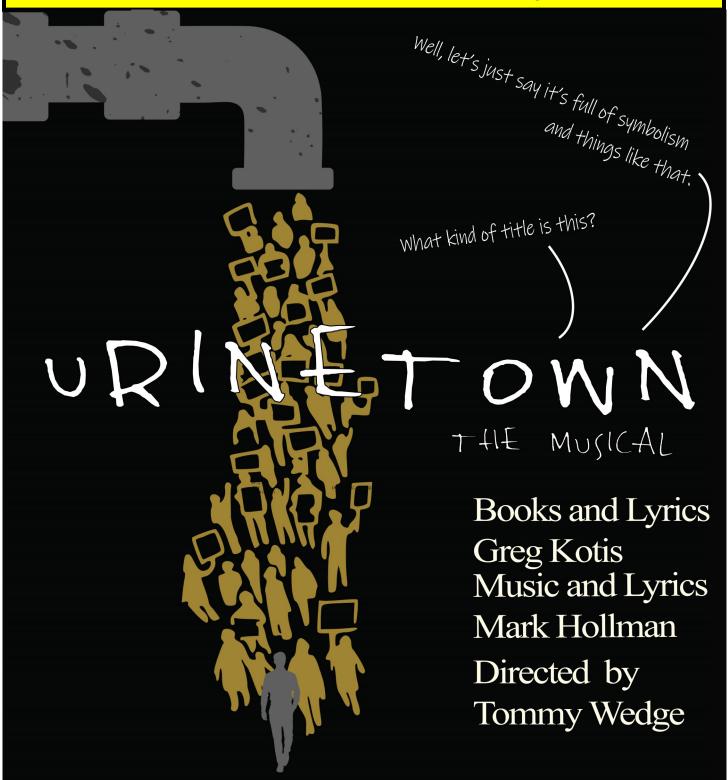
# Virtual Show Program

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# **URINETOWN**

Music and Lyrics by Mark Hollman Book and Lyrics by Greg Kotis

URINETOWN was produced on Broadway in September, 2001 by the Araca Group and Dodger Theatricals in association with TheaterDreams Inc., and Lauren Mitchell.

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Assistant Director

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Peggy Mead-Finizio

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Lighting Designer

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Jim Hohmeyer

Fight and Intimacy
Choreographer

Tommy Wedge

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Peggy Mead-Finizio

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Dr. Norman Wika

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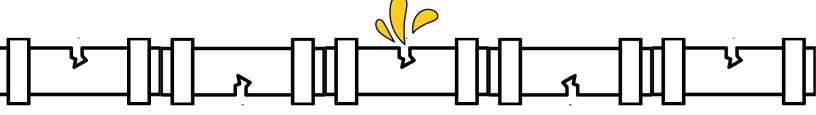
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# ACT 1

**PRELUDE** 

**URINETOWN** 

PRIVILEGE TO PEE

PRIVILEGE TO PEE (LOCKSTOCK'S REPRISE)

MR. CLADWELL

**COP SONG** 

FOLLOW YOUR HEART

LOOK AT THE SKY

DON'T BE THE BUNNY

ACT ONE FINALE

# ACT 2

WHAT IS URINETOWN

SNUFF THE GIRL

RUN, FREEDOM, RUN

FOLLOW YOUR HEART (REPRISE)

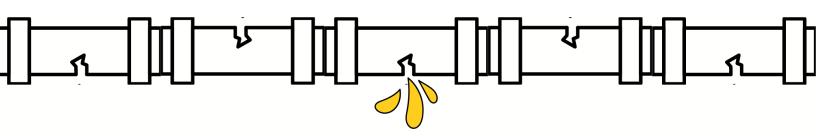
WHY DID I LISTEN TO THAT MAN

TELL HER I LOVE HER

WE'RE NOT SORRY

I'M NOT SORRY (REPRISE)

I SEE A RIVER



# Cast

OFFICER LOCKSTOCK	SCOUT MCCULLOCH*
LITTLE SALLY	JENNA GLAZIER
BOBBY STRONG	NOAH JOHNSON
HOPE CLADWELL	LEXIE SCHULTZ*
PENELOPE PENNYWISE	MEGAN MEYER
CALDWELL B. CLADWELL	LUCAS WHITLOCK
OFFICER BARREL	DANA SAMALIK*
OLD MAN STRONG/SENATOR FIPP	ERIC DURETTE*
JOSEPHINE STRONG	EMMA PICHAN
MCQUEEN	DAIJA THORNTON
LITTLE BECKY TWO-SHOES/MRS. MILLENIUM	KATE HUDKINS
TINY TOM	BRAYDEN JARVIS
SOUPY SUE	ISABEL LOSA*
HOT BLADES HARRY	HOLLY GREIF
DR. BILLEAUX	ALEX VANDERHYDE
ROBBY THE STOCKFISH	TAYLOR HOWARD
BILLY BOY BILL	PHILIP HILLMON II
UGC EXECUTIVE	LILA DUVENDAK*

