



BE MORE CHILL

SEPT
29-30

Music and Lyrics By
Joe Iconis
Book By
Joe Tracz

Studio Theatre

Scenes & Songs

Act I

Scene 1: Jeremy's Room/ The Bus/ School

More Than Survive - Jeremy, Michael & Students

Scene 2: Play Rehearsal

I Love Play Rehearsal- Christine

More Than Survive (Reprise 1)

Scene 3: The Boy's Bathroom

The Squip Song- Rich & Ensemble

Scene 4: Jeremy's Room

Two-Player Game

Scene 5: Payless Shoes

Scene 6: The Mall

Be More Chill- The Squip, Jeremy, Brooke, Chloe & Ensemble

Do You Wanna Ride?- Brooke & Chloe

Be More Chill Part 2- The Squip, Jeremy & Ensemble

Scene 7: Jeremy's Room/ The School

More Than Survive (Reprise 2)

Scene 8: Play Rehearsal

A Guy That I'd Kinda Be Into- Christine & Ensemble

Scene 9: Outside the School

Upgrade- Brooke, The Squip, Jake, Christine, Jeremy & Ensemble

Act II

Scene 1: Jake Dillinger's House

Halloween Party- Ensemble

Scene 2: Jake's Parent's Upstairs Bedroom

Do You Wanna Hang?- Chloe

Scene 3: A Bathroom

Michael In The Bathroom- Michael

Scene 4: The Living Room

Scene 5: The Smartphone Hour

The Smartphone Hour (Rich Set A Fire)- Jenna, Chloe, Brooke & The Girls

Scene 6: The School

The Pitiful Children- The Squip & Ensemble

Scene 7: Jeremy's House/ Michael's Porch

The Pants Song- Dad & Michael

Scene 8: On Stage and Backstage

The Play- Ensemble

Scene 9: A Hospital Room/ The School

Voices In My Head- Jeremy & Ensemble

Cast



Jonah Broscow (Jeremy) is so excited to be in his first UP show! He is a freshman from Oakland, CA with an undecided major. He had been doing theater since he was five and his favorite roles include Theo in the Broadway National Tour of Pippin, Jimmy in the Man In The Ceiling (Bay Street Theater), and Ralphie in A Christmas Story (SF Playhouse) He would like to thank the cast and creative team for making this experience so awesome. He hopes you enjoy this extremely chill show.



Nate Koss (Michael) is a sophomore at Indiana University's O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs, pursuing a degree in Arts Management. Nate is a member and one of the recruitment directors of The Singing Hoosiers and is also a part of the chamber ensemble and advanced dance ensemble within the group, ResoluSHion and Varsity Dancers. Nate also helps assist Bloomington Expressive Arts Training's (BEAT) high school show choir, "Amplitude," alongside Ly and Brennan Wilder. Nate also choreographs for two middle school groups in the Indy area. Nate would like to thank his family and friends for giving him love and support and would especially like to thank his best friend Lola for helping him run through lines at 2 in the morning leading up to the show.



Chandler Deppert (Richard Goranski) is a Sophomore Theatre B.A. in acting. He is extremely excited to be in his first University Players stage production, Be More Chill! His former credits are Something Rotten (ensemble) on the IU mainstage, She Kills Monsters (Chuck), The Lightning Thief (Grover), Carousel (Enoch Snow), and Beauty and the Beast(Lefou). Chandler is excited to break his other leg for this show!



Josh Ingle Jr. (Squip) is thrilled to be a part of this amazing show with such a talented and wonderful cast! Josh is currently a junior at Indiana University studying Film, TV, and Digital Production with minors in Business and Theatre. Some of his past credits include - The Little Mermaid (Prince Eric), Les Miserables (Marius), Newsies (Davey), Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (Joseph), and Mary Poppins (Bert). Josh would like to thank his amazing family and friends for always pushing him to go out and do the things he loves.



