

BATBOY

THE MUSICAL

THE OPEN STAGE THEATRE - THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

PERFORMANCE TIMES:

THURSDAY 14TH OF AUGUST 7:00PM (GALA NIGHT)

FRIDAY 15TH OF AUGUST 7:00PM

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Synopsis

When three young siblings go exploring in a cave near their small town of Hope Falls they discover a mysterious creature—half-bat, half-boy. The creature attacks. The sheriff, for lack of a better option, takes the creature to Dr Parker's, hoping the veterinarian will know what to do. Meanwhile, the townsfolk are baying for blood—bat-boy blood.

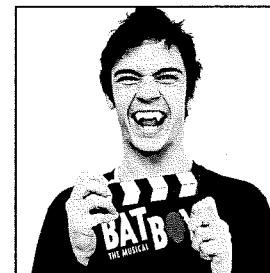
As Meredith Parker and her daughter Shelley teach Edgar how to behave like a normal boy, the townsfolk begin to connect the appearance of the creature to the deaths of their cows. An uneasy truce is made but when the bat-boy Edgar tries to fit in with the narrow-minded townsfolk, they turn on him. He and Shelley, who have fallen in love run away to the forest to escape the townsfolk.

However, a terrible secret soon ruins their happiness and it is not long before the whole town knows the past of the mysterious Bat Boy.



Hero my name is Liesl, I am WARTS president. I tried to get as involved in the production as possible, singing and dancing. I then tried being the promotional paparazzi of the whole affair, but they didn't like the way it was bringing out my sassy attitude so they banished me again. On a more serious note, it's been a bit of a bumpy ride this

year, but I couldn't have chosen a better team to share it with. Big thank you to all of the exec team who have been phenomenal through all the highs and especially the lows. You have saved me from so much stress. Love you guys. And a MASSIVE shout out to Rey Dayap for his tremendous help (despite his general distaste for musicals) as rehearsal accompanist during WARTS Week and for stepping in at the last minute and saving all our asses. I can't thank you enough. Seriously. Thank you. Lastly, thank YOU for coming and making what we do worthwhile. I hope you have as much fun watching it as we've had putting it together.



I'm Jim Coulson, also known as Jim. So yes, I am the director of this cute little show. I picked this musical because it was literally the first one I clicked on the 'Hal Leonard' website. I also love it to bits. It's funny, sad and shocking and the music is pretty sick to boot. The cast has been an absolute pleasure to work with; I was expecting this to be a lot harder than it is. (40+ college kids coming together to do a musical? No thanks.) I thought I'd also use a chunk of this blurb to thank my stage manager and dearest friend Rachel Pitt Lancaster. She has put more hours into this than everyone else combined (May actually be true) and sometimes she works so hard she forgets to sleep and eat. This show would be nothing without her. Thanks babe In conclusion, this musical has been a blast to put together and I hope you enjoy it as much as I have. See you on stage! xx

Cast List

Main Roles

Bat Boy—Jim Coulson
Shelley Parker—Claire Stubs
Thomas Parker—Derek Mui
Meredith Parker—Morgan Rayner

Supporting Roles

Sheriff—Bec Fagan
Rick Taylor—Max Bayly
Ron Taylor—Ash Christie
Ruthie Taylor—Rose Butler
Mrs Taylor—Evan Parris
Eleanor Walters—Lorraine
Michelle Green—Daisy
Emerald Chang—Georgia
Lexie Cochrane—Mayor Maggie
Jack Davis—Bud
Ognjen Belic—Ned
Tom Kerr—Mr Dillon
Caleb Ballinger—Roy

Cast List

Supporting Roles Cont.

