

## BEHIND THE CURTAIN

- The red Dodge Dart Kat drives actually belonged to Heath Ledger.
- The film's screenwriters, Karen McCullah and Kirsten Smith, also wrote the screen adaptation for *Legally Blonde* (2001).
- The heart-breaking scene where Kat reads the "10 Things" poem was shot in one take, and Julia Stiles actually improvised the tears.
- Larisa Oleynik (Bianca) revealed that it was Julia Stiles (Kat) who suggested Heath Ledger should sing Frankie Valli's "Can't Take My Eyes Off Of You" in the now-iconic scene. He was supposed to originally sing "I Think I Love You" by the Partridge Family.
- Initially, Stiles wanted the role of Bianca, and Oleynik wanted to play Kat.
- Despite playing a high schooler in the film, Gabrielle Union (Chastity) was actually 26 during the time of filming.
- Kat Stratford is excited she got into Sarah Lawrence College. In reality, Larisa Oleynik, who played Bianca Stratford, went to Sarah Lawrence College.
- A short-lived television adaptation of the movie was released in 2009, but the show only lasted one season. Larry Miller, who played Kat and Bianca's father, was the only cast member to reprise their role.
- Patrick's surname, "Verona," has Shakespearean roots, as it is the city Romeo and Juliet is set in.
- One of Cameron's lines in the movie, "I burn, I pine, I perish," is a direct quote from *Taming of the Shrew*.

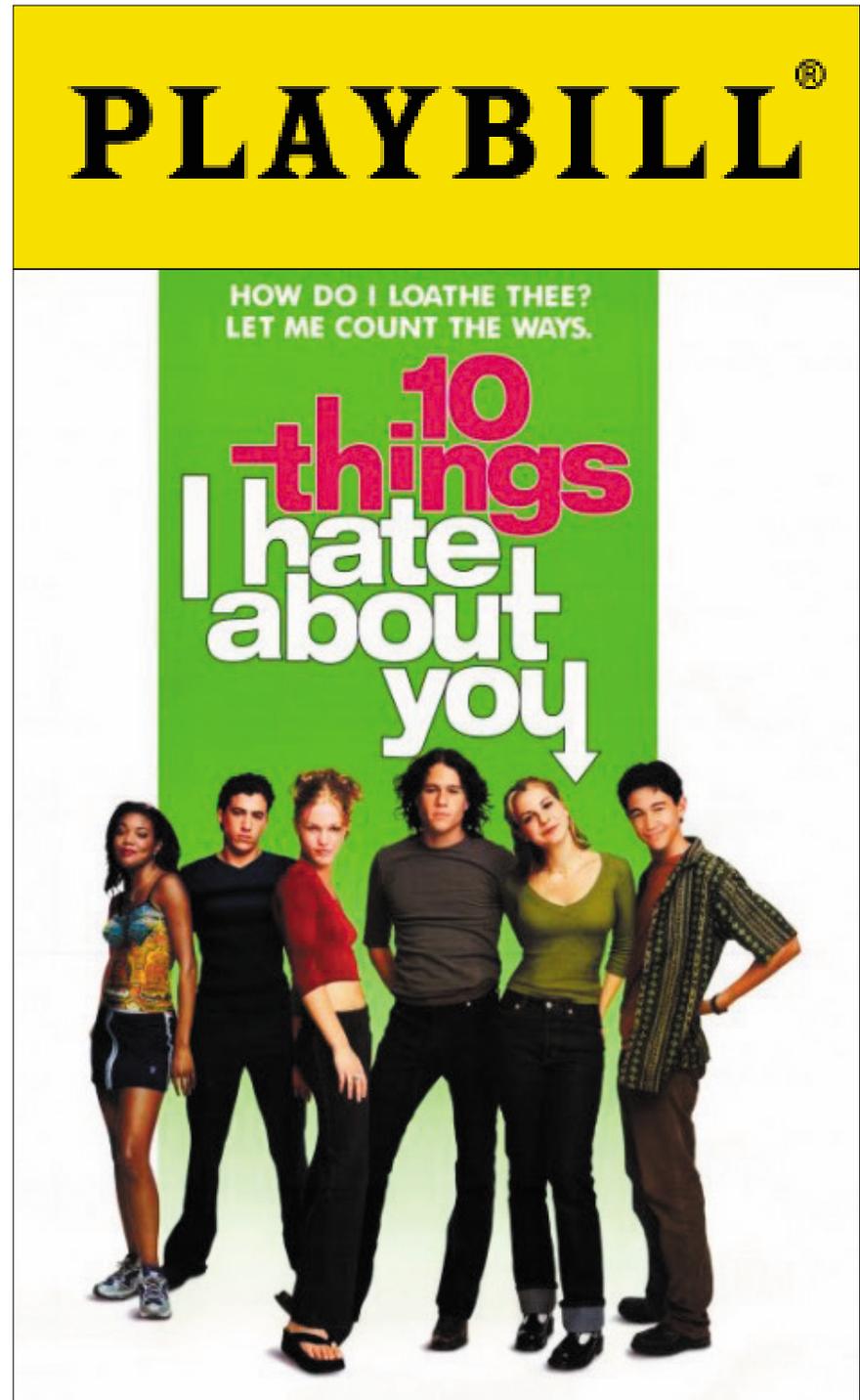
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## 10 THINGS I HATE ABOUT YOU

