

Upper Keys History

Strange but true. An unusual mode of transportation in the late 1030s, unique to the North Key Largo "Florida Year Round Club," was the Auto gyro. The airship was apparently an early cross between an airplane and a helicopter. Unlike the Aerocar, (a large tram used to bring guests from Miami hotels to the



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Upper Keys resorts) only the wealthiest guests were delivered from Miami and other destinations via the Auto gyro. These guests no doubt enjoyed the status of arrival on the "high-tech" transport of the day. The arrival of the Auto gyro was the most talked about event of the era. (Research by Jerry Wilkinson)

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The Key Players Present Tony Award-Winning Musical *Dear Evan Hansen*



The primary cast and understudies pause for a photograph that reflects the introspection brought forth by the production.

The Key Players are proud to present the Tony Award-winning musical *Dear Evan Hansen*. This powerful coming-of-age musical carries a message we all need to hear at times — especially our teenagers.

Evan Hansen is an anxious, isolated high-school student aching for understanding and belonging amid the chaos and cruelty of the social media age. His journey takes an unexpected turn when a letter he wrote as part of a assignment from his therapist, falls into the hands of a grieving couple whose son has taken his own life.

While *Dear Evan Hansen* is not the typical comedy audiences have come to expect from The Key Players, the

Board agreed with Michele Zofchak ("Ms. Z") that the show's message of being seen, understood and loved, even when someone may be struggling, is both timely and universal. Ms. Z describes the production as "funny, heartbreaking, hopeful," while creating an opportunity to begin conversations that may not always be easy to have.

That message is particularly meaningful today,

when so many young people are navigating loneliness, anxiety, social media and the pressures of simply trying to fit in. *Dear Evan Hansen* reminds us that sometimes, being seen and knowing that someone cares can make all the difference.

The Key Players' production opens September 25 and runs through October 4 at the Coral Shores Performing Arts Center.



Finn Bell and Garrett Gomila portray Evan. Seen here rehearsing "Waving through a Window". One of the multitude of moving musical moments.

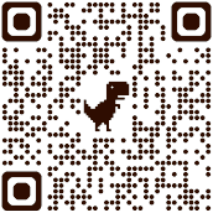


Finn Bell (Evan) and Caiti Currie (Heidi – his mom) in a moment of candor between scenes.



Rhonda Crutcher, Renee Gomila, Brittany Paloma and Brennan McMahon and Kaelyn McMahon practicing the harmonies for the shows incredible score.

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COMMUNITY THEATER in the UPPER KEYS

DEAR EVAN HANSEN

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Book by Steven Levenson
Music and Lyrics by Benj Pasek & Justin Paul

Performances at the Coral Shores High School PAC
89901 Old Hwy Tavernier, FL 33070

FRI SEPT 25 7:30 PM	SAT SEPT 26 7:30 PM	SUN SEPT 27 2:00 PM	THUR OCT 1 7:30 PM	FRI OCT 2 7:30 PM	SAT OCT 3 7:30 PM	SUN OCT 4 2:00 PM
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Adult tickets-\$20 (available online with above QR code or at door)
Advance ticket sales-\$15 (available at ticket outlets listed below)
High school age and younger tickets-\$10 (only available at the door with proof of age)
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<http://www.thekeyplayers.org>

Orchestrations & Additional Arrangements by Alex Lacombe
Vocal Arrangements and Additional Arrangements by Justin Paul

Originally Produced on Broadway by Sherry Boudin
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