Dedication

The Underclassmen of the Babson Players would like to dedicate this semester’s production to the Graduating Seniors of our organization. These individuals are extremely gifted performers, intelligent students, but most importantly, some of the most wonderful friends anyone could hope to have. For many of us, they have been a very strong driving force and the face of our organization. The energy and charisma they have brought to our organization has been an inspiration to the rest of the organization, and have impacted the lives of numerous individuals to the extent that they will continue to have an effect on us for years to come. Their supreme dedication to this organization and its members has been an inspiration for all and the following years of Players now have the task of living up to the standards they have set in the areas of theatrical skill, enthusiasm, devotion, and friendship.

To all these amazing people, we extend to you our warmest wishes and our sincerest heartfelt goodbyes and wish you all the love, happiness, and success in your future...the same wonderful things that you have given to us.
The Babson Players

present

big

The Musical

Based on the motion picture

“Big”

written by Gary Ross and Anne Spielberg;
produced by Twentieth Century Fox

Book by
John Weidman

Music by
David Shire

Lyrics by
Richard Maltby, Jr.

Directed by
Ryan DuBray

Choreographed by
Carly Evans

Musical Direction by
David Coccia

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Cast of Characters

In order of appearance

Mrs. Baskin...............................................................Victoria Richmond
Young Josh Baskin........................................................Stephen LaConte
Mr. Baskin, Salesperson, Bartender..........................Geoff Anderson
Billy Kopecki............................................................Alex Stein
Mrs. Kopecki, Abigail..................................................Dandan Zhu
Mr. Kopecki, Detective, Junior Executive, Salesperson....Garrett Hatch
Cynthia Benson, Kid.....................................................Lisa Chin
Derek, Parent, Fat Guy, Salesperson, Lipton ..........Danté Savoy Love
Ticket Taker, Salesperson, Birnbaum, Parent, Kid ......Betty Chen
Zoltar, Panhandler.........................................................Clare Voyant
Josh Baskin........................................................................Ben Rackl
George Macmillan.........................................................Greg Neufeld
Receptionist, Junior Executive, Salesperson, Parent, Carnival Worker, PA Announcer...............................Priyanka Chanchani
Susan Lawrence.........................................................Kristen Henson
Miss Watson, Parent.....................................................Emily Nichols
Paul Seymour................................................................Jamie Kent
Barrett, Parent, Salesperson, Kid............................Ashleigh Alvino
Birnbaum’s Daughter....................................................Emily Stark
Nick, Kid, Junior Executive.........................................Jon DePalma
Tom, Kid, Junior Executive.........................................Brian Rodkey
Diane, Kid, Junior Executive.....................................Jennifer Sandler

Kids
Eliza Earle
Emily Stark
Liz Stark
Production Staff

Director.........................................................Ryan DuBray
Choreographer..................................................Carly Evans
Musical Director...............................................David Coccia
Producers..........................................................Ben Rackl, President
                                               Emily Nichols, Vice President
                                               Alex Stein, Treasurer
                                               Kristen Henson, Secretary
Dance Captain..................................................Lisa Chin
Technical Director............................................Jon DePalma
Faculty Advisor to the Babson Players..............Dean Richard Mandel
Stage Manager..................................................Jeanie Depatie
Assistant Stage Managers.................................Justin Brooks
                                               Aaron Hartman
Running Crew..................................................Sam Waters
                                               Stephanie White
Lighting..........................................................Bill Droge
Spot Light........................................................Colin Chauche
Sound.............................................................John Holden
Costumes........................................................Emily Nichols
                                               Jen Sandler
Make-up..........................................................Allie Moore
Properties.......................................................Darius Eslami
House Manager...............................................Tiffany White
Ushers..............................................................Christina Manfroni,
                                               Andrea Noe
                                               Adam Pacelli
Production Staff

Publicity.........................................................Ashleigh Alvino, Geoff Anderson, 
                                           Betty Chen, Darius Eslami, 
                                           Jon DePalma, John Holden, 
                                           Dante Love, Christina Manfroni, 
                                           Emily Nichols, Brian Rodkey, 
                                           Jen Sandler

Program..........................................................Geoff Anderson 
                                           Emily Nichols

