

# **TOM SAWYER**

A musical in two acts

Book, Lyrics and Music by Randy Bowser

Based on  
"The Adventures of Tom Sawyer"  
By Mark Twain

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## CAST OF CHARACTERS\*

<u>TOM SAWYER</u>	12-15, rambunctious and happy
<u>HUCKLEBERRY FINN</u>	older, taller than Tom, a bit gruff
<u>BECKY THATCHER</u>	12-15, pretty and vivacious
<u>INJUN JOE</u>	30's, brooding, powerfully built
<u>AUNT POLLY</u>	40's-60's, strict but loving
<u>SIDNEY</u>	10-12, squeaky clean, obnoxious
<u>MUFF POTTER</u>	middle aged, sloppy, sentimental
<u>JUDGE THATCHER</u>	30's-50's, refined and friendly
<u>DOBBINS</u>	40's-50's, sour and pretentious
<u>DOC ROBINSON</u>	30's, well dressed, furtive
<u>BAILEY</u> (same as DOC)	30's, a lawyer, a bit shabby
<u>MINISTER</u>	any age, kindly
<u>PARD</u> (same as MINISTER)	30's, rough and dirty
<u>PROSECUTOR</u>	any age, sharply dressed, smooth
<u>HECTOR</u> (same as PROSECUTOR)	12-15, bigger than Tom
<u>JOSH HARPER</u>	12-15, more serious than Tom
<u>BEN ROGERS</u>	12-15, thinks he's tough
<u>AMY LAWRENCE</u>	12-15, cute and quiet
<u>GRACIE MILLER</u>	12-15, a tomboy
<u>SHERIFF</u>	20's, heavy, self-important
<u>MRS. HARPER</u>	30's, high strung
<u>THE WIDOW DOUGLAS**</u>	any age, reserved, dressed in black

**\*IMPORTANT NOTE:** Ages listed are for the characters, not the performers. The children **MUST** be played by young adults between 15 and 30. The adult characters could be played by performers younger than the ages listed.

**\*\*A NOTE ABOUT WIDOW DOUGLAS:** The only character without dialogue. Reserved, and dressed in black, it should be clear that she's highly respected as an important member of the community.

PLACE

St. Petersburg, Missouri

TIME

Mid-19th Century

LOCATIONS

A STREET	backdrop of trees used throughout
THE SCHOOL ROOM	add benches
THE GRAVEYARD	add tombstones
THE HAUNTED HOUSE	add crumbling rock fireplace
A JAIL CELL	bars held by actor
THE RIVER & AN ISLAND	add a raft
THE CHURCH	add benches
THE COURT ROOM	same benches
THE CAVES	bare stage, pools of light

## MUSICAL NUMBERS

ST. PETERSBURG	Company
I CAN HARDLY WAIT	Tom
WHITEWASH	Tom and Children
WE'RE THE BOSSES NOW	Joe and Muff
ME AND MY BEST FRIEND	Tom and Huck
SCHOOL DAYS	Boys and Girls
GUM	Tom and Becky
GOLDEN DREAMS	Becky, Amy and Gracie
ONE STEP AT A TIME	Muff
THE RIVER IS THE REASON	Tom, Huck and Josh
THE PIRATE KING	Tom, Huck and Josh
WE'RE TOO YOUNG	Becky, Amy and Gracie
OLD 100	Company
CELEBRATE	Company
IT'S A BIG WORLD	Tom
FINALE	Company

ACT I

SCENE 1

St. Petersburg, Missouri, U.S.A.  
Mid-19th century. A street.

(**NOTE:** All locations are suggested with a minimum of pieces, and only with lights in some cases.)

The general impression should be of a sunny, rural, woodsy environment.

**MUSIC: "St. Petersburg."**

AUNT POLLY [40'S-60'S,  
IMMACULATE AND PLAIN] Steps out from behind the grand drape.)

POLLY

Tom! Tom Sawyer!

(TOWNSPEOPLE [the entire company except HUCKLEBERRY] enter from all sides as the curtain opens revealing the suggestion of a small town street.)

TOM SAWYER [12-15, in worn, but clean clothes] is seen running across the stage, looking for a place to hide.)

TOWNSPEOPLE

1) "ST. PETERSBURG MISSOURI"

THAT BOY RUNS LIKE THE DICKENS  
WHEN HE HEARS HIS DEAR AUNT POLLY

POLLY

TOM SAWYER!

TOWNSPEOPLE

THAT BOY GETS IN MORE TROUBLE  
I DECLARE, BY GUM BY GOLLY

(The TOWNSPEOPLE move to either side, revealing TOM and HECTOR [same age as Tom, taller] trying to get past each other.)

TOM  
Hey, don't crowd me.

HECTOR  
Knock off my hat. I dare ya.

TOM  
Yeah?

HECTOR  
Yeah.

