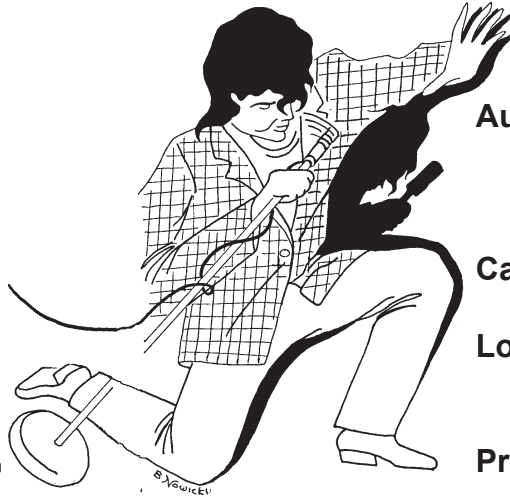




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ACUITY and the Arts  
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# Theatre **Bulletin** **Auditions**

## *Bye, Bye Birdie*



**Auditions:**

Monday, August 18

4:00 pm - Teenagers 17 & under

6:30 pm - Adults

**Callbacks:**

Tuesday, August 19, 6:30 pm

**Location:**

Leslie W. Johnson Theatre

Horace Mann Middle School

**Production Dates:**

September 26-October 4, 2008

"*Bye, Bye Birdie*" is the great 50's musical about rock and roll, teen idols, misunderstood kids and the parents who try to cope with it all. It's a big, colorful musical comedy from one of the greatest periods of the American musical and which now represents a fun-filled nostalgic trip back to the Eisenhower years.

The story is very reminiscent of an actual event from that period. When a big rock star is drafted into the army, a wild publicity stunt is designed which has the singer bid a typical American teen-age girl goodbye with an all-American kiss. The effect on the teens and their parents when Conrad Birdie arrives in Sweet Apple, Ohio, is not to be believed! The chaos resulting in the home of Kim MacAfee, the girl to be kissed, is compounded by the jealousy of her boyfriend. All of which is set against the romantic plight of Conrad's mild-mannered agent and his fiancée who's been waiting eight years for a wedding ring.

As it is a big musical, *Birdie* requires a large cast of 50 to 65 people. In addition to principal parts for 3 men and 3 women, there are strong speaking roles for one teenage female, one teenage male and a 10 year old boy. The show also requires not just one old-fashioned musical chorus, but two: one of adults and the other of teens.

**Rose** - Smart, confident but sensitive and warm, she's the hard-working, fiery and go-getting secretary and fiancée of Conrad's agent. A real leading role, she sings and dances through no less than 7 numbers.

**Albert** - Conrad's meek and mild-mannered agent who is nonetheless quick-witted and ingenious but definitely under the thumb of his mother. A huge acting part requiring singing and dancing with approximately 4 numbers.

**Kim MacAfee** - Vivacious and popular teenager who flirts with rebelliousness and fluctuates between being a little girl and a young adult. A big singing and dancing part with 7 numbers.

**Conrad Birdie** - A stereotypical rock and roll teen idol who is insensitive, egotistical and just this side of being a hoodlum in a comical way, but who can set hearts thumping - 3 songs.

**Mr. and Mrs. MacAfee** - Kim's parents who are involved in 7 big numbers. His is a very funny character part of a father who gets no respect, while hers is that of the hurried but understanding mother, trying to keep father and daughter happy.

**Hugo** - Kim's shy and awkward but jealous boyfriend. A non-singing role, but involved in the teenagers' numbers.

**Randolph** - Kim's very precocious 10 year old brother, involved in 2 or 3 numbers.

*More audition information on back...*

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### AUDITION INFORMATION CONTINUED...

**Mrs. Peterson** - Albert's complaining, smothering and suicide-prone mother. A fabulous non-singing character part of a stereotypical ethnic mother.

**Teen-Age Chorus** - 10-15 boys and 10-15 girls who sing 3 big numbers and provide back-up for at least 2 others. Some girls will also be featured in other songs.

**Adult Chorus** - 10-12 men and 10-12 women who play various parts including parents, TV crew people, reporters, train personnel, etc. any of whom will be in between 2 and 6 numbers.

Though auditions do imply some competition, the process is made as pleasant as possible. Direction is given along the way and people need not fear that they will in any way be embarrassed. All those auditioning should bring sheet music and be prepared to sing an upbeat musical comedy tune of no more than a minute or a minute and a half. Auditions will also include reading from the script and some movement.

Over a six-week period there will be approximately 28 rehearsals, the majority of which will be Monday through Friday, 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. There will be two weekend rehearsals on the afternoons of September 20 & 21. Chorus books and a limited number of scripts for the show are available at the Theatre Company's office in the Community Recreation Department. A deposit of \$15 for chorus books and \$25 for scripts is required. They may be picked up Monday through Thursday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. but must be returned by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, August 15.

Questions, call Director of Theatre Ralph Maffongelli at 920/459-3779.

## July 4th Parade 2008

The fourth of July parade was a huge success. Not only did we have a great turnout of participants but the signs, costumes, props, make-up, candy, brochures and the giant birthday cake added to the festivities. A special thank you goes to Jenna Albrecht, Don and Karen Held, Nan and Stephanie Gibson, and Christy Zimmermann for the extra effort and help they gave to this event. Also a thank you to Leo Schneider for the use of his truck.

Those involved with the parade had fun and did a wonderful job in boosting the awareness of STC. Thank you to Jenna Albrecht, Ariannah Albrecht, Altheana Albrecht, Neil Beaton, Indigo Beilfuss, Michelle Bestul, Alexandra Blindauer, Dorothy Block, Jonathan Block, Ben Buchanan, Ellen Cheney, Mike Eberhardy, Amy Eberhardy, Sirena Eberhardy, Chris Fontaine, Nan Gibson, Stephanie Gibson, Maria Giannopolis, Conner Giles, Andy Hanke, Karen Held, Karen Herman, Veronica Hilke, Deb Kelm, Clark Kirst, Angela Landgraf, James Landgraf, Fred Leverance, Allie Macknick, Hilary Mayer, Brenna Montgomery, Melissa O'Connell, Sharon O'Connell, Sara Pittner, Sophia Pittner, Elizabeth Plotka, Kathy Pluskat, Samantha Pool, Mariette Rose, Sara St. Thomas, Lynn Schultz, Aaron Schmit, Laurel Seagren, Deb Stache, Randy Stache, Bob Wade, Holland White, Christy Zimmermann for being a part of the parade. It is truly a blessing to have FORTY-NINE people represent STC.

From the bottom of my heart, and as a board member of STC, I want to again say thanks for your support in the parade.

Jackie Blindauer

## 3rd Annual Theatre Company Festival & Flea Market

Saturday, August 9

8:30 am - 7 pm

at Horace Mann

Questions - call Dustin  
at 459-3149