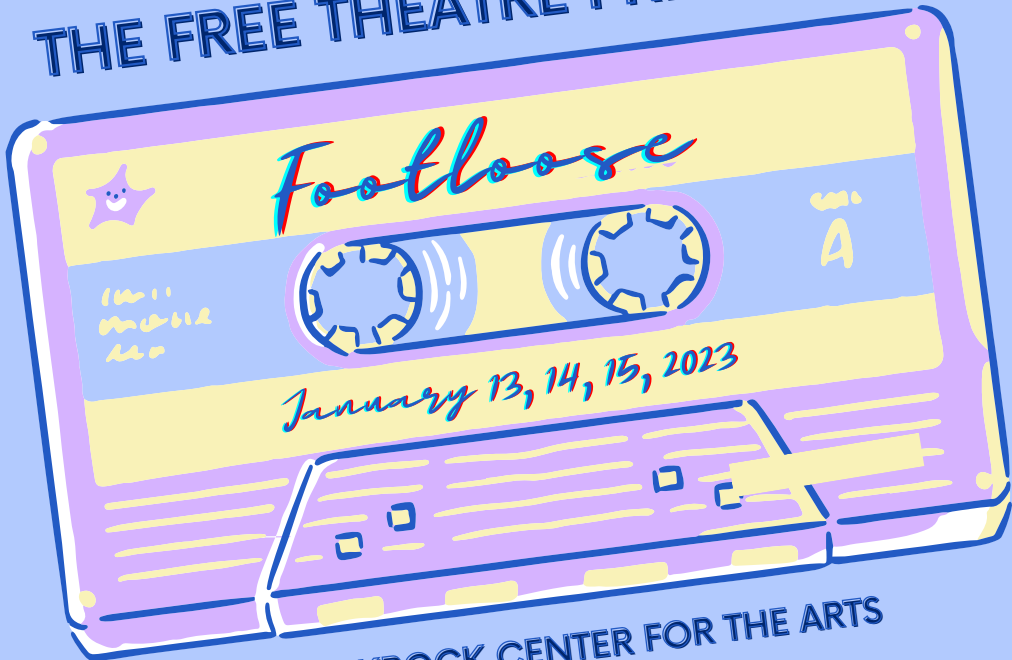


THE FREE THEATRE PRESENTS...



AT BLACKROCK CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Stage Adaptation by Dean Pitchford and Walter Bobbie

Based on the Original Screenplay by Dean Pitchford

Music by Tom Snow

Lyrics by Dean Pitchford

Additional Music by Eric Carmen, Sammy Hagar,

Kenny Loggins and Jim Steinman

Produced in part by Free Range Humans

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About the Free Theatre

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All of our shows have been directed, choreographed, stage-managed and designed by high school students. Adults, professionals in all aspects of theater, are present as resources, advisors and mentors to students, as well as serve on an advisory board to the company. The Free Theatre has existed completely on individual donations and grants since our inception.

We are currently looking for new avenues to keep us fully funded so that all students, regardless of financial means, may continue to attend tuition-free.

About Footloose

The story of "Footloose" is both universal and timeless, the 1984 film (directed by Dean Pitchford) spoke to an entire generation through energetic music and flashy choreography.

At its core, however, is a story about grief and the ways we present that grief to others. Both Ren and Reverend Moore grieve outwardly in ways that change Bomont and create a generational divide. Their grief presents itself as many things; Puritanical repression, unrelated semantics, and controlling behavior towards those close to them. The resolution of the show can only occur when Ren and Reverend Moore confront their complex feelings towards the past and each other head on, turning their grief into a cathartic and joyous dance.

People of all ages latched onto "Footloose" as an expression of their feelings. Each song is filled with a buoyant energy that captures the heart of every listener in a fashion that is truthful and sincere. This sincerity of emotion is what keeps people returning to "Footloose" and what keeps the story relevant to this day. I hope this show brings you as much healing and expression as it has done for me.

