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Dear Students & Parents,

The Nock Musical Theater department is thrilled to announce auditions for our 2014 Spring Musical “Guys & Dolls”. This hilarious and fun-filled show tells the story of the clumsy but lovable Nathan Detroit who is desperate to find money to pay for his floating Casino games in Mid-town Manhattan, Nathan Detroit bets Sky Masterson a thousand dollars that Sky will not be able to take a local Salvation Army girl, Sarah Brown, to Cuba. While Sky eventually is able to convince Sarah to join him, Nathan battles with his fiancé of fourteen years, Adelaide. Meanwhile in Cuba, Sky ends up falling in love with Sarah and tries to reform his gambling ways. When he returns back to New York, he bets all the members of the floating game that if he wins his roll of the dice, they will all have to go to church and repent. If he loses, he will give them each a thousand dollars. He ends up winning and the gamblers end up visiting the mission and repenting their sins. This fabulous show premiered in 1950 with music & lyrics by Frank Loesser. Following a run of nearly 1200 performances, it was turned into an equally acclaimed film in 1955 starring Frank Sinatra, Marilyn Monroe, and Marlon Brando. It is certainly one of those musicals that people are more familiar with than they may think. With classic songs such as “Sue Me” “Luck Be a Lady Tonight” and “A Bushel & a Peck”, this show is certain to provide an engaging, challenging, and memorable experience for all involved.

Now, down to the numbers... your directors for this production will be a collaboration of Nock Music Directors Brian Nickerson and Jamie Sokolowski. Many parents and Nock staff will be involved assisting with choreography, costuming, set design/building, and other technical aspects.

The dates for the auditions for this show are Thursday, December 12th and Friday, December 13th from 2:30 to 5:00 pm in the Nock auditorium.

General Production Information

STUDENTS MUST SIGN UP FOR AN AUDITION TIME ON THE SHEET OUTSIDE THE AUDITORIUM

- There will be a **\$50** involvement fee for all cast members.
- Rehearsals will be held on **Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays** from **2:30 - 5:00**

- Tech week (attendance is required) is Sunday **March 2nd**, Monday **March 3rd**, and Tuesday **March 4th**
- Performance dates are scheduled for: **March 5th at 5:00** and **March 6th, 7th, 8th at 7:00**
- Students will be asked to submit a list of **rehearsal conflicts**. Students and parents are required to sign and return a **participation contract**.

For this audition you are asked to prepare:

- **30 seconds** of a piece that you know well and that will show off your voice. You may sing alone or with a piano accompaniment (if you provide sheet music). The words of your audition song should be memorized.
- As there is a fair amount of dancing in this production, you will be asked to learn and perform a short and **dance routine**.
- There **will not** be any script readings at the initial auditions; we will be holding readings at callbacks.

To this audition you should bring:

- Bottled water
- Comfortable clothes and shoes for movement
- Sheet music if you will need piano accompaniment
- Energy and enthusiasm
- Respect and support for fellow auditioners

If you have any questions contact one of us at bnickerson@newburyport.k12.ma.us or jsokolowski@newburyport.k12.ma.us Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at auditions!

Sincerely,

Brian Nickerson

Jamie Sokolowski