursula Merkel- Danielle Toney

Principal Teen Girls and Chorus Members:

Helen- Maddie Gawrys-Strand
Nancy- Lyndi Sayre
Margie- Alex Campbell
Deborah Sue- Emily Richardson
Penelope- Emily Caruthers
Alice- Natalie Eberhard
Suzie- Katie Girt
Karl- Carey Bernard
Freddie- Aaron Edwards
Harvey Johnson: DJ Casey
Teen Quartet- Kylee Wilson, Natalie Eberhard, Lyndi Sayre, Emily Richardson
Two Girls Singing With Kim and Rosie: Maddie Gawrys-Strand and Natalie Eberhard
Sweet Apple Teens- Veronica Del Favero , Kenna Grissom, Rachael Sexton, Autumn Butler, Jessica Ayers, Darlene Mowrey, Kylee Wilson, Kristina Snider, Samantha Padgett
Sweet Apple Adults- Chasity Jefferson, Martha Houghton, Cierra Barnette, Emma Wade, Kara Youree, Samantha Cotterman, Travis Sawrie, Katie Schroeder, Danielle Hohenberger, Josh Mitchell
Gloria Rasputin- Samantha Padgett



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Mayor and Mayor's Wife – Travis Sawrie and Samantha Cotterman
Mrs. Merkle- Martha Houghton
Mr. Johnson- Glynn Geyer
Conrad's Guitar Man – Geoffrey Hensley
Policeman- Carey Bernard
First Reporter- Jessica Ayres
Second Reporter (*non-speaking*)- Autumn Butler
Third Reporter- Aaron Edwards
Traveler- DJ Casey
2 Sad Girls (*Dancers*) – Kylee Wilson, Darlene Mowrey
TV Show Stage Crew- Glynn Geyer, Carey Bernard, Josh Mitchell, Aaron Edwards, DJ Casey
Male Townspeople- all Male cast members
Sweet Apple Shriners- all Male cast members



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Cast Bios

JAKE STRICKLAND



Albert Peterson: Jake Strickland, a senior at Mt. Vernon, is in his 3rd musical and eighth production at MVHS. He is the co-editor in chief of the school newspaper, and vice president of both drama club and Center Stage. He has worked at Bob Evans for a year and a half and enjoys listening to music, getting jiggy with it, and chilling with family and friends. He would like to thank his parents for always being there and believing in him. He would also like to thank man's best friend, his dog, Belly, and will never forget her.

SYDNEY SORRELL



Rosie Alvarez: Sydney Sorrell has had an amazing time portraying Rosie Alvarez, a sassy, smart secretary who desires to be the bride of her long-time lover, Albert Peterson. Sydney is a junior at Mt. Vernon. She is a photographer for the school's yearbook staff and an ambassador for drama club. She has participated in many musicals and plays including *Seven brides for Seven Brothers*, *Just Another High School Play*, *Rumors*, and *The Wizard of Oz*. Sydney would like to thank her friends Kylee and Maddie, her little brother Sawyer, and her loving grandpa Poppie.



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STEPHANIE GATES



Stephanie Gates is a senior and this is her second year doing pit. Her heroes are Bob Barker and Mr. Shavers. In her spare time, she enjoys flying kites and going to the park. She is a little kid at heart and hopes that never changes.

NATHAN FELLERMAN



Nathan is a freshman and this is his first year in orchestra. He enjoys playing the xylophone.

TOM SANDS



Tom has a Music Education degree from UI. He also has a Computer Science degree from Purdue. He is a Solo Clarinetist in the Indianapolis Symphonic Band and has been for 31 years. Husband of Martha Sands.

KEVIN SAWRIE



Kevin is a senior and plays the trumpet. Kevin held position of Drum Major. This is his 7th year playing in the band.

RACHEL SLAGLE



Rachel Slagle is a Senior this year at MVHS. She has been in band –just forever. She held position of Drum Major. She enjoys playing all of the 'keyboard' percussion instruments. Rachel also enjoys island rhythm as part of the MVHS Steele Drum Band. Rachel was also part of the orchestra for The Wizard of Oz.

BRITTANY HAVLIN




Kim: Brittany Havlin is a senior this year at Mt. Vernon High School. She is playing the role of a love-struck, rebellious teenage girl at the age of fifteen. Brittany has been in every fall musical of her high school career including: *Singing in the Rain*, *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*, and *The Wizard of Oz*. She has been in Drama Club for the past three years. Outside of school Brittany participates in local talent shows and karaoke contests whenever possible. She loves to sing, dance, and be crazy with her friends. She would like to give a special thanks to her family for supporting her, friends who have made this year a great one, and also a very special thanks to her wonderful teachers Ms. Ingram and Mrs. Smith for giving her the opportunity of a life time and making her what she is today. Thank you all!