Catherine O'Connor (Christine) is a senior Theatre & Drama B.A. Major minoring in Contemporary Dance at Indiana University. She spent this past summer assistant directing musical theatre camps at Constellation Stage & Screen and training in London with the performing arts abroad program, WestEndOnDemand. Some of her most recent shows include: Fun Home (Alison), Sweeney Todd (The Beadle), and Firebringer (Zazzalil). She is also a current member of Indiana University's Grammy nominated show choir group, the Singing Hoosiers. She has dreams of moving back to Chicago, becoming an actress on Broadway, and one day writing her own album as well. She is from Chicago, Illinois.

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Lila Goldstein (Chloe) is a sophomore at Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music, hailing from Long Island, New York. She is pursuing a degree in vocal performance under the guidance of Dr. Michelle DeYoung and has a minor in composition. Lila is a member of Singing Hoosiers, and the chamber ensemble within the group, ResoluSHion. She currently serves as the music director of Hooshir Acapella, IU's premier Jewish a cappella group. In 2023, she was a Top 10 finalist in the Campus Superstar competition, and she recently performed at the ALL IN Festival in Indianapolis with the Beatles Dreamset. Her theatre credits include Mama Rose in Gypsy, Donna in Mamma Mia, Martha in Spring Awakening, Fastrada in Pippin, Paulette in Legally Blonde, and Camila in In the Heights.



Nicole (Nikki) Stawski (Brooke) is from Granger, IN and is a junior at Indiana University pursuing a double major in Theatre and Media Advertising. Some of her recent credits include Florinda and Baker's Wife understudy (Into the Woods) at IUST, Teenager/City Worker (Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!) at Constellation Stage & Screen, and Mayzie LaBird (Seussical) and Ariel (The Little Mermaid) at The Main Stage, Inc. Other past credits include Firebringer (Jemilla), Shakespeare in Love (Viola de Lesseps), and The Theory of Relativity (Caroline). In her free time, Nikki can be found doing freelance graphic design work, eating green apple flavored candy, and spending time with her dog, Fozzie. She wants to thank her wonderful family for being so supportive of her theatrical endeavors!



Robbie Mailliard (Mr. Heere/ Mr. Reyez) is a sophomore studying Astronomy and Astrophysics with a minor in Theatre and Drama from Erie, Pennsylvania. His past roles include: Gleb Vaganov in Anastasia, Lord Goring in An Ideal Husband, Sebastian in The Little Mermaid, Clopin Trouillefou in The Hunchback of Notre Dame, and Richard Hannay in The 39 Steps. He is super excited to be in his first show at Indiana University and cannot wait to share the stage with an amazing cast and crew. He wants to thank his parents, family, friends, the cast, the crew, and the directors board for this wonderful experience! Also, go stream his debut single "Constellation" out anywhere you listen to music!



Britney Ho (Jenna) is currently a sophomore at Indiana University majoring in musical theatre. She cannot wait to participate in the rich culture of University Players at IU for the first time. Having previously been involved in strictly plays, she is excited to finally be able to delve into the world of musical theatre. Previously, she was involved in a few main-stage plays at her previous institution including Men on Boats (as The Bishop) and Mr. Burns: a post-electric play (as Jenny). You may find her movie-going as much as she can, editing mini film projects, or cooking/baking a random new dish.



Victor Beeler (Jake) is so excited to return to another show at IU! Victor is a junior at Indiana University and is pursuing a major in Theatre! Some of his past credits include- Footloose(Ren), Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat(Joseph), Little Shop of Horrors(Audrey II), Jesus Christ Superstar(Peter), and Firebringer(Grunt). He wants to give a special shoutout to all of his friends and family for all of their support! Love you guys!

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Annie Libs (she/they) (Ensemble) is a sophomore pursuing a B.A. in Theatre & Drama and a minor in Dance. So far at IU, she has participated in an Independent Production of *Firebringer* (Emberly), as well as *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street* (Ensemble/Birdseller, u/s Tobias) and several other fundraisers through University Players. They are very glad to be back with the organization to start off the year with such a fun show!



