

The logo for "Chicago High School Edition" features the word "CHICAGO" in a stylized, outlined font with horizontal lines through the letters. Below it, "HIGH SCHOOL EDITION" is written in a bold, solid, sans-serif font. The entire logo is flanked by horizontal lines on both sides, resembling a stylized "E" or a set of bars.

CHICAGO
HIGH SCHOOL EDITION

A Musical Vaudeville
Book by Fred Ebb and Bob Fosse

Music by John Kander

Lyrics by Fred Ebb

**LYRICS FOR “WE BOTH REACHED FOR THE GUN” or
“The Press Conference Rag”**

MASTER OF CEREMONIES:

Mr. Billy Flynn sings the “Press Conference Rag”.

Notice how his mouth never moves. Almost.

Reporters and Windy City Songbirds with Mary Sunshine (throughout song):

WHERE’D YOU COME FROM?

Billy (as Roxie):

MISSISSIPPI.

Reporters:

AND YOUR PARENTS?

Billy (as Roxie):

VERY WEALTHY.

Reporters:

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Billy (as Roxie):

SIX FEET UNDER.

Billy:

But she was granted one more start!

Billy (as Roxie):

THE CONVENT OF THE SACRED HEART!

Reporters:

WHEN'D YOU GET HERE?

Billy (as Roxie):

1920.

Reporters:

HOW OLD WERE YOU?

Billy (as Roxie):

DON'T REMEMBER!

Reporters:

THEN WHAT HAPPENED?

Billy (as Roxie):

I MET AMOS! AND HE STOLE MY HEART AWAY,
CONVINCED ME TO ELOPE ONE DAY.

Mary Sunshine:

A convent girl! A run away marriage! Oh it's too too terrible. You poor dear.

Reporters:

WHO'S FRED CASELY?

Billy (as Roxie):

MY EX BOYFRIEND.

Reporters:

WHY'D YOU SHOOT HIM?

Billy (as Roxie):

I WAS LEAVIN'.

Reporters:

WAS HE ANGRY?

Billy (as Roxie):

LIKE A MADMAN! STILL I SAID "FRED MOVE ALONG"

Billy:

She knew that she was doing wrong!

Reporters:

THEN DESCRIBE IT.

Billy (as Roxie):

HE CAME TOWARD ME!

Reporters:

WITH THE PISTOL?

Billy (as Roxie):

FROM MY BUREAU!

Reporters:

DID YOU FIGHT HIM?

Billy (as Roxie):

LIKE A TIGER!

Billy:

He had strength and she had none and yet they both reached for the gun!

Billy (as Roxie):

OH YES, OH YES, OH YES, WE BOTH

OH YES, WE BOTH

OH YES, WE BOTH REACHED FOR

THE GUN, THE GUN, THE GUN, THE GUN

OH YES, WE BOTH REACHED FOR THE GUN

FOR THE GUN!

Billy and Reporters:

OH YES, OH YES, OH YES, WE BOTH

OH YES, WE BOTH

OH YES, WE BOTH REACHED FOR

THE GUN, THE GUN, THE GUN, THE GUN

OH YES, WE BOTH REACHED FOR THE GUN

FOR THE GUN!

Billy:

UNDERSTANDABLE, UNDERSTANDABLE,

YES IT'S PERFECTLY UNDERSTANDABLE

COMPREHENSIBLE COMPREHENSIBLE

NOT A BIT REPREHENSIBLE

IT'S SO DEFENSIBLE.

Reporters:

HOW YA FEELING?

Billy (as Roxie):

VERY FRIGHTENED.

Reporters:

ARE YOU SORRY?

Roxie:

Are you kidding?

Reporters:

WHAT'S YOUR STATEMENT?

Billy (as Roxie):

ALL I'D SAY IS:

THOUGH MY CHOO CHOO JUMPED THE TRACK

I'D GIVE MY LIFE TO BRING HIM BACK.

Reporters:

AND?

Billy (as Roxie):

STAY AWAY FROM!

Reporters:

WHAT?

Billy (as Roxie):

JAZZ AND LIQUOR!

Reporters:

AND?

Billy (as Roxie):

AND THE MEN WHO!

Reporters:

PLAY FOR FUN!

Reporters:

AND WHAT?

Billy (as Roxie):

THAT'S THE THOUGHT THAT

Reporters:

YEAH?

Billy (as Roxie):

CAME UPON ME!

Reporters:

WHEN?

Billy:

When we both reached for the gun!

Mary Sunshine:

UNDERSTANDABLE, UNDERSTANDABLE

YES IT'S PERFECTLY UNDERSTANDABLE...

COMPREHENSIBLE, COMPREHENSIBLE

NOT A BIT REPREHENSIBLE

IT'S SO DEFENSIBLE!

Reporters:

OH YES, OH YES, OH YES, THEY BOTH

OH YES, THEY BOTH

OH YES, THEY BOTH REACHED FOR -

THE GUN, THE GUN, THE GUN, THE GUN

OH YES, THEY BOTH REACHED FOR THE GUN

FOR THE GUN.

OH YES, OH YES, OH YES, THEY BOTH

OH YES, THEY BOTH

OH YES, THEY BOTH REACHED FOR -

THE GUN, THE GUN, THE GUN, THE GUN

OH YES, THEY BOTH REACHED FOR THE GUN

FOR THE GUN.

Full Company:

OH YES, OH YES, OH YES, THEY BOTH

OH YES, THEY BOTH

OH YES, THEY BOTH REACHED FOR -

THE GUN, THE GUN, THE GUN, THE GUN

OH YES, THEY BOTH REACHED FOR THE GUN

FOR THE GUN.

OH YES, OH YES, OH YES, THEY BOTH

OH YES, THEY BOTH

OH YES, THEY BOTH REACHED FOR

THE GUN, THE GUN, THE GUN, THE GUN,

THE GUN, THE GUN, THE GUN, THE GUN,

THE GUN, THE GUN, THE GUN, THE GUN,

THE GUN, THE GUN, THE GUN, THE GUN,

(Lindsay brings a glass of water to Mr. Flynn and drinks that during last note...as Roxie moves her mouth and Mary Sunshine SINGS the note!)

Billy:

BOTH REACHED FOR THE...

Mary:

GUN!

ALL:

THE GUN, THE GUN, THE GUN, THE GUN,

THE GUN, THE GUN, THE GUN, THE GUN,

THE GUN, THE GUN, THE GUN, THE GUN,

THE GUN, THE GUN, THE GUN, THE GUN,

BOTH REACHED FOR THE GUN!