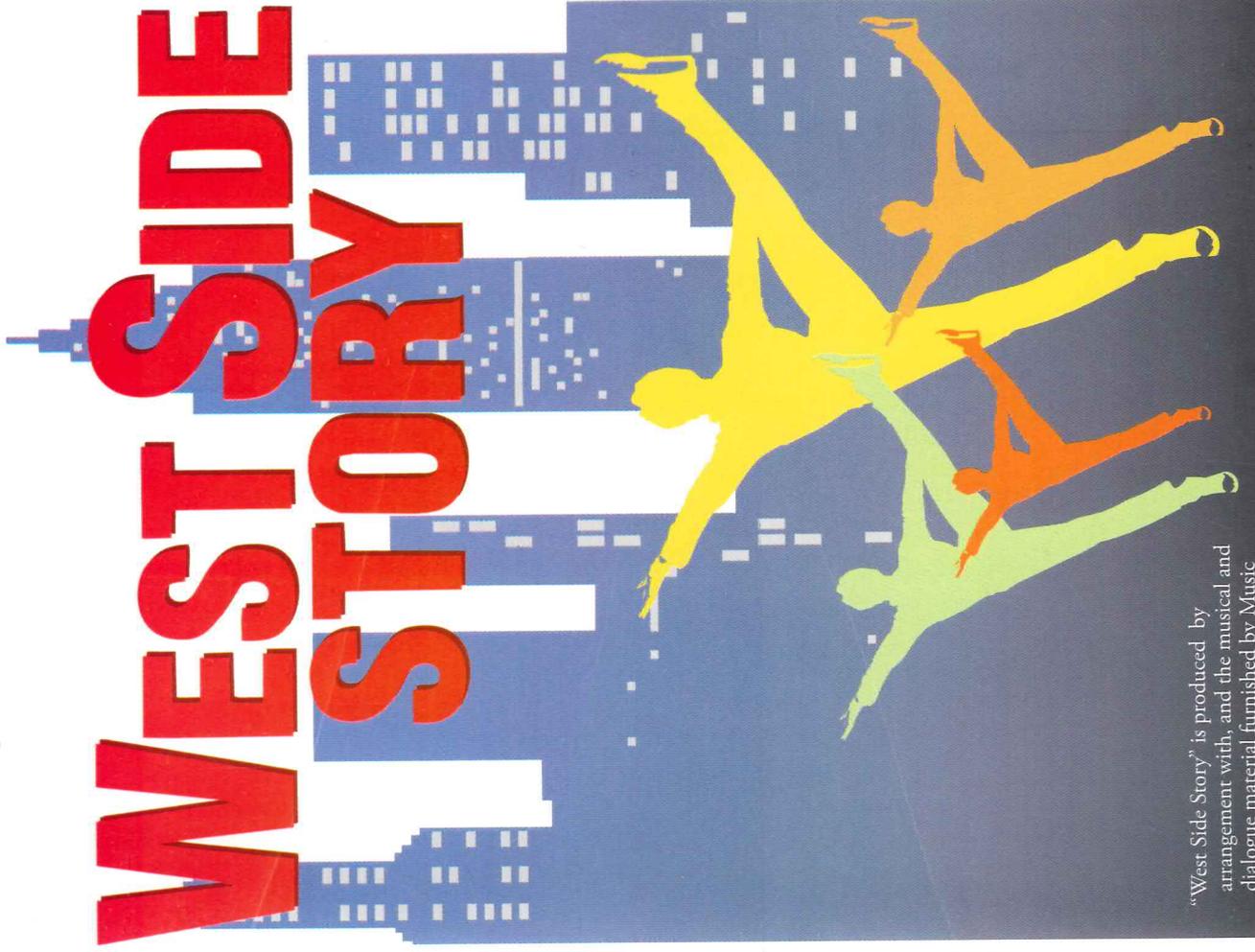


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presents

WEST SIDE STORY



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2006 Life Member Inductees

Pat Jamieson

Pat first appeared on stage in *South Pacific* in 1977. She has been on stage in *Mac & Mabel*, *The King & I*, *The Sound of Music*, *Best Little Whore House in Texas*, and *My Fair Lady*. She has also assisted backstage and done make-up for various shows. She is a Director on the MHMT Board.

