

Showgram

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Chicago: Teen Edition

New Richmond High

School

New Richmond WI

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About Chicago: Teen Edition

In roaring twenties Chicago, chorine Roxie Hart murders a faithless lover and convinces her hapless husband, Amos, to take the rap...until he finds out he's been duped and turns on Roxie. Convicted and sent to death row, Roxie and another "Merry Murderess," Velma Kelly, vie for the spotlight and the headlines, ultimately joining forces in search of the "American Dream": fame, fortune, and acquittal.

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About New Richmond High School

New Richmond High School is home to over 1,087 students, and has a rich history of producing excellent music productions. NRHS offers students opportunities to perform in: Concert Choir, Chorale (Treble Choir), Vocal Jazz Ensemble, Show Choir, Orchestra, Marching Band, Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, & Jazz Band. Over 280 NRHS students participate in a music ensemble, and many others are involved with our dramas and additional fine arts classes.

Special thanks to our supportive administration:

Dr. Troy Miller – District Superintendent

Nichole Benson – Principal

Jeff Swanson – Associate Principal

Lisa Faletti-Watkins – Associate Principal

Austin Junker – Associate Principal & Activities Director

Chicago: Teen Edition

Act I

Scene: One - Chicago, Illinois. The late '20s

"Overture" Pit Orchestra
 "And All That Jazz" Velma & Ensemble

Scene: Two - The Hart Bedroom, Three Hours Later

"Funny Honey" Roxie

Scene: Three - The Jail

"Cell Block Tango" The Merry Murderesses

Scene: Four - The Jail

"When You're Good to Mama" Matron "Mama" Morton

Scene: Five - The Jail

Scene: Six - The Visitors' Area

"Tap Dance" Amos, Roxie, Dancer

Scene: Seven

"All I Care About is Love" Billy & His Gals

Scene: Eight - Billy's Office

"We Both Reached For the Gun" Billy, Roxie, Mary Sunshine, & Reporters

Scene: Nine

"Roxie" Roxie & Her Boys

Scene: Ten - The Jail

"I Can't Do It Alone" Velma

Scene: Eleven - The Jail

"My Own Best Friend" Roxie, Velma, & Ensemble

Act II

Scene: One - The Jail

"I Know a Girl" Velma
 "Me and My Baby" Roxie & Ensemble
 "Mr. Cellophane" Amos

Scene: Two - The Jail

"When Velma Takes the Stand" Velma & Ensemble
 "Razzle Dazzle" Billy & Ensemble

Scene: Three - The Courtroom**Scene: Four - The Courtroom and the Jail****Scene: Five - The Courtroom**

"Nowadays" Roxie

Scene: Scene Six - The McVickers Theatre, Chicago

"Nowadays (cont.)" Roxie & Velma
 "Hot Honey Rag" Roxie & Velma
 "Finale" Ensemble

Cast Members



Amelia Blasing

Velma Kelly

is a senior and she is thrilled to be in "Chicago: Teen Edition"! You may have seen her as Sydney in "Ranked" last year. Amelia has been performing in musicals since she was 8 years old. Some of her recent theater credits include: The Con (Charlie), Seussical (Cat in the Hat) and The Addams Family (Morticia). Outside of theater, she is involved in Show Choir, Jazz Choir, Concert Choir, and WSMA State Honors Choir. Amelia plans on attending UW-Stevens Point next year as a musical theater major. She's so grateful for Mrs. Mealey and everything she's learned from her over the past 4 years. She hopes you have a blast at the show!



Alex Birchhill

Roxie Hart

is a Sophomore who literally can't wait to play Roxie Hart in the astounding musical, "Chicago: Teen Edition"! She's looking forward to performing in front of a large crowd since this is her first big show since being a part of the musical ensemble in "Ranked - a Musical" and playing as Alice from "Alice in Wonderland." Thank you for coming and feel free to boogie in your seats with the amazing musical score!!