~ Molly Carson, Dramaturg



Musical Numbers

Act One

Footloose/On Any Sunday	Company
The Girl Gets Around	Chuck, Ariel, Travis, Lyle
I Can't Stand Still	Ren
Somebody's Eyes	Company
Learning To Be Silent	Vi, Ethel, Ariel
Holding Out For A Hero	Ariel, Rusty, Wendy Jo, Urleen, Dancers
Somebody's Eyes (Reprise)	Rusty, Wendy Jo, Urleen, Chuck, Travis, Lyle
Heaven Help Me	Shaw
I'm Free/Heaven Help Me	Company

Act Two

Still Rockin'	Cowboy Bob, Kids
Let's Hear It For The Boy	Rusty, Kids
Can You Find It In Your Heart?	Vi
Dancing Is Not A Crime	Ren
Mama Says	Willard, Bickle, Garvin, Jeter, Ren
Mama Says (Encore)	Willard, Bickle, Garvin, Jeter, Ren
Almost Paradise	Ren, Ariel
Heaven Help Me - Reprise	Shaw
Can You Find It In Your Heart? (Reprise)	Shaw
Finale	Company

Cast List

Kids

Ren McCormack
Ariel Moore
Rusty
Urleen
Wendy Jo
Willard
Chuck Cranston
Lyle
Travis
Jeter
Bickle
Garvin
Cowboy Bob
Cowgirl

Elijah Beeler
Magy Kamavu
Olivia Maguire
Naomi Conteh
Jen Jeon
Jonah Haddock
Quinn Creel
Danny House
Nate Kauffman
Bash House
Milo Dowling
Sonia Thanicatt
Bash House
Hailey Baker

Adults

Rev. Shaw Moore
Vi Moore
Ethel McCormack
Lulu Warnicker
Wes Warnicker
Principal Clark
Burger Blast Owner
Coach Dunbar
Eleanor Dunbar
Cop

Nathan Campbell
Elia Silbey
Molly Carson
Avery Hook
Danny House
Lingwen Xu
Chase Pasekoff
Milo Dowling
Samantha Person
Lingwen Xu

Swings:
Jen Jeon

Featured Dancers:
Avery Hook, Nate Kauffman

Cowboy Bob's Band:
Peter Boyko, Val Lewin, Zephyr Scalzi

Leadership Creative Team

Director

Elias Bernstein

Assistant Director

Chase Pasekoff

Choreographer

Melissa Szwed

Assistant Choreographer

Chase Pasekoff

Music Director

Catherine Brady

Assistant Music Director

Wren Petersen

Administration

Company Manager/Special Events

Naomi Conteh

Marketing Directors

Grace Awono, Chase Pasekoff

Dramaturg

Molly Carson

Production

Production Stage Manager

Annie Guo

Asst. Stage Manager

Anna Klein

Costumes Designers

Hannah Goldberg, Taryn Ryan

Hair & Makeup

Harley Craun

Wardrobe Manager

Jen Jeon

Lighting Designer

Sean Cooper

Sound Designer

Amberlee Hsu

Scenic Designer

Bash House

Props Designers

Leo De Lude, Lingwen Xu

Crew

Jack Sheedy, Malaak McDonald, Amadi Pinkney, Zoey Scheraga, Brinlyn Cohen-Rider, Daniel Chernyak, Abby Mendez, Ethan Seldin, Nise Mendez

Meet the Company

Grace Awono (Marketing Director) is a senior at Northwest High School. She has been a member of the Free Theatre since the Fall of 2021. Outside of theatre she loves dancing, hanging out with her friends, and playing with her dog.

Hailey Baker (Cowgirl) is a senior at Quince Orchard High School. This is her debut with Free Theatre. Outside of theatre she enjoys singing, playing guitar, and competing in mock trial competitions.

Elijah Beeler (Ren) is so excited to be a part of Footloose!

Elias Bernstein (Director) is a junior at Winston Churchill High School. He has a background in performance and is thrilled to be directing his first show with The Free Theatre. He can be seen performing in his school's shows, and is excited to music direct The Free Theatre's upcoming production of 9 to 5!

Catherine Brady (Music Director) is a junior at Quince Orchard High School. She is excited for her first Free Theatre show! In her spare time, she loves playing with her band, Karousel, and performing with QO Theatre.

Peter Boyko (Cowboy Bob's Band) is a freshman at Northwest High School! He has been involved in the Free Theatre since 7th grade. Outside of theater, he loves to participate in student advocacy, spend time with friends, and play tennis.

