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### SYNOPSIS OF SCENES AND SONGS

### <u>ACT I</u>

Overture... The Orchestra

Scene 1: Outside Covent Garden, A Cold Evening in March Why Can't The English....Higgins Wouldn't It Be Loverly?....Eliza, Flower Shop Quartet

Scene 2: Tenement Section, Tottenham Court Road, Later That EveningWith a Little Bit of Luck... Doolittle, Harry, Jamie, Cockneys

Scene 3: Higgins' Study, The Next Day Let a Woman in Your Life....Higgins

Scene 4: Tenement Section, Mid-Day, Several Weeks Later With a Little Bit of Luck Reprise...Doolittle, Harry, Jamie, Cockneys

Scene 5: Higgins' Study, Later That Afternoon Just You Wait...Eliza Poor Professor Higgins... The Servants' Chorus The Rain in Spain...Eliza, Higgins, Pickering I Could Have Danced All Night...Eliza, Mrs. Pearce, Maids

Scene 6: Outside Ascot, A July Afternoon

Scene 7: Ascot, Immediately Following *Ascot Gavotte*... The Company

Scene 8: Outside Higgins' House, Wimpole Street, Later That Day On The Street Where You Live...Freddy

Scene 9: Higgins' Study, Evening, Six Weeks Later

thank them enough. Paige would also like to thank her parents and family for never giving up on her and always telling her to pursue her dreams. Paige would also like to thank her choreographer, Noel, director, Mr. Frick, and her music director, vocal coach, and biggest role model, Mr. Burke, for always believing in her and giving her a love of musical theatre. Most importantly, Paige would like to thank God for all the talent He has given to her and her cast and crew mates. Thank you all again for coming and enjoy the show!



**Briana "Bri" Thie** (Backstage Crew) is a senior at Lutheran High School. This is the 8th show she has been involved in. You may recognize Bri as the chicken/narrator, reporter and fair-goer in *Charlotte's Web* and the police officer/ driver/Green Lake citizen in *Holes*. When not teaching the boys how to use power tools or running through lines, Bri

is playing video games, drawing, singing (alone and unobserved... for now), goofing off with the boys or reading. Bri is hoping to have onthe-job training in the fall. She thanks her ever-expanding friend group for making her feel wanted, her mom for her talent, her dad for her engineering aptitude, and her grandparents for tolerating her shenanigans.





**Dylan Robertson** (Stage Manager) is a senior and this will be his eighth production here at Lutheran High School. Dylan has been involved in shows such as *Seussical*, *Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, and *High School Musical*. Outside of theater Dylan enjoys collecting Pokemon cards, playing games, building model kits,

watching movies and TV, and writing. Dylan plans to attend Ball State University to study Cinematic Arts. Dylan would like to thank his family for encouraging him to do theater and his friends for supporting him throughout the theater process.



**Katie Roe** (Mrs. Higgins) is a senior at Lutheran High School. This will be her eighth show with Saints on stage. Some of her roles included Mrs. Zuckerman in *Charlotte's Web*, Mary Debenham in *Murder on the Orient Express*, and Zigzag in *Holes*. Outside of theatre, Katie enjoys listening to and playing music, reading, art, and all kinds

of fine arts. She plans to attend Ball State University in the Honors College and School of Visual Arts. She would like to thank all of her family, friends, Mr. Burke, Mr. Frick, Noel, and her best friend Ainsley for always being there to encourage her and pushing her to constantly improve.



**Owen Sterling** (Harry) is a sophomore at Lutheran High School. He was in the production of *Music Man* as a town boy. He was in *High School Musical* as one of the jocks, and appeared as Stanley Yelnats in *Holes*. Owen plays soccer and men's volleyball for Lutheran High School. He would like to thank his family, friends, teachers, and

coaches. And he hopes you enjoy the production of *My Fair Lady*!



**Paige Taylor** (Eliza Doolittle) has been a part of Saints on Stage since she was in seventh grade. Her first performance was in *The Music Man* and she has been in productions such as *Suessical* as Jojo, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* as a narrator, and *Holes* as Madame Zeroni. After high school, Paige plans on

pursuing either musical theatre or elementary education at an undecided school. Paige has so many people she would like to thank for encouraging her through these four years of theatre. First, she would like to thank her friends. From her cast and crew mates, to her dance friends, and of course, her best friends; they have stood by her through everything, made this process so much fun, and she can not Scene 10: Transylvanian Embassy Promenade, Later That Evening

Scene 11: The Ballroom of the Embassy, Immediately Following *Embassy Waltz...*The Orchestra

You are cordially invited to a reception for the Queen of Transylvania being held in the Commons.

