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PATRIOTIC
Pageant!

Songs and Sketches to Celebrate America

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Performance time: approximately 35 minutes.

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CAST OF CHARACTERS AND COSTUMES

Actors may come and go from their places on choral risers or enter and exit from offstage as indicated throughout the script. Cast size is flexible—feature up to 32 students or combine roles as desired.

Director:	Could be played by the actual choir teacher, theater director, school principal, or a student who pretends to be running the show. Optionally sits in a director's chair off to one side for the entire show.
Quotation Mark:	This charming little performer takes great pride in correctly reciting famous patriotic passages. Appears three times: 1. dressed as a school student with a backpack, 2. in a make-shift Statue of Liberty costume holding a torch, and 3. as Abe Lincoln with a stovepipe hat and fake beard.
Narrator:	Speaks with great confidence but often gets the facts wrong. Dressed nicely in a tailored outfit. Sometimes frustrated by constant interruptions from the Fact Checker.
Fact Checker:	Jumps in to correct the Narrator. The look is smart and somewhat nerdy. May carry an iPad or clipboard containing reference documents. Less and less patient with the Narrator's loose facts as the skits progress.
Betsy Ross:	Colonist from the 1700s. Her costume is from the correct period, but her current-day cell phone is one example of the Narrator's many errors.
Washington:	America's founding father and first President. Dressed as expected in a colonial general's uniform. Could also play Rushmore George.
Rushmore Tom, Rushmore Teddy, Rushmore Abe, Rushmore George:	The Mount Rushmore monument. These four stand behind a large piece of scenery or carry individual flats, sticking their heads through the face holes. They crack each other up with corny puns and dad jokes.
Reporter:	An efficient news reporter dressed in outerwear (perhaps an overcoat) and carrying a prop microphone.
Kazoo Kid:	Can't wait for the finale! Dressed in an Uncle Sam getup, plays a kazoo.

1. The Star-Spangled Banner

Words by
FRANCIS SCOTT KEY (1779-1843)

Music by
JOHN STAFFORD SMITH (1750-1836)
Arranged by ANDY BECK

DIRECTOR:

Majestically (♩ = ca. 76)

(to audience) Please stand for the singing of our national anthem.

VOICES

PIANO

sf *mf*

4 Stand tall, sing with pride *mf* 6

Oh — say, can you see by the

8

dawn's ear - ly light, what so proud - ly we hailed at the