Jake Muller—Clem
Jordan Sorby—Reverend Hightower
Nathaniel Taylor—Pan
Samuel Lam—Doctor
Beaudan Campbell-Brown—Institute Man
Edward Worland—Mr Mereith
Hajin Song—Mrs Meredith

Chorus

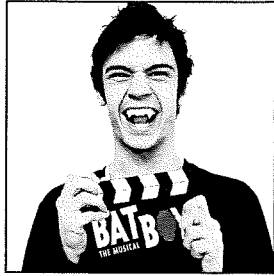
Art Pitchford Sally Irvine
Lauren Reece Briana Ellis
Emily Lewis

Dancers

Eliza Honybun
Chiarene Cooper

For all the latest goss, flick through the
next few pages and see what's really
happening in the heads of our Hope Falls
residents!

Meet the Cast!



Jim Coulson—Bat Boy/Edgar

I'm Jim Coulson, also- oh wait I used that joke before. I am extremely grateful to the amazing director for giving me the opportunity to play the role of Bat Boy. I run around naked, bite people, suck blood and yell at chickens, and sometimes Bat Boy does it too. I am also the director of the show. #sorrynotsorry #100daysofhappiness

Claire Stubs—Shelley Parker

Hey bebs. So, like, there's this weird creep in my house. My mum seems to lyk him. She's a loser. Just wondering if you're still coming over? Whatcha wanna do tonite? ;)

Luv Shell Bell ex oh ex oh lol



Derek Mui—Dr. Parker

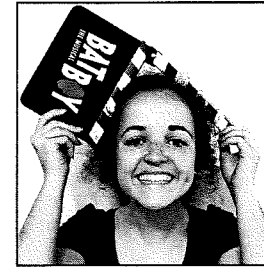


Hiya guys! I come from a long dynasty of artists and performers. You might have heard of my grandfather, THE Jackie Chan. My hobbies include twerk solos and accidentally colour co-ordinating outfits with my stage wife, Morgan Rayner. Today I will demonstrate how to regain affection by becoming a homicidal maniac. But rest assured audience members, I only harm people within online games and I use flowers to charm the ladies. Love, rainbows and kisses, Dirk.

Morgan Rayner—Meredith Parker

Hai. This is Morgan. She plays Meredith in the show. Her main catchphrase is "NO!" She loves to talk about herself in third person. She's terribly good at singing and terribly bad at harmonies. Up until recently she's been pronouncing 'especially' with an X, and her co-star is not too keen on having a partner who's gigantic compared to him. She's perfect for this role because she doesn't like to be touched. ENJOY THE SHOW. KEEP YOUR EYES ON ME AT ALL TIMES.

#attentionseeker

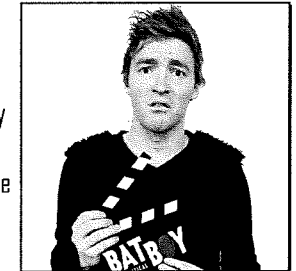


Bec Fagan—Sheriff

I, here, am the Sheriff of this town. Now, we don't want no carts before horses, eggs before chickens or chickens before eggs. I'm coming up for re-election and I'm gonna bring all things to the end of my foot that isn't my toes. Hope all ye folks enjoy this show and Vote 1, Sheriff Rayne.... Reeceiiiiiii.... Reeeey... Reaeiuenolds. Vote for me.

MaxBayly—Rick Taylor

Let's take it back to 1993 just quickly. I came into this world, and my mum thought, lma name this little boy Maxwell. Plain old, boring old Maxwell. And I always thought, if I had a different name, would my life be different...



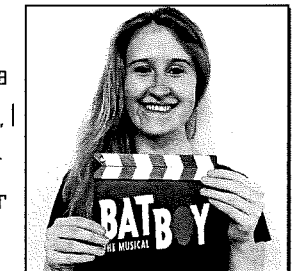
Ash Christie—Ron Taylor



My name is Ash. My characters name is Ron. Whilst I may be a muggle who (sadly) doesn't have Emma Watson as a best friend, true to name, I am scared and indecisive. Look out for me quivering behind my mother.

Rose Butler—Ruthie Taylor

Hi there, I'm Rose. You may remember me as the girl who ran into a wall last year, but we don't have to talk about that. In my spare time, I like to eat cereal and play with glitter. I wanted to throw glitter on-stage before my every entrance, but was told no. So, sorry for your loss of visual joy. The decision was taken out of my hands.





