



Interlochen

ARTS ACADEMY

Interlochen, Michigan
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Musical Theatre Composer's Showcase **An Evening with Cole Porter**

Direction/Staging by Erin Jerozal and members of the Cole Porter cast
Music Direction by Lisa Sanderson
Jim Van Slyke, guest pianist
Stage Manager: Amelia Service, Traverse City, Mich.

Friday, April 17, 2026
7:30pm, Phoenix Theatre

Saturday, April 18, 2026
7:30pm, Phoenix Theatre

Sunday, April 19, 2026
2:00pm, Phoenix Theatre

ENSEMBLE

Elizabeth Burden, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
Gus Bye, Traverse City, Mich.
Luna Cheng, Shenzhen, China
Gabriella Cupps, Houston, Texas
Griffin Dawkins, Bridgehampton, N.Y.
Sarah Genne, Fairfax Station, Va.
Stellan Hamner-Jillson, Zephyr Cove, Nev.
Ash Lundell, Santa Cruz, Calif.
Hayley Pezza, East Greenwich, R.I.
Grace Son, Seoul, South Korea
Dean Sontag, Bedford Hills, N.Y.
Addilyn Waddell, Normal, Ill.
Simone Winter, Encino, Calif.
Aaron Wu, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Evan Yao, Roslyn, N.Y.
Michael Younkin, Wadsworth, Ohio

SONGS

"Anything Goes" Full Ensemble
"High Society" Gabriella, Luna, Dean, Michael, Aaron
"Let's Misbehave" Ash, Griffin, Evan, Stellan, Gus
"Never, Never Be an Artist" Hayley, Addilyn, Simone, Elizabeth
"I Love Paris" Full Ensemble
"Miss Otis Regrets" Grace and Sarah
"I Get a Kick Out of You" Sarah and Michael
"Too Darn Hot" Full Ensemble
"Well, Did You Evah!" Simone, Michael, Dean, Evan
"Let's Do It (Let's Fall in Love)" Full Ensemble
"Friendship" Stellan and Hayley
"Another Openin', Another Show" Aaron and Addilyn
"Go Into Your Dance" Grace, Simone, Luna, Gabriella
"Night and Day" Elizabeth, Gus, Grace
"It's Bad for Me" Griffin
"Anything Goes" Full Ensemble
"Ridin' High" Full Ensemble
"Down in the Depths (on the 90th floor)" Stellan and Michael
"Brush Up Your Shakespeare" Evan and Dean
"So In Love" Addilyn and Aaron
"Kiss Me Kate (Finale)" Full Ensemble
"Goodbye, Little Dream, Goodbye" Hayley and Grace
"The Tale of the Oyster" Luna, Gabriella, Elizabeth, Hayley, Grace
"Live and Let Live" Full Ensemble

Choreography

“Too Darn Hot” by Gus Bye

“Let’s Do It (Let’s Fall in Love)” by Gus Bye

“Night and Day” by Matthew Lindstrom, Gus Bye, Grace Son

“Anything Goes” by Sarah Genne

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PROGRAM NOTES

The Musical Theatre Composer’s Showcase is a very unique and special project in the Interlochen Arts Academy theatre season. Unlike other shows, we gather on the first day of our rehearsals with nothing. Yes, we know we’re going to showcase Cole Porter—but beyond that, there is no script, there are no songs chosen yet, and no words on a page to dictate our path. Over the course of the past 12 weeks (two of which were Spring Break!), these actors have researched Cole Porter’s life and music, decided what story we wanted to tell and how, chosen songs and characters to feature, staged and rehearsed every number, and above all else, supported each other in their curiosities, creativity, and artistic creations. Cole Porter is fascinating—as both an artist and human being. His life was full of joy and pain, privilege and hardship, successes and failures. In exploring themes from our research, the words that kept emerging were: Resiliency, Hedonism, Artistic Dedication, Wealth, Queerness. Much of the text you will hear tonight comes from *The Letters of Cole Porter* by Cliff Eisen and Dominic McHugh. This collection of actual letters spanning Porter’s life is compelling proof that truth is often stranger than fiction—and more interesting too!

—Erin Jerozal, director

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PRODUCTION CREDITS

Assistant Stage Manager Arthur Hurvitz, D.C.
Director of Theatre Arts..... William Church
Director of Theatre Design and Production Stephen John
Theatre Company Manager Emily Wilkinson
Associate Director of Presents Jeffery Block
Prop and Painting Assistant..... Noah Dorsey, Ohio
Light Board Operator Arthur Hurvitz, D.C.
Sound Board Operator Amelia Service, Mich.
Costume Shop Supervisor Amanda Lifvendahl

Special Thanks

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UPCOMING SIGNATURE SERIES HIGHLIGHT

The Who's Tommy

Music & Lyrics by Pete Townshend

Book by Des McAnuff & Pete Townshend

Additional Music & Lyrics by John Entwistle & Keith Moon

Friday, May 8-Sunday, May 10 | Corson Auditorium

Experience the electrifying rock opera *The Who's Tommy*, a groundbreaking musical that follows the journey of Tommy Walker, a young boy who becomes deaf, dumb, and blind after witnessing a traumatic event. As he grows, Tommy discovers an extraordinary talent for pinball, propelling him to fame and spiritual awakening. With iconic songs like "Pinball Wizard" and "See Me, Feel Me," this production delves into themes of trauma, resilience, and the search for meaning.

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