Tom Rooke

Over the years Tom's involvement with MHMT has included acting, directing, set design and construction, lighting & sound, and Board member. He performed in *Cabaret*, *Crazy for You*, *The Mikado*, *My Fair Lady*, and *Chicago*. He directed *Jesus Christ Superstar* and co-directed *My Fair Lady* and *Gypsy*. He will be directing *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* in May, 2007.

Ron Zablocki

Ron has been an avid supporter and an active member of Medicine Hat Musical Theatre for 40 years. In 1977 he appeared on stage as *Luther Billis* in *South Pacific*, and since then has been an executive member of the Board for many years. He was elected to the Board in 1978, served as President in 1980-1981; Secretary in 1985; returned to the Board in 2002 and has been President since 2003. Success of Musical Theatre is dependent on the volunteers. Without them it would never happen. A big thank you goes out to Ron and those like him.

President's Message



Greg Martin is new to Medicine Hat Musical Theatre and the Board is extremely pleased with the team that Greg has assembled for this year's production. There are some familiar faces and some new and exciting talent. The backstage crew has a mixture of familiar faces as well. With a lot of the *bugs* resolved after a year of operation in the Esplanade, everyone is looking forward to a flawless production.

The talent in Medicine Hat continues to rise to the challenge each and every year that Medicine Hat Musical Theatre goes into production. This year is no exception. Please sit back and enjoy *West Side Story*.

Welcome to this year's Medicine Hat Musical Theatre's production of *West Side Story* at the Esplanade. We, the board, cast, and musicians are extremely excited to present to you a production that is a classic. The songs are familiar to all. The story is about love, heartache, and big city life.

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Director's Message

I am pleased to say that *West Side Story*, one of the most critically acclaimed musicals, is being presented on the Medicine Hat stage. *West Side Story*'s acclaim comes from its incredible music and lyrics and the power of its story. Based on William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, *West Side Story* uses the timeless message of star-crossed lovers caught between prejudice and hate. These themes make it just as relevant today as it was over five hundred years ago.

In 1977 and 1980 I was privileged to be a member of *West Side Story*'s cast under director, Dick Mellis, a founding alumni member of Medicine Hat Musical Theatre. Having been in a number of musicals I have always considered *West Side Story* my favourite and have thought about one day directing the show myself. A year and a half ago that effort began, and now the fruits of that labour is realized in this Medicine Hat Musical Theatre's production.

I would like to thank Medicine Hat Musical Theatre for their support and commitment to providing audiences with outstanding community theatre.

Thank you to the production team who worked closely together to meet the challenges presented by this show. To successfully produce this show you must be prepared to work hard, dedicating yourself to hours of preparation and labour. Your dedication was outstanding.

West Side Story is a production that challenges its cast. When that challenge is met, the cast are rewarded with a memorable experience, and I am proud to say that this cast has succeeded. I would like to thank the cast for their hard work, their commitment to one another and their desire to do their best at all times. This is a cast of some experienced actors and many newcomers and I can say that I am so proud of all of them.

I would like to also say a huge thank you to our families who sacrifice their time with us so that we can do something that we all love, theatre.

Thank you too, to our audience who come to support our efforts. Your response to our humble craft is a blessing and encourages us to keep working hard to entertain those who recognize the contributions culture makes to our community.



Band *left to right*
 Jeff Shin, Marlene Semrau, Dr. Ken Blair, Dr. Bill Taylor,
 Chad Pitcher, Heather Schlichting, Val Brower,
 Ken Wahl, Jina Shin

seated
 Joelle Steabner, Elaine Nelson

Makeup & Hair



Back Row

Lynda Darley,
 Makeup Head

Laurel Klimaszewski,
 Costumes

Misty Leismeister,
 Hair

Kimberly Gee,
 Hair

Front Row

Lynn Weisgerber,
 Makeup

Karen McKay,
 Makeup

Kendee-K Hammel,
 Hair

Denise Yeast,
 Hair Head

Backstage Crew



Back Row

Derrick Ironside,
 Sets

Bill Pringle,
 Sets

Ron D'Appolito,
 Sound

Jorg Bigran,
 Sets

Front Row

Darlene Martin,
 Sets

Berna Kinch,
 Sets

Jessica Bjornson,
 Sets

Jacquie Clarkson,
 Sets

Madonna Deruigh,
 Props

Jonathon Northcott,
 Lighting Design

Cast

Joey Sabourin Tony
Cara Legare Maria
Gail Whitten Anita
Mike Waskalik Bernardo
Rob McManus Riff
Dave Townsend Schrank
Ray Hoger Glad Hand
Gordon Kosmick Doc
Phil Bygrave Krupke

