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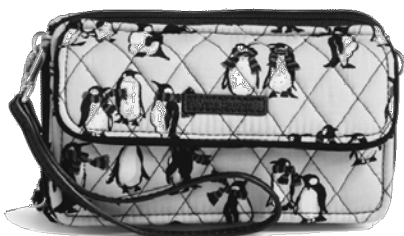
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Dear Friends of Geneva's Theatre Productions:

Welcome to Geneva Community High School's performance of *Into the Woods*, music & lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and book by James Lapine. Our cast, crew, pit orchestra, and directors have devoted themselves to the creation of this production; we truly appreciate their inspired performances and dedication. Their continued commitment to the musical theatre program underscores the rich tradition of excellence and success in our performing arts endeavors.

I invite you to support our theatre programs through membership in the Geneva High School Theatre Boosters. They enrich our students' experiences by making things like this playbill possible and have been enhancing our theatre program with other "extras" for many years now. They would welcome your help.

Thank you very much for your attendance as loyal patrons of Geneva High School's theatre productions throughout the year. I hope you will join us for our remaining production, the Viking Revue, in April. We hope you enjoy the performance this evening.

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Notes From The Director

The story behind *Into The Woods* is both magical and realistic. The central characters try to escape from everyday reality into a world of experiences where their fondest expectations are granted; they then hope to resume their lives in the real world where they believe that they will live happily ever after.



Sondheim and Levine guide us through the darker side of fairy tales as they explore the pain that accompanies becoming an adult, acknowledgement of social responsibility, and the core values that we choose to instill in our children. Music and libretto combine to create a tale of lost innocence, desire, and the choices that shape our destiny. Yet, in the end, those remaining are left with renewed hope for a sense of purpose that has now been dramatically altered.

It has been my extreme pleasure to work with such a talented cast, crew, and pit orchestra, and, as this is my last show at Geneva High School, I celebrate with you, devoted theatre patrons, the passion, devotion, and enthusiasm that these young people have for their craft. Now, please lean forward and engage!

Roxanne M. Curtis-Director

The Theatre Boosters would like to thank Mrs. Curtis for her 38 years of dedication, teaching our students and keeping the school stage alive with her musicals each spring and Viking Revue in April! Enjoy your retirement, and we will be looking for you in the auditorium seats next year!

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Musical Numbers

Act I

"Act One Prologue" Narrator & Company
"Cinderella at the Grave" Cinderella, Cinderella's Mother
"Hello, Little Girl" Wolf & Little Red Riding Hood
"The Spell is On My House" (Reprise) Baker & Baker's Wife
"I Guess This is Goodbye" Jack
"Maybe They're Magic" Baker & Baker's Wife
"Maybe They're Magic" (Reprise) Baker
"I Know Things Now" Little Red Riding Hood
"A Very Nice Prince" Cinderella & Baker's Wife
"First Midnight" Company
"Giants in the Sky" Jack
"Agony" Cinderella's Prince & Rapunzel's Prince
"A Very Nice Prince" (Reprise) Cinderella & Baker's Wife
"It Takes Two" Baker & Baker's Wife
"Second Midnight" Witch, Cinderella's Prince, Rapunzel's Prince,
Stepmother, Florinda, Lucinda
"Stay with Me" Rapunzel & Witch
"On the Steps of the Palace" Cinderella
(with Jack & Little Red Riding Hood in 2002 revival)
"Act One Finale" Narrator & Company

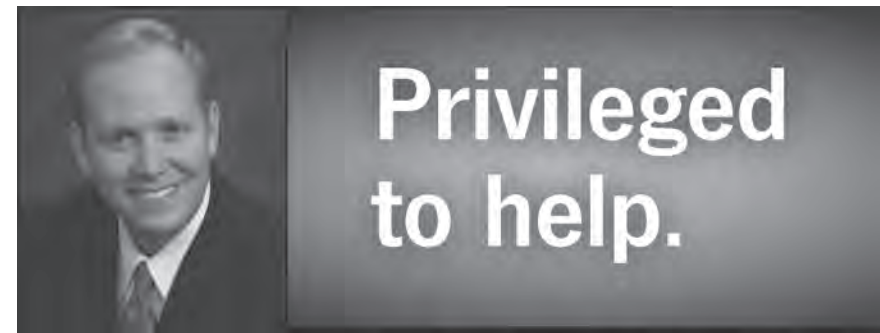
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Musical Numbers