Evan Parris—Mrs. Taylor

My name is Evan and I play Mrs. Taylor, the buxom, homicidal, blood-thirsty, hysterical mother with three poorly raised children that don't know their own father. Some say this is the role I was born to play. I think I should reassess my life choices.

Eleanor Walters—Lorraine

on coming to see our production! Here you will witness the tragic tale of the Bat Boy. Understood by few. Protected by fewer. A lost, yet hopeful boy. My friends have worked hard to put this together. I have also, and hope you like it. Each of us have sung and danced like crazy. Let us show you what we've created. Please relax and enjoy the show. I know we've put in our best to make this story come to life. Thank you to everyone involved. On with the show!



Michelle Green—Daisy

Why, hello there, the name is Michelle. I go by Daisy, I'm the resident school teacher at Hope Falls. Number one: Much like my character, my interests include knitting, hosting afternoon tea parties and raising chickens, inspiring my truly rad street name 'Henhouse' and that's a big ten four affirmative. Two: In secret I prank call the farmers pretending to be Mayor Maggie... Shhhh... Don't tell anybody...
#reckless #overandout

Emerald Chang—Georgia

A typical happy go lucky girl in town whose dream is to become a virus expert as well as paediatrician in the future! Anyway, thank all of you for giving me such an incredible chance to present my singing talent! Singing in the shower for years has somewhat boosted my singing skills despite the fact that I always ended up being dragged out from the bathroom by my family members! Anyway, Bat Boy is a truly good show that comes with amazing cast and crew! So what are you waiting for? it is time to keep calm & love the bat boy!

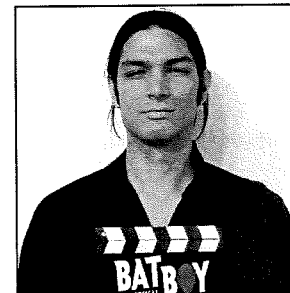
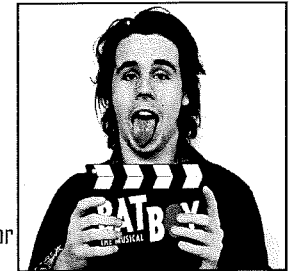


Lexie Cochran—Mayor Maggie

Have you ever heard the wolf cry to the blue corn moon or asked the grinning bobcat why he grins? Can you sing with all the voices of the mountains? Can you paint with all the colours of the wind?

Jack Davis—Bud

Well howdy thire folks, ma name is good OLLLLLLL' Jacke boyy. But you can call me bud fer shurt. I'ma farmer, cow-tickler, rooster-rastler and pioneer of the uneven trouser leg fashion movement. Whilst trying to find a definitive name for my fashion movement, I checked my bovine manual but found no definition, the frustration for which led to me spreading some contagious disease.



Ognjen Belic—Ned

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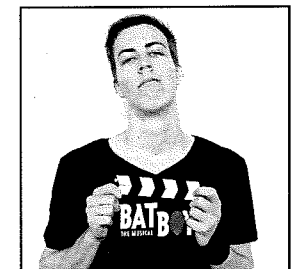
We must be swift as a coursing river, with all the strength of a great typhoon. With all the strength of a raging fire, mysterious as the dark side of the moon.

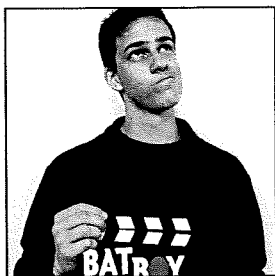
Tom Kerr—Mr. Dillon

Oh hay hay,

I am Tom, people like to call me Tom. I'm the tall blonde one at the back of most things. I'm not looking for anything too serious, just someone to cuddle up to on a cold winter night.

PM if need.



