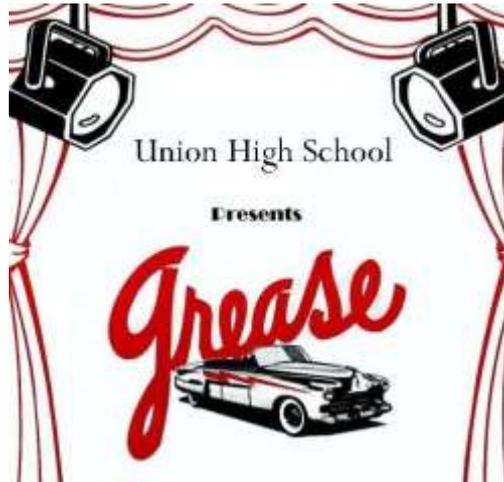


NO LIGHTNING LIKE GREASED LIGHTNING



'Grease' was more than a resounding hit. Mrs Putter, assisted by Mr Jantjies, directed another fabulous musical show, the ever popular, groovy, 'Grease'. With over eighty learners acting, singing and dancing their way through this 50's show, the audience was treated to rock and roll, jazzy numbers and sweet love songs.

The two main leads played by Mitchell Knott-Craig and Annie Jankovich were totally believable. Hunk Danny showed a tender side along with being the slick, gang leader, and held the audience through his many moods. Sandy, with her perfect preppy blonde looks and her passionate voice was a total knockout in the final reveal. Rizzo led the sassy Pink Ladies with style and acted the moody and raunchy role to perfection with Wendy-Lee Scott, as the sweet and 'ditsy' Frenchy, providing some compassion along the way.

The Greaser boy gang, the T-Birds, stole the show on every appearance in their attempts to be super cool and at the same time, eager to please their leader. Their energetic acting drew heaps of laughter and applause. There were a multitude of cameo roles that thrilled the audience. From The hilarious, over-enthusiastic secretary, Ithabeleng Tsolo, to the powder-puff class captain, wonderfully played by Bailey Muir who swept in and tried to control the school events, to the deadpan, streetwise café owner, Ashleigh van den Berg, to the gloriously sleazy Vince Fontaine, played by Pieter Prinsloo, and the velvet voices of the prom night singers, Sakhumzi Plaatjie and Tracy-Lee Abels.

Adding to the fun of the evening, the Candy girls in brightly-striped skirts sold old-fashioned sweets that flew off their trays during interval. Of note was the vibrant sense of enjoyment had by the large cast as they danced their way through the Prom night and the final songs which sent a happy audience home, jiving all the way. We salute the learners on and off the stage, as well as behind the scenes, who practiced endless hours to pull together another resounding hit. Graaff-Reinet would be poorer without these wonderful productions and the memories of these days will remain with all involved and be a highlight of their school career.

