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Schoolhouse Rock Live!

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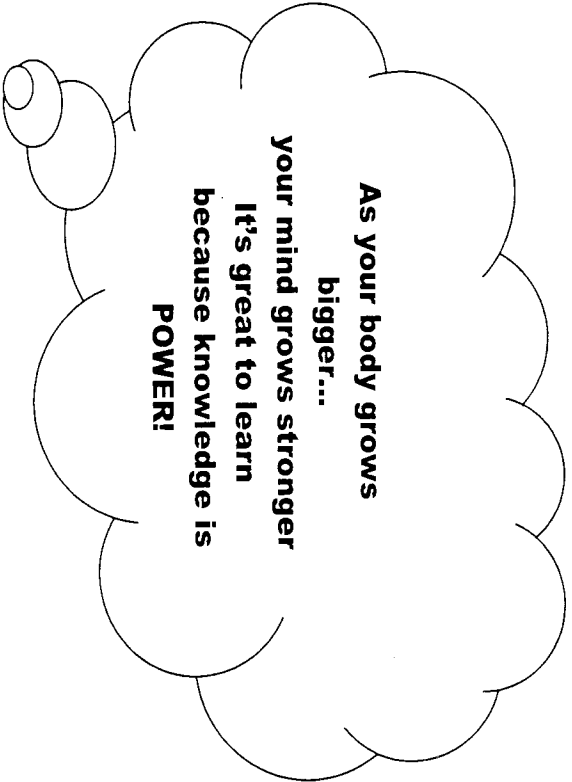
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positively, very, very, necessary**



**As your body grows
bigger...
your mind grows stronger
It's great to learn
because knowledge is
POWER!**

Director's Notes:

I was the same age as the kids in the cast when Schoolhouse Rock! debuted in the 70s. I honestly used to watch the Saturday morning cartoons just to see which song would be next! In high school, I remember my entire American History class humming the Preamble during a pop quiz. I don't think the teacher ever understood how we all aced it. What a joy to bring these songs to the stage! Along the way, we couldn't help but learn a few things...

- We learned that if you put thirty people in one long, narrow, dark hallway no one has any elbow room!
- We learned that the more props you have, the more you have to pay attention to detail or have stage managers that can!
- We learned that even if you have known your multiplication tables forever, you can still get them wrong
- We learned that if numbers look right to us, they will look backwards to the audience
- We learned that 21 songs = 21 mini-plays
- We learned that it takes "every person you can know" to pull off a show so be appreciative and thank them often
- We learned that anything can be done with a lot of *patience* and a little *faith*...luckily this cast has both ☺

Schoolhouse Rock Live!

Verb: That's What's Happening

A Noun is a Person, Place or Thing

Three is a Magic Number

Mother Necessity

Sufferin' Until Sufferage

Lolly, Lolly, Lolly

Unpack your Adjectives

Just a Bill

The Preamble

Ready or Not, Here I Come

Do the Circulation

INTERMISSION

Rufus Xavier Sarsaparilla

Figure Eight

A Victim of Gravity

Zero, My Hero

Conjunction Junction

Great America Melting Pot

Elbow Room

Interplanet Janet

Interjections

The Tale of Mr. Morton

Interjection Reprise

Cast

Tom	Kevin Spire
George	Kyle Chizek
Dori	Jenny Neighbour
Shulie	Kathryn Bisbey
Joe	Steve Hickle
Dina	Wendi Taylor

with

Madison Allen
Brennan Blank
Matt Card
Faith Casel
Lauren Ceplecha
Aubree Douma
Elizabeth Eason
Whitney Fisher
Brynn Hansen
Madison Laing
Esperi L'Heureux
Kelsey Knake
Kate Kruse
Brandon Kuehl
Josie Moretti
Aimee Murphy
Samuel Nassiff
Katie Neighbour
Alex Pottebaum
Aaron Primrose
Tricia Richards
Paul Robidoux
Patience Stepanek
Dakota Stout

