

# West Side Story

Before 1957, a typical musical theatergoer could expect to leave a performance smiling and perhaps humming one of the show's upbeat tunes. However, that expectation changed in 1957 with the debut of *West Side Story*.

Leonard Bernstein, the show's composer, chose to create a modern day version of William Shakespeare's famous tragedy, *Romeo and Juliet*. In his version, the rival families (the Capulets and Montagues) become gangs and the setting moves from Verona, Italy, to the Upper West Side of New York City. The focus of the story shifts towards immigrant conflict, gang rivalry, and is set in a gritty, lower class neighborhood.

West Side Story is the choice for Mariemont's spring musical, which will be directed by Lee Lowery and Elizabeth McGahey, with the help of Katey Blood as the choreographer.

## Cast List

(**Bold** signifies a lead role)

### Jets

**Riff**

**Tony**

**Action**

A-Rab

Big Deal

Baby John

Snowboy

Gee-tar

Anybodys

Graziella

Velma

**Matt Perkins**

**Wes Carmen**

**Drew Troller**

Donovan Gardner

Sam Mischenko

Tyler Clark

Bill Roberts

Mitch Kaesar

Jordan Groppe

Kelsey Rutherford

Hannah Mauk

**Schrank**

**Krupke**

Glad Hand

### Sharks

**Bernardo**

**Maria**

**Anita**

Chino

Pepe

Indio

Luis

Juano

Rosalia

Consuelo

Francisca

**Olivia Holmes**

**Andy Kupferle**

Mitch Kaesar

Mary Kate Pennell

**Max Long**

**Katie Keisar**

**Janey Kent**

Amir Rezayat

Chris Porst

Elliot Faulk

Jason Lonneman

Justin Peters

Chelsea Utt

Caitlin Peterkin

Claire Cascella

### Jet Girls

Stephanie Allen

Julia Donnelly

Laura Gardner

Stephanie Madden

Erin Purcell

Sarah Ries

Hannah Sexsmith

Sarah Sylvest

Angie Bell

Haley Fallon

Andie Jackson

Mary Kate Pennell

Hilary Purcell

Stella Roznovan

Emmie Stehling

Chelsea Weaver

### Shark Girls

Marcy Allen

Maggie Deadrick

Catherine Kauffman

Libby Peters

Katie Roberts

Claudia Carrelli

Annie Gaburo

McKenzie Miller

Ginna Rich

Whitney Taylor

### The Adults

**Doc**

**Anne Pennell**