Wyatt Wolf

Billy Flynn

is a senior and is excited to be playing Billy Flynn in the production "Chicago: Teen Edition"! This is his 3rd show, so you may have seen him in Seussical the Musical (Horton), or Ranked (Ryan Summers). While doing the musical, Wyatt is also currently managing the football team and participates in Concert Choir, Jazz Choir, WSMA State Honors Choir, and golf. He is so excited to be in Chicago: Teen Edition!



Kamryn Brodie

Matron "Mama" Morton / Ensemble

is a Senior who is stoked to be in "Chicago: Teen Edition"! She performed in the comedic play, "The Con" last year, so this is only her second musical production! She enjoys singing and dancing with the Show Choir and competing in Powerlifting. In her free time she snowboards and twirls in the NRHS Marching Band Color Guard. She plans to attend UW-Eau Claire next year to study Mathematics Education in order to become a future math teacher. She plans to partake in the drama club offered at UWEC as well as their many music groups.



Ryland Hjelman

Amos Hart

is a Junior ebullient about playing Amos Hart in "Chicago: Teen Edition"! He loves performing in the Jazz Choir and Show Choir as well as playing tennis, skiing, playing the French horn, and playing piano. He will also definitely be taking advantage of this opportunity to advertise Chess Club to any student interested.



Nick Jarchow

Fogarty / Harry / Ensemble

is a Senior and is crazy about the fact that we're performing "Chicago: Teen Edition"! After performing as the Grinch from "Seussical" two years ago, and his appearance in "Ranked" last year, he couldn't wait to jump back in and start performing again. Thanks for coming and enjoy!



Alex Modesette

Fred Casely / Ensemble

is a junior who is exhilarated to perform "Chicago: Teen Edition." Last Spring he performed in New Richmond High School's production of "The Con," and this is his first musical. He thoroughly enjoys acting, jazz, and trumpet, all of which will be displayed in this outstanding production.



Mara Clennon

Mary Sunshine / Ensemble

is a junior who is super excited to be playing Mary Sunshine in this year's musical, "Chicago: Teen Edition." This is her second show at NRHS. Off the stage, she enjoys riding horses, running track, traveling, and obviously singing!



Abigail Sauvola

Annie, "Six" / Ensemble

is a Senior who is ecstatic to be in "Chicago: Teen Edition." She's been in every NRHS production over the past four years and also has done theater outside of school since she was eight. Her latest accomplishment includes performing in the 2023 National FFA Chorus at the 96th National FFA Convention in the Indianapolis Colts stadium. After high school she hopes to serve as a Wisconsin State FFA officer and attend the University of Iowa for Cinema, Screenwriting Arts and Journalism.



Sammy Burling

June, "Squish" / Ensemble

is a Junior who is so excited to perform in "Chicago: Teen Edition." This is her second musical; she was also in "Ranked" and in the spring play, "The Con." She is in jazz Choir, Show Choir, Concert Choir and been a dancing for over 14 years. She absolutely loves musical theater. Her hobbies are lifting weights, skiing and singing.



Rain Taylor

Hunyak, "Uh uh" / Ensemble

is a sophomore who is excited to be a part of "Chicago: Teen Edition"! This will be her second musical. Last year she was a part of "Ranked" in the ensemble. Rain has been a competition dancer for the past 11 years. She is also involved in the NRHS Concert Choir, Color Guard, and FFA. She is so excited to be a part of this amazing show!



Elleson Blasing

Liz, "Pop" / Ensemble

is a freshman and is thrilled to be in "Chicago: Teen Edition"! While this is her first show at NRHS, she has been in many different musicals since she was 8 years old. Some of her recent shows have been, Legally Blonde (Elle Woods), and High School Musical (Sharpay Evans). She has also been in dance for 5 years and is in high school Choir.