Act II

"Act Two Prologue" Narrator & Company
"Agony" (Reprise)..... Cinderella's Prince & Rapunzel's Prince
"Witch's Lament" Witch
"Any Moment" Cinderella's Prince & Baker's Wife
"Any Moment" (Reprise) Cinderella's Prince & Baker's Wife
"Moments in the Woods" Baker's Wife
"Your Fault" Jack, Baker, Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood & Witch
"Last Midnight" Witch
"No More" Baker & Mysterious Man
"No One is Alone (Part 1)" Cinderella & Little Red Riding Hood
"No One is Alone (Part 2)" Cinderella, Baker, Little Red
Riding Hood & Jack
"Act Two Finale" Company



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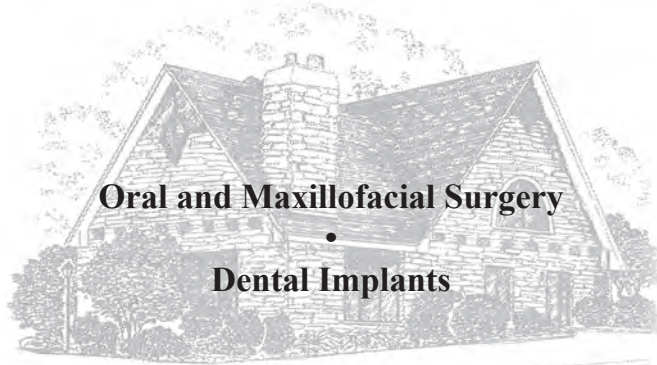
Synopsis

James Lapine and Stephen Sondheim take everyone's favorite storybook characters and bring them together for a timeless, yet relevant, piece... and a rare modern classic. The Tony Award-winning book and score are both enchanting and touching.

The story follows a Baker and his wife, who wish to have a child; Cinderella, who wishes to attend the King's Festival; and Jack, who wishes his cow would give milk. When the Baker and his wife learn that they cannot have a child because of a Witch's curse, the two set off on a journey to break the curse. Everyone's wish is granted, but the consequences of their actions return to haunt them later with disastrous results.

One of Sondheim's most popular works, *Into the Woods* is a musically sophisticated show with the opportunity to feature actors adept at dark comedy. Designers will especially enjoy highlighting the fantastical elements of this magical word.

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Cast List



Narrator	Reed Anderson
Cinderella	Ariela Policastro
Jack.....	Nathan Castagna
Jack's Mother	Maggie Hendrian
Milky White.....	Aaron Tschetter
Baker	Jediah Nims
Baker's Wife.....	Lucy Smith
Cinderella's Stepmother.....	Ana Powell
Florinda	Annika Chrusciel
Lucinda	Addie McDonald
Cinderella's Father.....	Sam Sennett
Little Red Riding Hood.....	Lilly Nowak
Witch	Megan Styrna
Cinderella's Mother.....	Alli Hardin
Mysterious Man	Tristan Morgan
Wolf	Noah Hanlon
Granny.....	Rebecca Joos
Rapunzel.....	Carrie Ostergard
Rapunzel's Prince.....	Jakk Barrett
Cinderella's Prince.....	Noah Hanlon
Steward	Nicolas Amat
Giant	Rebecca Joos
Snow White	Ella Horvath
Sleeping Beauty.....	Sydney Nitschke



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VIOLIN II

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Nicolas Amat (*Steward*) - Nicolas is a freshman at Geneva High School. He is very excited to be a part of *Into the Woods* and is honored to be part of such a talented cast. He is extremely grateful to his parents and his older sister for introducing him to music and theatre. He has had an amazing time being part of the show, and he hopes everyone enjoys it.



Reed Anderson (*Narrator*) - Reed, also known as Reesh by those close to him, hopes you enjoy the show. When not at musical practice, Reesh likes to procrastinate with his school work, beat his Dad at foosball, spend too much money on cardboard, and get piggyback rides from Jediah Nims. Reesh is sad that two seniors, Jediah Nims and Jacob Miller, who welcomed him into the theatre program at the high school, will not be there next year. He would like to thank them for the help they have given him and the experiences that he will never forget. So from the bottom of his heart, thank you! He would also like to thank his parents for their help with running lines and running him back and forth to practices. He hopes that you enjoy the show!



Jakk Barrett (*Rapunzel's Prince*) - Jakk is a senior at GHS and is super pumped to be cast as Rapunzel's Prince in this production of *Into the Woods*. Last year he was in *Hello, Dolly!* which was his first musical at the high school. Jakk will be attending SIUE next fall to major in exercise science. He would like to thank his friends, parents, and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis for their strong encouragement to play this role!