Production Team

Director	Kim Van Haecke
Musical Directors	Brenda McConahay Preshia Paulding
Producer	Rebecca Hansen
Lighting Design	Joe Van Haecke
Lights and Sound	Jim Bisbey
.....	Mike Neighbour
Stage Managers	Christine Cepplecha Maureen Fisher
.....	Trent and Renee Murphy
Choreographers	Kathryn Bisbey Kim Van Haecke
Set Design and Construction	Jim Allen, Mike Neighbour
Set work	Jim Allen, Heidi Allen, Madison Allen, Tim Bolar, Lauren Cepplecha, Brynn Hansen, Rory Hansen, Rebecca Hansen, Larry LaVelle, Abby Neighbour, Jenny Neighbour, Katie Neighbour, Mike Neighbour Alex Pottebaum, Sue Richards, Joe Van Haecke
Props	Heidi Allen, Madison Allen, Liz Anderson, Jim Bisbey, Lori Card, Rebecca Hansen, Abby Neighbour Katie Neighbour, Jenny Neighbour, Mike Neighbour, Alex Pottebaum, Jo Reid, Sue Richards
Costumes	Desiree Blank, Brynn Hansen, Sue Richards The Robidouxes, The Stepaneks, Dakota's Grandma
Alphabet Cookies	Christy Primrose

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The Families of the Cast and Crew

For supporting us through the rehearsal process

And supervising us backstage

The parents who donated extra time

corralling kids, creating, cooking, crafting, or cleaning!

Frank Steinbach

For providing space for our initial rehearsals

Larry Overton and Ron Gilbert

Who helped "*Get this Thing in Action*"

at a crucial time in our process

Glenn McLean of Central Campus Radio and Television

For lending his technical resources and know-how to us

Ankeny HyVee, Ankeny Jr. Football League, Ames FUMC Up

with Puppets, Madison Allen, and Patience Stepanek

For loaning us props

Ankeny Community Theatre

For giving us the opportunity, resources and space

to create fun, family theatre

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For their support which ensures that the children of our
community will continue to have an outlet for their creative and
dramatic talents

About the Cast

Directions: Underline all nouns once and all verbs twice. Circle the adjectives and draw a box around the adverbs. Put a checkmark beside all pronouns. Draw an X over conjunctions and a squiggly line under all interjections.



Madison Allen is a happy, hard-working, sweet third grader at North Polk Elementary. This is her first experience with theatre, but she has been singing with the Iowa Youth Chorus for three years. She loves singing and anything to do with music. Her favorite singer is Sara Evans.



Kathryn Bisbey (Shulie) sang along with these songs as a child. Figure 8 was her favorite because she loved to ice skate. Kathryn has been in numerous ACT musicals including in *Messugah-Nuns*, *Nunsense*, *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* and *Little Shop of Horrors*. She enjoys motorcycling, singing, acting, but mostly spending time with her husband, Jim, who is a miracle and a blessing.



Brennan Blank is a funny, intelligent, friendly and persistent seventh grader at Parkview. He was last seen on the ACT stage as Bombur in *The Hobbit*. He has also performed in a school play as Sheriff Sam Starr. His interests include reading, video games and playing with friends.



Matt Card returns to the ACT stage after playing Augustus Gloop (and a squirrel) in last year's production of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. This funny, Parkview seventh grader enjoys hunting and fishing. His favorite lunch meat is ham.



Faith Casel makes her stage debut in the tradition of her grandparents, Jerry and Jo Reid. She is a delightful, playful and energetic third grader at Southeast Elementary. She enjoys dance, piano, singing, collecting mini characters and playing with friends. Her favorite food is mac & cheese. Hooray! She loves the Hawkeyes!



Lauren Ceplecha is enjoying her first experience with theatre and already knows she wants to be in more shows. She is a nice, friendly fourth grader at Terrace Elementary who enjoys reading, writing and math. In her free time she likes to play soccer and spend time with her family.



Kyle 'Eric' Chizek (George) was last seen on the ACT stage as Chef in *Don't Drink the Water*. Kyle is Kind, Yearning, Lethargic and Eloquent. He enjoys reading, travel, dancing, cooking and watching TV. He would like to dedicate the entire run of the show to his late friend, Jim Zehr, who left us before he got to see the show. "Thanks for all your support with my theatre, Jim, it was appreciated. 'Til we meet again."



Aubree Douma is a smart, funny, friendly fourth grader at Southeast Elementary where she has performed in Southeast Showtime. She enjoys singing, dance and writing books.



Elizabeth Grace Eason would like to be an actress when she grows up. She has been in two productions with the Ankeny Academy of Music. She is an energetic, likeable, sporty fifth grader at Northeast Elementary. She likes to sing, dance, act, jump rope, write plays, cheerlead and play the flute and guitar.



Whitney Fisher is a happy, funny, creative, perky fifth grader at Westwood Elementary where she was in a play this year called *The Turkeys Go on Strike*. She likes to sing and dance. In her free time, she enjoys soccer, Girl Scouts, reading and playing with her friends.



