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The Gunn High School  
Performing Arts Department  
Proudly Presents

George Gershwin and George S. Kaufman's  
Pulitzer Prize Winning Musical

Of Thee I Sing



Spangenberg Theater  
March 15, 16, 21, 22, & 23 at 8:00 pm  
All Tickets \$6.00

Opening Night Gala - March 14 at 7:00 pm

Dr. GREGG

## A FEW WORDS ABOUT THE SHOW...

*Of Thee I Sing* roared through out of town tryouts and opened on Broadway in December 1931, running for 441 performances. Movies had developed sound, and the great depression was raging, yet this show kept packing 'em in for the longest run of any of Gershwin's shows.

The script, by George S. Kaufman and Marx Brothers writer Morrie Ryskind was the first musical-comedy book ever to be awarded the Pulitzer Prize. Time has not stood still, of course, and jokes about the imperial vice-presidency, budget woes, manipulation of the press, and unabashed political corruption have little to tell us in these kinder and gentler nineties...

The most compelling reason for our choosing to produce *Of Thee I Sing* was George Gershwin's score. This show frequently resembles an operetta, with brilliant recitative sections and scenes which are extended musical sequences rather than discrete songs. *Of Thee I Sing* is the work of not just a competent songwriter, but a trained and thorough musician completely in his element in musical theatre.

The sexism of the material gave us trouble from the beginning, and we present this work in the sense of an historical snapshot in which one can find revealed both similarities with current times and evidence of how far we really have come.

Enjoy!

William Liberatore  
Damara Reilly  
James Shelby

THE GUNN PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT PROUDLY PRESENTS

# Of Thee I Sing

Score by George Gershwin

Book by George S. Kaufman and Morrie Ryskind

<b>Director</b>	James Shelby
<b>Musical Director</b>	William Liberatore
<b>Choreographer</b>	Damara Reilly
<b>Technical Director</b>	Mike Geschwind
<b>Costume Design</b>	Susan Altstatt
<b>Assistant Director</b>	Jennifer Goltz
<b>Scenic Artist</b>	Ron Cooper

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## LIST OF SCENES

### ACT I

Scene 1 - At a Political Rally

Scene 2 - The Hotel Room

Scene 3 - Atlantic City Boardwalk

Scene 4 - The Hotel Lobby

Scene 5 - A Street in New York City

Scene 6 - Madison Square Garden

Scene 7 - Election Day

Scene 8 - In Front of the Capitol Building

There will be a 10-minute Intermission...

### ACT II

Scene 1 - The Oval Office

Scene 2 - A Hallway in the Senate

Scene 3 - The Senate

Scene 4 - A Hallway in the White House

Scene 5 - The Yellow Room of the White House

## CAST

Louis Lippman .....	Chuck Cohen
Francis X. Gilhooley .....	Devon Maitozo
Mattie Fulton .....	Sarah Marsh
Robert E. Lyons.....	Ted Prodromou
Carver Crockett Jones.....	Mark Habib
Alexander Throttlebottom .....	David Marmor
John P. Wintergreen .....	Kobie Crawford
Jenkins .....	Eric Flatmo
Miss Benson .....	Marissa Kamin
Diana Devereaux .....	Joanna Selznick
Mary Turner.....	Taya Tuggle
The Chief Justice .....	Debbie Lurie
The French Ambassador .....	Chris Langland-Shula

### Photographers, Policemen, Supreme Court Justices, Secretaries, Sightseers, Newspeople, Flunkeys, Guests, etc.

Relly Brandman	Yoni Tamler
Keli Gaines	Lauren Half
Yaël Eisenstat	Debbie Dauber
Kristin Kleidon	Deborah Davidovitz
Merav Berger	Samantha Jang
Julie de Schweinitz	Shannon Russell
Lesli Stinger	Alona Jasik
Celeste Baskett	Jessica Tashker
Jennifer Pratt	Nicole Fang
Phoenix Rainey	Helena Birecki
Liz Snyder	Marie Stepanov
Alex Gabala	Nahn Tseng
Joel Dager	Charlie Taylor
Derek Chism	John Jacob

### Senators

North Dakota .....	Ron Cooper *
Louisiana .....	John Attig *
Montana .....	Jim Nichols *
Nebraska .....	Wayne Rutherford *
Massachusetts .....	Tim Farrell *
Alaska .....	Not Yet *

*\*Member, Gunn Faculty Equity Association*

Welcome to the Opening Night Gala presentation of  
*Of Thee I Sing!*

First and foremost, thank you for your generous contribution! Your attendance tonight will help light up the Gunn Studio Theatre by making the purchase of its new lighting system a reality!

