



Ride the
CYCLONE
THE MUSICAL
HIGH SCHOOL EDITION



SEPTEMBER 26, 27, 28, AT 7PM & 29 AT 2PM
OCTOBER 2, 3, 4, 5, AT 7PM & 5, 6 AT 2PM

FACULTY DIRECTOR:
TED LEWIS

STUDENT DIRECTORS:
ALLY BARTON

TAIDEN ROBERTS

BOOK, MUSIC, AND LYRICS CREATED BY
JACOB RICHMOND

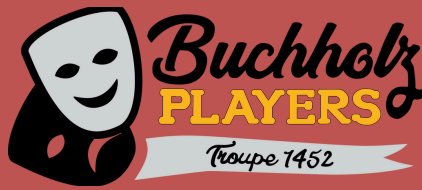
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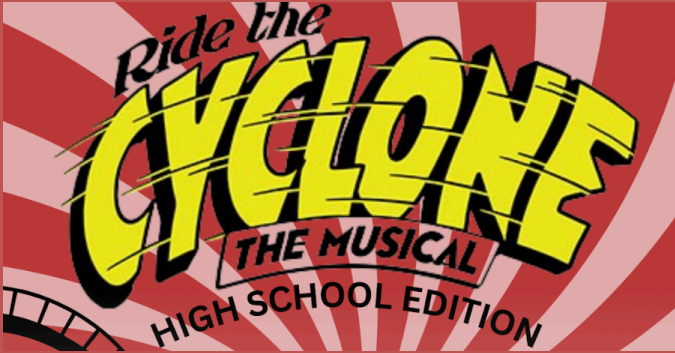
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For their first show of the 2025 season, Buchholz Players proudly presents *Ride the Cyclone*. In this hilarious and outlandish story, the lives of five teenagers from a Canadian chamber choir are cut short in a freak accident aboard a roller coaster. When they awake in limbo, a mechanical fortune teller invites each to tell a story to win a prize like no other — the chance to return to life.

The students include Ocean O’Connell Rosenberg, a perfectionist and overachiever; her loyal sidekick, Constance Blackwood; Noel Gruber, the only openly gay boy in his small town; Mischa Bachinski, a Ukrainian adoptee with a tragic nuclear past; Ricky Potts, a boy born with an unnamed disease that left him mute and unable to walk; and Jane Doe, a mysterious headless girl in a school uniform.

“This darkly comedic musical features songs ranging from classical to glam rock to R&B to folk,” said student co-director Allison Barton. “The talented cast really makes people ask themselves, ‘How do you want to live?’”

Student co-director Taiden Roberts said “We're thrilled to bring this unique production to life on our stage and can't wait for the audience to experience the rollercoaster of emotions this show delivers.”

Director's Note

As I enter into my final season as the Buchholz Theater Arts teacher I can't help but reflect on the thousands of students I've had the privilege to teach over the past 24 years. Many of them became Theater Educator themselves, some became Techs and Performers on cruise ships others made it all the way to Broadway or have found theater related careers in New York, L.A., even Barcelona and London. Then there are the ones who I still get to see perform in Community Theaters for fun or the ones who have joined professional repertory companies around Florida. It is important to realize that Theater and the other arts are often the only thing that keeps students in school. This production of *Ride the Cyclone Teen Edition* is dedicated to those students who over the past two decades have not only enriched my life but also enriched the lives of so many others. They are the ones who introduced me to this play which until last year I had no knowledge of and I am very happy they did. It's a fun, beautiful story and I hope you, our audience, enjoy it as much as I have enjoyed creating this world with my students.



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Production and Crew

Faculty Director.....	Ted Lewis
Assistant Directors.....	Ally Barton, Taiden Roberts
Choral Director.....	Sarah Prager
Choreographers.....	Lindsay Rodriguez Caldera, Alayna Forrest, Austin Hudnall, Anna Semenova
Stage Managers.....	Nick McLaughlin-Kato, Sydney Widder
Lighting Designers.....	Ollie Jarmolinski, Justin Yoon
Master Electricians.....	Ethan Wynn, Justin Yoon
Sound Designer.....	Zoey Hutchinson, Nell Raeber
Sound Technicians.....	Elizabeth Bostock, Ryan Dubois, Benny Gurrala, Nell Raeber
Set Design.....	Ted Lewis, Jay Deen, Parker Deyo
Prop Master.....	Samantha Purcell
Properties Designers.....	Parker Deyo, Sam Purcell, Chloe Tyler, Maya Zaldivar
Spotlight Operators.....	Clara Foltz, Torie Griffin, Skylar Silver, Zakiah Williams
Run Crew.....	Matt Holloway, Aryanna Kunz, Isaac Lowry
Promotional Artist.....	Ally Barton
Makeup Artists.....	Ally Barton, Taiden Roberts
Costume Designers.....	Parker Deyo, Millie Lowry, Maya Zaldivar

Ride the Cyclone, the Musical Cast

The Amazing Karnak.....	Gus Meucci Miah Cota (Understudy)
Ocean O'Connell Rosenberg.....	Daphne Charles Jordan Thomas (Understudy)
Mischa Bachinski.....	Carter Hill Luivesters Gabriel (Understudy)
Noel Gruber.....	TJ Hathorn Rhys Thompson (Understudy)
Ricky Potts.....	Quinn Horwitz Felix Cassisi (Understudy)
Constance Blackwood.....	Millie Lowry Ellie Caton (Understudy)
Jane Doe.....	Anna Tomlinson Kyra Nelson (Understudy)
Virgil/Rats.....	Company

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MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT I

“DREAM OF LIFE”-JANE

“URANIUM”-KIDS

“MINOR TURN”-COMPANY

“THE OTHER SIDE”-KIDS

“JANE DOE’S ENTRANCE”-JANE, ENSEMBLE

“WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS”-KIDS

“I LOVE YOU GUYS ROLL”-OCEAN

“NOEL’S BUMPER”-KIDS

“NOEL’S LAMENT”-NOEL, KIDS, MISCHA

“SPOOKY JANE FORNICATION”-JANE

“EVERY STORY’S GOT A LESSON”-KIDS

“THIS SONG IS AWESOME”-KIDS

“TALIA”-ENSEMBLE

“RICKY STING”-RICKY

“SPACE AGE BACHELOR MAN”-KIDS

ACT II

“THE BALLAD OF JANE DOE”-KIDS

“THE NEW BIRTHDAY SONG”-OCEAN,
RICKY, MISCHA, NOEL, CONSTANCE

“JAWBREAKER/SUGARCLOUD”-KIDS

“JANE DOE’S VIDEO”-KIDS

“SAILING THROUGH SPACE REPRISE”-KIDS

“IT’S JUST A RIDE”-KIDS



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2024-2025

SEASON

● RIDE THE CYCLONE

SEPTEMBER 26-OCTOBER 6

● RADIO TBS

JANUARY 5-JANUARY 8

● THE BUCHHOLZ PLAYERS' SHOWCASE

JANUARY 17, 2025

● HADESTOWN

APRIL 24-MAY 4, 2025



**"CONGRATULATIONS
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WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST AND CREW

Ally Barton -Senior-Assistant Student Director

Ally is excited to be directing her second BHS production. She previously directed *The Three Musketeers*. Ally was also part of the ensemble in *Rock of Ages*. Ally hopes everyone enjoys the show!

Felix Cassisi - Junior-Ricky (Understudy)

Felix has been involved in drama since middle school. This is his third year being involved in Buchholz drama. Some of his previous roles are Alana (*The Little Mermaid Junior*), Matthews (*Elf*), and The Mayor/Ja'keith (*Rock of Ages*).

Ellie Caton -Senior-Constance (Understudy)

Ellie is a senior at Buchholz High School. She's been active in the drama department since her sophomore year and is now one of the Senior Techs. She is only recently stepping into the acting field of drama and is delighted to make her onstage debut in *Ride the Cyclone*.

Daphne Charles -Junior- Ocean O'Connell Rosenberg

Ride the Cyclone is Daphne's second production on the BHS stage after appearing in ensemble of *9 to 5*. She has been doing competitive artistic swimming for 8 years. She hopes to do theater throughout the rest of high-school.

Miah Cota -Sophomore-Karnak (Understudy)

Prior to her role in *Ride The Cyclone*, Miah was apart of ensemble in shows such as *Grease School Edition* and *James And The Giant Peach JR*. Miah plans on becoming a cruise ship entertainer in the future. Miah is so excited to be performing her first major role in *Ride The Cyclone*!

Parker Deyo -Senior-Costume Designer

Parker has been active in the BHS drama program since freshman year, previously working as a Stage Manager for *9 to 5*, *the Musical* and *Rock of Ages*. Parker is excited to contribute as a costume designer for this show.

Luivesters Gabriel Cabrera Cedeño -Senior-Mischa (Understudy)

Luivesters has been active in the drama department since his Junior year. He is thrilled to take part as Mischa in *Ride the Cyclone*. Prior roles include Aladdin (*Aladdin*), Cardinal Guard (*The Three Musketeers*) and Bob (*9 to 5, the Musical*).

TJ Hathorn -Senior-Noel Gruber

This is TJ's second Buchholz show. In his junior year, he played in the role of Porthos in *The Three Musketeers*. He is very excited to be a part of this show.

WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST AND CREW

Carter Hill -Senior- Mischa Bachinski

Carter is a senior at SFHS and is excited to be part of his 2nd show at BHS. His most memorable role was playing Gilligan in *Gilligan's Island* at High Springs Playhouse.

Quinn Horwitz -Junior- Ricky Potts

Quinn is thrilled for his 7th show with BHS! He's been performing since 3rd grade including shows at GCP and Star Center! He is currently the vice president of drama club! Prior: Creon (*Antigone*), Lonny (*Rock Of Ages*), and most recently Mr Hart (*9 to 5, the Musical*). He thanks his family and friends. Enjoy!

Camilla (Millie) Lowry -Senior- Constance Blackwood, Costume Designer
Millie is thrilled to be playing Constance in *Ride the Cyclone*. She has appeared in every Buchholz production since 9th grade and is never happier than when she is performing. She is grateful for the support of her family and friends.

Nicholas McLaughlin-Kato - Senior - Stage Manager

Nicholas has been in technical theatre since his freshman year. This will be Nicholas's second time stage managing a show, perviously working on *The Three Musketeers*. Nicholas has assisted in several plays such as *Antigone*, *Into the Woods*, and *Rock of Ages*.

Gus Meucci -Junior-The Amazing Karnak

Gus has been acting in Buchholz's productions since his sophomore year, including Joey Primo (*Rock of Ages*) and D'Artagnan (*The Three Musketeers*). He is very happy to be portraying The Amazing Karnak in this thrilling musical.

Kyra Nelson -Senior- Jane Doe (Understudy)

Now a senior, Kyra's very excited to be a part of this show. She has performed in numerous shows a year from the time she was in second grade, although *Ride the Cyclone* has been her favorite to be a part of so far. Despite all of the late nights, post-rehearsal soreness, and earworm showtunes there's nowhere she'd rather be.

Taiden Roberts - Junior - Assistant Student Director

Taiden has been in the program since she began at BHS. She has played roles like Jovie (*Elf the Musical*), Justice (*Rock of Ages*), Constance (*The Three Musketeers*), and Doralee Rhodes (*9 to 5*). She plans on building a career off of her performing experience and or what's she's learned while being in the program. She is ecstatic to co-direct *Ride the Cyclone* with Ally Barton.

WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST AND CREW

Anna Tomlinson -Senior- Jane Doe

Anna is excited to be a part of another production in her last year at Buchholz High School. She has performed as Violet (*9 to 5*), Sherrie (*Rock of Ages*), Michael Hobbs (*Elf the Musical*), Pythio (*Head Over Heels*), and Connie (*A Chorus Line*). Anna performed in Christmas Carol at the Hippodrome, Fairytale Misfits at HSP, plus All Together Now at Star Center. In October, Anne will play the role of the Debater in *What the Constitution Means to Me* at the Hippodrome.

Jordan Thomas -Junior-Ocean (Understudy)

Jordan is excited for her first role on stage as Ocean in *Ride the Cyclone*. Jordan has been active in the BHS drama program since her freshman year and most recently worked as a sound designer in *9 to 5, the Musical*.

Rhys Thompson -Senior- Noel Gruber (Understudy)

Rhys has been acting since 4th grade. His most recent part being Kristoff in *Frozen Jr*. This is his first show with Buchholz as he attends Santa Fe. He's thrilled to be a part of this production and can't wait to participate in more with the rest of these amazing people.

Chloe Tyler -Junior-Props Master

Chloe has been a part of the theater program at Buchholz since Freshman year. This is her second time being props master and the fourth show she's been a part of. She was part of the ensemble for *Elf* and *Rock of Ages*, and was one of the prop masters for *9 to 5*. Chloe plans on being active in the program until graduation.

Sydney Widder -Senior- Assistant Stage Manager

Sydney is excited to be working as an assistant stage manager for *Ride the Cyclone*. Sydney has directed several shows at Buchholz High School including *9 to 5, the Musical* and *Rock of Ages*.

Maya Zaldivar -Senior- Costume Designer

Maya Zaldivar has worked on shows at Buchholz High School and Gainesville Community Playhouse. She has previously been an Assistant Stage Manager and most recently the Stage Manager for *Rock of Ages*. Maya is excited to showcase her talents as a costume designer for this show.



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From the very start, you have had our
full attention.

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favorite thing is a source of
endless joy. Thank you for sharing
your gifts with us!

We love you!

Mom, Dad, Joseph, & Isaac





Rhys, I'm so beyond proud of the person you are becoming. You have this confidence that radiates every where you go. Keep your head up, look for opportunities, have lots of adventures on your journey , choose your battles wisely, listen to your heart and remember you are loved more that you know!

♥ Mom



Taiden is so excited to co-direct Ride the Cyclone. She has acted since she was 7 years old, but this is her first time dabblin in the director's role. We hope you enjoy the show. We couldn't be prouder. Love Mom and Dad!

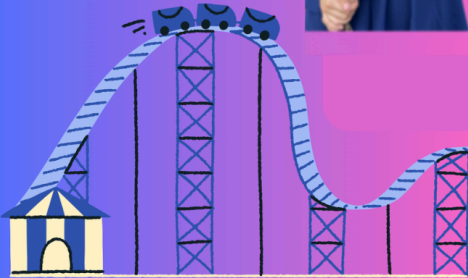


Anna,
Your hard work and dedication
continue to make us proud! We
hope your Senior year is the best!!
Love, Mom, Dad, Lily,
Nini, Papaw, Grammy, and Uncle
Craig



CONGRATULATIONS MAYA!

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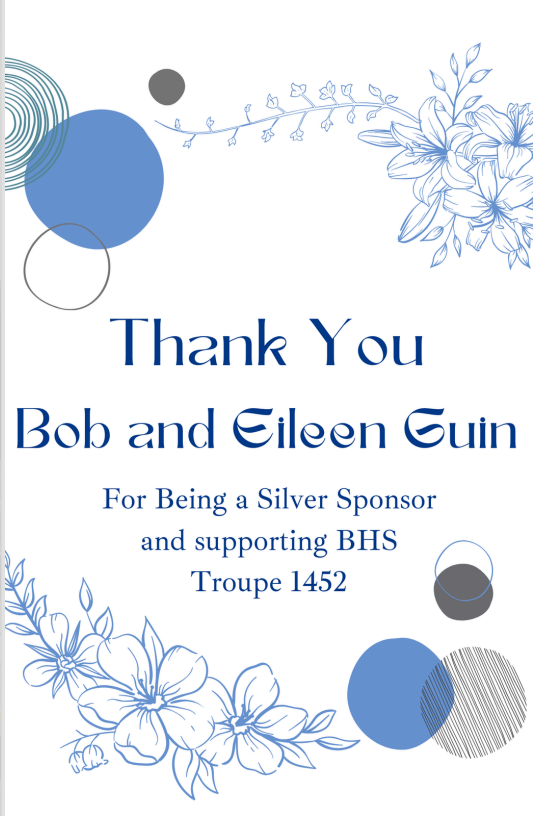


Ride that Cyclone Quinn!
Love, Mom, Dad, Elliott,
Grandma and Grandpa



Way to Go, Sydney!

Wishing you an amazing run as a first time assistant stage manager! We are incredibly proud of you and everything you accomplish! We learn so much from you. Break a leg!
With love, The WTP, a AAA Family



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