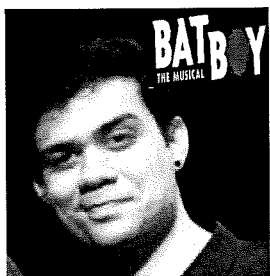


Caleb Ballinger—Roy

G'day mate I'm Caleb. I play a cow loving rancher. But I was typecast as I practically am Roy. I love cows and farms...and cows. My other interests include killing and shooting stuff...on farms. I, like all the best and brightest of Hope Falls, was raised on a farm and that is where I draw my inspiration from. I dedicate this show to Choco.

Jake Muller—Clem

Jake's forthcoming memoir "Too Busy Laughing: My Amazing Life" will be available in all good book stores in time for Christmas.



Jordan Sorby—Reverend Hightower

There can be miracles, if you believe. Though hope is frail, it's hard to kill. There can be miracles you can achieve when you believe somehow you will.

Nathaniel (Oz) Taylor—Pan

I once played a woman in a musical, because they weren't allowed on the stage... it'd cause hysteria! Back in my day the only 'vines' we shared were used to flay our servants on a bi-monthly basis. If you ask me this whole musical is a crock of hubbuberry that we as modern enlightened subjects could do without. As the possessor of the male gaze it really grinds against my understanding of self. And that's why the lines on the road are dashed AND solid.



Art Pitchford—Chorus

Art wishes to remind the audience of the old saying that goes, "There are no small parts, only small actors." Art urges you to seek him out in crowd scenes. Perhaps, he suggests, you will discover that Art's nameless townspeople is as fully realised and embodied as any character in the "main cast".

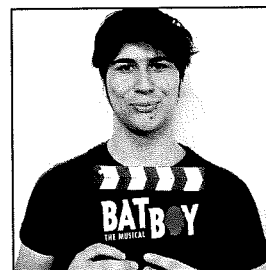
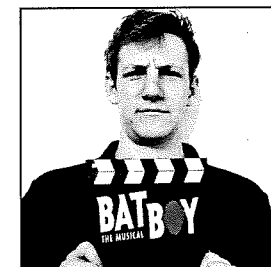


Samuel Lam—Doctor

Unable to get into medical school, Sam brought dishonour to his family and was banished from the homeland. Hoping to restore his honour, Sam printed out a medical degree certificate from the internet and arrived at Hope Falls. Little did he know what would happen next...

Beaudan Campell-Brown—Institute Man

I have often dreamed of a far off place where the peach blossoms grow and a hero's welcome would be waiting for me. Where the crowds will cheer when they see my face and a voice keeps saying this is where I'm meant to be.



Edward Worland—Mr. Meredith

Ultimately, it's not possible for any of us to know with complete certainty that the people we care for have ever loved us in a way we'd find at all meaningful. Edward is in the chorus.

Hajin Song—Mrs. Meredith

I name Hajin. I treasure for Warts. I also try out for Batboy, they say I terrible sing, so I do small role. Scrubs. In spare time I do traditional Korean culture, I pwn noobs and eat noodle.



Lauren Reece—Chorus

Hi, I'm Lauren and I'm in the chorus. Although there's been trials and tribulations, (you know I've had my share), I've climbed the mountain, I've crossed the river and I'm almost there.



Chiarene Cooper—Dancer/Chorus

Oh hi ma name is Chiarene better known as Chip/Chippie/Chipolata/Chipotle. You may or may not see me dancing around the stage with red scarves like a mad woman along with my main chorey girl pal Honybun, enjoy the show!

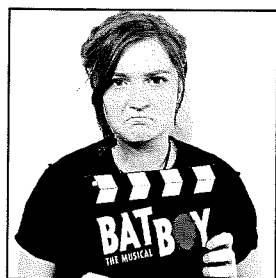
Eliza Honybun—Chorus/Dancer

I sometimes dream that I am a piece of fruit. But the wrong taste. Such is life.



Emily Lewis—Chorus

Hi I'm Emily and I'm playing 'Townswoman I'. I landed this iconic, theatre-altering part with my mad singing, acting and dancing skillz. I am very good at facial expressions, grimacing is my specialty (see photo), but my talents don't end there, no. I can make a surprised face with little to no warning at all. It's very impressive.