Immediately following this evening's performance, be sure to go **directly** to the gym, and partake of the remarkable repast and festivities awaiting you there!

Several kind merchants and individuals have donated their time, service and supplies to make this evening's celebration a smashing success and we list them below. However, without the unceasing efforts of the **Gunn Theatre Boosters** and in particular **Sandy Kamin** none of this celebration would have been possible.

Many thanks to all:

*Safeway Markets*  
*Suzanne's Muffins*  
*Marie Callander's*  
*New York Fabrics*  
*The Quilting Bee*  
*McDonald's*  
*Palo Alto Coffee Roasting Co.*  
*Burger King*  
*Peer's Coffee*  
*Soo Chan*  
*See's Candies*  
*JLS Middle School PTA*  
*Richard Brown*  
*Diane Burbank*

## ORCHESTRA

Conducted by  
William Liberatore

Flute.....	Jane Couperus
Oboe .....	Melissa Hung
Clarinet .....	Andrea Ciaranello
	Theresa Kramer
Bass Clarinet .....	Erik Pitelka
Alto Saxophone .....	Simon Rochester
	Salim Tyabji
Tenor Saxophone .....	Mike Rosenthal
Baritone Saxophone .....	Jeff Pollard
Trumpet .....	Scott Beeler
	Angela Brown
Trombone .....	Greg Hearn
	Dang Nguyen
Violin .....	Julia Lee
	Jihye Whang
	Sam Chi
	Charlotte Collin
Viola .....	Aviva Rochester
Cello .....	Julie Geng
Piano .....	Margaret Chen
Bass .....	Eric Pankonin
Drums .....	Alex Wong

## PRODUCTION STAFF

<b>Producer</b> .....	Tamara Sisson
<b>Master Electrician</b> .....	Brion Moss
<b>Electricians</b> .....	Kobie Crawford John Jacob
<b>Lighting Design</b> .....	Mike Geschwind
<b>Sound Design</b> .....	Dave Lindes
<b>Master Carpenter</b> .....	Eric Oldmixon
<b>Carpenters</b> .....	Brion Moss Cole Hoffman Maggie Matthews David Lindes Jeremy Ehret Tamara Sisson The Cast
<b>Costume Assistants</b> .....	Shirah Galant Thea Gold Xingcen He
<b>Props. Mistress</b> .....	Tami Karnos
<b>Props. Assistants</b> .....	Jen Gelb Melissa Klumpar Kari Kiser Michelle Compton Thea Gold Katy Manning Tamara Sisson
<b>Make-up Artists</b> .....	Shirah Galant Jennifer Gelb Anna Moore
<b>Publicity</b> .....	Tamara Sisson Michelle Compton Kari Kiser
<b>Poster Design</b> .....	Greg Cutler
<b>Program Design</b> .....	David Marmor

## CREW

Stage Manager .....	Brion Moss
Assistant Stage Manager .....	Tamara Sisson
House Manager .....	Katy Manning
Assistant House Manager .....	Anna Mills
Light Board Operator .....	Eric Oldmixon
Sound Board Operator .....	David Lindes
Running Crew Head .....	Cole Hoffman
Running Crew .....	Jon "Andy" Beyer Kristina Underdal Kevin Treu John Kucera Jamie Porter Justin Merchant Miho Nishi Maggie Matthews
Follow Spot .....	Miho Nishi Michelle Compton

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Gunn Visual Arts Department  
Tom Wegis and Spangenberg Theatre



Be sure to see the  
*Student Directed One-Acts*  
May 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18  
In the Studio Theatre

*Don't Miss These Important Upcoming Events from the  
Gunn Music Department:*

**District Band Festival**  
April 18 at 7:30 in Spangenberg  
**Spring Choir/Chorale and Orchestra Concert**  
May 23 at 7:30 in Spangenberg  
**Spring Band Concert**  
June 6 at 7:30 in Spangenberg

Please, no eating, drinking, smoking or flash photography  
in the theatre.

"We are the most powerful planet on Earth!"  
—Dan Quayle