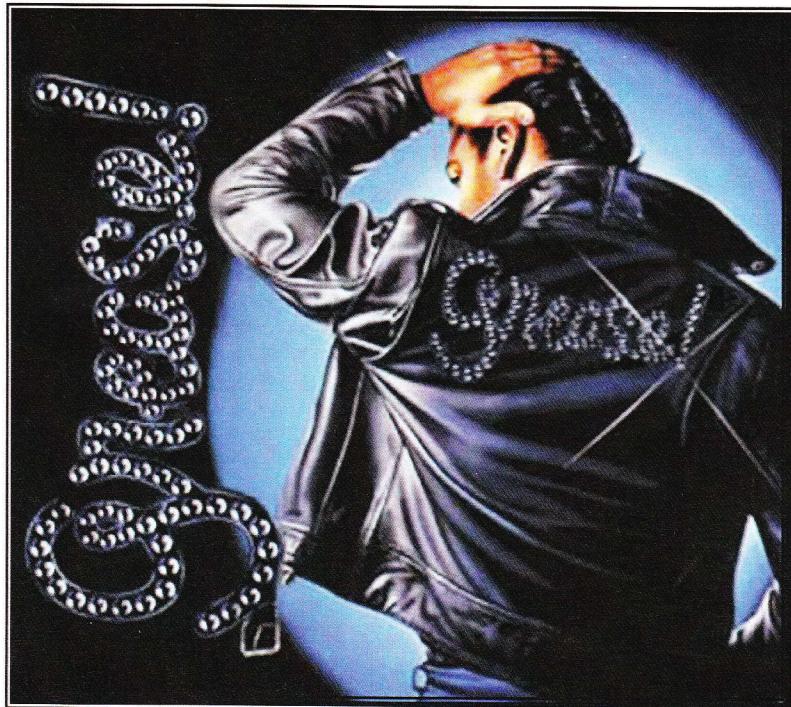


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CLASS ACT MUSICAL THEATRE



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About the Cast and Crew

Suzanna Melendez (DIRECTOR) I would like to dedicate this performance of *GREASE* to the kids who love theater as much as I do!! I hope you get to experience all the Fun! I thank my incredibly talented and unbelievably funny husband for playing "Danny" and making this show possible! Thank you Denise for everything big and small. Thank you cast/crew for putting it all together and volunteering your time. I'm forever grateful. Thanks Mom and Dad for being here. Mostly thank you Greta, Lilybelle, and Oscar for missing me more than usual and loving me almost as much as I love you all!! Enjoy the show!!!

Denise Fennell (ASSISTANT DIRECTOR) Denise otherwise known as "John's Assistant" would like to thank everyone for all their hard work and dedication to this project. Denise is thrilled to once again be producing and directing with Suzanna her BFF. Theater and performance have been a love of Denise's since she first put on her red Annie dress, which was made by her mom, and headed to her first audition. Seeing as the role of Annie did not call for a dark haired Italian girl with a unibrow who could not sing, she did not get the part. Denise did not let this fracture her dreams, and continued to pursue her love of acting. She can currently be seen playing the role of Sister in the one woman show *Late Night Catechism*. Denise would like to thank her friends and family for their constant support. To John and Suzanna " You are two of the most talented and generous people I have ever met, without you none of this would have been possible, Stranded At The Drive In will forever hold a special place in my heart". I believe in Angels.

ACT FOR CHARITY

Suzanna Melendez & Denise Fennell are once again proud to be back in the Theater and thrilled to be making their Los Angeles Debut with *GREASE*. This dynamitic Duo met many years ago when they crossed paths in Tony n Tina's Wedding, the Longest Running off Broadway show in New York City's history. They became friends quickly, both sharing a common love for theater, and soon went on to write, produce and star in a show they co-created, Birdy's Bachelorette Party. Birdy's took New York by storm and soon became known throughout the NYC theater world as the cult phenomenon, running off broadway for 5 years. During Birdy's the two women realized their combined talents coupled with their adoration of the theater, could be used to help those less fortunate. They decided to concentrate on kids and teens with the same love of theater. With a lot of care and hard work, their first venture raised \$15,000 and their second venture raised close to \$23,000. Their goal is to reach as many "students of theater" as they can, one ACT FOR CHARITY at a time.

