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LOVELAND - Acting Up, the youth community theater group based in Mason, features many talented Loveland-area youth actors in its upcoming production of "Thoroughly Modern Millie."

Acting Up boasts 23 Orchid awards from the Ohio Association of Community Theaters. Their focus is to give youth an education in all phases of theatrical production through performance, costume design, lighting, choreography, stage management, set design and all other stage crew positions.

The production of "Thoroughly Modern Millie" is based on the 2002 Tony Award-winning best musical production. It is set in 1922 New York and tells the story of a young woman-Millie Dillmont, played by Nicole Gonthier - who has moved there to find a new life. It was a time of change; social rules were changing and women were entering the workforce.

The youth acting troupe were treated to the story of life in the 1920s by a resident of the Mason Christian Village when they performed there Sept. 10. Nicole Gonthier got her long-hair cut for the role of Millie and is donating the hair to "Locks of Love," the charity group which makes wigs for children with cancer and other diseases.

Audiences will be delighted by the flashy flappers, handsome dapper leading men and a villainess dragon-lady who bring excitement and intrigue to the cast of characters. The cast includes more than 70 youth aged 6-18. Performances are Sept. 21-Sept. 23 on the stage of the Mason High School Theater at 6100 Mason-Montgomery Road in Mason.

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Loveland cast members of "Thoroughly Modern Millie" include, from left: Catie Robinson, Samantha Baker, Beau Cybulski, Emily Ogden, Abby Docherty, Elise Ogden, Courtney Floegel and Drew Kovacs.

Who's in the cast

Loveland youth featured in this rip-roaring musical romp of the 1920s include: Samantha Baker, Beau Cybulski, Abby Docherty, Courtney Floegel, Eben Franckewitz, Kirsten Johnson, Reagan Johnson, Zach Kelly, Drew Kovacs, Emily Ogden, Elise Ogden, Katie Paddock, Catie Robinson and Steffen Whorton.

Schedule and ticket information:

Show dates and times

Friday, Sept. 21, 2 p.m. (sign language interpreter provided) and 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 22, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 23, 2 p.m.

Tickets - \$10 each or \$8 for seniors and children under 12

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