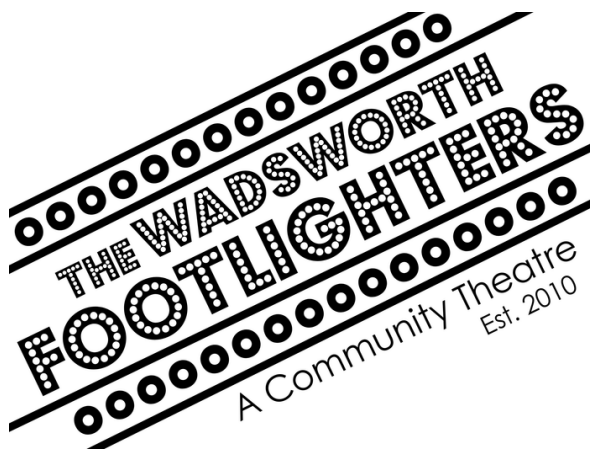




# Footloose

the  
musical

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# Directors Note:

Live theatre. It has the power to bring people together, to challenge us to see the world a little differently, and if we are lucky, to make us want to get up and dance.

Footloose is, at its heart, a story about standing up for what is right. It is about finding the courage to question the rules and traditions that no longer serve us, even when doing so is difficult. It is about discovering that change often begins with one person willing to speak up and grows when a community finds the courage to listen.

But this story is also about connection. It reminds us that we are stronger when we come together, when we take the time to understand one another, and when we recognize that even our differences can bring us closer. In a world that can sometimes feel divided, there is something wonderfully joyful about watching a community find its rhythm again.

And, of course, there is dancing!

From the very beginning, Footloose invites us to move, to let go, to celebrate, and to find freedom in the simple joy of music and movement. The energy of this show is infectious, and I hope you feel that energy every time the curtain rises.

As you watch this production, I hope you find a little bit of yourself in these characters and their journey. I hope you are reminded of the importance of standing up for what you believe in, of the incredible power of community, and of the fact that sometimes the best way forward is to turn up the music and dance.

Thank you for joining us and supporting live theatre. Your presence is what makes this community possible. So, for the next few hours, leave your worries at the door, open your heart, and let us take you on a journey filled with music, movement, laughter, and a whole lot of heart.

And remember: sometimes, you just have to cut loose.

~ Cory E. Ott

# Footloose

the musical

## Act I:

Scene 1A: The City of Chicago

Footloose

Scene 1B: The Town of Bomont, in Church

On Any Sunday

Scene 2: The Churchyard

Scene 3: Behind A Gas Station

The Girl Gets Around

Scene 4: A High School Hallway

I Can't Stand Still

Somebody's Eyes

Scene 5: The Moore Home

Learning To Be Silent

Scene 6: The Burger Blast

Holding Out For A Hero

Scene 7: The Great Plains of Bomont

Scene 8: The Moore Home

Somebody's Eyes Reprise

Heaven Help Me

Scene 9: The High School Gym/Church

I'm Free/Heaven Help Me



**There will be a 15 minute Intermission between the two acts; refreshments, 50/50 tickets, and more will be sold in the lobby/theatre.**

## **Act II:**

Scene 1: The Bar-B-Que, A County Western Dance Hall  
Still Rockin'

Let's Hear It For The Boy

Scene 2: The Moore Home

Can You Find It In Your Heart?

Scene 3: The Junk Yard

Dancing Is Not A Crime

Mama Says (You Can't Back Down)

Scene 4: Under The Train Bridge

Almost Paradise

Scene 5: The Town Hall

Scene 6: The Moore Home

Heaven Help Me - Reprise

Scene 6A: The Church

Scene 6B: The Churchyard

Can You Find It In Your Heart? - Reprise

Scene 7: The Gym

Footloose - Finale

**Please be advised: Theatrical Haze, Bright Lights, and Loud Sounds are used during the performance. This production may not be suitable for all ages due to theme and/or language.**

# Cast:

Ren McCormack: Alex Tilson

Ethel McCormack: Jessica Hanna

Reverend Shaw Moore: Jonathan Hill

Vi Moore: Elisabeth Smelser

Ariel Moore: Brynnley Reeves

Lulu Warnicker: Lori McIlvaine

Wes Warnicker: Alex McIlvaine

Coach Roger Dunbar: Stephanie Readnower

Eleanor Dunbar: Anna Bohrer

Rusty: Natalie Spence

Urleen: Sofia Alvarado

Wendy Jo: Alyssa Kinder

Chuck Cranston: Corbin Demiter

Travis: Landon Johnson

A Cop: Wyatt Chapman

Willard Hewitt: Ryden Chapman

Jeter: Lukas Ziska

Bickle: Adam Huskey

Garvin: Hayden Lane

Cowboy Bob: Michael Basinger

Featured Dancers:

Josephine McIlvaine, Gracelynn Owensby,

Piper Schoonover

Ensemble:

Madeline Bauer, Lizzie Blaha, Rooney Cox, Jet Druley,

Kendall Elchico, Emma Giauque, Sammy Gorbach,

Lisette Hill, Emi Lee, Hayden Lovell, Rebecca Mangan,

Caroline Sack, Harper Schmid, Adelaide Singleton,

Katelyn Slaughter, Emily Smelser, Lauren Stevenson,

Leyna Stine, Hailey Svenson

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About Our Cast/Show:



## Production Staff/Crew:

Director: Cory Ott

Musical Director: Angelina Nicholas

Choreographer: Maureen Stocks-Martin

Costumer: Kasey Ziska

House Manager: Megan Harvey

Tech Director: Tommy Forrer

Tech Team:

Giuliana Belford

Mara Readnower

Jace Highland

Gabriella Buzek

Amanda Jevnikar

Landry Macko

Heidi Fongheiser

There are so many individuals/groups that work together to make a successful production.

## **SPECIAL THANK YOU TO**

Grace Lutheran Church for their continued support of the Wadsworth Footlighters as one of their outreach programs. We are so lucky to have such a wonderful place to rehearse, perform, and call home.

Wadsworth City Schools and Staff for allowing us this beautiful use of the stage and helping keep things the way they are!

Sugar Social, Glenn/Julie Charek, and Bill Simmons for helping us cut loose during the blue tip parade.

Maria and The crew at A-1 Sports Sales for their assistance with our show shirts.

Minuteman Press in Medina for their printing of our programs.

Tommy, Giuliana, Mara, Jace, Gabriella, Amanda, Landry, and Heidi for volunteering their time on our tech team, making sure our show comes together and truly shines.

Cory Ott for compiling our programs. It takes a great deal of time, patience and organization to put it all together before publication.

Kasey Ziska, Catlin Chapman, and others, along with the cast, and the parents of the cast that dressed up our actors to look the part.

Kate Schoonover, Jess Stevenson, Angie Lane, Heather Tilson, Amy Cox, Becky Bauer, and Theresa Gorbach along with the scissor happy cutters, gluers, and lifters that helped with many of the props, set, call board items, and lobby decor.

## **SPECIAL THANK YOU TO**

Dan Freeman for the help with the set.

The United Church of Christ in Wadsworth for the pews to fill our church!

The Rock and Roll Hall Of Fame, The Fongheiser Family, Kasey Ziska, Shawn Michaels, Blaha Family for the gathering/supplying our raffle baskets!

ElectriSound for not only helping with sound this year but adding some extra light to our stage!

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Megan Harvey for helping on the house side of things.

The many volunteers helping prior to the show at the many events we shared our story. As well as the volunteers here tonight that help us share our story with you on stage!

Bunny Dennison and Alex McIlvaine for their continued support.

The Footlighter board for helping where needed and helping organize everything.

Anyone we may have inadvertently forgotten.

The word "Footloose" is written in a large, bold, black cursive script. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent 'F' and a long, sweeping tail on the 'e'.

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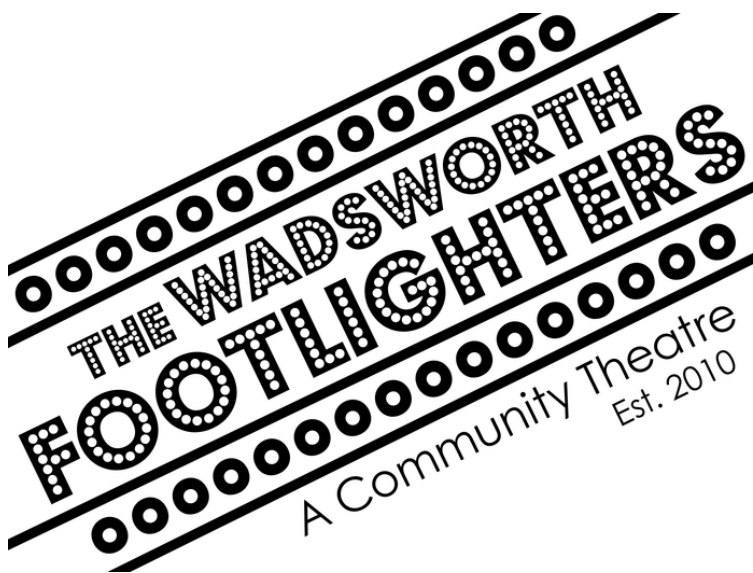
# THE WHO'S TOMMY

October 11th, 2026  
at 6:30pm



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