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# Bullies in the Hall



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*Musical. Book, music and lyrics by Geraldine Ann Snyder.*

*Cast: 3m., 3w., up to 20+ extras.* This musical, which empowers its young audience to disarm the bullies in their school, is the story of a group of students at Woodruff High and how they learn to deal with the constant and mean-spirited bullying behavior that has become the norm, including cyber-bullying. We meet cheerleaders Brianna and Megan and star athletes Buster and Jondo—all school bullies. The boys relentlessly target the intelligent and studious Humphrey Chastain, while the girls go after Flo Elkins for her appearance and her hopes of winning a major singing competition. When Miss Dentler, their teacher, observes Humphrey ranting against the bullying, she calls all the students into her room for a meeting. Miss Dentler asks them to help stop the bullying and shares with them that she was bullied when she was in school. She is called to the office and leaves the students with much to think about. Once the students are left alone to talk to one another and share their personal lives, they start to realize that they aren't so different from one another after all. They also realize that school should be a safe place for everyone and that they have the power to make it so. "There for You" is sung by the entire cast, confirming their commitment to put an end to bullying and to support one another. *Area staging. Approximate running time: 50 minutes. Code: BG5.*

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*Bullies in the Hall* was first produced by the Blue Apple Players, Louisville, Kentucky, September 2110 and re-staged in May of 2011. Both productions were directed by Paul Lenzi.

#### CAST (in order of appearance)

Principal Watts (voiceover) . . . . . Tim Mathistad  
Annie Givan (voiceover). . . . . Annie Givan Smith  
Megan O'Malley . . . . . Mera Kathryn Corlett  
Brianna Anderson. . . . . Triza Cox  
Buster Phillips . . . . . Frank Goodloe III  
Jondo Bronner . . . . . Taylor Campbell  
Humphrey Chastain . . . . . Miguel Everett Walker  
Miss Dentler . . . . . Geraldine Ann Snyder

#### PRODUCTION AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Executive Director. . . . . Paul Lenzi  
Artistic Director . . . . . Geraldine Ann Snyder  
Musical Director . . . . . Tim Mathistad  
Sound Engineer . . . . . David Puryear  
Orchestrations . . . . . Bob Ramsey  
Choreography . . . . . Diane Chambers  
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## MUSICAL NUMBERS

1. WOODRUFF HIGH
2. SUPERSTAR
3. OH NO IT'S FLO
4. BULLIES
5. MISS DENTLER'S SONG
6. THERE FOR YOU
7. THERE FOR YOU REPRISE

NOTE ON LYRICS: *Italicized lyrics throughout playbook are meant to be spoken in rhythm.*

# **BULLIES IN THE HALL**

## **CHARACTERS**

(in order of appearance)

VOICEOVER PRINCIPAL WATTS  
VOICEOVER STUDENT ANNIE GIVAN  
MEGAN O'MALLEY  
BRIANNA (BREE-BREE) ANDERSON  
BUSTER PHILLIPS  
JONDO BRONNER  
HUMPHREY CHASTAIN  
MISS DENTLER

This production was originally written for a professional cast of six. However, cast can be expanded by adding a diverse CHORUS consisting of all or any of the following:

MEMBERS of various sports teams in uniform (m & f)  
STUDENTS  
CHEERLEADERS  
COACHES  
FACULTY

This opening scene from *Bullies in the Hall* depicts a regular school day. Bells ring, the hallways are full, and the same students are getting taunted and bullied as usual by a group of arrogant sports stars and their admirers. The targets are a “big” girl, Flo Elkins (unseen by the audience), and a member of the “Mathlete Club,” Humphrey Chastain. Today is also the day the winner of “America’s Best Teen Singer” competition is announced.

BRIANNA. Wait! Wait! You’ve got to see this one!

MEGAN. It’s just like Natalie Hogan to send photos like this to Jondo Bronner.

BRIANNA. She’s dying to hook up with him.

MEGAN. OH NO! You won’t believe this shot!

*(BRIANNA reacts in shock.)*

*ENTER JONDO and BUSTER crossing to lockers UR.)*

BRIANNA. Her dad is my youth minister! You know he’s bound to see these. Oooh... He’s gonna be mad! *(She raises hand then “hits button” on cell phone.)* Now everybody’s got them!

*(MEGAN and BRIANNA laugh as JONDO and BUSTER react lustfully to a beautiful girl. CHORUS reacts as well.)*

MEGAN (*annoyed*). Did you see what just walked by?  
BRIANNA (*jealously*). It's Candy. She has no friends!

(*Remainder of CHORUS begin EXITING.*)

MEGAN. Look, Brianna! It's Jondo and Buster. Let's go congratulate them on *all* the awards they won at the game.

BRIANNA. Okay, but let me do it first! Pleeeeease!

MEGAN. Sure. Is my hair OK?

BRIANNA. Perfect. Is mine?

MEGAN. Perfect!

MEGAN & BRIANNA. Let's go!

(*SFX: OUT.*)

BRIANNA. Hello, Jondo! Hi, Buster!

BUSTER. Hellooo, Bree, Megan.

JONDO. Hey! That was a good time after the game.  
Wasn't it? We brought the *zoom* into that room!

MEGAN. You always do! Everybody couldn't wait for the team to get there.

BRIANNA. I wanted to personally congratulate you, Jondo, for winning MVP again! And *both* of you for the best win ever!