TYLER HECKMAN



Mr. MacAfee: Tyler is a senior this year and is playing the role of Harry MacAfee. He has been in *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*, *The Wizard of Oz*, and *The Music Man*. Outside of participating in the musical he also is a part of Band and Center Stage. He would like to thank Mrs. Smith for her continued support, his mom for helping him to strive to be good, and his friends for supporting the things that he loves the most. Last, but certainly not least, he would like to thank Ms. Ingram for putting all of this together, and her support of the program and its students.

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AMY LYNN



Mae Peterson: Amy is happy to be playing the fastidious role of Mae Peterson in her fourth and final fall musical production at Mt. Vernon High School. Previous to *Bye Bye Birdie*, she has been involved in Mt. Vernon's *Music Man*, *Singin' in the Rain*, *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*, *Wizard of Oz*, *Les Miserables*, as well as her five years of involvement in Hancock County Children's Theater. At school she's involved in Drama Club, National Honor Society, and Center Stage. Outside of school she takes six dance classes at Wilderson Dance Studio and six at Elite Performing Arts Academy each week. She takes tap, jazz, ballet pointe, jazz pointe, lyrical, and hip-hop. She has been dancing for sixteen years and loves every minute of it. It is her passion and inspiration for life. Next fall she hopes to attend either Butler or Marion college for psychology to become a psychotherapist for troubled teens. She would like to thank her best friend, aunt, and mom for all their love and support.

ALLISON THOMAS



Mrs. MacAfee: Allison Thomas is a junior and is thrilled to be playing Mrs. MacAfee. She is the president of drama club and a member of Center Stage. She was previously seen as the wicked witch of the west. Other credits include *Grease*, *Sleepy Hollow*, *Gypsy!*, *Les Mis*, and *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*. She enjoys singing in talent shows and cabarets. She'd like to thank her family and her boyfriend Dean for their continuous support and love.

PATTY HOOVER



Patty is a freelance musician and private teacher. She is principal clarinet in the Indiana Wind Symphony and plays with the Indianapolis Chamber Winds. In her spare time, she makes flute pads.

ANGELIE KASMAN



Angelie is a junior this year. She plays the flute and this is her fifth year in band. She has also performed in *The Wizard of Oz*.

EVAN LYNETTE



Evan is a junior this year. He plays the trombone and it is his sixth year in band. He is also involved in pep band and marching band.

LAUREN MACALEESE



Lauren is a freshman who plays alto saxophone. This is her fourth year in band, and she also plays in jazz band. She has performed in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

JIMMY MCLEAN



Jimmy McClean is a freshman this year at MVHS. He currently holds the position of second chair trombone in The Band of Marauders.

ANNE NEUENDORF



Anne plays the flute and is a junior at MVHS. This is her sixth year in band. She has performed in *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*, and *The Wizard of Oz*.

Orchestra Bios

ANDREA BAILEY



Andrea is a sophomore and plays trumpet. This is her fifth year in band. She is involved in jazz band as well.

CHRISTOPHER M. BLAGBURN



This is the first play Chris has performed in. He is a junior at MVHS this year, and has been in band for five years. He plays bass, and also is a part of indoor drum line.

ISAIAH CARTER



Isaiah has been in band for 4 years. He is a junior and has been playing drums for 12 years. He also plays saxophone and piano. He is a member of the MVHS Indoor Drum line.

He was the youngest winner of a drum competition at The Guitar Center. He has also performed in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.

ETHAN EDWARDS



Ethan plays tenor saxophone. He is a junior and this is his sixth year in band. He also performed in The Wizard of Oz.



DANIELLE TONEY



Ursula: Danielle Toney is a senior at Mt. Vernon this year. In *Bye Bye Birdie* she plays Kim MacAfee's best friend, Ursula. In the past she has participated in *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* and *The Wizard of Oz*. Danielle is very involved in her school. She is a member of Student Council, Vice President of the Senior class, and a member of FCA. Danielle is a wrestling manager and she participates in indoor and outdoor track. She also holds a part-time job at Bernie's Coffee and Tea, located in Castleton Square Mall. In any free time she has, she enjoys singing, sleeping, and being among friends. Danielle would like to thank her mom for being the rock in her life, her family, Justin, her best friends, the entire cast and God for supporting her in all she does. They will never know their importance.

