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MCKINNEY SUMMER MUSICALS
ANNOUNCES *FOOTLOOSE* CAST

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McKinney Summer Musicals (MSM) held open auditions for its upcoming production of *Footloose* on Friday, April 4 and Saturday, April 5. Singers and dancers from across the Metroplex showed off their talents for Managing Director Kevyn Robertson, Director Erin Crossley, Vocal Coach Noelle Chesney, Music Director Steve Garms, and Choreographer Shelby Stanley.

Footloose, by Tom Snow and Dean Pitchford, is the heartfelt story of a father longing for the son he lost and of a young man aching for the father who walked out on him. The casting panel selected MSM alumnae Paul Thompson and Stewart Kouba to play these two key figures, Reverend Shaw Moore, and Ren McCormack, respectively. MSM fans will remember them from last summer's production of *Fiddler on the Roof*, in which Thompson played Avram and Kouba played Fyedka. The rest of the cast is a diverse blend of MSM alumnae and newcomers, including Darla Meek as Ethel McCormack, and Jennifer Goebel as Ariel Moore.

"Our audiences are in for a fabulous live performance experience in July with MSM's production of *Footloose, The Musical*. We have a vibrant cast of familiar MSM cast

members and several newcomers who will grace our stage. Mark your calendars now for July 12-20!" said Robertson.

To the rockin' rhythm of its Oscar and Tony-nominated Top 40 score and augmented with dynamic new songs for the stage musical, *Footloose* celebrates the wisdom of listening to young people, guiding them with a warm heart and an open mind. Crossley noted, "I can tell already that the energy and talent in this group will make the show come to life in the joyful spirit in which it is intended."

MSM's production of *Footloose* will take place at McKinney Boyd High School July 12-13 and 17-20.

A full cast listing, along with additional details about performances and volunteer opportunities can be found at the MSM website at www.mckinneysummermusicals.com.