

Thoroughly Modern Millie at Floyd Central High School

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Adapted from the 1967 Universal Pictures film starring Julie Andrews and Mary Tyler Moore, the 2002 Broadway production of *Thoroughly Modern Millie* won five Tony Awards with its new musical score by Jeanine Tesori and Dick Scanlon, as well as its revamped storyline by Scanlon and Richard Morris.

Against the backdrop of 1922 Jazz-era New York, small-town girl Millie Dillmount sets out to shed her old-fashioned ways and make a new, modern life for herself.

With tap numbers like "Forget About the Boy" and romantic ballads like "I Turned the Corner," *Thoroughly Modern Millie* has quickly become an American musical theatre favorite.

"Its exhilarating music and tap dancing, as well as bright costumes and art-deco design, make the show an absolute visual spectacular," said Director of Theatre Arts, Robbie Steiner.

"Although the show is filled with glitz, glamour, and the excitement of change that swept the 1920's," Steiner added, "there is a home-spun message that the things that matter in life always stay the same."

Featured in the title role of Millie is senior Marina Hart. Other roles include senior Cole Thornton as Jimmy Smith, sophomore Madeline Coffey as Miss Dorothy Brown, junior Clay Gulley as Trevor Graydon, senior Kathryn Pryor as Mrs. Meers, senior Missy Cathcart as Muzzy Van Hossmere, junior Collin Jackson as Bun Foo and freshman Joel Jackson as Ching Ho.

Floyd Central is proud to announce that Tyler Bliss will serve as guest director for *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. Mr. Bliss is the Executive Director of the New Albany-Floyd County Education Foundation but is best known for his many performances with professional and semi-professional theatre companies in the Louisville area, such as Derby Dinner Playhouse, Music Theatre Louisville, and Stage One. *Thoroughly Modern Millie* features scenic design by FCHS Director of Theatre Arts, Robbie Steiner, choreography by Megan Bliss, and musical direction by Angela Hampton. The orchestra will be conducted by Jon Ledgerwood.

Thoroughly Modern Millie will be presented at the Floyd Central High School Auditorium on March 8, 9, 15, and 16 at 7:30 PM and on March 10 and 17 at 2:00 PM. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens, and \$6 for students. A special VIP upgrade is available for an additional \$6 and includes priority seating along with an exclusive VIP hors d'oeuvre lounge at intermission.

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