(THEY wrestle. TOM soon has  
HECTOR pinned to the ground.)

TOM  
Had 'nuff?

HECTOR  
'nuff!

TOWNSPEOPLE  
THAT BOY GETS IN MORE TROUBLE

TOM  
That'll learn ya. Look out who you're foolin' with  
next time.

(POLLY comes up behind TOM and  
grabs his ear.)

TOM (cont'd)  
Aunt Polly! Oh my! Look behind you!

(SHE turns to look, HE runs  
away.)

TOWNSPEOPLE  
HE'S THE BOY  
WHO EVERYBODY  
KNOWS SO WELL  
IN OUR HOME TOWN  
HOME  
IN ST. PETERSBURG, MISSOURI  
OUR GREAT STATE IN THE U.S.A.

(THEY cross right and left,  
greeting each other.)

IT'S A SMALL TOWN  
UNIMPORTANT TOWN

BUT NO MATTER  
HOW LONG OR FAR WE ROAM  
ST. PETERSBURG, MISSOURI  
WILL ALWAYS BE OUR HOME

TOWNSPEOPLE (cont'd)  
ST. PETERSBURG, MISSOURI  
OUR HOME

(INJUN JOE [30s, tall, dark,  
powerfully built] steps forward  
to address the audience.)

INJUN JOE  
EVERYONE'S GOING TO BE SORRY  
THEY SHOULD JUST LEAVE ME ALONE  
I HAVE A DARING PLAN  
IF THEY ONLY KNEW IT  
THEY WOULD BE FRIGHTENED  
DOWN TO THE BONE

TOWNSPEOPLE  
IN ST. PETERSBURG, MISSOURI  
OUR HOME

(The TOWNSPEOPLE part left and  
right, revealing TOM and all of  
the BOYS and GIRLS.)

BOYS AND GIRLS  
TOOOOOOM  
TOM SAWYER  
  
EVERYBODY KNOWS YOU  
EVERYBODY KNOWS YOUR NAME  
TOM SAWYER  
  
WE CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON  
YOU TO PLAY A GOOD, FUN GAME

TOM  
(pulling out an imaginary sword)  
I AM ROBIN HOOD!  
AND I CHALLENGE YOU LORD SHERIFF  
TO A DUEL  
TO THE DEATH!

JOSH HARPER  
Have at thee!

(JOSH HARPER [same age as Tom]  
and TOM perform a brief,  
vigorous duel with invisible  
swords, vocalizing the sound of  
clashing metal - "Tish! Tish!  
Tish!")

TOM  
Fall! Why don't you fall?

JOSH

Why don't you fall yourself?

TOM

I can't fall! That ain't the way it is in the book. Turn around and let me hit you in the back.

(JOSH turns reluctantly, TOM "hits" him then turns to the audience.)

TOM (cont'd)

AND THE RIVER  
BECKONS ME WITH ADVENTURE  
AND THE RIVER  
ALWAYS TAKES ME  
SO SAFELY BACK--

TOM AND TOWNSPEOPLE

HOME!  
IN ST. PETERSBURG, MISSOURI

(The TOWNSPEOPLE shift positions, and we see JUDGE THATCHER [30's-50's, refined and friendly] with TOM and THE BOYS.)

THATCHER

Tom, you have won this beautiful Bible fair and square.

(jeers from the boys)

Before I present it to you, tell us some of the things you've learned. What are the names of the first two appointed apostles?

(pause-all lean in)

TOM

David and Goliath!

(EVERYONE groans and rolls their eyes in disbelief as they arrange themselves into a choir formation, hands together in prayer.)

TOWNSPEOPLE

AND WE ALL PRAY  
FOR THE ORPHAN BOY  
(spreading out over the stage again)  
BUT  
NO MATTER  
HOW LONG OR FAR  
HE ROAMS  
ST. PETERSBURG, MISSOURI  
WILL ALWAYS BE HIS...



FIRST GROUP

HOME

SECOND GROUP

THAT BOY RUNS LIKE THE DICKENS

FIRST GROUP

HOME

SECOND GROUP

THAT BOY'S LOOKIN' FOR LICKIN'S

INJUN JOE

(apart from the rest)

EVERYONE'S GOING TO BE SORRY

TOM

THE RIVER TAKES ME BACK...

FIRST GROUP

ALWAYS TAKES HIM BACK...

TOM

HOME

TOWNSPEOPLE

TO ST. PETERSBURG, MISSOURI  
OUR..

TOM

IT'S MY...

TOM AND FIRST GROUP

HOME TOWN

SECOND GROUP

THAT BOY RUNS LIKE THE DICKENS

POLLY

TOM SAWYER!

TOWNSPEOPLE

THAT BOY  
OUR OWN  
TOM SAWYER!

(The TOWNSPEOPLE exit, and we  
see TOM running into POLLY who  
takes him by the ear.)

ACTION IS CONTINUOUS: