# SOCK'N'BUSKIN PRESENTS BAT BOY: THE MUSICAL

Music & Lyrics by Laurence O'Keefe Book & Story by Keythe Farley & Brian Flemming

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Musical Direction by

Mr. George Croom

Choreographed by

Mr. Jesse Pellegrino

#### **Directed by**

Mr. Thomas Beck & Mr. Neil Schleifer

Bat Boy: The Musical was developed in New York City at The Directors Company, Michael Parva, Artistic/Producing Director.

Bat Boy: The Musical had its initial production at The Actors' Gang in Los Angeles.

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## **CAST**

#### IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE

Bat Boy/Edgar	Liam Ginsburg
Meredith Parker	Bella Rosado
Shelley Parker	Ava Pursel
Sheriff Reynolds	Jeremy Tam
Dr. Parker	Andrew Scott
Rick Taylor	Alexander Kahler
Ron Taylor	Jonah Snyder
Ruthie Taylor	Kirsten Agbenyega
Mrs. Taylor	Lucette Ow
Lorraine	Maddy Lyons
Mayor Maggie	Leah Sherbansky
Daisy	Leila Brady
Dillon	Owen Cuomo
Bud	Daniel O'Keefe
Ned	Quentin Meyer
Roy	William Russello
Clem	Sean McCormick
Reverend Billy Hightower	Anderson Brady
Mother Nature	Grace Kiamie
Her Cheetah-in-Waiting	Kady Finegan
Doctor	Cameron Wanuga
Nurse	Clare Pachuta
Institute Man	Jameson Lange
Edward Puch	ndrey Levenson, Cameron Wanuga, Clare Pachuta, Courtney Valente, alla, Jameson Lange, Kady Finegan,
•	nn, Lauren Rocco, Mia McDermott, Scarlett Hanlon, Tava Senerchia

#### A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTORS

Welcome to Bat Boy: The Musical!

Ripped from the headlines of the Weekly World News (a parody tabloid in the style of *The National Enquirer*), the musical is filled with absurd situations and colorful characters. Yet *Bat Boy* is genuine in purpose. It is a tuneful exploration of our need to accept people's differences while recognizing personal responsibility for our actions.

The most prevalent theme in *Bat Boy: The Musical!* is fear. Fear of the unknown and fear of what's different. Acceptance, compassion, and understanding of our disparities is the message to be found within the tale of the pointy-eared half boy/half bat with serious orthodontic needs. It is human nature to be cautious of the unfamiliar. We question whether we can trust others who are not exactly like us. But, to survive as a society, we must be willing to open our hearts.

*Bat Boy: The Musical!* explores this idea with humor that is, at times, biting. Life is too short for division, and the journey is too brief not to have some silliness in it.

Revel in the silliness. Enjoy our differences.

- T. Beck & N. Schleifer

## **PRODUCTION STAFF**

Directors Mr. Thomas F. Beck, Jr. & Mr. Neil Schleifer	
Musical Director	
Choreographer	
Producer/Box Office	
Lighting Designer	
Set DesignMr. Joseph Egan	
Costume DesignMr. Neil Schleifer	
Costume Crew	
Wig DesignMr. Tom Kramer	
Sound DesignerMr. Bryan McPartlan, 4 Horsemen Theatricals	
Sound EngineerMr. Josiah Stark	
Sound Crew	
Production Stage ManagerMichael Domenici	
Assistant Stage Manager	
Company Stage Manager Ash Flippen	
Spotlight Operators O. Vikman, Nat Brown	
Make UpLotti Drinkwine	
Prop CrewAva Vitale, Cararose Vitale	
Stage Crew Claudia Brown, Cararose Vitale, Ava Vitale, Jane Falvey	

## THE BAND

Keyboard 1/Conductor	George Croom
Keyboard 2	Luka Marinkovic
Guitar	Charles Rhyner
Bass	Charles Casimiro
Drums	Pete Polinsky

### **SENIOR BIOS**

**Audrey Levenson**: *Bat Boy* is Audrey's first show with Sock 'n Buskin! She is so excited to return to Pelham theater after a three year hiatus, and is grateful to have had such a lovely group of people to perform with. Audrey is the leader of the PMHS AcaPelicans acapella group, and is the founder of her band, The Heartbeats, in which she sings and plays guitar. Special thanks to all of the cast and crew for making this show such a wonderful and memorable experience. Go bats!

**Bella Rosado:** Bella is thrilled to be playing the role of Meredith Parker in *Bat Boy, The Musical* in her eighth Sock 'n' Buskin show! Some of her favorite roles have been Marcie in *Almost Maine*, The Waitress in *Working*, and Maria in *Lend Me A Tenor*. She has been working with Mr. Beck and Mr. Schleifer since 6th grade and is so very grateful for all of the opportunities they have given her throughout the years. A special thank you also goes out to Jesse, George, and Arshia for their amazing support and encouragement. She has had the best times of her high school career on the PMHS stage and SnB will always hold a special place in her heart.

**Clare Pachuta:** Clare is so happy to be a part of *Bat Boy*! She has been working with Sock'n'Buskin onstage and backstage since freshman year. She would like to thank all those who put in work to make these productions so amazing year after year. She is so grateful for all her SnB training and knows it will serve her well in college, where she hopes to study costume design. Go Bats!

**Courtney Valente:** *Bat Boy* is Courtney's fourth show with Sock n' Buskin and she is so excited to be able to take her final bow on the PMHS stage with this incredible cast. Starting in her freshman year, she was a part of *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying* before it was cut short due to the pandemic, and she was in the virtual production of *Working*. Most recently, she was in *Lend Me a Tenor* as Maggie. She would like to thank Mr. Beck and Mr. Schleifer for all of the opportunities throughout the years and to everyone involved in SnB onstage and off for making each show so special!

**Daniel O'Keefe:** This is Daniel's eighth Sock n' Buskin production and is thrilled to take the stage and steal the show for one last time. He first performed in 6th grade as an ensemble member in *Beauty and the Beast Jr* and ensemble in *Once on this Island Jr*. His favorite roles were in eighth grade as Harry McAfee in *Bye Bye Birdie Jr* and his most recent role as the joyful Bellhop in *Lend Me a Tenor*. Daniel is grateful to Mr. Beck, Mr. Schleifer, Jesse, George, Arshia, and the rest of the Sock n' Buskin crew for his journey in theater and will surely miss being on the stage at Pelham Sock n' Buskin.

#### SENIOR BIOS

**Kirsten Agbenyega:** Kirsten is incredibly excited to play the role of Ruthie in *Bat Boy*. She has participated in Sock 'n' Buskin productions throughout high school in *Working, Bright Star,* and *Lend Me a Tenor.* She is so grateful for all Mr. Beck, Mr. Schleifer, George, and Jesse have done to get this show together. The community built throughout this process has been unlike any other, and she has loved the experience and appreciates all the hard work of the cast and crew.

She is glad to get to end her high school theater experience with this amazing show and so many amazing people, and hopes everyone will jump into the world of Hope Falls, and enjoy the story of *Bat Boy*!

**Lauren Rocco:** Lauren Rocco is thrilled to be a part of *Bat Boy* as her second Sock'n'Buskin show! She first starred in the virtual production of *Working*. She is so grateful for the wonderful experiences that this show has given her. Lauren would like to thank Mr. Beck, Mr. Schleifer, and the wonderful cast and crew for making this production possible! She hopes you enjoy the show!

**Leah Sherbansky:** Leah is thrilled to be performing in *Bat Boy* as Mayor Maggie in her sixth Sock n' Buskin show! Some of her favorite performances have been onstage in *Lend me a Tenor, Bright Star,* and *Clue: On Stage.* She would like to thank all those involved in supporting SNB, including directors Mr. Beck and Mr. Schleifer, George, Jesse, Arshia, Joe, Andrew, as well as our wonderful set crew. Leah is incredibly grateful for the wonderful experiences she has shared with her castmates through years of Sock n' Buskin. She can't wait to present *Bat Boy: The Musical*, and hopes you will enjoy it too! Go bats!

**Leila Brady:** Leila is so excited to perform in *Bat Boy* as Daisy, and make her final appearance on the Sock 'n' Buskin stage! Some of her favorite Sock 'n' Buskin performances in previous years have been in *Bright Star, Working*, and *Lend Me a Tenor*. She is so grateful for all of the wonderful experiences that Pelham theater has given her–including many, many late night trips to McDonalds–and would like to extend a special thanks to everyone behind the scenes who makes these productions possible. Enjoy the show, and go bats!

**Owen Cuomo**: Owen is thrilled to be part of his first Sock N' Buskin musical as a rancher named Dillon. He would like to thank Mr. Beck and Mr. Schleifer for their hard work and dedication to bringing *Bat Boy* to stage. He would also like to thank Jesse for his astounding choreography and George for teaching the wonderful music of this show. He's incredibly grateful to all the actors he had the opportunity to work with and to everyone who contributed to his amazing theater experience.

### **SPECIAL THANKS**

Dr. Cheryl Champ

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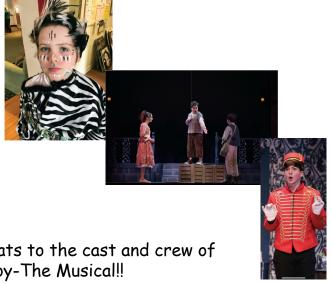
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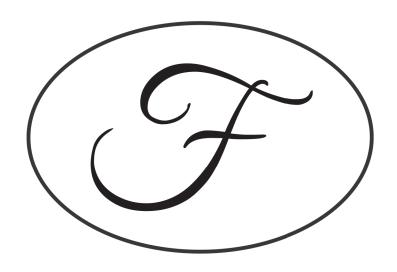
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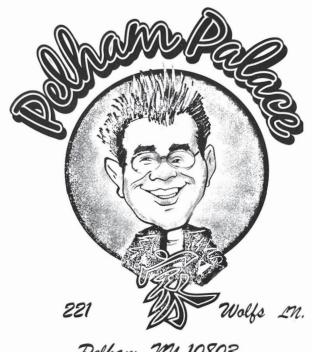
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We will miss seeing you on stage at PMHS. Thank you for the wonderful memories!

Congratulations to the cast and our gratitude to the crew, directors, producers, teachers, musicians and every person that worked through out the years producing the plays at PMHS.

Break a leg!

The O'Keefe family







#### Dear Leah,

Watching you perform in each production at PMHS over the past four years has been a joy we will always treasure.

Thank you for this gift.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Jonah and Noah





#### **Congratulations Leila**

and the cast and crew of *Bat Boy*. We are so proud of you and your theater accomplishments with Sock 'n' Buskin!

Love Mom & Dad, Carter, Mason, Lance and Teddy





## Dear Liam -



In one way or another, you'll always be our Bat Boy. We love you and are so proud of you, fangs and all.

Love, Mom, Dad, Conor & Cathleen

To the fabulous cast and crew, to Mr. Beck, Mr. Schleifer, George, Jesse, Arshia, to the lighting, sound and set designers, musicians, teachers, custodial staff and all the other folks who worked tirelessly to bring this show to the stage-

Bravo!

The Ginsburgs

#### \*Congratulations to the Cast & Crew\*

## **JAMESON -**

We are so proud of you!!!
With your hard work, talent, dedication,
and determination, your future is very bright!!

#### Keep reaching for the stars!!!

Love, Mom, Dad, Stas, Vanya, Katy & Allison











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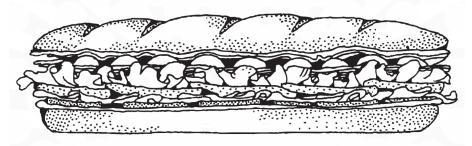
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Audrey,

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Love, Mom & Dad





Congratulations to Ava
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Congratulations **Kira** and the Cast & Crew of Bat Boy We are so proud of you!

Love, Mom, Dad, Julia, James, and Henry

## Congratulations

To the entire cast & crew of BAT BOY for a great show!

#### KIRSTEN

We are so proud of you for your Sock'n'Buskin journey.

We love you so much!

Mom, Dad, Rachel, Daniel & Gabriel



# Congratulations to Lauren, our shining star!



Keep reaching for the moon as you always do.

We love you so much!

Love, Mom, Dad and Rudy



#### **Lucette!**

We are so proud of you always!

Every year you grow as a performer, We cannot wait to see what you do next!



Love you always, Momma, Dad, Pep & Evey







# Congratulations EDWARD PUCHALLA And the entire Bat Boy cast!



## CONGRATULATIONS TO WILLIAM AND THE ENTIRE CAST AND CREW OF BAT BOY!



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