Brynn Hansen has been acting since she was five. This is her ninth production. She is a fun, loving, happy enthusiastic seventh grader at Parkview. This energetic, joyful girl enjoys dance, piano, band, soccer, basketball, and track. In her free time, she likes to cook and hang out with her friends.



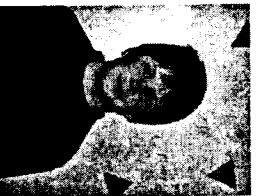
Steve Hickie (Joe) is thrilled to be involved in this show! He learned how a bill becomes a law from watching Schoolhouse Rock! He was last seen on the ACT stage in *Don't Drink the Water* and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. He also performed at the Ingersoll Dinner Theatre in *Gyps and Dolls*, *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Sweeney Todd*. His hobby is live theatre. "Who has time for anything else?"



Kelsey Knake was last seen on the ACT stage as Dori in *The Hobbit*. She also played Maude in *The Great Cross Country Race* and various characters in her church Christmas pageant and a collection of fairy tales. She is a happy, fun, smart sixth grader at Parkview. This optimistic, kind girl enjoys volleyball, dance, reading, singing and acting.



Kate Kruse was last seen as an Oompah-Loompah (*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*) and a dwarf (Fill in *The Hobbit*). She has also appeared as the storyteller in *The Next Noel* at Ankeny Christian as well as various church and school plays. Kate is sixth grader at Ankeny Christian Academy who describes herself as an American and a little doodle-oodle-oo-dooish. She enjoys football, playing trombone, hanging out with Kyra and Tucker. Go Cyclones!



Brandon Kuehl is a kind, humorous, athletic fifth grader at Northeast Elementary. This is his ACT debut, but he had the lead in his class plays in 2nd and 4th grade. His interests include basketball, football, guitar, drums, Play Station 2 and listening to his IPOD. He also loves hamburgers.



Madison Sullivan Laing is an artistic, animal-loving, shy fourth grader at Crocker Elementary. She performed as Zuzu in ACT's production of *It's a Wonderful Life*. Her hobbies include drawing, swimming, softball, bowling, singing and playing on the computer.



Espri L'Heureux is a caring, happy and talented third grader from Northeast Elementary who has been singing since she was able to talk! She has been in *Wizard of Oz* at the Des Moines Playhouse, as well as two productions with Ankeny Music Academy. Her interests include arts, crafts, reading and singing songs from musicals. Her favorites are *Phantom of the Opera* and *Cats*.



Josie Moretti was on stage this past December as an angel in the Des Moines Playhouse's production of *The Best Little Christmas Pageant Ever*. She is a fun-loving, creative fifth grader at Northeast Elementary who plays the piano. In her free time, she enjoys reading.



Aimee Murphy is making her stage debut. She is a funny, creative, friendly fifth grader at Westwood Elementary who likes reading. She enjoys dancing. Her hobbies include art and basketball.



Samuel Nassiff enjoys video games, youth group and sports. This energetic, competitive boy plays baseball, basketball and soccer. He is a fun, caring, loving, happy, talkative fifth grader at Westwood Elementary...according to his mother.



Katie Neighbour has been in two plays for the past two years. She was last seen on the ACT stage as an Oomph-Loomph. She is a happy, fun, smiley, bubbly third grader at Northwest Elementary who plans to go to Iowa State University. She is enjoys singing, school and sports including basketball, soccer and softball.



Jenny Neighbour (Dori) is the fun, happy, outgoing owner of CrossTrain Fitness, a new business in Ankeny. She has performed on the ACT stage in *Funny Girl*, *Odd Couple*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and *Messugah-Nuns*. Her free time is spent at church where she directs the 3-5 yr. old choir and leads a 6th & 7th grade youth group. It is no surprise that she enjoys working with kids which makes this show fun for her--especially the time spent with her youngest daughter, Katie.



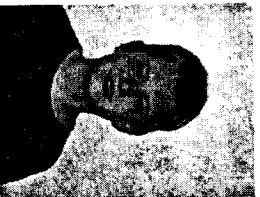
Alex Potebaum is a funny, imaginative, happy eighth grader at Urbandale Middle School. This is his sixth production with ACT where he has played everything from a baby pig to a TV-obsessed boy. In real life, he is obsessed with computer games but is able to balance his life with reading, brothers, baseball, basketball, swimming, band and art lessons.