### <u>ACT II</u>

Entr'acte...The Orchestra

Scene 1: Higgins' Study, 3:00 The Next Morning You Did It...Pickering, Higgins, Mrs. Pearce, Servants Chorus Just You Wait Reprise... Eliza

Scene 2: Outside Higgins' House, Immediately Following On the Street Where You Live Reprise...Freddy Show Me...Eliza, Freddy

Scene 3: Flower Market of Covent Garden, 5:00 In The Morning Wouldn't it be Loverly? Reprise... Eliza, Flower Shop Quartet Get Me to the Church on Time...Doolittle, Harry, Jamie, Cockneys

Scene 4: Higgins' House, 11:00 The Following Morning *A Hymn to Him...*Higgins

Scene 5: The Garden of Mrs. Higgins' House, Later That Morning *Without You*...Eliza, Higgins

Scene 6: Outside Higgins' House, Dusk That Afternoon I've Grown Accustomed to Her Face...Higgins

Scene 7: Higgins' Study, Immediately Following

Curtain Call...The Company, The Orchestra

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but not least, she would like to thank God for giving her the gifts and talents to perform for His glory.



**Nell Miske** (Mrs. Pearce) is a senior at Lutheran High School. This is the tenth show she has participated in at LHS and her seventh on the cast. You may recognize her as a Narrator from *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and Taylor McKessie in *High School Musical*. Outside of theater, Nell loves coaching soccer at St. John

Lutheran School, playing the piano, singing at church, running and jumping in track and field, and making friendship bracelets. Nell is going to attend either Ball State or Taylor University to study English Education to be an English teacher. Nell would like to thank her teachers, family, friends (especially Paige T, Paige M, and Leah), and most importantly God, for supporting her in the most challenging times and never giving up on her.



**Louis Mobley** (Colonel Pickering) is a senior at Lutheran High School. He has been in one other show, *High School Musical*, the musical, as Troy Bolton. He enjoys playing football, playing video games, and hanging out with friends. Louis wants to attend Concordia Chicago and play football for the Cougars. Louis would like to thank his

coaches, family, and his friends for always being there for him and trying to better him in every way. Lastly, he would like to thank God for the blessings He has bestowed on him.



**Evan Peterson** (Prof. Henry Higgins) is a junior at Lutheran High School, and this is the seventh production at Lutheran that he has been involved in as a student. He has previously been in *Charlotte's Web, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Murder on the Orient Express, High School Musical, The Importance of Being* 

*Earnest*, and *Holes*. While not acting, he enjoys 3-D printing, golfing, ringing with his church bell choir, and doing multiple 4-H activities such as rifle, dog obedience, and archery. He is also involved with and enjoys helping build the show sets with his father, who designed them. He would like to thank his mother, who is a huge help in the costuming department, his sister, and his girlfriend, who have all encouraged him through all of his shows and shown him nothing but support. Last, and most importantly, he would like to thank God for giving him the opportunity to take part in these amazing shows.



**Leah Hardiman** (Flower shop Quartet/Cockney) is a senior at Lutheran High School. This will be Leah's ninth show at Lutheran including being on the lights crew, and appearing in *High School Musical* as Gabriella. Outside of theater, you may see Leah laughing with friends, dancing, being outside, running track, and playing soccer. Leah isn't

totally sure where she would like to attend college next fall but knows that she will be majoring in Biology and minoring in ASL. Leah would love to thank her family, coaches, and directors for allowing her the opportunity to be involved in theater and all the other activities she is involved in. She would also like to thank Nell, Paige<sup>2</sup>, and Cade for always pushing her to be the best that she can be and always supporting her in all that she does, and lastly she would love to thank God for giving her all of the opportunities that she has been able to be involved in and gifting her with the many talents she has. Leah hopes you all have a loverly time watching the show!



Lainkho Linga (Ensemble) is a senior at Lutheran High School. She has been in two shows, *Holes* (Tech crew) and *My Fair Lady*. She also loves to be in cheer, choir, and piano here at Lutheran High School. Outside of school she loves to hang out with her friends and family, watch shows, and research more about other topics. She plans on going

to college to study environmental science. Lainkho would like to thank her coach, director, mom, dad, and friends for supporting her during the musical.



**Rebecca Loman** (Mrs. Eysnford-Hill) is a senior and this will be her sixth production here at Lutheran High School. Her first appearance was in *SEUSSICAL the Musical* as a Noolian, followed by *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* as the Blue Narrator, *High School Musical* in the chorus, and *Holes* as The Warden. When Becca isn't on

stage she enjoys being a part of Saints4Life, Fine Arts Academic Super Bowl, doing vocal lessons, and being around the Daycare kids who she says are just like added siblings! Becca isn't quite set on a college just yet, but she wants to be a choir director and possibly a guidance counselor at a school. She would like to thank her parents for believing in her and being by her side every step of the way. She's so grateful for Mr. Burke and wants to thank him for always being there for her and encouraging her to pursue her dreams for the past four years! She would like to thank her friends and especially Teagan for being one of her best friends and for always being her #1 Fan! Last,

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Robert L. Tobey was a US Marine veteran, minister, and Christian Counselor. He was instrumental in establishing Calvary Baptist Church in its current location. He passed away in 2012 and his family established this endowment fund to honor him and to champion the performing arts at Lutheran High School.

