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CROMWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL PRESENTS  
**THE MUSIC MAN**

*Book, Music and Lyrics by Meredith Willson*

*Story by Meredith Willson & Franklin Lacey*

(Cromwell, CT) **THE MUSIC MAN** is playing at Cromwell Middle School! Shows will be Friday, March 31st @ 7:00pm, Saturday, April 1st @ 2:00pm and 7:00pm and Sunday, April 2nd @ 2:00pm.

**THE MUSIC MAN** is one of American musical theatre's treasures. It is a sparkling homage to a bygone era and is based on the 1957 Academy Award winning movie. General admission tickets are available for \$12 and will go on sale March 1, 2017. For tickets and information call Cromwell Middle School @ (860) 632-4853 or see the website <http://www.cromwell.k12.ct.us/cms>.

Master showman Harold Hill is in town and he's got "Seventy-Six Trombones" in tow. Can upright, uptight Marian, the town librarian, resist his powerful allure? The story follows fast-talking traveling salesman Harold Hill, as he cons the people of River City, Iowa, into buying instruments and uniforms for a boys' band he vows to organize. The catch? He doesn't know a trombone from a treble clef.

This award-winning, critically acclaimed Broadway classic is an all-American institution, thanks to its quirky characters, charmingly predictable dramatic situations, and one-of-a-kind, nostalgic score of rousing marches, a hilarious gaggle of townswomen, barbershop quartets and sentimental ballads which have become popular standards. Winner of six Tony Awards, this family favorite's amazing score is worth the price of admission alone, including classics such as "76 Trombones," "Trouble," "Gary, Indiana," "The Wells Fargo Wagon" and the romantic standard hit, "Till There Was You."

The performance of **THE MUSIC MAN** is open to the public at Cromwell Middle School. CMS presents **THE MUSIC MAN** following sell-out performances of *The Lion King*, *Annie*, *The Little Mermaid*, *Tom Sawyer*, *Peter Pan*, *Willy Wonka*, *Jungle Book* and *Honk*. The Cromwell Middle School cast and crew include over 100 students.