Nathan Campbell (Shaw) is a senior at Watkins Mill High School and is proud to debut with Free Theatre! He's been acting for 5 years and is thrilled to be onstage again. When not acting, he loves hiking, photography, travel, and writing poetry. Follow him @ohtrackstar on IG

Meet the Company

Molly Carson (Ethel, Dramaturg) is so happy to be a part of Footloose! This is their second show with the Free Theatre after Urinetown. They are currently pursuing a music degree at Frederick Community College. They enjoy baking, media criticism, and tap dance. They hope you enjoy the show!

Daniel Chernyak (Crew) is a junior at Richard Montgomery High School. This is his first show at the Free Theatre and he's been having a blast. He also enjoys crafting, hanging out with friends, and going on walks.

Brinlyn Cohen-Rider (Crew) is a freshman at Winston Churchill High School. This is her first year with the Free Theatre and is very excited to be helping with lighting. She enjoys listening to podcasts while crocheting in her free time.

Naomi Conteh (Urleen, Company Manager, Special Events) is a senior at Clarksburg High School. She has been apart of the Free Theatre since Fall of 2020.! Outside of theatre, she is the captain of her school's majorette team and is a student council president.

Sean Cooper (Lights) is in his first year at Montgomery College, majoring in media production. He has been a member of the Free Theatre since the Winter of 2021, and hopes to pursue lighting professionally.

Harley Craun (Hair & Makeup Designer) is so excited to be a part of Footloose!

Quinn Creel (Chuck) is so excited to be a part of Footloose!

Leo De Lude (Props) is a senior at Saint Johns College High School. They are fairly new to the Free Theatre and working on tech but they've been doing theatre since 7th grade. Other then acting they enjoy drawing, walking in the woods, and cooking.

Meet the Company

Milo Dowing (Coach Dunbar, Bickle) is a junior at Sherwood High School, and this is his third show with the Free Theatre. Theatre is his passion, but he also loves reading, writing, and hanging out with his friends. He is so excited to be a part of this show!

Hannah Goldberg (Costumes) is a sophomore at Stone Ridge. Aside from theatre, Hannah enjoys baking, participating in BBYO, and spending time with her friends and family. She is so excited for Footloose!

Annie Guo (Stage Manager) is a junior at Richard Montgomery High School, and has been doing tech with the Free Theatre for several shows now. She loves theatre and film, and in her spare time enjoys competing on the math team, doing puzzles, and writing for her school newspaper.

Jonah Haddock (Willard) is a senior at Richard Montgomery High School. They have been doing theatre since middle school and have been working so hard to bring this wonderful performance to the stage. They also don't know why people cook bacon but bake cookies.

Avery Hook (Featured Dancer, Dance Captain) is a sophomore at Northwest High School. She has been apart of the Free Theatre company since the Fall of 2021. Aside from Free Theatre, Avery loves dancing, singing in her school choir, and reading in her free time.

Bash House (Jeter, Cowboy Bob, Scenic) is a senior at St. John's College High School and has been part of the Free Theatre since 2020. Outside of theatre, he sings in choirs, and sees way too many musicals.

Danny House (Wes, Lyle) at DeMatha Catholic High School is a 9th grader and an artist. He has done a few plays recently.

Meet the Company

Amberlee Hsu (Sound) is a junior at Northwest High School. She is a member of the sound crew in Free Theatre and Northwest Drama. When she's not doing sound, she likes to sew and crochet.

Jen Jeon (Wendy Jo, Swing, Wardrobe) is a junior at Urbana High School, and is thrilled to be in their fourth Free Theatre production! Offstage, they love costume/hair/makeup design, their criminal justice/homeland security courses, fashion, cooking, playing with her cat, and being with her friends.

Nate Kauffman (Travis, Featured Dancer) is a freshman at Quince Orchard High School. This is his first show with the Free Theatre! He enjoys participating in theatre at his high school and hanging out with friends. He would like to thank all that helped make this an amazing show!

Magy Kamavu (Ariel) is a senior at Clarksburg High School. This is her first year with the Free Theatre and her second year ever doing theatre. She is very excited and would like to thank Naomi for introducing her to the Free.