Jet Girls

Jane Hayes Pauline
Tristan Edmundson Laverne
Kristina Iwork-Gasdon Minnie
Denise Hoger Clarice
Courtney Gillingham Ramona
Cyrina Townsend Graziella
Lorel Grad Velma

Jet Boys

James Mac Donald Snow Boy
Lane O'Brien Action
Liam Hagel Big Deal
Jonathan Northcott Diesel
Tielor VanRiper A-rab
Sandy Marsh Anybodys
James McLean Baby John

Shark Girls

Crissy Hadden Margarita
Nicole Shupe Francisca
Terri Simpson Rosalia
Samantha Braitenback Consuelo
Megan Sawatsky Estella
Jessica Kroft Teresita

Shark Boys

Fernando Moreno Luis
Luc D'Ippolito Chino
Cody Melynychuk Indio
Brandon Eggleston Pepe
Johnny Kletzel Anxious
Jendry Brito Toro

The basis for *West Side Story* is Shakespeare's *Romeo & Juliet*. The love story of *Romeo & Juliet* becomes that of *Maria & Tony* in 1950/1960's New York. The feud between the houses of the Capulets and the Montagues is re-created involving two teenage gangs. Riff and the Jets are an all-white street gang at war with Bernardo and his Puerto Ricans (the Sharks) over control of their mutual neighbourhood.

Musical Numbers

— ACT I

Jet Song Riff, Jets
Something's Coming Tony
Maria Tony
Balcony Scene Maria, Tony
America Anita, Rosalia, Shark Girls
Cool Riff, Jets
One Hand, One Heart Tony, Maria
Tonight Jets, Sharks, Anita, Tony, Maria, Riff, Bernardo

— ACT II

I Feel Pretty Maria, Consuela, Rolalia, Francisca
Ballet Sequence Tony, Maria
Somewhere Girl
Gee, Officer Krupke Jets
A Boy like That & I Have A Love Maria, Anita
Finale Maria, Tony



Jane
Hayes,
Pauline

Tristan
Edmundson,
Laverne

Kristina
Twork-Gasdon,
Minnie

Denise
Hoger,
Clarice

Courtney
Gillingham,
Ramona



Jet Girls

Cytrina
Townsend,
Graziella

Lorel
Grad,
Velma

Crissy
Hadden,
Margarita

Nicole
Shupe,
Francisca

Gail
Whitten,
Anita

Terri
Simpson,
Rosalia

Samantha
Braitenback,
Consuelo

Megan
Sawatsky,
Estella

Jessica
Kroft,
Teresita



Shark Girls



Joey
Sabourin,
Tony

Cara
Legare,
Maria



Gail
Whitten,
Anita

Mike
Waskalik,
Bernardo



Rob
McManus,
Riff



Dave
Townsend,
Schrank

Ray
Hoger,
Glad Hand

Gordon
Kosmick,
Doc

Phil
Bygrave,
Krupke

James
McLean,
Baby John

Sandy
Marsh,
Anybodys

James
MacDonal,
Snowboy

Liam
O'Brien,
Action

Liam
Hagel,
Big Deal



Jet Boys

Tielor
VanRiper,
A-rab

Jonathan
Northcott,
Diesel

Fernando
Moreno,
Louis

Luc
D'ippolito,
Chito

Cody
Melynychuk,
Indio

Brandon
Eggleson,
Pepe



Shark Boys

Johnny
Kletzel,
Anxious

Jendry
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Toto



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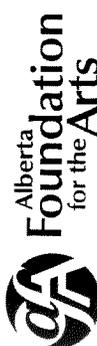
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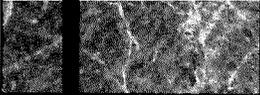
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