

Dear cast and crew,

As I sat in the pit conducting this afternoon, it hit me that we are going to have a show. The moment Nina hit the last note in “Legally Blonde,” my eyes began to water. I had made it clear that I wanted to feel something from that song. Tonight, I finally did, and I know the audience will too. From that point on, the run was stunning.

These past two and a half months have been exhausting for all of us, but the work you all have put in has not gone unnoticed. There were times when the stress got very high, almost unbearable. But every last one of you pushed through and never gave up. That is something that is so essential in any show, and you guys achieved it. There were many obstacles throughout this rehearsal process, and all of you stuck with it. Others may have given up, but you all have a driving force that keeps you going even in the worst of times.

As I mentally prepare myself for opening night, I look back on the past two and a half months and I think about the determination I have seen from every single member of the cast and crew. Being involved in a theatre production is not easy, and it requires dedication, perseverance, and a good attitude. I am convinced that you all possess these traits and will display them wholeheartedly this weekend for the audience to see.

I saw a show tonight. You are ready.

Break a leg!

~Jake