



The logo for "High School Musical: The Musical: The Series" is centered below the Disney+ logo. It features the word "Disney" in red script at the top. Below it, "HIGH SCHOOL" is in bold black uppercase letters. "MUSICAL" is in larger, bold black uppercase letters. At the bottom, "THE MUSICAL" is in white uppercase letters on a red rectangular background, and "THE SERIES" is in white uppercase letters on a black rectangular background that is tilted slightly to the right.

Meg Donnelly
"Val"

Meg Donnelly joins the third season of "High School Musical: The Musical: The Series" as Val.

Actress, producer, singer, dancer, and mental health advocate Donnelly has steadily become known in the entertainment industry as a multi-hyphenate talent on the rise, bringing characters to life in film and television while releasing hit singles and cultivating her career behind the camera; recently adding the title of 'co-producer' to her credits.

Donnelly can next be seen starring in the third installment of the hit Disney Channel Original Movie "Zombies," which quickly became a global phenomenon upon its debut in 2018. "Zombies 3" was announced in March 2021, with Donnelly at the helm as star and a co-producer for the groundbreaking musical. The films follow Addison (Donnelly) and Zed (Milo Manheim) at Seabrook High School, located in a suburban town preoccupied with uniformity, traditions and pep rallies. When transfer students from Zombietown are integrated into the school, their past customs and beliefs are suddenly changed.

In television, Donnelly is best known for her starring role as 'Taylor Otto' opposite Katie Mixon, Diedrich Bader, Daniel DiMaggio and Ali Wong in ABC's long-running comedy series "American Housewife." The sitcom, which ran for 5 seasons from 2016 to 2021 followed the Otto family as they struggled to fit in a wealthy town filled with perfect wives and their impeccable offspring. The series, which aired over 100 episodes, allowed Donnelly to fine-tune her acting skills in the fast-paced sitcom world.

Born in New York City and raised in Peapack, New Jersey, Donnelly got her start in the entertainment industry in commercial/print work, and in music. At the age of six she began training in voice, dance, and acting at Annie's Playhouse - School of Performing Arts in Far Hills, New Jersey. A natural-born performer, she was drawn to the stage and quickly became the youngest performer in the APX Conservatory, a singing/dancing group that performed in various venues throughout New Jersey. At just 11 years old she landed her first series regular role on Netflix's "Team Toon."

In music, Donnelly has honed her craft over the years as an independent artist. Her debut single "Smile," (which was also released in Japanese) put her on the map as an internationally recognized artist to watch.



Named one of Radio Disney's NBT (Next Big Thing), Donnelly released her debut album "Trust" in December 2019. Donnelly has gone on to perform on stage at the 2019 ARDYs alongside Steve Aoki, The Jonas Brothers, and Avril Lavigne, and to tens of thousands of fans at Walt Disney World, Disney's Fan Fest, and Arthur Ash Stadium. On the road, Donnelly has opened for various acts including the

British pop-trio New Hope Club, and Grammy award-winning artist Alessia Cara. Donnelly is currently working on new music.

When she isn't on set or in the studio, Donnelly is passionate about mental health awareness. As someone who has experienced anxiety from a young age, Donnelly has gone on to partner with various non-profit organizations and hospitals, including the Children's Health Fund and Children's Miracle Network Hospitals as an Ambassador. By sharing her own experiences, tips and resources, she hopes that kids and young adults feel more supported in their journeys with mental health.

Donnelly currently resides in the Los Angeles area.