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Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School

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Members of McAuley's "Oklahoma!" cast and crew include (back row, left to right) Katie Smith, Aishling Pembroke, Brian Walsh, Jim Radomski, Keith Ashe, John Williamson, Russell England, (middle row, left to right) Kara Fleharty, Melissa Boylan, Diane Haberkorn, (front row, left to right) Korynn Ryan, Sabrina Nodal, Meaghan Moran, Fiona Lane, Maggie Omastiak, Kathleen Katsikeas, and Jessica Caddigan. The actors, dancers, costume crew, stage crew, tech crew and assistant directors are all McAuley theatre students and boys from many of the local high schools.

McAuley to present "Oklahoma!"

Tickets are on sale now for Mother McAuley's high spirited performance of "Oklahoma!" This toe-tapping, knee-slapping, energetic musical will open on Thursday,

November 19 at 7:30 p.m., with additional shows on Friday, November 20 and Saturday November 21 at 7:30 p.m., and on Sunday, November 22 at 3 p.m.

The show will be performed in the McAuley Auditorium, 3737 W. 99th Street, Chicago. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased by calling Theatre Director Pat Haynes at 773-881-6512.

Set in the Oklahoma Territory in 1906, “Oklahoma!” tells the story of cowboy Curly McLain and his romance with farm girl Laurey Williams. The show is the first musical written by Rodgers and Hammerstein and features a classic score including *Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin’*, *Surrey with the Fringe on Top*, and *Out of My Dreams*.

The two casts are made up of McAuley theatre students and boys from many of the local high schools. In the lead roles of Laurey and Curly will be Katie Smith of Oak Lawn and Sam Malone of Beverly, and Brian Walsh and Shea Pender. Kelsey Philippi of Morgan Park and Michaelen Christakos of Evergreen Park will play the role of loveable Aunt Eller while Diane Haberkorn and Aishling Pembroke of Oak Lawn will play the role of Ado Annie Carnes. Rounding out the cast are Jim Radomski and Nick Scully as Will Parker; Tim Jones and Leo Allen as Jud Fry; Russell England and John Williamson as Ali Hakim; and Matt Goosehearst and DeShaun Peters as Ado Annie’s father Andrew. Other roles include Meaghan Moran of Evergreen Park and Armi Grace Cortes of Bridgeview as Gertie Cummings; Maggie Omastiak of Oak Lawn and Kathleen Katsikeas of Lemont as Ellen; and Sarah Menke of Evergreen Park and Kara Fleharty of Oak Lawn as Kate. Lead dancers include Katie Cronin and Ashleigh Cortes of Beverly as Dream Laurey, Joe Alfano and Bill Sullivan as Dream Laurey, and Kykle Kempczynski as Dream Jud.

The production staff for the show gives generously of their time and works with students with a sense of professionalism and passion. Led by Patricia Haynes, the production staff includes Assistant Directors Jessica Caddigan of Oak Lawn, Colleen Healy of Bridgeport, Christine Jakes of Palos Heights, Sabrina Nodal of Beverly and Korynn Ryan of Mt. Greenwood.

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