

Greece: The Ancient Musical!

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NOTES

Inspired by the movie that was inspired by the 1950's Rock-n-Roll musical, *Greece: The Ancient Musical!* may be performed by either a male or female. Due to its satiric nature, this comedic play makes a wonderful Humorous Interpretation; however, with clever cutting and blocking, this musical spoof could also be performed as a Duo Interpretation or Duet Acting scene. As is the case with most plays that satirize pop culture, the performer might choose to portray the characters as closely to the original source as possible; however, the performer may choose to add his/her own personal twists, making the overall performance totally unique. Provided the performer feels confident in his/her singing ability, the addition of any or all of the spoofed songs can only add to the nostalgic nature of the original musical, which, of course, is an iconic classic. If the performer has the ability to keep the characters clear and distinct, the technical and physical aspects of the performance sharp, and the energy high, this tour-de-force play will transport the audience far beyond the innocence of the 1950's, as it takes the audience all the way back to the ancient times of the one-and-only, original *Greece!*

Cast of Characters:

Adonis

Aphrodite

Principal

Medusa

Snakes

Helen of Troy

Electra

Pandora

Achilles

Atlas

Oedipus Rex

Perseus

Pegasus

Persephone

(To the tune of "Grease")

We rule the world and we always will

We wear small togas and it's no big deal

The men are warriors and they get into fights

And, thank the gods, that the women don't have rights

*Greece rules the world
We've invented philosophy
Greece rules the world
We've invented mythology
Cuz Greece rules the world
The world
The world
The world*

Scene One: The beach

Adonis: Aphrodite, this has been the best summer ever.

Aphrodite: Oh, Adonis, I'm going to miss you. Will I ever see you again?

Adonis: I don't know. You're moving to Athens. I'm staying in Troy. Our high schools are awfully big rivals, you know.

Aphrodite: Why does everything have to be about war? Why can't all of our city-states just get along? You'll be entering military school soon.

Adonis: Someday, I hope I can be as brave as I am attractive.

Aphrodite: You will be, Adonis. Oh, you will be!

Adonis: Everything about this summer has been so great, except when that little flying midget shot me with an arrow.

Aphrodite: Yeah, that was awkward. Are you going to be okay?

Adonis: The bleeding has stopped. I'm sure I'll be fine. It just itches. (*A black crow caws in the background.*)

Adonis: What was that? I heard something in the bushes!

Aphrodite: Oh, Adonis, it's just a bird. You know, for someone who talks about being a brave *gladiator* someday, you really shouldn't get so nervous when you hear a *crow rustle!*

Adonis: Well, I'm not nervous around you, Aphrodite. You are the most beautiful, loving girl I've ever met.

Aphrodite: I wish this summer could last forever...

(To the tune of "Summer Nights")

Aphrodite: *Grecian summer / had me a blast*

Adonis: *Grecian summer / over too fast*

Aphrodite: *Met a guy / cute as can be*

Adonis: *I won't forget / my Aphrodite*

Both: *Grecian days / drift into night / but oh / those Grecian nights*

Scene Two: Class

Principal: Good morning, young Trojans! Welcome to another year at

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T.H.S.! We know in our hearts that after last year's State Championship, our young gladiators will massacre the other city-state schools in every battle in and out of the sporting arena. There's just a few more announcements before we begin school today. Mr. Stone has asked that all boys in woodshop class meet near the stables today. He wants to show you a model of something. He said, and I quote, "No horsing around. This is really important. It will be our biggest project to date." And our home-economics teacher has asked that all girls meet near the Olive Garden today at lunch. She also wants to remind you, that when you're there... you're family. That's all the announcements for today. So let's make this year a year that will go down in Trojan history!

Medusa: So you're new here? I'm Medusa.

Aphrodite: Oooo, I love your hair.

Snakes: Thanks, girl!

Aphrodite: Oh my Zeus! Your snaky hair just talked.

Medusa: Yeah. It's always a bad hair day for me.

Snakes: Or a bad *person* day for *us*!

Medusa: Shut up, snakes!

Aphrodite: I'm Aphrodite, and I just transferred from an all-girls school in Athens.

Medusa: All girls, huh? I'll have to introduce you to some guys here.

Aphrodite: I'm really not interested in the guys here. My heart already belongs to a special someone. But, I don't think I'll ever see him again...

Medusa: (*Uninterested*) Yeah, well, he sounds real dreamy.

Snakes: That's sarcasm!

Medusa: Shut up snakes!

Aphrodite: His name's Adonis. I don't think he has a last name.

Medusa: (*Suddenly Interested*) Adonis. Hmm. That's interesting. So, Aphrodite, you're a senior, right?

Aphrodite: No. I'm just a Sophocles, but I'm graduating early.

Medusa: You mean you're a sophomore.

Aphrodite: That's what I said.

Medusa: Say, some of the girls are having a little sleepover tonight.

Aphrodite, you wanna come? You can make some new friends, and you can tell us all more about this guy, Adonis.

Aphrodite: Really? I've never been to a sleepover, but I've always heard about them. I'd really, really like that!

Medusa: Yeah, sweetie. It's gonna be a blast!

Snakes: It'll be as much fun as a barrel of monkeys!

Medusa: (*To the snakes*) Don't make me get a mongoose!

Snakes: (*As if scolded*) We bad.

Medusa: So, I'll see you tonight?

Aphrodite: Do sandals go with everything?

Medusa: Perfect!