Directed by Gil Junger  
Lutz

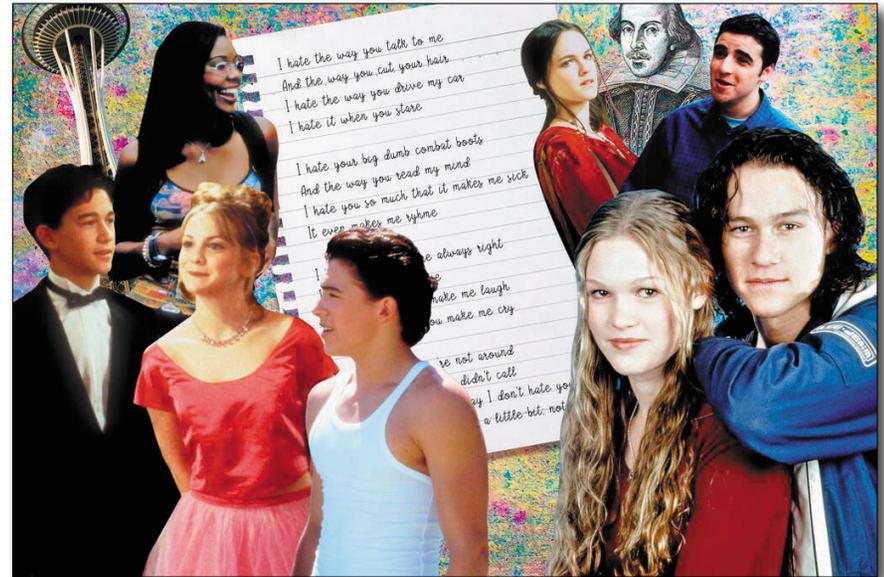
Written by Karen McCullah  
and Kirsten Smith

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Starring:

Julia Stiles as Katarina “Kat” Stratford  
Heath Ledger as Patrick Verona  
Joseph Gordon-Levitt as Cameron James  
Larisa Oleynik as Bianca Stratford  
Larry Miller as Walter Stratford  
Andrew Keegan as Joey Donner  
David Krumholtz as Michael Eckman

Based on William Shakespeare’s *The Taming of the Shrew*



A modern retelling of Shakespeare’s *Taming of the Shrew*, new student Cameron James falls for popular sophomore Bianca Stratford. Bianca wants to date Joey Donner, but her overprotective father won’t allow her to date until her older sister Kat does. In an attempt to win over Bianca, Cameron, his friend Michael, and Joey - who also wants to date Bianca - set Kat up with fellow student Patrick Verona to bypass her father’s rule. Similarly, in *Taming of the Shrew*, lady Katherine Minola is known for her harsh personality, and as a result of her difficult character, everyone believes she will not marry. Katherine’s outgoing younger sister, Bianca, is eager to date and has two suitors, Gremio and Hortensio. The sister’s father decides he will not let Bianca marry until Katherine also marries, so Gremio and Hortensio create a plan to find the perfect person for Katherine.