The Band

Conductor.........................................................Dave Coccia
Piano......................................................................Terry Ronan
Bass........................................................................Rudy Barajas
Drums...................................................................Jack Girouard
Reeds..........................................................Mark Finklestein, Mark Margolies
Trumpet......................................................Jeremy Garnett, Fred Langer
Trombone.................................................................Tim Fung
Scenes & Musical Synopsis

ACT I

SCENE I:  Baskin and Kopecki Households, Carnival
Opening................................................................. Baskins, Kopeckis, Parents, Kids

SCENE II:  Baskin Household

SCENE III:  On the Way to School

SCENE IV:  The Main Concourse at the Port Authority Bus Terminal
You’re A Big Boy Now................................................................. Billy, Josh
I Wanna Go Home................................................................. Josh

SCENE V:  The Sales Floor of a Major New York City Toy Store
The Time of Your Life................................................................. Salespeople
Fun................................................................. Josh, Macmillan

SCENE VI:  Macmillan Toys
Welcome to Macmillan Toys.................................................... Junior Executives
Macmillan Toys—Part Two.................................................... Josh, Billy, Paul, Susan

SCENE VII:  Josh’s Apartment
Do You Want to Play Games?.................................................... Josh
Stars................................................................. Josh, Susan
Little Susan Lawrence......................................................... Susan

SCENE VIII:  Macmillan Toys Company Party
Cross The Line........ Josh, Kids, Junior Executives, Macmillan, Paul, Susan
ACT II

SCENE I: Billy’s House
It’s Time................................................................................................................. Billy, Kids
Stop Time............................................................................................................. Mrs. Baskin
The Nightmare................................................................................................. Kids

SCENE II: Susan’s Office
Dancing All the Time.............................................................................................. Susan
I Want to Know....................................................................................................... Josh, Young Josh

SCENE III: Macmillan Toys
Coffee, Black................................................................. Josh, Miss Watson, Junior Executives, Macmillan, Susan

SCENE IV: Nick and Abigail’s Apartment
The Real Thing..................................................................................................... Nick, Tom, Diane, Abigail

SCENE V: Outside Nick and Abigail’s Apartment
The Real Thing—Reprise......................................................................................... Susan

SCENE VI: Josh in Limbo
Big................................................................................................................................. Josh

SCENE VII: Carnival Games Warehouse
We’re Going to be Fine............................................................................................... Susan, Josh

There will be a fifteen-minute intermission between acts.

Please turn off cell phones and pagers for the duration of the performance. Flash photography is prohibited.
Cast & Crew Biographies

Ashleigh Alvino (Barrett, Parent, Salesperson, Kid): A former stripper, Ashleigh is “juiced” to say she put that money to good use to gain her Harvard MBA and become a successful junior executive. Her cross-dressing days are over, as the mother of two daughters she now enjoys dressing like them. How could anyone resist the amazing style of the 80’s? She would like to thank all of the seniors, whom she will miss dearly, until they come back next year as the sketchiest of sketchy alumni.

Geoff Anderson (Mr. Kopecki, Bartender, Salesperson): Geoff will be making his debut onstage for the Players as a sophomore and will be playing Mr. Baskin. He’d really just like to thank any of you who aren’t mistaking him for Craig. Enjoy the show!

Priyanka Chanchani (Receptionist, Junior Executive, Salesperson, Parent, Carnival Worker, PA Announcer): This is Priyanka’s on stage debut, although she has attended many shows, she has never participated in one. Her interests include snorkeling with sharks, non-choreographed dancing, and golf. She does have experience in the art of trapeze dancing and is an avid golfer. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Betty Chen (Ticket Taker, Parent, Kid, Birnbaum): This play is full of interconnected, confusing, and complicated relationships. The girlfriend can become the boyfriend’s daughter in the next scene. The son can suddenly be taken in by other parents. The common child can then become an executive in just a blink of the eye. Thank God I am not caught in that web…or am I???? Thanks to my Posse, my NYC girls, and everybody else that came 😊.