ALEXANDRA CAMPBELL



Margie: Alexandra Campbell is a senior at Mt. Vernon. She plays Margie in the show. Alex has been in the past two fall musicals at Mt. Vernon. She is involved in her church's youth group and she takes voice lessons with a local teacher. She would like to thank a lot of people for her success. Most of all she'd like to thank God for all the opportunities she's been given and for the talent that she has. Alex also wants to thank her parents for being her biggest support system and for being there through good times and bad. She would like to thank her grandma for being supportive also. Last but not least she'd like to thank her best friend Lyndi for being there as a shoulder to cry on and as someone to celebrate the good times with. Thank you to all of her other friends who have been there for her too! She loves them with all her heart! Got Bless!

TIM LEMERE



Hugo Peabody: Tim LeMere is a senior performing in his sixth theatrical production at Mt. Vernon High School. Certain Productions include *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*, *The Wizard of Oz*, and *Les Miserables*. Along with Drama Club and Center Stage, Tim is also a part of the staff of the school's newspaper, *Voices*, and a part of FCA. He would like to extend a sign of thanks to his Aunt Pam, for getting him into theatre, his family and friends, for their never ending love and support, and most importantly his Lord and Savior.

MADDIE GAWRYS-STRAND



Helen: Maddie Gawrys-Strand has had a blast portraying Helen, a young teenager with a passion for life and a very dashing Conrad Birdie. Maddie is a well-rounded junior at Mt. Vernon, Involved in everything from cross

country to drama club to spell bowl. She's been in a myriad of performances including *The Wizard of Oz* in which she played a jitterbug and corn (her personal favorite). Maddie would like to thank her mother for giving her life and support through the years, Kylee and Sydney for making her laugh, and finally, her beloved cross country girlies for forever being her *raisin d'être*.

EMILY CARUTHERS



Penelope: Emily Caruthers is a senior and she is Penelope in "Telephone hour". She was in Fall Musical last year and choir since her freshman year. She is a lead in FCA and she

attends church regularly. She would like to thank her friends and family and everyone who supports the show.

NATALIE EBERHARD



Alice: Natalie Eberhard is in her sophomore year at MVHS and is excited to be able to play the part of Alice. She participated in *Wizard of Oz* and *Miserables* last year and also took part in Hancock County Children's theater for years. She sings in her church's youth band, is in spell bowl, will be in Ex next semester, plays piano, and is taking boxing along with her friend

KATIE GIRT



Suzie: Katie Girt is a senior and plays Suzie this year's fall musical. This is her first year as a fall musical and soccer trainer for boys' team. She has voice lessons in the summer and is in her church choir. She wants to thank her mom and dad, her pastor, and all of her church friends and family.

CHRIS CARTER



Chris Carter is in his first year and he does anything that the tech crew needs done.

EVAN MUNDEN



Evan Munden is a sophomore and in his first year on tech crew. He works with sound related jobs.

PAIGE VANVLEET



Paige VanVleet is a sophomore. This is her first year and she does sound related tasks. She too would like to give a shout out to Bob Dole.

BRYCE VIEHWEG



Bryce Vieweg is a freshman in his first year of tech crew. He enjoys following all of the action with his spotlight.

MARLI SIMPSON



Marli Simpson is a sophomore in her first year of tech crew. She does mike control and she'd also like to give a shout out to Bob Dole.



Tech Bios

QUENTEN BAILEY



Quentin Bailey is a junior and this is his second year of tech crew. He works with lighting. Quentin would like to give a shout out to Bob Sagot.

THOMAS FURGASON



Thomas Furgason is a junior in his second year of tech crew. He is the director. He'd like to give a shout out to Bob Dole as well.

TYLER GARRITY



Tyler Garrity is a junior this year. He is the backstage director for tech crew. He's been in tech crew for two years. He would like to say "This is sweet, sweezeet. Word to homie G."

RHEID HERRINGTON



Rheid Herrington is a senior. This is his second year in tech crew and he works the spotlight, and also does work backstage. He'd like to say "Hi Mojo, we miss you."

ALAN KEOUGH



Alan Keough is also a junior this year. He is a role model and has been in tech crew for two years. He would like to say "Chris Angle is the messin."

JARI NATION



Jari Nation's job in tech crew is "looking good" This is his second year, and he'd like to say "You better not, YOU BETTER NOT!"