# **COP ENSEMBLE**

CHRISTIANA GUERRA-SCHULTZ, JAY HILL, TAYLOR HOWARD, EMMA KOCH, ISABEL LOSA\*,

REBECCA O'BRIAN, EMMA PICHAN, DAIJA THORNTON,

ALEX VANDERHYDE (UNDERSTUDY)

#### **POOR ENSEMBLE**

LILA DUVENDAK, WENDY GONZALEZ, REBECCA O'BRIAN, ALEX VANDERHYDE,

DAIJA THORNTON (UNDERSTUDY)

## **URINE GOOD COMPANY ENSEMBLE**

HOLLY GREIF, WENDY GONZALEZ, EMMA KOCH, DANA SAMALIK\*

# **Musicians**

CONDUCTOR	DR. NORMAN WIKA
SOPRANO / ALTO / BARITONE SAXOPHONE	MADISON RICHARDS
TROMBONE / EUPHONIUM	MASON SZAGESH
PIANO	RYAN DAVIDSON
BASS	ERIK GILLETTE
DRUMS/PERCUSSION	SETH BEARDEN

# **Production Team**

**DIRECTOR** TOMMY WEDGE **CHOREOGRAPHER** PEGGY MEAD-FINIZIO MUSIC DIRECTOR DR. NORMAN WIKA VOCAL COACH SHERRI ANGELOTTI VOCAL COACH JIM HOHMEYER ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ABBEY KUHNS\* ASSISTANT CHOREOGRAPHER **ZOE GILBERT\*** SCENIC DESIGNER **JERRY DENNIS** LIGHTING DESIGNER LUCAS INMAN\* SOUND DESIGNER **ERIC DURETTE\*** PROP DESIGNERS ISAAC PEASE

HALIE KRASINSKI
COSTUME DESIGNER

MAKE-UP AND HAIR DESIGNER

FIGHT/INTIMACY CHOREOGRAPHER

PRODUCTION MANAGER

STAGE MANAGER

HOUSE MANAGER

BRIELLE' MYLES-WILLIAMS

ABBEY KUHNS\*

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ABBEY KUHNS\*

DREA BROWN\*

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ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

MENTOR TO STUDENT DESIGNERS AND CREW

MENTOR TO STUDENT THEATRE MANAGEMENT

KELLY HELMREICH
PEGGY MEAD-FINIZIO
TOMMY WEDGE

# **Production Crew**

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SHANIA CLYNICK
VERONICA VOZNIAK
FOLLOW SPOT OPERATORS

JORDAN ROSE
DILLEN BUILDING

SOUND BOARD OPERATOR
COSTUME CREW

DILLEN PHILLIPS
SAM GLATFELTER
THOMAS STREET

# A Note from the Director -

Welcome to *Urinetown* - the musical!

After four long years, it's great to be back with a musical here on the Malcolm Field stage. After such a long wait filled with anticipation and anxiety, *Urinetown* seemed the perfect fit for the moment: a show about serious topics that refuses to take itself seriously. It pointedly satirizes musical theatre while shamelessly celebrating it. It criticizes the corporate state as harshly as it mocks populist protest. It is irreverently silly yet deadly serious. And it's one of the funniest musicals I've ever seen. I'm so privileged to have such a dedicated and talented team of student actors, designers, and technicians to bring it to life.

For a musical embracing such opposites, it made sense to choose a duality for my directorial concept as well: gleaming distortion vs rusted reality. I was also inspired by two pieces of digital artwork from my friend and colleague, **Dr. Phillip Hanson** of SVSU's Art Department. I loved their homage to film noir while brimming with an internal conflict between clean, crisp lines and crooked, curved distortion. You'll see its influence throughout the show, most explicitly in the endless UGC tower that inexplicably distorts and ends upside down on the opposite side of the stage.

But enough about me, you have come to see, what it's like when people can't pee free. So on with the show!

-Tommy Wedge





I've constructed these visual concepts by combining digital painting with the AI tools Midjourney and Dall-E 2, merging the captivating charm of film noir with lavish and foreboding interiors reminiscent of atmospheric sci-fi settings, such as those in Ridley Scott's Blade Runner. The mesmerizing, low-lit, spacious environments seamlessly combine a feeling of old-world magnificence with futuristic elements, characterized by tall ceilings, rich textures, deep spaces, and complex pattern.

