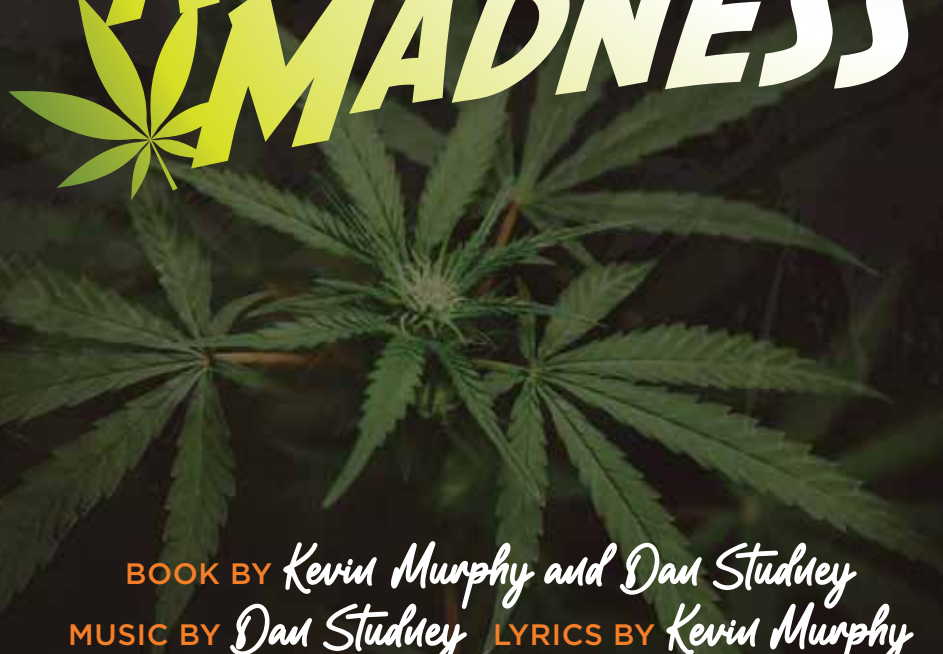




The deadly scourge
that drags our
children into the
quagmires of
degradation...your
child may be next.

REEFER MADNESS



BOOK BY *Kevin Murphy and Dan Studney*
MUSIC BY *Dan Studney* LYRICS BY *Kevin Murphy*

DIRECTED BY *Quinn Kelly*

SEPTEMBER 10-13 & 17-20, 2026
BLACK BOX STAGE



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Production Team

DIRECTOR	Quinn Kelly
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR & INTIMACY CHOREOGRAPHER	Rita Sobish
MUSIC DIRECTOR	Kait Wilson
STAGE MANAGER	Anna Hill
ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER	Hannah Paff
DANCE CHOREOGRAPHER	Carmen Zavala
ASSISTANT DANCE CHOREOGRAPHER	Ron Meyer
PRODUCERS	Aaron Wittbrodt & Anna Maier
COSTUME DESIGN	Amanda Macomber
COSTUME ASSISTANTS	Ashley Hampton & Quincy Guthaus
LIGHTING DESIGN	James Brunk III
LIGHTING BOARD OPERATOR	Tobi Robinson
SOUND DESIGN	Nick Eaton
PROPS	Kat Kircos
PROPS ASSISTANT	Dylan VanZwoll
HAIR & MAKEUP	Kayla Henry
SCENOGRAPHY	Elisha Smith
SCENOGRAPHY ASSISTANT	Beck Bunn
SET DESIGN	Quinn Kelly & Jeff Miller
SET BUILD TEAM	Leroy Cupp (lead), Bob Nees, Leon Green, Alan Greenberg, Bill Durr, Dominic Hall, Tom Ferris, Mike Stewart

REEFER MADNESS is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals.
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Reefer Madness was originally directed by Andy Fickman and produced by Stephanie Steele for Dead Old Man Productions. Orchestrations by David Manning & Nathan Wang

Winner: 2000 L.A. Drama Critic's Circle Awards, Best Production and Best Musical Score.

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“I’m not trying to lampoon the United States government. I’m trying to lampoon everyone and everything. This show is an equal opportunity offender.”

—Dan Studney (music & book)

Inspired by the original 1936 film of the same name, this raucous musical comedy takes a tongue-in-cheek look at the hysteria caused when clean-cut kids fall prey to marijuana, leading them on a hysterical downward spiral filled with evil jazz music, sex and violence.