Lisa Chin (Cynthia Benson, Kid): This will be Lisa’s eighth and final show at Babson College. It’s been a pleasure working with the talented cast and crew members and also those who try real hard. She couldn’t ask for more to the end of her collegiate acting career – a role as the hottest girl in 8th grade. Thanks to those who believed that she had the potential to carry out such a demanding part. Thanks to all of the
directors and cast that Lisa has worked with in the past four years for all the memories. Good luck to the Players of next year. You will be greatly missed. Congrats to the fellow seniors! We’ve made it—now if only we can find jobs. Special thanks to Bill for support through all eight shows no matter how big or small her part, mediocre or spectacular her performance. \\

Jon DePalma (Nick, Kid, Junior Executive): As a senior, this is Jon’s final show with the Babson Players. He would like to thank his fellow Players, all the directors he has interacted with, and the Sorenson staff for always pushing him to get better in his acting, singing, dancing, and duties as Technical Director. Jon would also like to give a special thanks to those Players who pulled him into the organization. He wouldn’t have done it on his own and these past three years would not have been the same. He wishes the best of luck to all the graduating Players as they hit the “real world” and to the non-graduating Players to keep putting on great shows. He can’t wait to see them!

Eliza Earle (Kid): Eliza is 15 yrs old and currently a sophomore at the Concord-Carlisle High School. She has grown up at the Concord Youth Theatre where she landed her favorite roles as Snoopy – You’re a good Man Charlie Brown, Stepsister – Cinderella, and Fandango Girl – Sweet Charity. She is very grateful to have been invited to be a part of this production and would like to thank the Babson kids for making this experience very...unique. Also thanks to Ryan and Carly for putting up with us in the car.

Garrett Hatch (Mr. Kopecki, Kid, Detective, Junior Executive): This is Garrett’s first show on stage with The Babson Players. In tonight’s show Garrett will play Billy’s father Mr. Kopecki who will go on to dance/flirt with thirteen year old girls. After this, Garrett will become a detective and posthumously arrest himself.
Kristen Henson (Susan Lawrence): This is the fourth semester Kristen has had to bear the ball and chain of the Babson Players – and she has loved every minute of it (call it a masochistic kind of thing if you will). She would like to thank all of the people who have supported her in all of her endeavors – her parents, her sisters of SK, and all her Player friends. A very special thank you goes out to the graduating Players this semester – which each and every one of them has made a significant impact on her life and whom she considers as some of her closest friends. Necessary formalities out of the way – her bio would not be the same if it did not include some sort of incomprehensible nonsense. Pencil fall down if you don’t wear a belt! Oh my god a talking muffin!! Arg, it was the first day with me hook. What’s a buttfor? And the bartender says “Why the long face?” Arg, It be drivin’ me nuts! But I’m a Fun-gi! Orange you glad I didn’t say Banana? Frayed-knot! And of course…. PIANO!!!!!

Jamie Kent (Paul): This is Jamie’s first show as a Player. His past roles include Pippin in *Pippin* and Tony in *West Side Story*. He is psyched to finally play the bad guy, and sends his love and thanks to his wonderful family and friends. He still hopes to one day return to his native clique tribe in South Africa.

Stephen LaConte (Young Josh): Stephen LaConte is very excited to have the opportunity to perform with the Babson Players. He is a freshman at Acton-Boxborough Regional High School. He loves performing at Concord Youth Theatre. His favorite roles include Jack in *Jack and the Beanstalk*, Linus in *You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, and Little Jake in *Annie Get Your Gun*. He would like to thank his family and friends for all the support, Ryan and Carly for the awesome opportunity and all the car rides, and the cast for making this show so much fun!
Cast & Crew Biographies

Danté Savoy Love (Derek, Parent, Fat Guy, Salesperson, Lipton): A long-time theatre enthusiast and avid family man, Danté attributes his success to his loving wife, 2 daughters, and Cynthia Benson whom he graciously escorts to carnivals and middle-school dances on the weekends. On nights he’s not putting in long hours over at Macmillan Toys, you’d probably find Danté in stylish 80s garb playing with one of over 3,000 Trolls in his personal collection. Occasionally, Danté uses his time off to just kick back with a good Tom Hanks movie – go figure.

Greg Neufeld (George Macmillan): Greg Neufeld is a very busy senior who hardly had time to write this bio. This is his 4th and final performance with the Players. After graduation, Greg plans to become an astronaut. If that does not pan out, he will be using his oversized novelty piano dancing skills as a street performer in Boston. Greg would like to thank and apologize to everyone who ever believed in him including family, friends, and casual acquaintances.