Cadance Bray

Mona, "Lipshitz" / Ensemble

is a sophomore who is excited to perform in "Chicago: Teen Edition." While this is her first musical, she has been dancing on stage since the age of two. She was in the NRHS production, "The Con," last year, and joined Color Guard with the Marching Band this summer. She also loves to sing and is in her second year in Chorale.



Alaine Moore

Reporter / Ensemble

is a senior and she is delighted to be participating in "Chicago: Teen Edition"! She has been on stage for: "Seussical the Musical," "Ranked," and "The Con." She is also on the high school swim team! She hopes you enjoy the show!



Anna "Frenchie" French

Harrison / Ensemble

is a senior who is excited to be a part of Chicago. They have performed in "Seussical" and have been a part of backstage crew for "Ranked," "The Con," and "The Single Man." They sing in both Concert Choir and Chorale.



Alex Eggers

Kitty / Ensemble

is a junior and is really excited to be a part of this year's production of Chicago: Teen Edition! This is the third musical Alex has performed in. She likes to collect vinyl records in her spare time and has performed in the comedic plays, "Puffs" and "The Con." She also enjoys performing in the Choir and Show Choir at NRHS.



Maria Sachs

Judge / Ensemble

is a Junior who has been performing on stage since they were 8 years old and they are excited to sing and dance in the musical this year. They performed in "Seussical" (ensemble), Puffs (Xavia Jones, Myrtle, Bippy, Frenchie, & Neville), "Ranked" and "The Con."



Ava Bellomo

Clerk / Ensemble

is a sophomore who is thrilled to be in the production of "Chicago: Teen Edition"! Ava has performed in several different shows over the years such as: Sound of Music, Alice in Wonderland, and last year's musical production, Ranked. Ava is involved in many different extracurriculars, including: Treble Jazz Choir, Show Choir, Concert Choir, Band, Drama Club, and plays the piano. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Ruby Powell

Third Reporter / Ensemble

is a freshman performing in her first musical. She is excited to be at the high school where she is also in Choir.



River Markham

Juror 1 / Ensemble

is a freshman who is very excited to perform in "Chicago: Teen Edition." She has loved to sing and perform her whole life. Although this is her first musical, she is thrilled that she gets to sing and meet new people!



Suna Duman

Ensemble

is a senior and is excited to be a part of the ensemble. She is an exchange student from Germany and is really excited for her first musical performance.



Alexis Mechelke

Ensemble

is a Junior and is ecstatic to be in the cast for "Chicago: Teen Edition"! This is their third musical, previously performing in "Seussical the Musical" and "Ranked" as part of the ensemble! She says, "Love all of y'all!"



Mrs. Jodi Mealey

Drama & Music Director, Choreographer

is the choir teacher at NRHS, where she directs the Concert Choir, Chorale (Treble Choir), Jazz Choir, and Show Choir. This is Mealey's 23rd year teaching music, theater, and dance (NY, CO, WI) and her 11th year in the District. She graduated from Viterbo University in LaCrosse and has since continued taking music and theater classes at both the University of St. Mary's and the UW-Madison. Mrs. Mealey has been involved with the NRHS musical productions since 2009 including: Grease, Little Shop of Horrors, White Christmas, Cinderella, You're a Good Man Charlie Brown, Addams Family, Seussical, and the Jerry Award nominated NRHS production, Ranked. In addition to teaching, Mealey also performed professionally for many years. She sang lead roles in operas and musicals, and even toured the Hawaiian Islands as a singer/dancer on the S/S Independence cruise ship. She was also a featured performer with the touring performance troupe, "Kids From Wisconsin," where she met her trumpeter husband, Matt, who teaches alongside her at the high school. Together, they have three amazing children (18, 17, & 15) who all sing and play the trumpet.