STEPHEN BAKER



Steven Baker has been in tech crew for one year. He works backstage. This senior would like to say "We miss Mojo."

LANDON BENNETT



Landon Bennet is in his first year of tech crew. He works backstage and does mike control.

CHASITY JEFFERSON



Charlene: Chasity Jefferson is a junior. She plays Charlene, the bar owner. She was also involved in other plays. She has been in the following: *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*, *The*

Wizard of OZ, and *The Christmas Disaster*. She is the editor and business manager in MVHS yearbook. She is the dance instructor of NLCCOT spiritual dancers and is the director in the church choir. She would like to thank her loving, precious Savior, Jesus Christ who she would not be here without. She would like to thank her parents who she loves, family, and friends, And she doesn't want to forget her lovely, beautiful teachers Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Ingram.

SAMANTHA COTTERMAN



Mayor's Wife: The part of the mayor's wife is played by Samantha Cotterman. Samantha is a senior this year and has been in two other productions including *Singing in the*

Rain and *The Wizard of Oz*. She is involved in Center Stage and MTTV. She is very honored to be given this role. She would like to thank her mom and dad, family, and friends for all their love and continuous support.

CAREY BERNARD



Karl Johnson: Carey Bernard, also known as Luigi, is a senior this year. He plays the role of Karl Honson, Officer Dawg, and some other small roles. He has been in the fall musical since his freshman year. He is on the football team and enjoys it very much. Outside of school, he mostly works. He would like to thank his parents because they have always supported him in what he has done, and even though it may not seem like he cares he does. He loves his family very much even Jae'von, his little brother. He also would like to give a shout-out to his friends.

SAMANTHA EUSTAGUIA PADGETT



Gloria Rasputin: Samantha Eustaguia, a junior, plays Gloria Rasputin, a seductive yet amusing character.

This musical will be her second at MVHS. During her freshman year she played a towns person in *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*. Samantha has dedicated her time to two years of Expressions, drama club, FCA, and French Club. Her personality flows along with her character. She enjoys Starbucks Coffee, singing wrong words to a song, and dancing. Samantha would like to thank God for guiding her through the rough times. Her parents, her younger sister Sabrina, Ms. Ingram and Mrs. Smith, and her BFF Brocke, and her cast mates, of course.



Conrad Birdie: Daniel is in his senior year at Mt. Vernon. He has played a lot of roles in the last four years. He played the Lion in last year's "The Wizard of Oz," and he also played Ephraim in "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers." Daniel is the captain of Mt. Vernon's Comedy Sportz team and also participates in Drama Club. Last year he and the rest of the cast of "Stolen Identity" placed in the fourth in state for the Drama Competition. Daniel also takes and gives dance lessons, and excels at ballroom. The majority of times you may find Daniel either playing video games or eating food. Daniel would like to thank his mother for giving birth and raising him (Putting up with him).

MARTHA HOUGHTON



Mrs. Merkle: Martha Houghton is a senior. She plays Mrs. Merkle. She was also involved in last year's production of *The Wizard of Oz*. In her free time she participates in school clubs and teams such as Spell Bowl, Book Club, Literature Super Bowl, and Fine Arts Super Bowl. Outside of school she sings in her church choir. She would like to thank her family and friends for their support and encouragement and her Creator.

GEOFFREY HENSLEY



Guitar Man: Geoffrey Hensley is a freshman. He plays as Conrad's guitar man. Geoffrey was part of Kidsplay Inc. for four years, his last show was *Caught in the Act* although he recently filled in for another cast member in *Hospital*. He has done performances at LTP. In Anderson. In school he is involved in Drama Club, FCCLA, and FCA. Outside of school he participates in his church youth group and the worship team. He is the founder of 117 Ministries. He wants to thank Josie Guerretaz for getting him involved in theater and farther in singing. He also wants to thank his family for supporting him throughout everything he has done.



JAMES CARL PERKINSON



Ed Sullivan: Greetings, some may call me Jimmy C., but the infamous L.T. calls me James Tiberious Catman Stevens Perkinson Carwash. I'm currently the vice president of a non-profit organization known as MVHS Underground. It is an internet radio station that helps the community. I host an educational show called **Mitch Please**. I'm really good, and I call people on the show - though I get hung up on quite a lot but when people don't hang-up they win things like hats, cats, and cars. If you like to listen sometime you can hear the show at www.mvhsunderground.com. To learn more about me, email me at Jimmy@mvhsunderground.com. I want to give a shout out to Lord Davis, Much Love Bro! Thanks!