EMMA GRACE CHRUSCIEL

"There's a million things I haven't done. Just you wait, just you wait."

We're so proud of you for playing in the pit...only 999,999 new things left to try in life! It's been a joy to watch you perform in a variety of shows & concerts over the past 4 years at GHS. We love you so much and can't wait to see what the future holds for you after graduation.

Mom, Dad, Annika, Sadie, & Lucy



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Nathan Castagna (*Jack*) - Nathan is a sophomore and is thrilled to be a part of *Into the Woods*. Nathan has been in *Into the Woods* two other times as the Baker and the Wolf. Most recently Nathan was seen in *Shrek the Musical* (Shrek), *Les Misérables* (Jean Valjean), and *Mary Poppins* (Bert). He has also worked professionally in productions of *Cheaper by the Dozen* and *Christmas on Broadway*. In his free time, other than theatre, Nathan does homework because that is all he has time for. He would like to thank the cast, crew, and creative team for all their hard work, and he would like to thank his friends and family for all their support.



Annika Chrusciel (*Florinda*) - Annika is a sophomore at GHS and has loved every second of going "into the woods and out of the woods" as part of this show! Her fourth time performing on the GHS stage, she has most recently been seen as the Wicked Witch in *The Wizard Of Oz*, Tinkerbell in *Peter Pan*, and Minnie Fay in last year's spring musical *Hello, Dolly!* Annika would love to thank Mrs. Curtis, Mr. Frederick, Ms. Toledano, the techies, and every member of her incredibly talented cast for working so hard to bring these performances together. She appreciates your support of the arts, hopes you enjoy the show, and reminds you to never wear mauve at a ball!



Noah Hanlon (*Wolf/Cinderella's Prince*) - Noah is a junior at GHS.

Pit Band -

Without you, it would just be a bunch of actors trying to dance in rhythm and sing on key! Your work and talent is greatly appreciated! You are the best!!

Your Disney Mom, Monica Hardin



Cast Bios



Alli Hardin (*Cinderella's Mother*) - This will be Alli's third and final show here at Geneva High School, and she is very happy to be here. Alli is playing Cinderella's Mother in this production of *Into the Woods*. She's very grateful for the last three years of high school theatre, and all the years of theatre before that, but this is by far her favorite show she's been in. Alli is going to nursing school next year at Loyola University in Chicago, but she hopes to continue with theatre in college. Alli sings in the Varsity and Jazz Choirs here at GHS and also plays violin in the chamber orchestra. Alli will continue her musical studies after graduation. She hopes you enjoy the show, and the fact that she isn't wearing a wig this year because her hair is a natural color and no longer purple! Thanks for coming out!



Maggie Hendrian (*Jack's Mother*) - Maggie is a junior at Geneva High School and is thrilled to be in her third musical here at GHS. Maggie is no stranger to theatre having been involved in various performances as part of the cast, crew, director team, and audience (but thankfully no more than two roles at once). Some of her favorite shows include *Mary Poppins*, *Beauty and the Beast* (twice), *Peter Pan* (twice), *Hello, Dolly!*, and *Les Misérables School Edition*. When not at rehearsal, performing, or thinking about theatre, you may find her singing, reading, or eating popcorn. She would like to thank Mrs. and Mr. Curtis, Ms. Toledano, Mr. Frederick, Kyle, the tech crew, and her extremely talented cast for making *Into the Woods* one of the best experiences yet! She would also like to thank Lizbeth, her amazing voice teacher, and her family for putting up with her constant disappearance while at rehearsal and for being a supreme support system (what an alliteration). Enjoy the show!!!

Jediah, It's definitely bittersweet (apropos for a baker) watching you in your last musical at GHS. We've been so proud of you in all your rolls, er, roles over the years. Now you're ending on a really sweet note as the Baker, and like a freshly baked loaf of bread, we're sure you'll rise to the occasion. Congrats!

Love, Mom and Dad

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Ella Horvath (*Snow White*) - Ella is only in the show for a hot second, but you will be STARSTRUCK by her immeasurable abilities to stand in the background and forget her few dance moves. In all seriousness, she had a blast seeing her friends kick butt in this rockin' show, and tonight you will too!



Rebecca Joos (*Giant/Granny*) - Rebecca is excited for her first and final production with Geneva High School. She'd like to thank all her GIANT fans whose support has blown her away, and she hopes you remember that not all giants are dumb.



