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The Crazy for You Crew

“It was an awesome experience to put on such a fun show with people who have become like family,” says **Elsie Koutia**, who played Polly Baker in MLC Forum’s production *Crazy for You*. The show was a hit—full of hilarious one-liners, dynamic dancing, and high-quality music. More than 75 students teamed up to help with everything from running lights and sound to building the sets to playing in the pit orchestra.

Have you thought about acting on the MLC stage some day? Here’s a preview from first-year **Jonathan Marquardt**, who played the lead, Billy Child: “Being a part of *Crazy for You* was such an incredible blessing! It gave me the opportunity to get to know some amazing people and make memories I’ll never forget. The long hours of tap dancing were exhausting, but we all made it out alive and had so much fun! I can honestly say every moment was totally worth it.”

Some students took on the responsibilities of the production staff, which created a vision for the musical and worked to carry it out. “My favorite part of my work was set design and building,” says Stage Manager **Jacob Ungemach** (*Manitowoc / First German-Manitowoc WI*). “It was amazing to see the ideas I worked on over the summer turn into pieces on stage.”

“As the producer, I handled behind-the-scenes stuff,” says **Noelle Boucher** (*Rocky Mountain / Living Hope-Commerce City CO*). “A fun challenge that came up was that we had to hand-make almost all the girls’ costumes. It was a massive undertaking, but I am so blessed I got to do this. It gave me so many skills that I can use in my future ministry.”

Other students on the production staff included Chorus Director **Emily Schmidt** (*KML / Crown of Life-Hubertus WI*) and Office Manager **Grace Christman** (*Homeschool / Hope-Irmo SC*).



Elsie Koutia and Jonathan Marquardt as Polly and Billy

The Cast

Jonathan Marquardt (*LPS / Grace-Milwaukee*)
Elsie Koutia (*ALA / Cross of Glory-Peoria AZ*)
Will DeMarce (*LPS / Grace-Oskaloosa IA*)
Becca Doering (*Lakeside / St. Paul-Lake Mills WI*)
Duke Backhaus (*LPS / St. Paul-Tomah WI*)
Ryan Kluba (*Manitowoc / St. John-Two Rivers WI*)
Meredith Liermann (*Manitowoc / St. John-Manitowoc WI*)
Malachi Mortensen (*Lakeside / St. Stephen-Beaver Dam WI*)
Bethany Lisowski (*Luther HS / St. Mathew-Winona MN*)
Rachel Goddard (*MLS / St. Paul-Saginaw MI*)
Rebecca Heyer (*FVL / Immanuel-Greenville WI*)
Maddy Leckwee (*KML / Trinity-West Bend WI*)
Alyssa Tessmer (*MVL / Zion-Winthrop MN*)
Gabrielle Steidl (*WISCO / St. Paul-Muskego WI*)
Laurel Hirschmann (*WISCO / St. John-New Ulm MN*)
Katelyn Raddatz (*Luther HS / St. John-Sparta WI*)
Livia Lickteig (*KML / David’s Star-Jackson WI*)
Silas Dose (*MVL / St. John-New Ulm MN*)
Jacob Price (*Northland / St. Peter-Schofield WI*)
Matthew Scharp (*LPS / Mt. Calvary-Waukesha WI*)
Race Kohl (*Jefferson Academy HS-CO / Shepherd of the Valley-Westminster CO*)
Caleb Paul (*Rocky Mountain / Lord of Life-Thornton CO*)
Nathaniel Wranovsky (*WISCO / St. Paul-Muskego WI*)
Aidan Gregorius (*LPS / St. Luke-Watertown WI*)
Zach Johnson (*West / St. Paul-Howards Grove WI*)



Katherine Curtis
(*Georgia Connections Academy / Faith-Sharpsburg GA*) prepares **Ryan Kluba** for the bright lights. Katherine led the hair and makeup team.