

BRIGHT, AND TALENTED GROUP OF STUDENTS. UNLIKE MY FEELINGS AFTER MY 5TH GRADE DISASTER, I AM NOW BOTH THRILLED AND DELIGHTED TO PRESENT AND HAVE CO-CHOREOGRAPHED TO THIS EXTRAORDINARY MUSICAL, FAME. NOW SIT BACK AND ENJOY THE SHOW!

- ADANTA AHANONU

IF THE ESSENCE OF THIS MUSICAL COULD BE REDUCED TO ONE SINGLE SENTIMENT, IN MY OPINION, IT WOULD BE PASSION. THE STUDENTS AND TEACHERS THAT YOU WILL WITNESS OUR CAST PORTRAY ON THIS STAGE, WHETHER MUSICIANS, ACTORS OR DANCERS, ARE ALL WHOLEHEARTED ARTISTS AND PERFORMERS. THEY ARE AT PA NOT JUST BECAUSE THEY ARE GOOD AT WHAT THEY DO – THEY ARE THERE BECAUSE THEY LOVE WHAT THEY DO. THEY ARE A GROUP OF KIDS FOLLOWING THEIR DREAMS, AND FOR THAT THEY ARE WILLING TO PUT IN THE VERY HARDEST OF “HARD WORK.”

MAYBE FOR OBVIOUS REASONS, IT HAS AT TIMES BEEN DIFFICULT TO KEEP CLEAR IN MY MIND THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN THEM – THE CHARACTERS BEFORE YOU – AND US – THE PRODUCERS, CAST AND CREW OF THIS MUSICAL. THE TIME AND EFFORT THAT I HAVE WITNESSED EVERYONE POUR INTO THIS PROJECT IS TREMENDOUS, AND WE ARE ALL ONLY HERE BECAUSE OF THE FLAME THAT IT IGNITED IN OUR INDIVIDUAL PASSIONS.

THE DANCING IS ARGUABLY THE MOST CHALLENGING ASPECT OF THIS SHOW –SIMPLY BECAUSE OF HOW DIFFICULT IT IS TO TRAIN THE BODY TO MOVE IN WAYS THAT IT IS NOT ACCUSTOMED TO. ALTHOUGH THEIR ABILITIES EXCEEDED MY EXPECTATIONS FROM DAY ONE, I WAS NOT HANDED THE 26 MOST TALENTED DANCERS IN THE WORLD. YET I TRULY COULDN'T HAVE ASKED FOR ANY BETTER. THEY WERE MOTIVATED, DETERMINED AND PASSIONATE. THEY WERE ALL WILLING TO LEARN AND TO PUT IN OVERTIME TO GET TO WHERE WE WANTED THEM TO BE. I'M NOT SAYING IT WAS EASY, BUT HAD THEY ALL BEEN BALANCHINES AND AILEYS FROM THE START, MY JOB WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN NEARLY AS REWARDING AS IT TURNED OUT TO BE.

BECAUSE OF THEIR PASSION, I HAVE ALSO BEEN ABLE TO REALIZE MINE. FAME IS NOT WHAT I IMAGINED MYSELF DOING WITH MY SENIOR YEAR, BUT I THANK MY LUCKY STARS THAT MY LOVE OF DANCE AND DESIRE TO PASS ON THAT LOVE TO OTHERS LED ME HERE. I BELIEVE THAT ALL OF US SEE A PART OF OURSELVES IN THE PA KIDS WE ARE BRINGING TO LIFE, AND THAT IS WHAT MADE THE CREATION OF THIS MUSICAL A TRULY UNIQUE EXPERIENCE.

AS FOR KATE, ADANTA, NICK AND BRIAN – MAYBE ONE DAY I WILL HAVE THE WORDS TO EXPRESS TO THEM HOW GRATEFUL I AM THAT WE WERE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER. THEY ARE SOME OF THE MOST TALENTED AND DRIVEN INDIVIDUALS I HAVE EVER ENCOUNTERED, AND WORKING WITH THEM HAS MADE ME REALIZE TIME AND AGAIN JUST HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO CONTINUE TO DO IN LIFE WHAT YOU LOVE – AND TO DO THAT LOVE JUSTICE.

SO, FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH AND REGARDLESS OF WHAT HAPPENS ON THIS STAGE TONIGHT - AT LEAST IN MY HEART, WE HAVE MADE MAGIC.

- DOROTHY DiPASCALI

THE PRODUCTION TEAM WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE EVERYONE INVOLVED WITH FAME. THE COMPANY HAS WORKED VERY HARD TO CREATE SUCH A PHENOMENAL PRODUCTION. A SPECIAL THANKS GOES OUT TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE COMPANY FOR THEIR LOVE, SUPPORT, AND ANY LITTLE THINGS HERE AND THERE THAT HELPED TO MAKE FAME INTO WHAT IT IS TODAY.

THANK YOU!