

PLAYBILL

Sami Prisco's WISE Project

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May 28, 2013 (Tuesday) — 7:00

WEBSTER W. KEEFE AUDITORIUM
120 PRIMROSE STREET
LINCOLNDALE, NY 10540

“*13 THE
MUSICAL*”

Director/Choreographer

Sami Prisco

WISE Mentor
Pamela Read

Stage Manager
Pete Perri

Sound
Cliff Perucci & Pat Landor

Lighting
Wesley Cash & Joe Marra

Opportunity Choreographer
Amy Pietrangolare

Band
**Ben DeUrso, Chris Olsen,
& Matt Michaud**

Program by
Wendy French

Headshots by
Georgia Schunk

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Synopsis

A grown-up story about growing up!

When Evan Goldman's parents get divorced and he's forced to move from New York to a small town in Indiana, he just wants to make friends and survive the school year. Easier said than done. With the expectation of his Bar Mitzvah being great pushing down on his shoulders, Evan does anything to get the 'cool kids' to come to his party. But sometimes everything doesn't go as planned. The star quarterback is threatening to ruin his life and his only friend, Patrice, won't talk to him. The school freak sees an opportunity for blackmail and someone is spreading the nastiest rumors. Evan must not only try and get everyone to like him, but he will also find out what it really means to be a true friend.

Act 1

- "Thirteen"*.....Full Cast
"Becoming a Man".....Evan
"The Lamest Place in the World".....Patrice, Evan
"Hey Kendra".....Brett, Eddie,
Malcolm, Lucy, Kendra
"Opportunity".....Lucy, Kendra, Cassie
Molly, Charlotte, ensemble
"What it Means to be a Friend".....Patrice
"All Hail the Brain".....Full Cast
"Terminal Illness".....Evan, Archie
"Getting Ready".....Evan, Brett,
Lucy, Kendra, Archie

Act 2

- "Any Minute"*.....Kendra, Brett, Patrice,
Evan, Lucy, Archie,
Eddie, Malcolm, ensemble
"Good Enough".....Patrice, Evan, Archie
"It Can't Be True".....Lucy, Charlotte,
Cassie, Molly, ensemble
"If That's What it is".....Evan, Archie, Patrice
"A Little More Homework".....Full Cast
"Brand New You".....Full Cast

Director's Note

Hi and thank you so much for coming to my WISE project, **13 The Musical!**

The planning of this show has been stressful, and at the same time very enlightening. When I first decided to direct a musical for my project, I had no idea how much work and time had to be put into this. I have spent the last year calling rehearsals, cancelling rehearsals, and dealing with the stress of students not attending them. As a high school director, it was hard getting everything to come together to produce a finished production. I didn't only have to audition actors to perform, but also find many other students to help me with stage crew, lighting and sound. I also had to purchase sets, playbills and other technical products with my parents own money. (HEY, I'm a kid with no job... what do you expect?)

I chose to do 13 The Musical not only because it's a fun and lively show in general, but also because everyone can relate to it. Let's be honest here, everyone in this room has gone through an awkward phase, so I thought 'hey, why not make everyone relive it?!'

Taking a show that was on Broadway and putting it onto a stage in the small town of Somers was much more of a let down than I thought it would be. When I saw the show at the age of 13, I remember looking at the lights and sets and being absolutely amazed at what I was witnessing; they were so colorful and every song went with any emotion the characters felt. Now, since I'm only 17, I couldn't afford everything that Broadway could, so putting my set and lights next to the professionals wasn't too great of an idea, but overall, I'm pretty happy with the outcome!

Although I did the directing all on my own, there were many people that supported and helped make my WISE project a reality. Thank you, Mrs. Read, for being the best mentor I could possibly ask for. With her constant advice and tactics to calm my stress levels down, you've truly helped me become a more patient and understanding person. Thank you to my parents for always pushing me to do my best and follow through with what I've began to pursue. Without you guys, none of this would've been possible, and I love you guys. Thank you to the sound and light guys who have had to deal with my constant demands and specific details; you guys have honestly been a pleasure to work with and you have made this show ten times better. Thank you Mrs. Ferraro and Mr. Murphy for allowing me the opportunity to do this by running the WISE program here. Thank you to Wendy French for making the programs and dealing with my constant stress. And finally, thank you to my cast. You guys have been there with me through my ups and downs of this whole journey, and I am so grateful for each and every one of you. I couldn't imagine doing this with any other group of people, I love you guys.

ENJOY THE SHOW EVERYONE! (:

~ Sami Prisco, Director

Cast

Evan.....DANIEL KUSNER

Patrice.....BRIDGET MALONEY

Archie.....RICKY HVISCH

Lucy.....SAMI PRISCO

Brett.....WILLIAM T. SUCHANEK

Kendra.....JESSIE SHAW

Malcolm.....JOE COPPOLA

Eddie:.....MATTEO VELARDO

Cassie.....STEPHANIE ISHOO

Molly.....OLIVIA HILL

Charlotte.....ASHLEY PELEG

Ensemble.....OLIVIA OTTINGER,

AMY PIETRANGOLARE,

ISABELLA DUENAS,

ALIYAH MYERS



Cast Bios



Daniel Kushner (Evan) is so excited to be in this production of *13 The Musical!* Credits: *The Little Mermaid* (Sebastian), *Fiddler on the Roof Jr* (Tevye), *Seussical Jr* (Horton), and *How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying* (Mr. Twimble). Daniel takes piano as well as voice lessons. He'd like to thank his cast members and his amazing director, Sami!