Mr. Matt Mealey

Pit Band Director

really enjoys the opportunity to work with the great students here at NRHS, where he is in his 21st year as Director of Bands. Prior to his work in New Richmond, Mr. Mealey was the Director of Jazz Studies at UW-Stout and at the University of Rochester in New York and has also taught trumpet and jazz history at the University of Colorado at Boulder. In addition to his work in education, Mr. Mealey has toured all across the country as a freelance trumpet artist. Performing credits include: lead trumpet for Wayne Newton, the New York Voices, the Irish Tenors, the Temptations, Frankie Valli, the Four Tops, Johnny Mathis, the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra, Mannheim Steamroller, Gap Mangione, Five by Design, and the National Broadway Tours of 42nd Street and Monty Python's Spamalot. He has also appeared as a guest soloist for several high school jazz and concert bands throughout the Country. Mr. Mealey holds a B.M. in Music Education from UW - Eau Claire, and a M.M. in trumpet performance from the Eastman School of Music.



Mr. Randall Pfeifer

Lighting Designer

is excited to share his lighting expertise with New Richmond High School. He has designed for the Zephyr Theater at Stillwater Theater in the Park for both "Mama Mia" and "School of Rock." He has also been the technical director for St. Croix Central Middle and High School which includes shows: "Oliver," "All Shook Up," "Damn Yankees," "Wizard of Oz," "Cinderella," "Annie," "Elf," "Legally Blonde," and "Shrek."



Mr. Stephen Dahle

Collaborative Keyboard Artist

is the choir director at New Richmond Middle School and is the rehearsal accompanist for this production, so you will find him playing piano in the pit orchestra. Some of Mr. Dahle's favorite musicals to have played for are "The Addams Family," "James and the Giant Peach," "Seussical the Musical," and "Legally Blonde." Mr. Dahle has enjoyed working alongside the amazing music faculty in NR and outstanding high school students to make this production top notch. He hopes you enjoy the show!



Mrs. Tiffany Moore

Costume Designer

has been onstage and backstage for the last 40 years. She has been sewing with her grandmother, mother, and daughters her entire life. Moore has taught ASL for the past 23 years. She is currently teaching at both Mahtomedi High School and the University of St. Thomas. She has also designed costumes for the last 5 years at Mahtomedi High School. She resides in New Richmond with her four children and husband. In her free time, she enjoys being outdoors – gardening, hiking, or paddling.



Mr. Jeremy Vogler

Set Construction

is in his 9th year teaching at New Richmond High School, but has been teaching for total of 26 years. He has a Bachelor's degree in Technology Education from UW-Stout and a Masters in Educational Administration K-12 Principalship from UW-Superior. He teaches numerous classes which include: Intro to Engineering, Manufacturing and Design, Wood Tech, Cabinet and Furniture Making, Construction, and Graphic Communications. Previously, Mr. Vogler helped create the sets for plays and musicals at Spooner High School, and he created the set for "Ranked" (NRHS 2022). He is excited to bring his expertise back to our stage.



Mr. Gus Franchere

Assistant Choreographer

Proudly hailing from Chicago, and an NRHS alum, Gus has lent his extraordinary talent to renowned productions such as "La Cage Aux Folles" alongside Ginger Minj, "The Polar Express Live" with Warner Bros, and "The Little Mermaid." A heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Mealey and his beloved mother, the steadfast supporters who've illuminated his path. Get ready to be swept away by an unforgettable musical experience!



Ms. Bella Deschene

Dance Assistant

is a 2022 NRHS alum who performed with the Concert Choir, Drama, Show Choir, and the Dance Team. She sang and danced in "Seussical the Musical" (ensemble) and performed in the play, "Puffs" (Professor Lanny). She was also a guest choreographer on a song for the 2023 Show Choir. She's excited to be able to work with Mrs. Mealey again, along with such a talented group of students.



Lorna Moore

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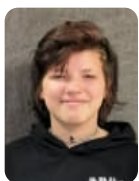
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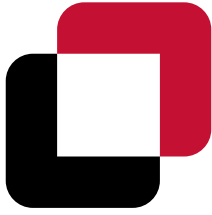
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