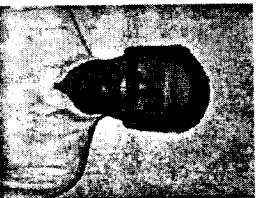
Aaron Primrose makes his acting debut and already knows he wants to be in another play. He is an intelligent, funny, hard working, fun-loving fifth grader at Westwood Elementary. His interests include saxophone, Boy Scouts, hiking and reading.



Tricia Richards is a pretty, smart, out-going, funny sixth grader at Urbandale Middle School. She performed in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* at the Des Moines Playhouse in 2004 and 2005. In her free time, Tricia enjoys acting, singing, dancing and shopping. She also loves babysitting!



Paul Robidoux has been seen on the ACT stage in *The Hobbit* and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. This optimistic fifth grader at Northeast Elementary enjoys reading, playing Gameboy and playing outside.



Kevin Spire (Tom) was last seen on this stage in the 1995 ACT production of *Company*. Kevin has also been involved in many productions at the Ingersoll Dinner Theater, Drama Workshop and Newton Community Theater. Some of these include *It's A Wonderful Life*, *The Mousetrap*, *Camelot*, *A Little Night Music*, *The Crucible* and *Assassins*. Kevin is employed by Wells Fargo as a QA Analyst for the Mortgage Division. He lives in Des Moines with his two cats and Larry, where they are all meow-meow happy. Ditto.



Patience Stepanek is a smart, pretty, drama queen who enjoys volunteering at the Pampered Pet. This nice, sweet sixth grader at Parkview Middle School. She was last seen performing in the Ankeny Music Academy's production of *Schoolhouse Rock Jr.* Her hobbies include singing, dancing, decorating and shopping.



Dakota Stout is a funny, caring, trustworthy (and sometimes forgetful) fifth grader from Northwest Elementary. He has performed in plays at school and in a chorus with high schoolers. He enjoys making people laugh and likes collecting Yu-gi-oh and Pokemon cards.



Wendi Taylor (Dina) is a sassy, sparkly, happy crop insurance underwriter for Farmers Mutual Hail. She performed in many shows at the Ingersoll Dinner Theatre since 1997 including *My Fair Lady*, *Sound of Music*, *Showboat*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Little Mermaid*, *Little Red Riding Hood* and *Sleeping Beauty*. In her free time, she enjoys singing, watching old movies and playing computer games.

Talented **Happy**

Fun **Dedicated**
Hardworking **Energetic**

Rebecca Hansen (Producer) is the friendly, smiling, helpful school nurse at Westwood Elementary. Rebecca has been involved in theatre since high school and enjoys being backstage as well as on stage. She stays busy attending her daughters' activities, volunteering to help with various events and spending time with her friends and family.

Brenda McConahay (Musical Director) has been accompanying musical theatre productions in the Des Moines area for over 13 years, primarily at the Ingersoll Dinner Theatre prior to its closing in 2004. Additionally she job shares the Accompanist position for New Hope Methodist Church and plays at many other community events. She has two adult children, Rick and Claire, and teaches Foods and Nutrition at Lincoln High School.

Preslia Paulding (Musical Director) was most recently seen as Judy Garland in StageWest's production of *Judy's Scary Little Christmas*. Her resume includes voice-overs for commercials like Boat's Home Furnishings, singing vocal on such jingles as HyVee, Dewey Ford, and Culvers, as well as being in a miniseries with Kris Kristofferson (AMERIKA). She is a Family Readiness volunteer for the Army Reserves at Fort Des Moines. Her husband Bruce Buldhaupt is currently serving his country in Iraq. She is the mother of six children, five cats, a guinea pig and a dog who enjoys (is obsessed with) photography, music, old movies...and free time.

Kim Van Haecke (Director) is a fun-loving, creative and currently crazed teacher with the Des Moines Public Schools who has a Master's in Directing. Though her free time has been limited lately, she is looking forward to hanging out with her son, Alex, giggling with her baby, Gabe and eating some delicious Joe-cooked meals. In addition, she hopes to find time to catch up with friends, send out Christmas cards and clean her house. She wants to thank the heroes in her life...her multi-talented husband, her flexible and easy-going sons along with her Gabe-sitting, paint-throwing, readily-available parents and sister, whose support make it possible for her to follow her passion!

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ACT Facts

Ankeny Community Theatre has been providing quality theatre since 1985. The theatre, started by a local Methodist minister and his congregation, has continued to grow. With each show, it welcomes more people into its family.

ACT is a non-profit organization created to promote the development of theatre and performing arts in Ankeny and surrounding communities. A board of directors meets monthly to discuss important issues related to the theatre.

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