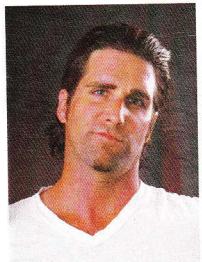
John Melendez (DANNY ZUKO) John Melendez is currently the announcer for the "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" Besides being the show's nightly announcer, Melendez regularly appears in the show's comedy sketches and does correspondent pieces. John is best known, as " Stuttering John" and was a part of the of the Howard Stern show for 15 years. Aside from his notable work on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" and with Howard Stern, John just recently finished shooting the film *Not Another Not Another Movie* in which his stars with Burt Reynolds, Chevy Chase, and Michael Madsen. Other Feature film credits include "Private Parts," "Dude Where's My Car," "Meet Wally Sparks," "Airheads" and "Osmosis Jones." On television, he is credited with appearances on the reality series "I'm A Celebrity, Get Me Out Of Here" and "Celebrity Fear Factor." John also had guest-starring roles on "Wings" and "Baywatch Nights" and was the voice of "Bob" in the animated series "Tripping The Rift" on the Sci-Fi channel. Most recently, Melendez starred in the full-length feature, National Lampoon Presents "One, Two, Many" which he also wrote and produced. In addition John will soon begin filming the comedy "Will Run," which he also wrote and will make his directorial debut. John would like to thank his friends, family, and co workers for supporting him. "I would especially like to thank my favorite director in the world, my wife, Suzanna who curtailed me to 8 beers a rehearsal and to my children Greta, Lily, and Oscar who endured me not being there, but thanked me for it."



Ming-Na (SANDY) Ming-Na is best known as "June" in the critically-acclaimed film, "The Joy Luck Club" and as "Deb Chen" in the long-running series "ER." She was also the voice of "Mulan," Disney's beautifully animated feature. Her other film credits include "One Night Stand," "Streetfighter" and her new film "Push" due out in movie theaters in February 2009. Among her numerous television credits, Ming-Na was most recently seen in "Private Practice" and "Boston Legal." Although Ming-Na has worked mostly in television and films, her first love is still theatre. She has performed on Broadway in David Henry Hwang's Tony-nominated play "Golden Child." Ming-Na believes Class Act Musical Theatre does a great job to support and encourage young performers to learn the craft in all aspects of theatre. She's proud to help with this charity event to raise money for Class Acts' scholarship program. Big shout out to Suzanna Melendez for her incredible heart and direction as well as the fantastic and talented kids and folks of Class Act. Ming-Na also wants to thank all her friends and relatives for coming out in support of her and this charity event.

Lisa Foxx (RIZZO) Star 98*7FM/iTunes Download Countdown/California native Lisa Foxx has been a host & radio personality for the past 20 years and it has been quite an adventure. Her favorite years?? The 7 she spent on the air at Star 98*7 doing afternoon drive with buddy Ryan Seacrest...but sadly, while folks have not heard much from him (sorta of 'struggling' since the break up)...Lisa has forged ahead to leave her mark on society by making some groundbreaking moves that still have people asking, "WHAT WILL SHE DO NEXT?" After a jaw dropping appearance at her 20 yr High School reunion (the cougar cleavage kinda caused a ruckus), re-signing with the acclaimed www.millionairematch.com for the 4th year straight! And being presented with her own VIP bar stool at the Saddle Ranch on Sunset (they used a sharpie AND she was too drunk to remember it)...it makes PERFECT sense that she follow ALL OF THAT up by playing a feisty, badmouth Italian hooker named RIZZO, and best part...she's doing it for the kids...kids who are sick and dying...or wait...I think they just need cash to fulfill their dreams or something...but anyways...if she makes it through, buy her a drink will ya?? It's for the kids, and the kids like to drink double jack & diet's.

Grant Reynolds (KENICKE) Grant has been busy the past few months working for Ruby Raven productions...his 17 month old baby girl. It's a full time gig he couldn't be happier undertaking. He would like to thank all the kids and staff at Class Act, Susana and John Melendez, Ming, Foxy, and Liz of course. Most of all he would like to take this opportunity to tell his wife Jillian how much she means to him and that the sun rises and sets with her. Happy Holidays everybody! Love, peace, and hair grease.



Ross "The Intern" Matthews (TEEN ANGEL) Ross Mathews, known to late-night television viewers as "Ross the Intern" from The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, has interviewed some of the biggest stars in the world and has made the nation laugh all the while. Whether he is covering movie premieres, the Olympic Games, the Academy Awards, jumping out of a plane or shopping in London with Gwyneth Paltrow, Ross' unique approach is always fresh, outrageous and fun. In fact, E! Entertainment Television named Ross one of the 30 Most Outrageous Celebrities, solidifying his spot as one of the most exciting personalities on television today. Ross has also been seen on the fifth season of VH1's hugely popular Celebrity Fit Club (where he shed an incredible amount of weight), NBC's Phenomenon, VH1's Critics' Choice Awards Live Red Carpet Show, NBC's 1 vs. 100, CMT's Outsider's Inn and Larry the Cable Guy's Holiday Special, on the panel of E!'s Chelsea Lately and, most recently, as the host of E!'s Hollywood's Nastiest Jobs. He also produces and hosts the hugely popular and daily RossBlog located at: nbc.com/rossblog.



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