MEGAN. My dad always loved going to the games.

BRIANNA. Did you have any idea what was going on in the bleachers?

BUSTER. Danny Metcaff told us he and Jennifer got it...  
(*JONDO nudges BUSTER in the side to keep him quiet.*) ...uh...said they liked the game.

BRIANNA. I've never seen the bleachers so wild!

JONDO. That's all we've been told. Right, Buster.

BUSTER. Everybody was happy!

MEGAN. Besides the game, everyone was talking about the auditions for "America's Best Teen Singers."

BRIANNA. They're supposed to contact the schools and announce the winners today!

JONDO. Who was there?

BRIANNA. I was...and Megan, of course. We sang together.

MEGAN. We were great!

BRIANNA. Anybody who *is* anybody at our school was there.

MEGAN. So were a lot of nobodies! (*She and BRIANNA laugh.*)

JONDO. Like who?

BRIANNA. The usual...Stanley Conner...

MEGAN. He actually thinks he can sing!

BRIANNA. ...Keisha Miller...

MEGAN. She could never bring it.

BRIANNA (*to AUDIENCE*). And OMG!

JONDO. Who? What?

MEGAN & BRIANNA. Flo Elkins!

JONDO & BUSTER (*to AUDIENCE*). Flo Elkins?

JONDO. No! No! Not that cow!

BUSTER. No she didn't!

MEGAN. Oh, yes she did!

BRIANNA. She stood right up in front of everybody...

MEGAN. Looking like she always does...

ALL (*to AUDIENCE*). Oink! (*ALL laugh.*)

BRIANNA. Nobody liked it.

MEGAN. I could tell the judges didn't like it either!

BRIANNA. It was so embarrassing.

BUSTER. Don't look...but there she is now. (*ALL "see" FLO right, above AUDIENCE.*) I don't want her to see me. she gives me the creeps!

JONDO (*loudly so FLO can hear*). Flo Elkins is in love with you, Buster!

BUSTER. Tank it, Jondo! Don't forget, Neela Johnson keeps texting me about you!

JONDO. Hey, Flo! You look like a Mac truck!

ALL (*mime a trucker's "pull" of the horn*). Honk! Honk!  
(*ALL laugh.*)

MEGAN. What's the matter? Cat got your tongue, Chubby?

BRIANNA. Look at her just standing there pretending to text somebody!

(*ENTER HUMPHREY carrying backpack, papers and reading a book.*)

MEGAN. OH NO! Here comes Humphrey Chastain! He was at the auditions too.

BUSTER. Humphrey Dumphrey? What did he do?

BRIANNA. He tried to do some kind of "rap," "hip-hop" or "rock" song? I don't know! It was so far beyond pitiful...about magic wands, stupid stuff like him...nobody got it.

JONDO. Humphrey Dumphrey sang?!

MEGAN. If you want to call it that!

(*ALL laughing.*)

BUSTER. Hey, let's have some fun!

JONDO. Who's gonna stop us? We got the time!

BUSTER. Hey, Humphrey! Humphrey Dumphrey... Come here. I see you got a new backpack. (*He takes backpack from HUMPHREY.*)

HUMPHREY. Not again, you guys. Just give it to me.

(*ALL sans HUMPHREY are giggling or laughing, tossing backpack back and forth.*)

BUSTER. Sure, sure. Here it is. (*He feigns handing it, then drops backpack at HUMPHREY's feet.*) Oops! I missed! My bad.

(*As HUMPHREY starts to pick up backpack, JONDO knocks HUMPHREY's books from behind.*)

HUMPHREY. Cut it out! This isn't funny anymore... (*Picking up belongings.*) You've already cracked the screen on my laptop. And my supplemental math books are starting to show extreme wear and tear.

ALL sans HUMPHREY. Math books!

BUSTER. Supplemental math books at that!

HUMPHREY. I need them for the *Mathlete* Club!

BUSTER. Don't make me laugh.

JONDO. The *Mathlete* Club is nothing but a joke.

BUSTER. Filled with every geek and nerd in the school!

HUMPHREY. Look what you did to my books!

BUSTER. Oh, my! The "math whiz" is crying over his math books.

HUMPHREY. They cost my parents a lot of money!

JONDO. What kind of fool worries about his stupid math books?

*(ALL sans HUMPHREY laugh.)*

HUMPHREY. From what I see of your grades in class, may I suggest all of you start applying yourself to your education, especially math.

JONDO. Math? I apply myself in front of the whole school every weekend scoring points! I can add...everybody in the stands can add! That's all I need to do to get the grades.

BUSTER. Jondo and me... We pass every class. It's a guarantee.

JONDO. Everybody knows I'm gonna make me a fortune. I've got scholarship offers out the wazoo! Then it's off to the pros.

BUSTER. Me, too. You read about Jondo and me practically every day! It goes without saying...we're headed to the same college. Then it's big-time sports!

**(MUSIC #2: SUPERSTAR)**

*(WOMEN use preset pompons. HUMPHREY sits at MISS DENTLER's "desk" and reads book.*

*ENTER CHORUS—diverse SPORTS TEAMS, STUDENTS and CHEERLEADERS—if applicable. CHORUS sings backgrounds as well.)*

JONDO. We'll be making millions of dollars!

BUSTER. On the same team, of course.

JONDO. We'll have money to last a lifetime!