Addie McDonald (*Lucinda*) - Addie is a sophomore, and this is her first time being in a production at Geneva High School. Her favorite roles include the Queen of Hearts in *Alice and Wonderland Jr*, Narrator in *Cinderella Jr*, and a Disciple in *Godspell*. She wants to thank her family and friends for supporting her and putting up with her constant singing.

Congrats, *Ben*, on being in your first high school pit orchestra! We are so proud of your hard work and dedication—keep it up!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Braden & Ryan

Jakk,

You've been our Prince from the moment we saw you! You've worked so hard—enjoy every minute on stage.

With love and pride,
Mom, Dad and Ryan

Into the pit! Good luck pit band, break a leg! *Veronica*

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Tristan Morgan (*Mysterious Man*) - Tristan is a senior at Geneva High School and is completely psyched to be taking part in his last production at Geneva High School. In the past, he performed in Geneva High School productions of *My Fair Lady* and *Hello, Dolly!* as well as a production of *Beauty and the Beast* through Elevate Ministries at Chapel Street Church. Outside of theatre, Tristan enjoys playing, watching, and debating hockey, watching movies, and hanging out with his friends. He would like to thank Mrs. Curtis, Ms. Toledano, his wonderful family and fantastic friends for all their support. Enjoy the show!

Good luck, Sam!
The Eikums



We are proud of you, Sam!
Gma & Gpa



Jediah, I'm so lucky to have gotten to watch you grow as a singer and actor over the past 4 years. I'm glad to have bonded over theatre with you, and I hope to see you continue pursuing it after high school because you're extremely talented. Break a leg!

Love, Anika



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Jediah Nims (*Baker*) - Jediah is a senior at Geneva High School. He's been in many shows over the course of his four years at the school, but he is especially excited to be playing the role of the Baker in his final endeavor. He would like to thank Mrs. and Mr. Curtis for putting so much of their time into making this musical great, and gives a special shout out to Paul Curtis for that time he was hit in the head with a Christmas ornament while it was being thrown around the auditorium. Lastly, he wants to say thank you to his son, Reesh Anderson, and apologizes for feeding his addiction to Diet Mountain Dew. Peace out and enjoy the show!



Sydney Nitschke (*Sleeping Beauty*) - Sydney is a junior at GHS.



Lilly Nowak (*Little Red Riding Hood*) - Lilly is a freshman and is so thrilled to be a part of her first high school musical production! Lilly fell in love with theatre at a very young age and has been performing ever since. Some of her favorite roles include Annie (*Annie & Annie Warbucks*), Gertrude Mcfuzz (*Suessical*), Pocahontas (*Pocahontas*), Frenchie (*Grease*), and Liesel (*The Sound of Music*). Lilly would like to thank Mrs. Curtis and the amazing cast for all of their hard work. She would also like to remind the audience that "nice is different than good." She hopes you enjoy the GHS production of *Into the Woods*.

ANNIKA ROSE CHRUSCIEL

We're thrilled you're back onstage for this year's musical! Who knew that the preschooler who was scared to even stand in front of an audience would end up loving the stage?! We love you and are so proud of you!

Mom, Dad, Emma, Sadie, & Lucy



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Carrie Ostergard (*Rapunzel*) - Carrie is both super excited and sad to be in her last theatre production here at Geneva High School. She is a senior this year and will be pursuing a degree in music education at Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois. Some of her favorite previous roles include Mayzie in *Seussical*, Mother Abbess in *The Sound of Music*, and the ensemble in *Hello, Dolly!* She would like to thank the theatre boosters, the amazing directors, the incredible cast, pit, and crew, and her friends and family for all of their support!

Jediah, I can't wait to be in the show with you!
When do auditions start?
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Luke,
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Ariela Policastro (*Cinderella*) - Ariela is a senior here at GHS. She is thrilled to be playing the role of Cinderella in her last high school show. Ariela was previously seen as the Duchess (*Alice in Wonderland*), Irene Malloy (*Hello, Dolly!*), the Bird Woman (*Mary Poppins*), and has been a part of many more productions. Musical theatre has become an important part of Ariela's life over the years, as well as the people who came with it. "Thank you" is too small of a phrase to truly show how grateful she is to her director, choreographer, dance captain, friends, and family (who put up with her constant singing). Next year, Ariela will major in Music Education in hopes of becoming a high school choir teacher and, in turn, direct many shows of her own to give back to the community that has given her so much.