Emily Nichols (Miss Watston, Parent, Salesperson): This is Emily’s sixth and final show with the Players. As the Vice President of the Players she is glad to finally have the chance to act out her actual role as the assistant to Ben Rackl (Prez) on stage. She wants to thank the Ladies of Pietz 12 and the senior Players for all of the fun years. And to all of the Players who will be taking over the organization next year—good luck!

Ben Rackl (Josh Baskin): Chuck Norris needs no bio.

Victoria Richmond (Mrs. Baskin): This is Victoria’s first performance with the players. Her role as a mother comes naturally for her, as she is often seen taking care of various people throughout her dorm. Her motherly good looks are just a God given gift.
Cast & Crew Biographies

Brian Rodkey (Tom, Kid): Brian Rodkey, also known by his alias B-Rod, did crew for the fall show and is now involved with his second production with the Babson Players. Often times he can be found wandering through Pietz on the weekends or Trim-sitting between classes. He loves straight haired Jen, ancient Chinese recipes, Emily’s puma kicks, sketchy alumni and laughing out of control. He is feeling very goosed for this production of BIG and looks forward to many more awesome shows to come. Hold on a minute, DID PRI COME?

Jen Sandler (Diane, Kid): This is Jen's 6th and final show with the Players. She wants to first thank her family for all of their support (look out for her youngest sister Allison who will be singing but hopefully just mouthing the words to all of the songs tonight). Most importantly she wants to thank her friends and fellow senior Players for putting her name on the Players sign up sheet at the Org Carnival three years ago although she told them not to. And of course love to her super bonus year senior. Good luck next year to all of the current players (the straight-hair Jen fan club)!

Emily Stark (Kid): Emily is very excited to be working with The Babson Players for the first time. Since third grade, her theatrical home has been Concord Youth Theatre, where she has appeared in eleven productions. A busy sixth grader at Nashoba Brooks School, Emily is also preparing her roles as Puck in Midsummer Night’s Dream, a mouse in Cinderella, and the Quagga in Just So. When not on stage, Emily loves to take ballet and Broadway dance classes. Special thanks to the cast and crew of Big, Ryan and Carly, and Mom.

Liz Stark (Kid): Liz is thrilled to be making her debut with The Babson Players. Currently, Liz is also rehearsing her role as Cynthia in The Real Inspector Hound at Milton Academy, where she is a sophomore. Favorite roles include Ruth in Wonderful Town and Lucy in You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown. Thanks to the cast and crew for all their hard work, her friends and family for continuing to make her smile, and Ryan and Carly for another wonderful opportunity.
Cast & Crew Biographies

Alex Stein (Billy Kopecki): Alex’s first role was, A Santa at NASA. Then he played the part of, Dr. Awkward in the movie, “Party boobytrap”. He asked his father for advice, “A poem, a carol–or a cameo, Pa?” His career hit a wall as he committed Murder for a jar of red rum. It was the fault of Tulsa night life: filth, gin, a slut. He gained supporters by shouting, “Won't lovers revolt now?” but the jury didn’t listen and he bellowed, “Dammit, I'm mad!” Jail wasn’t fun because his cellmate stated, “Hot tube. Put it up a butt, oh.” Alex is now at Babson where he keeps wondering, “Can I attain a ‘C’?” Alex Auditioned for big because his friends teased, “Go deliver a dare, vile dog”. He wanted to be in Star comedy by Democrats but his master wouldn’t let him after the Elf farm raffle.

Clare Voyant (Zoltar, Panhandler): Clare spends most of his days teaching business students to think “out of the box.” He was hoping that his role in this play would be an opportunity to apply that philosophy to his acting career. Clearly, it isn’t.

Dandan Zhu (Mrs. Kopecki, Abigail): Dandan is a freshman. She's from China but grew up in Boston. This is her first musical. She loves food first and foremost, and pretty much everything else.

