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Full Steam Ahead!

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October has been a busy month at Woods Theatre. After a very successful Open House reception, we went "full steam ahead" into rehearsals for *Anything Goes*. Fred DelGuercio, the scene designer, is building the SS American. This ocean liner cruise ship is the location for the musical, that features the great music of Cole Porter and the humor of P. G. Wodehouse. Pat Ubaldi Nurnberger, the costume designer, is creating authentic 1930's costumes, while Jenn Weinberger is teaching the cast the fantastic Cole Porter songs, and Jeff Brown is rehearsing the ship's band.

The halls of Woods are echoing the music and songs of the show, while twenty five actors learn the intricate tap dance numbers under the guidance of Catherine Mancuso our choreographer. The happy feet of the cast can be heard at any hour practicing the routines along with the hammering and sawing of the technical crew as they sculpt the intricate steam ship.

Anything Goes opens Wednesday, November 4th and runs ten performances. Don't miss it!



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