Lucy,
You've changed. You're daring.
You're different in the woods!
We are so proud of you.
Enjoy these moments!
Love, Mom, Dad and Hank

Ethan, we are extremely proud of you. All of your hard work and dedication shows in every show. Keep up the great work.
Love, Mom, Dad, Evan, and Ian



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Ana Powell (*Cinderella's Stepmother*) - Ana is excited to end her senior year as the Stepmother! She has participated in the spring musical since her freshman year. She would like to thank Mrs. Curtis, Ms. Toledano, and Kyle for their great work and dedication these past four years.

Have a great night, Snow White! We love to watch you perform!
Thanks to all the cast for a wonderful show.
Love, Ella's Fans



From *Peter Pan* to *Into the Woods*, *Claudia*, we've enjoyed hearing you play these last four years. We love seeing the joy music brings to your life. Don't ever stop. We love you and are so proud of you.
Mom, Dad and Andrew



Alli - 4 wonderful years! Thank you for stepping up and being strong.
Love you, your family! Dad, Mom and Josh



Belle - I love you to the moon and back. Can't wait to see what the next 4 years bring!!
Mom



Aaron: Moo, moo, moo! We love you! Have a great show and enjoy yourself!
Mom & Dad



We love you, *Brandon*! Have a great time and look # but don't b flat!
Mom & Dad



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Sam Sennett (*Cinderella's Father*) - Sam is a sophomore at GHS. Whenever he gets the chance to be in the musical that his school produces yearly, he takes that chance! This year was no different. He had endless amounts of fun working on this play and being up on stage with all of his friends. For past musicals, he was Ewart Dunlop (*Music Man*) and Cogsworth (*Beauty and the Beast*). If he's not working on schoolwork, you will probably see him playing video games, talking with his friends, or watching Youtube/Netflix. He really hopes you enjoy the show!

Congratulations *Ariela* on an amazing high school drama run; you make the Policastro Tribe very proud! Break a leg on your last high school musical - we love you!!
Mom and Dad (your biggest fans)



Have fun, *Sam*! Can't wait for the show!
Mom & Dad



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Lucy Smith (*Baker's Wife*) - Lucy is a senior, and she spends far too much time in the music hallway and the auditorium. Although she is bittersweet about her final musical at GHS, she is very happy to have shared it with this cast and crew. Lucy spends her time drinking chai and studiously avoiding her homework for as long as she possibly can. She has recently been in *Alice in Wonderland*, *Hello, Dolly!* and *Noises Off* at Geneva, as well as performing in the community. Lucy would like to give a huge thanks to Mrs. Curtis, Ms. Toledano, and Kyle Donahue for all of their help in putting together this amazing show.



Megan Styrna (*Witch*) - Megan is 17 and a junior this year. She is very passionate about theatre, the environment, and the art of witchcraft. She was recently seen in *Fantasticks* (Luisa), *Alice in Wonderland* (Alice), and *Hello, Dolly!* (Dolly). She has always dreamed of playing an old haggard witch and hopes to retain some of the lessons she attempts to convey to the audience. She would like to thank her friends, family, and everyone who contributed to the show. Enjoy your trip *Into the Woods!*

Rachael-Way to go Peanut on another fantastic show! Love you!! Mom and Dad



Tristan-We are so proud of all your hard work. Break a leg in your final Geneva musical.
We love you, Mom, Dad and Caitlin



Best of Luck to *Keilan McCann* and the entire cast and crew of *Into the Woods*.
Love, Mom, Dad and Keira



Lilly- Congratulations on your first high school musical production! It is always such a joy to watch you perform! And, here is to hoping that you will always remember how important it is to heed your Mother's advice;) Ha!
Love, Mom, Dad and Charlotte



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Aaron Tschetter (*Milky White*) - Aaron is currently a junior. He has studied under Lizbeth Reszel for seven years and regularly participates in recitals with Reszel Voice Studio. Previous roles include a clerk and an ensemble member in GHS' 2017 production of *Hello, Dolly!* Aaron is a member of the GHS Varsity Choir.

Marie, We love you and the beautiful music you make.
Have fun.
Love Mom, Dad, Amy and Becca



Maggie-So happy to watch you shine as you go *Into the Woods!*
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Love, Dad, Mom, Sam, Hannah, Erin, and Joey



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Reed, we can't wait to see the show! We are so proud of you.
BTW - Watch out for the Giant!
Love, Mom, Dad and Marcella



We are so proud of you *Nik*! Looking forward to hearing your unique sounds from the Pit Orchestra!
Love, Dad and Mom



Carrie - We are so proud of you and all that you have accomplished at GHS! It is hard to believe that this journey is coming to an end but can't wait to see what the future holds for you. *Love, Mom, Dad and Matthew*



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