Warning: Strong drug themes, exaggerated violence, sexual situations, implied nudity, and mild to moderate profanity. These themes are presented in a highly stylized, spoof-like manner rather than being entirely realistic.

Setting

The year 1936 in an American high school auditorium,
the scene of a local theatre presentation.

*This production is a play within a play.
It runs in two acts with one 15-minute intermission*

Cast

LECTURER	Betsy Karinen
JIMMY	Jason Durr
MARY	Sylvia Bunn
JACK	Connor Kelly
MAE	Ny’Kieria Blocker
SALLY	Lizabeth Desmet
RALPH	Evan David
PLACARD GIRL	Ellie Alspaugh
ENSEMBLE	Jordyne Darden, Jillian Gaynett, Kayla Henry, Caleb Liggett, Harvey Rancour, Bria Watkins-Gable, Ian Whipp

Musicians

Aaron Bender - Drums | Eric Chatfield - Woodwinds
Matt DiMambro - Bass | Yoshi Fukagawa - Guitar | Kait Wilson - Keyboard

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From the Director

Directing *Reefer Madness* has been so fulfilling for me. As humans, we have so much to learn, and I've done quite a bit of diving into the weeds specifically around themes of Propaganda and Community. In a society where social media and AI programming is taking over, propaganda feels unavoidable. It's up to us as a people to remain informed and utilize multiple trusted outlets to get information, not just the ones we're comfortable with. How will you stay vigilant and informed by good research? What is your plan to support local arts and artists rather than accepting manufactured AI slop art?

I've learned quite a bit about community; it's hard to reach out to people and ask for help, but generally, people want to help where they can! It's in our instincts to help people in the best ways we can offer. Building a strong village within your community goes a long way for your mental and emotional state. So I ask, how are you showing up for YOUR village? —**Quinn Kelly**

Musical Numbers

ACT ONE

Reefer Madness

Lecturer and Company

Romeo & Juliet

Jimmy and Mary

The Stuff

Mae

Down at the Ol' Five And Dime

Lecturer, Jimmy, Jack and Company

Jimmy Takes a Hit

Sally, Jimmy, Jack, Ralph,

Mae and Lecturer

The Orgy

Company

Lonely Pew

Mary

Listen to Jesus, Jimmy

Jesus and Company

Lullabye

Sally's Baby

Mary Jane/Mary Lane

Jimmy, Mary and Company

Act One Finale

Company

ACT TWO

Jimmy on the Lam

Mary, Jimmy, Sally, Ralph,

Mae and Company

The Brownie Song

Jimmy and Company

Down at the Ol' Five and Dime (Reprise)

Lecturer

Little Mary Sunshine

Ralph and Mary

Mary's Death

Jimmy and Mary

Murder

Company

The Stuff (Reprise)

Mae and Company

Listen to Jesus, Jimmy (Reprise)

Jesus, Jimmy, and Company

The Truth

Company

Cast



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LECTURER



Jason Durr
JIMMY



Sylvia Bunn
MARY



Connor Kelly
JACK



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ASSIST.



Leroy Cupp
LEAD SET BUILD

NOT PICTURED

**Ashley Hampton,
Quincy Guthaus**
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CHOREOGRAPHER

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SET DESIGN



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At Riverwalk, differences are celebrated, voices are amplified, and friendships are forged that transcend the boundaries of age, race, and background.

—Diane Cooke

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Our current lobby artist is **Jillianne Post**

Jillianne is a 26-year-old artist based in Lansing. She grew up on a farm in northern Michigan, and moved south to earn her Bachelor's degree in fine Arts and Business from the University of Olivet. Later she was awarded a scholarship to attend an oil-painting residency in Paros, Greece. When she's not creating for herself, she helps others create at her job at a pottery studio here in Lansing.

"This lobby art series is an exploration of my use of color theory, visual contrast, and my take on surrealism. These pieces intend to portray different feelings during altered states of consciousness whether that's due to trauma, extreme emotions, or substance use. I created each piece during a specific period in my life to express the emotions I was feeling at the time. I want the viewer to be mesmerized by the dissonance of the colors and embrace whatever feelings each piece invokes and assign their own interpretation of it."



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