Ryan DuBray (Director): Ryan is a graduate of SUNY Fredonia with a BFA in Production Design. He has directed throughout New England and in New York. Favorite shows include Private Lives, Rumors, Wonderful Town, and Guys and Dolls. Thanks to the Babson players for another great run!
Cast & Crew Biographies

Carly Evans (Choreographer): Carly is thrilled to be back with the Babson Players after last year’s thrilling experience with Guys and Dolls. Funnily enough, dealing with gangsters was easier than dealing with teenagers! Carly has been dancing since she was three years old and began choreographing when she was sixteen. She is a graduate of New York University’s Tisch School of the Arts and has worked professionally in New York City and the New England area as a performer, director, choreographer, and teacher. Her favorite shows choreographed include Pippin, Once on This Island, Seussical, Guys and Dolls, Sweet Charity and Wonderful Town. Carly is an English and drama teacher at Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School and a director and dance teacher at the Concord Youth Theatre. Thanks to the Players for another great time!

Dave Coccia (Musical Director): Dave currently works on staff here at Babson College in the ITSD Media Services Department. The players smoked him out quickly and brought him into the fold to be the Music Director for this year’s fabulous spring production. Dave graduated from Frostburg State University in Maryland with a degree in music. He was the conductor of the Parkway Concert Orchestra from 1979-1990 and the assistant conductor for the SMARTS stage band during 2001-2004. Dave has also been a guest conductor for the SEMSBA music festival in 1996 and 2005. Some of Dave’s directing/conducting productions include Joseph, Pirates of Penzance, Tom Sawyer, Snow White & Honk for The UnCommon Theatre Company, and, Scrooge, the Musical (2002 & 2005) for The Mansfield Music and Arts Society (of which Dave is also the President). Dave will be conducting for the Mansfield High Drama department’s production of “Fiddler” in May and then will be doing “Trouble in Tahiti” in June as part of a tribute to Leonard Bernstein to be performed in Sharon Ma. He is then planning on hiding during the entire summer and not singing one note!
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Congratulations to the Cast and Crew!!

The Rackl Family
You’ve probably never heard of any of us because we’ve been gone for over 5 years.

The last Babson Players we know graduated in 2004.

But we wanted to show our support anyway.

To The Babson Players: Past, Present, and Future

-Adam, Kerri, Christine, Jim, Mark, Jake, and Will
To Alex
and the entire cast and crew of
big
Congratulations—Your hard work is evident. What a fun show!
Love,
The Stein Family

Alex—look at you—you’re a big boy now 😊
CONGRATULATIONS
BRIAN,
CAST, AND CREW OF
BIG!
GREAT JOB!
FROM,
THE RODKEY FAMILY

Congratulations Babson Players!
From all of us in Academic Services
We are here to cheer you on through your course planning, strategies for success, Disability Services and so much more!

Good Luck Emily!
Everything is fine in Minnesota. Your Grandmother has a new hearing aid. Your Grandfather’s yelling has diminished substantially. We finished remodeling the kitchen. Your dog swiped a contractor’s cell phone which we found by ringing it. It was hidden under a pillow on your bed. It’s been a great warm winter. We expect an ice breaker through the river by the middle of March. Can you believe it? We are so proud of you! Break a leg!

XO,
Dad & Mom
P.S. More cowbell!
To Jon D.
And the entire cast and crew of

We look forward to seeing the show and are so proud of you.

Good luck to all the Players!

From the O'Reilly/DePalma Family
"Big" Movie Trivia

• "Big" was originally to be directed by Steven Spielberg who intended to cast Harrison Ford in the lead role.

• To give star Tom Hanks an idea of how a 12 year-old would behave director Penny Marshall filmed each "grown-up" scene with David Moscow (Young Josh) playing Hanks's part. Hanks then copied Moscow's behavior.

• Penny Marshall became the first female director to ever direct a movie that grossed more than $100 million at the box office with this movie.

• According to Monica Rushton, Jared Rushton (Billy), David Moscow (little Josh), and Tom Hanks (big Josh) were put in a room with a bunch of toys to play with. Having silly string, they tried to use it to gross each other out and that is how the silly string scene between Rushton and Hanks appeared in the movie.

• In preparation for the role, Tom Hanks met David Moscow and studied videotapes of him to see how he behaved and spoke. Hanks also felt that Moscow should just be himself so that the Josh Baskin character persona would be that of a real 12-year-old.

Source: http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0094737/trivia
Good Luck To
John Holden
and the entire
Cast & Crew

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Jamie

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