Bridget Maloney (Patrice) is a sophomore at Somers High School, and is beyond excited to play Patrice in Sami's production. This has been Bridget's favorite show since she can remember. Credits: *Seussical Jr* (Gertrude McFuzz), *Legally Blonde* (Pilar), and *Into The Woods Jr* (Little Red). Bridget wants to thank Sami; her loving family, especially her mom and grandma; and her wonderful singing teacher.



Ricky Hvisch (Archie) is incredibly excited to be playing Archie in this performance of *13 The Musical*. Credits: *How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying*, *The Drowsy Chaperone*, *Once Upon A High School*, and *Into the Woods Jr*. He wants to thank everyone for the literal blood, sweat, and tears that has gone into this performance. Thanks to Sami Prisco for whipping us into shape! Merde!!



Sami Prisco (Lucy) is so thrilled to be directing and performing in *13 The Musical* for her WISE project! Credits: *Aladdin* (Genie), *The Evil Step Sister* (Cinderella), and *How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying* (Smitty). Besides performing, Sami loves to write and hang out with her amazing cast mates. She'd like to thank everyone for coming to the show and her amazing cast who has made her senior year ten times better. Enjoy!



William T. Suchanek (Brett) is very excited to be in Sami's WISE project production of *13 The Musical* and he hopes you enjoy the show. You may recognize his shining face from previous musicals. Credits: *Once Upon a Mattress* (Sir Harry) and *How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying* (Bratt) (because he is one). Enjoy!



Jessie Shaw (Kendra) is a sophomore and is so excited to be a part of Sami's production of *13 The Musical*. Besides musical theatre, Jessie enjoys ballet and skiing. She has been acting since she was seven years old. Credits: *How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying* (Rosemary), *Alice in Wonderland* (Queen of Hearts), and *MOD the Musical* (Kit).



Joe Coppola (Malcolm) is flawless. He has 2 Fendi purses and a silver Lexus. I hear his hair's insured for \$10,000. I hear he does car commercials. In Japan. His favorite movie is *Varsity Blues*. One time, he met John Stamos on a plane. And he told him he was pretty. One time, he punched me in the face. It was awesome.



Matteo Velardo (Eddie) is a well respected actor, dancer, and singer. His character, Eddie, is a boy living in Appleton, Indiana and is one of Brett's groupies. Eddie believes that he is "gangster," and he thinks he is part of NYC's projects. Matteo's first show was actually this one. When he was 13 years old, he played Eddie. Credits: *Once Upon a Mattress*, *Northwoods Nonsense*, *Once Upon a High School*, and *How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying*. Matteo is also a professional dancer, trained in hip-hop, jazz, tap, and, most importantly, theatre dance. Matteo hopes you have a great time watching the show.



Stephanie Ishoo (Cassie) is the queen bee despite Joe Coppola's attempts to steal her identity. Although she's leaving Somers for college very soon, she will never forget the great friends and times she's had here, especially in this auditorium. She loves ice cream, her puppy, being happy, and her mom. Stephanie wishes good luck to all her cast mates and, especially, the fantastic director (and her best friend ever since '99), Samipoo.



Olivia Hill (Molly) is extremely excited to be a part of *13 The Musical*. Credits: *Grease*, *The Sound of Music*, and *How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying*. Performing is such a thrill to her, and she plans to continue singing at the top of her lungs as day turns, today turns, today turns, today turns, today turns, today turns, today!



Ashley Peleg (Charlotte) is thrilled to perform in this production of *13 The Musical*. This is one of her most favorite musical theatre shows! Credits: *Willy Wonka* (Violet Beauregard), *Wizard of Oz* (Scarecrow), *Alice in Wonderland* (White Rabbit), *Sound of Music* (Mother Abbess), *Annie* (Grace), and *Suessical Jr* (Mayzie). Ashley enjoys singing, playing the piano and guitar, and horseback riding! Big thanks to Sami Prisco for this opportunity. "Break-a-leg cast and crew!"

Amy Pietrangolare (ensemble) loves performing in front of crowds whether on stage or on the cheer mat! She does back flips.



Isabella Duenas (ensemble) is thrilled to be taking part in *13 The Musical*. Credits: *25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* (Marcy Park) and *Footloose* at the White Plains Performing Arts Center. She has also participated in past school musicals since the 6th grade. She would like to thank her family, friends, the cast and crew, and the lovely director for putting on such a great show. She hopes you enjoy!



Aliyah Myers (ensemble) is a sophomore and is so excited to be in Sami's WISE project, *13 The Musical*! Sami is an amazing actress, singer, director, and friend; and this project is highlighting all of her most amazing qualities. Credits: *How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying* and *Mean Girls*. Congratulations to Sami and the entire cast; this show is so great! Break a leg everybody!!

A HUGE AND WONDERFUL
THANK YOU TO MY CAST AND
CREW!

~ SAMI PRISCO, DIRECTOR

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