# Lexie Schultz Scout McCulloch **Noah Johnson** Jenna Glazier

# **Production Spotlights -**

Hope: Lexie Schultz (she/her/hers) is a fourth-year senior double major in Music and Theatre here at SVSU. She is so excited to return to the Malcolm Field Theatre for a final time as a student in *Urinetown*! She was recently seen in the Open Jar Institute's College Showcase in New York City, *Very Berry Dead, The Effect of Gamma Rays.., Tiny Beautiful Things, Silent Sky*, as well as many others. She would like to thank the entire cast, crew, production team as well as her friends and (most importantly) her family for their unconditional, earth-shattering love and support over the last four years and beyond.

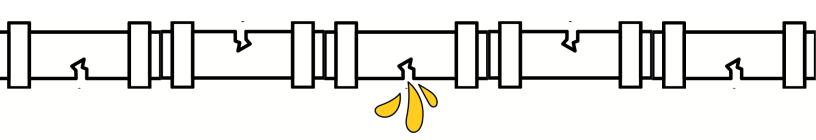
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**Officer Lockstock:** Scout is a second-year Communication and Theatre Education major. She is thrilled to be back on the Malcolm Field Theatre stage for SVSU's production of *Urinetown*! In the past, Scout has been seen in *Very Berry Dead* as Scat, *The Effect of Gamma Rays...* as co-prop designer, and *Tiny Beautiful Things* as Letter Writer #2. She would like to thank

and *Tiny Beautiful Things* as Letter Writer #2. She would like to thank everyone in *Urinetown* for continuously encouraging her throughout this process. Finally, Scout would like to specifically thank her parents who have been cheering her on since day one! Have a blast watching the show!

**Bobby:** Noah is a first-year Political Science major, and *Urinetown* will be his second show with SVSU! Previously, you may have seen him as Officer Sims in *Very Berry Dead*. He has also played several roles as a part of Lake Orion High School's Troupe 2898, including Macbeth from *Macbeth*, Chip from the *25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, and Mr. Advice from *The Marvelous Mr. Advice*. Noah would like to thank everyone that contributed toward making this show happen, including the audience!

Little Sally: Jenna Glazier is a junior at SVSU studying Environmental Science. *Urinetown* is her sixth on-stage production with the SVSU Theatre Department including *A Doll House, Joan: the Girl of Arc*, and Shakespeare's *Macbeth*. Jenna would like to thank the department for giving her the opportunity to be involved in a musical once again. She would also like to thank her friends that are graduating this year for all of the laughs and memories that will last a lifetime.





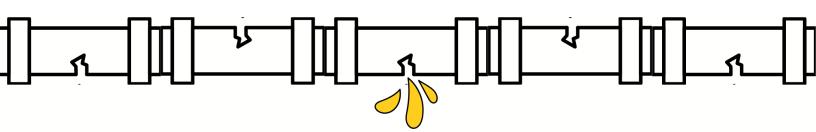
Penelope Pennywise: Megan Meyer graduated from AMDA NYC in 2012. She has been on Broadway, Off-Broadway, and dinner theatres in Orlando. In Michigan, you have seen her as Mrs. Wormwood in *Matilda*, Evita in *Evita*, Maureen in *Rent* and Sally Bowles in *Cabaret*. Some of you may remember casting a vote for her in *Chicago the Musical*'s top 10 Search for Roxie on Broadway. Other theatre credits include: Princess Fiona in *Shrek the Musical*, Claire in *Proof*, Nora in *A Doll House* and more. "I would love to thank my mom and dad for their continued support, my amazingly talented Fiancé for believing in me, and my beautiful daughter, Mia, for giving me motivation to be my best self. I love you all."

Website

Caldwell B. Cladwell: Lucas is a first-year Occupational Therapy major. *Urinetown* is his first show at SVSU, and he is super excited to be a part of this wonderful cast. He has been in many theatre productions through his high school and community theaters. He would like to thank his friends and family as well as the SVSU theatre department for giving him this wonderful opportunity. He looks forward to working with the theatre department over the next few years.

Officer Barrel: Dana is a first-year Communication and Theatre Education major. She is so excited to be a part of this production of *Urinetown*! Before this production, she was seen in SVSU's performance of *Tiny Beautiful Things* and *Very Berry Dead*. She has loved participating in the theatre program at SVSU and has been delighted to work with such a fantastic cast and crew. She would like to thank her friends and family for their endless support throughout her career; she wouldn't be here without them! Enjoy the show!