Megan Rakers (Ensemble) is so excited for her first production with the University Players! Megan is a freshman at Indiana University studying Accounting. Other credits include: *Rogers and Hammerstein's Cinderella* (Charlotte), *The Diary of Anne Frank* (Anne Frank), *James and the Giant Peach* (Spiker), and *The Murder on The Orient Express* (Mrs. Hubbard). You can probably find Megan watching a movie, learning random tricks like juggling, or joking around with her friends. She would like to thank the cast and crew for making this process so amazing!



Lauren Perry (Ensemble, u/s Brooke) is extremely excited to be making her University Players Debut! She is a sophomore studying Theatre & Drama with a minor in dance. Some of her past credits include: *She Kills Monsters* (Agnes), *Big Machine* (Gilda), and *Hairspray* (Penny). Outside of class, Lauren loves to creative visual art, play video games, and learn about marine biology.



Lizzie Farrell (Ensemble u/s Christine) was last seen in *Mean Girls* with the YAP program at the Booth Tarkington Civic theatre. They are a freshman at IU majoring in Psychology and Theatre! This is Lizzie's first production with the University Players and they are so happy to be here!! They have had the honor of performing at The Grand Ol' Opry and Feinstein's. Other credits include: *THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTE DAME*, *BEYOND THE RAINBOW*, *HOLLYWOOD-NEBRASKA* (ATI), *JOSEPH....* and *THE WIZARD OF OZ* (Civic Theatre). Lizzie would like to thank the *Be More Chill* cast and crew, and their amazing parents for helping them get into theatre and supporting them every step of the way!

Creative Team



Marco Molldrem (Director) is thrilled to be making his directorial debut with *Be More Chill*! Marco is a third year BFA Musical Theatre major at Indiana University. He is originally from Houston, Texas. IU Theatre credits include *Natasha Pierre* and *The Great Comet of 1812* (Ensemble/ Anatole Understudy) *Sueño* (3rd Soldier/ Astolfo u/s), *Company* (David). Other credits include *Be More Chill* (Jeremy Heere), *The Drowsy Chaperone* (Aldolpho), *Xanadu* (Sonny Malone), *Singing in the Rain* (Cosmo). Marco would like to thank his family and friends for supporting his dream to perform and hopes you enjoy the show!



Mia Stewart (Choreographer) is a second year at Indiana University, majoring in BFA Musical Theatre. She has been in three shows at IU so far: *Into the Woods* (Little Red Riding Hood), *Sweeney Todd* (Tobias) and *Firebringer* (Chorn). Other credits include *Sister Act* (Deloris van Cartier), *Little Women* (Amy), and *Elf: the Musical* (Michael Hobbs). She has also choreographed many songs within those shows! She is super excited to choreograph this incredible show!



Ryan Skurnak (he/him) (Music Director) is very excited to be making his music directing debut! Ryan is a sophomore pursuing a BFA in Musical Theatre at IU. Some recent credits include *Jack Kelly* (Newsies), *Ensemble/Shylock U/S* (Something Rotten), and *Squidward* (SpongeBob Square Pants: The Musical). When he is not performing, you can find Ryan playing instruments, writing/arranging music, and more. He would like to thank University Players for this amazing opportunity, and hopes you enjoy the show!



Sadie Maw (Stage Manager) is a second year student from Plymouth, Massachusetts pursuing a B.A. in Theatre & Drama. Sadie is excited to be working on her fifth UP show with *Be More Chill*. UP credits include: *Sweeney Todd* (Stage Manager), *Camp [Redacted]* (Stage Manager), *Clue* (Sound and Props Designer), and the *24-Hour Musical* (Stage Manager). Other notable credits include: *You Can't Take It With You* (Stage Manager), *Anybody for Tea?* (Stage Manager), and *Chicago* (Scenic Designer). Favorite acting credits include: *Little Women* (Laurie), *A Chorus Line* (Bebe), and *Into the Woods* (Narrator). Sadie would like to thank her amazing cast and crew for putting together such a great show and is excited to share *Be More Chill* with an audience!



