



From left to right: Jack McKendall, Ali Toia, Paige DeMarco and Sean Lask are the leads in Music West's "Guys and Dolls." PHOTO PROVIDED BY LAURA REMINGTON

"Guys and Dolls" to Perform in Westchester

Music West, Inc. returns to the stage in Westchester this summer, with Broadway's classic musical, "Guys and Dolls." Starring performers from the Westside and South Bay, including Westchester, Playa del Rey and Playa Vista, the show will feature a live music ensemble, professional set designs, and the enjoyment of Damon Runyon's timeless characters. The cast is led by extraordinary theatre majors from the University of Southern California, University of California, Irvine, Mount Saint Mary's College, Saint Monica High School and Orville Wright, among several other local Westside schools.

Founded in 2004 by residents of Westchester and surrounding communities, Music West is dedicated to providing Broadway-caliber entertainment for its audiences and musical education opportunities for its participants, always in a family-friendly environment.

A California non-profit corporation, Music West is managed by an all-volunteer board of directors and production staff, who believe in the mission of extending the immeasurable experience of live performance to both young people and the young-at-heart.

Past productions have included Rodgers and Hammerstein's "The Sound of

Music," Meredith Willson's "The Music Man," Philip Grecian's adaptation of Jean Shepherd's "A Christmas Story" and Thomas Meehan's "Annie." Live musicians accompanied every show for a true professional sound, and volunteers in the engineering and construction professions designed the full-scale sets. Scenes were highlighted by innovative and modern theatrical lighting and sound, created by a cast member of the Walt Disney Company at Disneyland.

Six shows will be performed at Westchester High's auditorium, located at 7400 West Manchester Boulevard, beginning with a gala opening night, featuring special presentations, on Friday, July 24 at 7 p.m.

Additional performances will be held on Saturday, July 25 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Friday, July 31 at 7 p.m., and Saturday, August 1, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Discounted presale tickets are available now online at www.musicwest.org, and regularly priced tickets will be available at the door. Visa/Mastercard are accepted with no additional fees added.

Please visit the Music West website at www.musicwest.org or call (310) 692-0006 for more information.