Senator Fipp/Old Man Strong: Eric Durette is a first-year Theatre and Criminal Justice major with a focus on Pre-Law. Eric's past SVSU theatre experience has been Sound Designer for *Tiny Beautiful Things*, Sound Assistant for *The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds*, and Co-Sound and Assistant Media for *Very Berry Dead*. Eric would like to thank the department for giving him an opportunity to act and still continue his love for designing. Eric would also like to thank Dana, Emma, Paige, and Alex for always being cool cats.



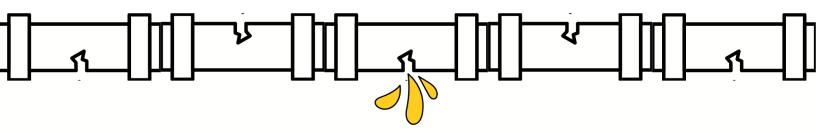


Josephine Strong: Emma is a Theatre Major with a focus on directing, and a triple minor in Musical Theatre, Creative Writing, and Sociology. This is her first show at SVSU and one of the first times she gets to play a woman! Emma just came from playing Percy Jackson, in the *Percy Jackson Musical*, at Pit & Balcony! She would like to thank her father Cameron for raising her in the world of theatre and for all the support she's received from her boyfriend Wesley, and best friend Abigael. Huge thanks to Percy's protector, one of Emma's closest friends, and talented actor, Grover (Niki).

Little Becky Two-Shoes/ Mrs. Millenium: Kate is a third-year Business Management and Administration major and Musical Theatre minor. *Urinetown* is Kate's second production at SVSU following Bay City Players *A Childs Christmas in Wales* in December, and SVSU's Production of *Animal Farm* in 2021. Kate's love for singing at a young age sparked her interest for the stage. Ever since her first play *Peter Pan* in first grade, her love for theatre only grew. She wants to thank her parents, grandparents, siblings, boyfriend, and friends for their unending love and support throughout her career. Enjoy the show, and welcome to *Urinetown*!!!!!

**McQueen:** Daija is a sophomore studying pre-health at SVSU, and this is her third show. You may have seen her in *The Effect of Gamma Rays...* as Janice Vickery or in *Very Berry Dead* as Chris. In *Urinetown* she plays McQueen who is a very expressive character. She would like to thank all of her fellow cast mates and friends for encouraging her an making it a fun experience. She would also like to thank her family and friends for cheering her on as she discovers her love for theater.

Hot Blades Harry: Holly is a senior Theatre major with a double minor in Musical Theatre and Communications and is thrilled to be on the Malcolm Field stage one last time as Hot Blades Harry. She has been seen onstage several times during her college career as Emilie in *Emilie*, Blodeuwedd in the audio production of *Unraveling Magicians*, Mollie in *Animal Farm*, Win in *Top Girls*, and many more. She is also very active in her sorority Alpha Sigma Alpha where she is currently the Special Events Chair. Holly would like to thank her parents and her boyfriend for being her biggest supporters as she continues to follow her dreams and Dave, Tommy, and Peggy for making the SVSU Theatre Dept. her forever home.





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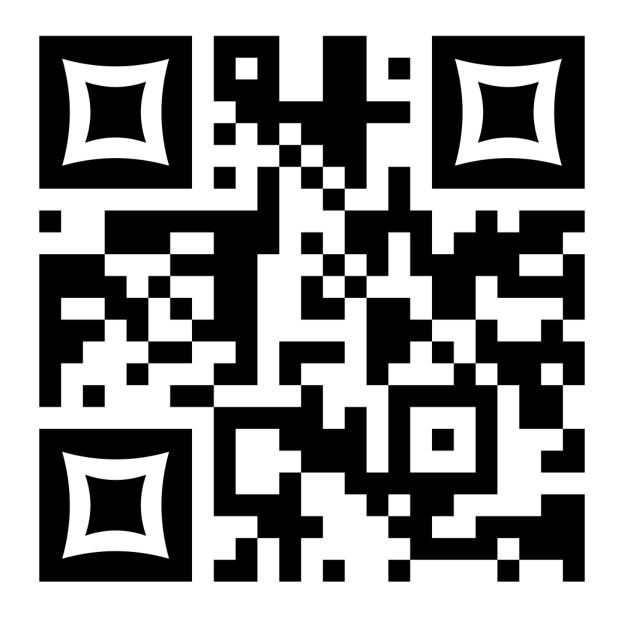
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