Sally Irvine—Chorus

People seem to like me because I am polite and I am rarely late. I like to eat ice cream and I really enjoy a nice pair of slacks. Years later, a



Briana Ellis—Chorus

Sometimes I meow at cats and they meow back. bee



Meet the Exec team



A huge thanks to this year's exec team who organised the rights, the theatre, the amazing set and costumes, and made sure we turned up to rehearsal more or less on time. :)

Liesl Ho —WARTS President

Jim Coulson—Director

Emma Zagami—Assistant Director

Tim Lukey— Musical Director

Rachel Pitt-Lancaster— Stage Manager

Rachel Carr—Producer

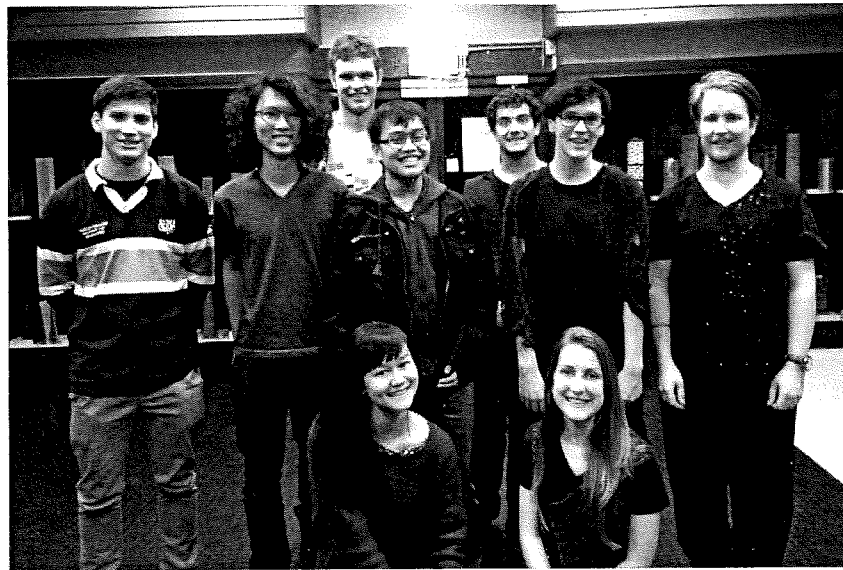
Sally Irvine—Assistant Stage Manager

Hajin Song—Treasurer

Mandy Tsai—Production Manager

Chiarene Cooper and Eliza Honybun—Choreographers

Meet the Band



Tim Lukey: Electric and Acoustic Guitars/conductor

Damir Krehula: Piano

Rey Dayap: Keyboard

Will Ellet: Drums

Hiro Chan: Bass guitar

Liesl Ho: Flute

Olivia Grosfeld: Clarinet

William Stanley: Cello

Matteo Gatto: Trombone

Meet the Crew



These people are the crew, our resident ninjas, who make sure everything is in the right place at the right time and that everyone looks incredible :)

Lead by the talented Rachel Pitt-Lancaster (Stage Manager)

Clare Browne

Jordan Sorby

Rosie Lane

Brad Spinks

Victoria Lau

Nathaniel Taylor

Bec McLarty

Lucy Williams

Asitha Samarawickrama

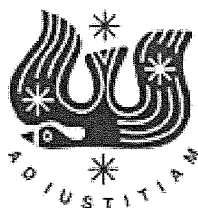
Lighting and Tech

Nathaniel Ballinger

Reece Baxter

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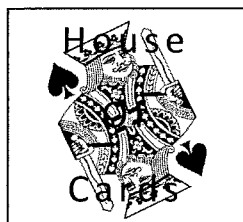
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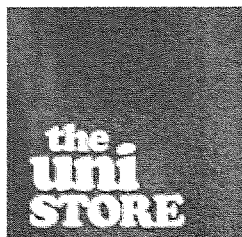
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