### **ABOUT THE SHOW**

*My Fair Lady* is one of the most recognized shows from what many consider to be a Golden Age of Broadway. It is a faithful adaptation of George Bernard Shaw's acclaimed play, Pygmalion, borrowing much of its dialogue from the original play while also elevating the production with many memorable songs. It was composed and written by the team of Lerner and Loewe, who are also known for Camelot and Brigadoon. When it debuted, My Fair Lady received 6 Tony awards, and the film version earned 8 Oscars. Notably, Audrey Hepburn lost the Best Actress award to Julie Andrews (for Mary Poppins). It had been controversial at the time that Andrews was not cast in the role of Eliza, even though she originated the role on Broadway, because she did not have the star power that Audrey Hepburn had. Even more controversial, including to Hepburn herself, was the fact that Audrey Hepburn's singing ended up being dubbed by another actress, which was a common practice for movie musicals at the time. There have been four revivals on Broadway, as well as numerous regional, community, and educational theatre productions. Several of the musical's songs are recognizable even by those outside of the theatre community, and have been covered by many artists. This production is the first time Lutheran High School has produced My Fair Lady.

### **DIRECTOR'S NOTE**

On the surface, *My Fair Lady* is perhaps a bit of a modernized version of the classic rags to riches, "Cinderella" story. But when one digs deeper, there are a great many more layers to it. Written as a social satire of modern British life by the leading dramatist of his time, George Bernard Shaw, the story of Eliza Doolittle's rise on account of the instruction in language she receives from phonetician Professor Henry Higgins, has entertained audiences for more than a century; a claim that very few stories can make.

What many appreciate about *My Fair Lady* is its realistic portrayal of characters who work together but also experience tension, perhaps romantically, but mostly socially. The British concept of social class was still very rigid in Shaw's era, even though in even the most strict societies the lines and expectations of lower, middle and upper classes have been blurred considerably. In spite of changing social norms in the last 100+ years, *My Fair Lady* has withstood the test of time. Higgins' attitude toward Eliza, or women, or those in a lower social class than him, are very rough, but the audience can't help but be amused by his stubbornness and lack of self-awareness.

The Christian can perhaps relate with these Higgins-like qualities, as Saint Paul states in Romans 7:15-17 "I do not understand what I do. For I do not do the thing that I want, but I do the very thing I hate." As sinners and Saints, we are constantly caught in the tension of knowing what we should do or not do, but we end up doing the exact opposite. Our lives are a constant struggle of sinning, repentance, forgiveness and reconciliation. It is debatable whether Higgins and Eliza find that reconciliation with each other, but unlike in a lot of musical theatre, we know that not all stories have a happily ever after.

It has been such a joy to bring this classic piece of theatre to life on stage for our students and audiences. I thank each and every person who helped with this show, in ways big and small, to help continue the standard of excellence for which Saints on Stage has become known. Our students' and volunteers' continued commitment and effort have been what has made this program what it is.

Enjoy the Show!

Matthew T. Frick Director

### **CAST BIOGRAPHIES**



**Jaekwon Akins** (Jamie) is a senior at Lutheran High School. He has been in three different shows, including *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* as Issachar and *High School Musical* as Jason. He also enjoys being involved in youth politics, being with family and friends, and listening to multiple genres of music including *a cappella*, pop, and

rap. Jaekwon wants to attend Yale University to study political science. Jaekwon would like to thank his director and coaches for allowing him to do multiple activities during the winter season. He also wants to thank his family, and the boys for the support in school work, theatre, sports and life. Lastly, he wants to thank God for giving him all the gifts he has received in life.



**Cree Atkins** (Alfred Doolittle) is a senior participating in his eighth show at Lutheran. Cree's previous shows include *The Mouse That Roared, Seussical, Charlotte's Web, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Murder on the Orient Express, High School Musical,* and *Holes.* Outside of theater, Cree enjoys bowling, being with his friends,

relaxing, and taking spontaneous action. Cree will continue his theater career outside of high school, at which time he will go to college at IU Bloomington. As of right now, Cree would like to thank Noah, his mom, his dad, and all of his friends. Cree would also like to thank Mr. Frick, Mr. Burke, and all his other teachers for helping him grow as a person. The other people that Cree wants to thank know who they are... As always, Cree thanks God for doing what God does. Until next time, enjoy the show!



**Elliott Cook** (Bartender, Butler, Footman) a senior, may look new to the Saints on Stage, but he first appeared in *The Music Man* as a Jr. Saint (Band Member). He is now back for his second production, *My Fair Lady*. Since his first production, Elliott has been involved in the Lutheran High School soccer team, as well as a high level club

soccer team, captaining the school team this past season. He likes hanging out with my friends and playing video games and independently studying philosophy and psychology. Elliott is looking to play soccer in college (undecided), and wants to major in English and maybe go study law after that. Elliott would like to thank his Mom and Dad, for the support, freedom, and encouragement to be the best he can be, and to his sister, teammates, all his friends, and his dog, Cricket.