Connor Kane (Assistant Stage Manager) is currently a sophomore here at IU studying finance at the Kelly School of Business, in hopes of a career in corporate finance. Connor has always been passionate about theatrical arts, and in particular, the technical side of theatrical production. Connor has been involved in such activities since his freshman year in high school and is pleased he can continue to pursue his hobby here with University Players. His favorite tech theatre memory is being the student technical director for the production of *Mamma Mia* his senior year in high school.



Ana Mercado (Scenic Designer) is a Senior studying Cinema and Media studies with minors in Theater and History. Along with being Technical Director for University Players, she's the President of *Boy in the Bubble* Comedy and a stand up comedian. Her credits include *Annie* (Annie), *Annie Jr* (Warbucks), and *Annie Sr* (Old Annie). Enjoy the show!

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Willow Arenz (Lighting Designer) (they/them) is extremely excited to be a part of this University Players production of *Be More Chill*. Willow is a 21-year-old student majoring in Theater Tech at Indiana University Bloomington. This is Willow's second show with University Players, having also Stage Managed a radio play titled *Moonchild*. Most recently, Willow worked as a Spotlight Operator for IU Summer Theatre's production of *Into the Woods*. Willow would like to thank University Players for giving them the opportunity to help make this the best show possible!



Bri Stoneburner (Sound Designer) is a junior studying a double major in Film, Tv, and Digital Production as well as Theatre. Their hometown is Naples, Italy. They are very excited to be apart of UP and collaborating with other peers. Past Credits include at IU: *Why Lilya Why* (Sound Designer), *Natasha, Pierre, and Great Comet of 1812* (Mixer), *Something Rotten* (Mixer), *Into the Woods* (mixer). They hope to pursue a sound career in the future.



Quinn Larkin (Costume Designer) is a fourth-year undergraduate student double majoring in Theatre & Drama and Media: Film, Television, and Digital Production. This is Quinn's second-time costume designing for the University Players, her first show being *Clue*. For IU Theatre, she performed in *1970s College Sex Comedy* (Lily Tomlin). She has also performed for the University Players' production of *CAMP {REDACTED}* (Brad). Quinn is from Long Beach, Indiana.



Ashley Massie (she/her) (Properties Designer) is a second year triple major studying Psychology, Gender Studies, and Theatre & Drama. *Be More Chill* is her first production with University Players and she has really enjoyed getting to work with everyone involved in *Be More Chill*. Ashley has also loved the opportunity to gain experience working within Properties Design. She has previously worked as the Lighting Board Operator for IU's Mainstage production of *The Winter's Tale* and she is currently Assistant Directing *The Laramie Project* with StagesBloomington. She is thankful for the opportunities she has been able to pursue and is excited to continue working within the theatre community at Indiana University and in Bloomington.



Sym Cloyd (They/Them) (Dramaturg) is a Junior pursuing a BA in English (Creative Writing) and Theatre/Drama with a minor in Gender Studies. You may have seen them as Dawn in *1970s College Sex Comedy* last Spring. This is their first time getting involved with University Players.



River Epperson (Intimacy Coordinator) is a senior majoring in Theatre & Drama with a minor in Film Production from Haubstadt, Indiana. He serves as the Managing Director for University Players. For IU Theatre: *Orlando* (Archduke/Archduchess/Chorus), *Gross Indecency* (Narrator/Intimacy Captain), *1970s College Sex Comedy* (Assistant Director), *Sueño* (Assistant Director). Other roles at IU include: *The Mystery Plays* (Joe Manning/Others), *And Tell Sad Stories of The Deaths of Queens...* (Jerry Johnson). River is also a writer and hopes to pursue writing professionally after graduation.

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