

# 'Annie Get Your Gun' to get shot of accuracy

For a song: Frank Butler, played by Jeff Duncan of Berkeley, and Annie Oakley, played by Mercy senior Kathy Hansz, go toe-to-toe as they sing "Anything You Can Do I Can Do Better."



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Students at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills are learning about the historical Annie Oakley as they prepare to present the classic Irving Berlin musical — "Annie Get Your Gun" — Friday-Sunday, March 18-20.

America's most famous markswoman was immortalized in Berlin's 1946 Broadway musical and the 1950 movie starring Ethel Merman.

But some say the Annie Oakley of stage and screen bears little resemblance to the real-life Annie, who starred in Buffalo Bill Cody's Wild West Show in the 1880s and 90s.

The Mery production will attempt to present a more accurate characterization of Annie and the play's other characters, who include Annie's husband and manager Frank Butler, Sitting Bull, and Buffalo Bill Cody.

"Annie Get Your Gun" is an outstanding musical with one of the best scores in musical theater, but after 50 years it has become dated," said Roberta Campion, producer/director of the Mery production.

terically accurate." Campion enlisted the aid of Oakley's great-niece, Bess Edwards, president of the Annie Oakley Foundation in Greenville, Ohio, where Oakley was born. Edwards is committed to restoring Annie's legend to historical accuracy and preserving it for future generations.

"Annie was not the brash, uneducated tomboy that Ethel Merman created on the screen," said Edwards. "She was actually very modest and refined. She was also one of the most famous women of her time and one of the best loved."

Now is the perfect time to revisit the legend of Annie Oakley, says Campion. Oakley — born Phoebe Anne Moses in 1860 — was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in 1993. Next month, the U.S. Postal Service will issue an Annie Oakley stamp as part of its new Legends of the West series.

"Annie Oakley is a superb role model for young women," said Edwards. "Despite extreme poverty and severe childhood abuse while living in a foster-type home, Annie resolutely faced contemporary prejudice and severe physical setbacks in her struggle to succeed."

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January	19 - Initial Meeting
February	5
March	3
April	14 - Changed to second Thursday due to Easter Break
May	5
June	2
July	7
August	4
September	1
October	6
November	3
December	1

ALL MEETINGS ARE SUBJECT TO DATE CHANGE, CANCELLATION OR TIME CHANGE. FORMAL MEETING NOTICES/AGENDAS ARE POSTED PRIOR TO EACH MEETING AT CITY HALL.

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