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Hello Dolly Takes Center Stage

Audiences of Regina Dominican's Fall Musical journeyed to another time and space – from the present to 1890 and from Wilmette to a feed store in Yonkers, New York and a glitzy night club in New York City -- as they enjoyed the rollicking classical musical, *Hello Dolly*.

Starring in this double-cast production were juniors Martha Cordeniz and Christina Minich in the title role of Dolly Levi; senior Mollie Wegerson and guest actor Kevin Kaucher, a student at St. Patrick High School, as Horace Vandergelder; juniors Meg Golembiewski and Brigid Cremin as Irene Molloy; senior Sharon Rigor and junior Karoline Roderer as Minnie Fay; guest actor David McCallister, of Notre Dame High School, and senior Kelly Ahlfeld as Cornelius Hackl; and guest actor Max Blackstone, of Waldorf, and senior Kaitlyn Schaefer as Barnaby Tucker.

Also in the cast with speaking roles were: junior Emily Forester as Ermengarde; junior Briana Kraus as Ambrose Kemper; junior Jacqueline Liston as Ernestina; junior Ann Romei as Mrs. Rose and a coachman, senior Dana Olson as a judge; sophomore Michelle Maier as the court clerk; senior Kalyna Durbak as a police officer; senior Kat McEneely as Rudolph Reisenweber; guest actor Nick Bianchi, of Maine South High School, as Stanley; junior Angela Steele as the first cook; and sophomore Megan Reisberg as the second cook.

Members of the Dance Chorus were: senior Therese Barr; juniors Meg Cooney, Julianne Dingraudo, Amy Garvey, Natalie Justinien, Mary McCanna, Amanda Pantle and Katie Stec; sophomores Jessica Collins, Danielle Freeman and Christine O'Brien; freshmen Amanda Fenn, Hannah Hiatt and Kim Schaefer; and guest dancer James McEneely, a student at Northridge Prep. Chorus members were: sophomore Farah Ahmad, and freshmen Berina Babic, Annette Bochenek, Annice Coughlan, Kelly Grant, Susan Hager, Mary Laut, Maura Lakowski, Andrea Minchella, Katie Pins, and Anne Yurek.

Regina Dominican's Orchestra provided the music for *Hello Dolly's* lively musical numbers. Orchestra members participating in the Fall Musical were: seniors Maria Anichini, Hilary Bouxsein, Molly Fox, Amanda Gallegos, Annie Kelley and Valerie Lengerich; juniors Katie Bott, Victoria Brown, Nicole Greene, Katy Keenan and Alexandria Sitaras; sophomores Liz Hettler, Meghan Nally, Amelia Salutz, and Katie Szmyd; and freshmen Katie Golembiewski, Brigid Leyhane, Becky Schmitz and Megan Yorath.

Drama teacher Ms. Dianne Weinand directed and produced the Fall Musical, assisted by Mr. David Hiatt as musical director and Ms. Kim Blackstone as choreographer. Together, the three faculty members served as technical directors. Senior Amanda McCullough, as student director, worked with assistant student directors Ann Romei and Victoria Brown, both juniors. Juniors Alexandra Zamirowski and Lauren Strzepek were the stage managers, while sophomore Ellen Nicolau was the student production assistant.

A host of students worked behind the scenes to make *Hello Dolly* a success. Property mistresses were freshmen Lauren Gutierrez and Nicolette Roszak. Serving as costume mistresses were sophomores Erica Bryant and Samantha Woods and freshmen Kerry Hancuch and Kelly Roderer.

Members of the lights/sound crew were: seniors Felicia Doolin, Kasey McLaughlin and Kate Schaefer; juniors Marin Hoag and Lauren Nawrocki; and sophomores Garima Ajmani and Cara Doyle.

Major set elements were constructed by the tech theatre class, under the supervision of Mr. David Hiatt. Sets were also constructed by members of the extra-curricular crew: juniors Beth Fallucco, Marin Hoag, Lauren Nawrocki, Lauren Strzepek

and Alexandra Zamirowski; sophomores Erica Bryant and Ellen Nicolau; and freshmen Kerry Hancuch, Kelly Roderer and Nicolette Roszak.

Serving on both the extra-curricular construction crew and the running crew were: seniors Emily Carlson and Sindy Turcios; junior Jasmine John; sophomores Jordan Roti, Emily Sloan, and Tracy Windlinger; and freshmen Emma Niederkorn and Rebecca Schatz. Senior Natalia Sobremente also served on the running crew.

Local theater and music fans can look forward to the following performances at Regina Dominican in the coming months: the Orchesis dance recital, 4 p.m. Sunday, February 27; the Spring Benefit Performance, a musical show offered as a gift of thanks to donors of the annual fund, 7 p.m. Sunday, March 13; the Spring Play, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 22 and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 24; and the Spring Concert, 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 3.