Anna Klein (Asst. Stage Manager) is so excited to be a part of Footloose!

Val Lewin (Cowboy Bob's Band) is so excited to be a part of Footloose!

Olivia Maguire (Rusty) is a junior at Holton Arms in her first Free Theatre show. She loves listening to music, making playlists, and hanging out with friends!

Malaak McDonald (Crew) is excited to join The Free Theatre for the first time for Footloose! She is a senior at Rockville High School and stage manages their shows. Outside of theatre she is also the production head of Rockville's student newspaper.

Meet the Company

Abby Mendez (Crew) is a junior at Wootton High School and a first time crew member at Free Theater! Apart from their love of theater, they are also passionate about film & photography, sports and baking! "It's been so cool meeting everyone in the cast and crew and I can't wait to see how the show goes!"

Nise Mendez (Crew) is a junior at Wootton High School. Nise joined the Free Theater fam for the first time in September. Besides from helping out on the backstage crew, she loves photography, learning to play the guitar, getting boba with friends, and (of course) jamming out to the soundtrack of Footloose!

Chase Pasekoff (Burger Blast Owner, Ensemble, Asst. Director, Asst. Choreographer, Marketing Director) is a junior at Quince Orchard High School. He has been a member of the Free Theatre since the summer of 2020. Outside of theatre, he is involved in cross country, school theatre, newspaper, and county advocacy.

Wren Petersen (Asst. Music Director) is a senior at St. John's College High School. They have been a member of the Free Theatre since Urinetown. Out of theatre, Wren enjoys hanging out with friends, playing the guitar, and learning about new things.

Amadi Pinkney (Crew) is a freshman at Quince Orchard High School. He is thrilled to be part of the crew for this production of Footloose. This is Amadi's second time participating in a theater production. Amadi enjoys studying languages, drawing cartoons, and making animations.

Taryn Ryan (Costumes) is a junior at Stone Ridge School. She is so excited to be doing her first show with the Free Theatre. When not participating in theatre, she enjoys taking photos.

Meet the Company

Zephyr Scalzi (Cowboy Bob's Band) is so excited to be a part of Footloose!

Zoey Scheraga (Crew) is so excited to be a part of Footloose!

Ethan Seldin (Crew) is so excited to be a part of Footloose!

Jack Sheedy (Crew) is a freshman from Quince Orchard HS.

Elia Silbey (Vi) is a junior at Montgomery Blair. This is their second show with the Free Theatre, their first being Urinetown back in June, and she's very excited to be playing Vi Moore. Aside from theatre, he also enjoys reading, writing, and playing guitar. Enjoy the show!

Melissa Szwed (Choreographer) is a senior at Northwest High School. She is grateful to have been given the opportunity to choreograph Footloose. And is excited to watch everyone's hard work! Outside of The Free, she does swim, dance, and lights for NW.

Sonia Thanicatt (Garvin) is a junior at Watkins Mill High School and is so excited to be making her debut with the Free Theatre! Outside of theatre, she loves video games and student advocacy.

Lingwen Xu (Principal Clark, Cop, Props) is a junior at Winston Churchill High School. She's been a member of the Free Theatre since 2020 and she's been involved with multiple shows in the DMV area. Her hobbies include designing and playing the guitar.



Adult Staff & Mentors

Managing Director	Marci Shegogue
Production Manager	Seoyoung Kim
Choreography Mentor	Rikki Howie Lacewell
Directing Mentors	Kate Bryer, TJ Lukacsina
Music Directing Mentor	Marci Shegogue
Costumes Mentor	Ginger Ager
Props Mentor	Simon Sinnreich
Scenic Mentor	Megan Holden
Lighting Mentor	Hailey LaRoe
Stage Management Mentor	Gustavo Ballesteros

Pit Band

Keys 1	Marci Shegogue
Keys 2	Marcello Silva
Guitar 1	Alex Galiatsatos
Bass	Brian Bera
Reeds	Anderson Evitt
Percussion	Jack Husted

The classical songs played are:

- Beethoven's Patétique sonata op. 13 2nd movement
- Op.2 no.1, 3rd movement
- Moonlight Sonata op. 27 no.2 1st movement

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Auditions on January 22 and 29, 2023

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Book by Patricia Resnick**

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